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Attention Mr Sello Mokhanya

Dear Mr Mokhanya

**Application for Exemption from Phase 1 Heritage Impact Assessment of
Mbashe Water Pipeline, Elliotdale, Eastern Cape Province, South Africa**

Background

Eskom awarded a Basic Assessment tender to Gibb Engineering & Science for the proposed construction of a 50mm, SABS62 Schedule 40, flanged piping from the hydro-electric power station (water treatment plant) up to a 90 Kℓ reservoir tank in the housing complex at Mbashe for a total length of 1000 metres (Figure 1).

Location

The proposed project is located a few kilometres south-west of the town of Elliotdale in the Eastern Cape Province in the Mbashe Local Municipality. The relevant 1:50 000 Surveyor General map sheets are 3128DC Elliotdale and 3228BA Fort Malan (Figure 2).

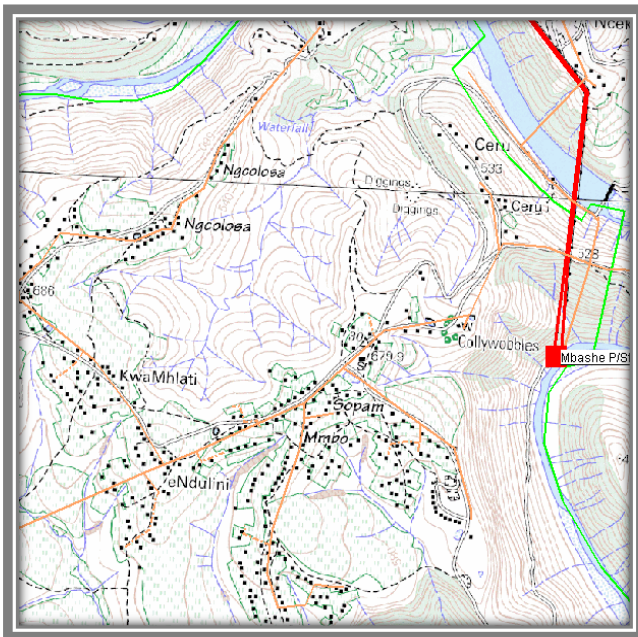
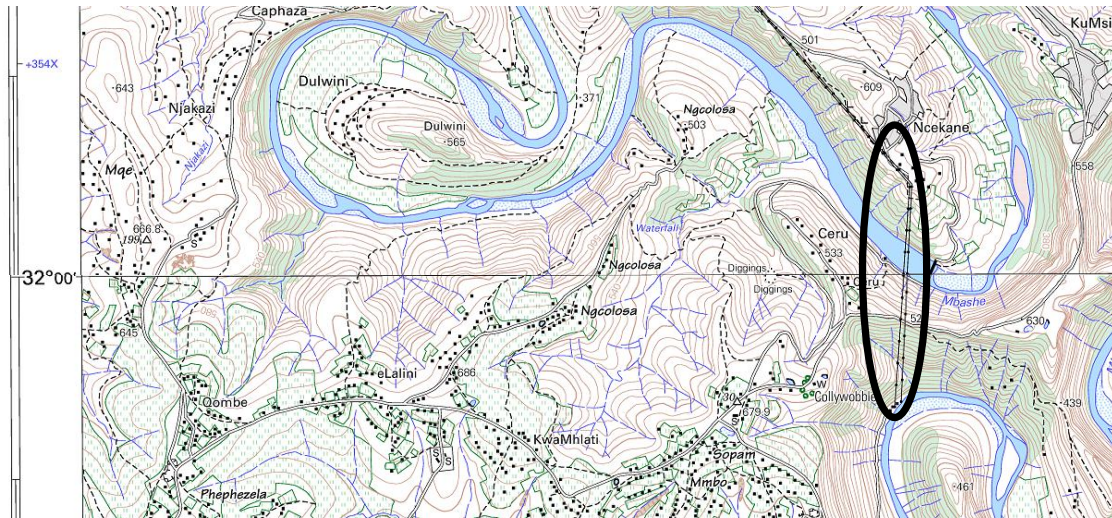


FIGURE 1 LOCATION OF PROPOSED PROJECT NEAR ELLIOTDALE, EASTERN CAPE PROVINCE (SOURCE: GIBB).

