

BACKGROUND INFORMATION DOCUMENT

PURPOSE OF THIS DOCUMENT

Lepelle Northern Water appointed Ourbiosphere Environmental (Pty) Ltd to undertake an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) (Section 24G). The process will be conducted in accordance with the EIA Regulations Government Notice (GN) No. R. 982 of 4 December 2014. This document provides Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) with an overview of the scope, nature and location of the proposed development. This document provides a brief description of the project and EIA process that will be followed, and to obtain initial comments and contributions from Interested and Affected Parties (IAPs) on the issues relating to the proposed development.

BACKGROUND

An Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process (Section 24G) has commenced to assist Lepelle Northern Water in determining the extent and significance of the environmental consequences associated with the proposed development of and unlawfully commenced with Giyani Water Project – entailing the construction of bulk water infrastructure to 55 villages of Giyani, construction of infrastructure, within a watercourse or within 32m from a watercourse, without environmental authorization.

Notice of an Environmental Impact Assessment Process is given in terms of regulations published in Government Gazette No. R982, under Section 24G of the National Environmental Management Act (Act No.107 of 1998) as amended, of intent to carry out the proposed activity. Issues of concern and potential environmental and social impacts will be evaluated during the Environmental Impact Assessment process.

Findings of the EIA, including concerns raised by I&APs, will be submitted to the National Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA) for consideration.

IAPs are hereby invited to comment on the environmental, social and economic issues relating to the proposed Giyani Water Project development. Your comments will ensure that relevant issues are evaluated and will form part of the Assessment and assist the Department of Environment, Forestry and Fisheries (DEFF) make an informed decision.

Kindly complete the registration form at the end of this document and send (either via email, post or fax) to **Musa Netshivhambe** at **Ourbiosphere Environmental (Pty) Ltd**, to register your interest in the proposed activity and provide your input.

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DESCRIPTION OF THE DEVELOPMENT

The construction of Giyani Water Project - the construction of bulk water infrastructure to 55 villages of Giyani, construction of infrastructure, on Farms No: Greater Giyani 891 Lt, Draai 2 LU, Mariakootch 3 LU, M'baula Ranch 6 LU, and Kremetart 231 LT Greater Giyani Local Municipality, Giyani, Limpopo Province.

LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The Section 24G EIA process for this assessment will be conducted in accordance with Government Gazette No. R982 in terms of the National Environmental Management Act (Act 107 of 1998) Environmental Impact Assessment regulations.

The National Environmental Management Act (NEMA) EIA regulations list activities that may have a significant impact on the environment, and which consequently require authorization from the relevant environmental authority. The regulations further specify the assessment process, and the information, that is required to enable DEA to make an informed decision regarding the said activity.

Activities 9, 19, 28 and 45, listed under the NEMA EIA regulations (GN R 983), is the main activity associated with the proposed Giyani Water Construction Project, calling for an EIA process to be followed:

GN R.983 Activity

9. The development of infrastructure exceeding 1000 metres in length for the bulk transportation of water or storm-
 - (i) with a diameter of 0,36 metres or more; or
 - (ii) with a peak throughput of 120 litres per second or more.
19. The infilling or depositing of any material of more than 5 cubic metres into, or the dredging, excavation, removal or moving of soil, sand, shells, shell gr t, pebbles or rock of more than 5 cubic metres from-
 - (i) a watercourse;
28. Residential, mixed, retail, commercial, industrial or institutional developments where such land was used for agriculture or afforestation on or after 01 April 1998 and where such development:
 - (ii) will occur outside an urban area, where the total land to be developed is bigger than 1 hectare;
45. The expansion of infrastructure for the bulk transportation of water or storm water where the existing infrastructure-
 - (i) has an internal diameter of 0,36 metres or more; or
 - (ii) has a peak throughput of 120 litres per second or more; and (a) where the facility or infrastructure is expanded by more than 1000 metres in length;

