



NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN IN TERMS OF THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT ACT, 1998 (ACT NO. 107 OF 1998) - APPLICATION FOR THE ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION FOR THE MCWAP 2A RE-ROUTING OF THE HIGH LIFT RISING MAIN (HLRM) DUE TO THE PROXIMITY OF EXISTING ESKOM POWERLINES.

The GIBB-Bigen-Nyeleti Joint Venture (GBN-JV) on behalf of the Applicant, Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS), is applying for Environmental Authorisation (EA), in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) and the 2014 Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations (as amended) for the re-routing of the High Lift Rising Main (HLRM) due to the proximity of existing Eskom Powerlines. The GBN-JV has been appointed as the independent Environmental Assessment Practitioner to undertake the necessary application for EA which is subject to a Basic Assessment process.

The Mokolo Crocodile River (West) Water Augmentation Project Phase 2A (MCWAP-2A) is within the Thabazimbi and Lephalale Local Municipalities, in the Waterberg District Municipality, Limpopo Province. The project has an existing Environmental Authorisation (14/12/16/3/3/2/1100) and approved Construction Environmental Management Programme (CEMP) which included maintenance mitigation measures for the current pipeline route within the authorized corridor along four (4) properties i.e. on Farms Mecklenburg 310 KQ Portion 1, Paarl 124 KQ REM, Paarl 124 KQ Portion 6 and Paarl 124 KQ Portion 7.

The current pipeline alignment is within close proximity of an existing Eskom High Voltage Transmission line and will result in high induced current into the pipeline and high fault level currents, resulting in increased safety risks during construction of the pipeline and during future operation and maintenance of the pipeline.

#### APPLICATION FOR THE ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION

Notice is hereby given of a public participation process in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) (NEMA), as amended. A Basic Assessment process is required as the listed activities triggered in regard to the NEMA include the following:

- Listing Notice 1 (GN R. 327): No. 9 & 19.
- Listing Notice 3 (GN R. 324): No. 10 & 12

#### REVIEW THE DRAFT BAR

The Draft BAR public review period is from 19 January 2024 to 20 February 2024 (inclusive) (30 days commenting period). The Draft BAR is available via the following media:

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Should you wish to be registered as an I&AP, obtain additional information or provide comment/s, please contact the MCWAP-2A by no later than **20 February 2024**, using the contact details provided below.

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