

NOTIFICATION OF PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO SUBMIT: Application for Environmental Authorisation in terms of the National Environmental Management Act (Act 107 Of 1998) (NEMA) for the proposed upgrading of approximately 10 Km of DR08026 Mbotyi Access Road, Ward 23, Ngquza Hill Local Municipality, OR Tambo District Municipality, Eastern Cape

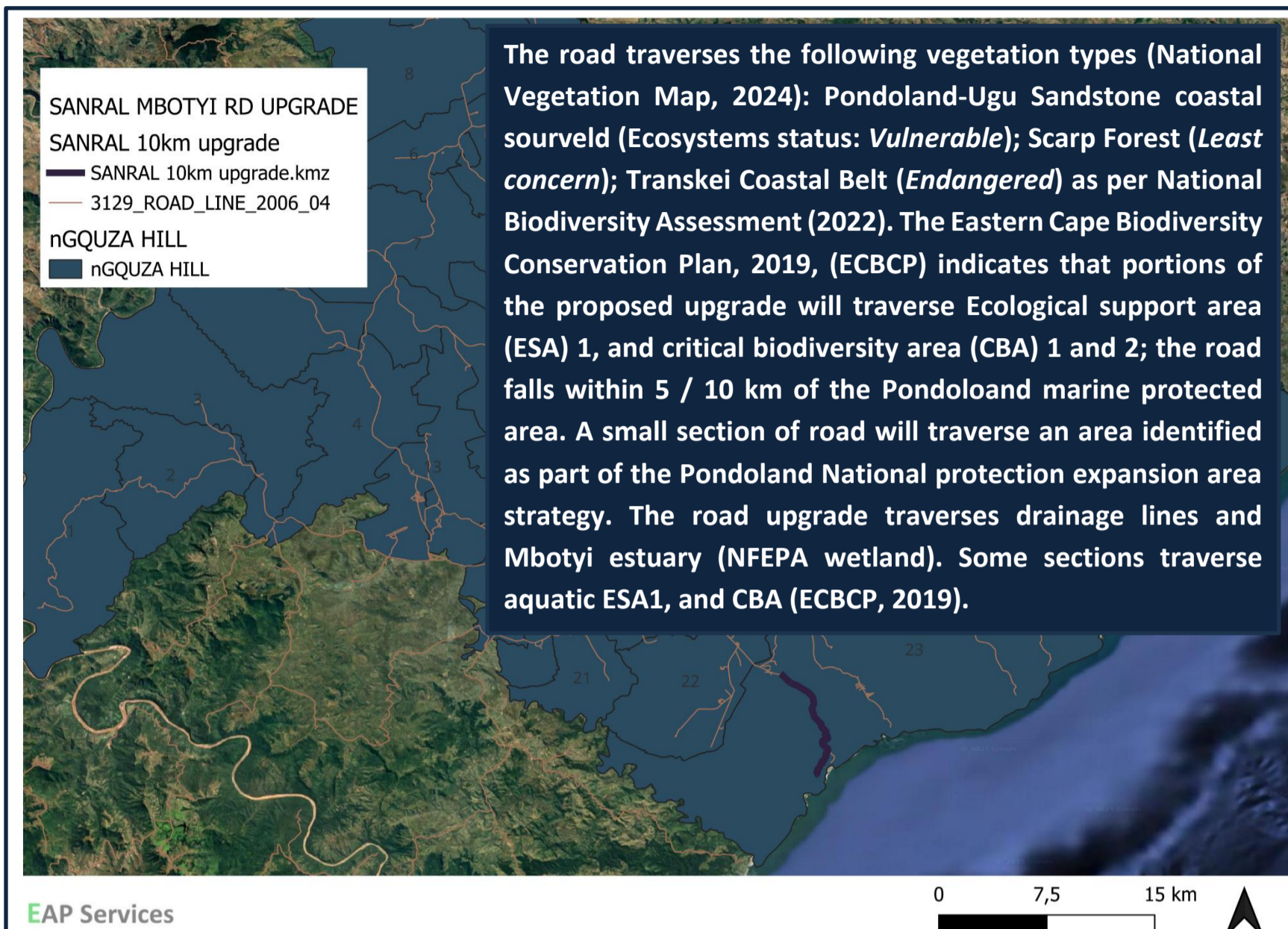
The DR08026 Mbotyi Access Road Upgrade entails the upgrading of approximately 10km of access road leading to Mbotyi, from gravel to surface standards, as part of the implementation of the Access Management Plans for the upgrade of National Road N2 Section 20 from km 4.90 to km 15.40. The nearest major town is Lusikisiki (approximately 17.0km to/from CBD), and the entire project is located within the Ingquza Hill Local and OR Tambo District Municipalities in the Eastern Cape province. Approximate coordinates:

