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**Subject:** EIA: TTLIP - Revised DEIR: Request for consolidated response from NMBM  
**Attachments:** Thyspunt 20112012.doc

**Importance:** High

Dear Gill / Joram Mkosana

We would like to thank the NMBMM Environmental Management Sub-Directorate for their written comments on the Revised DEIR (copy of written comments attached).

As per the written comments received from your Sub-Directorate it seems that there is a difference of opinion as per previous interaction with the NMBMM and SiVEST, as the independent Environmental Assessment Practitioner, requires, as a matter of urgency a consolidated response from the NMBMM which is signed off by the relevant designated Official. We believe that at this stage of the EIA, the information provided to date and the various interactions, that the NMBMM will be able to recommend a preferred corridor (route 1 or route 2) through / around Kwa-Nobuhle.

According to the written comments received from the NMBMM Environmental Management Department, it is believed that the NMBMM Environmental Management Department recommends Option 1 as their preferred option. This is concluded from the sentence in the attached letter stating ***"Further investigations have confirmed that that option 2 is more environmentally sensitive than route option 1 through the open area in the middle of KwaNobuhle."***

It would be appreciated if urgent attention can be given to this matter as SiVEST is in the process of finalizing the Final EIR.

Please do not hesitate to contact me or Rebecca Thomas should any clarification is required.

Kind regards

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