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Interested and Affected Party / Land Owner

Dear Sir / Madam

INVITATION TO COMMENT AND REGISTER: NOTICE OF A BASIC ASSESSMENT PROCESS AND WATER USE LICENCE FOR THE PROPOSED STORMWATER INFRASTRUCTURE UPGRADE AT GIBSON DRIVE, BUCCLEUCH PHASE 2: PIPE JACKING; CITY OF JOHANNESBURG, GAUTENG PROVINCE

Notice is given in terms of Regulations published in Government Notice R. 982 in Government Gazette No. 38282 of 04 December 2014, under Sections 24(5), and 44, of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No.107 of 1998), as amended, that **Johannesburg Roads Agency SOC Limited (JRA)** proposes to construct a stormwater management system on Gibson Drive across the N3 Highway in Buccleuch.

The main objective of this project therefore entails the implementation of new infrastructure which manages storm water drainage efficiently and reduces the likelihood of flooding of residential property within the catchment area. The extent of the proposed storm water drain is limited to a section between a newly constructed network referred to Phase and an outlet located along a natural water course located along the west of the N3 Highway. The affected section of both the JRA and SANRAL roads and residential area is situated within Region A of the City of Johannesburg's municipal area and is located within Buccleuch which lies to the east of Sandton.

In terms of Sections 24(2) and 24D of the National Environmental Management Act (Act No. 107 of 1998), as amended, and as read on Listing Notice 1 and Listing Notice 3 (Government Notices R. 982 Government Notices R. 983 and Government Notices R. 985, in Government Gazette 38282 of 04 December 2014) a Basic Assessment is required for the project as per the following listed activities:

- **GNR.983, Activity 19 of Listing Notice 1 of 2014:** 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 grit, pebbles or rock of more than 5 cubic metres from –
 - (a) a watercourse;
- **GNR. 985, Activity 14 of Listing Notice 3 of 2014:** The development of:–
 - (vi) bulk storm water outlet structures exceeding 10 square metres in size:–
 - (xii) infrastructure or structures with a physical footprint of 10 square meters or more –
 - (a) within a watercourse;
 - b) In Gauteng:
 - iv. sites identified as Critical Biodiversity Areas (CBAs) and Ecological Support Areas (ESAs) Gauteng Conservation Plan or in bioregional plans;

- v. sites identified within threatened ecosystems listed in terms of the National Environmental Management Act: Biodiversity Act (Act No. 10 of 2004);

A Basic Assessment Process is being conducted to ensure that the environmental impacts that may be associated with the proposed activity, are taken into consideration; Interested and Affected parties (I&APs) have an opportunity to comment by providing issues of concern and/or suggestions for enhanced benefits and/or alternatives; and to ensure that the competent authority, the Gauteng Department of Agriculture and Rural Development, has sufficient information to make a decision.

Please also note that a Water Use Licence Application with the Department of Water and Sanitation will be undertaken in terms of National Water Act No. 36 of 1998 for the following specific water uses:

- **Section 21(i)**: altering the bed, banks, course or characteristics of a watercourse; and
- **Section 21(c)**: impeding or diverting the flow of water in a watercourse.

AVAILABILITY OF A DRAFT BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORT FOR PUBLIC REVIEW

In accordance with the EIA Regulations, a Draft Basic Assessment Report will be available for public review and comment by I&APs and stakeholders. You will be informed of the 30-day public review period which is anticipated to occur in June/July 2016.