Starting (north): 31°24'32.45"S; 29°42'28.15"E

Middle: 31°26'28.16"S; 29°43'53.65"E

End (south): 31°28'11.69"S; 29°43'44.70"E

Notice is hereby given that the applicant (SANRAL SOC Ltd) intends to apply for an environmental authorisation to commence with activities listed in the 2014 Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) regulations (as amended, 2017) published in terms of the NEMA including:



Activity No	Relevant Basic Assessment Activity(ies) as set out in Listing Notice 1
12 / 48	Development / expansion - (ii) infrastructure or structures with a physical footprint of 100 square metres or more; where such development / expansion occurs— (a) within a watercourse; (c) ... within 32 metres of a watercourse, — excluding— (cc) activities listed in activity 14 in Listing Notice 2 of 2014 or activity 14 in Listing Notice 3 of 2014... (ee) where such development / expansion occurs within existing roads / road reserves, railway line reserves.
17 / 54	Development / expansion— (ii) in an estuary;— (e) infrastructure/structures with a development footprint of 50 square metres or more — v) if no development setback exists, within a distance of 100 metres inland of the high-water mark of the sea / estuary, whichever is the greater;
19	The infilling / depositing of any material of more than 10 cubic metres into, / dredging, excavation, removal or moving of soil, sand, shells, shell grit, pebbles or rock of more than 10 cubic metres from a watercourse;
19A	The infilling / 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— (ii) the littoral active zone, an estuary or a distance of 100 metres inland of the highwater mark of the sea or an estuary, whichever distance is the greater
56	The widening of a road by more than 6 metres, or the lengthening of a road by more than 1 kilometre —(i) where the existing reserve is wider than 13,5 meters; or (ii) where no reserve exists, where the existing road is wider than 8 metres;
Activity No	Relevant Basic Assessment Activity(ies) as set out in Listing Notice 3
12	The clearance of an area of 300 square metres or more of indigenous vegetation ... a. Eastern Cape i. Within any critically endangered or endangered ecosystem listed in terms of section 52 of the NEMBA or prior to the publication of such a list, within an area that has been identified as critically endangered in the National Spatial Biodiversity Assessment 2004; ii. Within critical biodiversity areas identified in bioregional plans; iv. Outside urban areas, within 100 metres inland from an estuarine functional zone;
14 / 23	The development / expansion of— (ii) infrastructure or structures with a physical footprint of 10 square metres or more; where such development occurs— (a) within a watercourse; (c) if no development setback has been adopted, within 32m of a watercourse ...
18	The widening of a road by more than 4 metres, or the lengthening of a road by more than 1 kilometre...

Listed activities will be confirmed prior to EA application submission. The competent authority for the application is the Eastern Cape Department of Economic Development, Environmental Affairs and Tourism. An application will be submitted to the Department of Water and Sanitation for any Section 21 water uses listed in the National Water Act (Act 36 of 1998) that may require authorisation as identified during the assessment process.

A public participation process will be conducted according to Regulation 41 of the NEMA 2014 EIA Regulations (as amended, 2017). All interested and affected parties (IAPs) are encouraged to participate in the process.

Register and / or comment as an IAP within 30 days of this notice at the contact details provided below.

Registration: **31 October to 1 December 2025**

Registered IAPs will be sent the draft basic assessment report for a 30-day review and comment period.

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XD United FC crowned tournament champions

ANELE RAZIYA

XD United FC from Nqabara village in Willowvale (Gatyane) at Mbhashe was crowned as the champion of the rural development tournament, which was held in ward 29 over the weekend.

As the winners of the event, XD United FC went home with a big trophy and gold medals, plus a brand new football kit as first prize.

The tournament started on Saturday when twelve (12) football teams from ward 29 in Mbhashe competed against each other for top prizes.

