

NOTICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT

Proposed canalisation of the Umgeni River

Ref# DM/0068/2012

Notification is given in terms of Section 26 of the National Environmental Management Act (Act No. 107 of 1998) of the intention of the eThekweni Municipality (Coastal, Stormwater & Catchment Management) to widen and canalise a section of the Umgeni River for approximately 1 km in order to reduce the flooding risk of the Umgeni Business Park. Please note that this is a re-application of the 2006 application (EIA/6008) for which the proponent received a positive record decision but failed to implement the development within the validity period for construction commencement (18 months).

Also note that the application is made under the new EIA Regulations (GNR 543, GNR 544 and GNR 546). The relevant Listed activities related to the proposed development are:

Listing Notice 1; GN: R.544 Activity nr. 11 and 16.

The area of concern is approximately 3 km from the river mouth on the KwaZulu-Natal shoreline. The particular river section stretches from just east of Connaught Bridge (North Coast Road, R102) to approximately 1 km upstream in a westward direction in the area of the Umgeni Business Park, eThekweni Municipality.

The proponent is the eThekweni Municipality (Coastal, Stormwater & Catchment Management).

You are hereby invited to register as an Interested & Affected Party and to forward comments or queries in writing to the consultant below. Copies of the draft Basic Assessment Report is available at GIBB offices in IBM House, 2nd Floor, 54 Norfolk Terrace, Westville 3630 / projects.gibb.co.za / Durban North Library.

A public meeting will be held on the 12th December 2012 @ 17h30 at the City Engineers Department, City Engineers Building, in the meeting room above the 6th Floor, 166 K E Masinga Road, Durban. Entrance is via Archie Gumede Road, through the boom gates.

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