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PER FACSIMILE / MAIL

Dear Sir/Madam

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT OF DRAFT SCOPING REPORT: PROPOSED DUBE TRADEPORT TRADE ZONE TO WATSON HIGHWAY LINK ROAD

The Department confirms having received the draft Scoping Report dated November 2010 for the abovementioned project on 18 November 2010.

Please note that the Department will start reviewing once the final Scoping Report is received.

Yours sincerely

Ms Lize McCourt
Chief Director: Environmental Impact Management
Department of Environmental Affairs
Letter signed by: Ms Hilda Bezuidenhout
Designation: Assistant Director: Environmental Impact Evaluation
Date: 06/12/2010



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Dear Mr. Stow

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT OF THE APPLICATION FORM FOR THE PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF THE TRADEZONE WATSON HIGHWAY LINK ROAD ON PORTIONS 11 AND 3 OF THE FARM KLIPFONTEIN 992 AND ON PORTION 9 OF THE FARM LA MERCY 15124, KWA-ZULU NATAL PROVINCE

This letter serves as an acknowledgment of receipt of the application form received by this Department on the 19th of April 2010.

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

Also note that the activity may not commence prior to an Environmental Authorisation being granted by the Department.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. Wynand Fourie

Chief Director: Environmental Impact Management (Acting)

Department of Environmental Affairs

Letter signed by: Ms Sandile Vilakazi

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Our Ref.: DPM/EIA 417A(N) (15/1/2/1)
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26 January 2011

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Attention: Rashleda Davids

Dear Sir/Madam,

RE: DRAFT SCOPING REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED DUBE TRADEPORT TRADE ZONE TO WATSON HIGHWAY LINK ROAD.

With reference to the abovementioned Draft Scoping Report, please be advised that various Municipal Departments have had sight of the proposal and the following comments are submitted for your attention:-

1. eThekweni Electricity Department.

The Electricity Department has no objection, however please note:

- (1) The applicant must consult eThekweni Electricity's mains records (held in the drawing office at eThekweni Electricity Headquarters, 1 Jelf Taylor Crescent, for the presence of underground electrical services. In addition should any overhead line and/or servitude be affected, the specific permission of the Head: Electricity must be sought regarding the development.
- (2) The relocation of MV/LV electrical services, if required in order to accommodate the development, will be carried out at the expense of the applicant.

2. Environmental Health Department.

The issues raised by the Environmental Health Department on the Background Information Document have been addressed in the Environmental Scoping Report.

No further comments are necessary at this stage.

3. Framework Planning Branch.

This Branch has assessed the proposal and has no major objections to the proposal.

4. **eThekweni Water and Sanitation.**

A portion of Umgeni Water's trunk watermain as well as a portion of EWS's reticulation watermain and associated fittings/meters etc. is affected by the above proposal.

The Developer is requested to liaise with Sunil Maharaj (Umgeni Water - Pinetown) for further discussion regarding the trunk main.

With regard to EWS's affected infrastructure, the developer is requested to liaise with this Department to discuss. Note that all costs for the relocation of affected infrastructure will be for the Developers account.

5. **Environmental Planning and Climate Protection Department.**

This Department is satisfied that all the issues relating to the construction of the proposed Watson Highway Link Road have been identified.

This Departments main concern relates to the impact on the wetlands:

The fact that these wetlands are impacted on due to previous land use practices is not a sufficient reason to play down the importance of mitigating any possible negative impacts. These impacted wetlands, in their current cultivated land use state, can be functionally rehabilitated where as a shift to hardened structures will result in their irreversible loss. The suggested mitigation measures must also align with those measures prescribed in the KSIA EIR and ROD.

Further to this the cumulative impacts of the King Shaka International Airport, associated Support, Trade and Agri Zones and the Proposed Ushukela Highway Business Park need to be addressed in the EIR. The 'carrying capacity' of the broader receiving environment is a critical aspect which is overlooked in many EIA process and can result, due to cumulative or phased development, in a collapse of large functional ecosystems.

The rehabilitation plan must be provided along with the EIR report for assessment. This report must give clear performance time lines which will assist the ECO in auditing compliance. The rapid loss of habitat in the Mdloti/Tongaat area is not in line with slow and often delayed associated rehabilitation and mitigation activities. The inclusion of time lines and quantifiable requirements in rehabilitation plans will assist in ensuring that mitigation of negative impacts is timely.

