

13 September 2017

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Dear Ms Tebogo Molokomme ,

CITY OF EKURHULENI WELGEDACHT WATER NETWORK UPGRADE PHASE II GAUT002/17-18/E0105

This advertisement gives notice to potential Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) with regards to information in respect of the basic assessment application for the design and construction of a 9,5-km bulk water feeder pipeline close to Springs, as well as the opportunity for I&APs to comment on the draft Basic Assessment Report (BAR) & draft Environmental Management Programme Report (EMPr).

BACKGROUND TO THE PROJECT

The design and construction of a 9.5km bulk water feeder pipeline, with an internal diameter of 500mm that will connect at the Rand Water RW3774 connection point through to the new Persida Reservoir site (that will be constructed in the 2017/18 and 2018/19 Financial Years). The proposed pipeline will be routed from the Persida reservoir along the road reserve of the R555 (Stoffberg avenue) (for approximately 410m), from which the pipeline would follow on the western side of a partially tarred road, becoming a dirt road (southerly direction), the pipeline will be cross under the railway line by means of pipejacking to eventually join to Main Street (central portion of the proposed pipeline route), where the proposed pipeline would be routed along the southern side of the road (within the road reserve). After the point where Main Street becomes Welgedacht Road, the proposed pipeline would cross underneath the road, from where it would be routed on the northern side of Welgedacht Road. This road traverses over the Blesbokspruit (by means of a bridge), where the pipeline would be constructed underneath the bridge crossing, which has existing pipelines which also cross the system at this point. A short section of the proposed pipeline would be diverted into Enstra Road (northerly direction), from where the pipeline is proposed to be routed along the railway line (within the railway line reserve) up to the Rand Water connection point in Geduld Road (southern section of the proposed pipeline route).

LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS

This process is in line with the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No.107 of 1998)

(NEMA) for the authorisation of listed activities contained in GN R 983 (listing notice 1) and GN R 985 (listing notice 3) of 4 December 2014, published in terms of Sections 24(2), 24 (5), 24D, 44 and 47(A) (1)(b) of the NEMA.

Application submitted to competent authority

The application was submitted to the Gauteng Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (GDARD) on the **28 July 2017**. Reference number was obtained on the **1 August 2017**. The reference number of the project is **Gaut002/17-18/E0105**.

The purpose of this application is to apply for environmental authorisation for the design and construction of the Welgedacht water pipeline. The listed activities which have been applied for include:

Indicate the number of the relevant Government Notice:	Activity No (s) (relevant notice): e.g. Listing notices 1, 2 or 3	Describe each listed activity as per the wording in the listing notices:
GN. R 983, 8 December 2014, as amended	Listing notice 1 number 9 (i)	The construction of a 9.5km supply pipeline, with an internal diameter of 500mm that will connect at the Rand Water RW3774 connection point through to the Persida Reservoir site.
GN R 985, 8 December 2014, as amended	Listing notice 3 number 12 c (ii)	Clearance of indigenous vegetation for the construction of a 9.5km supply pipeline, with an internal diameter of 500mm that will connect at the Rand Water RW3774 connection point through to the Persida Reservoir site, in Gauteng within a Critical Biodiversity Areas or Ecological Support Areas identified in the Gauteng Conservation Plan or bioregional plans.
GN R 985, 8 December 2014, as amended	Listing notice 3 number 14 (ii) (a) (c)	The construction of infrastructure or structures with a physical footprint of 10 square metres or more; where such development occurs— (a) within a watercourse; (c) if no development setback has been adopted, within 32 metres of a watercourse, measured from the edge of a watercourse.

Legislation associated with the application

South African legislation requires that a Basic Assessment Report (BAR) and an Environmental Management Programme Report (EMP) be compiled in accordance with Regulation 19 of Chapter 4 of GN R 982. In order to do so Shangoni Management Services (Pty) Ltd (Shangoni) has been appointed as the independent Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) in terms of Regulation 12 of GN R 982, in order to undertake and manage the processes to apply for the required environmental authorisations. Furthermore, Shangoni meets the requirements of an EAP contemplated in Regulation 13 of GN R 982.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

People have a right to be informed about potential decisions that may affect them and to be afforded an opportunity to influence those decisions. This advertisement forms part of a Public Participation Process as part of the Basic Assessment (BA). It describes the various components of the project to enable I&APs to get a better understanding of the potential environmental and social impacts that could be expected from the proposed design the construction of the Welgedacht water pipeline. It also outlines the BA process and the opportunities for the public to become involved during the course of the study.

Register as an Interested and Affected Party (I&AP)

You may register as an I&AP. To register as an I&AP of this project, or to obtain more information or submit comments, please request a Registration Form from Shangoni and return it together with any comments to Shangoni by no later than **13 October 2017** at the details provided below.

Availability of the draft BAR and EMP

The draft BAR and EMP are available to the public for review for a period of thirty (30) days, from **13 September to 13 October 2017**. A register and comment sheet will accompany the copies. Please complete the register subsequent to reviewing the report. Alternatively, e-mail or fax your comments to Shangoni (details provided below) by no later than **13th October 2017**. An electronic copy of the BAR, EMP and comment sheet will be posted on the Shangoni's website (www.shangoni.co.za) Public documents – Welgedacht for public comment for the same period of (30) thirty days.

