

EDTEA PRE-APPLICATION MINUTES

PROJECT: Upgrade of Road P419		
Venue: MS Teams	Date: 22 November 2021	Time: 10:00-10:17

ATTENDEES

Name and Surname	Designation	Email Address	Contact Number
Phindile Mthembu (PM)	EDTEA: Intern	Phindile.Mthembu@kznedtea.gov.za	033 264 2530; 062 367 3296
Ntsebo Mkhize (NM)	Terratest: Senior Environmental Assessment Practitioner	MkhizeN@terrastest.co.za	033 343 6700

APOLOGIES

Name and Surname	Designation	Email Address	Contact Number
Ntoyonke Dlamini	EDTEA: Control Environmental Officer	Ntoyonke.Dlamini@kznedtea.gov.za	039 834 7914

1. Welcome, introductions and apologies

- NM opened the meeting and welcomed PM
- PM rendered an apology on behalf of Ntoyonke Dlamini
- NM shared the agenda indicated on the attached Presentation

2. Discussion on proposed project

- NM shared the following regarding the project based on the below discussed in the attached presentation:
 - Project Background;
 - Locality Map of the proposed development;
 - Triggered activities NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended);
 - Specialist studies; and
 - Public Participation.

3. Possible combined Applications

- NM asked about possible combined applications can be submitted for Section 1 and 2 of the P419. PM responded to say that this can be undertaken.

4. Timing and location for the submission of the application and DBAR

- NM asked whether the application should be submitted before the DBAR or with the DBAR. PM stated that the application with original signatures can be submitted with the DBAR and a single copy of each document must be submitted to the EDTEA Head Office in Pietermaritzburg.

5. Locations of culverts

- PM indicated that the locations of the culverts, locations and specifications should be presented in the Application as this was missing in the Draft version provided to EDTEA before the pre-application meeting.

6. Specialist Studies

- PM stated that in addition to the studies presented by NM, if the project will require any vegetation clearing, regardless of the area, either a Terrestrial Assessment or a Vegetation Assessment should be undertaken.
- PM added that a Geotechnical Study will need to be undertaken

7. Public Participation

- PM stated that the while the applicant is the DoT, their Environmental Department must still comment on the application
- PM asked that Ezemvelo Wildlife be added on the list of I&APs as they are responsible for Biodiversity in KZN
- PM asked that a PPP plan must be included in the DBAR
- PM stated that PPP Notifications must be in English and isiZulu so the Draft Background Document Information provide to EDTA before the Pre-Application Meeting will need to be amended.

8. Alternative Routes during construction

- PM asked that the report must discuss the routes that will be used during construction. NM indicated that she'd check this with the project engineer

9. Other Authorisations

- PM asked if a WULA will perhaps be undertaken for the project. NM confirmed that a WUA (either a GA or WULA) will be undertaken.

10. Closure

- NM indicated that she'd circulate the Attendance Register and Minutes after the Meeting.

- PM indicated that NM can send her any additional queries prior to the submission of the Application for EA
- NM closed the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Name: Ntsebo Mkhize

Signature:



For: Terratest (Pty) Ltd

Date: 18 January 2022

Name: Ntoyonke Dlamini

Signature:



For: EDTEA

Date: 18 January 2022

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ADDITIONAL PRE-APPLICATION MEETING

PROJECT: Upgrade of Road P419		
Venue: MS Teams	Date: 24 August 2023	Time: 15:00-15:40

ATTENDEES

Name and Surname	Designation	Email Address	Contact Number
Nompilo Ayanda Dlamini (ND)	KZN EDTEA: Environmental Officer	Nompilo.Dlamini@kznedtea.gov.za	076 944 0593
Ntsebo Mkhize (NM)	Terratest: Senior Environmental Assessment Practitioner	MkhizeN@terratest.co.za	033 343 6700; 072 550 9669

APOLOGIES

None

1. Welcome, introductions and apologies

- NM opened the meeting and welcomed ND;
- ND confirmed that she had received the minutes and presentation of the previous pre-application meeting and had looked through the documents.

2. Discussion on proposed project

- NM shared the following regarding the discussion points for the meeting:
 - Project Background and Purpose of Meeting;
 - Locality Map of the proposed development;
 - Triggered activities NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended);
 - Specialist studies;
 - Public Participation;
 - Luhane Bridge Environmental Authorisation (EA);
 - Conclusion

3. Project background and purpose of meeting

- Terratest (Pty) Ltd appointed by ilifa Africa Engineers (Pty) Ltd on behalf of the KwaZulu Natal Department of Transport (KZNDot)- DEVELOPER AND APPLICANT

- Initial drawings dated 2019 – suspension - updated drawings received October 2021.
- Existing Main Road P419
 - Section 1: km4.1 to km9.6 = Total 5.5km
 - Section 2: km16.6 to km22.1= Total 5.5km
- Dr Nkosazana Zuma Local Municipality, Harry Gwala District Municipality, Ward 12 (section 1) and Ward 9 (section 2) Portion 0 of Upper Umkomaas Location No 2 16615 FS
- November 2021, Initial Pre-Application meeting with EDTEA
 - **PURPOSE OF MEETING-** Check if Environmental Authorisation (EA) on a nearby project, along P419 can amended to include current project- REQUEST BY KZNDOT
- Proposed activities:
 - Existing 7m wide gravel road to be upgraded to an 8m wide blacktop road;
 - The replacement and extension of culverts over watercourse crossings, stormwater infrastructure which will either be upgrades or new.

