



COMMENTS AND RESPONSES REPORT

**PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF A DEDICATED ROAD-OVER-RAIL
BRIDGE AND APPROACH ALIGNMENT AT THE MBAZWANA/SODWANA
INTERSECTION OF ROUTE R22, HLUHLUWE, BIG 5 HLABISA LOCAL
MUNICIPALITY, KWAZULU-NATAL PROVINCE**

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1. INTRODUCTION

This report captures the comments and issues raised by Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) and the Competent Authority, the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and The Environment (DFFE); public participation process undertaken during the Environmental Scoping Phase for The Proposed Construction of A Dedicated Road-Over-Rail Bridge And Approach Alignment At The Mbazwana/Sodwana Intersection Of National Route R22, Hluhluwe, Big 5 Hlabisa Municipality, Kwazulu-Natal.

The necessity for the Comments and Responses Report (CRR) stems from Regulation 44 of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998 (NEMA) Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2014, as amended. The comments have been categorised to allow for easy reference.

The Public Participation Process (PPP) that commenced in September 2024 is summarised as follows:

- The Background information Document was distributed on **25 September 2024** electronically for an 11 Day Registration period.
- 6 Site Notices were placed on **25 September 2024** at multiple locations along the proposed route notifying the public about the proposed development.
- English & isiZulu Newspaper Adverts were placed in the Zululand Observer on **30 September 2024** notifying I&APs of the Proposed Construction.
- Hardcopies of the Draft Scoping Report was distributed at the following locations on **17 January 2025**.
 - Hluhluwe Public Library
 - Big 5 Hlabisa Local Municipality
- Draft Scoping Report was distributed electronically on **17 January 2025**.
- A public open day was held on **25 March 2025**.
- A meeting was held with Zapwing and Project Rhino on **12 August 2025**.

This CRR has been updated to reflect comments raised by I&APs and DFFE, during the public participation that was undertaken. It must be noted that all references to **Appendices** made in this report are those of the Scoping Report.

Table 1 indicates the name of the I&AP or Competent Authority, the date of receipt of and the Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) response to the comment. This report contains all comments that have been received to date.

2. COMMENTS AND RESPONSES

Table 1: Comments and responses

DETAILS OF I&AP	DATE RECEIVED	COMMENT	RESPONSE
Reference is made to the Background Information Document distributed on 25 September 2024			
Telkom/Openserve Access Planning	26 September 2024, via email.	“Could you provide a dwg or dxf file for the proposed new road design for our GIS section to update the CAD etc. on our side please. This will enable us to check how much of our plant is affected by the proposed new design/roadworks. The pink lines on the second attachment illustrates/shown is our existing fibre optic route.”	The EAP requested a dwg/dxl drawing from the engineers for the entire route. The drawing was submitted to the I&AP on 03 October 2024.
EZEMVELO KZN Wildlife: Conservation Planning: IEM Section	08 October 2024, via email	“Thank you for forwarding the Background Information Document, dated September 2024, for the abovementioned application to Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife (Ezemvelo) for review and comment. Ezemvelo will not be providing comment on this application, but trust that all significant biodiversity related concerns have been clearly identified and made known in this assessment together with appropriate measures (viz. avoid, mitigate and thereafter ameliorate) to safeguard the ecological integrity of the developable area. Please be advised that the potential impacts upon biodiversity will be evaluated by the Competent Authority who may, upon identification of a potential biodiversity concern, refer the biodiversity concern to this organisation for evaluation and advice regarding the specific concern, prior to making a decision. In such case, the environmental principles prescribed in the National Environmental Management Act 107 of 1998, the objectives of the National Environmental Management Biodiversity Act 10 of 2004 and best practice will be applied. Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife wishes you well with your assessment.”	The receipt of the comment was provided via email. The EAP acknowledges that EZEMVELO has no further comment on the project and will continue to be included in all communication.

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Telkom/Openserve Access Planning	21 November 2024, via telecommunication	Telkom had enquired if the project was a SANRAL or Department of Transport project and the details of the applicant to be included in the wayleave.	The following response had been provided via email on 21 November 2024: "As per our telecom, the entire project area has been acquired by SANRAL through land acquisition. The project itself is undertaken by SANRAL and not DoT. For more technical information, the Resident Engineer Mr Coenraad Geldenhuys is your point of contact: coenraad.geldenhuis@hatch.com For the details to be contained in the Wayleave, the SANRAL Environmental Coordinator Mrs Ntsebo Mkhize is your point of contact: MkhizeN@nra.co.za Mr Dudley Mbambo is the SANRAL Representatives name that should appear on the wayleave, but Mrs Mkhize will confirm once you reach out. You can keep Ms Ramphal and I cc'd in all correspondence for our information purposes."

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Reference is made to The Draft Scoping Report distributed on 17 January 2025			
DFFE Directorate: Biodiversity Conservation	11 February 2025, via email	“DFFE Directorate: Biodiversity Conservation hereby acknowledge receipt of the invitation to review and comment on the project mentioned on the subject line. Kindly note that the project has been allocated to Mrs P Makitla and Ms Nompumelelo Lekalakala (Copied on this email). In addition, kindly share the shapefiles of the development footprints/application site with the Case Officers. Please note: All Public Participation Process documents related to Biodiversity EIA review and any other Biodiversity EIA queries must be submitted to the Directorate: Biodiversity Conservation at Email: BCAdmin@dfre.gov.za for attention of Mr Seoka Lekota”	The requested information was emailed on 13 February 2025 to DFFE Directorate: Biodiversity Conservation. No comments have been received to date.
KZN Agriculture & Rural Development	13 February 2025, via email.	“Good afternoon If you want our office to comment please send the application document.”	The requested information was emailed on 13 February 2025 to KZN Agriculture & Rural Development. No comments have been received to date.
Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment	14 February 2025, via email	The Application for Environmental Authorisation and Draft Scoping Report (SR) dated January 2025 and received by the Department on 17 January 2025, refer. This letter serves to inform you that the following information must be included to the Final Scoping Report: Listed activities 1. Activity 12 of Listing Notice 3- the project description provided cannot be linked to this listed activity. Therefore, please provide an estimate of the total area to be cleared. Additionally, you have selected a sub-listed activity related to a World Heritage Site and a protected area identified in terms of NEMPAA. Please	1. The project description for the listed activity has since been amended. The description now <u>includes the total square meters of vegetation to be cleared</u> as well as the sub-headings have been amended. The project description has also been added to Section 2.5 of the FSR. It has been confirmed

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		specify the names of the heritage site and protected area where the project is located. If the proposed project is not within these protected areas, then, based on the description provided for other listed activities, the selected sub-listing for this activity is not applicable to the proposed development. 2. Please ensure that all relevant listed activities are applied for, are specific and can be linked to the development activity or infrastructure (including thresholds) as described in the project description. Furthermore, kindly ensure that the latest listed activities, as amended in 2021, are applied for. 3. It is imperative that the relevant authorities are continuously involved throughout the Scoping and EIA process as the development property possibly falls within geographically designated areas in terms of numerous GN R. 985 Activities. Written comments must be obtained from the relevant authorities and submitted to this Department. In addition, a graphical representation of the proposed development within the respective geographical areas must be provided. Furthermore, please also ensure that the potential impacts on the affected Critical Biodiversity Areas are fully assessed. Public Participation Process 4. The Public Participation Process must be conducted in terms of Regulation 39, 40 41, 42, 43 & 44 of the EIA Regulations 2014, as amended. 5. Please ensure that all issues raised, and comments received during the circulation of the SR from registered I&APs and organs of state which have jurisdiction (including this Department's Biodiversity Section) in respect of the proposed activity are adequately addressed in the Final SR. Proof of correspondence with the various stakeholders must be included in the Final SR. Should you be unable to obtain comments, proof should be submitted to the Department of the attempts that were made to obtain comments. 6. A comments and response trail report (C&R) must be submitted with the final SR. The C&R report must incorporate all historical comments for this development. The C&R report must be a separate document from the main report and the format must be in the table format. Please refrain from	that Activity 12 of Listing Notice 3 is applicable. 2. All relevant listed activities have been considered and applied for in accordance with the updated listed activities. 3. All organs of state, authorities and I&APs have been included in the public participation process and will continue to be engaged throughout the project cycle. All proof of consultation is attached as Appendix C1 of the FSR and Appendix A & B of this C&RR. All maps are included as Appendix A of the FSR, which indicate the geographical location and sensitive areas. The <u>CBA are not affected</u> by the proposed construction. Sensitive areas are discussed under Section 9.8 of the FSR. 4. The Public Participation Process has been conducted in terms of Regulation 39, 40 41, 42, 43 & 44 of the EIA Regulations 2014, as amended. 5. All issues raised, and comments received during the

