



NOTICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION APPLICATION AND WATER USE LICENCE APPLICATION (WULA) PROCESSES FOR THE PROPOSED NORTHERN AQUEDUCT AUGMENTATION PHASE 5: DURBAN HEIGHTS TO DUFFS ROAD STEEL PIPELINE, IN KWAZULU-NATAL

INVITATION TO COMMENT ON BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORT AND WULA PROCESS

SEF REF NO: 505904

KZN DEDTEA REF NO: DM/0008/2015

NEAS REF NO: KZN/EIA/0000082/2015

Notice is given in terms of Section 41 of Government Notice (GN) No. R.982 in Government Gazette No. 38282 (4 December 2014) and 24 J of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No.107 of 1998), as amended [NEMA], that the eThekweni Water and Sanitation (EWS) Department proposes the construction of Phase 5 of the Northern Aqueduct Augmentation (NAA) Project, which comprises of a proposed new large bore 1 200mm ND welded steel pipeline from Durban Heights in Reservoir Hills to the northern side of Duffs Road.

The proposed northern aqueduct pipeline starts at eThekweni Water & Sanitation's valve chamber in Pridley Road, located just downstream of the Durban Heights Waterworks. From the bulk connection point in Reservoir Hills, the pipeline then descends into the uMngeni Valley, crosses the uMngeni River and traverses through the Newlands and Avoca Hills area, en-route to Duffs Road, where it will connect to the blank flange of the Phase 4 NAA pipeline which continues from Duffs Road to the Phoenix 2 Reservoir. A new bridge will be constructed across the uMngeni River and will be located outside of the 1: 100 year floodline.

The proposed pipeline will be installed on the new bridge at the uMngeni River crossing. The proposed pipeline route traverses a number of landuses including the following, viz, densely populated, built-up areas, narrow roads and road reserve widths, high traffic routes, underground existing services, major roads and railways lines, Durban Metropolitan Open Space System (D'MOSS) areas. In terms of GN No. 983 (Listing Notice No. 1) (Activity 19) and GN No. 985 (Listing Notice No. 3) (Activities 12, 14 and 23) of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, these listed activities require Environmental Authorisation (EA) by way of a Basic Assessment Reporting Process. In terms of Section 21 (c) and (i) of the National Water Act, 1998 (Act No. 36 of 1998), a Water Use License Application (WULA) for the proposed development will be submitted for diverting and impeding the flow of water, and altering the beds, banks, course or characteristics of a watercourse.

The Basic Assessment Report (BAR) is available for public review and comment on the SEF website: www.sefsa.co.za and at the following venues from 5 August 2015 to 4 September 2015:





Name of public venue	Name of Contact Person	Contact Number(s)
Reservoir Hills Library, 7 Sienna Crescent, Durban	Ms. Pamela Sankaran	(031) 262 5035
Newlands East Library, 5 Garrick Crescent, Newlands East	Ms. Thabisile Hlongwa	(032) 577 9278
Firwood Road Library, 97 Firwood Road; Redhill	Mr. Mathemba Ngcaba	(031) 564 0961
Newlands West Library, 121 Loopwest Crescent, Newlands West	Ms. Sibongile Magubane	(031) 578 1121

Public Open Day (POD) Meetings to present the BAR are scheduled as follows:

Name of public venue	Physical Address	Date and Time of Meeting
Resmount Primary School	2 Magdalen Avenue, Reservoir Hills	18 August 2015 from 14h30 to 19h30
Corovoca Primary School	5 Pomegranate Road, Avoca Hills	19 August 2015 from 14h30 to 19h30
Newlands East Community Hall	10 Tandipa Road, Newlands East	20 August 2015 from 14h30 to 19h30

Interested and/or affected parties who wish to participate by contributing comments, or who would like to obtain more information, should please contact Mr. Justin Ellero at: P.O. Box 227, Pavilion, 3611

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Please note that all written objections/registrations and/or comments on the WULA must be submitted ON OR BEFORE 7 October 2015 and the comments on the BAR must be submitted at the address/contact details given above ON OR BEFORE 4 September 2015.