XITIVISO XA XIPHEMU XA 24G XA NTIRHO WA KU TINGHENELERISA WA MANI NA MANI

Kuya hi milawu ya Nawu wa Vufambisi bya swa Mbango wa Madzana-Nkombo wa lembe ra 1998, tani hilaha wu lulamisiweke ha kona, swipimelo swa 2014 swa Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA), ni Xiphemu xa 24G Fine Regulations (Xitiviso xa Mfumo xa R.698), ya projeke leyi landzelaka:

XIPHEMU XA 24G XA KU XOPA-XOPA MATIRHELO YA LENDZHAKU YA XIKOMBELO XA MPFUMELELO WA SWA MBANGO XA KU SUNGULA LOKU NGARIKI NAWINI KA KU AKIWA KA PROJEKE YA MATI YA GIYANI, NI XIKOMBELO XA MPFUMELELO WA SWA MBANGO XA KU YISA EMAHLWENI KU AKIWA KA PROJEKE YA MATI YA GIYANI, ETINDHAWINI KUMBE MAPURASINI YA: GREATER GIYANI 891 LT, DRAAI 2 LU, MARIAKOOTCH 3 LU, MBAULA RANCH 6 LU, AND KREMETART 231 LT; MOPANI DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY, GIYANI, LIMPOPO PROVINCE

Handle ka mpfumelelo wa vambangu, Mintiho leyi nga riki nawini yi sungurile eka projeke ya mati ya Giyani, leyi katsaka na ku akiwa ka ndhawu yo andza ya mati leyi phamelaka miganga ya makume ntlhanu-ntlhanu ya Giyani, ku akiwa ka switirhisiwa, endzeni ka xiphemu lexi nga pimaka timitara ta makume nharhu mbirhi. I ku tiyimisela ka mukomberi ku lulamisa ku khumbheka loku nga vaka ku vangiwile hi mintirho leyi yoka yinga ri nawini, hi ku tisa swintshuxo ni nongonoko wa vufambisi bya Mbango ni pulani ya vufambisi ya vuhlayiseki bya nkova. Tindhawu leti nga khumbheka ti kumeka eka masipala wa xikaya wa Greater Giyani.

Xikombelo xa ku xopa-xopa matirhelo kumbe maendlelo ya lendzhaku ya mpfumelelo wa swa mbango ya mintirho leyi landzelaka: Xitiviso xa Nxaxameto 1, GN Nomboro R.983, Mintirho ya 9,12 na 19. Xikombelo xa mpfumelelo wa swa mbango ya mintirho leyi landzelaka: Xitiviso xa Nxaxameto 1, GN Nomboro R.983, Mintirho ya 9, 12 na 19.

Ku va xiphemu xa ntirho lowu: Vaaki va rhambiwa kuti tsarisela tani hi lavanga ni ntsakelo kumbe lavanga khumbheka, kumbe ku engetela mavonelo eka pfhumba ro lulamisa, hi email kumbe poso. Mi nga rhumela eka Ourbiosphere Environmental (Pty) Ltd. Mi katsa mavito, vuxoko-xoko bya vutihlanganisi (poso kumbe email adirese), ni ku kombisa kuri vana xiave xa ntsakelo, tani hi swa timali, mabindzu, vun'wini eka xikombelo lexi. Hi tati hlanganisa ni lava ngati tsarisela ntsena.

XITSONGA CONTINUE...

Nkarhi wo ti tsarisela: Lava ngani ku tsakela vana masiku ya makume-nharhu kuti tsarisela kuva xiphemu xa ntirho wa ku tinghenelerisa wa mani na mani endzhaku kaku humesiwa ka xinavetiso lexi, leswi kunga Sonto wa siku ra Makume- Nharhu Mhawuri 2020ku fikela hi siku ra Makume- Mbirhi Nkombo Ndzhati 2020. Xinavetiso ni vuxoko-xoko bya mani na mani byi ta vakona eka kona eka website ya: www.ourbiosphere.co.za. Siku ra xinavetiso: Sonto, Makume-Nharhu Mhawuri 2020 eka phepha ra Sunday World.