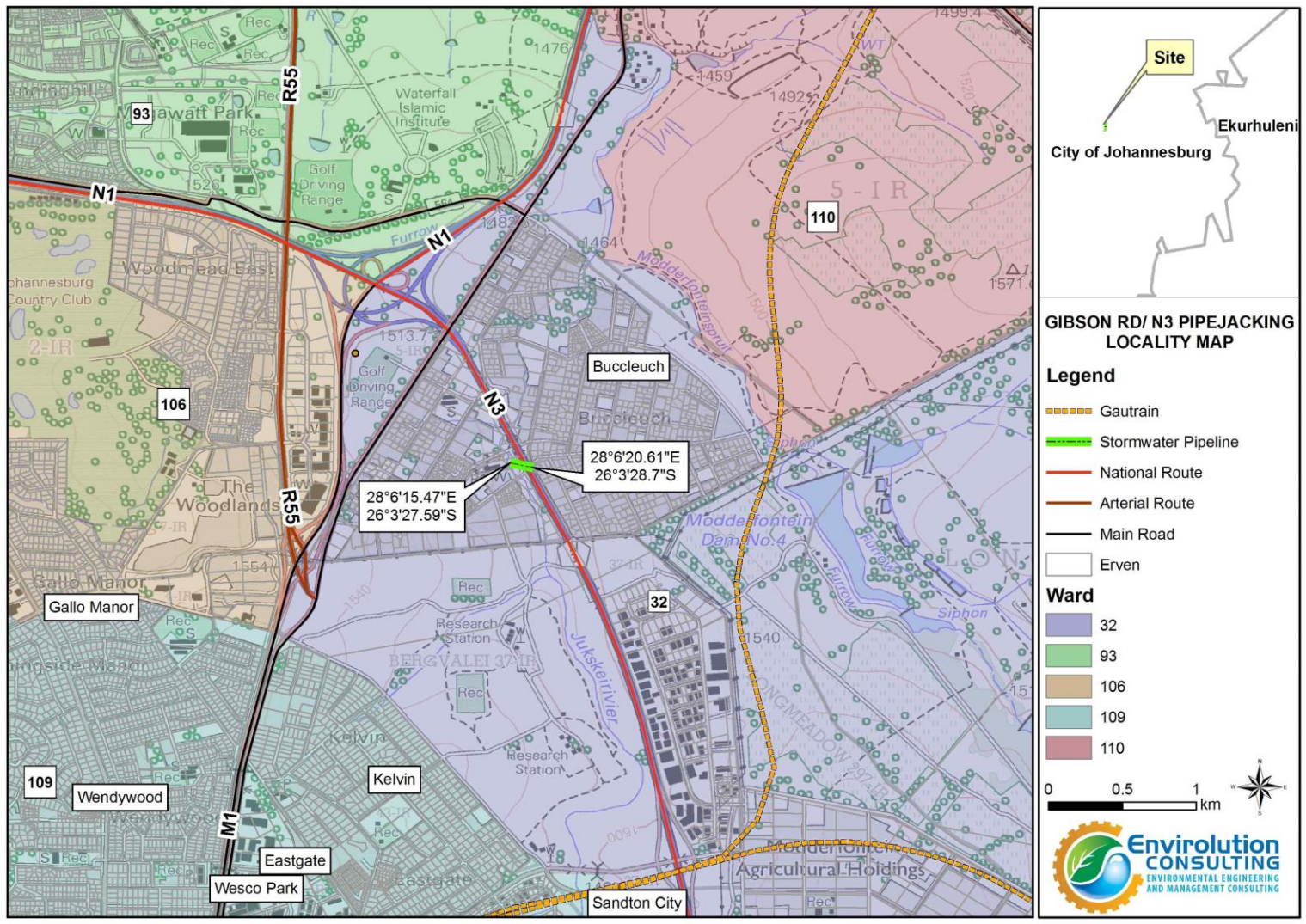
Should you wish to participate by contributing issues of concern/comments, please register by completing the enclosed Registration and Comment Sheet. Meanwhile, should you have any questions, or would like to obtain more information, please feel free to contact Sheila Muniongo at Tel: 0861 444 499, Fax: 0861 626 222 or E-mail: sheila@envirolution.co.za.

We look forward to receiving your comments!

Yours sincerely,

Sheila Muniongo

For Envirolution Consulting (Pty) Ltd



Locality Map showing the area for the proposed stormwater infrastructure upgrade at Gibson drive, Buccleuch

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INVITATION TO COMMENT – NOTIFICATION

Name:.....

Fax number:.....

Surname:.....

Mobile number:.....

Organisation:.....

E-mail address:.....

Postal or Residential Address:.....

Would like to be registered on the Project database?
Yes / No

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Post Code:

Tel number:.....

Please add the following neighbours/interested or affected parties to our mailing list (please provide contact details):

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The following issues must be addressed in the BA
(Please attach separate sheet, if necessary)

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Thank you for your participation.
Please be assured that your comments will form part of the final reports to be submitted to the decision making authority



Please complete and return to Envirovolution Consulting (Pty) Ltd to:

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