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Request for Public Participation Deviation

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Dear Mr Struwig,

I hope you are well.

Thank you very much for your responses to my inquiry about the process for submitting a Public Participation Plan.

Attached is our proposal for deviating from the Public Participation Process. This document aims to provide the competent authority with the necessary information to consider potential deviations from the public participation processes, in compliance with Chapter 6 of the EIA Regulations.

The proposal pertains to the Environmental Maintenance Management Plan (eMMP) for the Lower Sundays River Water Users Association (LSRWUA), which Zutari has been commissioned to develop.

We kindly request the Department's comments on the proposal.

Thank you once again for your assistance.

Kind regards,
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Good morning Ms Govender

Further to our discussions yesterday regarding the proposed public participation process for this project please be advised that I have perused the attached public participation plan and concur with the proposed process.

You may thus continue with the actions set out in the attached plan.

Thank you.

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eMMP Public Participation Plan

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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN

ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION FOR AN ENVIRONMENTAL MAINTENANCE MANAGEMENT PLAN (eMMP) FOR THE LOWER SUNDAYS RIVER WATER USERS ASSOCIATION (LSRWUA), EASTERN CAPE

Application to be submitted

1 Introduction

The purpose of this document is to provide the competent authority (CA) with relevant information for possible deviations to the public participation processes in order to fulfil the requirements of Chapter 6 in the National Environmental Management Act (NEMA) EIA Regulations 2014. This document was requested by the CA during the pre-application meeting, as the scale of the project and numerous landowners require a deviation from the standard public participation requirements. The specific measures recommended have been carefully considered to ensure that the process is transparent and inclusive to all Interested & Affected Parties (I&APs), whilst legally compliant.

2 Project description

In order to ensure an adequate and reliable supply of water, one of the duties of the Lower Sundays River Water Users Association (LSRWUA) is to maintain the canal infrastructure and system in a working order. Some of the maintenance and associated activities, required for the upkeep of the canals, may trigger the need for an EIA process as regulated by the EIA Regulations 2014. Given the extended footprint and locality of the existing infrastructure, this may require multiple applications in terms of the EIA process. In order to avoid repeated future applications for authorisation, LSRWUA thus appointed Zutari (Pty) Ltd to compile an Environmental Maintenance Management Plan (eMMP) to obtain an environmental authorisation for all future maintenance work on existing canal infrastructure under control of LSRWUA. This eMMP will be subjected to an environmental authorisation process in the form of a Basic Assessment as defined in the NEMA 2014 regulations.

3 Location

The eMMP is applicable to the approximately 290km of existing canal infrastructure operated and managed by LSRWUA within the Sundays River Valley. The canal infrastructure starts from Korhaans Drift weir and runs east through Kirkwood towards the Addo Elephant National Park. At the R335 it veers south through the town of Addo and ends downstream of the Barkley Bridge, where it discharges the remaining water back into the Sundays River. The canal infrastructure runs through numerous private and state-owned properties.

4 Public participation plan

The public participation process will be undertaken in accordance with the requirements of Regulations 39 to 44 of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2014, as amended, (GNR 326). The aim of the public participation process is primarily to ensure that:

- Information containing all relevant facts in respect of the proposed project is made available to potential stakeholders and I&APs
- Participation by I&APs is facilitated in such a manner that all potential stakeholders and I&APs are provided with a reasonable opportunity to comment on the proposed project
- Comments received from potential stakeholders and I&APs are recorded and incorporated into the EIA process.

The public participation plan, as set out in the table below, has been drafted for the above-mentioned project to ensure that reasonable opportunity is provided to I&APs and that all administrative actions are reasonable and acceptable. Proof of all notifications will be included in the public participation appendix included in the Basic Assessment report(s).

The public participation plan is submitted to DEDEAT for discussion and agreement before the public participation process is undertaken for the proposed project.

Table 1. Public participation plan to be followed

Regulation	Approach & Methodology to meet requirements
Regulation 39(1) requires that the proponent must, before applying for an environmental Authorisation in respect of such activity, obtain the written consent of the landowner or person in control of the land to undertake such activity on that land.	• The canal is proclaimed and not registered as a servitude. It thus transects various private and state properties. Most of the Landowners are dependent on the existing infrastructure for water supply and have agreements in place with LSRWUA. In practice, written consent is already in place. The regulation excludes linear activities from written consent. However, some of the infrastructure (viz. rejects) are not linear activities and therefore written consent will only be obtained from these identified localities.
Regulation 40(1), Regulation 40(3) & Regulation 43 – provide all potential or registered interested and affected parties, including the competent authority, **access to project related information**, access to the BA report which will be made available for a period of at least 30 days to **submit comments on draft reports** prior to submission of final reports for decision-making.	• A register of all I&APs will be opened and maintained throughout the project. Consultation will be mainly through E-mails, community forums, Sundays River Catchment Management Forum and the Sundays River Valley Agricultural Society networks and existing communications network used by LSRWUA • BID will provide details on the project and suggestions on how I&APs can become involved in the process will be circulated on the above networks • Relevant Government departments, parastatals and municipal structures will be contacted. <u>Notification of Basic Assessment (BA) process to be undertaken for application for Environmental Authorisation (EA) to be distributed using the following means:</u> • Electronic notification will be provided via E-mail, SMS and/or WhatsApp on the identified networks. <u>Notification of availability of the report and period for review using the following means:</u> • As previous. <u>Availability of report for review:</u> • Electronic copies can be made available to parties and will be sent via E-mail upon request for the documentation • Hard copies of the report will be available at the LSRWUA offices, located on Mainstreet, Sunland • The report will be submitted to Organs of State and commenting authorities via an agreed electronic platform. <u>Submission of comments to EAP:</u> • Comments could be submitted directly to the EAP via E-mail or through correspondence from the LSRWUA client communication networks • Any comments provided telephonically (including MS Teams communication) will be transcribed and recorded as formal comments.

