

Date: 13 September 2023

Dear registered Interested and Affected Party (I&AP),

**NOTIFICATION OF AVAILABILITY OF A DRAFT BASIC ASSESSMENT
REPORT FOR PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENT**

RE: BASIC ASSESSMENT (BA) PROCESS FOR THE PROPOSED UPGRADE OF LEACHVILLE EXTENSION 2 SEWER PUMP STATION AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE, ERF 374, LEACHVILLE TOWNSHIP, BRAKPAN, CITY OF EKURHULENI, GAUTENG PROVINCE. GDARD Ref. Gaut 002/22-23/E3249

Our previous correspondence of 10 March 2023 has reference. Kindly note the Draft Basic Assessment Report (BAR) for the above-mentioned project is available for review and comment.

The City of Ekurhuleni has applied for environmental authorisation to the Gauteng Dept. Agricultural and Rural Development (GDARD) (Ref. Gaut 002/22-23/E3249) and a water use license (WUL) from the Depart. Water and Sanitation (Ref. WU2928) to upgrade the existing Leachville Sewer Pump Station to cater for current and future flow demands. The pump station is located on Erf 374 of Leachville Township, next to the M56 New Kleinfontein Road near Brakpan.

Naledzi Environmental Consultants (Pty) Ltd is the appointed independent environmental assessment practitioner, responsible to undertake the Basic Assessment (BA) process in support of the environmental authorisation application for the project and the water use license application procedure in support of the WUL.

The application for environmental authorisation together with a copy of the Draft BAR Report have been submitted to GDARD on 13 September 2023 and is currently subject to a 30-day public review and comment period from **Friday, 15 September until Monday, 16 October 2023**.

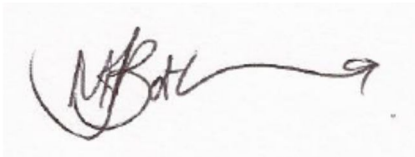
The Draft BAR Report can be downloaded from the Naledzi website <http://www.naledzi.co.za/public-documents-naledzi.php> under the heading 'Leachville SPS'. A printed copy is on display at the Brakpan Customer Care Centre at c/o Escombe Road and Elliot Avenue in Brakpan.

Parties wishing to comment on the project may do so by sending an email, calling us or any written submission. Kindly send your comments together with your name, contact details and interest in the project to Desmond Musetsho at dmusetsho@naledzi.co.za or Marissa Botha at botham@naledzi.co.za or contact us at 084-226-5584 / 087-550-1529 for more information. Comments must be submitted on or before 16 October 2023.

What's next?

All comments and issues received during the public comment period will be incorporated into the final Basic Assessment Report and will be submitted to the GDARD for decision making. I&APs will be notified of the decision once issued.

Sincerely,



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