

SANRAL/DWS Liaison Meeting

Minutes

Venue: SANRAL Eastern Region Offices- Pietermaritzburg

Date: 25th July 2018

Time: 09:00am

Attendance	Company
Ravi Ronny (RR)	SANRAL
Shaun Naidoo (SN)	DWS
Thulani Mbokodo (TM)	DWS
Patricia Nathaniel (PN)	KSEMS
Denesha Moodley (DM)	NME
Ashleigh Mckenzie (AM)	ACER
Ofentse Mokonoto (OM)	Terratest
John Richardson (JR)	Terratest
Sanchia Pillay (SP)	SANRAL

1. Welcome, Introduction & Purpose of Meeting	Action
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RR welcomed everyone to the meeting • Informed everyone that Busisiwe Mlambo (SANRAL ER Environmental Coordinator) is unwell and will be away till next year • RR explained the purpose of the meeting is to provide clarify on the authorisation and exclusions that applies to SANRAL as an SOC according to the Government Gazette. • SN explained that a risk matrix must be carried out for all projects and depending on the outcome i.e. low, medium or high, the process going forward will be determined. 	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SN stated that a blanket approval cannot be applied for all projects, approval must be project specific however there are exemptions made for SANRAL. • SN stated if risk matrix is low or medium, GA is authorised. • Only if risk matrix triggers high risk, additional information may be required. • JR stated that a wetland assessment will have to be completed to complete the risk matrix. • SN would like to have a meeting with Mpati Makoa (SANRAL Environmental Manager) to discuss/understand her views on the agreement in place. • SN requested that RR arrange a meeting with SANRAL (Head office) and DWS to resolve issues. 	RR
2. Applications already lodged, licence outstanding	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Isipingo I/C <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Environmental Specialist Patsy Scherman could not attend the meeting however she sent a letter summarising the issues that are preventing her from completing the registration. - Patsy stated that SANRAL is to provide DWS with a letter of financial provision and land owners agreement. -RR stated that the process has been on hold as SANRAL feels that as a SOC they are not required to provide this information. -SN also agreed that SANRAL is not required to provide letter of financial provision or land owners agreement. -Thulani Mbokodo (TM) from DWA whom Patsy has been dealing with said that there has been a miscommunication between Patsy and himself as he agrees that this information is not required. - TM also stated that the only information that was outstanding was the three alternatives and one preference. -SN asked that a meeting be set up between Thulani and Patsy to clear up all unresolved issues. 	TM

4. Projects that have received a confirmation of GA:	Action
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None to Date 	
5. Upcoming Projects - WULA:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N3 Projects 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ General <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -RR gave brief progress update on N3 projects and stated that Ashleigh Mckenzie (AM) and John Richardson (JR) are the environmentalist busy with specialist studies for the N3. -AM wanted clarity on abstraction process/application. -SN stated that the amount of water for use during construction and point of abstraction must be submitted i.e.21.a. Abstraction of water form. -SN stated in most cases volume of water is so small, falls within the General Authorisation limits. -SN stated that General Authorisation limits for abstraction is minimum 2000 m³/property/annum. However, can defer depending where situated. 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Durban to Key Ridge <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -AM gave brief feedback on work to date. -AM stated that the specialist studies have been completed a while back and are being updated as per the environmental authorisation process. -SN suggested to avoid duplication of work, when running EIA process run the WULA process parallel. -SN also stated that the risk matrix must be submitted in DWS required format. 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Key Ridge to Hammarsdale <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -JR gave status to date. -Application for registration completed. -Wetland study completed. -Risk matrix completed. -Awaiting SANRAL to sign off application forms before submission. 	SANRAL

• N2 Projects	Action
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ilovu River to Umlaas Canal <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -PN gave progress to date. -Risk matrix and wetland study completed. -Application forms completed. Awaiting review and sign off from SANRAL before submission. 	SANRAL
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Umtentweni I/C to Hibberdene I/C <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -JR gave feedback. -Two relatively new projects. -Still need to undertake specialist studies i.e. wetland studies, risk assessment etc. -SN stated the environmentalist should interact directly with TM at early stages of assessment to avoid delays. TM to accompany JR for site inspection if available. 	
6. Other matters	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -SN stated that detailed drawings are not required. Layout plans are acceptable. Layouts must highlight water crossings. -Basic requirements for applications are drawings, risk matrix, wetland assessment and registration forms. -SN stated that for bridges where piers lie in water, co-ordinates of piers must be shown. Can be given in a table format. -SN stated they are willing to take the risk and issue the GA without the EIA or RoD however the condition will be that construction will not be undertaken until a positive RoD is received. SN doesn't want to be in a position where a WULA is delaying or holding up processes. 	
7. Closure	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -SN stated that TM is handling all SANRAL and KZN DOT projects. -All queries must be addressed to TM. -<i>Thulani Mbokodo Contact Details:</i> <i>Email Address: mbokodot@dws.gov.za</i> <i>Contact Number: 063 501 0278</i> -Separate meeting to be arranged between SANRAL Mpati Makoia and DWS Head office. -Next meeting to be held in 2 months. 	RR