

## NOTICE OF BASIC ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT AND WATER USE LICENCE APPLICATION

ESKOM would like to upgrade a low-level bridge on the Braamhoekspruit. The proposed bridge upgrade will take place approximately 2 km downstream from the lower reservoir of the Ingula Pumped-Storage Scheme. The closest town to this development is Van Reenen and the project falls within the jurisdiction of the Ladysmith/Emnambithi Local Municipality.

### WATER USE LICENCE APPLICATION

Notice is being given, in terms of the National Water Act (No 36 of 1998), for the application of a Water Use Licence for the proposed development.

It is envisaged that the following water uses will be undertaken on site:

- Section 21 (j): Altering the Bed, Banks, Course or Characteristics of a Watercourse
- Section 21 (c): Impeding or Diverting the Flow of Water of a Watercourse

The Integrated Water Use Licence Application will be accompanied by a Technical Report which will detail all water uses, and propose suitable monitoring programmes and mitigation measures where applicable.

### BASIC ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

Notice is hereby given, in terms of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, under Section 24 (5) of the National Environmental Management Act (NEMA), (Act No 107 of 1998) as published in GN R385, 386, 387 - Government Gazette No.28753 of 21 April 2006, that a Basic Environmental Assessment is submitted to the Department of Environmental Affairs and Tourism (DEAT).

#### The application for Environmental Authorisation for the proposed development will involve the following listed activities:

- Activity 7** : The above ground storage of a dangerous good, including petrol, diesel, liquid petroleum gas or paraffin, in containers with a combined capacity of more than 30 cubic metres but less than 1000 cubic metres at any one location or site.
- Activity 15** : The construction of a road that is wider than 4 metres or that has a reserve wider than 6 metres.
- Activity 1m (3)**: Activities within the 1:10 year flood line. The construction of facilities for any purpose in the 1:10 year flood line of a river or stream, or within 32 m from the bank of a river or stream where the flood line is unknown, excluding purposes associated with existing residential use, but including bridges.

The purpose of this study is to identify and evaluate issues of concern and potential environmental and social impacts, and propose feasible mitigation measures against such impacts. The objective of the assessment is to investigate the potential environmental and social impacts/ issues of the proposed activity in support of an application for Environmental Authorisation.

Interested and affected parties are invited to participate by providing comments and raising any issues of concern that they may have.

### DETAILS OF THE DECISION MAKERS

Department of Water Affairs and Forestry	Department of Environmental Affairs and Forestry
Ms Patricia Mthimkhulu	Ms Mosili Ntene
Private Bag X2015, Dundee, 3000	Private Bag X447, Pretoria, 0001
(034) 212 1158	(012) 310 3862

To register as an Interested and Affected Party (I & AP), and to receive a copy of the Background Information Document, please contact:

Anelle Odendaal/ Wilhemina Mosupye  
Zitholele Consulting, PO Box 6002,  
Halfway House, 1685  
Tel: 011 254 4905  
Fax: 011 805 2100  
E Mail: aodendaal@zitholele.co.za  
or wmosupye@zitholele.co.za