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**PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF THE PAULPIETERSBURG NORTHERN SHOPPING PRECINCT,
PAULPIETERSBURG, EDUMBE LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, KWAZULU-NATAL**

COMMENT AND RESPONSES REPORT

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INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this Comments and Responses Report is to record comments received from Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) and stakeholders during the initial public participation process, i.e. circulation of Background Information Documents, distribution of fliers and the placement of site notices for the proposed development of Paulpietersburg Northern Shopping Precinct situated in the eDumbe Local Municipality in KwaZulu-Natal.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS

It is stated in the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) and associated Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations (2014) that a public participation process must be conducted as part of the basic assessment process. A Public Participation Guideline was gazetted which gives instruction on the requirements of public participation. This section outlines the public participation process followed to date in fulfilment of the requirements of public participation process.

Requirements of the public participation process:

- Notify potentially interested and affected parties of the proposed application (include steps that were taken to achieve this);
- Proof that notice boards, advertisements and notices notifying potentially interested and affected parties of the proposed application have been displayed, placed or give;
- A list of all persons, organisation and organs of state that were registered as interested and affected parties in relation to the application; and
- A summary of the issues raised by interested and affected parties, the date of receipt of and the response of the EAP to those issues.




The objective of the public participation process thus far is to ensure that I&APs and stakeholders were notified of the proposed project and given reasonable opportunity to register on the project database and provide initial comments. Please refer to Section E, 8. Public Participation of the Draft Basic Assessment Report (Pages 82 to 86) for a detail description of the public participation process conducted thus far.







This draft BAR is distributed to all Interested and Affected Parties for comments as part of the Public Participation Process. Comments from the draft BAR and the adverts will be incorporated into the final Basic Assessment Report.

COMMENTS AND ISSUED RAISED

A total of six (6) correspondence were received during the initial public participation process. A summary is provided below:

Method of Response

 = Letter/Fax  = E-mail  = Public meeting

NO.	ISSUE	NAME	METHOD & DATE	COMMENT	RESPONSE BY ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTANT
1	General response	ESKOM	 30 October 2016	ESKOM has no objection to the proposed development	ESKOM was thanked for their response.
2	General request for the dBAR	Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF)	 5 November 2016	DAFF acknowledged receiving the Background Information Document and stated that they cannot provide comments at this stage and that they look forward to being able to comment on further documentation which explain the potential impacts of the project on terrestrial vegetation (i.e. natural forests and protected trees).	The comment from DAFF was acknowledged. The draft BAR will be sent to DAFF for further comment.
3	General response and request for additional information	Department of Transport (DoT)	 13 November 2016	DoT does not have any objections in principle to the proposal as represented, however a Traffic Impact Assessment Report is to be submitted to the department for perusal and further comments.	The Traffic Impact Assessment Report for this project has been forwarded to the department.
				The department requires a detailed scale plan to be submitted.	A plan to scale has been sent to the Department. New versions will be sent when they are available.
				Authority is granted in terms of section 10 of the Provincial Roads Act, No. 4 of 2001, for the establishment of the process cross access from Main Road 34-5 to the proposed property for the purpose of the proposed development.	Acknowledged.
4	Requesting to be considered as a service provider during construction	Paulpietersburg Engineers	 17 November 2016	The engineers commented requesting that they be considered for engineering services during the construction phase of the project.	Mr Pienaar was thanked for registering as an I&AP and his comment was acknowledged.
5	Requested a copy of the Agricultural Impact Report	Ronnie Gevers	 22 March 2016	Mr Gevers requested a copy of the Agricultural Impact Report regarding the proposed development as well as to be registered as an interested and affected party.	Mr. Gevers was sent the Agricultural Impact Assessment and was registered as an interested and affected parties.
6	Conveyed information regarding the water crisis of the area	Heinz Hambrock	 14 April 2016	<p>Mr Hambrock informed Afzelia that he is member of the water crisis forum assisting in helping to supply the town of Paulpietersburg with water.</p> <p>Mr Hambrock is concerned about the water supply required for the proposed development as there currently is not enough water to supply to the town.</p> <p>Mr Hambrock stated that the extra water needed for the proposed project must be planned in order to elevate water shortage in the future.</p> <p>Mr Hambrock also supplied information on how and where the community is getting their water currently. This information has been used in this report.</p>	<p>Afzelia thanked Mr Hambrock for the information he has supplied and requested permission to use the information in the report.</p> <p>Afzelia acknowledges that the water supply is a concern regarding this proposed development.</p>