

**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (12/12/20/978) FOR
Department of Water Affairs and Forestry's
GROOT LETABA RIVER WATER DEVELOPMENT PROJECT (GLeWaP)
INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT**

25 September 2008

Dear Stakeholder

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**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EIA)
(12/12/20/978): PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF INFRA-STRUCTURE FOR THE GROOT LETABA RIVER
WATER DEVELOPMENT PROJECT (GLeWaP)**

- **Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report and its Summary available for comment**
- **Public review period from Monday, 13 October to Monday, 10 November 2008**
- **Invitation to public meetings**

We are pleased to report that, since our previous letter of 6 December 2007, much progress has been made on the GLeWaP. The Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and compilation of the Draft Environmental Assessment Impact Assessment Report have been completed, with the careful integration of findings from different specialist disciplines. This letter serves to advise you of the next steps in the EIA process.

Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report and its Summary Report available for comment

The Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report contains an integrated assessment of the findings of the specialist studies, detailing potential environmental effects that the proposed project will have on the environment, as well as potential effects of the environment on the proposed project. The report is available for comment by stakeholders. In addition, a Summary Report of the findings has been prepared for those people who do not wish to work through the full document.

A period of four weeks is available for public review of the Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report (**from Monday, 13 October to Monday, 10 November 2008**). Thereafter, the report will be updated and submitted for consideration to and a decision by the lead authority of the EIA, the national Department of Environmental Affairs and Tourism (DEAT). DEAT will, in consultation with the relevant environmental authority of the Limpopo Province, consider the findings of the EIA and issue an Environmental Authorisation (Record of Decision).

Please use the **enclosed** form to request an electronic copy (on CD) of the Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report or its Summary Report if you intend to comment. The Summary Report is available in English, XiTsonga, Afrikaans and Sepedi. In addition, the Draft Report and the Summary Report will be available at the public places listed in the document appended to this letter, and will also be available on the DWAF website: www.dwaf.gov.za/projects/GrootLetaba.

Your comment is important

You can comment on the Draft Environmental Impact Assessment or its Summary in any of the following ways:

- Completing the comment sheet enclosed with the reports.
- Writing a letter, or producing additional written submissions.
- By email to or telephoning the public participation office.
- By attending one of two public meetings (see below).

Public meetings

The purpose of the public meetings will be to present the findings of the EIA for comment and discussion, and for stakeholders to verify that their issues have been considered. The Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report and its Summary Report will serve to focus discussions at the meetings.

It is important that you register for the public meetings in advance - please use the **enclosed form and return it before Friday, 17 October 2008**. This will allow us to send you a copy of the documents in advance of the meetings. The public meetings will be held as follows:

TZANEEN

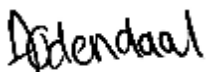
Date: Friday, 24 October 2008
Venue: Tzaneen Lodge
Time: Registration: 08:30 – 09:30
Public meeting: 09:30 – 13:00

NWAMITWA VILLAGE

Date: Saturday, 25 October 2008
Venue: Nwamitwa Tribal Offices
Time: Registration: 08:30 – 09:30
Public meeting: 09:30 – 13:00

In closing, on behalf of the Department of Water Affairs and Forestry, the Project Co-ordination and Management Team and the Environmental Team, we would like to thank again the many people and organizations who have thus far contributed to the EIA and who have set aside time to meet with the EIA team. Please contact either myself or Wilheminah Mosupye if you require further information at this stage. We look forward to receiving your reply form by Friday, 17 October 2008.

Yours sincerely



ANELLE ODENDAAL

EIA Public Participation Office

Enclosed: *List of public places where reports will be available*
Reply form to request a copy of the Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report or its Summary Report and to register to attend the public meetings

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REPLY SHEET FOR

- **Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report and / or Summary Report**
 - **Public meetings**

Please complete and return by Friday, 17 October 2008 to:

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ORGANISATION					
ADDRESS					
		POSTAL CODE			
TEL NO		FAX NO			
EMAIL			CELL NO		
DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT REPORT					
I would like to receive a copy of the Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report (please circle the appropriate block)					
By mail			YES	NO	
By mail (CD, in PDF)			YES	NO	
By email (in PDF, Zipped)			YES	NO	
SUMMARY REPORT					
I would like to receive a copy of the Summary Report in the following language (please circle the appropriate blocks)					
English	By mail	Email	XiTsonga	By mail	Email
			Afrikaans	By mail	Email
			Sepedi	By mail	Email
PUBLIC MEETINGS					
Public meeting times: Registration from 08:30					
I would like to attend the following public meeting (please circle the appropriate block)					
If you have indicated yes, you will receive a Summary Draft Environmental Impact Report and map to the venue before the meeting.					
TZANEEN PUBLIC MEETING			YES	NO	
I will attend the public meeting on Friday, 24 October 2008 at the Tzaneen Lodge in Tzaneen					
NWAMITWA VILLAGE PUBLIC MEETING			YES	NO	
I will attend the public meeting on Saturday, 25 October 2008, at the Nwamitwa Tribal Offices					