Regulation 40(2) - Provide access to all project information that has the potential to influence any decision regarding the application, unless protected by law, and must include **consultation** with Competent Authority, Organs of State & registered I&APs. Regulation 41(6) – Relevant **information available and accessible.**	<u>Provision of project information and consultation via various means including:</u> • Email correspondence • Instant messaging (SMS and/or WhatsApp) • Telephonic and MS Teams consultation • Communities will be consulted via the relevant Ward Councillor, ward committee members, community representative or local community forum members, as determined and confirmed during the consultation process. <u>Public meeting:</u> The need for a public meeting will be determined by the response received in the initial public participation phase. At this stage, communication via the WhatsApp channels will be most effective considering the large area that the project will cover. Should there be a need, and based on the comments raised, a public meeting will be considered. Communication will be provided in a language preferable to the community. Zutari will liaise with the Ward Councillor and LSRWUA regarding vulnerable and marginalised communities. Zutari will inform the Ward Councillor regarding the proposed project and will provide the Ward Councillor with an electronic notification as well as a WhatsApp notification. The WhatsApp notification will be distributed to the various community groups. All responses from these groups will be consolidated and sent back to Zutari for a response.

Regulation 41(2)(a) – **Site notice.**	• Erecting site notices at all affected properties is unfeasible due to the large number of properties involved. This would create significant logistical challenges, including difficulties in ensuring accessibility across the area.
	• Site notices will be erected on the relevant access roads to the Lower Sundays River Valley. This includes:
	  ○ R336 at access gate to Korhaans drift Weir (start of the project)
	  ○ At intersection of R336, Hoofstraat and Barsheba gravel road
	  ○ At intersection of R336 and R335
	  ○ At intersection of R342 and R335 (Zuurberg Road)
	  ○ At intersection of Valencia gravel and R335 (Gorah Elephant Camp Road)
	  ○ On R335 at Sundays River Bridge
	  ○ On gravel road (Old Rail Route) at Harveyton Farm (This is near Barkley Bridge and end of the scheme).
	• In addition to the electronic communications, this approach will address the requirements.

Regulation 41(2)(b) – **Written notification** to affected and neighboring landowners and occupiers; municipality; Ward Councillors; Organs of State & other parties required by the CA.	• As described in previous sections.

Regulation 41(2)(c) – (e) – **Advertisements.**	• Placing advertisements in a newspaper is not feasible, as the community does not have a formalized newspaper, and printed media has mostly been discontinued. As an alternative, electronic correspondence is proposed. LSRWUA and other identified civic organizations have extensive electronic communication networks. These are more likely to reach a larger audience, ensuring broader dissemination of information and promoting greater community engagement. This method is more accessible and effective for reaching stakeholders in this area.
Regulation 42 – **Register of I&Aps.**	• I&APs are to be identified through a process of networking, referrals, obtaining information from the LSRWUA database and liaison with potentially affected parties in the greater surrounding area • Organs of State, key stakeholders and affected, surrounding landowners will be identified and registered on the project database • Other stakeholders can also formally register their interest in the project through contacting Zutari via email and LSRWUA Web pages • The register of I&APs will contain the names of: ○ All identified I&APs ○ All people who requested to be registered on the database in writing and disclosed their interest in the project ○ All Organs of State which hold jurisdiction in respect of the activity to which the application relates. • The information captured on the I&APs database will contain the names, organization and contact details, as required and as in accordance with the POPI Act.
Regulation 44 – **Comments** to be recorded.	• Written comments can be submitted via email • Any comments provided telephonically/via MS Teams or instant messaging, will be transcribed and recorded as formal comments • All comments received throughout the EIA process will be acknowledged and captured with a relevant response • The comments and responses will be included in the final report submitted to the Competent Authority.
Regulation 4(2) – Notification of **decision** on application.	<u>Notification of Environmental Authorisation (EA) using the following means:</u> • All I&APs on the database will receive an email or WhatsApp notification of the decision made by DEDEAT. A copy of the decision will be circulated to registered I&APs.

5 Conclusion

The public participation plan will afford all potential and / or registered Interested and Affected Parties, including the competent authority and any other stakeholder or organ of state, an opportunity to become involved in the basic environmental impact assessment and provide comments during the various phases of the project. Zutari will ensure that reasonable opportunity is provided for public participation and that all administrative actions are reasonable.

In diversity there is beauty and there is strength.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS

Basic Assessment Process

PROPOSED ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (BAR) AND ENVIRONMENTAL MAINTENANCE MANAGEMENT PLAN (EMMP) FOR SUNDAYS RIVER VALLEY WATER USERS ASSOCIATION, EASTERN CAPE

Notice is hereby given of a Public Participation Process (PPP) in terms of the National Environmental Management Act (NEMA) (No. 107 of 1998, as amended)

Activity Description:
Proposed Environmental Impact Assessment (BAR & EMMP) for the canal infrastructure management and maintenance work in the Lower Sundays River Valley Municipality (specifically on existing infrastructure such as the main canal, branch canals and siphons)

Opportunity to Participate:
You are herewith invited to submit your **written** (WhatsApp, letter or email) request to be registered as an Interested and Affected Party (including your full name, contact details and interest in the matter) to **Zutari** by **7 April 2025**. Additional information can be requested from Zutari.

Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP): Contact Person: Theuns Duvenhage

Postal Address: PO Box 5328, Walmer, 6065 **Tel:** (041) 503 3900 **WhatsApp**: 077 444 2862 **Fax:** 086 600 4037 **E-mail:** enviroEC@zutari.com	**Date of Notification:** 6 March 2025 ZUTARI	**PROPONENT:** LSRWUA

Contents of site notice

Access gate to Korhaans Drift Weir

R336, Hoofstraat and Barsheba Gravel Road

Intersection R342 & R335 (Zuurberg Road)

Intersection of R336 and R335

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Intersection of Valencia Gravel and R335	On R335 at Sundays River Bridge
On gravel road at Harveyton Farm	On R336 at LSRWUA Offices

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Background Information Document (BID):

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Proposed Environmental Impact Assessment (BAR) and Environmental Maintenance Management Plan (eMMP) for Lower Sundays River Water User Association, Eastern Cape

BACKGROUND INFORMATION DOCUMENT

Notification Of Intention To Apply For Environmental Authorisation

Dear Interested and/or Affected Party (I&AP)

You are receiving this document as you have been identified as a person or organisation that might be affected by, or interested in, the above development.

This I&AP notification process is being carried out as part of the environmental impact assessment processes being undertaken for the proposed development; and the purpose of this Background Information Document (BID) is to inform you of the proposed project and to provide you with the opportunity to register as an I&AP and/or to provide comments.

Should you wish to register or comment, kindly complete the registration form at the end of this document and return it to Zutari (contact details below) before 7 April 2025.

