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NOTICE OF PUBLIC PARTICIPATION COMMENTING PERIOD FOR THE DRAFT BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORT

INVITATION TO REGISTER AS AN INTERESTED & AFFECTED PARTY (I&AP) AND PROVIDE COMMENTS ON THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT

**THE PROPOSED REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT OF EXISTING ROAD AND CULVERT
INFRASTRUCTURE LOCATED ALONG DIVISION ROAD (DR) 1602 KM 8.48, KLEINPLAAS
ROAD, CROSSING FARM 338 AND PORTION 6 OF FARM 220 IN MOSSEL BAY LOCAL
MUNICIPALITY, GARDEN ROUTE DISTRICT.**
(DEA&DP REFERENCE: 16/3/3/1/D6/29/0022/26)

LOCATION: The site is located along Division Road 1602 Kleinplaas Road, on Farm 338 and Portion 6 of Farm 220, Mossel Bay Local Municipality, Garden Route District Municipality, Western Cape.

DEVELOPMENT DESCRIPTION: Following the November 2021 floods, the Western Cape Department of Infrastructure will rebuild the Varings River causeway on DR1602 (Kleinplaas Road) in Mossel Bay. The project includes a slightly realigned 100–150 m road with three concrete culverts. A temporary deviation road within the road reserve will maintain traffic during construction, while some construction activities (186.35 m² of the total 1,646.51 m² footprint) extend outside the existing road reserve, triggering listed activities under the 2014 EIA Regulations (as amended). All temporary works will be removed and rehabilitated once the new causeway is operational.

LISTED ACTIVITIES:

A Basic Assessment has been undertaken in terms of the 2014 EIA Regulations, as amended (GNR. 324 – 327 of 2017), as part of the application for Environmental Authorisation to the Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning (DEA&DP). The Proposed development will trigger the EIA Regulations of 2014, as amended (GNR 326 of 2017), in terms of:

Listing Notice 1 (GNR No. R. 327) Activities 12, 19 and 48.

Listing Notice 3 (GNR No. R. 324) Activity 4, 12 and 14.

OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE: Potential Interested & Affected Parties (I&APs) are invited to register to obtain the DBAR for information purposes and provide lay comment on this proposal. I&APs must provide their comments together with their name, contact details (preferred method of notification, e.g., e-mail or fax number) & indicate any direct business, financial, personal, or other interest they have in the application to the contact person indicated below. Requests for registration &/or comment must reach us within the 30-day public participation period provided below. All private information will be managed in line with the POPI Act, 2013.

I & AP REGISTRATION AND COMMENT PERIOD: 15 May 2026 – 15 June 2026.

FOR MORE INFORMATION: The Draft Basic Assessment report and associated documents will be available on the SES website (www.sesc.net) under the “public documents” section. A physical copy of the document can be found at the Ellen Van Rensburg Library, 24 Hill Street, Groot-Brakrivier 6525, Western Cape. Alternatively, please contact **Ms. Jessica Gossman** / Tel: 021 554 5195 / Email: Jessica@sesc.net / P.O Box 443, Milnerton, 7435.

