

# APPENDIX B1

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## DEA ACCEPTANCE OF SCOPING REPORT



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### **PER MAIL / E-MAIL**

Dear Mr Henning

### **ACCEPTANCE OF SCOPING REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED MOKOLO AND CROCODILE RIVER (WEST) WATER AUGMENTATION PROJECT (PHASE 2A) (MCWAP – 2A), WITHIN THE THABAZIMBI AND LEPHALALE LOCAL MUNICIPALITIES, IN THE WATERBERG DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY, LIMPOPO PROVINCE**

The Final Scoping Report (FSR) and Plan of Study for Environmental Impact Assessment (PoSEIA) dated April 2018 and received by the Department on 05 March 2018 refer.

The Department has evaluated the submitted FSR and PoSEIA dated April 2018 and is satisfied that the documents comply with the minimum requirements of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2014, as amended. The FSR is hereby accepted by the Department in terms of regulation 22(1)(a) of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended.

You may proceed with the environmental impact assessment process in accordance with the tasks contemplated in the PoSEIA as required in terms of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended.

All comments and recommendations made by all stakeholders and Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) in the draft SR and submitted as part of the final SR must be taken into consideration when preparing an Environmental Impact Assessment report (EIAR) in respect of the proposed development.

Please ensure that all relevant stakeholders are provided with an opportunity to comment on the EIAR. This includes but is not limited to the Limpopo Department of Economic Development, Environment and Tourism; the Department of Roads and Transport; the Department of Water and Sanitation; the Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries; the Department of Co-operative Governance, Human Settlements and Traditional Affairs; the Department of Mineral Resources; the Department of Public Works, Roads and Infrastructure; the Limpopo Provincial Heritage Resources Authority; the South African Heritage Resources Agency; the South African National Roads Agency SOC Ltd; Roads Agency Limpopo; Transnet; the

Department of Environmental Affairs; Branch: Biodiversity and Conservation; the Thabazimbi Local Municipality; the Lephalale Local Municipality; and the Waterberg District Municipality. Proof of correspondence with the various stakeholders must be included in the Final EIR. Should you be unable to obtain comments, proof should be submitted to the Department of the attempts that were made to obtain comments.

In addition, the following additional information is required for the EIAr:

- a) The total footprint of the proposed development must be indicated. The location of the pipeline within the proposed corridor and the associated infrastructure must be mapped at an appropriate scale.
- b) A clear description of all associated infrastructure must be provided. This description must include, but not limited to the following:
  - Access roads infrastructure (existing and new); and
  - All supporting onsite infrastructure.
- c) With regards to infilling and excavation of watercourses for the construction of the pipeline and associated infrastructure, the applicant is required to provide an indication of the preferred and alternate locations from which the material used for infilling will be sourced and where excavated material will be stored and/or disposed of. In addition, the impacts associated with this activity must be adequately assessed in the EIAr.
- d) Should a Water Use License be required, proof of application for a license needs to be submitted.
- e) The listed activities represented in the EIAr and the application form must be the same and correct. Only activities that are applicable and relevant to the development must be included in both the application form and the EIAr. Should there be activities that are no longer applicable to the development, the application form must be amended and submitted together with the EIAr.
- f) The EAP must engage the relevant provincial authority with regards to development in geographic areas triggering GN R. 985: Activities 2, 4, 10, 12, 14, 18, 23 and 26. Please ensure that all applicable province and only the relevant sensitive geographic areas are applied for under these listed activities.
- g) The EIAr must provide an assessment of the impacts and mitigation measures for each of the listed activities applied for.
- h) Please make sure that correct contact details for all authorities (provincial, local and district municipalities) including email addresses are provided in the application form.
- i) The EIAr must provide the corner/bend-point coordinates for the proposed pipeline (as well as start, middle and end points) and these must be attached as a separate appendix to the EIAr, as well as the start, middle and end points of all the roads proposed for construction or widening.
- j) Please ensure that the EIAr correctly indicates only the affected provinces, district and local municipalities for this specific application, as far as the location of the activity is concerned.
- k) The EIAr must provide a detailed need and desirability motivation as to why there is a need for the development and why the specific location is desirable.
- l) The EIAr must include all items as specified in Appendix 3 of GN R 982; including:
  - the 21 digit Surveyor General code of each cadastral land parcel; and
  - where available, the physical address and farm name of the property or properties;
- m) Information on services required on the site, e.g. sewage, refuse removal and water. Who will supply these services and has an agreement and confirmation of capacity been obtained?
- n) Please provide in the EIAr an indication of the time period that will be required to complete construction of the applied for pipeline and associated infrastructure (i.e. number of years or months to required complete the development, once construction commences).
- o) A construction and operational phase EMPr to include mitigation and monitoring measures. The Environmental Management Programme (EMPr) to be submitted as part of the EIAr must include

the recommendations and mitigation measures recorded in the EIAR and the specialist studies conducted.

p) Please ensure that the Final EIAR includes at least one A3 regional map of the area and that the locality maps included in the Final EIR illustrate the different proposed alignments. The maps must be of acceptable quality and as a minimum, have the following attributes:

- Maps are relatable to one another;
- Cardinal points;
- Co-ordinates;
- Legible legends;
- Indicate alternatives;
- Latest land cover;
- Vegetation types of the study area; and
- A3 size locality map.

Further, it must be reiterated that, should an application for Environmental Authorisation be subject to the provisions of Chapter II, Section 38 of the National Heritage Resources Act, Act 25 of 1999, then this Department will not be able to make nor issue a decision in terms of your application for Environmental Authorisation pending a letter from the pertinent heritage authority categorically stating that the application fulfils the requirements of the relevant heritage resources authority as described in Chapter II, Section 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act, Act 25 of 1999.

The applicant is hereby reminded to comply with the requirements of Regulation 45 with regard to the time period allowed for complying with the requirements of the Regulations, and Regulations 43 and 44 with regard to the allowance of a comment period for interested and affected parties on all reports submitted to the competent authority for decision-making. The reports referred to are listed in Regulation 43(1).

You are requested to submit two (2) copies of the Environmental Impact Report (EIAR) to the Department and at least one electronic copy (CD/DVD) of the complete final report with the hard copy documents.

You are hereby reminded of Section 24F of the National Environmental Management Act, Act No 107 of 1998, as amended, that no activity may commence prior to an environmental authorisation being granted by the Department.

Yours sincerely



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**Department of Environmental Affairs**

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