

# **NOTICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION PROCESS**

## **PROPOSED MTUNZINI SANITATION SYSTEM, KING CETSHWAYO DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY**

ECA Consulting (Pty) Ltd has been appointed by the King Cetshwayo District Municipality to undertake phased upgrades and expansion to the Mtunzini Sanitation System. The project aims to improve the existing system's efficiency by constructing a new Waste Water Treatment Works, six sumps and pump stations, and approximately 26.2 km of conventional water borne sewer reticulation pipelines and manholes.

### **LOCATION OF THE PROPOSED PROJECT**

The project will take place in the town of Mtunzini (with upgrades proposed within the uMlalazi Nature Reserve), which is approximately 41 km south of Richards Bay, within the uMlalazi Local Municipality. The proposed site for the new Waste Treatment Works is to the north-west of the town adjacent to the eastern side of the N2.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION**

In terms of the EIA Regulations published under the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (NEMA) (Act No. 107 of 1998), (as amended), the proposed project triggers several activities listed in the 2014 Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations (as amended, 2017). The project, therefore, requires environmental authorisation through the undertaking of a Basic Assessment, with Basic Assessment report being submitted to the competent authority (KwaZulu-Natal Department of Economic Development, Tourism and Environmental Affairs) for consideration. The assessment process will include applications for the relevant licenses/authorisations required from the Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) in terms of Chapter 4 of the National Water Act, 1998 (Act No 36 of 1998).

### **INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE**

Interested and Affected Parties are requested to register with ACER (Africa) Environmental Consultants and provide their comments. A Background Information and Notification Letter including a Registration and Comment Sheet can be obtained from the Public Participation Office.

To register as an Interested and/or Affected Party and obtain further information related to the proposed development, please contact the Public Participation Office:

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Please note that consistent with GNR 326, 42(a), 44 (1) and 19(1)(a) (7 April 2017) all comments received will be captured in a Comments and Responses Report which will be made available to the competent authority and which will be placed in the public domain as part of the public review process of the Basic Assessment Report.