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**Notice of an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) for the Mzimvubu Water Project,  
Eastern Cape**

Dear Stakeholder,

Notice is hereby given in terms of the National Environmental Management Act (NEMA), 1998 (Act no 107 of 1998), and the National Water Act (NWA), 1998 (Act No. 36 of 1998), that Environmental Authorisation and a Water Use Licence will be required for the activities described below. In this regard, applications have been submitted to the Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA) and will be submitted the Department of Water Affairs (DWA). Given the nature of this project, both scoping and environmental impact assessment procedures will be followed.

The Mzimvubu Water Project covers the district municipalities of OR Tambo, Alfred Nzo and Joe Gqabi, Eastern Cape. This project consists of a proposed dam, known as Ntabelanga Dam, located on the Tsitsa River, a tributary of the Mzimvubu River, which falls 12 km north-east of the midway point of the Tsolo and Maclear road. The closest villages are Ngqongweni, Cekwayo and Siqungweni. On the same Tsitsa River, downstream of Ntabelanga Dam site, another dam known as Laleni Dam, located upstream of the Tsitsa Falls, will be developed for hydropower generation. Both dams are to be operated as one integrated scheme. Environmental authorisation will be required for the infrastructure components for the following activities:

- Dams;
- Flow Gauging Weirs;
- Road re-alignment and upgrading;
- Domestic water supply pipelines and reservoirs;
- Raw water pipelines and reservoirs;
- Pumping Stations;
- Water Treatment Works;
- Waste Water Treatment Works;
- Hydropower generation;
- Power lines; and
- Access roads to construction sites.

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A Water Use Licence (WUL) is required for the following water uses that will be triggered by the project:

- Section 21(a) taking water from a watercourse;
- Section 21(b) storing water;
- Section 21(c) impeding or diverting the flow of water in a watercourse;
- Section 21(i) altering the bed, banks, course or characteristics of a watercourse;
- Section 21(f) discharging waste or water containing waste into a water resource through a pipe, canal, sewer, sea outfall or other conduit; and
- Section 21 (g) disposing of waste in a manner which may detrimentally impact on a water resource.

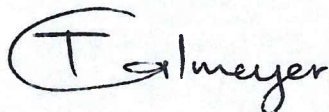
In terms of the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act, 2002 (Act No. 28 of 2002) (MPRDA), as amended, and the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Regulations in GNR 527 of 23 April 2004, the Department of Water Affairs (DWA) has been exempted by virtue of GNR . 762 of 25 June 2004 from the application procedures and the approval of rights and permits in terms of sections 16, 20, 22, and 27 of the MPRDA. However, in accordance with section 106(2) of the MPRDA, the DWA is required to compile an Environmental Management Programme (EMP) for approval in terms of the provisions of section 39 (4) of the Act.

ILISO Consulting (Pty) Ltd has been appointed by the DWA to undertake the EIA and associated public participation process. Stakeholders requiring more information on the project can register as an interested and affected party (I&AP) by contacting Kim Dalhuijsen by post, telephone, fax or email on the below details within 14 days of this notice.

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Kind Regards,



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**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT FOR THE MZIMVUBU WATER PROJECT:  
DRAFT SCOPING REPORT AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC COMMENT AND INVITATION TO  
ATTEND PUBLIC MEETINGS**

Dear Stakeholder,

The Scoping Phase of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) for this study commenced in March 2014. The Draft Scoping Report (DSR) has been prepared in terms of the EIA Regulations published in Government Notices R543, R544, R545 and R546 of 18 June 2010 in terms of the National Environmental Management Act (Act 107 of 1998).

The Draft Scoping Report will be available for comment from **9 May 2014 to 9 June 2014** (30 days). A full copy can be downloaded from [www.dwa.gov.za/projects.aspx](http://www.dwa.gov.za/projects.aspx) or a hard copy has been made available at the following venues:

Location	Venue
East London	Mrs Glenn Hartwig East Landon Central Library, Reference Library First Floor Gladstone Street East London 5200 Tel.: (043) 722-4991
Mthatha	Mrs Vuyiswa Lusu Walter Sisulu University Nelson Mandela Drive Unitra, Umtatha 5117, Tel.: (047) 5022382 /2319
Tsolo	Mhlontlo Local Municipality 128 Mthuthuzeli Mpehle Avenue Tsolo 5170 Tel.: (047) 542 0001

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Ntabelanga	Siqhungqwini Junior Secondary School Siqhungqwini  A copy will also be given to the local Chief (Chief Mabantla). Tel.: 079 397 7131
Laleni	Mhlontlo Local Municipality Technical department Office 26 96 Church Street Qumbu 5180 Tel.: (047) 553 7000

Public meetings have also been arranged in the study area. The purpose of these meetings is to provide Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) with technical information about the proposed project, to present the contents of the Draft Scoping Report, and to provide an opportunity for I&APs to ask any questions or raise any issues of concern. The meeting venue and dates are as follows:

Location	Venue	Date and Time
Ntabelanga	Siqhungqwini Junior Secondary School	14 May 2014 10:00
Tsolo	Tsolo Town Hall	15 May 2014 10:00
Laleni	Sub-headman of the area, Mr Kasa's place	16 May 2014 10:00

Please confirm attendance for meetings and/or submit all comments to Kim Dalhuijsen by post, telephone, fax or email on the below details.

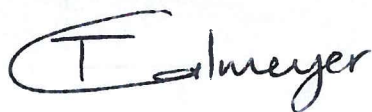
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