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**BACKGROUND INFORMATION DOCUMENT**

**PROJECT TITLE:**

**16 APRIL 2013**

The proposed upgrading of an existing ±5.1km single carriageway Provincial Road P66-1 (K71) to dual carriageway standards between Provincial Roads P71-1 and D795, City of Johannesburg Metropolitan Municipality, Gauteng GDARD REFERENCE: GAUT002/12-13/E0305



**PURPOSE OF THE DOCUMENT**

The purpose of this Background Information Document (BID) is to provide all interested and affected parties (I&APs) with background information regarding an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) application which will be conducted by Kopano Environmental Management Services (Pty) Ltd for the proposed upgrading of an existing P66-1 (K71) single carriageway (provincial road).

**The BID:**

- Provides information to assist stakeholders to participate in the EIA process which will be conducted in accordance with the EIA Regulations (Government Notice R543) in terms of the National Environmental Management Act 1998 (Act no 107 of 1998) as amended.
- Indicates how I&AP's can become involved in the project, receive information and raise issues which may concern and/or interest them.
- Ensures that all potential environmental issues are considered within the context of the proposed upgrade activity of the bridge.
- Aims to promote transparency throughout the EIA process to achieve better decision making.

**INTRODUCTION**

Kopano Environmental Management Services Pty Ltd (KEMS) has been appointed on behalf of the "Client" (Gauteng Department of Roads & Transport) to conduct an EIA process for the proposed upgrade of an existing ±5.1km single carriageway Provincial Road P66-1 (K71) to dual carriageway standards between Provincial Roads P71-1 and D795.

- The detail design is currently under review by SMEC South Africa (Pty) Ltd.
- The preliminary design for the road was previously done in the early 1970's.
- The road and the new road reserve have been proclaimed.

For this project, a Basic Assessment process will be conducted. As part of this process, a public consultation and participation exercise has to be undertaken. The public participation process will focus on providing the public with an opportunity to be involved in the progress of the project planning, and to give input and feedback regarding any potential concerns or impacts that may arise from the construction phase. Concerns and comments received from the public consultation process will form part of the Final Basic EIA report to be compiled and submitted for a decision.



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### FULL PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The project entails an upgrading of approximately 5.1km section of an existing single carriageway Provincial Road P66-1 (K71) to dual carriageway standards between Provincial Roads P71-1 and D795. City of Johannesburg Metropolitan Municipality, Gauteng Province.

**The anticipated positive impact from of upgrading the road and the construction of the bridge are as follows:**

- Improved storm water management system
- Temporary job opportunities will be created during construction
- Skills transfer will be created during construction
- Improved road safety and reduction in traffic congestion
- Improved mobility, social and economic interaction between local communities

### WHAT IS AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT PROCESS

The environmental impact assessment process that includes:

- 1. The consideration of the biophysical, economical and social impacts associated with the proposed project.**
  - The environmental study process will focus on biophysical impacts, whereas the social impacts will be assessed using the public participation process.
  - The economical impacts are usually associated with impacts as a result of a combination of social and biophysical impacts.
- 2. The public participation process**
  - The public participation process involves consultation with adjacent land owners, notifications in writing to identified stakeholders, site notices and a newspaper advert on a local newspaper.
- 3. Compilation of Draft & Final reports**
  - After assessment of the affected environment and the public participation process, a basic assessment report that will contain the assessment and mitigation measures needed to address the impacts on the biophysical, economical and social environment and the Environmental Management Programme will be provided to stakeholders and the public for comments and to the relevant authority for a decision.

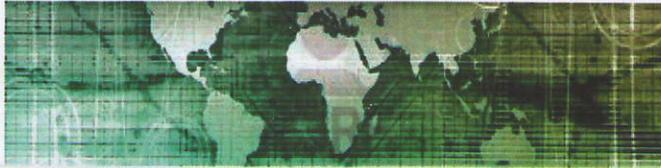
### SPECIALIST STUDIES

**The Gauteng Department of Agriculture & Rural Development (Biodiversity section) has requested the following studies be conducted in an area to be affected by the proposed construction or upgrading of the road:**

- Plants with special reference to *Gnaphalium nelsonii* and *Trachyandra erythrorrhiza*
- Vegetation Assessment with reference to field ecology
- Mammals with special reference to *Lutra maculicollis* (Spotted-necked otter)
- Wetlands
- Ridges



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**COMMENTS, INPUTS, CONCERNS AND OBJECTIONS**

To submit any comments, inputs, concerns or objections regarding the proposed upgrade, please register as an Interested and/or affected party on the Registration sheet provided. The comment period will be open for 30 days from receipt of the BID after which registration will be closed. All comments and concerns or issues raised will be addressed in all reports.

Registration sheets should reach the Environmental Practitioner no later than 16 May 2013

**REGISTRATION SHEET**

<b>16 April 2013</b>	
<b>PROJECT TITLE (GDARD REFERENCE NUMBER: GAUT002/12-13/E0305)</b>	
<b>Upgrading of approximately 5.1km section of an existing single carriageway Provincial Road P66-1 (K71) to dual carriageway standards between Provincial Roads P71-1 and D795 , City of Johannesburg Metropolitan Municipality, Gauteng Province</b>	
<i>Please complete the document below to be part of the EIA process. Your participation will ensure that all concerns, issues and comments are addressed in all our EIA reports to ensure better decision making by the relevant authorities. This is also to ensure that appropriate stakeholder engagement is met.</i>	
<b>CONTACT DETAILS</b>	
<b>Name &amp; Surname</b>	
<b>Organization Name</b>	
<b>Contact numbers</b>	
<b>Email / Fax</b>	
<b>Physical Address</b>	
Please indicate the nature of your interest with respect to the application for the proposed Project (i.e. business, financial, personal, or other)	
Please provide us with your comments, concerns or issues to be addressed in our Basic EIA reports	
Would you like us to invite any other party (ies) to participate in this process?	
Thank you for your contribution to the project!	
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