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		summarising comments made by I&APs. All comments from I&APs must be copied verbatim and responded to clearly. Please note that a response such as “Noted” is not regarded as an adequate response to I&AP’s comments. 7. The final SR must provide evidence that all identified and relevant competent authorities have been given an opportunity to comment on the proposed development. Specialist Assessments 8. A detailed description of their methodology, as well as indicating the locations and descriptions of each upgrade, alignment and road construction and all other associated infrastructures that they have assessed and are recommending for authorisations. 9. a detailed description of all limitations to their studies. Please ensure that all specialist studies that are conducted have been commissioned in the right season, and providing that as a limitation will not be accepted. 10. If the appointed specialists specify contradicting recommendations, the EAP must indicate the most reasonable recommendation and substantiate this with defensible reasons and where necessary, include further expertise advice. Regarding cumulative impacts: 11. Clearly defined cumulative impacts and where possible the size of the identified impact must be quantified and indicated, i.e. hectares of cumulatively transformed land. 12. A detailed process flow to indicate how the specialist’s recommendations, mitigation measures and conclusions from the various similar developments in the area were taken into consideration in the assessment of cumulative impacts and when the conclusion and mitigation measures were drafted for this project.	circulation of the BID and DSR from registered I&APs and organs of state which have jurisdiction in respect of the proposed activity are adequately addressed in the Final SR and within this C&RR. Proof of correspondence with the various stakeholders is attached as Appendix A&B to this C&RR as well as Appendix C1 of the FSR. Proof of all attempts made to acquire comments are attached within Appendix C1 of the FSR as well as Appendix A of this C&RR. 6. This C&R report will be submitted with the FSR and will continue to be updated throughout the EIR phase. 7. Proof is attached as Appendix C1,C2 and C3 of the FSR. 8. All terms of reference have been updated and included in the executive summary as well as Section 11.3 of the FSR. All specialist studies to be undertaken <u>during the EIR</u> phase will include points 8-10

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		13. Identified cumulative impacts associated with the proposed development must be rated with the significance rating methodology used in the process. 14. The significance rating must also inform the need and desirability of the proposed development. 15. A cumulative impact environmental statement on whether the proposed development must proceed. 16. It is further brought to your attention that Procedures for the Assessment and Minimum Criteria for Reporting on identified Environmental Themes in terms of Sections 24(5)(a) and (h) and 44 of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998, when applying for Environmental Authorisation, which were promulgated in Government Notice No. 320 of 20 March 2020 (i.e. “the Protocols”), and in Government Notice No. 1150 of 30 October 2020 (i.e. protocols for terrestrial plant and animal species), have come into effect. Please ensure that specialist assessments are conducted in accordance with these protocols, except where the applicant provides proof to the competent authority that the specialist assessment affected by these protocols had been commissioned before the date on which the protocols came into effect, in which case Appendix 6 of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014, as amended, will apply to such applications. 17. Please note that the protocols require certain specialist’s to be SACNASP registered. As such, the Specialist Declaration of Interest forms must also indicate the scientific organization registration/member number and status of registration/membership for each specialist. 18. Please take note that for the themes that have been identified as medium and low, after having conducted the site verification the protocols requires that compliance statements be submitted together with the EIR. please ensure that	under sub-heading specialist assessments. 9. All limitations have been included in the terms of reference. 10. If there are contradicting recommendations, then the EAP will indicate the most reasonable. 11. The cumulative impacts are assessed under Section 12 of the FSR. The rating will be quantified in <u>the EIR phase</u> once the specialist studies have been undertaken and mitigation measures provided. 12. A process flow will be further developed in the EIR. 13. Identified cumulative impacts associated with the proposed development will be rated with the significance rating methodology as defined in Section 12 of the FSR. 14. Once <u>assessed in the EIR</u>, the significance rating will inform the need and desirability of the proposed development.

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		these specialists must be identified as specialist to be conducted who compliance statements are to be included in the EIAR. Cumulative Impacts Should there be any other similar projects within a 30km radius of the proposed development site, the cumulative impact assessment for all identified and assessed impacts must be refined to indicate the following: 19. Identified cumulative impacts must be clearly defined, and where possible the size of the identified impact must be quantified and indicated, i.e. hectares of cumulatively transformed land. 20. Detailed process flow and proof must be provided, to indicate how the specialist's recommendations, mitigation measures and conclusions from the various similar developments in the area were taken into consideration in the assessment of cumulative impacts and when the conclusion and mitigation measures were drafted for this project. 21. The cumulative impacts significance rating must also inform the need and desirability of the proposed development. 22. A cumulative impact environmental statement on whether the proposed development must proceed. General 23. You are further reminded to comply with Regulation 21(1) of the NEMA EIA Regulations 2014, as amended, which states that: <i>"If S&EIR must be applied to an application, the applicant must, within 44 days of receipt of the application by the competent authority, submit to the competent authority a scoping report which has been subjected to a public participation process of at least 30 days and which reflects the incorporation of comments received, including any comments of the competent authority".</i> 24. You are further reminded that the final SR to be submitted to this Department must comply with all the requirements in terms of the scope of assessment and content of Scoping reports in accordance with Appendix 2 and Regulation 21(1) of the EIA Regulations 2014, as amended.	15. An impact statement based on the cumulative impacts will be included in the DEIR/FEIR. 16. All specialist assessments will be conducted in accordance with the Minimum Criteria for Reporting on identified Environmental Themes in terms of Sections 24(5)(a) and (h) and 44 of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998, which were promulgated in Government Notice No. 320 of 20 March 2020 and in Government Notice No. 1150 of 30 October 2020. 17. The Specialist Declaration of Interest forms will indicate the scientific organization registration/member number and status of registration/membership for each specialist. 18. All compliance statements from the identified specialists will be <u>included in the EIR</u>. 19. There are similar projects within a 30km radius of the proposed development site. The cumulative impact

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		25. Further note that in terms of Regulation 45 of the EIA Regulations 2014, as amended, this application will lapse if the applicant fails to meet any of the timeframes prescribed in terms of these Regulations, unless an extension has been granted in terms of Regulation 3(7).	assessment for all identified and assessed impacts will be refined according to <u>points 19-22 in the EIA phase.</u> 23. The S&EIR process will continue to comply with Regulation 21(1) of the NEMA EIA Regulations 2014, as amended. 24. The FSR to be submitted will comply with all the requirements in terms of the scope of assessment and content of Scoping reports in accordance with Appendix 2 and Regulation 21(1) of the EIA Regulations 2014, as amended.
Reference is made to The Public Open Day held on 25 March 2025			
Bonamanzi Game Reserve	25 March 2025, via comment sheet	Bonamanzi had raised concerns regarding their access to the R22 from the portion of the reserve adjacent to the proposed construction.	On 15 May 2025, Bonamanzi Reserve Managers joined the projects resident engineer and Terratest on a site visit to the section of the R22 in question. After discussions were held, Bonamanzi were satisfied that their access to the game reserve would not be affected and therefore concluded that they do not have any objections to the proposed project.