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PROJECT BACKGROUND

The Lower Sundays River Water User Association (LSRWUA) oversees the distribution and use of water for a number of users, including the Nelson Mandela Bay Municipality. In order to ensure an adequate and reliable supply of water one of the duties of the LSRWUA is to maintain the canal infrastructure system in working order. The maintenance and associated repairs required for the upkeep of the canals may require environmental authorisation as per the National Environmental Management Act, NEMA (No 107 of 1998). In order to avoid repeated future applications for authorisation LSRWUA thus appointed Zutari (Pty) Ltd to compile an

Environmental Maintenance Management Plan (eMMP) to obtain an environmental authorisation for all future maintenance work on existing canal infrastructure in the Sundays River Valley. This eMMP will be subjected to an environmental authorisation process in the form of a Basic Assessment as defined in the NEMA 2014 regulations.

PROJECT LOCATION

The eMMP applies to the approximately 290km of existing canal infrastructure operated and managed by LSRWUA within the Sundays River Valley. The canal infrastructure starts from Korhaans Drift weir and runs east through Kirkwood towards the Addo Elephant National Park until the canal system heads in a southerly direction towards Colchester. The system ends downstream of the Barkley Bridge, where it discharges remaining water back into the Sundays River.

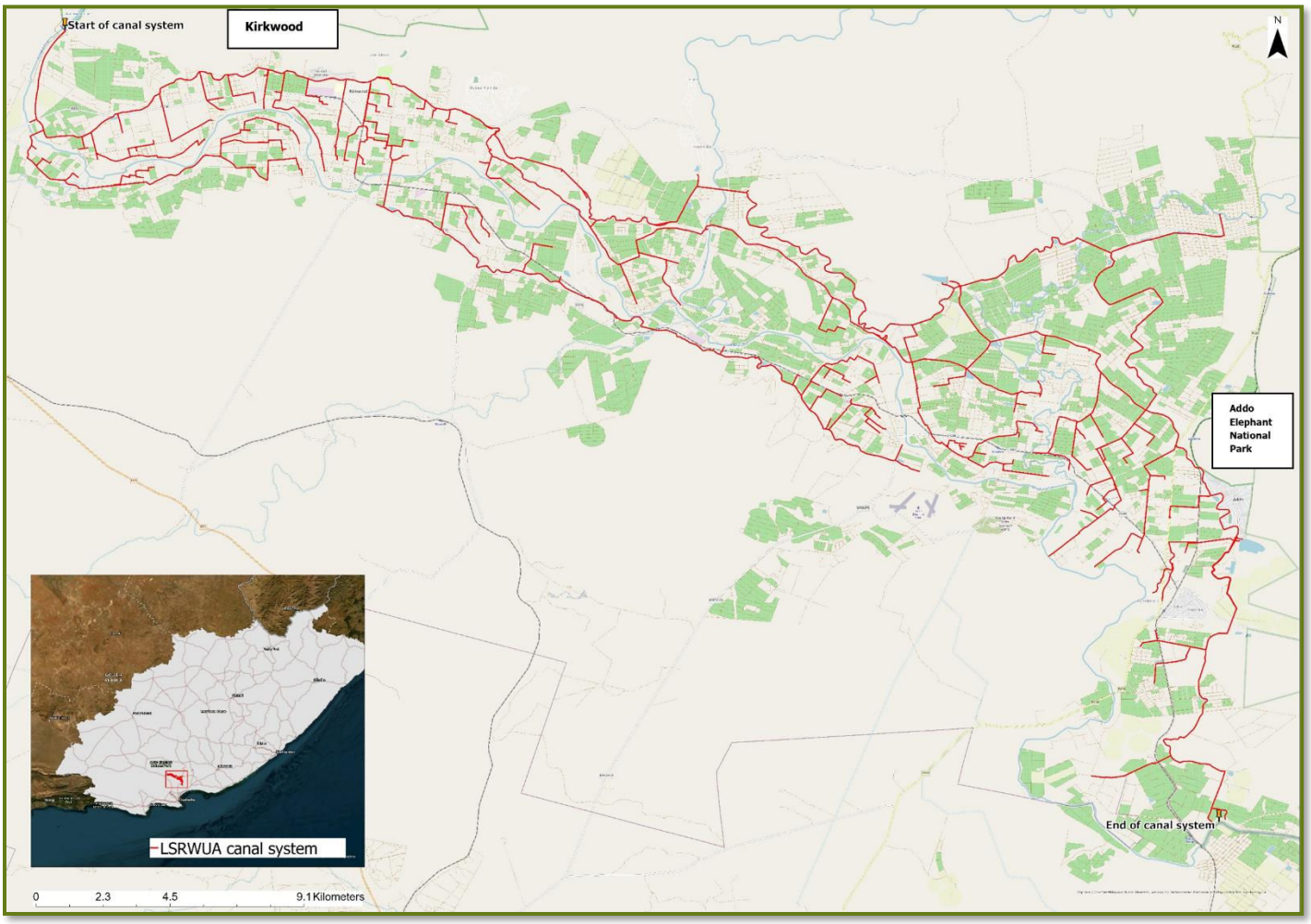

Figure 1. General locality of existing canal infrastructure

For a detailed layout of existing infrastructure please refer to Annexure 1.

PROJECT ACTIVITY

The aim of the eMMP is to obtain authorisation in terms of the NEMA 2014 regulations for all the planning, construction, operational and rehabilitation activities for the maintenance and replacement of existing canal

infrastructure and services under LSRWUA jurisdiction. Therefore, a public participation process is being carried out as part of the authorisation application procedures.

LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The proposed eMMP requires environmental approval before it may proceed, and the following legal requirements are triggered:

National Environmental Management Act (NEMA) (No. 107 of 1998) – The Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations of 2014 (as amended), identify certain activities which "could have a substantial detrimental effect on the environment" and which therefore require authorisation from the relevant environmental authority before they may proceed. The proposed maintenance potentially triggers a number these activities, and application for environmental authorisation is thus being made to the relevant environmental authority i.e. the provincial Department of Economic Development, Environmental Affairs and Tourism (DEDEAT) Sarah Baartman region. A basic environmental assessment process will be followed.

