

## water affairs

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### ATTENTION: NOMCEBO SHANGE

Dear Sir/Madam

### RE: BACKGROUND INFORMATION DOCUMENT FOR THE PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF ZINKWANI/MHLANGENI PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE AT HIMEVILLE RURAL AREA, WITHIN KWASANI LOCAL MUNICIPALITY.

Reference is made to the above-mentioned background information document e-mailed to this Office on 12 March 2013

This Department would like the following matters to be addressed in the Basic Assessment Report:

- (1) Management of solid waste and hazardous waste material generated during the construction phase. This should include the storage of any material, chemicals, fuels, etc.
- (2) Identification of any environmental sensitive areas and water resources such as wetlands, streams, rivers, etc. as well as possible pollution impacts and proposed mitigation measures to protect such water resources.
- (3) Stormwater management plan
- (4) Type of ablution facilities to be provided for construction workers.
- (5) Erosion control measures.
- (6) Spill contingency plan for the construction phase of the project.
- (7) Environmental Management Programme

In addition the following points need to be taken into consideration:

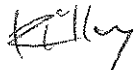
- (a) Wetlands on site must be delineated according to this Department's guideline entitled "*A practical field procedure for identification and delineation of wetlands and riparian areas.*" (DWAF, 2005).

- (b) Any development within a 500 metre radius of a wetland will require an authorisation in terms of section 21 (c) and (i) of the National Water Act.
- (c) If the applicant wishes to **develop** (servitudes, structures, roads and other infrastructure) **on the wetland/riparian area or within the buffer**, an authorisation in terms of Chapter 4 of the National Water Act may be required. Please contact Mr Sibusiso Mathonsi from the Water Resources Management Section of the Durban Office on (031) 336 2700 in order to embark on the process to obtain the necessary authorisation.
- (d) With reference to points (a) to (c) as well as the location of the proposed bridge, it is anticipated that there will be disturbances/destruction of wetlands occurring. As such a rehabilitation plan ~~must be~~ drawn-up and included as part of the Environmental Management Programme.
- (e) Mr Sibusiso Mathonsi must be contacted should there be any **alteration** to the bed, banks, course or characteristics of a watercourse or any **impedance or diversion** of flow of a water course as well as any **abstraction** from a water resource) and/or **storage** of water. This includes the crossing of any watercourses.

This Department awaits a copy of the Basic Assessment Report in order to provide more detailed comments.

Please do not hesitate to contact this office should you have any concerns, comments or queries.

Yours faithfully



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