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Reference is made to The Meeting held on 12 August 2025 with Zapwing and Rhino Projects			
Zapwing and Rhino Projects	12 August 2025, via conversation and email.	Zapwing and Rhino Projects raised concerns regarding the street lights height, location and lighting technology along the proposed development 130m either side of the centre line of the airstrip. It was highlighted that pilots sometimes fly with night vision goggles and the street lights along the flight path could pose a hazard to the pilots' vision. Clarity was also required with regards to: 1. The proposed cords for the light poles that would fall into the area of concern 2. The center point of where the on-ramp close to KIOSK R22-1-K001 joins the bridge approach. 3. The point where the bridge approach starts to climb	A meeting between the project engineers, EAP, aviation specialist, and the stakeholder took place on the 26 August 2025. The objective of the meeting was for the stakeholder to present their concerns around the street lights to the specialist and engineers, for the specialist to take everyone through their assessment methodology and to discuss a way forward. All concerns between all parties were raised and discussed. The stakeholder signed the no objections letter on the basis that the street lights height, location and technology would be appropriately re-designed to meet their needs. A separate application process to the SACAA is coordinated in parallel to the EIA application process. This will address the stakeholders request for the re-design of the street lights.

3. CONCLUSION

This report covers the comments and responses received during the initial Notification Phase and Draft Environmental Scoping Phase for The Proposed Construction of A Dedicated Road-Over-Rail Bridge And Approach Alignment At The Mbazwana/Sodwana Intersection Of National Route R22, Hluhluwe, Big 5 Hlabisa Municipality, Kwazulu-Natal.

The responses provided have, where necessary, referred the reader to appendices of the Scoping Report. All comments received from Government Departments, relevant Authorities and I&APs were included in this Report. This report has therefore presented all comments received to date.

APPENDIX A: COMMENTS RECEIVED SEPTEMBER-NOVEMBER 2024

Tyneal Chetty

From: Kashnee Doorasamy
Sent: 08 October 2024 19:12
To: Tyneal Chetty(Terratest); Terratest Public Participation
Subject: 13947 PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF A DEDICATED ROAD-OVER-RAIL BRIDGE AND APPROACH ALIGNMENT AT THE MBAZWANA/SODWANA INTERSECTION OF THE R22, HLUHLUWE TOWN, BIG 5 HLABISA MUNICIPALITY
Attachments: SANRALR22RoadOverRail.pdf

Dear Ms Chetty,

Please find the attached letter for the above-mentioned application.

Please confirm receipt of this email.

Should you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact our offices.

Kind regards,

Kashnee Doorasamy
EZEMVELO KZN WILDLIFE
IEM Administrative Officer | Conservation and Planning

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ATTENTION: TYNEAL CHETTY

PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF A DEDICATED ROAD-OVER-RAIL BRIDGE AND APPROACH ALIGNMENT AT THE MBAZWANA/SODWANA INTERSECTION OF THE R22, HLUHLUWE TOWN, BIG 5 HLABISA MUNICIPALITY
District Municipality: uMkhanyakhude

Dear Ms T Chetty

Thank you for forwarding the Background Information Document, dated September 2024, for the abovementioned application to Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife (Ezemvelo) for review and comment.

Ezemvelo will not be providing comment on this application, but trust that all significant biodiversity related concerns have been clearly identified and made known in this assessment together with appropriate measures (viz. avoid, mitigate and thereafter ameliorate) to safeguard the ecological integrity of the developable area.

Please be advised that the potential impacts upon biodiversity will be evaluated by the Competent Authority who may, upon identification of a potential biodiversity concern, refer the biodiversity concern to this organisation for evaluation and advice regarding the specific concern, prior to making a decision. In such case, the environmental principles prescribed in the National Environmental Management Act 107 of 1998, the objectives of the National Environmental Management Biodiversity Act 10 of 2004 and best practice will be applied.

Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife wishes you well with your assessment.

Yours sincerely

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Scientific Manager: Conservation Planning

For CEO: EZEMVELO KZN WILDLIFE

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Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife FS Response	Ref No.: No Ref No. Provided Our Ref. No.: 13947	PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF A DEDICATED ROAD-OVER-RAIL BRIDGE AND APPROACH ALIGNMENT AT THE MBAZWANA/SODWANA INTERSECTION OF THE R22, HLUHLUWE TOWN, BIG 5 HLABISA MUNICIPALITY	Page 1 of 1
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Tyneal Chetty

From: Tyneal Chetty
Sent: 03 October 2024 08:41
To: Rakesh Soorajpal (RS)
Cc: ER GIS Support; Loven Naidoo (L); Suvritha Ramphal; Tyneal Chetty(Terratest)
Subject: RE: [C] Openserve/Telkom - Our GIS section to update : The Proposed Road-Over-Rail Bridge And Approach Alignment, Mbazwana/Sodwana Intersection of R22, Hluhluwe, Big 5 Hlabisa Municipality, Kwazulu-Natal Province.
Attachments: H347691-ROAD DESIGN LAYOUT-REV1 12-09-2024.dwg

Good morning Rakesh,

Trust you are well.

Please find attached the dwg file as requested.

Kind regards,

From: Tyneal Chetty(Terratest)
Sent: 02 October 2024 15:21
To: <[REDACTED]>
Cc: <[REDACTED]>; Suvritha Ramphal <[REDACTED]>
Subject: RE: [C] Openserve/Telkom - Our GIS section to update : The Proposed Road-Over-Rail Bridge And Approach Alignment, Mbazwana/Sodwana Intersection of R22, Hluhluwe, Big 5 Hlabisa Municipality, Kwazulu-Natal Province.

Hi Rakesh,

I have requested the files from the Resident Engineer and still awaiting them.

I will provide them as soon as I receive them.

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Sent: 02 October 2024 11:13
To: Tyneal Chetty(Terratest) <ChettyT@terratest.co.za>
Cc: <[REDACTED]>; Suvritha Ramphal <[REDACTED]>
Subject: RE: [C] Openserve/Telkom - Our GIS section to update : The Proposed Road-Over-Rail Bridge And Approach Alignment, Mbazwana/Sodwana Intersection of R22, Hluhluwe, Big 5 Hlabisa Municipality, Kwazulu-Natal Province.

Hi Tyneal,

Is there feedback regarding the area attached please.

Thank You
Rakesh

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Cc: IT Support <ITSupport@terratest.co.za>; Govon Mando (G) <Govon.Mando@terratest.co.za>; Suvritha Ramphal <Suvritha.Ramphal@terratest.co.za>

Subject: RE: [C] Openserve/Telkom - Our GIS section to update : The Proposed Road-Over-Rail Bridge And Approach Alignment, Mbazwana/Sodwana Intersection of R22, Hluhluwe, Big 5 Hlabisa Municipality, Kwazulu-Natal Province.

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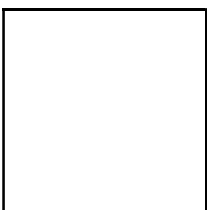
Good morning Rakesh,

I will request a dwg/dxl drawing from the engineers for the entire route.

For now, I have attached the kml/z files for the entire route as well as the Eastern Phase which is currently undergoing Environmental Authorisation.

Kind regards,
Tyneal

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Cc: IT Support <ITSupport@terratest.co.za>; Govon Mando (G) <Govon.Mando@terratest.co.za>; Suvritha Ramphal <Suvritha.Ramphal@terratest.co.za>

Subject: [C] Openserve/Telkom - Our GIS section to update : The Proposed Road-Over-Rail Bridge And Approach Alignment, Mbazwana/Sodwana Intersection of R22, Hluhluwe, Big 5 Hlabisa Municipality, Kwazulu-Natal Province.

