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NOTICE OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION (EA) APPLICATION PROCESS FOR THE PROPOSED ROAD DEVELOPMENT AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE, BORROW PIT APPLICATION, WATER USE APPLICATION, AND TREE REMOVAL PERMIT BY ROADS AGENCY LIMPOPO SOC LTD (RAL) IN RELATION TO ROADS D5010 AND D5021 WITHIN THE LEPELLE-NKUMPI AND FETAKGOMO TUBATSE LOCAL MUNICIPALITIES, CAPRICORN AND SEKHUKHUNE DISTRICT MUNICIPALITIES, LIMPOPO PROVINCE (RAL/T1282/2025)

Notice is hereby given in terms of Chapter 5 of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations of 2014, promulgated under the National Environmental Management Act (Act 107 of 1998) (NEMA) as amended in 2017, the National Water Act (Act 36 of 1998) and the National Forests Act (Act 84 of 1998), that Roads Agency Limpopo SOC Ltd (RAL) proposes the construction of a new bridge over the Olifants River. The proposed development also includes the upgrading of Road D5010 in Nkotokwane and the installation of culverts and the construction of a new section of Road D5021 between Nkotokwane and Apel. Both roads will be upgraded from gravel to a bituminous-surfaced standard. The total length of the proposed road works is approximately 3.6 km, comprising 2.2 km for the upgrading of Road D5010 and 1.4 km for the construction of the new Road D5021. In addition, the project includes applications for the excavation of five borrow pits to provide construction materials for the road and bridge works and a tree permit for protected trees under the National Forests Act. Overall, the proposed project and its associated activities trigger four regulatory approval processes, including Environmental Authorisation, Mining Permit, Tree Cutting Permit, and Water Use Licence.

Project location:

The proposed construction of a bridge, is located on the Olifants River under two municipalities, Sekhukhune and Capricorn District Municipalities, and the construction of a new Road D5021 on Farm Olifantspoort 479 KS, Mooiplaats 516 KS, and Eerste Recht 502 KS in Apel within Fetakgomo Tubatse Local Municipality, Sekhukhune District Municipality, and the upgrading of Road D5010 on farm Olifantspoort 479 KS in Nkotokwane within Lepelle-Nkumpi Local Municipality, Capricorn District Municipality in Limpopo Province.

Triggered Activities in terms of NEMA Listing Notices

National Environmental Management Act (Act 107 of 1998) as amended in 2017

- GNR. 327 Listing Notice 1 Activity 12 (ii) (a) & (c)
- GNR. 327 Listing Notice 1 Activity 19
- GNR 327 Listing Notice 1, Activity 21E
- GNR 327 Listing Notice 1, Activity 24(ii)
- GNR 327 Listing Notice 1, Activity 27
- GNR. 324 Listing Notice 3 Activity 12(e) (ii)
- GNR. 324 Listing Notice 3 Activity 14(ii)(a) (e) (i) (ff)
- GNR. 324 Listing Notice 3 Activity 18(e) (i)(ee) (hh)

NWA 36 of 1998

Section 21

(a) taking water from a water resource

(c) and (i): -Impeding or diverting the flow of water in a watercourse and
Altering the beds, banks, course or characteristics of a watercourse.

Section 15(1) of the National Forests Act, 84 of 1998.

- No person may-: Cut, disturb, damage, destroy or remove any protected tree; or collect, remove, transport, export, purchase, sell, donate or in any other manner acquire or dispose of any protected tree, except under a license granted by the Minister.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS

Draft Basic Assessment Report (BAR) for the proposed project for both construction and upgrading of Road D5021 and D5010 and borrow-pits application will be available for a 30-day public review; the Water Use Licence Application (WULA) will be subject to a 60-day review period, and the application for the tree-cutting permit will be subject to a 14-day review period. For more information, registration as an I&AP, or submission of written comments, contact by email or phone.

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