



**Record** Minutes of Pre-Application Meeting with the Department of Economic Development, Tourism and Environmental Affairs (EDTEA) eThekweni District

**Project** R102 Upgrades BA and WULA

**Date and Venue** 24.08.2015 eThekweni EDTEA Office

**Supporting documents** Presentation  
Signed register

### Attendance

Name	Organisation	Attended
Humayrah Bassa (HB)	Royal HaskoningDHV	X
Natasha Brijlal (NM)	EDTEA	X

Item	Discussion / Resolution	Action
1	HB welcomed all and explained the objective of the meeting. The objective being to introduce the project and the approach to the environmental assessments as well as to seek guidance from the EDTEA.	N/A
2	It was confirmed that Royal HaskoningDHV would be the Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) and that an external peer review of the Basic Assessment (BA) will be done to satisfy Regulation 13(2) of Government Notice Regulation (GNR) 983.	N/A
3	HB explained the background of the project and provided a description of the proposed scope of work as per the attached presentation slides. She explained that an Environmental Authorisation (EA) was issued in 2009 for the R102 upgrades which Yugesni Govender has confirmed remains valid. However, 3 new portions not previously assessed are now required. HB explained that wetland delineations have been done for these 3 portions, 2 of which traverse wetland areas. Therefore, she explained that a new BA would be required. NB confirmed	N/A

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	this interpretation and that an amendment to the existing EA would not suffice. She confirmed that the new BA could be restricted to the new portions only, making reference to the previous assessment and EA.	
4	HB explained that due to the existing and approved alignment of the R102, there are limited alternatives available. NB explained that the reasoning behind the design of the proposed alignment should be provided in lieu of alternatives if alternatives are not required.	N/A
5	HB explained the Environmental Regulatory Process, noting that a Water Use Licence Application will be done simultaneously to the Basic Assessment Study.	N/A
6	HB explained that GIS mapping and a specialist investigation would be to determine if Listing Notice 3 activities are triggered. HB requested that the applicability of Listing Notice 3 is confirmed by the Competent Authority as required by the Application Form for Environmental Authorisation.	Listing Notice 3 Maps will be submitted with the Application for EA as they desktop datasets are at a high resolution and need to be verified by a specialist on site.
7	HB and NB discussed potential activities which are applicable for the project. NB confirmed that as the project is in an urban area, only activities 12 and 19 of Listing Notice 1 would be applicable.	HB and NB to confirm Listing Notice 3 activities.
8	HB noted that a Wetland Assessment as well as a Vegetation Assessment and Heritage Assessment were proposed. HB queried the timing of the specialist studies in September 2015. NB confirmed that the specialist studies proposed were appropriate and the timing is acceptable.	N/A
9	The Basic Assessment and Public Participation Process timeframes were detailed. NB confirmed that the name of the project would be sufficient for the Public Participation (BID, Site Notices, Adverts) which is to be done prior to the lodging of the Application for Environmental Authorisation and subsequent receipt of a reference number from the EDTEA. NB accepted that the submission of the Application form together with the Consultation BAR for public review and comment would be acceptable.	N/A
10	HB queried if a Public Meeting would be required. NB advised that only if a Public Meeting is requested, should it be held.	N/A
11	HB thanked MB for her time.	N/A

## R102 UPGRADES

### BASIC ASSESSMENT PROCESS

PRE-APPLICATION MEETING WITH EDTEA  
August 2015

## Agenda

Item No.	Topic
1.	Welcome & Introduction
2.	Purpose of the Meeting
3.	Presentation
4.	Discussion Session
5.	Way Forward and Closure

## Purpose of the Meeting

- Introduce the proposed project
- Seek guidance on the environmental assessment process intended by the Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP – Royal HaskoningDHV)
- Seek clarity on aspects of uncertainty

## Project Background

- The Transport Engineering team at Royal HaskoningDHV have been appointed to perform feasibility studies and to investigate, design and manage the construction for the proposed upgrades to the R102 in the eThekweni Municipality, KwaZulu-Natal.
- An EA was issued previously, however, there are 3 new components not previously assessed.



## Project Background

- Royal HaskoningDHV's Environmental Services Team provided an Environmental Screening Opinion and advised that a Basic Assessment Study and Water Use Licence Application would be required due to the traversing of wetland areas.



## Activities Triggered

- Assumptions:
  - The site is inside the urban edge
  - Activity GNR 983 – 12 and 19
  - GNR 984 and 985 – none identified (LN3 – EDTEA to confirm?)



## Project Background

- Royal HaskoningDHV's Environmental Services Team were subsequently appointed by the KZN DoT to act as an Independent Environmental Assessment Practitioner for the respective studies
- As the EAP is from the same organisation as the Engineering Team, an Independent Peer-Review of the BA study will be conducted to satisfy Regulation 13(2) of Government Notice Regulation (GNR) 982 of the EIA Regulations (2014)

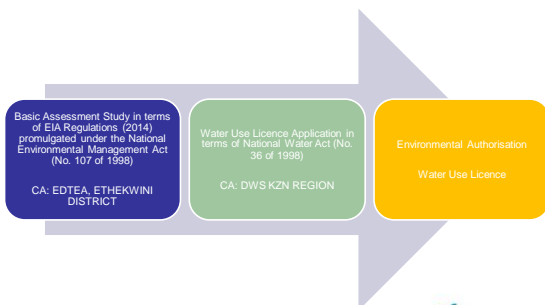


## Alternatives Considered

- None as upgrades already authorised and 3 new components are linkages from existing infrastructure onto approved layouts.



## Environmental Regulatory Process



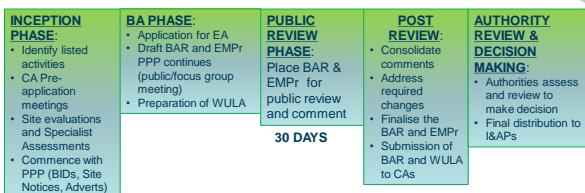
## Specialist Studies

Specialist Study	Consultant
Heritage Impact Assessment	Active Heritage
Freshwater Habitat Assessment	Eco-Pulse
Terrestrial (Vegetation) Assessment	Eco-Pulse

- Specialist studies expected to conclude in September 2015
- All external specialists



## Basic Assessment Process and Timeframes



2015



## Public Participation Process



- **OBJECTIVES**
  - Encourage the raising of issues and/or concerns as well as provision of input on the proposed project
  - Ensure a transparent and inclusive PPP
  - Provide ample opportunity and channels for participation in the said project
  - No Public Meeting Planned



## Clarification Required

- Confirm applicable Activities to be applied for
- Confirmation of Approach presented
- Need for public/group meeting
- Timing of specialist studies
- Appropriate specialist studies

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 ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION PROCESS  
 PRE-APPLICATION MEETING  
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