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Regards

Rakesh

Access Planning(Pmburg)



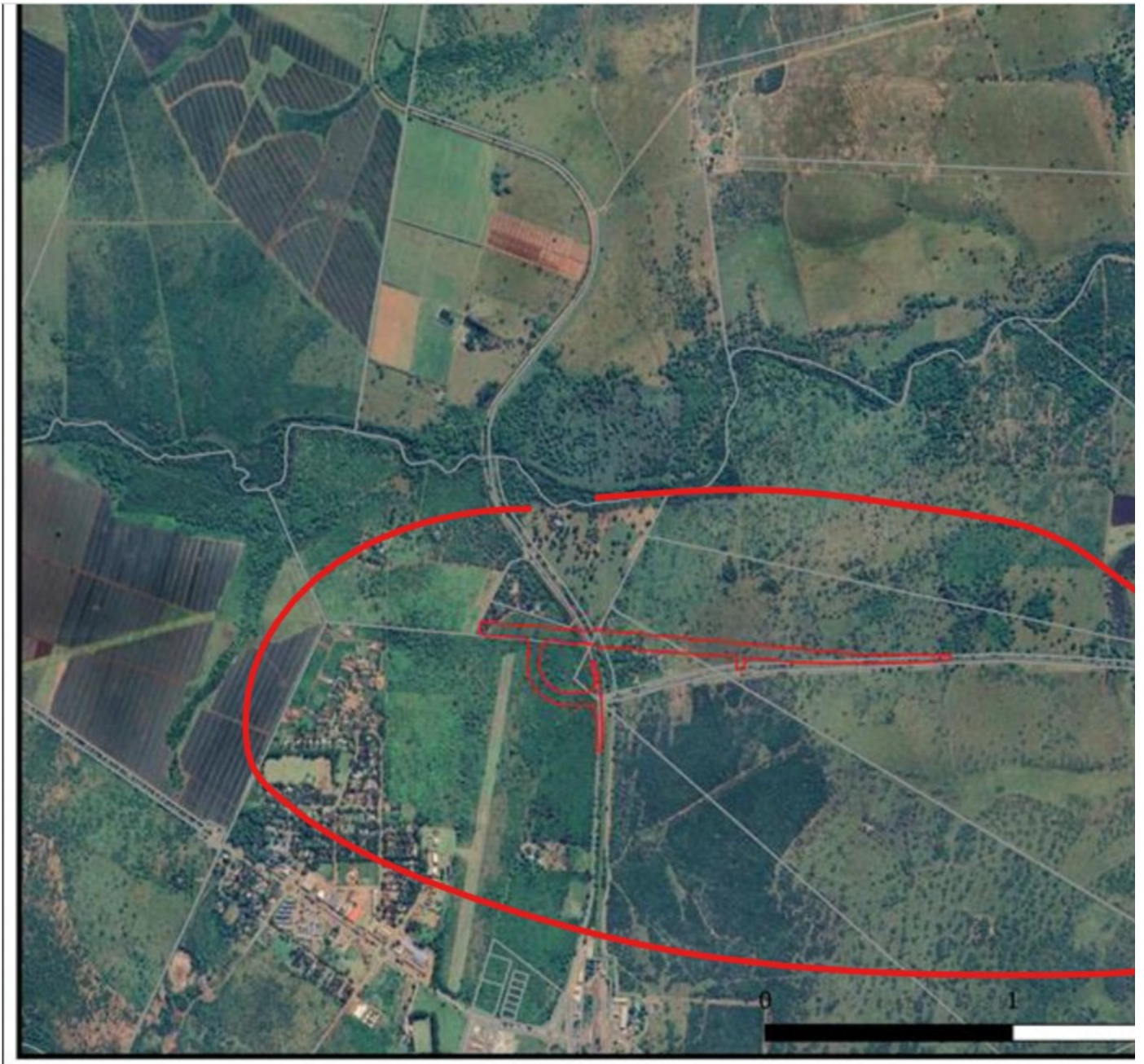


Figure 1: Locality map and layout for the proposed development



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Sent: Wednesday, September 25, 2024 8:21 AM

Subject: Notice of Application For Environmental Authorisation: The Proposed Road-Over-Rail Bridge And Approach Alignment, Mbazwana/Sodwana Intersection of R22, Hluhluwe, Big 5 Hlabisa Municipality, Kwazulu-Natal Province.

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Dear Interested and Affected Party,

Terratest (Pty) Ltd., has been appointed as the Environmental Assessment Practitioner for **The Proposed Road-Over-Rail Bridge And Approach Alignment, Mbazwana/Sodwana Intersection of R22, Hluhluwe, Big 5 Hlabisa**

Municipality, Kwazulu-Natal Province; to be carried out by the South African National Roads Agency SOC Ltd (SANRAL).

The attached Notification Sheet provides further details on the project as well as the background to the Scoping & EIA process required for the project.

We would like to afford you and/or your organisation with an opportunity to provide comments on the project during the current initial notification phase. The comments will be included in the Draft Scoping Report, which will be made available to the public for review and comment. Kindly revert back to us by no later than Wednesday, the 16th of October 2024. In the absence of your comments, we will assume that you and/or your organisation has no comments under the current initial notification phase.

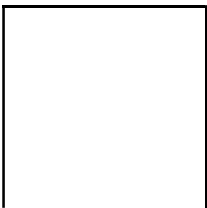
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From: Tyneal Chetty
Sent: 21 November 2024 11:08
To: Rakesh Soorajpal (RS)
Cc: Suvritha Ramphal; Tyneal Chetty(Terratest)
Subject: RE: [C] Openserve/Telkom - Our GIS section to update : The Proposed Road-Over-Rail Bridge And Approach Alignment, Mbazwana/Sodwana Intersection of R22, Hluhluwe, Big 5 Hlabisa Municipality, Kwazulu-Natal Province.

Good morning Rakesh,

As per our telecom, the entire project area has been acquired by SANRAL through land acquisition. The project itself is undertaken by SANRAL and not DoT.

For more technical information, the Resident Engineer Mr Coenraad Geldenhuis is your point of contact: coenraad.geldenhuis@hatch.com

For the details to be contained in the Wayleave, the SANRAL Environmental Coordinator Mrs Ntsebo Mkhize is your point of contact: MkhizeN@nra.co.za

Mr Dudley Mbambo is the SANRAL Representatives name that should appear on the wayleave, but Mrs Mkhize will confirm once you reach out.

You can keep Ms Ramphal and I cc'd in all correspondence for our information purposes.

From: Tyneal Chetty
Sent: 03 October 2024 08:41
To: [REDACTED] >
Cc: [REDACTED]; Suvritha Ramphal <RamphalS@jgafrika.com>; Tyneal Chetty(Terratest) <ChettyT@terratest.co.za>
Subject: RE: [C] Openserve/Telkom - Our GIS section to update : The Proposed Road-Over-Rail Bridge And Approach Alignment, Mbazwana/Sodwana Intersection of R22, Hluhluwe, Big 5 Hlabisa Municipality, Kwazulu-Natal Province.

Good morning Rakesh,

Trust you are well.

Please find attached the dwg file as requested.

Kind regards,

From: Tyneal Chetty(Terratest)
Sent: 02 October 2024 15:21
To: [REDACTED] >
Cc: [REDACTED]; Suvritha Ramphal <RamphalS@jgafrika.com>
Subject: RE: [C] Openserve/Telkom - Our GIS section to update : The Proposed Road-Over-Rail Bridge And Approach Alignment, Mbazwana/Sodwana Intersection of R22, Hluhluwe, Big 5 Hlabisa Municipality, Kwazulu-Natal Province.