National Water Act (NWA) (No. 36 of 1998) - Maintenance activities are likely to involve work within the regulated area of a watercourse and application for a Water Use Licence in terms of the National Water Act will thus be required. Water uses to be applied for are S21(c) and S21(i), i.e. "*impeding or diverting flow in a watercourse*"; and "*altering, impacting or disturbing the bed, banks and/or flow of a watercourse*" respectively. The Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) will be included in the Public Participation Process as a Commenting Authority and an Interested & Affected Party and they will advise on the way forward.

National Environmental: Biodiversity Management Act (NEM:BA) (No.10 of 2004) – The provisions of this Act may potentially be triggered if the removal or destruction of protected species and management of alien invasive species in the proposed area is required. A servitude is maintained along the canal which makes this unlikely.

National Heritage Resources Act (NHRA) (No. 25 of 1999) - Section 38(1) (c) may be applicable to this project. Although a heritage authorization is unlikely as areas were previously disturbed, the Eastern Cape Provincial Heritage Resources Authority (ECPHRA), would determine whether a Heritage Impact Assessment is required.

THE BASIC ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT PROCESS

The purpose of the basic assessment is to identify and describe potential positive and negative environmental impacts associated with the proposed project and its feasible alternatives, and to investigate and assess those alternatives and impacts. A simplified flow chart of the process is shown below.

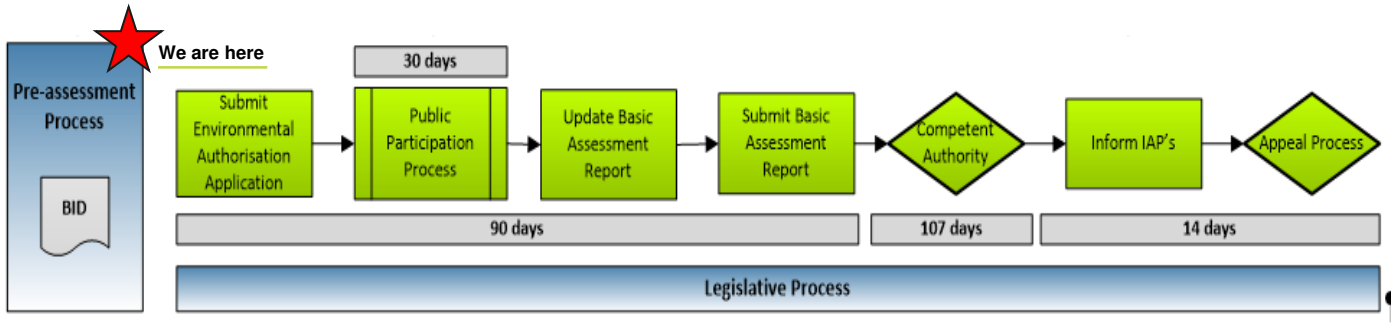

Figure2: Basic Assessment Process (2014 EIA regulations, as amended)

Stakeholder engagement is a key component of the environmental assessment process, and is incorporated in the following stages:

- Pre-application stakeholder notification (adverts, notices, this BID document) with provision of a 30-day comment/registration period.
- Providing all registered I&APs with a 30-day opportunity to comment on the Draft Basic Assessment Report (DBAR).
- Incorporating all I&AP comments into the final Basic Assessment Report.
- Informing stakeholders of the decision taken by DEDEAT to approve or not approve the project and of the opportunity for appeal.

YOUR INVOLVEMENT IN THE PROCESS

As a potentially Interested and/or Affected Party (I&AP), you may become involved in the process by registering your interest in the project and/or providing comments. A registration form is provided on the following page. Alternatively, you may email us directly, but please ensure that you provide all of the information required in the form.

Should you wish to become involved, please be aware of the following responsibilities that the EIA regulations (2014, as amended) places on I&APs:

a) Comments must be submitted within the approved timeframes (30 days) or within any extension of a timeframe agreed to by the applicant or EAP;
b) Any direct business, financial, personal or other interest which that party may have in the approval or refusal of the application must be disclosed.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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Protection of Personal Information Act (POPIA)

Please note that by requesting to be registered as an I&AP or by submitting comments, your name, organisation, contact details and comments will be captured to allow us to comply with the requirements of the EIA regulations and to contact you going forward. The full register of contact details is not released into the public domain; but will be provided to the relevant environmental authorities. Comments (and names/organisations of commenting parties) are included in the environmental reports, which are public documents and are submitted to the relevant environmental authorities to enable informed decision-making. Should you have any objections to this, kindly let us know.

Interested and/or Affected Party Response Form

PROPOSED ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (BAR) AND ENVIRONMENTAL MAINTENANCE MANAGEMENT PLAN (eMMP) FOR LOWER SUNDAYS RIVER WATER USER ASSOCIATION, EASTERN CAPE

NAME		DESIGNATION	
ORGANISATION		TEL	
FAX		EMAIL	
POSTAL ADDRESS			
INTEREST IN DEVELOPMENT			
COMMENTS			
ANY OTHER STAKEHOLDERS THAT SHOULD BE INVOLVED? IF SO, PLEASE PROVIDE THEIR NAME AND CONTACT DETAILS			

