

BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORT PROCESS

MDANTSANE URBAN RENEWAL PROGRAMME PROPOSED UPGRADE OF THE QUMZA HIGHWAY- MDANTSANE, EASTERN CAPE

BACKGROUND INFORMATION DOCUMENT

(October 2016)

DEA REF NO: Upgrade of the Qumza Highway

(Number to be provided post formal application)

What Does This Document Tell You?

This document aims to provide you, as an **Interested and Affected Party (I&AP)**, with background information regarding the proposed **Upgrade of the Qumza Highway** by the Buffalo City Metropolitan Municipality.

The document also provides information regarding the Environmental **Basic Assessment Report (BAR)** process and **Water Use Authorisation** to be undertaken. The document advises you on how you can become involved in the project – by reviewing information, and making inputs thereon, including raising any possible issues. This sharing of information forms the basis of the **public participation process** and offers you the opportunity to become actively involved in the project from the outset. Public participation allows for local knowledge to be integrated into the BAR as generated.

What Does The Project Entail?

The project can be summarised as follows:

Project name	Proposed Upgrade of the Qumza Highway - Mdantsane		
Local authority	Buffalo City Metropolitan Municipality – East London		
Landowner	Buffalo City Metropolitan Municipality		
Location	The Qumza Highway is located within Mdantsane. The section to be upgraded is from Jiba Road at the Mdantsane Mall to the intersection with the Golden Highway to the west.		
Co-ordinates		Latitude:	Longitude:
	Start (Jiba Road):	32° 56' 10.08" S	27° 44' 19.8" E
	Middle:	32° 55' 52.18" S	27° 43' 16.09" E
	End: (Golden Highway)	32° 55' 33.06" S	27° 42' 15.12" E

Description Of The Proposed Project

Buffalo City Metropolitan Municipality (BCMM) appointed Royal HaskoningDHV (Pty) Ltd for the provision of Consulting Engineering Services for the upgrade of Qumza Highway Phase 7.

The scope of works entails the design and implementation of the upgrade of Qumza Highway; which will include the following:

- The upgrade of the existing single carriageway to a dual lane undivided facility. The existing lanes are each approximately 3.4 m wide and the upgrade entails two lanes in each direction of 3.5 m each;
- The pavement structure design;
- The relocation of existing services;
- Intersection Control
- Replacement and widening of 5 existing culverts

The upgrade is needed in order to decrease traffic congestion, improve road safety and prevent flooding of the road at the culverts during rainfall events.

Potential Environmental Impacts Associated With The Proposed Project

Potential environmental impacts associated with the project will be assessed through a Basic Assessment Report (BAR) which is undertaken in accordance with the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations of 2014.

Input from the public through the public participation process provides valuable input in the identification of issues.


The BAR will aim to achieve the following:

- Provide an overall assessment of the social and biophysical environments of the affected project area;
- Undertake a detailed assessment in terms of environmental criteria including the rating of significant impacts;
- Identify and recommend appropriate mitigation measures for potentially significant environmental impacts; and
- Undertake a fully inclusive public participation process to ensure that Interested and Affected Stakeholder (I&AP) issues and concerns are recorded and commented on.

Environmental Legislation

Environmental Authorisation is required for the proposed project in terms of the following legislation:

 **National Environmental Management Act (No. 107 of 1998) (as amended) [NEMA] and the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations of 2014; and**

 **National Water Act (No. 36 of 1998) [NWA];**






The Eastern Cape Department of Economic Development, Environmental Affairs and Tourism (DEDEAT) is the Competent Authority for the Basic Assessment Report while the Department of Water Affairs is responsible for the Water Use Authorisation.

Buffalo City Metropolitan Municipality (BCMM) have appointed **Royal HaskoningDHV** as independent Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) to undertake the required environmental studies.

Public Participation Process

It is important that relevant I&APs are identified and involved in the PPP from the outset of the project.

To ensure effective public participation, the process includes the following steps during the BAR Process:

-  **STEP 1:** Create awareness of the process (by way of advertisement in a local newspaper, circulation of BID [this document] and site notices along the route);
-  **STEP 2:** Register I&APs and key stakeholders on the database (on-going);
-  **STEP3:** Consultation with, and transfer of information to, I&APs through consultation and stakeholder engagement;
-  **STEP 4:** Invite I&AP comment and input on the Basic Assessment Report (30-day comment period); and
-  **STEP 5:** Record all comments, issues and concerns raised by I&APs within an issues trail, which will form part of the Basic Assessment Report (BAR).

How Can You Get Involved?

If you consider yourself an I&AP for the proposed project, we urge you to become involved.

- By responding (by phone, fax or e-mail) to our invitation for your involvement in the process;
- By completing the attached comment form and mailing or faxing it to Vivienne Vorster at Royal HaskoningDHV;
- In writing, contacting the consultants, if you have a query, comment or require further project information; and
- By reviewing and commenting on the Basic Assessment Report within the allowed 30-day review period.

Please make use of the opportunities created by the public participation process to become involved in the process and provide comment. If you have issues and/or concerns which affect and/or interest you, please raise them. Or, if you would simply like more information, let us know.

Your input into this process forms a key part of the environmental studies and we would like to hear from you to obtain your views on the proposed project.

By completing and submitting the accompanying response form, you automatically register yourself as an I&AP for this project, and ensure that your comments, concerns and/or queries raised regarding the project will be noted.