Hi Rakesh,

I have requested the files from the Resident Engineer and still awaiting them.

I will provide them as soon as I receive them.

From: Rakesh Suvritha (R-S) <[REDACTED]>

Sent: 02 October 2024 11:13

To: Tyneal Chetty(Terratest) <ChettyT@terratest.co.za>

Cc: [REDACTED]; Suvritha Ramphal <RamphalS@jgafrika.com>

Subject: RE: [C] Openserve/Telkom - Our GIS section to update : The Proposed Road-Over-Rail Bridge And Approach Alignment, Mbazwana/Sodwana Intersection of R22, Hluhluwe, Big 5 Hlabisa Municipality, Kwazulu-Natal Province.

Hi Tyneal,

Is there feedback regarding the area attached please.

Thank You

Rakesh

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From: Tyneal Chetty(Terratest) <ChettyT@terratest.co.za>

Sent: Friday, September 27, 2024 8:05 AM

To: Rakesh Suvritha (R-S) <[REDACTED]>

Cc: [REDACTED]; Suvritha Ramphal <RamphalS@jgafrika.com>

Subject: RE: [C] Openserve/Telkom - Our GIS section to update : The Proposed Road-Over-Rail Bridge And Approach Alignment, Mbazwana/Sodwana Intersection of R22, Hluhluwe, Big 5 Hlabisa Municipality, Kwazulu-Natal Province.

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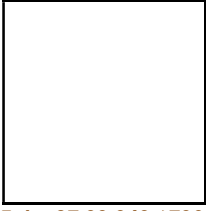
I will request a dwg/dxl drawing from the engineers for the entire route.

For now, I have attached the kml/z files for the entire route as well as the Eastern Phase which is currently undergoing Environmental Authorisation.

Kind regards,

Tyneal

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From: Rakesh Sengupta (RSC) <Rakesh.Sengupta@telkom.co.za>

Sent: 26 September 2024 15:33

To: Tyneal Chetty(Terratest) <ChettyT@terratest.co.za>

Cc: ~~ES GIS Support <ESGIS@terratest.co.za>, Rakesh Sengupta (RSC) <Rakesh.Sengupta@telkom.co.za>~~

Subject: [C] Openserve/Telkom - Our GIS section to update : The Proposed Road-Over-Rail Bridge And Approach Alignment, Mbazwana/Sodwana Intersection of R22, Hluhluwe, Big 5 Hlabisa Municipality, Kwazulu-Natal Province.

Hi Tyneal,

Could you provide a dwg or dxf file for the proposed new road design for our **GIS section** to update the cad etc on our side please. This will enable us to check how much of our plant is affected by the proposed new design/roadworks.

The pink lines on the second attachment illustrates/shown is our existing fibre optic route.

Regards

Rakesh

Access Planning(Pmburg)

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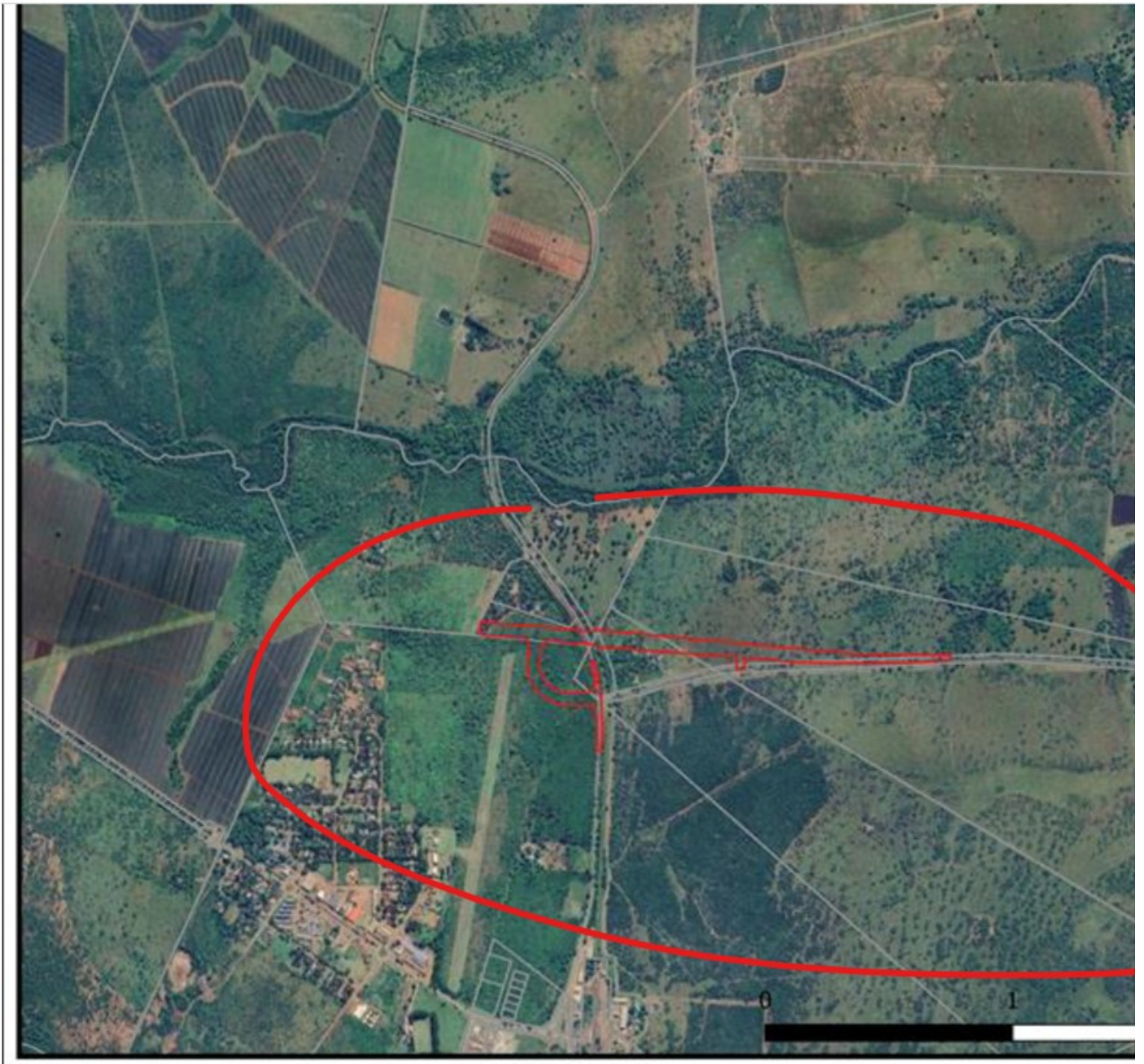


Figure 1: Locality map and layout for the proposed development



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Sent: Wednesday, September 25, 2024 8:21 AM

Subject: Notice of Application For Environmental Authorisation: The Proposed Road-Over-Rail Bridge And Approach Alignment, Mbazwana/Sodwana Intersection of R22, Hluhluwe, Big 5 Hlabisa Municipality, Kwazulu-Natal Province.

