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DEA&DP's Environmental Authorisation Ref: 16/3/1/1/D2/50/0060/12

DEA&DP Pre-Application Ref: 16/3/3/6/7/1/D2/51/0375/23

To Whom it May Concern  
Interested & Affected Party

VIA EMAIL

**AMENDMENT APPLICATION (PART 2) OF ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION REF: 16/3/1/1/D2/50/0060/12 FOR BULK SERVICES UPGRADE PIPELINE REALIGNMENT ON ERF 5006, PORTION 40/197, PORTION 50/197 AND PORTION 58/197, THEMBALETHU, GEORGE MUNICIPALITY**

Cape EAPrac has been appointed as independent environmental consultants responsible for facilitating the environmental investigation and formal Amendment Application (Part 2) process for the amendment to the currently valid Environmental Authorisation (EA) (DEA&DP Reference #16/3/1/1/D2/50/0060/12) for the upgrades required to the authorised Thembaletu bulk sewer infrastructure. Holder of the Environmental Authorisation is George Municipality.



Figure 1: Green = Approved pipeline route (already constructed). Red = Approved pipeline route (not yet constructed). Yellow = Proposed amended pipeline route.

Portions of the original approved bulk sewer pipeline route have already been constructed, however uncontrolled land invasion since the issue of the Environmental Authorisation in 2014 makes the implementation of the remainder of the pipeline route near impossible due to newly erected houses physically being on top of the original approved alignment (Figure 1).

The proposed amended bulk sewer pipeline route will allow all newly erected houses located downhill of the original approved alignment to be able to connect to the municipal sewer system in the future.

**Proposal:** Realignment of the sewer pipeline route on Erf 5006, Portion 40/197 and Portion 50/197 to avoid the majority of the newly erected settlements and to enable future connection of these households to the bulk sewer network if deemed necessary by the Municipality. Additional erosion protection measures on Portion 58/197.

**Amendment Application (Part 2):** Listing Notice 1 (Activity 10, 12, 19, 27, 46, 48 and 67), Listing Notice 3 (Activity 4, 12, 14, 23 and 26) was authorised with the currently valid Environmental Authorisation in 2014 and still applies to this Amendment Application.

**Water Use License Application:** Section 21(c) & Section 21(i) as per the National Water Act (NWA), 1998 (Act 36 of 1998, as amended).

Any activities that impede or divert the flow of water in a watercourse or alter the bed, banks, course or characteristics of a watercourse (**21c and 21i**)

Potential/registered I&APs and mandated Authorities/Organs of State are invited to **review and submit comment** on the Draft Environmental Assessment Report, which will be available for a **60-day commenting period**.

**Information Available:** A Draft Environmental Assessment Report with specialist and technical reports, inclusive of the WULA background information document (BID), will be available for a 60-day commenting period, extending from **13 September 2024 – 12 November 2024**. The electronic report can be accessed digitally via [www.cape-eaprac.co.za](http://www.cape-eaprac.co.za) / Active Projects. Alternative platforms / access to reports can be arranged on request.

Potential I&APs wanting to register must submit their **full contact details** and/or submissions to *Cape EAPrac*, within the stipulated 60-day commenting period, to below address. Your motivation for, or interest in the outcome of the application, must please be stipulated in your registration/submission. You are required to indicate your preferred method of communication as part of your registration/submission.

Parties registering with *Cape EAPrac*, or submitting formal comments, will be formally registered on the Stakeholder Register. Registered stakeholders will be kept informed throughout the remainder of the environmental application process, as well as be informed of the outcome of the application. Should you have any queries about the proposal or process you are most welcome to contact the undersigned directly.

Input from stakeholders are very important to help inform the process, as well as decision-making and we kindly do request that those with an interest or mandate, please do take the time to review the report and provide us with your comment so that we can consider and respond thereto as part of the process. All submissions will be incorporated into the Final Environmental Assessment Report that will be presented to the Competent Authority for decision-making.

**Kind regards,**

**To register as an I&AP or to submit comments on the Draft Environmental Assessment Report:**

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**To submit comments on the WULA BID**

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