

Date: 1 July 2022

Dear Interested and Affected Party,

**BASIC ASSESSMENT (BA) PROCESS & WATER USE LICENSE APPLICATION
(WULA) FOR THE PROPOSED UPGRADE OF LEACHVILLE SEWER PUMP
STATION, ERF 374 OF LEACHVILLE TOWNSHIP, BRAKPAN, CITY OF
EKURHULENI, GAUTENG PROVINCE**

GDARD Ref. Gaut 002/22-23/E3249

City of Ekurhuleni Metropolitan Municipality (applicant) proposes to upgrade the existing Leachville Sewer Pump Station on Erf 374 at Leachville Township, next to the New Kleinfontein Road (M56) near Benoni town. The upgrade will include the construction of a new pump station next to the existing one and formalising the access road and T-junction along the New Kleinfontein Road. Certain sewer midblock pipes in Leachville will also be replaced with 160mm pipes to accommodate higher flows. The new pump station will be 950m² in extent and have a design capacity of 88 litres/ second. The existing pump station will operate until the new station is commissioned.

In terms of the NEMA EIA Regulations of 2014 (GNR 326) and its associated listing notices (GNR 327, 324 and 327) the project requires environmental authorisation from the Gauteng Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (GDARD) through Basic Assessment (BA) process. The application site is also situated within/close to a wetland and requires a Water Use License for Section 21 (c) and (i) water uses triggered in terms of the National Water Act (Act 36/1998) (NWA) from the Gauteng Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) and is subject to a WULA Procedure in line with the NWA WULA Regulations of 2017. The applications are subject to a public participation process (PPP).

Naledzi Environmental Consultants (Pty) Ltd (Naledzi) has been appointed by the City of Ekurhuleni's Design Engineers, Vumesa (Pty) Ltd, as the independent environmental assessment practitioner (EAP) to undertake the BA process and WULA Procedure and will conduct the required PPP for the project.

This letter serves as notification of the project and we draw your attention to the following:

- An invitation to register as an Interested and Affected Party (I&AP)
- The availability of a Background Information Document (BID) for comment

Register as an I&AP

You are hereby invited to register as an I&AP on the project and to participate in the process by completing the enclosed Comments and Registration Form sheet included with the attached BID.

Background Information Document (BID) available for public review

The enclosed BID provides an overview of the BA and WUL Procedure and invites I&APs to participate and register on the process. A period of 30 day from **1 to 30 July 2022** is provided to review the BID and submit comments and concerns regarding the application.

The BID and associated Registration and Comment Form, are available for public comment on the Naledzi website at www.naledzi.co.za/publicdocuments. Alternatively contact the appointed EAP for a copy of the BID.

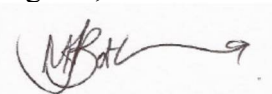
Please send your comments together with your name, contact details and interest in the project to the EAP, Marissa Botha (Naledzi) at botham@naledzi.co.za or contact us on 084-226-5584 for more information. Registrations and comments must be submitted on or before **30 July 2022**.

What's next?

All comments and issues received during the public registration and comment period on the BID will be incorporated into an Issues and Response Report (IRR), and responded to. We will prepare a draft Basic Assessment Report and Environmental Management Programme (EMPr) which will be made available for public review for 30 calendar days. The IRR will be attached to the Draft BAR. The report and supporting documentation will be made available on the Naledzi website and at public venues. The details of these tasks will be communicated to I&APs via email.

Thank you for your participation.

Regards,



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