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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, *Wetland Ecological Assessment for the Proposed Emergency Nondabula Water Reticulation Project, Ilembe Municipality, KwaZulu-Natal* (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 *Wetland Ecological Assessment for the Proposed Emergency Nondabula Water Reticulation Project, Ilembe Municipality, KwaZulu-Natal* (June 2015), the following **no longer has relevance** to the study due to the reduced scope:

- Crossings 8, 10 - 19 and 21 - 28 within Table 21 on p.55
- Figure 19 on p.57; and
- Figure 20 on p.58;

Therefore the following **has relevance** to the study under the revised scope, namely:

- Crossings 1-7, 9 and 20 (nine [9] crossings in total) on p.55;
- Figure 21 on p.59; and
- Figure 22 on p.60.

Furthermore, all figures (specifically maps) are to be compared to the Appendix A (below).

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