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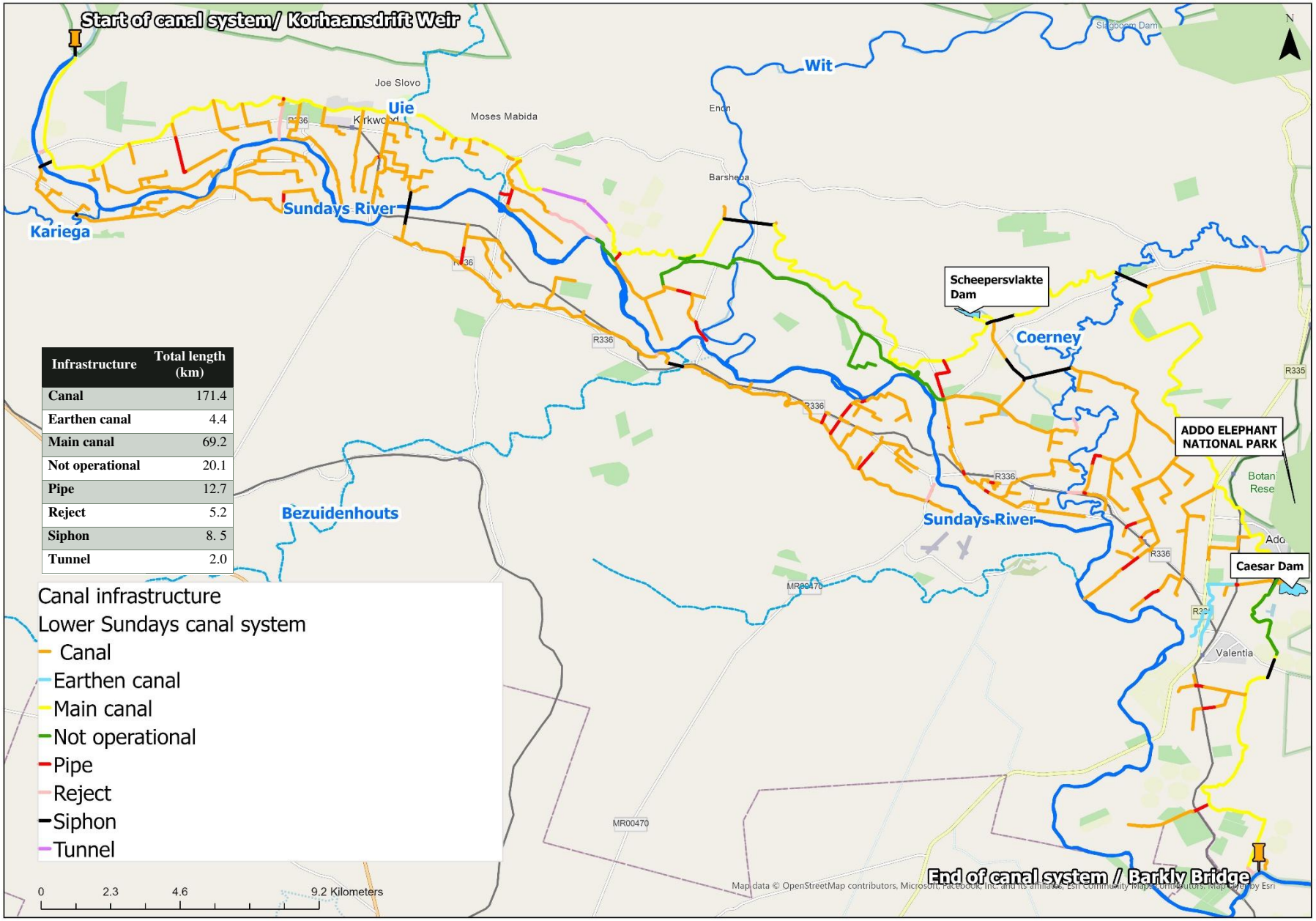
Annexure 1 – Location of the proposed canal system infrastructure



Infrastructure	Total length (km)
Canal	171.4
Earthen canal	4.4
Main canal	69.2
Not operational	20.1
Pipe	12.7
Reject	5.2
Siphon	8. 5
Tunnel	2.0

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Dear Sir / Madam

NOTIFICATION OF A PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS – ENVIRONMENTAL MAINTENANCE MANAGEMENT PLAN (EMMP) FOR CANAL INFRASTRUCTURE UNDER THE LOWER SUNDAYS RIVER WATER USERS ASSOCIATION JURISDICTION

Notice is hereby given of a Public Participation Process (PPP) in terms of the National Environmental Management Act (107 of 1998, as amended) (NEMA) for an environmental Maintenance Management Plan (eMMP) subjected to an environmental authorisation process in the form of a Basic Assessment as defined in the NEMA 2014 regulations.
You are receiving this mail as you were identified as a person or organisation that might be affected by or interested in this proposed development.

Activity Description and Locality:
The proposed activity involves maintenance procedures on various components of the canal system, including the main canal, branch canals, siphons, scour valves, pipes, rejects, and tunnels. Maintenance activities may include dredging, canal sealing, repairs, and component replacements where necessary. The eMMP applies to the canal infrastructure system under the Lower Sundays River Water Users Association (LSRWUA) jurisdiction, beginning at Korhaans Drift Weir and extending east through Kirkwood toward the Addo Elephant National Park. At the R335, the canal shifts southward, passing through Addo before ending downstream of

Barkley Bridge. We have attached a Background Information Document (BID) where you can find more detailed information regarding the proposed activity.

Opportunity to Participate:
Should you wish to register as an Interested and Affected Party (I&AP) for the project or to submit comments; please send us your name, contact details and interest in the matter before 7 April 2025. Alternatively, you may fill in the last page of the attached BID to submit your details to us. Our contact details are below.

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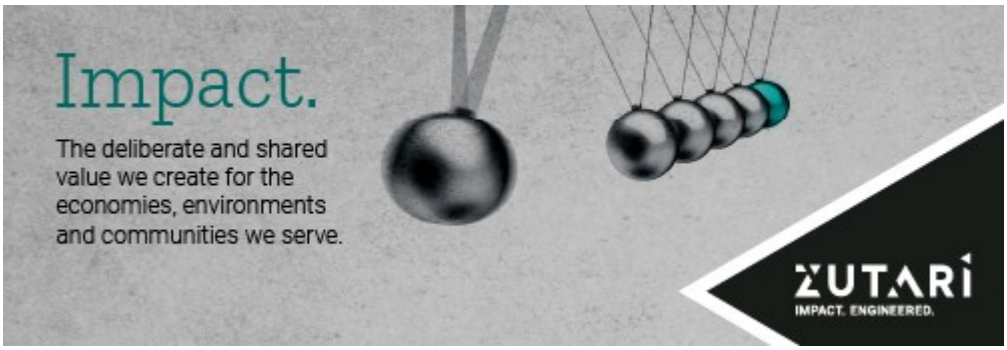

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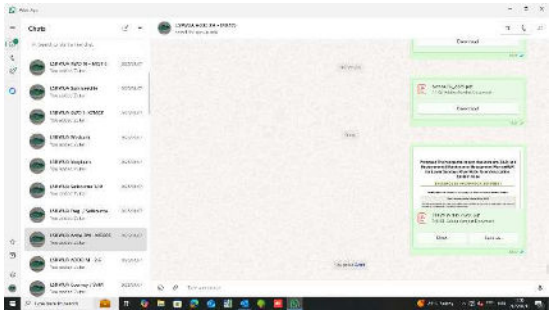

