

Appendix B1

Pre-Application Meeting minutes

EDTEA EA AMEDMENT PRE-APPLICATION MINUTES

PROJECT: KWAHLOKOHLOKO WATER SUB-SUPPLY AREA 1 (SSA1) PHASE 2A and 2B, KING CETSHWAYO DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY, KWAZULU-NATAL, Part 2 Amendment

Venue: MS Teams

Date: 14 December 2023

Time: 09:00-09:30

ATTENDEES

Name and Surname	Organisation and Designation	Email Address	Contact Number
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APOLOGIES

None

1. Welcome and introductions

- NM opened the meeting and welcomed all in attendance; and
- Introductions were not made.

2. Discussion on proposed activities and EDTEA RESONSES

- **Background and current application**
 - NM stated the following using a PowerPoint Presentation:
 - Initial EA- DC28_0014_2022, issued on the 03rd of March 2023;
 - Part 1 EA Amendment due to the need for a deviation as result of graves was submitted on 17.11.2023 and issued on 13.12.2023;
 - Current Part 2 Amendment is new and is required to cater for a section of the DN 500 where part of the initial alignment that was authorised under the initial EA has been rejected due to landowner issues and a revised alignment of ±1.3 km has been identified;
 - In response to MM's query about sensitivities of the new alignments concerning e.g. graves, NM added that only the Songweni Hall as a heritage site has been identified and almost all PTO's have largely been received for affected properties;

- Part of the revised alignment will:
 - run parallel to a watercourse. The sensitivity of this area has previously been discussed with EDTEA during the Part 1 EA Amendment discussions and highlighted to the project team who stated that Part 2 amendment must go ahead despite the site sensitivity and length of a Part 2 Amendment;
 - Current drawings show a pipeline line that will cut through properties;
 - Proposed revised drawings will show a pipeline that will run on the edges of properties;
 - Songweni Hall is a heritage site in the area and measures to ensure that line will not affect it have been put in place and discussions with the chief will be undertaken; and
 - Triggered Activities are: LN1 , Activity 9 (relating to bulk water infrastructure exceeding 1 000m in length); and LN 1, Activity 19 (concerning the disturbance of a watercourse, due to more than 10 cubic metres that will either be deposited or removed. Activities were triggered even in the initial EA and Activity 9 was even covered in the GA submitted to the DWS. An additional GA will be submitted to the DWS due to the realignment.
- **EMPr Amendment**
 - NM presented Regulation 32 of the NEMA EIA regulations that state that a Part 2 EA Amendment must also reflect changes to the EMPr
 - NM Enquired if the amended EMPr must along with the amendment report also be availed for review as the EMPr is part of the amendment process
 - MM confirmed that the amended EMPr must along with the amendment report be availed for review as both documents refer to the deviation of the line
- **EDTEA's PPP requirements**
 - NM Enquired about EDTEA's PPP requirements as the NEMA EIA regulations state that this must be agreed with the CA and must be 'appropriate to bring the proposed change to the attention of potential and registered interested and affected parties'. NM added that
 - PPP for broader project was previously undertaken under initial application for EA and involved Tribal Authorities, Local and District Municipalities , etc- Meetings, newspaper adverts, posters, emails, etc.; and
 - Currently-
 - Social Facilitator Meetings has held meetings with the Tribal Authority and affected landowners; and
 - PTO's have been received from affected landowners. According to the Social Facilitator, only one (1) PTO is pending.
 - MM stated that while the Part 2 EA Amendment PPP undertaken above is sufficient, there must also be a notification of other I&APs such as KZN Wildlife, DWS and Amafa and there must also be a placement of site notices and of newspaper adverts as per the formalities set out in Chapter 6 of the NEMA EIA Regulations

- **Specialist Studies**

- NM discussed the following:

- A National Screening Tool report was generated for the project and the sensitivity of themes were: very high for the Terrestrial Biodiversity theme, and high for the Agricultural theme, the Animal Species theme, and the Civil Aviation theme.
 - The discussions on studies that will or not be undertaken were:
 - Agriculture theme- Will not be undertaken as line will not run through areas on which agriculture is formally undertaken ;
 - Archaeological and Cultural Heritage Impact Assessment- Will be undertaken as the length of the pipe will be over 300m as set out in the National Heritage Resources Act and because of the Songweni Hall;
 - Palaeontology Impact Assessment- Need will be identified by Heritage Specialist after undertaking the Archaeological and Cultural Heritage Impact Assessment;
 - Terrestrial Biodiversity Impact Assessment- Will be undertaken largely due to the disturbance of vegetation;
 - Plant Species Assessment- Will probably be combined with a Terrestrial Biodiversity Assessment as the area that is affected is small
 - NM asked for guidance on the studies that should be undertaken to ensure adherence to the specific protocols for Terrestrial Biodiversity and for Plant Species
 - MM stated that a Biodiversity Assessment will suffice but if protocols force separation of studies then this must be done. If not, a single study will suffice.
 - Aquatic Biodiversity Impact Assessment- As the line will run parallel to the watercourse in some sections. Study will also support a General Authorisation application;
 - Geotechnical Assessment- Will not be undertaken under EAP's scope as per the initial alignment arrangements;

- NM stated that a submission will be made next year, MM stated that e application must include Screening Tool Report and minutes

3. **Way forward and Closure**

- MM stated that he'll return to the office on the 11.01.2024 and his last day was 14.12.2023, the day of the meeting
- NM stated that she'll most likely circulate the minutes on the
- NM closed the meeting and thanked all for their attendance.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Name: Ntsebo Mkhize

Signature:



For: Terratest (Pty) Ltd

Date:

Name:

M. MDAMBA.

Signature:



For: EDTEA

Date:

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