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ENQUIRIES: Ms. N. Wookey

DATE: **21 JANUARY 2021**

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Dear Sir

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT AND COMMENT ON THE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN RELATING TO THE NOTICE OF INTENT TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION IN TERMS OF THE NEMA EIA REGULATIONS, 2014 (AS AMENDED) FOR THE PROPOSED INTEGRATED RAPID TRANSPORT SYSTEM (PHASE 2A, TRUNK ROUTE: PORTION E1), ALONG 3.5KM OF GOVAN MBEKI ROAD, MANENBERG.

The Notice of Intent ("NOI") dated 19 January 2018 and received by this Department on 22 January 2018, this Directorate's acknowledgment thereof dated 30 January 2018, the correspondence from the EAP dated 13 March 2019 and received by this Department on 14 March 2019, this Directorate's correspondence dated 26 March 2019 (Ref. No. 16/3/3/6/A2/19/3042/19), and the Public Participation Plan dated 21 December 2020 and received by this Department via electronic mail correspondence on 24 December 2020, refer.

1. This letter serves as acknowledgment of receipt and comment on the public participation plan (dated 21 December 2020) by this Directorate.
2. Based on the information contained in the public participation plan (dated 21 December 2020), the following is noted:
 - 2.1. An extensive interested and affected parties ("I&APs") database (including state departments) has been compiled by the Environmental Assessment Practitioner ("EAP");
 - 2.2. A presentation at the virtual sub-council meetings will be provided (should the opportunity arise). Alternatively, the ward councillor will be notified of the draft BAR via electronic mail;
 - 2.3. A notification letter will be distributed via a knock-and-drop exercise;
 - 2.4. Posters will be placed up at key locations in the local community such as at communal toilets/ ablutions, church, "spaza" shops, clinics etc.

- 2.5. Two types of notification letters will be distributed to potential I&APs. The first letter will be in accordance with the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended) and the second notification letter will be in a leaflet format for all potential I&APs;
 - 2.6. The distribution of the notification letters is proposed via email for I&APs with email addresses and via regular post for those without email addresses;
 - 2.7. Hand delivery of notification letter via a knock-and-drop exercise is proposed with delivery notes and photographic evidence where possible;
 - 2.8. Submission of comments will be facilitated via email, post, fax or telephonically;
 - 2.9. An electronic version of the documents will be made available on the EAP's website (www.chand.co.za);
 - 2.10. Hard copies will be made available upon reasonable request;
 - 2.11. Six (6) site notices will be placed at the start, middle and end of the proposed route. These notices will be in English and IsiXhosa;
 - 2.12. An advertisement of the proposed project will be placed in a local newspaper;
 - 2.13. A comment period of 35 days is proposed by the EAP. The additional 5 days is to accommodate lockdown restrictions;
 - 2.14. An executive summary will be made available on the EAP's website (www.chand.co.za); and
 - 2.15. I&APs will be notified of the final decision from the competent authority via email and posted to those who have postal addresses only. This notification will also be made available on the EAP's website (www.chand.co.za).
3. Based on the information in the public participation plan, please note the following:
- 3.1. Documentation must be submitted via email to the case officer, with attached pdf versions of the report or, if too large to attach to an email, to be made available via an electronic link provided in the email that is accessible by the Directorate. The Directorate may require that a hard copy of the reports also be submitted to the Department by a certain date, but will advise you accordingly.
 - 3.2. The specific additional measures proposed in the public participation plan must be considerate of potential I&APs with illiteracy, disabilities or any other disadvantage, in accordance with Regulation 41(2)(e), and should be able to provide fair and reasonable opportunity to comment on the proposed development.
 - 3.3. Please note that all proof of having conducted the Public Participation must be provided to this Department.
4. You are hereby informed that this Department agrees with the methods of conducting the Public Participation Process as outlined in the abovementioned public participation plan (dated 21 December 2020, provided that you also meet the requirements, as outlined above in paragraphs 3.1. to 3.3 above.
5. Please note that it is prohibited in terms of the NEMA for a person to commence with a listed activity unless the competent authority has granted an environmental authorisation for the undertaking of the activity. Failure to comply in terms of this prohibition will result in the matter being referred to the Environmental Law Enforcement Directorate of this Department for possible prosecution. A person convicted of an offence in terms of the above is liable for a fine not exceeding R5 million or to imprisonment for a period not exceeding 10 years, or to both such fine and imprisonment.

6. Kindly quote the above-mentioned reference number in any future correspondence in respect of the pre-application.

This Department reserves the right to revise or withdraw comments or request further information based on any information received.

Your interest in the future of our environment is greatly appreciated.

Yours faithfully

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HEAD OF DEPARTMENT

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