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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN FOR THE AMENDMENT OF THE RAND WATER R5 PIPELINE PHASE TWO ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORIZATION FOR PIPELINE ROUTE RE-ALIGNMENT OF APPROXIMATELY 2KM AT WOODHILL GOLF ESTATE IN TSHWANE METROPOLITAN MUNICIPALITY.

This plan is submitted in compliance with regulation GNR 660 published on 05 June 2020 in terms of the Disaster Management Act (57/2002) and titled: Directions Regarding Measures to Address, Prevent and Combat the Spread of COVID-19 Relating to National Environmental Management Permits and Licences. In compliance with section 5.1 and annexure 2 of these regulations, a public participation plan must be presented to the competent authority for approval prior to implementation.

The mechanism of a pre-application meeting will be utilised to present this plan to the Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA) for approval. The request for a pre-application meeting has been provided to the DEA under a separate submission. The approval / refusal of this plan will be included in the minutes of this pre-application meeting.

Pre-application meeting was conducted on the 8th October 2020.

Public participation was initiated during the initial application lodging in May 2019. Newspaper advert was placed on the local newspaper and the site notices were erected on conspicuous places. Issues and Response report have been kept as part of the Public Participation process for the project. Issues raised to date in the application of Amendment process will be provided, together with a response from the project team.

Section 40(2) in Chapter 6 of regulation 982 requires that the public participation process contemplated in this regulation must provide access to all information that reasonably has or may have the potential to influence any decision with regard to an application unless access to that information is protected by law and must include consultation with—

(a) The competent authority;

- (b) Every State department that administers a law relating to a matter affecting the environment relevant to an application for an environmental authorisation;
- (c) All organs of state which have jurisdiction in respect of the activity to which the application relates; and
- (d) All potential, or, where relevant, registered interested and affected parties.

In order to comply with this requirement, the proposal is to provide all parties, listed in subsections a, b and c above, with full digital copies of the Draft Amendment Application Report, Draft Environmental Management Programme and all specialist studies and plans. Such digital copies will be provided to the competent authority, organs of state and state departments on Electronic Format/ Link by post. We will send out an email to register I&APs, letting them know the draft report is available, we will also send them a download link directly. We will also leave a notification letter and a site notice near the entrance of the Woodhill Estate and at the club house with our details for the request of draft reports. We will also create a registration form on our website and the reports will also be made available for download on our website.

In terms of point d above, all Interested & Affected Parties (I&APs) that are identified or register as part of the process will be provided access to the Draft Amendment Application Report via the following:

1. The digital copy of the documentation that will be on the Taktho Environmental Strategy website and any other digital platform that is identified by Taktho Environmental Strategy or the recipients.
2. All notifications will include a copy of the executive summary of the Draft Amendment Application Report.
3. The Ward councillor will be approached for assistance to distribute notification letters along with the executive summaries via their communication channels (community WhatsApp groups, social media and physical communiques).
4. I&AP's that do not have access to digital platforms will be provided with printed hardcopies of the executive summary and any specialist reports that they may have interest in. Such copies will be provided by courier or postal service.

5. Potential and registered I&APs will be informed that copies of the documentation can be provided via postal or courier services.

Section 41 in Chapter 6 of regulation 982 details the public participation process that has to take place as part of an environmental process. The table below lists these requirements along with the proposed actions in order to comply with both section 41 in regulation 982 as well as well as section 5.1 and annexure 2 of regulation 660.

Regulated Requirement	Proposed Actions	Completed tasks
(c) placing an advertisement in - (i) one local newspaper; or (ii) any official Gazette that is published specifically for the purpose of providing public notice of applications or other submissions made in terms of these Regulations;	An advert calling for registration of I&APs must be placed in a local newspaper. There is currently no official Gazette that has been published specifically for the purpose of providing public notice of applications. Re-advertising on Newspaper will be placed on PRETORIA FAR EAST REKORD	Newspaper Advert was placed on PRETORIA FAR EAST REKORD (21 May 2019)
(d) placing an advertisement in at least one provincial newspaper or national newspaper, if the activity has or may have an impact that extends beyond the boundaries of the metropolitan or district municipality in which it is or will be undertaken: Provided that this paragraph need not be complied with	Adverts will not be placed in provincial or national newspapers, as the potential impacts will not extend beyond the borders of the municipal area.	Newspaper Advert was placed on PRETORIA FAR EAST REKORD (21 May 2019)

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if an advertisement has been placed in an official Gazette referred to in paragraph (c)(ii);and		
<p>(e) using reasonable alternative methods, as agreed to by the competent authority, in those instances where a person is desirous of but unable to participate in the process due to -</p> <p>(i) illiteracy;</p> <p>(ii) disability; or</p> <p>(iii) Any other disadvantage.</p>	<p>Notifications will include provision for alternative engagement in the event of illiteracy, disability or any other disadvantage.</p> <p>In such instances, Taktho Environmental Strategy will engage with such individuals in such a manner as agreed on with the competent authority.</p> <p>During the initial stage, we did not have any challenges of illiteracy, disability or any other disadvantage. However, we understand that situation and circumstances can change and our team will be accommodating and will adjust and accommodate alternative arrangements.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Telephone consultation ○ e-mail consultation ○ wetransfer documents circulation ○ Zoom meeting if required ○ Microsoft meeting if required
(3) A notice, notice board or advertisement referred to in subregulation (2) must -	All notification and adverts will comply with this requirement.	A site notice was placed on the 21st of May 2019 all around the site.

