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Dear Sir/Madam

**PROPOSED EMERGENCY NONDABULA WATER RETICULATION PROJECT:
CHANGE IN PROJECT SCOPE WITH RESPECT TO THE PROPOSED ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT
ASSESSMENT PROCESS**

The attached specialist study, *Emergency Nondabula Water Reticulation Project – Preliminary Ecological Habitat Assessment* (June 2015), has reference.

At the outset of the environmental process for obtaining environmental authorisation for the referenced project, the Royal HaskoningDHV Engineering Team provided a preliminary design to the Ilembe District Municipality (IDM) based on the need for potable water and related infrastructure within the IDM. This formed the basis and scope against which the required specialist studies were undertaken.

This design was however revisited upon notification that a recent change in municipal boundaries by the demarcation board meant that approximately sixty percent (60%) of the preliminary design now fell within the boundary of the adjacent UMgungundlovu District Municipality (UDM).

This significant portion of the originally proposed reticulation area thus no longer fell within the IDM's mandate. The scope of the development was therefore reduced accordingly to include only the portion of the preliminary design that fell within the IDM's boundary. Given the mandate issue, the scope of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) was thus dropped to only being for the water reticulation infrastructure within the IDM area specifically.

At the time of receiving the notification of the change in demarcation, the specialist environmental studies for the Basic Assessment Report (BAR) had already been conducted on behalf of the Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) for the original extent of the proposed water reticulation upgrades.

Each specialist study thus has this covering document which explains what of the original specialist study is no longer of relevance due to the reduced site area.

As per the *Emergency Nondabula Water Reticulation Project – Preliminary Ecological Habitat Assessment* (June 2015), Sensitivity Map 1 on p. 52 and the portion to the south-west of Sensitivity Map 2 on p.53 of the consultation Basic Assessment Report (cBAR) still applies.

In comparison, the entire area (other than the south-west portion described above) within Sensitivity Map 2 is outside of the IDM area and therefore is no longer of relevance.

A revised layout drawing for the reduced scope has been attached below for referral (see Appendix A).

Yours Sincerely,



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APPENDIX A