The event was played in a knockout format and eight clubs were eliminated at the early stages of the tournament.

Bush Bucks FC, XD United FC, Warriors FC and United Brothers FC were the only teams that managed to progress to the semi-finals after playing very well in their opening fixtures.

Then, in the first semi-final, XD United FC defeated Warriors FC 4-2 on penalties after they played to a goalless draw during regulation time, and they progressed to the final.

Whilst Bush Bucks FC defeated United Brothers FC by 4-3 on penalties to book their place in the final game.

During regulation time, both sides played to a goalless draw in rainy weather conditions, which forced the netball teams to postpone their games until further notice.

This rural development event was scheduled to accommodate two sporting codes which are



XD United FC from Nqabara Village won the rural development games tournament over the weekend and received a brand-new soccer kit and trophy. PHOTO: SUPPLIED

netball and football, but unfortunately, netball fixtures didn't go ahead because of the rain.

The Department of Sport, Recreation, Arts and Culture from the Amathole district, Mbhashe Local Municipality and local sports supporters attended the games to show support for the event.

The Department of Sport and Mbhashe supported the event with prizes to motivate the youth from Ward 29 to continue participating

in sport.

The aim of hosting the event was to contribute to the development of sport, particularly in rural areas like Willowvale and the surrounding areas.

XD United FC assistant coach, Lupho Dymofana, has thanked the Department of Sport and Mbhashe Local Municipality for supporting sport, and he also congratulated his team on winning the event.

Nkosi Dikeni appointed Chippa's assistant coach

HOSEYA JUBASE

MTHATHA-born tactician, Nkosohlanga "Nkosi" Dikeni, has been appointed as Chippa United first-team assistant coach, following the recent appointment of Coach Kanu Vilakazi as head coach.

Dikeni has been entrusted to work alongside coach Kanu to turn things around at the Eastern Cape-based side that sits at the bottom of the Betway Premiership table after 10 games.

Dikeni previously worked for Chippa United for the past two seasons as an analyst, when the club finished in 14th and 12th position.

He is known for his high attention to tactical detail and work ethic, and as a coach who puts player improvement first.

"It will be the first time as first assistant. I was the second assistant during Kwanele Kopo's stint — he is the one who

gave me the opportunity. My focus was to help in the creation of training content and sessions to improve the playing style through training and analysis.

"I was also responsible for creating a set-piece handbook for the club's 2022-23 season. In the 2023-24 season I continued as second assistant to Thabo September."

Reflecting on the new task, Dikeni said, "It's a big task being trusted with such an investment by the board and the Mpengesi family. It means more work — more late hours and early mornings.

"The club has over the years shown how much trust it puts in young people by always giving them an opportunity, and for that I thank the Chairman," added Dikeni.

The newly appointed Chippa United technical team will have their first assignment against AmaZulu FC in East London this coming Saturday, 1 November.



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4800 Ladies' FC progressed to national play-offs

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4800 Ladies' FC (Sinenkani Ladies FC) have progressed to the national play-offs.

The Bizana team defeated Sophakama Ladies' FC from Gqeberha 2-0 during the provincial Sasol League decider match held at Mthatha Stadium on Saturday.

The national play-offs are expected to be held on 24 November in Mpumalanga.

One of the experienced players, Melisa Nqobile Gansa, known as CAT, said she is very happy for the team to progress to the national play-offs.

"I have been trying and hungering for my team to participate in the national play-offs. Last year, I was playing for Executive Ladies' FC and we were defeated by Sophakama Ladies in the provincial decider, so today it's a big day for me to defeat Sophakama Ladies and for our team to go to the play-offs."

"From last year to this season, it's a comeback for me because it would have been a bad experience if we hadn't won today, but God made it possible for us to progress," said Gansa.

4800 Ladies' FC head coach Mkhuzwana Lwandile, said the national play-offs preparations had already started.

"We played very well against Sophakama Ladies. They were well prepared in terms of set pieces and we know that they are good. We did our investigation against them, and we managed to avoid those unnecessary set pieces and corners, and that assisted us."

"Now we are working very hard to get promotion to the Hollywoodbets Super League, and we don't have time to rest.

"Now we are preparing for the national play-offs in Mpumalanga on 24 November 2025.

"We are pleading with people to continue supporting us as they always have," said Mkhuzwana.

