

Notification of Application for Environmental Authorisation and Water Use Authorisation (WUA) Processes for the proposed upgrade of the R33 (Section 13) from Modimolle (km0.6) to Witklip (km13.6) in Limpopo Province

Notice is hereby given that South African National Roads Agency Limited (SANRAL) (the Applicant) has applied for Environmental Authorisation (EA) for the above project. An EA is required by way of a Basic Assessment (BA) Process, from the Competent Authority, i.e. Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE) in terms of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2014 (as amended), promulgated in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act 107 of 1998) (NEMA). Zitholele Consulting (Pty) Ltd has been appointed as the independent Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) to undertake the BA process.

SANRAL proposes to upgrade the R33 from Modimolle (km0.6) to Witklip (km13.6) in Limpopo Province. The proposed road upgrade will entail a four lane undivided carriageway, a two lane single carriageway with climbing lanes from the roundabout through the "pass" section and a 2-lane single carriageway with climbing/passing lanes. Several intersections will be upgraded, and some accesses will be closed off. The existing culverts will be upgraded. The existing Klein Nyl River Bridge (B1272) will be demolished, and a new bridge will be constructed. Traffic will be accommodated on the existing carriageway to minimise disruptions. In terms of Listing Notice 1 (GNR No. 983) of the EIA regulations, 2014 (as amended) the proposed road upgrade will trigger listed activities 12, 19, 27 and 56 and listed activities 12, 14, 18 and 23 of Listing Notice 3 (GNR No. 985) The proposed road upgrade occurs within the 500m regulated area of the wetland and within the Klein Nyl River. Therefore, a General Authorisation (GA) will be required in terms of Section 21 (c) and 21 (i) of the National Water Act, 1998 (Act No. 36 of 1998).

A Basic Assessment and Water Use Authorisation process will therefore be undertaken to authorise the proposed road upgrade. The Draft Basic Assessment Report (BAR) provides more details of the above project and is available for public review and comment from 19 June 2023 to 19 July 2023 at the Modimolle Library, Cnr Harry Gwala Street and Kerk Street, Modimolle, 0510 and on the Zitholele Consulting's website: www.zitholele.co.za/environmental/ under the heading "SANRAL R33 Road Upgrade".

All stakeholders that wish to be part of this process, provide comments on the draft BAR and WUA Process, 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 "SANRAL R33" to 45776. The PPP desk can be contacted as follows: Zitholele Consulting (Pty) Ltd, Mr. Hluke Baloyi, P.O. Box 6002, Halfway House, 1685, Tel: 011 207 2060, Fax: 086 674 6121, E-mail: sanralr33@zitholele.co.za