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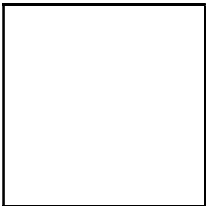
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APPENDIX 1: IAP REGISTRATION FORM

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COMPLETE AND RETURN TO:		Tyneal Chelley Terratest (Pty) Ltd PO Box 794, Hilton, 3245 Fax: (033) 343 6788 Email: publicparticipation@terratest.co.za	
NAME OF IAP:	BONAMANZI GAME RESERVE		
CONTACT NUMBER:	[REDACTED]		
FAX NUMBER:	/		
EMAIL ADDRESS:	reserve@bonamanzi.co.za		
POSTAL ADDRESS:	PO BOX 48, HLUHLUWE 3960		
Reason for interest in the proposed project:			
proposed project close to our R22 fenceline, concerned about possibility of damages and poaching			
OTHER IAP'S THAT SHOULD BE CONTACTED WITH REGARDS TO THIS PROJECT:			
Name:	Vonessa	Name:	CARL
Contact Number:	[REDACTED]	Contact Number:	[REDACTED]
Email Address:	[REDACTED]	Email Address:	[REDACTED]

APPENDIX B: COMMENTS RECEIVED JANUARY-FEBRUARY 2025



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Tel: 033 260 8045

Enquiries: Siyabonga.njeke@kzncogta.gov.za

Our Ref: DC27/0001/2024

**Terratest (Pty) Ltd
6 Pin Oak Avenue
Hilton
Pietermaritzburg
3201**

Attention:

Dear Sir/Madam

Notice of Application for Environmental Authorisation: The Proposed Road-Over-Rail Bridge And Approach Alignment, Mbazwana/Sodwana Intersection of R22, Hluhluwe, Big 5 Hlabisa Municipality, Kwazulu-Natal Province.

Your letter 26 September 2024, received by the Department, in respect of the above refers.

1. Application

The Department acknowledges receipt of the notice for an application for environmental authorisation for the proposed construction of a dedicated road-over-rail bridge and approach alignment at the Mbazwana/Sodwana intersection of the R22, Hluhluwe town, Big 5 Hlabisa municipality, Kwazulu-Natal province.

2. Proposed development

Based on the information provided the department notes that the applicant intends on applying for environmental authorisation for the purposes of having the proposed Road-Over-Rail Bridge and Approach Alignment, Mbazwana/Sodwana Intersection of R22, Hluhluwe town, within the municipal jurisdiction of Big Five Hlabisa Local municipality.

3. Spatial planning directorate comment

It is noted that the applicant has issued a notice for the intention to apply for environmental authorisation for the proposed construction of a dedicated road-over-rail bridge and approach alignment at the Mbazwana/Sodwana Intersection of R22. The construction of this bridge is intended to direct vehicular traffic over the existing railway line via a purpose-built bridge, from the R22 to provide significant safety benefits to both regional rail and local traffic. Whilst noting the aforementioned, it is important to remember that the department's future comments are intended to be informative and collaborative. They should not be seen as



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a replacement for the required approvals or plan alignment with applicable legislation by the municipality or other government bodies.

Please feel free to contact our Professional Town & Regional Planner, Mr. Siyabonga Njeke on 031 204 1726 should you require further details.

Yours Faithfully

Dr. HB Krishnan
Acting Head of Department

02/04/2025

Date: _____

Tyneal Chetty

From: Tyneal Chetty(Terratest)
Sent: 28 January 2025 14:36
To: Philani
Cc: Terratest Public Participation; Sandisiwe Matole; Khanyi Zondi
Subject: RE: Notice of Availability: Draft Scoping Report For The Proposed Road-Over-Rail Bridge And Approach Alignment, Mbazwana/Sodwana Intersection of R22, Hluhluwe, Big 5 Hlabisa Municipality, Kwazulu-Natal Province.

Good afternoon Philani,

Thank you for your below correspondence.

Please note that an application was sent to KZNARI with CaseID:9405.

An HIA was undertaken and also submitted to the above-mentioned case profile, for which the study is still valid.

KZNARI has already provided us with comments and outcome of the application. As part of the Public Participation process, we will continue to keep you and those in cc as part of our email distribution.

Should you wish to review comments received/view proof of submission please do not hesitate to reach out.

Kind regards,
Tyneal

From: P [REDACTED]
Sent: 28 [REDACTED]
To: Tyneal [REDACTED]
Cc: Terratest Public Participation; Sandisiwe Matole; Khanyi Zondi
<sandisiwe.matole@amafainstitute.org.za>
Subject: RE: Notice of Availability: Draft Scoping Report For The Proposed Road-Over-Rail Bridge And Approach Alignment, Mbazwana/Sodwana Intersection of R22, Hluhluwe, Big 5 Hlabisa Municipality, Kwazulu-Natal Province.

Afternoon Tyneal

I would like to acknowledge your email and as per my previous correspondence, the Institute as the provincial Heritage Authority are assigned to provide you feedback through the application process. The Enquiry which you have sent to myself through email as written below triggers two acts s38 (No. 25 of 1999: National Heritage Resources Act, 1999) and s41 (KwaZulu-Natal Heritage, Act, 2008), which enables us to process matters accordingly. As per my previous correspondence kindly receive the message below.

Please be aware of the following:

Comment from the KZN Provincial Heritage Resources Authority (the KZN Amafa and Research Institute) can only be obtained through a submission via Sahrís.

You need to upload a completed Form J, obtainable from the website www.amafainstitute.org.za (look under "Resources" for "Forms". Application fees are R800.00 but may be increased within the next few months.

Please note that the KZN PHRA is fully accredited by SAHRA to handle s38 applications on its own and you do not have to send the application to SAHRA. You must refer to the PHRA by the correct name and the legislation that must be quoted is the KZN Amafa and Research Institute Act, no 5 of 2018. The applicable section is s41. Look under Legislation on the website for further information and a copy of the legislation.

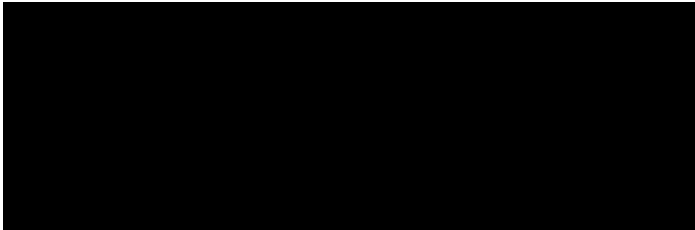
You may load the scoping report to the case as soon as you are able to create it and the HIA & PIA reports can be added as soon as they are available. Remember to change the status on the case from DRAFT to SUBMITTED once all the required documentation has been uploaded (see guidelines on the form).

Please do not send documents to the heritage officers or the legal officer directly. They will not be considered if they are not on the Sahr's system.

Also we have a new fee schedule on our website go to news >> press release>> then Fee Schedule for April.

Kind Regards,

Philani Ndabezitha
Heritage Officer



OUR VISION: To be a leading heritage agent for a socially cohesive society.

From: Tyneal Chetty(Terratest) <ChettyT@terratest.co.za>

Sent: Tuesday, 28 January 2025 09:41

Cc: Terratest Public Participation <publicparticipation@terratest.co.za>

Subject: RE: Notice of Availability: Draft Scoping Report For The Proposed Road-Over-Rail Bridge And Approach Alignment, Mbazwana/Sodwana Intersection of R22, Hluhluwe, Big 5 Hlabisa Municipality, Kwazulu-Natal Province.

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Sent: 13 February 2025 15:30
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Subject: RE: Notice of Availability: Draft Scoping Report For The Proposed Road-Over-Rail Bridge And Approach Alignment, Mbazwana/Sodwana Intersection of R22, Hluhluwe, Big 5 Hlabisa Municipality, Kwazulu-Natal Province.

Good afternoon

If you want our office to comment please send the application document

Regards

T.V NXUMALO (DATA-CAPTURE)
LAND USE REGULATORY UNIT
[REDACTED]

From: Tyneal Chetty(Terratest) <ChettyT@terratest.co.za>
Sent: Thursday, 13 February 2025 3:10 PM
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Kind regards,
Tyneal

From: Tyneal Chetty(Terratest)
Sent: 28 January 2025 09:41
Cc: Terratest Public Participation <publicparticipation@terratest.co.za>
Subject: RE: Notice of Availability: Draft Scoping Report For The Proposed Road-Over-Rail Bridge And Approach Alignment, Mbazwana/Sodwana Intersection of R22, Hluhluwe, Big 5 Hlabisa Municipality, Kwazulu-Natal Province.

