

NOTICE

NOTICE OF A BASIC ASSESSMENT AND WATER USE AUTHORISATION PROCESS FOR THE UPGRADE AND IMPROVEMENT OF NATIONAL ROAD R101 SECTION 8 FROM BELA BELA (KM 0.0) TO MODIMOLLE (KM 26.8), LIMPOPO PROVINCE

Notice is hereby given in terms of Chapter 5 of the National Environmental Management Act (NEMA), 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998), as amended that the South African National Roads Agency SOC Ltd (SANRAL) is proposing to upgrade the National Road R101 Section 8 from Bela Bela (km 0.0) to Modimolle (km 26.8). The Notice is also issued in terms of Section 41(4) of the National Water Act No 36 of 1998, read with Regulations 17 to 19 Regarding Procedural Requirements for Water Use Licence Applications and Appeals (GNR 267) published in Government Gazette 40713 of 24th March 2017. In line with the EIA regulations, BVi Consulting Engineers has appointed GA Environment (Pty) Ltd on behalf of SANRAL as the Independent Environmental Consultants to undertake a Basic Assessment and Water Use Authorisation Processes for the proposed upgrade of Section 8 of the National Road R101. Section 8 of the R101 is situated within two Local Municipalities (Bela Bela and Modimolle) both situated within the Waterberg District Municipality in the Limpopo Province. The project starts in Bela Bela at the intersection of the R101 and Voortrekker Road (km 0.0) and ends in Modimolle at the intersection of the existing R101 and R33. The road will start at coordinates 24°53'5.16"S and 28°17'56.88"E and will end at coordinates 24°42'0.33"S and 28°24'21.10"E. The R101-8 consists of a two lane, single carriageway road with gravel shoulders along most of the route with an average surfaced width of 7.0 m. Within Modimolle, the road widens to four lanes with parking bays and sidewalks in the Central Business District (CBD).

The general objective of this project is to successfully and optimally upgrade the National Road R101 Section 8 from Bela Bela (km 0.0) to Modimolle (km 26.8). The broad goals of the road upgrade are to relieve traffic congestion to an acceptable level of service, improve road geometry and road safety, widen bridges and other structures where required for hydraulic and traffic capacity improvement and provide adequate pavement capacity for the design period.

According to the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations 2014, as amended, a Basic Assessment (BA) process is required for the project based on the following triggered activities: GNR 983 Listing Notice 1 (**Activity 9, 19 and 56**), and GNR 985 Listing Notice 3 (**Activity 12 and 18**). A Water Use Authorization (WUA) will be triggered in terms of Section 21 (c) and (i) of the National Water Act (NWA), 1998 (Act No. 36 of 1998). The development footprint is located within 500 meters of three identified water courses namely the Bad se Loop, Klein Kariba and the Groet Nyl River and has the potential to pose a risk to the resource quality characteristics. In terms of Appendix D2 of the revised General Authorisation 509 Notice of 26 August 2016, the proposed activities are generally authorized subject to compliance to the conditions of this notice.

The main objective of each process is to obtain the required Authorisation from the relevant Competent Authority, Environmental Authorisation from the Department of Environment, Forestry and Fisheries and Water Use Authorisation from the Department of Water and Sanitation. The Basic Assessment and WUA processes aim to identify and assess potential environmental impacts associated with the proposed upgrade of the road; as well as any alternatives to the proposed activity and to compile appropriate mitigation measures.