Comments And Queries On The Project Can Be Directed To

Ms Vivienne Vorster	PO Box 15261, Beacon Bay, 5205	
	Tel	043 707 3000
Royal HaskoningDHV	Fax	043 707 3005
	Email	vivienne.vorster@rhdhv.com



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YOUR COMMENTS AND QUERIES ARE WELCOME

Please **complete** this Comment Form **in full before** and return to:

Ms Vivienne Vorster	PO Box 15261, Beacon Bay, 5205		 Royal HaskoningDHV <i>Enhancing Society Together</i>
	Tel	043 707 3000	
Royal HaskoningDHV	Fax	043 707 3005	
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Title (Prof/Mr/Mrs)		First name	
Surname			
Capacity (e.g. Secretary / Director)			
Organisation			
Postal address		Postal code	
Tel No. ()		Cell No.	
Fax No. ()		Email address	

What comments / concerns would you like to raise regarding this proposed project? (Please use additional pages, if required)

PLEASE REGISTER THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) ON THE PROJECT DATABASE:

Title (Prof/Mr/Mrs)		First name	
Surname			
Capacity (e.g. Secretary / Director)			
Organisation			
Postal address		Postal code	
Tel No. ()		Cell No.	
Fax No. ()		Email address	

Signature	
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IF YOU PREFER **NOT TO RECEIVE** ANY FURTHER INFORMATION REGARDING THIS PROPOSED PROJECT, AND, WOULD PREFER TO BE REMOVED FROM THE PROJECT DATABASE, PLEASE TICK THE BOX BELOW AND RETURN THE FORM TO THE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION CONSULTANTS (CONTACT DETAILS AS PROVIDED ABOVE).

Yes, remove my name

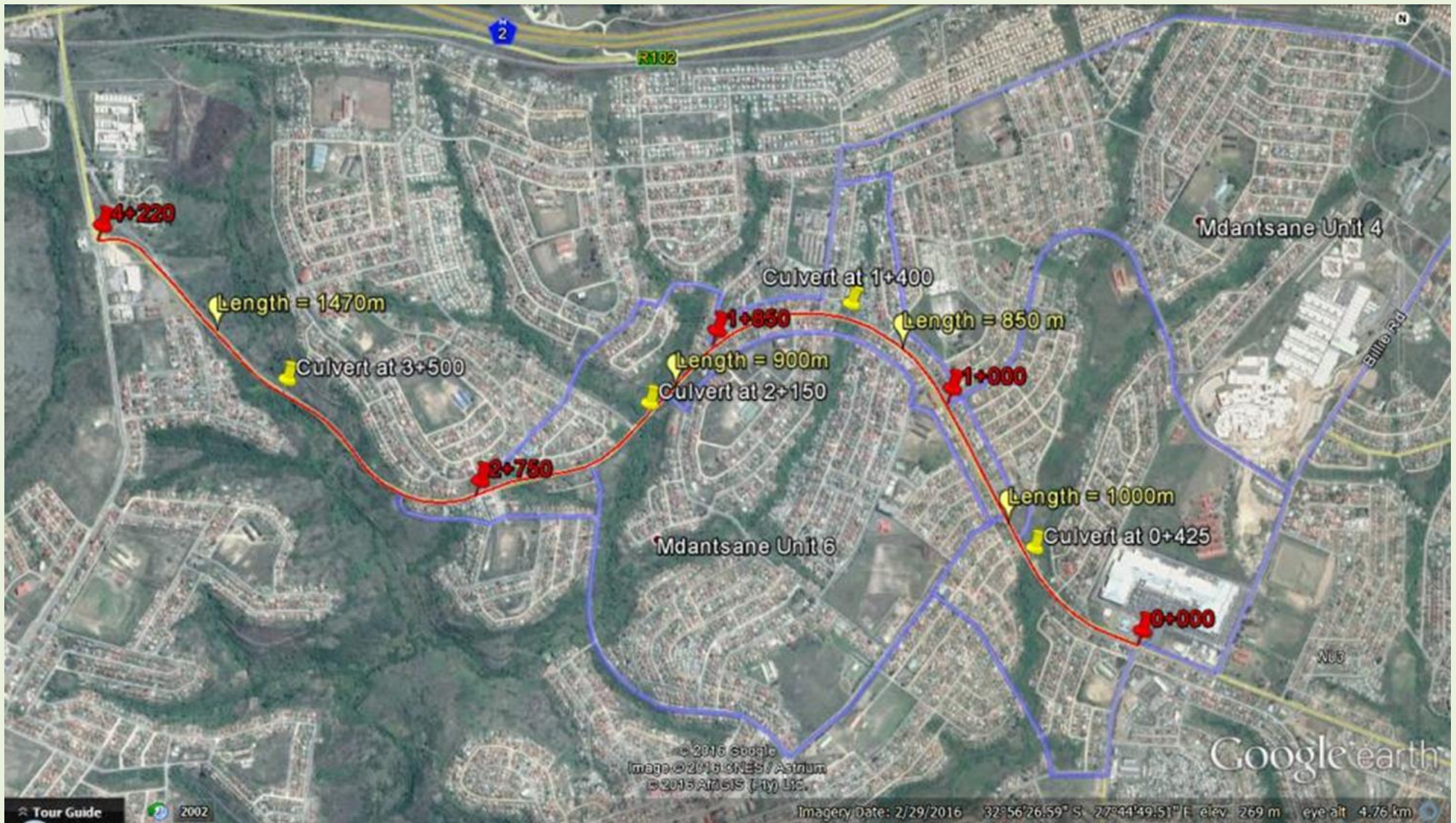


Figure 1: Section of the Qumza Highway to be upgraded.