



RICHARDS BAY RECONCILIATION STRATEGY: MEETING 3

Minutes of the Study Stakeholder Meeting held on 20 May 2014 @ 13h30 at the Civic Centre in Richards Bay

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| 1. | WELCOME Ms Zimkitha Peteni-Kave welcomed the attendees to the third meeting of the Richards Bay Reconciliation Strategy Study. She noted that the meeting was taking place immediately after the study's water requirements workshop, in which the majority of the issues regarding the task were discussed. As a result it was not necessary for some of the stakeholders to attend the meeting. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2. | ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2.1 | Attendance <table> <tr> <td>Ms Zimkitha Peteni-Kave</td><td>DWA: NWRP (East)</td><td>ZP</td></tr> <tr> <td>Mr Norman Ward</td><td>DWA: CE: KZN Region</td><td>NW</td></tr> <tr> <td>Mr Gibson Gumede</td><td>Sc. Water Regulation & Use</td><td>GG</td></tr> <tr> <td>Mr James Perkins</td><td>Aurecon</td><td>JP</td></tr> <tr> <td>Mr Erik van der Berg</td><td>Aurecon</td><td>EvdB</td></tr> <tr> <td>Ms Ceridwen Salisbury</td><td>Aurecon</td><td>CS</td></tr> </table> | Ms Zimkitha Peteni-Kave | DWA: NWRP (East) | ZP | Mr Norman Ward | DWA: CE: KZN Region | NW | Mr Gibson Gumede | Sc. Water Regulation & Use | GG | Mr James Perkins | Aurecon | JP | Mr Erik van der Berg | Aurecon | EvdB | Ms Ceridwen Salisbury | Aurecon | CS | |
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| 2.2 | Apologies Mr Niel van Wyk DWA: NWRP (East) | NvW | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 3. | Matters arising from minutes of previous meeting Actions: 5.4. Ongoing Verification and Validation Study/ Compulsory Licensing The document had been provided by ZP to the Aurecon team. 5.6. Groundwater resource assessments Geomeasure (the groundwater consultant for this study) has not yet commenced this task, so no action has been taken. 5.7. uMhlathuze Municipality Water Efficiency Plan Water efficiency plans had been obtained for all the large water users and for the municipality. 5.8. Other relevant studies or information Most of the documents that were identified to be sourced in the previous meeting had been obtained, including the water conservation and water demand management plans and the Assessment of Lawfulness of Registered Water Use in the Mhlathuze Catchment. 6.1.a Draft Inception Report Discussed below 6.1.b Need for a visit to the study area | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

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| | <p>Discussed below</p> <p>6.2.a Urban/industrial Use, Jindal mining</p> <p>EvdB noted that attempts had been made by the Aurecon team to contact Jindal mining in regard to the possible development of a new mine in the Mhlathuze catchment, but that these had not been successful. Some allowance was made in the scenarios for future water-use by new large water users such as Jindal, and more attempts may be made at a later stage to source information from them again.</p> <p>6.6. Value of Water Assessment</p> <p>It was concluded that this task has been carried out many times before and that repeating it will add no value to the study. Therefore this task will not be carried out.</p> <p>6.9. Stakeholder Participation</p> <p>Aurecon were to do a presentation the Mhlathuze Catchment Management Forum on the following day (21 May) in order to inform key stakeholders about the study.</p> | EvdB |
| <p>4.</p> <p>4.1</p> <p>a.</p> <p>b.</p> <p>4.2.</p> <p>4.3</p> | <p>DISCUSSION ON STUDY TASKS AND RELEVANT ISSUES</p> <p>Inception</p> <p>Inception Report</p> <p>Comments had been received on the draft Inception Report, and issues regarding rates for Aurecon had been resolved, so the Inception Report can be finalised and distributed. A References Report was further requested by DWA and will be provided at the same time as the updated Inception Report.</p> <p>Report back on Visit to the Study Area</p> <p>This visit was undertaken over three days from 24 to 26 April by the Aurecon team and DWA and Mhlathuze Water representatives. The infrastructure in the area was visited as well as some of the water users. A better picture of the water resources, use and supply systems was obtained, and the possibilities of reuse as well as other potential interventions were considered and discussed. Much of the information presented in the water requirements workshop was obtained during or as a result of this visit.</p> <p>Water Requirements and Workshop</p> <p>Since the previous meeting Aurecon had collected information regarding the water requirements in the study area, by liaising with the significant water users and water service providers as well as through the visit to the study area and the water requirements workshop.</p> <p>In the water requirements workshop Aurecon presented the best information sourced for current and historical water use that they had been able to obtain, along with possible future scenarios for growth of water use in the study area. The different stakeholders were then able to provide feedback and comments on the information, and discrepancies and inconsistencies were resolved. This was also an opportunity for engagement and discussion of issues pertaining to the study as a whole – for example, possible future schemes for supply and issues surrounding the compulsory licensing process. A Draft Water Requirements Report will be prepared by Aurecon and circulated for comment within the next month.</p> <p>Water availability</p> <p>This is the next phase of the study. Aurecon had obtained a recent model of the Mhlathuze catchment, and this will be updated for the phase. It was noted that the model will not have the most recent values from the compulsory licensing process; it indicates that the allocations for industry have been reduced to 90%, which is not correct, and that the allocations for agricultural use are reduced to 60%, although this has been changed to</p> | <p>EvdB, CS</p> <p>EvdB, CS</p> |

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| <p>66%.</p> <p>4.4 Interventions Evaluation The workshop for this phase will take place in about six months' time (November 2013), but this will be confirmed closer to the time.</p> <p>This date will be included in a programme of the remaining significant dates for the study, to be circulated around the same time as the Water Requirements Report.</p> <p>4.4- Further Phases 4.7 No progress has been made on these phases.</p> <p>4.8 Public Participation Aurecon were to do a presentation to the Mhlathuze Catchment Management Forum on the following day (21 May) in order to inform key stakeholders about the study.</p> <p>4.9 Capacity Building and Training Training workshop 1 was held on the 19th May. This covered an overview of reconciliation studies in the context of the country's development and DWA's strategy. An overview of the Richards Bay study was given and the water requirements methodology was covered. The training presentation will be distributed to the interested parties.</p> <p>It is expected that another two training workshops will take place during the study.</p> | | |
| <p>5. PROJECT MANAGEMENT</p> <p>5.1 Budget and cash flow No issues were reported here. Now that the Aurecon rates issue had been resolved submission of invoices and approval of additional study staff can proceed as normal.</p> <p>5.2 Programme EvdB noted that the study is proceeding according to programme. The significant information collection done in the water requirements task will save time in the remainder of the study.</p> | | |
| <p>6. NEXT MEETING</p> | <p>The preliminary date for the next study stakeholder meeting was proposed for the middle of August. Other significant dates for the remainder of the study will be determined and presented in a schedule, which will be distributed to the stakeholders.</p> | <p>EvdB, CS</p> |
| <p>7. GENERAL</p> | <p>No general discussion.</p> | |
| <p>8. CLOSURE</p> | <p>Ms Peteni-Kave thanked those present for their attendance and closed the meeting.</p> | |

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