

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

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Dear Mr/Ms

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

- **Draft Scoping Report and its Summary Report available for comment from Wednesday, 3 October to Wednesday, 31 October 2007**
- **Invitation to public meetings**

The Background Information Document and our letter of invitation to contribute to the EIA for the construction of infrastructure for the Groot Letaba River Water Development Project (GLeWaP) were distributed in late June 2007.

We trust that you received the documents and we wish to extend our sincere thanks to those stakeholders who have submitted contributions. Please be assured that the issues you have raised have already been passed on to the EIA technical specialists. Your issues will appear, linked to your name, in the Draft Scoping Report, which will be available for comment shortly – (see below).

Draft Scoping Report and its Summary Report available for public comment

In accordance with the EIA Regulations, the purpose of the Draft Scoping Report is for interested and affected parties to verify that their contributions have been captured, and correctly understood. Issues raised, along with issues identified by the environmental technical specialists have been used to define the terms of reference for the Specialist Studies that will be conducted during the Impact Assessment Phase of the EIA.

The Draft Scoping Report will be available for public review for a period of four weeks (from Wednesday 3 October to Wednesday 31 October 2007). Thereafter, the report will be updated and submitted to the lead authority for the EIA, the National Department of Environmental Affairs and Tourism (DEAT). DEAT will, in consultation with the environmental authority of Limpopo Province, consider the scope to be covered by the specialist studies, after which the studies will proceed.

Please use the **enclosed** form to request your own copy of the Draft Scoping Report or its Summary Report if you intend to comment. The Summary Report is available in English, Afrikaans, XiTsonga and Sepedi. In addition, the Draft Scoping Report and the Summary Report will be available at the public places listed in the appendix to this letter.

Your comment is important, please

You can comment on the Draft Scoping Report or its Summary in any of the following ways:

- By completing the comment sheet enclosed with the reports
- By writing a letter, or producing additional written submissions
- By email or telephone to the public participation office
- By attending one of three public meetings (see below).

Public meetings

The purpose of the public meetings will be to assist interested and affected parties to comment on the Draft Scoping Report and to add additional issues. The contents of the report will be presented verbally during the meetings. Each meeting will also have an open house, visual component during which small-group discussions with members of the EIA team will take place in the language of choice of participants.

It is important that you register for the public meetings/open houses in advance - please use the **enclosed form and return it by Friday, 5 October 2007**. This will allow us to send you a copy of the report in advance of the meetings. The public meetings/open houses will be held as follows:

TZANEEN

Date: Friday, 12 October 2007
Venue: Tzaneen Lodge (map attached)
Time: Open house with visual displays: 09:00 – 09:30
Public meeting: 09:30 – 13:00

NWAMITWA VILLAGE

Date: Saturday, 13 October 2007
Venue: Runnymede Thusong Centre, Nwamitwa village
Time: Open house with visual displays: 09:00 – 09:30
Public meeting: 09:30 – 13:00

Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR)

It is important to note that the Draft Scoping Report will not be the last opportunity for stakeholders to comment. The findings of the EIA will be captured in a Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR), which will be available for public comment, in the first quarter of 2008.

In closing, 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, or wish to suggest someone else to be consulted. We look forward to receiving your reply form at the latest by Friday, 5 October 2007.

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 Scoping Report or its Summary Report and to register to attend the public meetings/open houses

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REPLY SHEET FOR

- **Draft Scoping Report and / or Summary Report**
- **Public meetings / open houses**

*Please complete and return by **5 October 2007**, to:*

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ORGANISATION			
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TEL NO		FAX NO	
EMAIL			CELL NO
DRAFT SCOPING REPORT			
I would like to receive a copy of the Draft Scoping Report (please circle the appropriate block)			
By mail			YES NO
By email			YES NO
SUMMARY REPORT			
I would like to receive a copy of the Summary Report in the following language (please circle the appropriate blocks)			
Eng	By mail	Email	Afr
	By mail	Email	Sepedi
	By mail	Email	XiTsonga
	By mail	Email	
PUBLIC MEETINGS / OPEN HOUSES			
I would like to attend the following public meeting / open house (please circle the appropriate block)			
If you have indicated yes, you will receive a Summary Draft Scoping Report and map to the venue before the meeting.			
TZANEEN PUBLIC MEETING / OPEN HOUSE			YES NO
I will attend the public meeting on Friday, 12 October 2007, at the Tzaneen Lodge			
NWAMITWA PUBLIC MEETING / OPEN HOUSE			YES NO
I will attend the public meeting on Saturday, 13 October 2007, at the Runnymede Thusong Centre, Nwamitwa Village			