3128DC Elliotdale



3228BA Fort Malan

FIGURE 2 EXTRACT FROM RELEVANT 1:50 000 MAP SHEETS INDICATING LOCAL CONTEXT OF PROPOSED PROJECT.

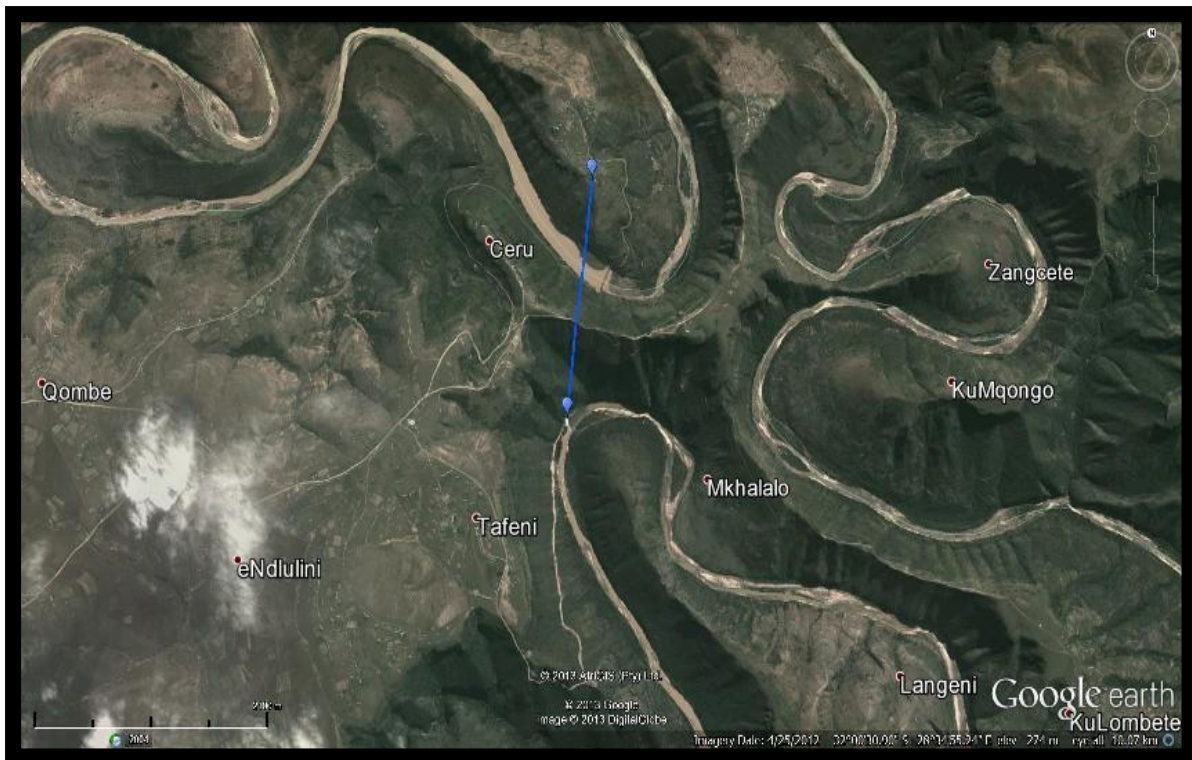


FIGURE 3 GOOGLE IMAGE INDICATING LOCAL CONTEXT OF PROPOSED PROJECT.

Environmental description

The proposed project is located within the steep terrain of the Mbhashe River floodplain. Infrastructure includes an existing water treatment plant, power line and local gravel road, but the area has been eschewed for human settlement due to the steep, regularly inundated terrain.

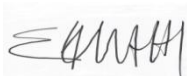
Justification for Exemption Application

It is highly unlikely that any in situ heritage resources are present in this regularly flooded terrain. Accordingly, we believe that exemption from a Phase 1 Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) is justified for this project.

Conclusion

We have submitted this HIA Exemption Application to the Eastern Cape Provincial Heritage Resources Authority (ECPHRA) in fulfilment of Section 38(1) of the National Heritage Resources Act 25 of 1999, as amended.

Yours sincerely



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