Ku sivela ku hangalaka ka xitsongwa-tsongwana xa Covid-19, aku ngavi ni tinhlengaletano ta mani na mani.

Ku kuma vuxokoxoko hi xitalo, ku ti tsarisela ku ya hi ku tsakela kumbe hi ku khumbeka, ni ku tisa mavonelo unga ti hlanganisa na lava landzelaka:

WHAT IS AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT?

These projects will involve and application for environmental authorization through a Basic Assessment (BA). An Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) is a planning and decision-making tool that is used to identify the environmental consequences of a proposed project, before the development takes place. The purpose of the EIA (Basic Assessment) is to demonstrate to the authorities and the project proponent what the potential consequences of their choices will be in environmental, economic and social terms. Public issues and concerns must therefore be identified timeously so that these can be evaluated and incorporated into the final design if necessary.

The BA aims to identify the key project issues raised by the proponent, consultants and the public; consider project alternatives; and through public participation, ensure consensus is reached regarding the issues to be addressed in the BA. A Basic Assessment Report (BAR) is produced, which is released to the public for comment. Prior to submission of the final BAR to the authorities the public is provided with another opportunity to further comment on the matter.

Once the draft BAR has been reviewed by Interested and Affected Parties, comments received are collated and the report is amended as appropriate and finalised. The final BAR is then submitted to the Department of Environment, Forestry and Fisheries (DEFF) for consideration.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Public participation is the cornerstone of the Environmental Impact Assessment process. The principles of the National Environmental Management Act (NEMA) govern most aspects of EIAs, including public participation. These include the ongoing provision of sufficient information (in a transparent manner) to Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs).

During the Public Participation Process, input from the proponent, technical experts, government authorities and the general public will be gathered to result in a better understanding of the project for all involved, and more informed decision-making throughout the process.

The key objective of public participation is to provide I&APs with an opportunity to provide comment and input in the planning phase of the project. Issues of concern and suggestions raised by I&APs will be addressed and responded to as required in the Section 24G Report.

I&APs will also be given the opportunity to comment on the findings of EIA Report and findings of the Specialist studies during the specified comment periods I&APs will be provided with a 30-day comment period in which to raise issues and / or concerns in response to the Background Information Document.