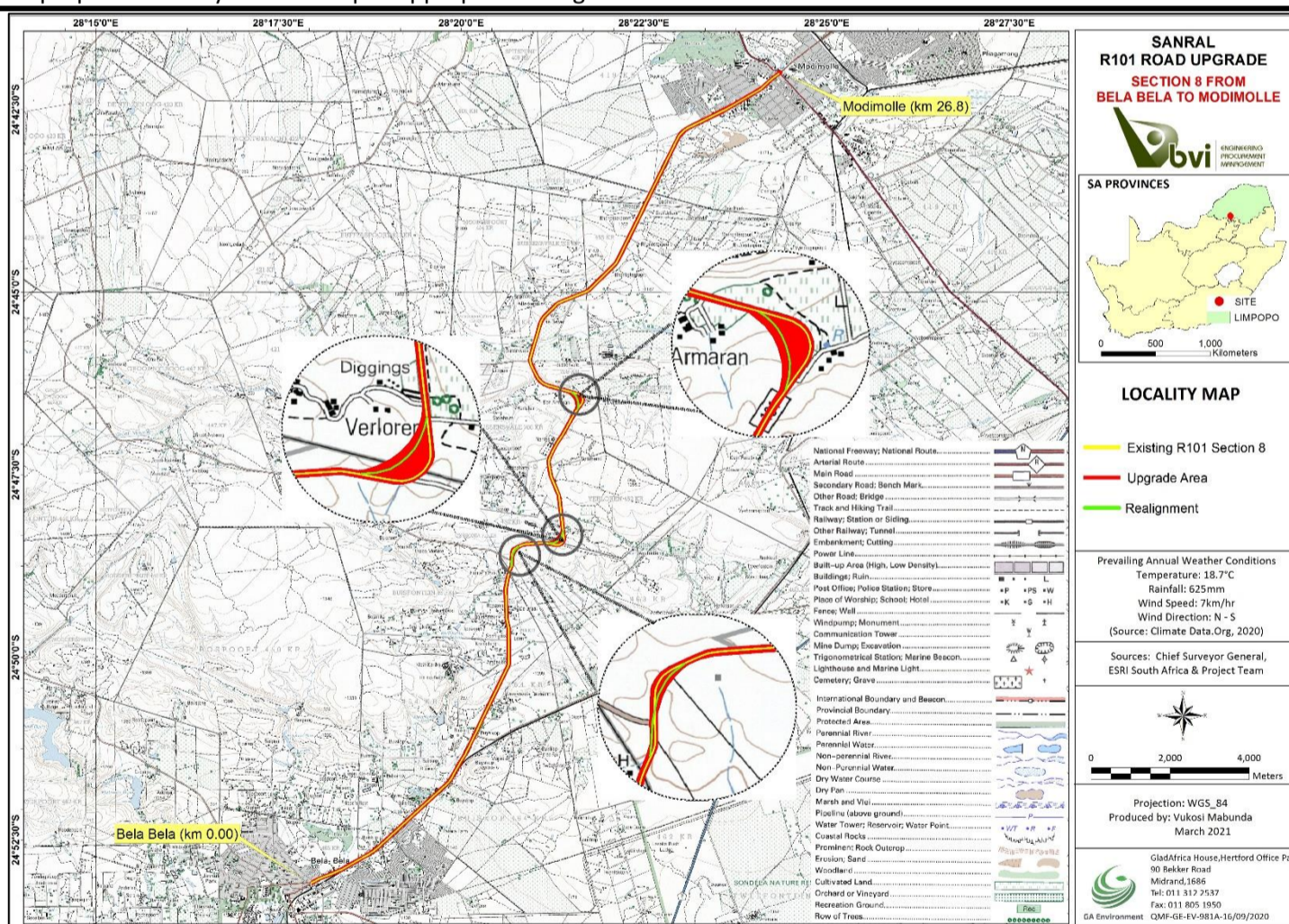


Figure 1: Locality Map of the Proposed Upgrade of R101 Section 8

In terms of the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended, and the Regulations Regarding the Procedural Requirements for Water Use License Applications and Appeals (2017), all Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) must be provided with an opportunity to participate in the BA and WUA Process for the proposed project. Interested and/or affected parties who wish to participate by contributing comments, register or obtain more information on the above-mentioned project should please contact **Vukosi Mabunda** on: **Tel:** 011 312 2537, **Cell:** 082 048 9840, **Fax:** 011 805 1950, **e-mail:** environment@gaenvironment.com or vukosim@gaenvironment.com or **Post:** P.O Box 6723 Halfway House 1685.

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