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## PROJECT UPDATE

### APPLICATIONS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION FOR PROPOSED CAPACITY IMPROVEMENTS TO N2 AND N3 NATIONAL ROUTES WITHIN THE ETHEKWINI METROPOLITAN MUNICIPALITY, KWAZULU-NATAL

This letter serves to update registered Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) on the progress of two Basic Assessment processes<sup>1</sup> being undertaken by ACER for SANRAL's proposed capacity improvements to the following sections of national road:

#### **Basic Assessment 1 (BA1)**

N2 from Solomon Mahlangu Interchange (II/C) to south of the Umgeni Road I/C.  
N3 from the EB Cloete I/C to Paradise Valley I/C.

#### **Basic Assessment 2 (BA2)**

N3 from Paradise Valley I/C to Mariannhill Toll Plaza  
N3 Mariannhill Toll Plaza to Assagay I/C

Project announcement began during August 2016, and the period for receipt of public comment (including comment from affected landowners) has been kept open to the current date. The issues raised by I&APs, along with the findings of specialist studies and inputs from the environmental and engineering teams, have enabled potential environmental impacts to be identified and assessed.

Two draft BA Reports will be circulated to registered I&APs for review and comment, anticipated early in 2018. There will be some new information for BA2, with respect to the N3 between Paradise Valley to Mariannhill Toll Plaza, due to the extension of footprints around the Farningham and Richmond Road Interchanges. I&APs will be fully notified about these proposed changes as soon as they are ready for circulation.

After receipt of public comments, the draft BARs will be amended as necessary and final BARs submitted to the Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA). As per the legislated timeframes, DEA will issue a decision on whether or not to authorise the projects, within 107 days of receiving the final BARs.

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<sup>1</sup> In accordance with the 2014 Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, published under the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (NEMA) (Act No. 107 of 1998) (as amended).

ACER will update I&APs further during 2018.

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Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ashleigh McKenzie', written in a cursive style.

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