This Department requests that the wetland delineation GIS shapefiles are provided so as to allow for ease of assessment during the EIA.

6. **Land Use Management Branch.**

Please be advised that this Branch has no objection to the proposal as contained in EIA 417A(N) subject to the construction of the proposed link road being in alignment with the traffic study undertaken for the Northern Urban Development corridor; and adequate provision being made for pedestrian movements, lane and access. The proposed link road to be subdivided from the properties and to be registered as a road servitude, provision for road reserves to be taken into consideration.

7. **Geotechnical Engineering Branch.**

No known geotechnical problems along the proposed route. There is a known landslide in similar materials a few hundred metres to the north of the site which needs to be borne in mind when the detailed geotechnical centre line investigation of the alignment is done.

8. eThekweni Transport Authority.

As per the submitted Draft environmental Scoping Report, ETA (Traffic Engineering) has an objection to the proposed construction of the DTP Trade Zone to Watson Highway Link Road.

A TIA in support of the above development must be submitted as part of the above report - the ETA will provide comment to the TIA - note; when the EIA/Scoping Report are submitted copies must be forwarded to both the Strategic Transport Planning Section (STP) and the Road System Management Section (RSM) of the ETA - these reports are to be circulated to the respective Deputy Heads of these sections.

Further to the above please be advised that the TIA for the uShukela Precinct should inform the road configuration and capacity required for the DTP Trade Zone to Watson Highway Link Road.

9. Coastal, Stormwater and Catchment Management Department.

This Department is satisfied with the proposal and supports the preferred option for Stormwater Management.

Should you seek clarification on any of the above issues, please contact the writer on telephone: 031 - 3117136 or via e-mail: vanrensburg@durban.gov.za. In addition, the Department requests that a copy of the Record of Decision be faxed to 031 - 3117279.

Yours faithfully

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14 June 2010

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Attention: Rashieda Davids

Dear Sir/Madam,

RE: BACKGROUND INFORMATION DOCUMENT FOR THE PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF THE TRADE ZONE WATSON HIGHWAY LINK ROAD.

With reference to the abovementioned Background Information Document, please be advised that various Municipal Departments have had sight of the proposal and the following comments are submitted for your attention:-

1. eThekweni Electricity Department.

The Electricity Department has no objection, however please note:

- (1) The applicant must consult eThekweni Electricity's mains records (held in the drawing office at eThekweni Electricity Headquarters, 1 Jelf Taylor Crescent, for the presence of underground electrical services. In addition should any overhead line and/or servitude be affected, the specific permission of the Head: Electricity must be sought regarding the development.
- (2) The relocation of MV/LV electrical services, if required in order to accommodate the development, will be carried out at the expense of the applicant.

2. Environmental Health Department.

1. An Environmental Management Plan will be required to mitigate all possible impacts during the construction phase.
2. Rivers and streams that may be found along the construction route are to be protected against pollution and details of rehabilitation in this regard must be provided.
3. It is not sure whether the proposed link road will be aligned adjacent to or will it replace the existing "red brick" Herwood Road which, with its tree-lined verges, provide a unique "sense of place." This road should, as far as possible, be preserved. Further clarity is sought in this regard.
4. It is recorded (although not directly related to this Department) that the Watson Highway is notorious for many accidents, many of which have been fatal. Concern is raised that the proposed link road may increase the risk of motor vehicle accidents.

3. Framework Planning Branch.

The applicant needs to provide clarity as to whether the proposed route is aligned with the traffic studies being undertaken for the Northern Urban Development Corridor eastern bypass.

The impact of the proposed road on the phasing of development on and off site (DTP Site) needs to be stated by the applicant and demonstrate how the mitigation measures will be employed.

The provision of public transport facilities and pedestrian safety is to be addressed with eThekweni Transport Authority.

4. eThekweni Water and Sanitation.

A portion of Umgeni Water's trunk watermain as well as a portion of EWS's reticulation watermain and associated fittings/meters etc. is affected by the above proposal.

The Developer is requested to liaise with Sunil Maharaj (Umgeni Water - Pinetown) for further discussion regarding the trunk main.

With regard to EWS's affected infrastructure, the developer is requested to liaise with this Department to discuss. Note that all costs for the relocation of affected infrastructure will be for the Developers account.

