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Comments and Response Report:

PROPOSED UPGRADE OF THE TRUNK ROAD
25/MAIN ROAD 25, MALMESBURY

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ABBREVIATIONS

BAR	Basic Assessment Report
BID	Background Information Document
HWC	Heritage Western Cape
IAPs	Interested and Affected Parties
NEMA	National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998)
PPC	Pretoria Portland Cement (PTY) LTD
PPP	Public Participation Process
SAHRA	South African Heritage Resources Agency
SLM	Swartland Local Municipality
WCDM	West Coast District Municipality

1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Western Cape Provincial Administration: Department of Public Works and Transport proposed the upgrade of the Trunk Road 25/Main Road 25 located east of Malmesbury. The proposed upgrade will be approximately 4 km in length and 12.6 metres wide within the 30 metre road reserve. The TR25/MR25 links Malmesbury to towns such as Paarl, Riebeek Kasteel and Riebeek West

KV3 Engineers' Environmental and Waste Management Division has been appointed by the Western Cape Provincial Administration: Department of Public Works and Transport to assist in obtaining environmental authorisation required from the Western Cape Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning.

The proposed upgrade is subject to an Environmental Basic Assessment process in terms of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations as it has been listed in the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998), as amended.

This Comments and Report will provide all the information regarding the Public Participation Process up to date and will be in terms of the draft Guideline 4: Public Participation in support of the EIA Regulations, September .

1.2 OBJECTIVES OF THE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS

The objectives of the Public Participation Process are as follows:-

- To identify and notify the relevant Interested and Affected Parties of the proposed project;
- To address any environmental or social concerns and issues which may arise as a result of the proposed project;
- To provide stakeholders the opportunity to voice any concern related to the project;
- To provide stakeholders the opportunity to review and provide feedback on the Basic Assessment Report and other documentation to ensure that the issues raised are addressed adequately and suitably.

2 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS

2.1 IDENTIFICATION OF STAKEHOLDERS

An advertisement was placed in the “Die Swartlander” on the 13 January 2010 notifying the public of the proposed upgrade of the TR25/MR25, Malmesbury (**Appendix A**).

Site notices (**Appendix B**) were placed alongside the route of the proposed pipeline on 25 January 2010. A notice was also put up at the Malmesbury Library on 11 January 2010. Permission has been granted by the Swartland Local Municipality to put up the various posters. The correspondence with the Municipality will be attached in **Annexure C**. The site notices will stay on site for the entire duration of the project.

The following stakeholders were identified during the initial site inspections:

- Western Cape Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning;
- The Swartland Local Municipality – Municipal Manager;
- The Speaker of the Swartland Local Municipality;
- The Speaker of the West Coast District Municipality;
- Department of Agriculture, Western Cape;
- Department of Water Affairs, Western Cape;
- Heritage Western Cape;
- Public of Malmesbury and surrounding property owners.

A detailed IAPs database is attached in **Appendix D**. All stakeholders registered in response to notifications and advertisements are also included on the list.

2.2 COMMENT PERIOD ON THE DRAFT BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORT

The draft Basic Assessment Report (BAR) will be available for public review 25 January to 26 February 2010. The review of the draft Basic Assessment report was advertised in the Swartlander, indicating the period of review, as well as the venues where the draft BAR will be available.

All registered IAPs will be notified by fax, electronic mail and registered mail notifying them of the review period of the draft BAR.

2.3 GENERAL PUBLIC MEETING

There has been no public meeting up to date.

2.4 SECTION C OF THE BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORT

The following has not been indicated “Yes” in the Basic Assessment Report:

“1(c) having placed an advertisement in (ii) the official EIA Gazette” – Guideline 3: Public Participation indicates that an advertisement can be placed in one local newspaper **or** the official EIA Gazette. The advertisement was placed in the local newspaper, the Swartlander.

“1(d) having placed an advertisement in at least one provincial or national newspaper, if the activity has or may have an impact that extends beyond the boundaries of the metropolitan or local municipality in which it is or will be undertaken.”

The activity does not extend over the boundaries of the metropolitan of local municipality.

3 KEY ISSUES RAISED BY IAPs

Registered IAPs requested to be kept up to date with the progress of the proposed development as well as the environmental authorisation process.

3.1 COMMENTS & RESPONSES FROM IAPs

Stakeholder	Organisation	Comment
G.P Retief	Malmesbury Nursery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcomes the upgrade of the TR25/MR25. • Proposes the addition of a climbing lane starting at Skool Street. • The Swartland Wine Cellars has a very dangerous on- and off ramp. • Request information on the management of traffic during the construction phase.
M le Roux	Swartland Wine Cellars	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • They current have a problem with cars/trucks turning out from Swartland Cellars going to Malmesbury. Vehicles from the Riebeek Valley are not visible and travel down the road at 120 km/h. • It would be great to construct a climbing lane. • They also have space available, behind their electrical fence, for the temporary storage of equipment and vehicles.

4 RECOMMENDATIONS

The registered IAPs will be kept informed throughout the entire project. All registered IAPs will be notified to review the BAR and their comments and response will be incorporated into the final document.