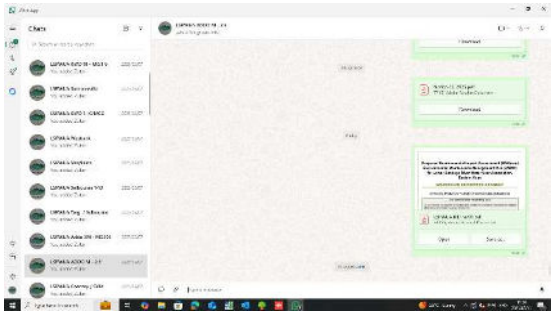

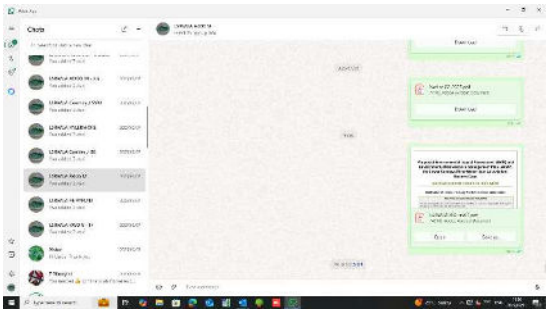

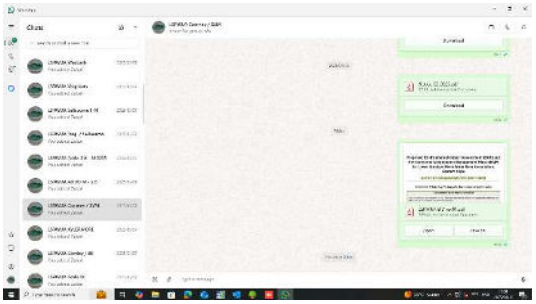

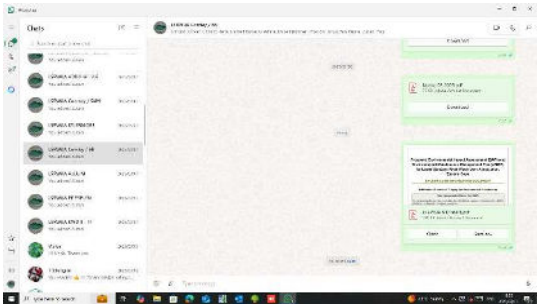

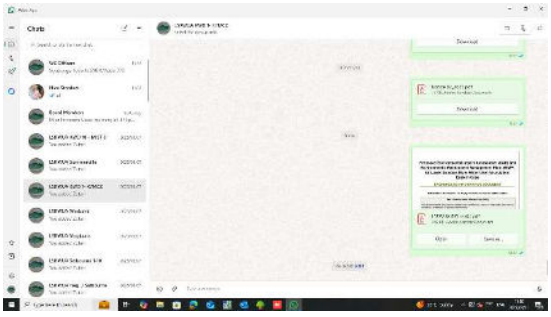

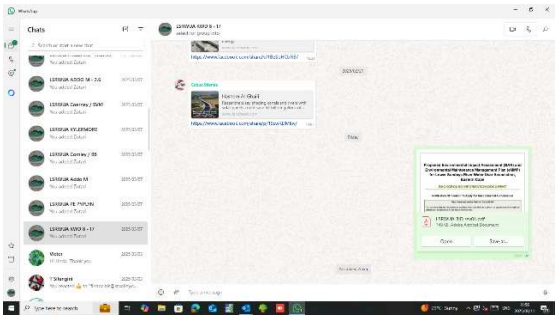

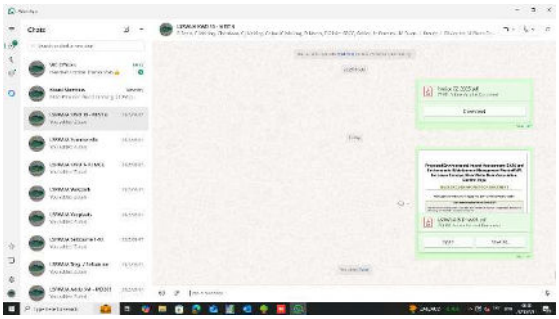

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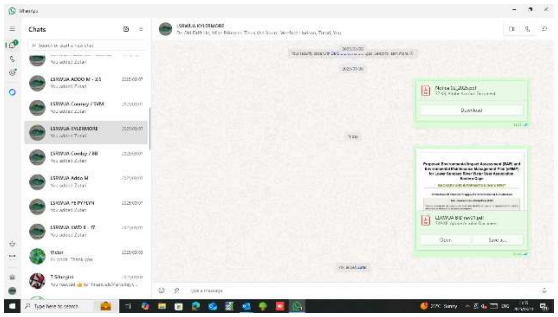

