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Dear Authority, Interested and Affected Party

NOTICE OF A BASIC ASSESSMENT PROCESS FOR THE PROPOSED ST HELENA WATERCOURSE CROSSING (DEA REF NO: 14/12/16/3/3/1/652) AND AVAILABILITY OF THE DRAFT BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORT

Notice is hereby given that Electrawinds Seeland Pty (Ltd) has submitted an application for environmental authorisation with the National Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA) in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act 107 of 1998) and Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, June 2010 – GN No.R544 for the proposed St Helena Watercourse Crossing. Arcus GIBB (Pty) Ltd. has been appointed as the Independent Environmental Assessment Practitioner to conduct the Basic Assessment process, as well as to conduct the associated Public Consultation (Participation) process

The proposed development involves the modification of an existing access road across a watercourse (refer to the attached map). The proposed access road is located on Langeklip Farm (Erf 47), approximately 5 km east of St Helena Bay and 3 km west of Laingville.

THE FOLLOWING LISTED ACTIVITY IN TERMS OF GN No. R544 OF THE EIA REGULATIONS APPLY:

(11) The construction of:

- (i) canals;
- (ii) channels;
- (iii) bridges;**
- (iv) dams;
- (v) weirs;
- (vi) bulk storm water outlet structures;
- (vii) marinas;
- (viii) jetties exceeding 50 square metres in size;
- (ix) slipways exceeding 50 square metres in size;
- (x) buildings exceeding 50 square metres in size; or
- (xi) infrastructure or structures covering 50 square metres or more**

where such construction occurs within a watercourse or within 32 metres of a watercourse, measured from the edge of a watercourse, excluding where such construction will occur behind the development setback line.

Please refer to the enclosed locality map.

YOUR COMMENT IS IMPORTANT

Please refer to the enclosed Basic Assessment Process diagram for more information on the process to be followed.

It is a legislative requirement that all Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) are identified and involved in the Public Participation Process from the outset of the proposed project. The inputs received from I&APs form an integral part of the Basic Assessment process and will also assist the decision-making authority, the Department of Environmental Affairs, with their decision-making.

You are considered to be a Stakeholder / I&AP and we invite you to formally register as an Interested and Affected Party for this project. The public has a **40 (forty) day** period to register and comment on the **Draft Basic Assessment Report commencing from Thursday, 20 September 2012 to Wednesday, 31 October 2012 (inclusive)**.

REGISTRATION / COMMENTING CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED AS FOLLOWS:

- Completing the Registration and Comment Sheet enclosed and submitting it to the Public Participation Office.
- Kindly provide your comment in writing via email, letter or fax to the Public Participation Office using the contact details hereunder by **no later than Wednesday, 31 October 2012:**

THE ST HELENA WATERCOURSE CROSSING PUBLIC PARTICIPATION OFFICE

The Administrator
PO Box 3965, Cape Town, 8000
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LOCATION OF DRAFT BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORT:

- *A hardcopy has been placed at the following Public Library:*

Surname	First Names	Library	Address	Town	Postal Code	Telephone
Maart	Joan	Vredenburg Public Library	Sanlam Centre, Main Road	Vredenburg	7380	022 701 7100

