

### STAKEHOLDER MEETING MINUTES

<b>PROJECT:</b> Re-alignment of the P608 and D604 Greater Kokstad Municipality, Harry Gwala District Municipality		
<b>Venue:</b> Power of Prayer Crechè, Pakkies Farm	<b>Date:</b> 23 March 2023	<b>Time:</b> 12:40- 13:33

#### ATTENDEES

Name, Surname and acronym for minutes purposes	Organisation and Designation	Email Address	Contact Number
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#### APOLOGIES

None

#### MINUTES COMPILED BY:

Ntsebo Mkhize, Terratest (Pty) Ltd: Senior Environmental Assessment Practitioner

1. **Welcome and apologies**
  - NM opened the meeting and welcomed all attendees.
2. **Agenda**
  - None was agreed upon.

### 3. Introductions

All attendees introduced themselves

### 4. Purpose of Meeting

- To present the proposed realignment of the P608 and D604 project and the required environmental approvals; and
- To obtain comments of meeting attendees and plan for community notification about the project.

### 5. Project Discussion

- NM circulated A4 copies of the project Site Notice Board (inclusive of site layout plan) and organograms of the Basic Assessment process and outlined the following:
  - The project developer is the KwaZulu- Natal Department of Transport;
  - Roads will be gravel with support infrastructure, e.g. stormwater, road signs, etc.;
  - Motivation of the project is the high number of accidents that have occurred at the intersection of the N2 and D604 due to the steep slope on a curve and absence of turning lanes. Realignment of the D604 and P608 and new intersection on the N2 has been proposed;
  - N2 intersection will be about 200m north of the Pink Church and will cater for the realignment of the D604 and P608, will have turning lanes in both directions of the road to ensure safety of motorists, the flat terrain of the area will also contribute to safety;
  - Due to some triggers on the project, an Environmental Authorisation (permission for the project to go ahead), as one of the various applications required on the project and handled by government departments, will need to be applied for with the KwaZulu-Natal Department of Economic Development, Tourism & Environmental Affairs (EDTEA). This is because the proposed re-alignment will impact on the natural environment, e.g. streams;
  - To obtain the Environmental Authorisation, a Basic Assessment process is required and will be handled by NKM as an Environmental Assessment Practitioner
  - The Basic Assessment process will require notification of various Interested and Affected Parties to obtain the comments of the project and afford them an opportunity to ask questions;
  - Previous application which covered some parts of the current project (excluded private access road to farm) was issued in 2017 and lapsed in 2022 as construction had not commenced on the project;
  - Public need to be notified of the project, advert in Kokstad Advertiser and Isolezwe Newspapers on 24.03.2023
  - Site Notices will be placed in community. Will be the same as the notice circulated in the meeting but of A2 size

- Meeting with members of the public is required and the plans around are to be discussed in the current meeting.

## 6. Discussions

- 6.1 All attendees were in support of the project and MK stated that he has almost had an accident at the intersection of the N2 and D604;
- 6.2 In response to MK's query regarding when construction will start and other timeframes, NMK indicated the 30- day calendar period after initial notification, drafting of Draft Basic Assessment Report and availability for at least 30 calendar days, finalising of the Basic Assessment Report and submission to EDTEA who have a maximum of 107 calendar days to review the report after which the various Interested and Affected parties will be notified of the project and then the appeal period of 20 calendar days before construction can begin;
- 6.3 NM concerned about the long distance to the new intersection where public will need to walk around the orchard but agreed that safety is key. NM asked NMK about the new distance and NMK stated that she would confirm.
- 6.4 The followed was covered reading meeting dates:
  - 6.4.1 Meetings are normally held on Saturdays but there is a funeral in the community on the 25<sup>th</sup> of March 2023;
  - 6.4.2 NMK requested meeting during the week and stated that she was available on any day between the 27<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> of March 2023 except on the 30<sup>th</sup>;
  - 6.4.3 NMK stated that on Friday the 31<sup>st</sup> of March may not be a suitable date as schools are closing and people will be getting paid, they may not be available;
  - 6.4.4 NM added that their weekly program will be available on 24<sup>th</sup> of March 2023 and will be able to confirm their availability after this.
  - 6.4.5 NM and MK will liaise on date of meeting and notify NMK;
  - 6.4.6 GL stated that loud hailing will be made a few days before the meeting date and also on the morning of the meeting;
  - 6.4.7 MK, GL, and NM stated that about 70 people are expected to attend the meeting; and
  - 6.4.8 NM asked NM to assist with translation to Xhosa/ Zulu in the meeting to ensure that the message is relayed correctly.

## 7. Closure

NM closed the meeting at 13:33 and thanked all stakeholders for their attendance.

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**APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

Name: Ntsebo Mkhize

Signature:



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**For: Terratest (Pty) Ltd**

Date: 24.05.2023

Name: Malibongwe Kutshwa

Signature:

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**For: Willowdale Housing**

Date: 24.05.2023