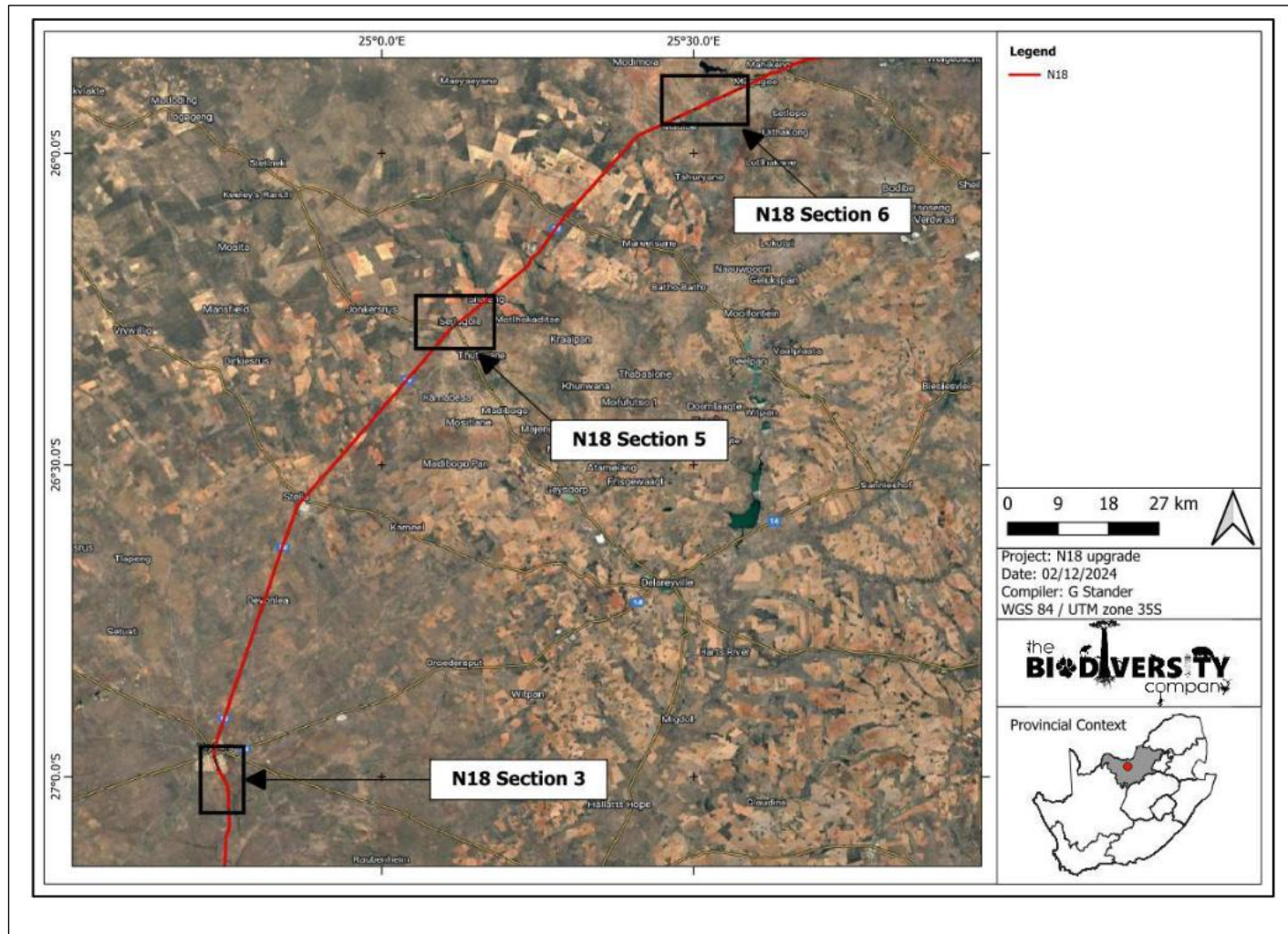


Notification of Application for Environmental Authorisation and Water Use Authorisation Processes for the Proposed Provision of non-motorised and public transport facilities and improvements of intersections on National Route N18 - Section 3 from km30.0 to km48.6, N18 - Section 5 from km38.0 to km42.0 and N18 - Section 6 from km25.0 to km 38.20, in North-West Province



PUBLIC COMMENT ENCOURAGED

Please submit your comments on the BAR by no later than 9 June 2025 to the contact persons/details as listed below. Information regarding the above processes can also be requested from the Public Participation Office at the contact details provided herein.

All stakeholders that wish to provide comments on the BAR and WUA 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. Further communication relating to the project will only be undertaken with registered I&APs. The PPP desk can be contacted as follows:

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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.

Nature of Proposed Activity

SANRAL proposes the provision of non-motorised and public transport facilities and improvements of intersections on National Route N18 - Section 3 from km30.0 to km48.6, N18 - Section 5 from km38.0 to km42.0 and N18 - Section 6 from km25.0 to km 38.20, in North-West Province to improve access management and pedestrian and motorist safety. Site camps are proposed close to the road upgrade, which will be used by the construction crew for the establishment of site offices, laydown area, for the temporary storage of construction equipment and materials, to receive, store, and assemble construction equipment and to park and access construction plant, vehicles and equipment.

Legislative requirements

In terms of Listing Notice 1 (GNR No. 983) of the EIA regulations, 2014 (as amended) the proposed road upgrade will trigger listed activities 27 and 56, and listed activities 12 and 18 of Listing Notice 3 (GNR No. 985) The proposed road upgrade occurs within the 500m regulated area of wetlands. Water will be abstracted from the Setumo Dam during the construction phase. Therefore, a Water Use Authorisation (WUA) will be required in terms of Section 21 (a), (c) and (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 activities associated with the proposed development.

Draft Basic Assessment Report for Public Review

The 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 9 May 2025 to 9 June 2025 at the Vryburg Public Library, 76 Stella St, Vryburg, 8600, Setlagole Library, 1 Madibogo Delareyville Rd, Setlagole, 2773 and the Mahikeng Library, Robinson Street, Golf View, Mahikeng, 2745 and on the Zitholele Consulting's website: www.zitholele.co.za/environmental/ under the heading "SANRAL N18 Road Upgrade".