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Attention: Mrs A. Mckenzie

Dear Ashleigh

RE: PROPOSED CAPACITY IMPROVEMENTS TO NATIONAL ROUTE 3 (N3) FROM HAMMARSDALE TO PIETERMARITZBURG: CAPACITY UPGRADES TO THE N3 FROM LYNNFIELD PARK TO MURRAY ROAD

With reference to the Draft Basic Assessment Report for Environmental Authorization submitted on 24th of October 2018 for DEA REF NO 14/12/16/3/3/1/1966 the following comments are provided:

The Report must give details about Msunduzi Ecosystem Services Plan (ESP) Findings.

The Report must give details about Msunduzi Conservation Plan (C- Plan) findings.

The Report must give details about Msunduzi Spatial Development Framework (SDF) Findings

The Msunduzi Spatial Development Framework requires a 30-meter precautionary buffer from the Mpushini Nature Reserve/ Mpushini Protected Environment.

The Msunduzi Spatial Development Framework requires a 40-meter from the Mpushini River.

Provide wetland offset for any potential loss to wetlands.

Based on the Msunduzi Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) and Environmental policy Msunduzi Municipality does in principle not support the cumulative loss ecological corridors, floodplains, wetlands and riparian areas.

For grassland areas fire management plans and open field burning protection measures for grassland burning must be considered.

The Environmental Management Programme (EMPr) pre-construction phase must suitably address the relocation of fauna and flora.

Alien vegetation must be monitored and removed on an on-going basis specified in Defects liability period by developer/ Contractor. Indigenous vegetation planting must continue on an on-going basis if it is required.

The Draft Msunduzi South Eastern District Local Area Plan requires that open space cores are protected as areas of high biodiversity, including protected areas, wetlands, high priority habitats/areas, etc. This includes the major river systems of the Mpushini together with the Mpushini Protected Areas.

The report must specify time frames for completion of rehabilitation measures on completion of the construction phase.

Chemical toilets must be located at least 40m from any riparian area/ watercourses.

Site construction camp must be located at least 40m from any riparian area/ watercourses.

Copies of the rehabilitation plan/ re-vegetation plan must be submitted to this Unit for approval prior to site works.

The Municipal Climate Change Policy and Adaptation and Mitigation Strategy must be considered and measures implemented to reduce the carbon footprint and encourage the use of renewable energy resources. The Msunduzi Green building guideline must be taken into consideration during planning and design.

Should the applicant require the above mentioned documents, they can be found on the Msunduzi Municipality website or alternatively the Msunduzi Environmental Management Unit can be contacted

Please note that under no circumstance should builders' rubble / waste material, builder's rubble or hazardous waste be dumped illegally. Waste must be recycled/re-used or disposed of at a registered landfill site.

An Environmental Compliance Officer (ECO) must be appointed for the development and must register with this unit, providing their contact details and a proposed schedule of site visits, prior to the commencement of site works. It is recommended that site visits be conducted on a monthly basis. All audit reports are to be submitted to this Unit.

Please ensure this unit is provided with an electronic and hard copy of the final Basic Assessment Report and Environmental Management Programme.

Please contact this unit should you have any queries.

For: MANAGER ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT UNIT