

Environmental Basic Assessment for the proposed rehabilitation of the Regional Road R61, Section 3, between Cradock (km 24.2) and Tarkastad (km 75.0).

Notice is given in terms of Regulation 54 of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2010 (GN No. R543) under Chapter 5 of the National Environmental Management Act (Act 107 of 1998) as amended, of the intent of the South African National Roads Agency Limited (SANRAL) to submit an application for environmental authorisation to the Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA) for the planned rehabilitation of the regional road R61, Section 3, between Cradock and Tarkastad. The works require an Environmental Basic Assessment.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

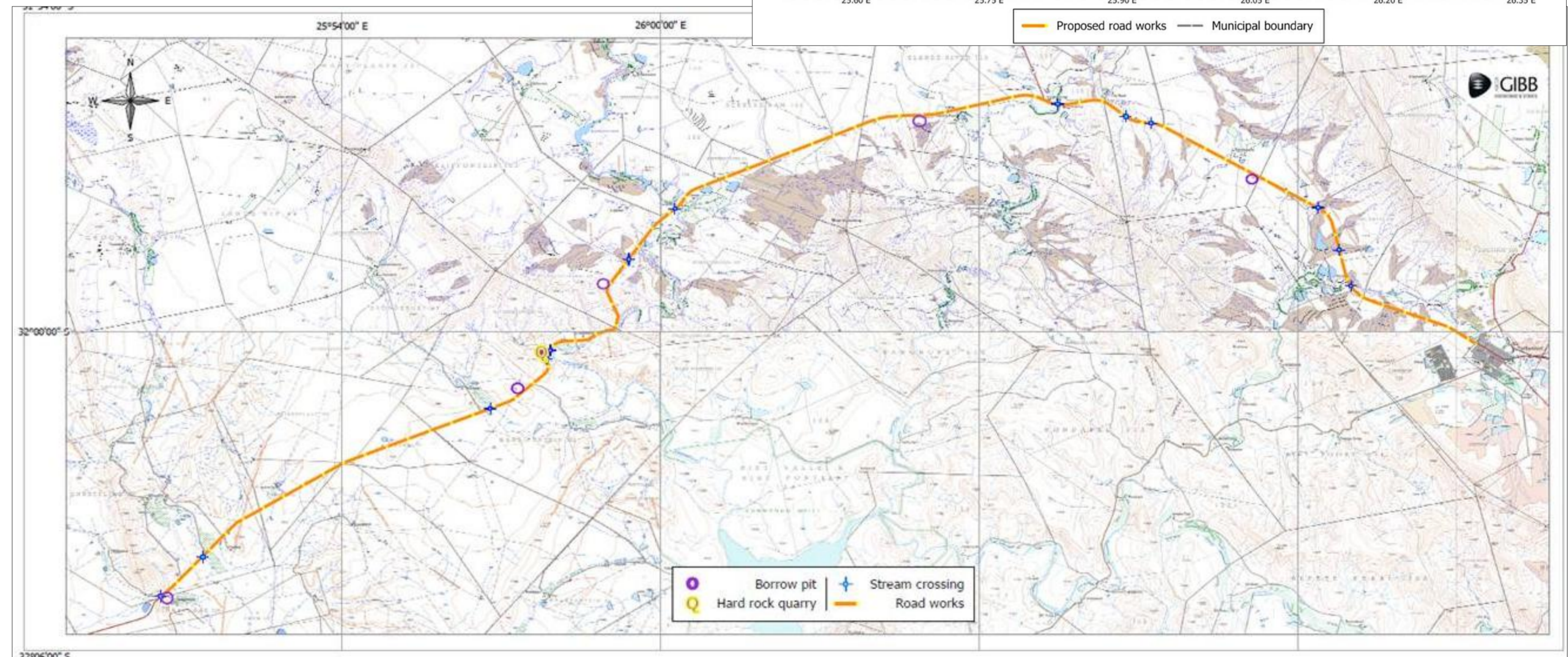
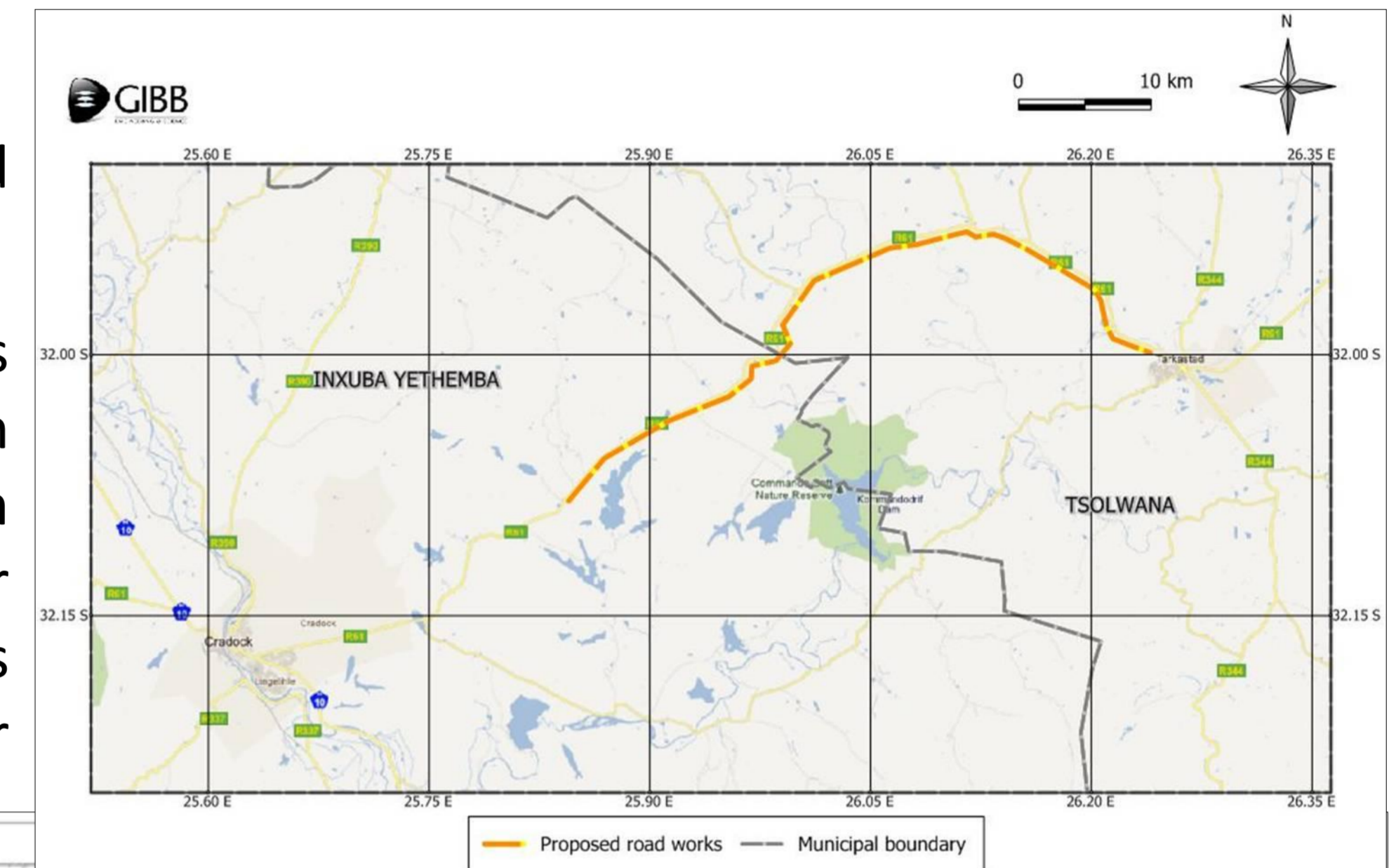
The project involves the rehabilitation of the regional road R61, Section 3, between Cradock (km 24.2) and Tarkastad (km 75.0) in the Eastern Cape Province.

