

## NEMA EIA, PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS

# SANGASDRIFT TRUST: PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF HUT DAM, A BEE AGRICULTURAL INITIATIVE

(Portion 3 & 5 of the Farm Van Der Wattskraal No. 394 and Remaining Extent of Farm 234, Swellendam)

Notice is hereby given of a public participation process in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act 107 of 1998) ("NEMA") and the EIA Regulations (2014) as amended, as well as the National Water Act, 1998 (Act 36 of 1998) ("NWA"); for the application for environmental authorisation (EIA) and a water use licence (WULA) to undertake the following:

Relevant notice(s):	Activity No (s)	Description
GN. R. 327 (2014) Listing Notice 1	12	The development of (iv) dams, where the dam, including infrastructure and water surface area, exceeds 100 m <sup>2</sup> in size (a) within a watercourse
	19	The moving of more than 10 m <sup>3</sup> of material within a watercourse.
	27	The clearance of an area of 1 ha or more, but less than 20 ha of indigenous vegetation
GN. R. 325 (2014) Listing Notice 2	16	Development of a dam, with a dam wall higher than 5m
GN. R 324 (2014) Listing Notice 3	12	Clearance of more than 300 m <sup>2</sup> within a critical biodiversity area
	14	The development of (iv) dams where the dam, including infrastructure and water surface area exceeds 10m <sup>2</sup> in size.

Please note that should additional listed activities be identified during the application process they will be communicated to registered I&AP's.

EnviroAfrica cc has been appointed by Sangasdrift, to undertake the Environmental Impact Assessment for the proposed project. A notice of intent to develop was submitted to the Department of Environmental Affairs & Development Planning (DEA&DP). Sarel Bester Engineers was appointed to apply for a water use licence, which will be submitted shortly

### **Project Description & Location (34° 05' 45.18"S, 20° 02' 21.33"E)**

The proposed development entails the construction of a new instream storage dam for agricultural irrigation. The dam will have a capacity of approximately 330 000 m<sup>3</sup>, with a maximum dam wall height of 14 m and a total surface area of approximately 6.8 ha. The dam will be located on agricultural land within a watercourse which has been subjected to an array of disturbances and is associated with various alien invasive species. An existing weir, from which water will be extracted, will be rehabilitated. A new pipeline with the length of between 300 – 350 m (300 mm Ø), will be constructed to feed the dam from the existing upstream weir.

### **Description of Alternatives:**

Alternative includes layout options and the option of not proceeding with the proposed development (the No-Go option) will be discussed in the application process.

### **Public Participation:**

Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) are hereby notified of the application and invited to register (in writing) and/or provide initial comments and identify any issues, concerns or opportunities relating to this project to the contact details provided below, **on or before 14 July 2017.**

In order to register or submit a comment, I&APs should refer to the project name, and provide their name, address & contact details (*indicating your preferred method of notification*) and an indication of any direct business, financial, personal, or other interest which they have in the application. Please note that future correspondence will only be sent to registered Interested and Affected Parties.

**For more information – Consult:** EnviroAfrica (Hut Dam);

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