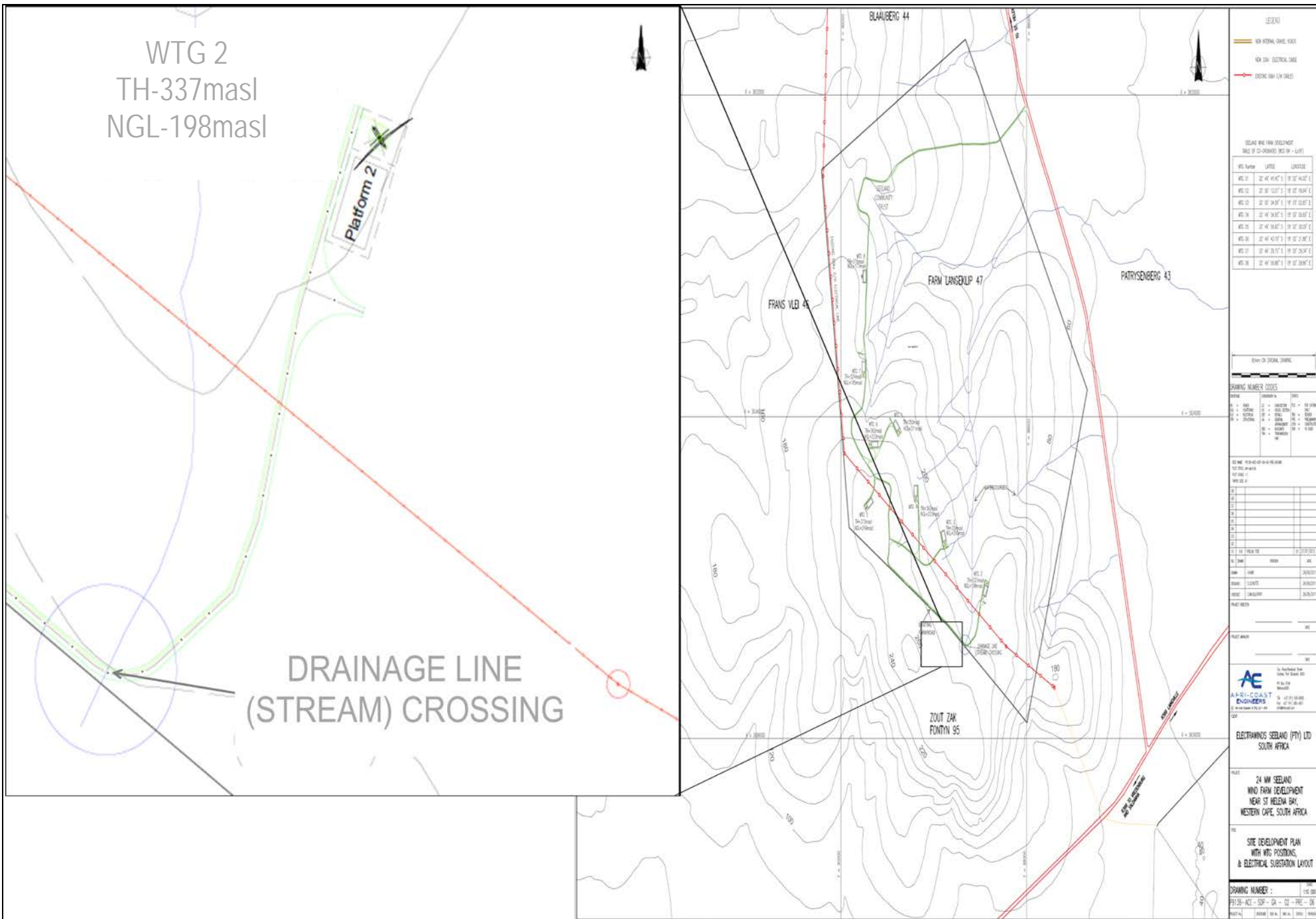
The Basic Assessment Report is also available on the GIBB website at the following link:
<http://projects.gibb.co.za/en-us/projects/sthelenawatercoursecrossing.aspx>

Your participation will be appreciated and valued.