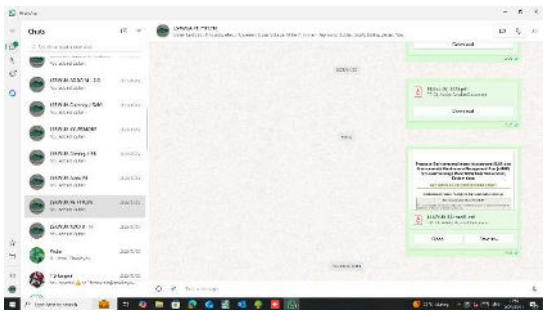

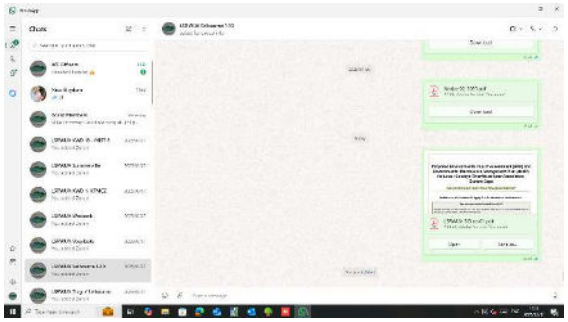

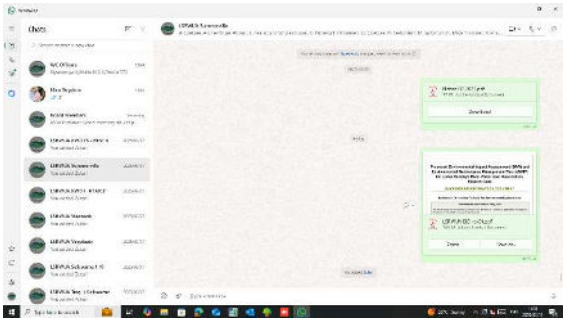

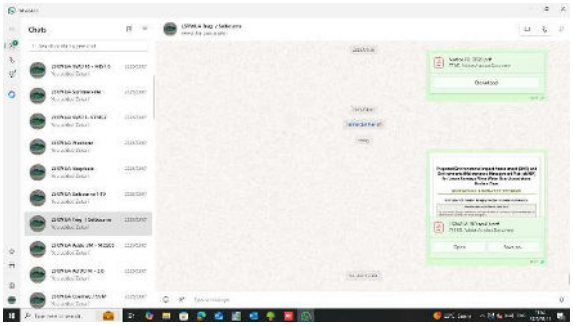

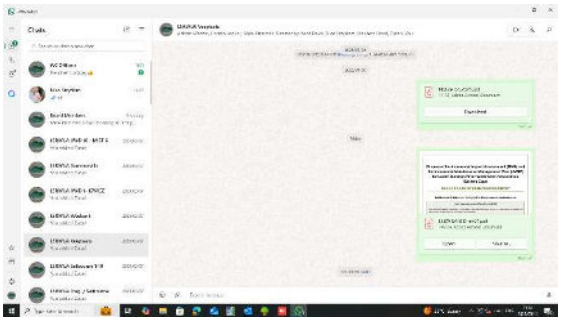

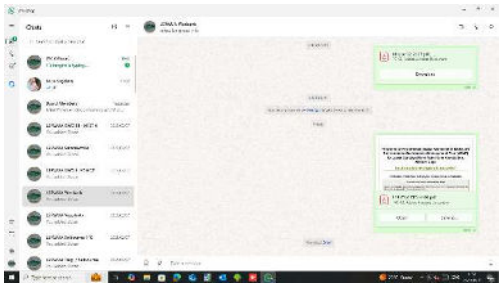

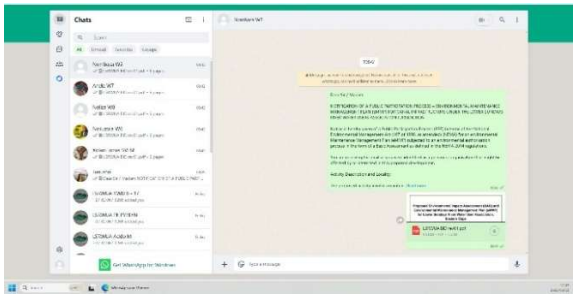

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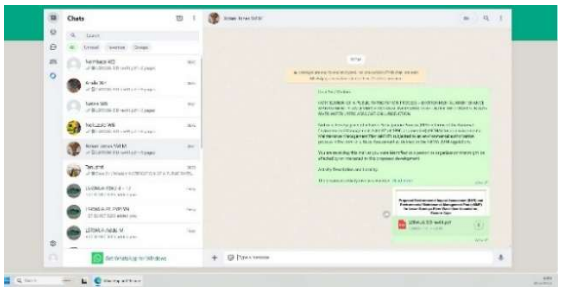

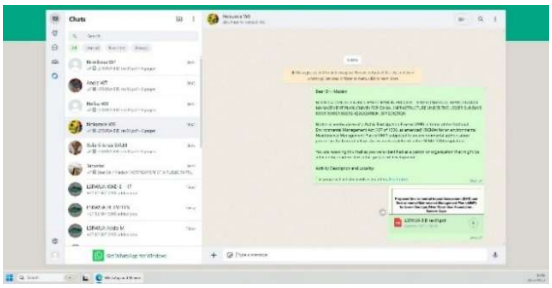

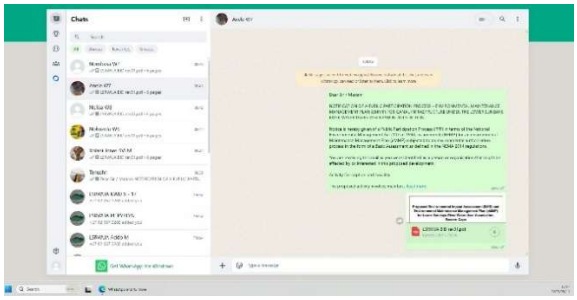

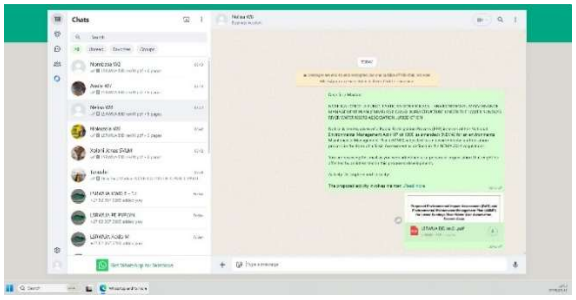

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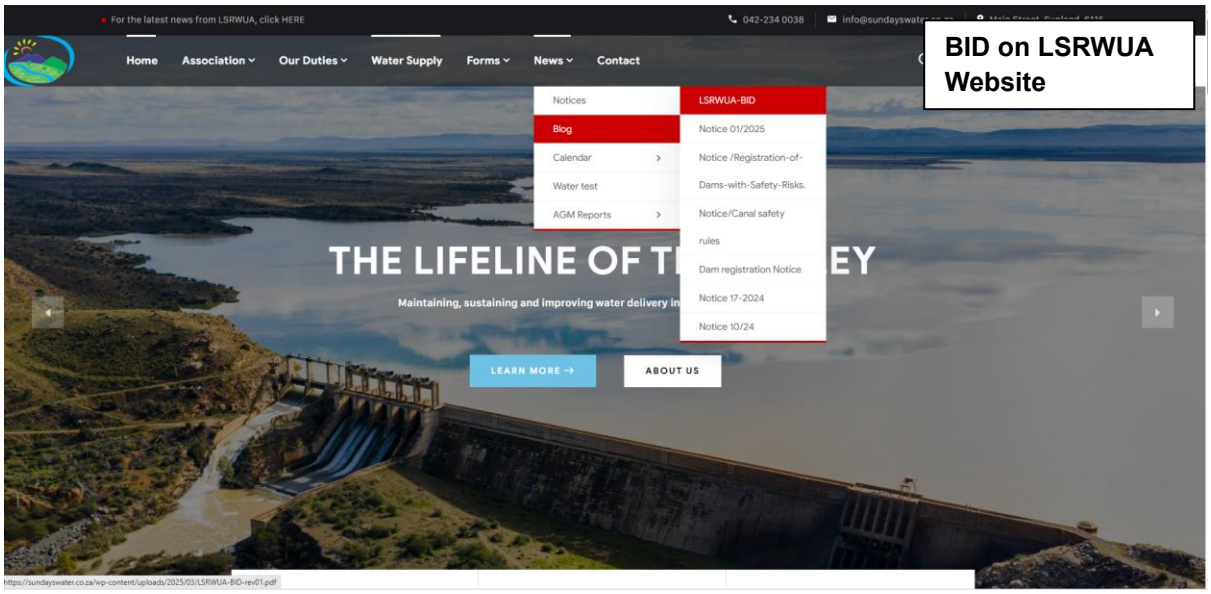