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

DEPARTMENT OF WATER AFFAIRS AND FORESTRY
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LIST OF PUBLIC PLACES WHERE THE DRAFT SCOPING REPORT
WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC SCRUTINY FROM
Wednesday 3 October to Wednesday 31 October 2007

Town/area/district	Locality	Contact person	Telephone
Mokwakwaela area, Letaba	Mokwakwaela Multi Purpose Community Centre	Mr Shilubane	082-453 3774
Sekgosese area, Duiwelskloof, Letaba	Sekgosese Multi Purpose Community Centre	Mr MC Tshamamo	083 289 7955
Modjadjiskloof area, Letaba	Greater Letaba Local Municipality	Mrs H Kruger	(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 Moroka Molale HOD Communication: Mr ZS Mkhathshwa	(015) 307 8000
Shilubane village, Tzaneen	Vula Mehlo Multi Purpose Community-Thusong Centre	HOD: Public Participation: Mr Moroka Molale HOD Communication: Mr ZS Mkhathshwa	(015) 307 8000
Tzaneen	Tzaneen Public Library	HOD: Public Participation: Mr Moroka Molale HOD Communication: Mr ZS Mkhathshwa	(015) 307 8000
Letsitele area	Letsitele Public Library	HOD Public Participation: Mr Moroka Molale HOD Communication: Mr ZS Mkhathshwa	(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	Groot Letaba Water Users Association Offices	Mr Jurg Venter	(015) 307 2651
Tzaneen	Department of Water Affairs and Forestry	Mr Jakkie Venter/ Mr Isaac Nyatlo	(015) 307 3627/ 8600
Khopo village, Tzaneen	Lesedi Thusong Centre	HOD: Public Participation: Mr Moroka Molale HOD Communication: Mr ZS Mkhathshwa	(015) 307 8000
Xihoko village, Tzaneen	Xihoko Multi Purpose Community Centre	HOD: Public Participation: Mr Moroka Molale HOD Communication: Mr ZS Mkhathshwa	(015) 307 8000
Nwamitwa village, Tzaneen	Valoyi Traditional office	HOD: Public Participation: Mr Moroka Molale HOD Communication: Mr ZS Mkhathshwa	(015) 307 8000
Nwamitwa village, Tzaneen	Nwamitwa Traditional office	HOD: Public Participation: Mr Moroka Molale HOD Communication: Mr ZS Mkhathshwa	(015) 307 8000
Nkowankowa, Tzaneen	Nkowankowa Multi Purpose Community Centre, Nkowankowa	HOD: Public Participation: Mr Moroka Molale HOD Communication: Mr ZS Mkhathshwa	(015) 307 8000
Relela village, Tzaneen	Relela Multi Purpose Community Thusong Centre	HOD: Public Participation: Mr Moroka Molale HOD Communication: Mr ZS Mkhathshwa	(015) 307 8000
Dzumeri village, Giyani	Dzumeri Community Centre	Office of the Municipal Manager	(015) 812 5233
Giyani	Greater Giyani Local Municipality	Office of the Municipal Manager	(015) 812 5233
Giyani, Mopani District	Mopani District Municipality	Office of the Municipal Manager	(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
Namakgale, Phalaborwa	Namakgale Police Station Calvin Ngobeni Street, opposite Sediba Accommodation and next to magistrate offices	Station Commissioner	(015) 769 1530
Polokwane	Department of Water Affairs and Forestry	Ms Sarah Mamabolo/ Mrs Leah Matlala	(015) 290 1444