

APPENDIX B

DEAT acceptance of Final Scoping Report and Plan of Study for EIA



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Dear Mr Ali

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EIA) FOR THE PROPOSED N2 WILD COAST TOLL HIGHWAY – DECISION REGARDING THE FINAL SCOPING REPORT

The final environmental scoping report dated March 2007 submitted in terms of the requirements stipulated in GN No. R. 1183 regulation 6(1) for the above project refers.

The Department has considered the final scoping report dated March 2007. With regard to the legal fulfilment of the requirements of the EIA Regulations (GN 1183), the following refer:

1. The final scoping report meets the legal requirements of a scoping report as stipulated in regulation 6 of the EIA Regulations.
2. The proposed activity to be undertaken was adequately described.
3. The description of how the environment may be affected was adequately described.
4. The environmental issues identified were adequately described.
5. The alternatives identified were adequately described.
6. An appendix containing a description of the public participation process followed, including a list of interested parties and their comments was provided.
7. The public participation process followed was adequate.

This Directorate therefore, in terms of regulation 6(2) of GN No. R. 1183 accepts the final scoping report dated March 2007 for the proposed N2 Wild Coast Toll Highway subject to the following conditions:

1. The following specialist studies must be undertaken during the environmental impact assessment phase:
 - Vegetation and flora;
 - Fauna;
 - Aquatic ecosystems;
 - Soils, land use and agriculture;

- Social;
- Tourism;
- Cultural and historical heritage;
- Noise;
- Air quality;
- Visual;
- Traffic;
- Planning/development; and
- Economic.

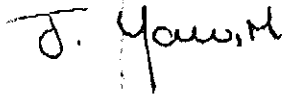
2. The following alternatives must be carried forward for assessment in the environmental impact assessment phase:
 - The "do nothing" alternative;
 - SANRAL's preferred alignment between Lusikisiki and the Mthamvuna River;
 - Site-specific alternative route alignments in the greenfields sections of the proposed project, i.e. in the sections between Ndwalane and Ntafufu and between Lusikisiki and the Mthamvuna River, as follows:
 - for the proposed alignment between Ndwalane and the Mzimvubu River;
 - for the proposed alignment in the vicinity of the Ntafufu village and the Ntafufu River;
 - for the proposed alignment of the approach to the Msikaba bridge crossing site;
 - for the proposed alignment across the Mthentu River; and
 - for the proposed alignment across the Mnyameni River.
 - The Coastal Mzamba route between Lusikisiki and the Mthamvuna River; and
 - Alternative mainline toll plaza positions to SANRAL's preferred Ndwalane and Mthentu mainline toll plazas.
3. The draft EIR must be made available at the public libraries and other public venues used earlier in the EIA process, and on CCA's and SANRAL's websites, in order to facilitate public review and comment. An executive summary must be sent to all interested and affected parties on the project database. The publication of the draft EIR must also be announced in the media used earlier in the process. Interested and affected parties must be given at least 45 days within which to submit comment on the report.
4. The final EIR must be made available at the public libraries and other public venues used earlier in the EIA process, and on CCA's and SANRAL's websites. An executive summary must be sent to all interested and affected parties on the project database. The publication of the final EIR must also be announced in the media used earlier in the process.

You are requested in terms of GN No. R1183 of 5 September 1997, as amended:

1. that the information contained in the final scoping report dated March 2007 be supplemented by an environmental impact assessment (regulation 6(3)(b)); and

2. to submit a plan of study for an environmental impact assessment (regulation 7(1)) to this Department. The plan of study for an environmental impact assessment must comply with the requirements of regulation 7.

Yours sincerely



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ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EIA) FOR THE PROPOSED N2 WILD COAST TOLL HIGHWAY – DECISION REGARDING THE PLAN OF STUDY FOR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT

The plan of study for an environmental impact assessment (POS for EIA) dated April 2007 submitted in terms of the requirements stipulated in GN No. R. 1183 regulation 7(1) (as amended) for the above project refers.

The Department has considered the POS for EIA dated April 2007. With regard to the legal fulfilment of the requirements of the EIA Regulations (GN 1183, as amended), the following refer:

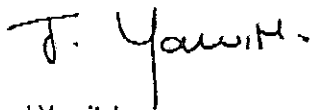
1. The POS for EIA meets the legal requirements of a plan of study for environmental impact assessment as stipulated in regulation 7(1) of the EIA Regulations.
2. Environmental issues identified during scoping that may require further investigation and assessment were adequately described.
3. Feasible alternatives identified during scoping that may be further investigated were adequately described.
4. An indication of additional information required to determine the potential impacts of the proposed activity on the environment was provided.
5. The proposed method of identifying these impacts was adequately described, and
6. The proposed method of assessing the significance of these impacts was adequately described.

The Department therefore, in terms of regulation 7(2) of GN No. R. 1183 (as amended) accepts the POS for EIA dated April 2007 for the proposed N2 Wild Coast Toll Road Highway.

The convention for assigning significance ratings to impacts, as described in Section 4.3 of the POS for EIA dated April 2007, is acceptable.

You are requested in terms of regulation 8 of GN No. R1183 of 5 September 1997, as amended to submit an environmental impact report to this Department, the KwaZulu-Natal Department of Agriculture and Environmental Affairs and the Eastern Cape Department of Economic Affairs, Environment and Tourism. The environmental impact report must comply with the requirements of regulation 8.

Yours sincerely



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