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N.B If you have already provided comments, kindly ignore this email.

Kind regards,
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From: Tyneal Chetty(Terratest)
Sent: 17 January 2025 12:01
Cc: Terratest Public Participation <publicparticipation@terratest.co.za>
Subject: Notice of Availability: Draft Scoping Report For The Proposed Road-Over-Rail Bridge And Approach Alignment, Mbazwana/Sodwana Intersection of R22, Hluhluwe, Big 5 Hlabisa Municipality, Kwazulu-Natal Province.

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Kind regards,
Tyneal

From: Tyneal Chetty(Terratest)

Sent: 25 September 2024 08:21

Subject: Notice of Application For Environmental Authorisation: The Proposed Road-Over-Rail Bridge And Approach Alignment, Mbazwana/Sodwana Intersection of R22, Hluhluwe, Big 5 Hlabisa Municipality, Kwazulu-Natal Province.

Dear Interested and Affected Party,

Terratest (Pty) Ltd., has been appointed as the Environmental Assessment Practitioner for **The Proposed Road-Over-Rail Bridge And Approach Alignment, Mbazwana/Sodwana Intersection of R22, Hluhluwe, Big 5 Hlabisa Municipality, Kwazulu-Natal Province**; to be carried out by the South African National Roads Agency SOC Ltd (SANRAL).

The attached Notification Sheet provides further details on the project as well as the background to the Scoping & EIA process required for the project.

We would like to afford you and/or your organisation with an opportunity to provide comments on the project during the current initial notification phase. The comments will be included in the Draft Scoping Report, which will be made available to the public for review and comment. Kindly revert back to us by no later than Wednesday, the 16th of October 2024. In the absence of your comments, we will assume that you and/or your organisation has no comments under the current initial notification phase.

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We are available to provide you with any further information on the project to allow for your full participation.

Kindly forward this mail and attachments to any other interested and affected parties.

Kind regards,

Tyneal Chetty
Junior Environmental Scientist



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Tyneal Chetty

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 28 January 2025 09:43
To: Tyneal Chetty(Terratest)
Subject: Automatic reply: Notice of Availability: Draft Scoping Report For The Proposed Road-Over-Rail Bridge And Approach Alignment, Mbazwana/Sodwana Intersection of R22, Hluhluwe, Big 5 Hlabisa Municipality, Kwazulu-Natal Province.

Dear Sir/ Madama

Kindly note that, i am curently on leave and during this period i will have limited access to my email. For any urgent matters, please contact Ms Portia Makitla at PMakitla@dff.gov.za and Ms. Mmatlala Rabothata at MRabothata@dff.gov.za

Kind Regards
Seoka Lekota

Miss Tyneal Chetty
Junior Environmental Scientist
Terratest Pty Ltd
PO Box 794
HILTON
3245

Date:
23rd January 2025

Enquiries: Samantha Naicker

Your Ref :
Our Ref : ER_INV_34/2025

Dear Miss Chetty

ESKOM DISTRIBUTION COMMENTS:
APPLICATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION: THE PROPOSED ROAD-OVER-RAILBRIDGE AND APPROACH ALIGNMENT, MBAZWANA/SODWANA INTERSECTION OF R22, HLUHLUWE, BIG 5 HLABISA MUNICIPALITY, KWAZULU-NATAL PROVINCE.

With reference to your application dated 20th January 2025, we confirm that an investigation has been carried out with regard to the supply of electricity, as well as any encroachment into Eskom's Servitudes, in respect to the application as set out above.

Hluhluwe NB12, 22-kV Overhead Lines are the only Eskom Distribution assets showing to exist on our GIS system which traverses the application areas shown the KMZ application files "Hluhluwe Road over Rail and approach alignment Polygon". Refer to the attached Eskom diagram ER_INV_34/2025.

The following Eskom Distribution building regulations shall apply:

Building Restrictions for 22-kV Overhead Power Lines

No building or structures may be erected or installed above or below the surface of the ground, neither may any material which might endanger the safety of this power line be placed within 12 (twelve) metres from the centre line of this power line/pole, on either side (overall servitude width 24 metres).

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The applicant will adhere to all relevant environmental legislation. Any cost incurred by Eskom as a result of non-compliance will be charged to the applicant. Dimensions and specifics will be in accordance to ESKOM standards so as to not obstruct Eskom's existing infrastructure in any way.

Eskom shall not be liable for the death of or injury to any person or for the loss of or damage to any property whether as a result of the encroachment or of the use of the servitude area by the applicant, his/her agent, contractors, employees, successors in title, and assigns.

The applicant indemnifies Eskom against loss, claims or damages including claims pertaining to consequential damages by third parties and whether as a result of damage to or interruption of or interference with Eskom's services or apparatus or otherwise. Eskom will not be held responsible for damage to the applicant's equipment. The applicant's attention is drawn to the Electricity Act, 1987, (Act 41 of 1987, as amended in 1994), Section 27(3), which stipulates that the applicant can be fined and/or imprisoned as a result of damage to Eskom's apparatus.

No mechanical equipment, including mechanical excavators or high lifting machinery, shall be used in the vicinity of Eskom's apparatus and/or services, without prior written permission having been granted by Eskom. If such permission is granted the applicant must give at least seven working days prior notice of the commencement of work. This allows time for arrangements to be made for supervision and/or precautionary instructions to be issued.

The clearances between Eskom's live electrical equipment and the proposed construction work shall be observed as stipulated by Regulation 15 of the Electrical Machinery Regulations of the Occupational Health and Safety Act 85 of 1993. Equipment shall be regarded electrically live and therefore dangerous at all times.

Any third party servitudes encroaching on Eskom land shall be registered against Eskom's Notaries deed at the applicant's own cost. If such a servitude is brought into being, its existence should be endorsed on the Eskom servitude deed concerned, while the third party's servitude deed must also include the rights of the affected Eskom servitude.

A developer taking a new supply from Eskom, an increase of supply or line deviation is required to make an application to Eskom via the Eskom toll free number 0860037566. This application will be processed in terms of Eskom's standard customer connection tariffs, conditions and policies at the developers cost.

Customers requiring Substation or Powerlines to be installed for their purpose/supply their development must grant all servitudes (a piece of ground on the property to be developed) to Eskom at no cost.

Please note that this letter serves to inform you about the building restrictions imposed by Eskom Distribution and should not be construed as an approval.

Prior to any construction activity, the applicant is required to furnish Eskom with the Surveyed Cross-Sectional Plans (KMZ, DXF or DGN files only). The new Horizontal and Vertical alignments of the Road/s must be indicated on the plans.

Yours sincerely

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Lands and Rights Manager

Tyneal Chetty

From: Tyneal Chetty
Sent: 23 January 2025 14:00
To: Samantha Naicker
Cc: Siyabonga Nsele
Subject: RE: The Proposed Road-Over-Rail Bridge and Approach Alignment, Mbazwana/Sodwana Intersection of R22, Hluhluwe, Big 5 Hlabisa Municipality, Kwazulu-Natal Province.

Good day,

Received with thanks.

Kind regards,
Tyneal

From: Samantha Naicker <NaickeSa@eskom.co.za>
Sent: 23 January 2025 13:51
To: Tyneal Chetty <ChettyT@jgafrika.com>
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: RE: The Proposed Road-Over-Rail Bridge and Approach Alignment, Mbazwana/Sodwana Intersection of R22, Hluhluwe, Big 5 Hlabisa Municipality, Kwazulu-Natal Province.

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Please receive the attached comments.