COMMENTS (Please use separate sheets if necessary)

Any comments you may have at this stage:

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR RESPONSE AND COMMENTS

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**LIST OF PUBLIC PLACES WHERE THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT
ASSESSMENT REPORT AND ITS SUMMARY REPORT WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR
PUBLIC COMMENT FROM**

Monday, 13 October 2008 – Monday 10 November 2008

Town/area/district	Locality	Contact person	Telephone
Modjadiskloof area, Letaba	Greater Letaba Local Municipality	Mr William Molokomme	(015) 309-9246/7
Letaba region	Department of Water Affairs and Forestry	Ms Morongwa Mbhalati	(076) 931 6177
Tzaneen area, City Centre	Greater Tzaneen Local Municipality Agatha Street, Civic Centre, Tzaneen	HOD: Public Participation: Mr MF Malale HOD Communication: Mr ZS Mkhathswa	(015) 307 8000
Shilubane /Mahwibidung villages, Tzaneen	Bula Mahlo Thusong Service Centre	HOD: Public Participation: Mr MF Malale HOD Communication: Mr ZS Mkhathswa	(015) 307 8000
Tzaneen	Tzaneen Public Library	HOD: Public Participation: Mr MF Malale HOD Communication: Mr ZS Mkhathswa	(015) 307 8000
Letsitele area	Letsitele Public Library	HOD Public Participation: Mr MF Malale HOD Communication: Mr ZS Mkhathswa	(015) 307 8000
Haenertzburg	Haenertzburg Public Library, Mare Street, Community Centre	Ms Minnie de Villiers	(015) 276 4707
Tzaneen area, Letsitele	Agri Letaba	Mr Louis van Rooyen	(015) 345 1817
Tzaneen area	Tzaneen SAPS	Station Commissioner	(015) 306 2000
Tzaneen	Groot Letaba Water Users Association Offices	Mr Jurg Venter	(015) 307 2651
Tzaneen	Department of Water Affairs and Forestry	Mr Jakkie Venter	(015) 307 3627/ 8600
Khopo village, Tzaneen	Lesedi Thusong Service Centre	HOD: Public Participation: Mr MF Malale HOD Communication: Mr ZS Mkhathswa	(015) 307 8000
Xihoko village, Tzaneen	Xihoko Multi Purpose Community Centre	HOD: Public Participation: Mr MF Malale HOD Communication: Mr ZS Mkhathswa	(015) 307 8000
Nwamitwa village, Tzaneen	Valoyi Traditional Office	HOD: Public Participation: Mr MF Malale HOD Communication: Mr ZS Mkhathswa	(015) 307 8000
Nwamitwa village, Tzaneen	Nwamitwa Traditional Office	HOD: Public Participation: Mr MF Malale HOD Communication: Mr ZS Mkhathswa	(015) 307 8000
Nkowankowa, Tzaneen	Nkowankowa Multi Purpose Community Centre, Nkowankowa	HOD: Public Participation: Mr MF Molale HOD Communication: Mr ZS Mkhathswa	(015) 307 8000
Relela village, Tzaneen	Relela Thusong Service Centre	HOD: Public Participation: Mr MF Malale HOD Communication: Mr ZS Mkhathswa	(015) 307 8000
Dzumeri village, Giyani	Dzumeri Community Centre	Office of the Municipal Manager	(015) 811 5500
Giyani	Greater Giyani Local Municipality	Office of the Municipal Manager	(015) 811 5500
Giyani, Mopani District	Mopani District Municipality	Office of the Municipal Manager: Mr TM Maake	(015) 811 6300
Giyani	Zava Thusong Service Centre	Centre Manager: Ms Lorraine Baloi	(015) 811 5500
Giyani, Mopani District	Department of Water Affairs and Forestry	Mrs Matsie Molapisane	(015) 812 0090
Phalaborwa	Ba-Phalaborwa Local Municipality	Ms Riana Smit	(015) 780 6302
Polokwane	Department of Water Affairs and Forestry	Ms Mmabatho Mamabolo (Library) Mrs Leah Matlala	(015) 290 1444