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Dear «Title» Surname»

PROPOSED CAPACITY UPGRADES TO THE N3 FROM PARADISE VALLEY (N3 SECTION 1 KM 17.5) TO KEY RIDGE (N3 SECTION 2 KM 2.8), INCLUDING PROVISION OF ACCESS FOR CONSTRUCTION BELOW THE UMHLATUZANA VIADUCT, ETHEKWINI METROPOLITAN MUNICIPALITY (INNER & OUTER WEST), KWAZULU-NATAL

DRAFT BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORT 2 (AND ASSOCIATED WATER USE REGISTRATION DOCUMENTS) FOR PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENT

Notice is hereby given in terms of the amended EIA Regulations (2017) published under the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998), as amended, of the availability of the Draft Basic Assessment Report for the above-mentioned project.

The South African National Roads Agency SOC Limited (SANRAL) is proposing capacity upgrades to the N2 and N3 between Durban and Pietermaritzburg, to accommodate future traffic growth, increase mobility and improve road safety.

The Draft Basic Assessment Report (BAR) and Environmental Management Programme (EMPr) for **Basic Assessment 2** deals with the proposed capacity upgrades to the N3 from Paradise Valley to Key Ridge (near Assagay interchange).

The Draft BAR and EMPr for **Basic Assessment 2** will be made available for public review and comment during the statutory 30-day commenting period between **11 February 2020 – 11 March 2020** (inclusive), at the following public Venues:

Area	Venue	Street Address	Telephone Number
Pinetown	Pinetown Public Venue	67 Josiah Gumede Road, New Germany, Pinetown, 3620	031 311 6333
Hillcrest	Hillcrest Public Venue	22/24 Delamore Road, Hilldene, Hillcrest	031 311 2731
Ashley, Pinetown	Ashley Sports Club Office between 12pm and 3:30pm only	10 Russell Street, Ashley, Durban, 3610	031 709 2188
Westville	Westville Civic Centre Public Venue	1 William Leister Drive, Westville, Durban, 3613	031 311 6591

The report is also available on ACER's website: www.acerafrica.co.za under 'Current Projects', Proposed N2 and N3 Capacity Upgrades – Batch 1 Projects.

The proposed development also requires water use authorisation from the Department of Water and Sanitation under the provisions of a General Authorisation. These documents form part of the suite of documents available for public review.

Please submit written comments no later than **11 March 2020** and direct queries to Ms. Carina Boonzaaier:

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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.

Should you have received this correspondence by post and wish to continue receiving notifications on the environmental processes which ACER is undertaking for SANRAL's proposed upgrades to the N2 and N3, please kindly provide ACER with an email address. Future notifications will be sent out by email only, unless otherwise specifically requested. Please send your updated details to:

E-mail: N3Batch1@acerafrica.co.za

Comments received on the Draft BAR, EMPr and water use authorisations will be taken into consideration and incorporated in the final reports to be submitted to the national Department of Environment, Forestry and Fisheries for decision-making. A letter will be sent to all registered Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) informing them of the submission of the final reports and where they can be accessed. Once a decision is issued by the Department of Environment, Forestry and Fisheries registered I&APs will be notified of the decision and their right to appeal.

On behalf of the Project Team, we should like to thank everyone who has participated in this Basic Assessment process and we look forward to your continued participation.

Yours sincerely,



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