Yours faithfully

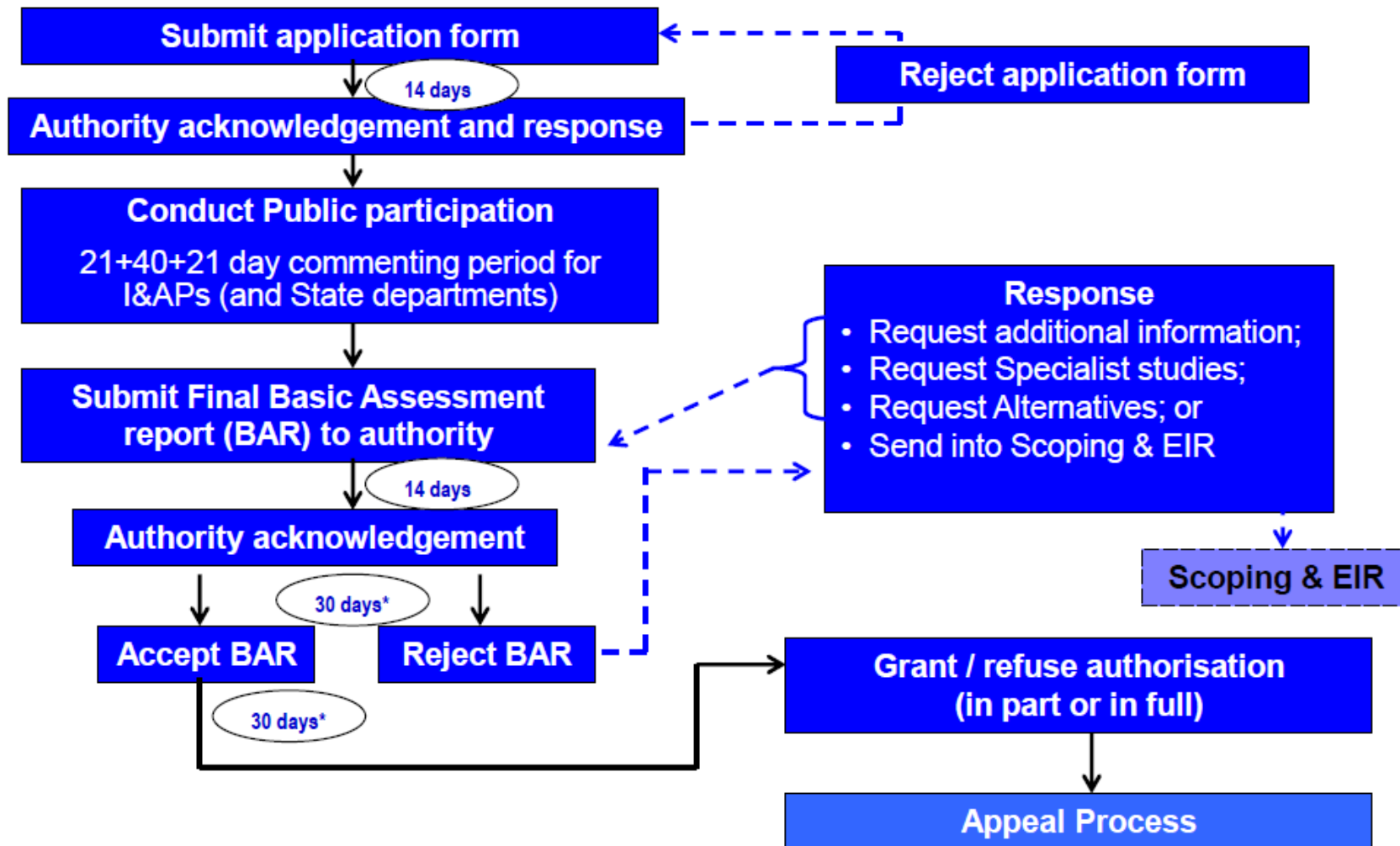


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Location of watercourse crossing

Basic Assessment Process



INTERESTED AND AFFECTED PARTY CONTACT DETAILS

Name	
Organisation	
Telephone number	
Physical address	
Postal address	
Fax number	
Email address	

Please state your interest (i.e. direct business, financial, personal or other interest) within respect to the approval or refusal of the application for the Proposed St Helena Watercourse Crossing.

Please state any concerns, suggestions and/or potential impacts that should be investigated during the Basic Assessment:

All comments must be submitted to Arcus GIBB by no later than Wednesday, 31 October 2012.

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The St Helena Watercourse Crossing Public Participation Office is open during office hours from Monday to Friday, excluding Public Holidays.

