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Dear /Madam

COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT BASIC ASSESSMENT FOR THE PROPOSED N3 ROAD UPGRADES BETWEEN DURBAN AND CEDARA KWAZULU-NATAL PROVINCE

The Directorate: Biodiversity Conservation reviewed and evaluated the aforementioned report and its specialist's studies. The following must be considered during the final Basic Assessment phase:

- A permit must be obtained from relevant National or Provincial Authorities prior to any protected plant species are removed or damaged;
- An alien and invasive plant management plan must be developed to control and reduce the establishment and spread of alien plant species within the development footprint;
- A rehabilitation plan that guides planting and seeding with indigenous plants must be developed;
- The final walk through with an Ecological Specialist must be undertaken in order to avoid impacting on species of conservation concern;
- Strict buffers must be established around all open water bodies, riparian and wetland vegetation and riparian banks;
- Widening of the N3 along the northern edge must be avoided. It should rather occur in the median and along the southern edge (north bound carriageway) of the highway.

The overall biodiversity objective is to minimise loss to biodiversity as possible. In order to achieve this objective the above mentioned recommendations must be adhered to.

Yours faithfully

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