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Attention: Ntsebo Mkhize

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RE: NOTICE OF A BASIC ASSESSMENT PROCESS FOR THE PROPOSED RE-ALIGNMENT OF THE P608 AND D604, GREATER KOKSTAD LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, HARRY GWALA DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY: KWAZULU-NATAL.

1. GENERAL

- 1.1. The Provincial Department of Agriculture and Rural Development: Agricultural Resource Management, Land Use Management acknowledges the receipt of the above mentioned application.
- 1.2. The main objective of the application is to request Provincial Department of Agriculture and Rural Development to recommend, provide valuable inputs towards the proposed re-alignment of the P608 and D604.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1. Terratest (Pty) Ltd has been appointed by JG Afrika (Pty) Ltd, on behalf of KwaZulu-Natal Department of Transport to render the environmental services required for the proposed re-alignment of P608 and D604.
- 2.2. The proposed project is located 15km east of the Kokstad Town in the direction of Port Shepstone within Ward 6 of the Greater Kokstad Municipality.
- 2.3. It is good and important to note that an Environmental Authorisation for the above mentioned project was issued with a reference number (EDTEA Ref: DC43/0005/2017) but it lapsed as the construction activities had not commenced, furthermore the submitted application is now including new section of D604 that did not form part of the initial application.
- 2.4. The motivation of the project is to ensure the safety of motorists as the current intersection of D604 and N2 has poor sight distances even owing a steep slope at a curve; this has resulted in numerous vehicle collisions.
- 2.5. The proposed development entails the construction of gravel roads as follows
 - Closure of the current access points of the P608 and D604 to the N2 and single intersection on the N2.
 - Sections of the P608 and D 604 to be decommissioned and
 - Supporting infrastructure for realignment of sections of roads.
- 2.6. The Basic Assessment process required for the project stems from legislative requirements for activities that are triggered on NEMA, 1998 (Act 107 of 1998) as amended and the associated EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended.
- 2.7. Listed activities that impacted and their relevancy

Listed activity	Reason
Listing Notice 1_ Activity 12	The combined area of a watercourse crossings and road surface within a watercourse or within a 32m of watercourse will exceed 100 square meters.
Listing Notice 1_ Activity 19	The road will cross a watercourse, through means of culvert and construction



	activities will result to movement or deposition of 10m ³ or more of material into or out of the watercourse.
Listing Notice 1_ Activity 24	The proposed development is a road of approximately 3.6km and has a road reserve of approximately 30m and is proposed outside the urban edge.

3. COMMENTS

- 3.1. D604 connects on the right hand side of N2 to Port Shepstone while P608 connects on the left hand side of N2 to Port Shepstone.
- 3.2. The area of P608 where realignment is proposed has an unnamed gravel road and it is envisaged that it might affect the section of farming area or a farm land.
- 3.3. But it is good to note that as per submitted proposed plans the proposed diversions will have a general minor impacts to farming activities on the area.
- 3.4. With that said developers need to be so considerate as there is a Dam and a stream that might be affected especial during the construction phase.
- 3.5. As there might be an agricultural land that might be impacted can we please have the exact size of the land that is going to be affected.
- 3.6. Moreover, as there are waterbodies that might be impacted can we please have a clear indication whether Water Use Licence interms of National Water Act applicability and relevancy towards what is proposed.
- 3.7. As said this is just a notification sheet little information was provided by the applicant a detailed application with specialist studies will be forwarded.

4. RECOMMENDATIONS

Please be advised that the Provincial Department of Agriculture and Rural Development; Agricultural Resource Management: Land Use Management **cannot conclude on the submitted BID** the sound and detailed recommendations will be crafted upon receiving of a detailed application with all supporting studies.

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FOR HEAD OF DEPARTMENT
AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

LETTER SIGNED BY: Thabede S. B.

DESIGNATION: Acting Scientific Manager_ Land Use Regulatory Unit

DATE: 11/05/2023