

APPENDIX E₅

Response to comments received

Nr	Summary of main issues raised by I&APs	Summary of response from EAP
1.	NC DENC	
1.1	The length and width of pipelines	<p>Pg. 19 of the Technical Report states that the pipelines will be constructed as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • outfall sewer line: a length of 3 155 m 200mm diameter upvc 400kpa • outfall sewer line: a length of 571 m 250mm diameter upvc 400kpa • rising main pump pipeline: either 4 345m or 2755 m
1.2	Geohydrology Report should be included in the fBAR	Geohydrology Report is attached as Annexure D ₄ .
1.3	Removal of Activity 25 in the BAR	It is mentioned in the report that this activity is not triggered as part of this application.
2.	DAFF	
2.1	<p>Protected flora on site includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Vachellia erioloba</i> • <i>Aloe grandidentata</i> • <i>Anacompseros filmentosa</i> <p>These species are protected under the Northern Cape Nature Conservation Act (Act No. 9 of 2009) and applications for the removal / transplantation / cutting thereof should be submitted. Note that applications for the NFA licenses should only be submitted to DAFF</p>	Noted.

	after a positive EA was issued, but prior to disturbance of any protected plant species.																					
2.2	As a need for a permit (NFA) is required for the removal of protected flora species is required, the applicable legislation should be reflected on Page 27.	Please refer to pg. 28 of the fBAR.																				
2.3	The width of the area to be cleared of vegetation to facilitate construction of the pipeline and access road should be provided. It is important to keep the vegetation clearance to a minimum, in order to minimise unavoidable impacts on protected plants species.	<p>According to the Technical Report (pg. 18) trench widths should be 800mm, laid on 100mm properly graded material bed on the given levels and covered with 300mm compacted blanket on top of the pipe followed by backfilling to normal ground level.</p> <p>Pg. 15 of the fBAR states that the corridor width is 5 m, although the actual trench widths will be limited to only 80 cm (Technical Report, pg. 18).</p> <p>Access roads:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Name</th> <th>Description</th> <th>Length</th> <th>Width of road</th> <th>Corridor width</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>New access road</td> <td>Dirt road</td> <td>15 m in length</td> <td>6.2m</td> <td>8m</td> </tr> <tr> <td>New road inside erf</td> <td>Dirt road</td> <td>162.0m</td> <td>4.0m</td> <td>6.0m</td> </tr> <tr> <td>New road inside erf boundaries</td> <td>Paved Road</td> <td>90m</td> <td>4.0m</td> <td>6.0m</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Name	Description	Length	Width of road	Corridor width	New access road	Dirt road	15 m in length	6.2m	8m	New road inside erf	Dirt road	162.0m	4.0m	6.0m	New road inside erf boundaries	Paved Road	90m	4.0m	6.0m
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2.4	Note that trees with active bird nests / any other significant biodiversity features may not be	Noted.																				

	damaged or disturbed without a valid Fauna Permit from Nature Conservation.	
3	SAHRA	
3.1	The Final BAR and all appendices must be submitted to the SAHRIS Case file upon final submission to the relevant competent authority.	The fBAR will be submitted to the SAHRIS Case File.

3.2	<p>If any evidence of archaeological sites or remains (e.g. remnants of stone-made structures, indigenous ceramics, bones, stone artefacts, ostrich eggshell fragments, charcoal and ash concentrations), fossils or other categories of heritage resources are found during the proposed development, SAHRA APM Unit (Natasha Higgitt/John Gribble 021 462 5402) must be alerted. If unmarked human burials are uncovered, the SAHRA Burial Grounds and Graves (BGG) Unit (Mimi Seetelo 012 320 8490), must be alerted immediately. A professional archaeologist or palaeontologist, depending on the nature of the finds, must be contracted as soon as possible to inspect the findings. If the newly discovered heritage resources prove to</p>	Please refer to Section 3.9 of the EMPr.
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	<p>be of archaeological or palaeontological significance, a Phase 2 rescue operation may be required subject to permits issued by SAHRA;</p>	
3.3	<p>If the development receives an Environmental Authorisation (EA), SAHRA must be informed and all documents pertaining to the EA must be uploaded to the SAHRIS Case file.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>A copy of the EA (if received) will be uploaded to the SAHRIS Case File</p>