5. Environmental Planning and Climate Protection Department.

The Background Information Document has covered all impacts to be assessed.

In addition, where rehabilitation is proposed as mitigation, the rehabilitation plan must be prepared and assessed as part of the Basic Assessment Report.

Assessment of sensitive areas, i.e. wetlands, vegetation etc must include the road alignment as well as a 50m buffer on either side. Ecological corridors that are likely to be affected must also be identified.

6. Land Use Management Branch.

Please be advised that this Branch has no objection to the proposal as contained in EIA 417 (N) subject to the construction of the proposed link road being in alignment with the traffic study undertaken for the Northern Urban Development corridor; and adequate provision being made for pedestrian movements, lane and access. Adequate public transport facilities being provided along the route. The proposed link road to be subdivided from the properties and to be registered as a road servitude, provision for road reserves to be taken into consideration.

7. Natural Resources Department.

No objection subject to strict adherence to the Environmental Management Plan.

8. eThekweni Transport Authority.

In terms of the KSIA/DTP development an external TIA was prepared circa 2006. The Trade Zone/ Watson Highway Link was evaluated as part of the 2060 scenario. With this link

being a requirement sooner than anticipated, the external TIA needs to be reevaluated, giving due consideration to the "as built" road/network supporting the development.

This aspect is required as part of the specialists reports which will be prepared as part of the EIA process.

Should you seek clarification on any of the above issues, please contact the writer on telephone: 031 - 3117136 or via e-mail: vanrensburd@durban.gov.za In addition, the Department requests that a copy of the Record of Decision be faxed to 031 - 3117279.

Yours faithfully



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Dauids,Rashieda

From: Robert Lindsay [Robert.Lindsay@Kzntransport.gov.za]
Sent: 11 January 2011 12:30 PM
To: Dauids,Rashieda
Cc: Pat Dorkin; Wally Bennett; Roy Ryan
Subject: Comments on DSR for Dube Trade Port - Watson Highway Link

Hi Rashieda,

I see that my verbal comments have been addressed in the Ethekwini Municipality Development Planning input dated 14 June 2010.

These include the eastern link between Main Road 2 and the Watson Highway as contemplated in the Northern Urban Development Corridor Study and the updating of the external TIA for the KSIA/DTP development.

I also note that the developer is taking the proposed developments adjacent to the Watson Highway Link into account. The developer should however bear in mind that the approval for the cross access provided on the Watson Highway approximately 200 meters west of the N2 was a temporary approval to facilitate the importing of aggregate into the KSIA/DTP development. The desirability of retaining this cross access is questionable and if closed would have a significant impact of the capacity requirements of the Watson Highway Link/Watson Highway intersection.

It may be necessary to revisit the extent and location of the dedicated public transport lanes during the final design stage.

Regards

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Cc: Stow,Russell; anthony.b.gould@gmail.com; daniel@dubetradeport.co.za
Subject: Public meeting date change

Dear Stakeholders

Our public meeting for the Trade Zone to Watson Highway Link Road scheduled for this evening refers.

As a result of the venue, Tongaat Public Library, unfortunately being double booked for 17:30 this evening, we will be hosting our meeting at the same venue tomorrow, 1 December 2010.

We apologise for any inconvenience caused and are hoping to see you there tomorrow.

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Dauids,Rashieda

From: Gunyaziwe Makaula (ER) [MakaulaG@nra.co.za]
Sent: 22 November 2010 10:07 AM
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Cc: Casper Landman (ER); Busisiwe Mlambo (ER)
Subject: RE: DTP Trade Zone Watson Highway EIA: Scoping Report Invitation to Comment
Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Red

Good Morning,

I acknowledge receipt of your email. My colleagues copied above will attend to it.

Please liaison with Busi Mlambo for further correspondence (copied already).

Thanx
ggm

From: Dauids,Rashieda [mailto:RDauids@gibb.co.za]
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Gunyaziwe Makaula (ER)
Subject: FW: DTP Trade Zone Watson Highway EIA: Scoping Report Invitation to Comment

Good day

Kindly confirm that you have received the email below, as well as hard copies (including CDs) that were delivered on Tuesday.