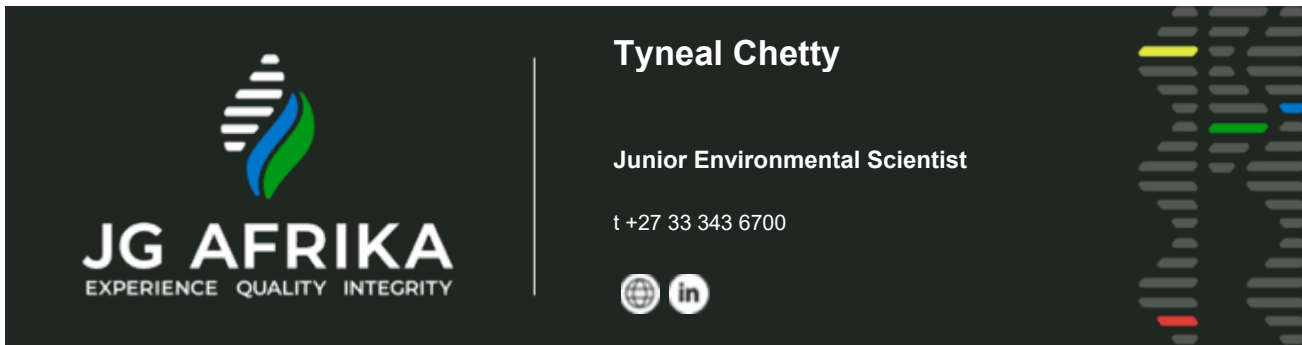
Regards,
Samantha Naicker
Land & Rights Officer (ST 1569)
Asset Creation : Land Development
KZN Operating Unit
[REDACTED]

From: Tyneal Chetty <ChettyT@jgafrika.com>
Sent: Wednesday, 22 January 2025 16:30
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: [CAUTION:EXTERNAL EMAIL] RE: RE: The Proposed Road-Over-Rail Bridge and Approach Alignment, Mbazwana/Sodwana Intersection of R22, Hluhluwe, Big 5 Hlabisa Municipality, Kwazulu-Natal Province.

Good day,

If you do not require the draft scoping report, please find attached just the cover letter and project kmz.

Kind regards,
Tyneal



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From: Tyneal Chetty

Sent: 22 January 2025 16:26

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: The Proposed Road-Over-Rail Bridge and Approach Alignment, Mbazwana/Sodwana Intersection of R22, Hluhluwe, Big 5 Hlabisa Municipality, Kwazulu-Natal Province.

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Good day,

Kindly find attached the files as requested.

Kind regards,

Tyneal

From: Samantha Naicker <NaickeSa@eskom.co.za>

Sent: 22 January 2025 16:14

To: Tyneal Chetty(Terratest) <ChettyT@terratest.co.za>

Subject: RE: The Proposed Road-Over-Rail Bridge and Approach Alignment, Mbazwana/Sodwana Intersection of R22, Hluhluwe, Big 5 Hlabisa Municipality, Kwazulu-Natal Province.

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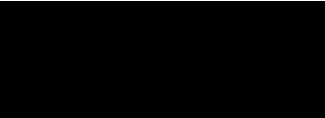
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Kindly review the attached application requirements, for Eskom to investigate & comment please furnish this department with the projected layout plan/s in one of the stipulated file formats (KML/KMZ, DGN or DXF).

Note , we are unable to overlay PDF files on our system , therefore, we request that files be submitted in one the above formats.

“MISSING OR EXCLUSION OF ANY INFORMATION OR DATA REQUIRED BY ESKOM WILL DELAY ESKOM’S RESPONSE.”

Regards,
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From: Tyneal Chetty(Terratest) <ChettyT@terratest.co.za>
Sent: Monday, 20 January 2025 14:06
To: KZNOU-L&R <KZNOU-LandR@eskom.co.za>
Cc: Brian Akkiah <AkkiahB@eskom.co.za>
Subject: [CAUTION:EXTERNAL EMAIL] The Proposed Road-Over-Rail Bridge and Approach Alignment, Mbazwana/Sodwana Intersection of R22, Hluhluwe, Big 5 Hlabisa Municipality, Kwazulu-Natal Province.

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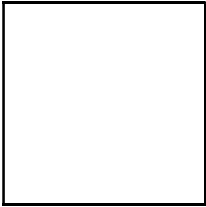
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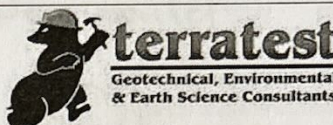
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I&AP REGISTRATION FORM

THE PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF A DEDICATED ROAD-OVER-RAIL BRIDGE AND APPROACH ALIGNMENT AT THE MBAZWANA/SODWANA INTERSECTION OF ROUTE R22, HLUHLUWE, BIG 5 HLABISA MUNICIPALITY, KWAZULU-NATAL.			
COMPLETE AND RETURN TO:		Attention: Tyneal Chetty Terratest (Pty) Ltd PO Box 794, Hilton, 3245 Tel: (033) 343 6700 Email: publicparticipation@terratest.co.za Reference: 41537	
NAME OF I&AP:	Bonamanzi Game Reserve Pty Ltd		
CONTACT NUMBER:			
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EMAIL ADDRESS:			
POSTAL ADDRESS:			
	Hluhluwe		
	3960		
Reason for interest in the proposed project:			
Close proximity to our property.			
OTHER IAP'S THAT SHOULD BE CONTACTED WITH REGARDS TO THIS PROJECT:			
Name:		Name:	

Contact Number:		Contact Number:	
Email Address:		Email Address:	

COMMENTS

Banamanzi would like to enquire about our access to the portion of the R22 that will possibly be decommissioned once the new road has been completed. We would need access by some means to tend to our fenceline from the outside of the property if need be.

APPENDIX C: COMMENTS RECEIVED MARCH 2025

Suvritha Ramphal

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 15 August 2025 10:33
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: R22 Hluhluwe Road Upgrade - Aviation Assessment
Attachments: FAHL New Road Obstacles_kmz was removed from this message; Street Lights Layout - Quarterlink Interesection _250815_095159.pdf
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Dear Suvi

I trust you are well and the traffic going home was not too hectic .

Please find our response to the actual on site inspection we did together .

Our findings were much the same as yours and the obstacle hazards were identified ,I have attached a kmz – Google earth file with some of the areas we looked at are marked and my comments /requests /suggestions made below according to the naming convention .

- 130m east of center line – this point was identified because we felt it would give us adequate safety margin from the extended center line of runway 21 FAHL . We would also request that any raise in the proposed on ramp to the new bridge only start from here or to the east of the point . The co ords roughly are 28 00 31.86S / 32 16 41.89 E . all co ords are dd mm ss .
- 130m west of center line – this point was identified because we felt it would give us adequate safety margin from the extended center line of runway 21 FAHL . The co ords roughly are 28 00 30.26 S / 32 16 31.75 E
- Extended Centre Line – this is a straight flight path for landing and takeoff from the middle of runway 03- 21 FAHL ,
- Centre line threshold – the threshold of runways 03 and 21 FAHL , this is actual where the runway starts .
- Area of Concern- the polygon is where there is an area of concern and we request that no new high obstacles be erected within this polygon , we do acknowledge there are some trees that fall within this area . If the proposed light poles are to be erected then can they erected on the northern side of the road , the same would apply to the onramp near KIOSK R22-1-K001 where the lights if any be installed to the east of this on ramp .

So In conclusion please can we have a little more clarity as to

1. The proposed cords for the light poles that would fall into the area of concern
2. The center point of where the on ramp close to KIOSK R22-1-K001 joins the bridge approach (red dot on the pdf attachment .
3. The point where the bridge approach starts to climb

Please feel free to contact if you need any further clarification , as I said we would appreciate the final submission to be done by your aviation /CAA expert – thank you .