

**Notification of Application for Environmental Authorisation and Water Use Authorisation Processes for the proposed improvement of N14-Section 12 from Coligny (km 0.0) to Ventersdorp (km 58.40) and establishment of borrow pits at various locations, in North-West 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 Scoping and Environmental Impact Reporting (S&EIR) process, from the Competent Authority, 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 environmental authorisation process.

SANRAL proposes to upgrade the N14-Section 12 from Coligny (km0) to Ventersdorp (km58.4) in North West Province by widening certain sections, strengthening the pavement, re-aligning of the N14, construction of a road above the railway line, upgrade to existing culverts and bridges, construction of new bridges and culverts, upgrade to several intersections, and construction of an interchange.

Material for the road upgrade will be obtained from thirteen borrow pits to be established, as follows:

Existing borrow pit at 26° 18' 05.66"S and 26° 46' 15.96"E, BP04 at 26° 20' 27.76"S and 26° 47'31.14"E, Outcrop 1.0 (Part 1) at 26° 20' 15.19"S and 26° 44' 04.61"E, Outcrop 1.0 (Part 2) at 26° 20' 25.46"S and 26° 44'01.91"E, Diabase cut at 26° 20'36.60"S and 26°43'30.94"E, BP01 at 26° 20'28.08"S and 26°18'07.96"E, Granite quarry at 26° 20'46.61"S and 26°20'11.20"E, BP02 at 26° 20'41.97"S and 26°20'21.88"E, Site 1: Boulder field at 26° 20'18.56"S and 26°22'37.88"E, Gravel cut 1 at 26° 20'18.53"S and 26°38'45.10"E, BP03 at 26° 20'45.88"S and 26°39'42.74"E, Quarry cut at 26° 20'48.04"S and 26°39'51.01"E and New B1103 at 26° 19' 49.71"S 26° 29' 17.85"E.

In terms of Listing Notice (LN) 1 (GNR No. 983) of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended) the proposed road upgrade will trigger listed activities 12, 19, 21E, 27 and 56, and listed activity 27 of LN 2 (GNR No. 984) and listed activities 12, 14, 18 and 23 of LN 3 (GNR No. 985). The proposed road upgrade and borrow pits occurs within the 500m regulated area of the wetlands. Therefore, a Water Use License Application will be required in terms of Section 21 (c) and 21 (i) of the National Water Act, 1998 (Act No. 36 of 1998). An authorisation to Section 106 of the Mineral Petroleum Resources Development Act (MPRDA) is required for the proposed borrow pits from Department of Mineral Resources and Energy (DMRE).

The Draft Scoping Report (DSR) provides more details of the above project and is available for public review and comment from 6 May 2025 to 5 June 2025. The report is available at the Coligny Library, Mark Street, Coligny, 2725 and the Ventersdorp Library, Van Tonder Crescent, Ventersdorp 2710 and on the Zitholele Consulting's website: [www.zitholele.co.za/environmental/](http://www.zitholele.co.za/environmental/) under the heading "SANRAL N14-Section 12 Road Upgrade".

All stakeholders that wish to provide comments on the DSR, authorisation for the borrow pits and WULA processes, 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. The PPP desk can be contacted as follows: Zitholele Consulting (Pty) Ltd, Ms. Natasha Lalie, P.O. Box 6002, Halfway House, 1685, Tel: 011 207 2060, Fax: 086 674 6121, E-mail: [N14Section12@zitholele.co.za](mailto:N14Section12@zitholele.co.za)