The scope of the project includes the widening of the roadway (± 5.0 m) itself and of all stormwater structures along the entire project. The existing road reserve is approximately 32.0 m. A major part of the road section marked for rehabilitation is located inside a Critical Biodiversity Area (Eastern Cape Biodiversity Conservation Plan, 2007). Construction work will largely be limited to the existing road reserve of 32 m width, except for occasional short sections where improvements to the road alignment require the expropriation of small strips of land from private landowners. Respective negotiations have been initiated with regards to fair compensation.

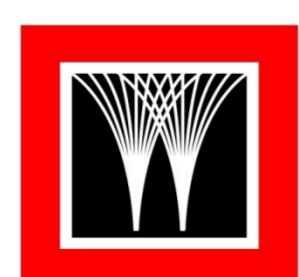
There are 13 river or stream crossings along the project. Water use authorisations from the Department of Water Affairs for the road works in and near the river crossings will be applied for following the principle of integrated environmental management. The proposed development will include activities listed under *GNR 546 (19) of 2010*, *GNR 546 (24) of 2010* and *GNR 544 (39) of 2010*.

YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO GET INVOLVED

Should you wish to express your views regarding this proposed development, please feel free to register as an Interested & Affected Party (I&AP) by sending us your written comments. The names of all registered I&APs, together with the comments received will be incorporated into the Environmental Basic Assessment application and will be submitted to DEA.



Please submit your name, contact information (address, telephone number, e-mail address, postal address) and written comments to the contact person below.



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