

PUBLIC NOTIFICATION OF: Water use license application (WULA) in terms of the National Water Act (Act 36 of 1998) (NWA) and intent to submit an environmental authorisation (EA) application in terms of the National Environmental Management Act (Act 107 of 1998) (NEMA) for the: Proposed upgrade of wastewater treatment works (WWTW) and installation of a Small-Bore Sanitation System at Woodlands, Koukamma Local Municipality (KKLM), Eastern Cape

The KKLM has commissioned SMEC to design and implement a WWTW upgrade entailing, inter alia: Discontinue current digester tank; replace reticulation pipes; Re-route and upgrade bulk WW pipeline; capacity upgrade from 250 kl/d to 500kl/d. The WWTW is located on Erf RE/1 Woodlands. The development footprint will be +/-2.2 ha. Central coordinates: 34° 0'45.35"S; 24° 9'35.41"E. The proposed pipeline route alternatives will traverse Farm Palmiet River 2 / 584.

In terms of the NWA, the upgrade requires a Water Use License (WUL) for Section 21 water uses: c- Impeding / diverting the flow of water in a watercourse; i- Altering the bed, banks, course / characteristics of a watercourse; f- Discharge of waste / water containing waste into a water resource

In terms of the 2014 Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, as amended, 2017 published in terms of the NEMA, the proposed upgrade requires EA for the following:

Listing notice 1; Activity 10 – bulk pipeline exceeds 1000 m; Activity 19 - infilling /depositing any material (more than 10 cubic meters) from a watercourse; Activity 27 - clearance of 1 ha or more, less than 20 ha

Listing notice 3; Activity 4 and 18 – development / widening of road; Activity 12 - clearance of 300 square metres or more of indigenous vegetation; Activity 14 and 23 - development / expansion of infrastructure or structures (≥10m²) within / within 32 m of watercourse

In terms of the National Environmental Management: Waste Act (Act 59 of 2008) the upgraded WWTW will not require a waste management license (To be confirmed during preapplication)

Notice is hereby given that a WULA, in terms of the NWA and 2017 Regulations (GN R267, GG 40713) has commenced (Ref: WU42922). Confluent has been appointed to carry out this process on behalf of KKLM. The technical summary WUL report is hereby made available in Appendix G of the preapplication draft BAR (Refer to link to access report). Further information on the WULA or water uses may be obtained from Confluent Environmental, Aquatic Consulting and Research; **Written comments or objections on the WULA may be lodged by any interested and affected party and submitted to Confluent no more than 60 days from this notice: 4 September to 4 November 2025.**

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Notice is hereby given that KKLM will be applying for an EA. Bluepebble cc has been appointed to carry out this application on behalf of KKLM. A Basic Assessment process is proposed to be carried out as part of the EA application process. A public participation process is being carried out in terms of the NEMA Regulation 41 of GN R. 326, 2014, as amended. **The preapplication draft BAR (Refer to link to access report). is hereby made available for a 30-day review and comment period by any interested and affected party: 4 September to 6 October 2025.** Once the application for EA has been submitted, all registered interested and affected parties will receive the draft report for 30-days comment and review. Comments on the preapplication BAR are requested to be submitted to: Claire De Jongh | Tel: 0846074743| Email: claire@bluepebble.co.za | admin@bluepebble.co.za



Link to access report: <https://bluepebble.co.za/blog/upgrading-waste-water-treatment-works-woodlands-koukamma-local-municipality>