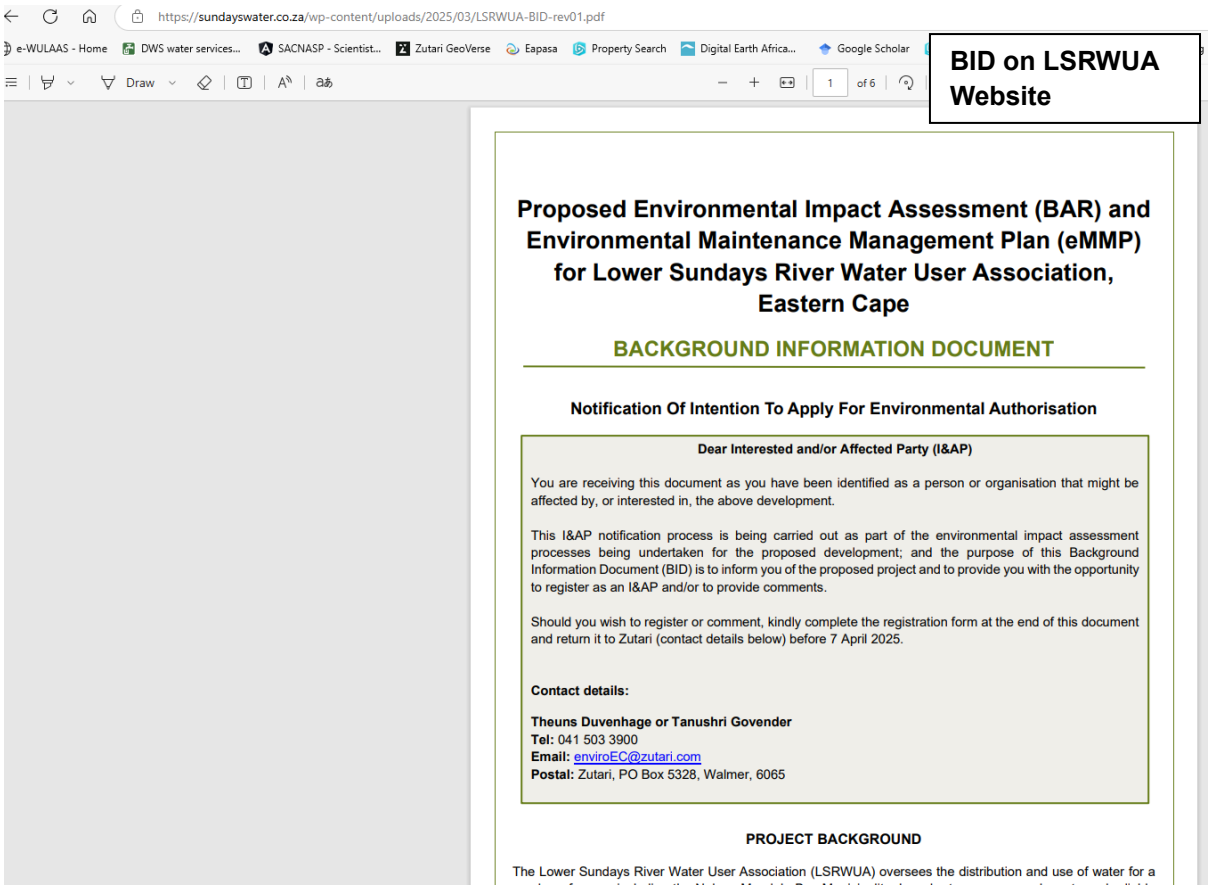

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COMMENT & RESPONSE REPORT

Environmental Maintenance Management Plan (eMMP) for LSRWUA – Eastern Cape

Date	Stakeholder	Issue/comment	Response
Comments from the pre-application phase			
10/03/2025	Eastern Cape Parks and Tourism Agency (ECPTA) L Jilimane	Please note that the project area occurs outside ECPTA managed protected areas and buffers thereof. No direct impacts thereto are anticipated at this stage. It is the responsibility of the EAP to inform the Agency of the change in scope or locality as this may result to a different response.	We acknowledge ECPTA's input and will ensure that the Agency is informed of any changes to the project scope or locality.
17/03/2025	Ket Farms (Pty) Ltd E Hewson	Disruption to water supply at critical periods.	The affected irrigator will be informed prior to the start of maintenance, allowing them to make alternative arrangements in accordance with the current maintenance procedure followed by the LSRWUA.
19/03/2025	Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) V Hammond	Certain aspects of the project are likely to trigger a WUL. The applicant is advised to lodge a water use authorisation application enquiry.	The Department's request is noted. Please could we request a meeting with DWS for some clarity before commencing with a pre-application inquiry as we are unsure about the activities at this point.
01/04/2025	Community member Y Dayile	Looking for job opportunities.	Thank you for your comment.
04/04/2025	Eastern Cape Provincial Heritage Resources Authority (ECPHRA) A Mncwabe-Mama	ECPHRA requests a Notice of Intent to Develop form and a Phase 1 Heritage Impact Assessment.	The request is noted. Please could we request a meeting
09/04/2025	Community member K Mongo	Request to be registered as an Interested and Affected Party.	Thank you for your interest. You will be updated with each step of the process.

Comments on the Draft Basic Assessment Report			