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BACKGROUND INFORMATION DOCUMENT FOR THE PROPOSED CAPACITY IMPROVEMENTS TO NATION ROUTE 2 (N2) AND NATIONAL ROUTE 3 (N3) WITHIN ETHEKWINI METROPOLITAN MUNICIPALITY.

The Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF) appreciates the opportunity given to review and comment on the BID for the above mentioned development. DAFF through the sub-directorate Forestry Regulations and Support is the authority mandated to implement the National Forest Act, (Act No. 84 of 1998) by regulating the use of natural forests and protected tree species in terms of the said Act.

With regards to the document received on the 21st of July 2016, there is insufficient information pertaining to vegetation since the environmental assessment process is still at its initial stage. The department requests that a vegetation assessment is conducted for the proposed areas. This study will assist in determining the impact that the development may have on indigenous trees and/or protected tree species in terms of the NFA. Further comments will be provided upon receipt and review of the Basic Assessment Report.

This letter does not exempt you from considering other environmental legislation

Should any further information be required, please do not hesitate to contact this office.

Yours faithfully

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