

19 July 2019

**NOTIFICATION OF SECOND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PERIOD:
19 July – 20 August 2019**

GNEC Code: 20480

Dear Interested and Affected Party

INFORMING OF THE SECOND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PERIOD OF A RIVER MAINTENANCE MANAGEMENT PLAN (RMMP) FOR THE PROPOSED MAINTENANCE OF THE KM 8.920 CULVERT, WAARBURGH ROAD, PAARL, WESTERN CAPE.

The City of Cape Town area have recently experienced tremendous growth; with an influx of more permanent residents being the result. This has automatically resulted in an increase in the number of vehicles utilising the public roads in the area. Consequently, road maintenance and road upgrades are important activities required in order to ensure the safety of the public roads are maintained.

Waarburgh Road forms part of Divisional Road 1098. Waarburgh Road (km 8.79 – 14.24) runs parallel with the N1 and extends from the intersection with the R304 West to the intersection with Lucullus Street. The site is situated within the City of Cape Town area of jurisdiction. The property is surrounded by residential and agricultural practices.

Waarburgh Road is an existing tarred public road, with numerous existing stormwater structures also being present in order to accommodate surface runoff.

The Mosselbank River traverses Waarburgh Road at Km 8.920. It should also be noted that freshwater source at Km 8.920 is the only watercourse traversing Waarburgh Road, as was confirmed by Freshwater Ecologist, Kim Marais from Scientific Aquatic Services CC. The existing culvert at Km 8.920 is a box culvert (2 x 2.77 x 1.57 m) over the Mosselbank River. The maintenance activities proposed for the Km 8.920

culvert include the existing structures to be retained with debris to be removed and new apron slabs to be cast.

Guillaume Nel Environmental Consultants (GNEC) have been appointed by the Western Cape Government: Department of Transport and Public Works to submit a River Maintenance Management Plan (RMMP) to the Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning (DEA&DP). Taking the above-mentioned proposal of the proposed development into account, the following National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) legislation was considered:

Government Notice No. R.983 of 2014 (as amended 07 April 2017):

Activity 19

The infilling or depositing of any material of more than 10 cubic metres into, or the dredging, excavation, removal or moving of soil, sand, shells, shell grit pebbles or rock of more than 10 cubic metres from a watercourse;

but excluding where such infilling, depositing, dredging, excavation, removal or moving –

- (a) will occur behind a development setback;
- (b) **is for maintenance purposes undertaken in accordance with a maintenance management plan;**
- (c) falls within the ambit of activity 21 in this Notice, in which case that activity applies;
- (d) occurs within existing ports or harbours that will not increase the development footprint of the port or harbour; or
- (e) where such development is related to the development of a port or harbour, in which case activity 26 in Listing Notice 2 of 2014 applies.

The proposed maintenance activities of the culvert at the Km 8.920 point along Waarburgh Road will be conducted in line with a maintenance management plan and therefore no activities in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act 107 of 1998) will be triggered by the proposed maintenance activities. The approval of the RMMP will therefore authorise the Western Cape Government: Department Transport and Public Works to proceed with maintenance activities of the mentioned culvert.

An application has also been submitted to the Department of Water and Sanitation for a Water Use Authorisation in terms of the National Water Act, 1998 (Act 36 of 1998).

The aim of this EIA process is to ensure that:

- Public participation will be conducted, i.e. to afford stakeholders and/or the community sufficient opportunity to provide comment on the proposed development; and
- Sufficient information is submitted herewith to decision-makers to support an informed decision-making process.

The second Public Participation Process will run from the **19th of July 2019 until the 20th of August 2019.**

Please refer to GNEC's website (www.gnec.co.za) to access additional information pertaining to the EIA application.

Meanwhile, should you have any queries, please feel free to contact myself, at:

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Yours sincerely,

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