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PROJECT NAME: Environmental Subservices for the Upgrading of the Provincial Road R573 (K139) Section 1 from Baviaanspoort Road in Tshwane (km 0,00) to the Gauteng/Mpumalanga Provincial Border

MEETING: Pre-application Meeting with the Department of Mineral Resources and Energy (DMRE)

CHAIRPERSON: Mr Nkosinathi Mahlaba

RECORDED BY: Mrs Kirthi Peramaul

DATE: 24th January 2020

TIME: 10:00 to 11:30

VENUE: DMR offices Braamfontein

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A	OPENING & WELCOME NM opened the meeting and welcomed all present.
B	APOLOGIES & ATTENDANCE There were no apologies and the attendance register was circulated.
C	ADOPTION OF AGENDA KP Circulated the Agenda.
D	PURPOSE OF THE MEETING KP Provided an overview of the project i.e. Upgrading of the Provincial Road R573 (K139) Section 1 from Baviaanspoort Road in Tshwane (km 0,00) to the Gauteng/Mpumalanga Provincial Border (provision of material sources)
E	<p>PROJECT INFORMATION AND MOTIVATION</p> <p>KP undertook a presentation which outlined the project background and motivation for the proposed project. Key points outlined in the presentation included the following:</p> <p>1. Project Background</p> <p>Intention of the SANRAL to extend the existing R573 Moloto Road within the City of Tshwane. KBK Engineers appointed by SANRAL to provide consulting engineering services for the upgrading of Moloto Road:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upgrading of the entire length of the R573/1 Moloto Road to a 4-lane barrier-divided dual carriageway from Stormvoël Road to the Gauteng border; • Construction of the southern link between Stormvoël Road and Baviaanspoort Road; • Construction of the new PWV2 link between the N1/N4 Interchange and the R573/1 Moloto Road; • Construction of the Moloto/Sefako Makgatho Interchange; • Construction of the Big Tree Mall Interchange; • Construction of the De Wagendrift bypass along the R573/1; and • Various upgrades to local roads and upgrading of intersections to small interchanges (Moepel Overpass; Baviaanspoort Road East extension; Dewar, Sakabuka and Maroela interchanges and road developments). <p>GA Environment (Pty) Ltd, as independent environmental consultants has been appointed by KBK Engineers to undertake the relevant approval processes for material sources (Borrow Pits and Quarries) from relevant authorities. Four potential sites have been identified by SANRAL. These are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quarry 6A; • Quarry 6B; • Quarry 5;and



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Borrow pit 4. <p>2. Alternatives Assessed for the Site Various sites were initially assessed for suitable material for the various projects in terms of the Moloto Road Upgrade. Technology alternatives eg different mining methods will be considered. The methods will be considered in the design phase and will take potential environmental impacts into consideration when identifying the preferred methods.</p> <p>3. Environmental Impact Assessment Process <i>Triggered Activities as highlighted by KP based on the subdivision of the Quarry into sections less than 20 hectares.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Listing Notice 1, Activity 27: The clearance of an area of 1 hectares or more, but less than 20 hectares of indigenous vegetation <p>Basic Assessment process required in terms of NEMA (Act 107 of 1998). KP further outlined the Public Participation process to be undertaken will include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disclosure of the Draft Scoping Report for a 30-day comment period; • Newspaper Advertisement • Placement of Site Notices; • Distribution of Notification letters; • Written notification to identified key stakeholders; • Public Open day <p>4. Specialist Studies The following specialist studies will be commissioned:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wetland/Aquatic Assessment; • Fauna and Flora Survey; • Heritage Impact Assessment. <p>This presentation is available on request.</p>
F	<p>Way Forward (Panel Discussion)</p> <p>Subsequent to the presentation, the following comments were provided by DMR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NR advised that the DMRE issues permits for mining within their jurisdiction. Requested that the status of these land parcels be checked with the DMR as there could be an application for the mining of another commodity on the same property or a mining permit that has already been issued;



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RO indicated that Quarry 6A & B is owned by First Land Development, and that SANRAL is aware that a Chinese company has mining rights further west on the property either for platinum or chrome. NR further requested that GA Environment (GAE) submit the property descriptions to DMRE to clarify if any mining rights exist on these properties. VB further advised that when consultations were/are undertaken with the respective landowners, such can also be clarified. NK further advises that extensive landowner consultations were undertaken and GAE does have a database of landowners that were consulted. • NR advised that the triggered activities presented by GAE did not include any mining activities as per the NEMA EIA regulations. MN indicated that if an application does not include any mining related activities then the application shall not come to DMRE and they will not be the Competent Authority. VB advised that SANRAL is exempted from prospecting and mining rights but they are not exempted from the undertaking of an environmental authorization process. SANRAL can actually mine even without an EA if the clearance of vegetation activity is not triggered. NK advised that any trace of mining related activities goes to the DMR. • KP raised the application process to be followed and whether SANRAL receives buy in from the department regarding the division of the site into various sections less than 20 hectares. GAE proposed that a single Basic Assessment report with various application forms for each section can be submitted to the department. MN indicated that there cannot be a relaxation on the process to be followed and if Listing Notice 2 is triggered, a Scoping and EIA process shall be followed. NM further highlighted that the DMRE cannot accept one basic assessment with various applications forms, and each application shall accompany a basic assessment report and he is of the opinion that it is not just the 20 hectare sections that will be impacted on as there will be stockpiling and vehicles and machinery that will cause disturbance/impacts outside the designated 20 hectares; • VB advised that the reason for the Basic Assessment approach was due to the timeframes 8 months for a BA while a Scoping and EIA takes about 12 months also each 20-hectare division will be mined at different times of the project. SANRAL does issue financial guarantees and hence will rehabilitate and close each area once done. If a single EA is issued, then rehabilitation and closure can be delayed due to the time period for material utilization. MM advised that SANRAL is actually exempted from the financial guarantee. VB advised that even though they are exempted and have an MOU with the department, SANRAL still keep aside the money for rehabilitation and closure. • NK advised that GAE will require written confirmation from the DMRE regarding the application process and emphasized on the exemption applicable to SANRAL as per the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act (MPRDA). NR advised that they need to seek legal opinion regarding the listed activities and the process to be followed. NR indicated that GAE will receive correspondence from the DMR by the 31st of January 2020. • NK requested in the DMRE acknowledges Strategic Infrastructure Projects (SIPs). NR advised that there would be a relaxed timeframe for SANRAL.



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• RO advised that the project is a priority from SANRAL and there are strict timelines on the project and SANRAL plans to go out to tender in August or September 2020.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Client: _____

Date: _____

Signature: _____

Principal Agent: _____

Date: _____

Signature: _____