

Notification of Application for Environmental Authorisation for the Proposed Water Pipeline Upgrade located in Carlswald, within the City of Johannesburg Metropolitan Municipality in the Gauteng Province

Notice is hereby given in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, No. 107 of 1998(NEMA), and the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations of 2014 (GN R.982), of Johannesburg Water SOC Ltd (JW) intent to upgrade the water pipeline in Carlswald, Midrand. The proposed pipeline upgrade will trigger listed activities in terms of Listing Notice 1 and 3 of the EIA Regulations 2014, as amended and will therefore require an Environmental Authorisation by way of a Basic Assessment (BA) process to be undertaken. The competent authority is the Gauteng Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (GDARD)

Project Details

The proposed development involves the construction of a new 20 Megalitre (ML) Carlswald Reservoir to service the surrounding areas, and the upgrade of the water pipeline network in the Carlswald area. The project entails the installation of a new water pipeline within the municipal road reserve, with an approximate length of 5.1 kilometres from the proposed reservoir to the end of the route i.e., outside the Blue Hills Country Estate entrance. The new pipeline will tie into an existing pipeline at the end of the route. The pipeline route alignments considered, were aimed at ensuring the least disruption to traffic and existing services, and therefore, the route/s for the installation of the pipeline occur within the municipal road reserve. This also avoids construction within privately-owned property. Therefore, three alternative pipeline route alignments were identified for the water distribution network connecting from the proposed reservoir to an existing water pipeline located just outside the Blue Valley Golf Estate entrance on Papenfus Drive.

Site alternative 1 - the pipeline route starts at the proposed reservoir. The route then travels along Neptune Avenue, through to Arthur Avenue and crosses the R55 to Papenfus Drive in the Carlswald area. The pipeline route will be installed within the municipal road reserve from the start to the end of the route;

Site alternative 2 (Preferred Alternative) - The pipeline network starts at the proposed reservoir and will be taken along Whisken Avenue which becomes Ethel Avenue, along the R55 and across the R55 through vacant property and then along the road reserve of Percheron Road and then within the road reserve of Papenfus Drive in the Carlswald area. The pipeline route will end just outside the entrance to Blue Hills Country Estate entrance where it will tie into an existing pipeline, and

Site alternative 3 - The pipeline starts at the proposed reservoir and will take along Whisken Avenue, through to Pluto Road, Winnie Avenue and along the R55 to Papenfus Drive in the Carlswald area.

Kindly note that the draft basic assessment report (BAR) provides more details of the above project and is available for public review by Organs of State, Stakeholders, and I&As for a 30 day review and comment from 09 March 2023 to 10 April. The electronic copy of the report is available electronically at Zitholele's website: www.zitholele.co.za/environmental under the heading Carlswald Networks Basic Assessment report.

All stakeholders that wish to be part of this process, provide comments on the draft BAR, and stay informed throughout the process are urged to register as an Interested and Affected Party (I&AP) by submitting your contact details and interest on the project to the Public Participation Process (PPP) desk at the contact details provided. Alternatively, SMS the word CARLSWALD NETWORKS to 45776.

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