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Dear Sir/Madam

COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED CAPACITY UPGRADES TO THE N2 (SOLOMON MAHLANGU INTERCHANGE TO SOUTH OF UMNGENI ROAD), INCLUDING EXPANSION OF THE EB CLOETE AND SOLOMON MAHLANGU INTERCHANGES AND THE N3 INCLUDING PROVISION OF TEMPORARY ACCESS FOR CONSTRUCTION BELOW WESTVILLE AND PARADISE VALLEY VIADUCTS, ETHEKWINI METROPOLITAN MUNICIPALITY, KWAZULU-NATAL PROVINCE

The directorate: Biodiversity Conservation has reviewed and evaluated the aforementioned report with its specialist's studies and recommends the following for implementation:

- A thorough Riparian Impact Assessment must be conducted and be submitted as part of the Final Basic Assessment Report;
- All protected and listed alien invasive plant species must not be removed or disturbed prior to permit approval from the relevant authorities;
- The development footprint must be minimized within the high sensitivity areas as far as possible;
- All disturbed and cleared areas must be re-vegetated with appropriate indigenous plant species;
- A "Plant and Rescue and Protection" plan which allows for the maximum transplant of conservation important species from areas to be transformed must be incorporated into the EMPr.

The overall biodiversity objective is to minimize loss to biodiversity as possible. Therefore, in order to achieve this objective the above mentioned recommendations must be adhered to.

Yours faithfully



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