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The competent authority is the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment. A water use authorisation in terms of Section 21 of the National Water Act (Act 36 of 1998) will be applied for from Department of Water and Sanitation where required. Public participation will follow Regulation 41 of the EIA Regulations.

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ISAZISO SOKUTHATHA INXAXHEBA KOLUNTU

Isaziso senjongo yokungenisa isicelo soGunyaziso lweNdalo (EA) ngokweMithetho yeSizwe yoLawulo lweNdalo (uMthetho 107 ka-1998) malunga nophuculo lwe ≈10 km lwe-DR08026 Mbotyi Access Road, iWard 23, uMasipala wasekuhlaleni waseNgquza Hill, uMasipala weSithili sase-OR Tambo, kwaMpuma Koloni, egameni le-SANRAL SOC Ltd.

Le projekthi ibandakanya ukuphuculwa kweendlela ezimalunga ne-10 km ukusuka kwindlela yesanti ukuya kwindlela esulungekileyo ukusuka ku-km 4.90 ukuya ku-km 15.40 njengenxalenye yokuphunyezwa kweePlani zoLawulo lokuFikelela (Access Management Plans) zohlaziyiyo lweNdlela yeSizwe i-N2 Section 20. Isixeko esikufutshane: Lusikisiki (±17 km)
Iikhonco zendawo: Ukuqala 31°24'32.45"S; 29°42'28.15"E – Ukuphela 31°28'11.69"S; 29°43'44.70"E.
Imisebenzi edweliswe phantsi kweMithetho ye-EIA ka-2014 (ezihlaziyiweyo ngo-2017) iquka:

GN R.327: 12/48 Uphuhliso / ukwandiswa - (ii) izakhiwo / izixhobo ezinendawo yomzimba eyi-100 m² okanye ngaphezulu; apho olu phuhliso / ukwandiswa lwenziwa ngaphakathi kwe-32 m yomjelo wamanzi...

17/54 Uphuhliso / ukwandiswa— (ii) kwi-estuary;— (e) izakhiwo/izixhobo ezinendawo ephuhlisiweyo eyi-50 m² okanye ngaphezulu; ukuba akukho mgama wokubuyela umva, ngaphakathi kwe-100 m ukusuka kumgca wamanzi aphezulu we-estuary...

19 Ukuzalisa / ukugalela izinto ezingaphezulu kwe-10 m³ okanye ukumba, ukususa okanye ukuhambisa isanti, amatye, igrit, njl. ukusuka kumjelo wamanzi;

19A Ukuzalisa / ukugalela izinto ezingaphezulu kwe-5 m³ okanye ukumba, ukususa okanye ukuhambisa isanti, amatye, igrit, njl. kwi-estuary okanye ngaphakathi kwe-100 m ukusuka kumgca wamanzi aphezulu we-estuary...

56 Ukwandiswa kwendlela ngaphezu kwe-6 m apho kungekho reserve, kwaye indlela ekhoyo ingaphezulu kwe-8 m

GNR 324: 12 Ukucocwa kwendawo engama-300 m² okanye ngaphezulu yemithi nendalo yemveli ...

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18 Ukwandiswa kwendlela ngaphezu kwe-4 m...

UGunyaziwe ofanelekileyo liSebe lezaMahlathi, lezokuLoba kunye nokusiNgqongileyo. Ugunyaziso lokusetyenziswa kwamanzi ngokweCandelo lama-21 loMthetho waManzi weSizwe (uMthetho wama-36 ka-1998) luya kufakwa kwiSebe lezaManzi noGutyulo apho kuyimfuneko. Inqubo yoluntu iya kuqhutywa ngokoMgaqo wama-41 weMimisele ye-EIA.

Bonke abantu abanomdla nabachaphazelekayo (IAPs) bayamenywa ukuba babhalise okanye baphelelele izimvo kungaphelela iintsuku ezingama-30 ukusukela koku kubhengezwa.

Ixesha lokubhalisa: 31 Oktobha – 1 Disemba 2025

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Abantu ababhalisiweyo njenge-IAPs baya kuthunyelwa ingxelo yovavanyo esisiseko (Draft Basic Assessment Report) ukuze bayiphonononge baze baphelelelele izimvo kwisithuba seentsuku ezingama-30.