Best regards

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Cc: Stow,Russell; 'anthony.b.gould@gmail.com'; 'daniel@dubetradeport.co.za'

Subject: DTP Trade Zone Watson Highway EIA: Scoping Report Invitation to Comment

Dear Stakeholders

As you are aware, the Dube TradePort (DTP) proposes to construct a new 3.5 kilometre (km) long road to link the DTP Trade Zone (adjacent to the King Shaka International Airport within the DTP) to the Watson Highway (recently renamed uShukela Drive) to the north. In order to obtain Environmental Authorisation to undertake the construction, DTP is required to undertake an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) in terms of the National Environmental Management Act (Act No. 107 of 1998) (NEMA) EIA Regulations. The application and Report must be submitted to the Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA) for authorisation. Arcus GIBB (Pty) Ltd, an independent company, has been appointed to undertake the EIA for the proposed Trade Zone to Watson Highway Link Road project.

GIBB invites your comment on the Draft Environmental Scoping Report. **The Draft Scoping Report is being made available to authorities for a 40 day comment period from 15 November 2010 to 12 January 2010 (excluding holiday period from 15 December – 2 January).** All comments will be recorded in the Comments Register to be appended to, and addressed in the Final Scoping Report (FSR). The FSR will then be submitted to the DEA for authorisation.

Hard copies of the DSR will be delivered to relevant authorities tomorrow. Electronic copies of the report including all appendices, figures and plates will be made available on a CD at request to the undersigned. Copies of this report are also being made available for public review and comment.

Public Meeting

You are also invited to attend a public meeting to be held on **30 November 2010** at the Tongaat Central Library. The meeting will start at **17h30** and information on the proposed project, associated anticipated impacts and specialists' studies will be presented.

The due date for comments on this Draft Scoping Report is **12 January 2010**. Written and electronic comments can be addressed to the undersigned.

Yours faithfully

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Environmental Scientist

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Subject: DRAFT SCOPING REPORT PROPOSED DUBE TRADEPORT TRADE ZONE TO WATSON HIGHWAY LINK RD

Dear Rashieda,

Happy New Year, I hope you had a good festive season.

Please will you allow an extension on the comment period for the above application. Most people are still on leave and only get back on the 17 January. I will do my best to get the comments to you by the end of January.

Thank you and kind regards
Diane.

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From: Robert Lindsay [Robert.Lindsay@Kzntransport.gov.za]
Sent: 21 April 2010 09:03 AM
To: Dauids,Rashieda
Cc: Wally Bennett
Subject: RE: Notification of Environmental Impact Assessment Process: Trade Zone - Watson Highway Link Road

Hi Rashieda,

The Department is affected by this proposed development and would like to be formally registered as an IAP.

To rationalise our receipt of notifications and ensure a co-ordinated response, the Department has decided that we would like all future correspondence to be directed to our Manager: Engineering Services, Mr W Bennett.

Regards

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Cc: Anthony Gould; Stow,Russell; Jenny Mitchell; TPI
Subject: Notification of Environmental Impact Assessment Process: Trade Zone - Watson Highway Link Road

Dear Stakeholders and Interested & Affected Parties

NOTIFICATION OF A BASIC ASSESSMENT FOR THE PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF TRADE ZONE - WATSON HIGHWAY LINK ROAD, LA MERCY, DURBAN

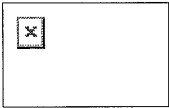
The Dube TradePort has lodged an application for environmental authorisation with the national Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA) in terms of the National Environmental Management Act (Act No. 107 of 1998) and Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations GNR 385, GNR 386 and GNR 387 as amended, for the proposed construction of the Trade Zone - Watson Highway Link Road from the Trade Zone within the Dube TradePort to the Watson Highway, La Mercy, Durban.

Arcus GIBB (Pty) Ltd has been appointed as the independent Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) to compile the application and undertake the required Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Process. As part of the public involvement process component of the EIA, Arcus GIBB has prepared the enclosed Background Information Document (BID) to inform all potential interested and/or affected parties (IAPs) of the proposed project and provide details on how IAPs can register with the project to submit comments and be kept up to date on the process and its findings.

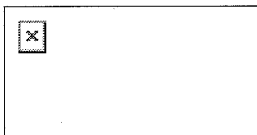
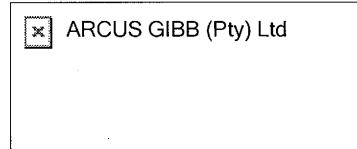
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Should you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact us using the details provided below.

Yours faithfully
for Arcus GIBB (Pty) Ltd



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