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<p>(a) give details of the application or proposed application which is subjected to public participation; and</p> <p>(b) state -</p> <p>(i) whether basic assessment or S&EIR procedures are being applied to the application;</p> <p>(ii) the nature and location of the activity to which the application relates;</p> <p>(iii) Where further information on the application or proposed application can be obtained; and</p> <p>(iv) The manner in which and the person to whom representations in respect of the application or proposed application may be made.</p>	<p>No deviation or additional actions in terms of regulation 660 are required.</p> <p>A new onsite notification will be placed as the previous one was place 1 year ago (April, May and June) Excluded</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ E-mail consultation notification to registered interested and affected parties will be sent with the notification of availability of the draft amendment application/ basic assessment report. ○ The reports will be made available for download on our website. ○ We-transfer and dropbox link will also be created for documents circulation. 	
<p>(4) A notice board referred to in subregulation (2) must -</p>	<p>The notice board that was placed on the site boundary have</p>	<p>A site notice was placed on the 21st of May 2019 all around the site.</p>

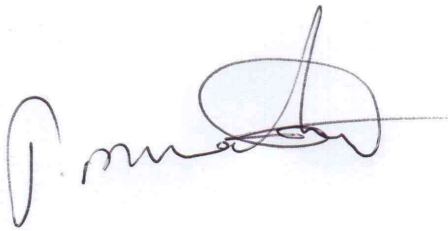
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<p>(a) be of a size at least 60cm by 42cm; and</p> <p>(b) Display the required information in lettering and in a format as may be determined by the competent authority.</p>	<p>complied with this requirement.</p> <p>A site notice will be placed all around the site.</p> <p>Letters will be circulated via e-mails and we transfer</p>	<p>Letters were circulated via e-mails and couriers were used.</p>
<p>(5) Where public participation is conducted in terms of this regulation for an application or proposed application, subregulation (2)(a), (b), (c) and (d) need not be complied with again during the additional public participation process contemplated in regulations 19(1)(b) or 23(1)(b) or the public participation process contemplated in regulation 21(2)(d), on condition that -</p> <p>(a) such process has been preceded by a public participation process which included compliance with subregulation (2)(a), (b), (c) and (d); and</p> <p>(b) written notice is given to registered interested and affected parties regarding where the -</p> <p>(i) Revised basic assessment report or, EMP or closure plan, as contemplated in regulation 19(1)(b);</p>	<p>This will be complied with on the draft reports that will be produced during the environmental authorisation process.</p> <p>Revised amendment application report will be circulated to all registered, interested, and affected parties.</p> <p>Invitation to Registered Interested and Affected Parties will be done via e-mail and/or WhatsApp messages.</p> <p>Further consultation with the registered interested and affected parties will be conducted via e-mail notification.</p>	<p>This have been complied with on the draft reports that were produced during the environmental process.</p> <p>Further consultation with the registered interested and affected parties should be conducted.</p>

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<p>(ii) revised environmental impact report or EMPr as contemplated in regulation 23(1)(b);or</p> <p>(iii) Environmental impact report and EMPr as contemplated in regulation 21(2)(d);may be obtained, the manner in which and the person to whom representations on these reports or plans may be made and the date on which such representations are due.</p>	<p>We propose to circulate all the reports to all team members via:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) WeTransfer b) Dropbox c) E-mail <p>If a meeting is required, it can be arranged via Microsoft teams or zoom</p>	
<p>(6) When complying with this regulation, the person conducting the public participation process must ensure that -</p> <p>(a) Information containing all relevant facts in respect of the application or proposed application is made available to potential interested and affected parties; and</p> <p>(b) Participation by potential or registered interested and affected parties is facilitated in such a manner that all potential or registered interested and affected parties are provided with a reasonable opportunity to comment on the application or proposed application.</p> <p>(7) Where an environmental authorisation is required in terms of these Regulations and an authorisation, permit or licence is required in terms of a specific</p>	<p>All reports that are submitted to the competent authority will be subject to a public participation process. Registered Interested and Affected Parties will be notified via E-mail and site notice will be placed to notify them about the availability of the report. These include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Draft Amendment Application Report - Draft EMPr - All specialist reports that form part of this environmental process. 	<p>Updated reports and objection response will also be circulated to all registered Interested and Affected Parties.</p>

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environmental management Act, the public participation process contemplated in this Chapter may be combined with any public participation processes prescribed in terms of a specific environmental management Act, on condition that all relevant authorities agree to such combination of processes.		

The COVID lockdown period commenced from 27 March 2020 – 05 June 2020 and all EIA Processes were suspended for that period. The new EIA Directions was published on 06 June 2020 and all EIA Processes resumed. We are currently on level 1 of the lockdown.

Kind regards,



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