



**NOTICE OF A BASIC ASSESSMENT PROCESS FOR THE PROPOSED 160MM uPVC
BULK WATER CONVEYANCE PIPELINE FROM TESSELAARSDAL TO
BETHOESKLOF IN THE WESTERN CAPE.**

DEA&DP Reference: 16/3/3/6/7/1/E4/5/1088/20

INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE

GNEC Reference: 20640

Project Description: The Theewaterskloof Municipality is currently in the process of applying for approval of a Basic Assessment for the proposed installation of a 160mm uPVC bulk water pipeline extending from Tesselaarsdal to Bethoeskloof to reduce the risk of water shortages. The proposed route is approximately 5.7km and is mostly planned along the main road (Minor Road OP04103) from Tesselaarsdal to Bethoeskloof, but is also proposed to stretch over a few farms where it cannot be installed next to road due to restrictions. It is proposed to cross 4 watercourses along the route next to the main road. In addition, sections of indigenous natural vegetation have been identified along the proposed pipeline route. A Freshwater Specialist as well as a Botanical Specialist was appointed to assess the proposed pipeline route. The installation of the pipeline itself is not the listed activity, but the proposed watercourse crossings and removal of indigenous vegetation are the listed activities.

Locality: The proposed water pipeline is planned between the rural settlements of Tesselaarsdal and Bethoeskloof in the Overberg. Tesselaarsdal is located approximately 23km south-east of Caledon and Bethoeskloof about 4km east of Tesselaarsdal. The listed activities are proposed mostly within the road reserve of the main road, some indigenous vegetation might be cleared on the boundaries of farms along the route.

Listed Activities: A Basic Assessment Report has been submitted to the Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning for the proposed watercourse crossings and removal of indigenous vegetation. The Basic Assessment Report submitted is in terms of the National Environmental Management Act of 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) as well as the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014 (as amended). The applicable activities applied for are Listed Activity 19 in Listing Notice 1 (No. 327) as well as Listed Activity 12 in Listing Notice 3 (No. 324). A Water Use Application is also submitted in terms of Section 21 (c) and (i) of the National Water Act, 1998 (Act 36 of 1998).

Public Participation: 26 June 2020 – 7 August 2020

If you would like to register as an Interested and Affected Party, have comments or request additional information, please send your name, address and the reason for your interest to the following address: Guillaume Nel Environmental Consultants, Attention: Divan Opperman, P.O. Box 2632, Paarl, 7620. Tel: (021) 870 1874, Fax: (021) 870 1873 or Email: divan@gnec.co.za. Please indicate GNEC reference number **20640** on all communications. The pre-application Basic Assessment Report will be available from 26 June 2020 on GNEC's website www.gnec.co.za. The pre-application draft Basic Assessment Report will be made available electronically to any I&AP's on request. Due to the current National COVID-19 pandemic, no hardcopy documents are available at the Public Library.

REGISTRATION/COMMENTS MUST REACH GNEC BEFORE OR ON: 7 AUGUST 2020