Public Meeting

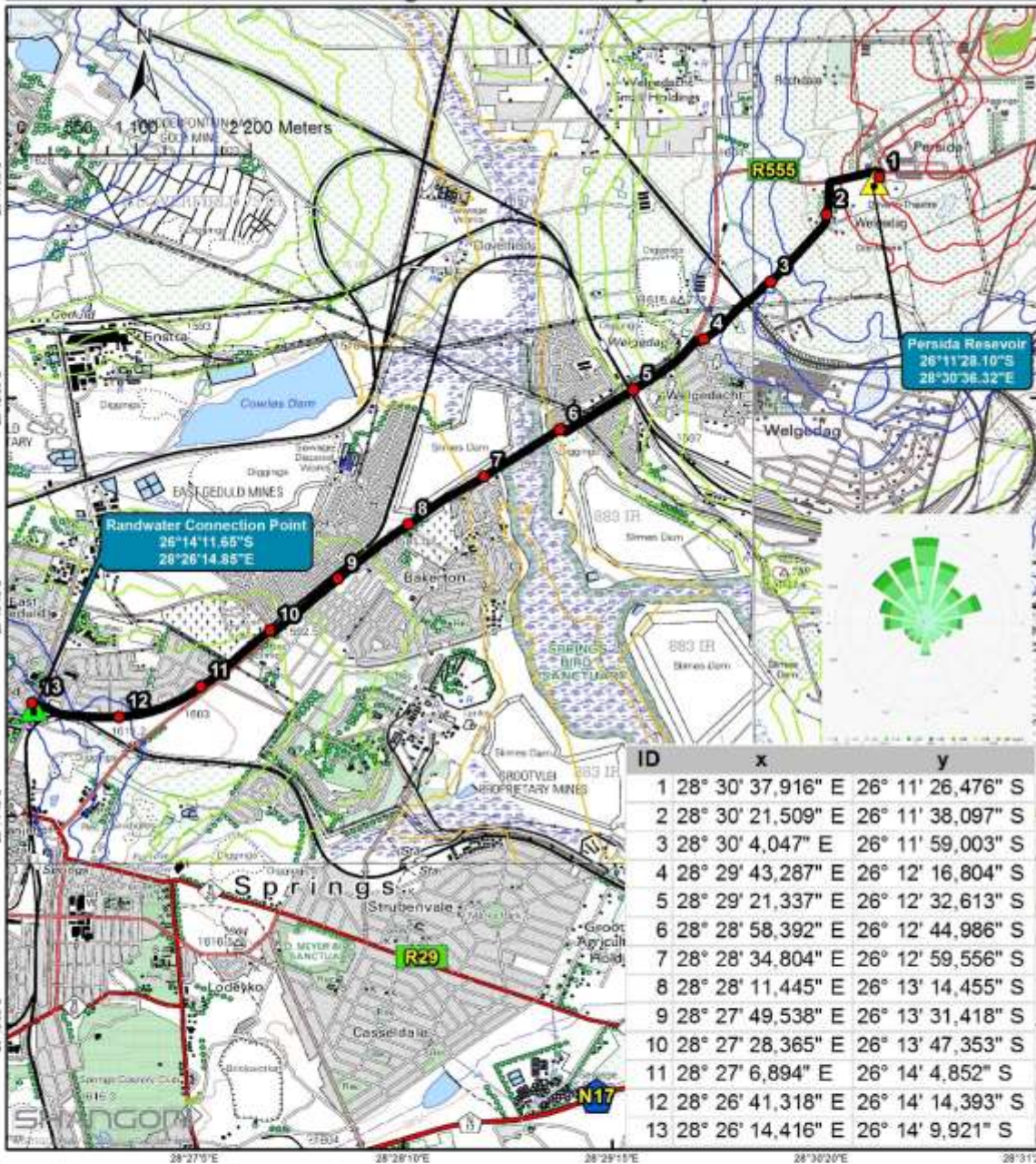
A public meeting will be held at Springs Civic Centre, Council Chamber, on the 4th of October 2017 at 14:00.

Kind regards,



Lee-Anne Fellowes
Shangoni Management Services

Welgedacht - Locality Map



ID	x	y
1	28° 30' 37,916" E	26° 11' 26,476" S
2	28° 30' 21,509" E	26° 11' 38,097" S
3	28° 30' 4,047" E	26° 11' 59,003" S
4	28° 29' 43,287" E	26° 12' 16,804" S
5	28° 29' 21,337" E	26° 12' 32,613" S
6	28° 28' 58,392" E	26° 12' 44,986" S
7	28° 28' 34,804" E	26° 12' 59,556" S
8	28° 28' 11,445" E	26° 13' 14,455" S
9	28° 27' 49,538" E	26° 13' 31,418" S
10	28° 27' 28,365" E	26° 13' 47,353" S
11	28° 27' 6,894" E	26° 14' 4,852" S
12	28° 26' 41,318" E	26° 14' 14,393" S
13	28° 26' 14,416" E	26° 14' 9,921" S



Legend

- Coordinate points
- ▲ Persids Reservoir
- ▲ Randwater connection point
- Pipeline route

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Date: 2017/05/18
 Coordinate System:
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