4. Triggered activities

- NM stated that the triggered activities that have led to the need for the undertaking of Basic assessment process All due to the proposed culverts and are as follows:
 - Listing Notice 1, Activity 12- due to the replacement and/or extension of culverts will exceed 100m² and will be located within a watercourse or within 32 metres of a watercourse.
 - Listing Notice 1, Activity 19- due to the proposed construction through watercourses will necessitate the movement of 10m³ of material or more, into or out of a watercourse.
 - Listing Notice 3, Activity 14- due to the location of the site outside of an urban area, within 5km of Nature Reserves. The replacement and/or extension of culverts will result in infrastructure with a physical footprint of more than 10m² being developed within a watercourse or within 32 metres of a watercourse.
 - Listing Notice 3, Activity 23- due to infrastructure that will be expanded by more than 10m² in watercourses, or within 32 metres of a watercourse, which is located outside of an urban area, but within 5km of Nature Reserves

5. Locations of culverts

- In response to ND's comments about the location of the culverts, NM presented this from the project's Background Information Document as this was not included in the PowerPoint Presentation. NM stated that the culverts are proposed in the northern section of the project and are less than a km from each other ;
- ND indicated that the locations of the culverts, specifications and coordinates should be presented in the Application for EA

6. Specialist Studies

- NM presented the following concerning specialist studies:
 - Floral Impact Assessment- Completed May 2022, request from November 2021 EDTEA Pre-Application Meeting
 - Heritage Impact Assessment & Desktop Palaeontological Assessment: completed March 2020, revised April 2022
 - Aquatic Impact Assessment: April 2020, Additional July 2022
 - Additional studies required by DWS, Pre- App Meeting, January 2023,
 - Hydrological and Floodline
 - Surface Water Monitoring Plan
 - Wetland Rehabilitation
 - Appointments made 23 August 2023 due to delays from KZN DoT
- ND added that the necessity for a Geotechnical Study was noted in previous minutes but was not mentioned by NM. NM stated that the availability of a Geotechnical Study Report will be checked with the project engineers.
- ND requested that a copy of the Screening Tool Reports be send to her after the meeting. NM stated that this will be undertaken.

7. Public Participation

- NM stated the following;
 - Site Notices were initially placed in March 2020, and no other PPP was undertaken, the project was suspended soon after this;
 - Additional Site Notice were placed in March 2022, Newspaper Advert was placed and a meeting with Ward 12 and 9 Cllrs and Tribal Leader Representatives was conducted in March 2023. In the meeting, the EAP was warned against the undertaking of public meetings as community members are very angry about the delays in bringing the project to realisation. NM took the advice of the above and did not undertake any public meetings in 2022 and none are planned in future.
- Other I&APs identified include adjacent residents, Local and District Municipalities, DWS (with which a Water Use Authorisation application is underway), Eskom, and KZN Amafa and Research Institute.

8. Luhane Bridge EA

- NM presented the location of the Luhane Bridge in relation to the proposed project stating that it' a separate project but related to the current project as they are all concerning the P419;
- EA issued on 08th June 2016 (Ref. Nr. DC43/0002/2016);
- Condition 4.1.1 of the EA states that construction must commence withing 10 years of issuing;

- NM stated that the Luhane Bridge construction was noted to have been suspended during her previous site visits;
- Distance from the northern end of the Northern Section of the project is no more than 500m;
- NM mentioned that the possible amendment of Luhane Bridge EA to include current project, i.e section 1 & 2 (including culverts in section 1) was a REQUEST OF the KZNDOT and is the AND CHIEF PURPOSE OF the repeat pre-application meeting.
- Reasons:
 - Possibly speed up EA process
 - Historical – around 2014 made promise of the project to community members; and
 - Contractor has already been appointed.
- ND stated that an amendment of the Luhane Bridge EA can be undertaken to incorporate the current project. In agreement with NM, she stated that a Part 2 amendment would need to be undertaken but this will require PPP to be repeated (minimum 30days) and all documents must indicate that the application is for an amendment. ND stated that an amendment application is largely similar to a Basic Assessment process and the KZNDOT will need to decide on whether to proceed with current application for the P419 seeing that PPP has been undertaken or proceed with amendment. NM stated that she'll present all information to the KZNDOT.

9. Closure

- ND stating that concerning the request of the KZNDOT as communicated by NM that the processing of the application be fast-tracked, this can only apply subsequent to the submission of the Final Basic Assessment Report;
- ND indicated that the Draft and Final Basic Assessment Report should be submitted to EDTEA Ixopo office as one (1) hardcopy and (1) soft copy and that a copy of the application form need not be submitted to the EDTEA Ixopo office but only to the head office;
- NM indicated that she'd circulate the Attendance Register and Minutes after the Meeting; and
- NM closed the meeting and thanked ND for her availability.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Name: Ntsebo Mkhize

Signature:



For: Terratest (Pty) Ltd

Date: 11/10/2023

Name: Nompilo Ayanda Dlamini

Signature:



For: EDTEA

Date: 11/10/2023