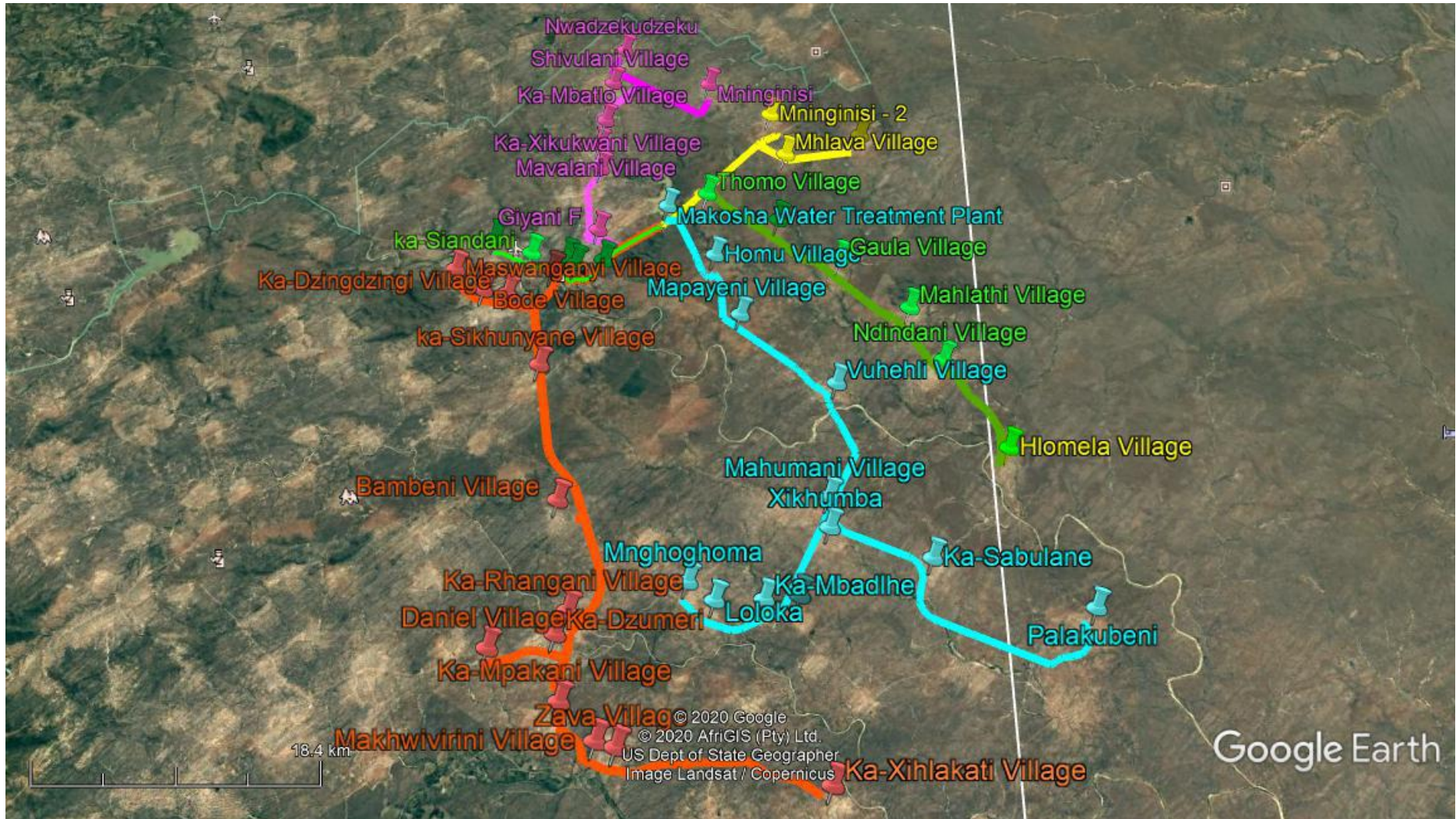
A Draft EIA Report will be compiled and will be available for public comment for a period of 30 days, where after the Final Assessment Report including Comments and Responses from the public will be submitted to DEFF for decision. I&APs will be notified in writing of any decisions made by DEFF.

Please note that communications regarding the process and the availability of reports will only be sent to registered IAPs. To register for the process, and thus receive further communications regarding this development, please register by sending the signed registration sheet at the back of this document, together with your contact details and nature of interest, to Ourbiosphere Environmental (Pty) Ltd.

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Public Open Day Meeting

Because of the proliferation of Covid-19, we will not be conducting any public meetings to curb the spread of Covid-19.





REGISTRATION & COMMENT SHEET
SECTION 24G, GIYANI WATER PROJECT – CONSTRUCTION OF BULK WATER INFRASTRUCTURE TO
55 VILLAGES OF GIYANI,

I wish to register as an Interested and Affected Party and/or bring to the attention of Ourbiosphere Environmental (Pty) Ltd the following comments (please use additional sheets of paper if required).

Attention: Musa Netshivhambe

Email: musa@ourbiosphere.co.za

(In order for your contact details to be captured on our database - Please fill out the sheet below)

I&AP Details:	
Name:	
Organisation:	
Telephone Number:	
E-mail :	
Physical Address:	
Postal Address	
Fax Number	

COMMENTS

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Signature:.....

Date:.....

Closing Dates: 28 September 2020