



Date: 02 May 2024

Swellendam Local Municipality

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Attention: Brian Neale (briann@swellendam.gov.za)

Dear Mr Neale,

NOTIFICATION OF A PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS FOR THE PROPOSED EXPANSION OF THE RAW WATER PIPELINE AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE FROM THE GROOTKLOOF DAM 2 TOWARDS THE HERMITAGE RAW WATER PUMP STATION ON REMAINDER OF ERF 1, SWELLENDAM ("PROPOSED EXPANSION OF THE SWELLENDAM RAW WATER PIPELINE").

Notice is hereby given of a Public Participation Process in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) as amended (NEMA), the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2014 (as amended) and the National Water Act, 1998 (Act 36 of 1998).

*You are hereby advised, in terms of Section 24O (2) and (3) of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998), as amended (NEMA), that you have **60 days** to provide us with comments on the draft Basic Assessment Report, draft Maintenance Management Plan and Water Use Summary Report for the abovementioned proposal. Should comments not be received within the prescribed timeframes, it will be assumed no comments are forthcoming and the Department may continue to process the application in the absence of your comments.*

The commenting period is from **03 May 2024** until **04 July 2024**.

Applicant: Swellendam Local Municipality.

Proposal and Location: The proposal entails the expansion of the raw water pipeline from the Grootkloof Dam 2 to the existing Hermitage Raw Water Pump Station on Remainder of Erf 1, Swellendam. A new pipeline will be placed next to the existing raw water pipeline within the registered municipal servitude. The proposal includes the replacement of the existing gabion structure where the proposed raw water pipeline will cross a watercourse.

Applicable Listed Activities: In terms of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended), Environmental Authorisation is required for Activities 19 and 48 of Listing Notice 1, and Activity 12 of Listing Notice 3. The procedures for a Basic Assessment process are being undertaken as part of the application for Environmental Authorisation. A Maintenance Management Plan will be included in this application to allow the Applicant to undertake the necessary maintenance and repair activities, if and when necessary.

Applicable Water Use Activities: Water Use Licence Application will be undertaken in terms of Section 21 (c) and (i) of the National Water Act, 1998 (Act No. 36 of 1998).

Comment Period: The Draft Basic Assessment Report, Maintenance Management Plan and Water Use Summary Report will be available for comment from **Friday, 03 May 2024 to Thursday, 04 July 2024**. All reports will be made available on Doug Jeffery Environmental Consultants' (DJEC) company website: <https://www.dougjeff.co.za/download/swellendam-raw-water-pipeline/>. Alternatively, **scan the QR code** provided to obtain the reports. A hardcopy of the reports will be available at the Archbishop Desmond Tutu (Swellendam) Public Library (20 Station Street, Swellendam) for public review. Anyone unable to access the reports, can contact DJEC (during office hours) for assistance at the details provided below.



Please send your comments to:

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COMMENTS AND / OR REGISTRATIONS MUST REACH US BEFORE OR ON THURSDAY, 04 JULY 2024.

Should you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Regards,

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