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Attention: Russell Stow

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Further to this Department's letter dated 25 July 2011, a copy of which is already in your possession, please be advised that revised comments have been received from eThekweni Transport Authority.

1. **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 evaluated, giving due consideration to the current "as built" network supporting the development as opposed to the future network envisaged in the 2060 scenario.

Dube Tradeport (DTP) has appointed TECHSO to prepare a New Traffic Impact Assessment for the Dube Tradeport/KSIA city precinct. This report is expected to be finalised by January 2012.

The TIA in support of the proposed access from Ushukela Highway (Watson Highway) to the Dube Tradeport and Ushukela Business Park, as contained in the draft Environmental Impact Report has therefore been based on an External TIA which does not deal directly with the scenario currently being proposed.

Notwithstanding the above, there is no objection to the link road, subject to the geometric standards for the reserve and carriageways as well as the operational connectivity being consistent with the original external TIA requirements ie. There should be no direct connection between this link and the road network that serves the airport to the south, until such time as revised and approved TIA's support alternative requirements.



Should you seek clarification on any of the above issues, please contact the writer on telephone: 031 - 3117136 or via e-mail: vanrensburgd@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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