

Strategic Stakeholders Update Presentation

CRDC/Assmang Proposed Development Areas Project

Meeting held on Thursday 3 November 2022 at 15:00 at
The Cato Ridge Golf Club

Present

(As per the attendance register)

Mr Werner Botha	Assmang
Mr Peter Edmonds	Sharelist Property
Mr Phillip Kuhn	Eskom
Ms Princess Thwala	Assmang
Mr John White	Bridge Better Business

Secretariat

Rose Owen (RO)	Phelamanga
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Apologies

Mr Malcolm Fuller	Merlog Foods
Mr Patrick Killick	Zutari
Ms Claire Norton	eThekweni Planning
Mr Tebogo Sebego	Zutari
Mr Dominic Weiners	Ezemvelo Wildlife

Please note the following is a summary of points raised at the meeting and is not an exact record of what was said but is intended as a summary of key points raised and answered

	<u>ACTION</u>
1. WELCOME & INTRODUCTION	
1. RO introduced herself and noted the apologies as received above.	
2. BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE	
1. RO thanked everyone for their time. She gave a brief explanation on the changes in the Zutari team and the role of Zutari and Phelamanga for this project. She further provided an overview of the purpose of the meeting which was to update the strategic stakeholders of the status of the project and the way forward.	
2. RO noted that the project had previously been regarding 3 different land areas totalling 609ha, and after numerous studies and engagements regarding various issues that had become evident during the prefeasibility stage this had been amended to 367.89 ha. RO further explained the key considerations that had informed these amendments.	
3. RO highlighted that now instead of the 3 Proposed Development Areas being released as at once, they were going to be phased in, however they all fell under the single EIA.	
4. The project has moved into the Draft Scoping Report Phase and this means it is now going to become "public facing". What this means is that the project will be advertised, notices will be going up around the site and there would be flyers distributed. In addition the team had engaged with the Inkosi and the Izinduna and addressed the Tribal Council.	
5. RO went on to go through the stages of the project up to this point, and highlight that going forward there was now going to be a 30 day comment period for the EIA DSR portion, and a 60 day comment period for the WULA.	
6. During this period there would be two public meetings held on 21 November 2022, there would be 1 session at 10.00 and a second session with the same information	

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at 17.30. This would allow the public opportunity to attend a session that best suit them and be able to comment or raise concerns. The public will also get an opportunity to ask questions on the studies conducted by the specialists such as environmental impacts and socio-economic findings.	
3. SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION 1. It was queried if the project was being considered in relation to other developments and projects for the area, there is a notice at Dunbars Spar regarding a development (it was noted it is not part of eThekweni Municipality). Do government know about it? Is it being considered? It was noted that if no EIA is being done the authorities may not be aware, in addition if they are not applying to town planning then authorities would also not be aware. RO asked for the details so they could be shared with the EAP, for consideration. Further discussions noted that there was concern regarding the master plan for infrastructure etc. for region, local area plan etc. 2. It was highlighted that there is the Umlaas Gate development which is also under an EIA process at the moment. 3. A further query was made regarding the social impacts, as the area has a number of social issues and tensions that need to be considered. RO noted that the EIA is for proposed land release, but not an EIA for the development of the land. There is a socio-economic and macro-economic study being done. However, the issues of social, relational, political tensions need to be considered. 4. There is a deep need and desire for growth and development and it does lead to contestation and this must be considered. 5. There was a request for clarification of the AmaXimba Development Trust (ADT), do they have a role in this project, there are many narratives, and clarity is requested? 6. This was clarified in that the ADT do not have a role in this project. This project is for Assmang as it relates to Assmang / CRDC owned land. 7. There is an MoU that allows for a relationship with the AmaXimba community. When Assmang start selling land, they will ensure community benefits from the project in collaboration with the appropriate community structures. To be clear there is a very strong and valid relationship between the AmaXimba community and Assmang. 8. The clarity that was provided was appreciated and Assmang were thanked for their candour. 9. It was also noted that there has been an application for a quarry between Assmang and National Chicks. 10. RO highlighted the key dates again, and clarified which newspapers the adverts for the DSR would be appearing. 11. A discussion was held regarding the content of the meeting on 21 November, enquiring if it would be more detailed. RO noted it would be more detailed, and the specialist reports would be unpacked by the EAP. 12. There was a concern regarding the venue and timing for the meeting, with a concern regarding people being able to get to the venue at 17.30 as the traffic into the valley may be very high at that time of day. 13. It was noted that the adverts have already been sent to the newspapers, and changes to the venue would not be easily done. 14. It was suggested that a third meeting or additional time could be made available? 15. It was noted that the PP team would be at the venue for the whole day and would be able to make it an "open day" so those who want info outside of the meeting will be able to come through. In addition, if anyone came through late, they would not be turned away.	

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4. CONTACT DETAILS Public Participation Office Phelamanga Rose Owen rose@phelamanga.co.za 082 506 0093	
5. CLOSURE 1. RO thanked all for their time and discussions. 2. There being no further business the meeting closed at 16.00.	

ANNEXURE

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