

Appendix E: Draft BAR– Comments and Response Report

Upgrading of Waste Water Treatment Works at Woodlands

Koukamma Local Municipality, Sarah Baartman District Municipality, Eastern Cape

September 2026

This document records the details of the public participation process and records any comments received from Interested and Affected Parties (IAPs) on the proposed development, as well as the responses provided by the Environmental Impact Assessment Practitioner, specialists, engineers and the proponent.

Bluepebble cc has been appointed to carry out the EA application process on behalf of KKLM. A Basic Assessment process is being 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 following public participation activities have been carried out to date:

- Initial IAP register – applicant, landowner, adjacent landowners, organs of state, identified stakeholders and any NGOs
- **30-day registration period: 27 March to 2 May 2025 (NEMA and WUL)**
The notice of intention to submit a Water use license application and environmental authorisation application and call for registration of interested and affected parties –
 - Placing two site notices close to the site to inform the public of the process, dated 27 March 2025
 - Emailing notice and BID to organs of state, landowners, adjacent landowners and potential IAPs on 27 March 2025
 - Placing an advertisement in the KOUGA EXPRESS on 27 March 2025
- Update IAP register with additional registrations / identified parties (e.g. WUL officials, potential interested farmers / local brick making facilities)
- **30- day review and comment period on preapplication draft BAR: 4 September to 6 October 2025**
- **60-day review and comment on WULA: 4 September to 4 November 2025**
The pre-application draft basic assessment report has been distributed to all registered interested and affected parties for review and comment **prior to submission of the NEMA EA application to the competent authority**; adverts and site notices have been placed.
 - Placing two site notices close to the site to inform the public of the process, dated 4 September 2025
 - Emailing DBAR for review and comment on 4 September 2025
 - Placing an advertisement in the KOUGA EXPRESS on 4 September 2025
- The PP and CRR (this report) has been updated to include all registrations and comments received to date.
- The basic assessment report has been updated, as required, in response to comments and additional information received
- The WUL application has been submitted, and the water use license received on 8 July 2026.
- The NEMA EA application has been submitted to the competent authority and accepted 8 September 2026
- **30- day review and comment period on draft BAR: 29 September to 30 October 2026**
- *The draft basic assessment report will be distributed for a 30-day review and comments period*
- *The draft basic assessment report and accompanying PP and CRR (this report) will be updated as required*
- *The final report will be submitted to the competent authority for consideration within 90 days of submission of the application*

- *The NEMA decision-making time frame is 107 days. Once a decision is reached the decision will be distributed to all registered interested and affected parties and provided with a 20-day timeframe to submit an appeal against the decision.*

Comments on the draft BAR are requested to be submitted to: Claire De Jongh | Tel: 0846074743 | Email: claire@bluepebble.co.za | admin@bluepebble.co.za

Comments and Responses, March 2025 – September 2026

Name	Date of comment / registration	COMMENT / RESPONSE	Date of response	EAP COMMENT / RESPONSE
30-day registration period: 27 March to 2 May 2025				
ECPHRA				
Ayanda Mncwabe-Mama	2 May 2025 – Registration and comments	Find attached the ECPHRA heritage comment on the proposed development in the subject line. Note that I have also attached our process guideline for Section 38 applications including the NID form.	Pre-application DBAR	NID has been submitted as requested.
30-day review and comment period on preapplication Draft BAR: 4 September to 6 October 2025 / WUL: 4 September to November 2025				
ECPHRA				
Ayanda Mncwabe-Mama	22 September 2025 – Preapplication DBAR	In terms of Section 38(4) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999), ECPHRA has considered the submitted heritage desktop study associated with the proposed development. After a thorough review, ECPHRA has found the report to be inadequate and vague despite the sensitivity of the landscape. As such, the submitted desktop study is not accepted as a valid heritage assessment. The applicant is hereby advised to: Conduct a full Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA), as previously indicated in a comment issued by the entity on 2/05/2025): - Phase 1 AIA (Archaeological Impact Assessment) which includes the Cultural & Living Heritage component is required. This is based on the sensitivity of the KouKamma coastal and mountainous region which is supported by studies done by Dr. Johann Binnemann. - - Phase 1 PIA (Paleontological Impact Assessment) is required as the development area is on various paleo-sensitivity levels (blue, red & orange). The development is to affect new ground, and the area has not been previously assessed (desktop HIA, 2025).	DBAR	Full HIA has been carried out and submitted to the ECPHRA on SAHRIS (CaseID: 25864) for comment.

Appendix E1: Full Register of interested and affected parties

Upgrading of Waste Water Treatment Works at Woodlands LIST OF INTERESTED AND AFFECTED PARTIES, March to August 2025

Name	Contact Person	Email
State Departments		
DWS	Sonke Ngxeba	NgxebaS@dws.gov.za
DWS	Chauke Hasani (PLZ)	ChaukeH@dws.gov.za
DWS	Somdaka Odwa (PLZ)	SomdakaO@dws.gov.za
DWS	Dweni Ncamile (PLZ)	DweniN@dws.gov.za
DWS	Ngcobo Siyabonga Brilliant	NgcoboS@dws.gov.za
DWS	Nyambi Musa Sifiso (PLZ)	NyambiM@dws.gov.za
DWS	Magwebu Bongani (PLZ)	Magwebu Bongani (PLZ)
DWS	Visagie Hammond	VisagieH@dws.gov.za>;
DWS	Van Rooyen Esmeralda	VanRooyenE2@dws.gov.za
DFFE: Waste	Lucas Mhlangu	LMahlangu@dfpe.gov.za ; Cell: 0846946115
DFFE Oceans and Coast	Thandeka Mbambo	TMbambo@dfpe.gov.za
DFFE Oceans and Coast		OCEIA@dfpe.gov.za

Name	Contact Person	Email
ECHRA	Ayanda Mncwabe-Mama	ayanda.mncwabe-mama@ecsrac.gov.za
ECHRA	Lungiswa Mzazi	lungiswam@ecphra.org.za
EC Roads – Sarah Baartman DM	Randall Moore	Randall.Moore@etransport.gov.za; Monde.Manga@etransport.gov.za
Dept of Agriculture (EC)	Ruffus Maloma	Ruffus.Maloma@drdar.gov.za
Department of Agriculture - Regional Manager: Land Use & Soil Management	Gcinile Dumse	GcinileD@daff.gov.za
DFFE - Forestry	Babalwa Layini	BLayini@dfpe.gov.za
DEDEAT	Andries Struwig	Andries.Struwig@dedea.gov.za / cc Charmaine.Mostert@dedea.gov.za
DEDEAT	Jeff Govender	dayalan.govender@dedea.gov.za
DEDEAT	Vuyo Maqutu	Vuyo.Maqutu@dedea.gov.za
DEDEAT	Adriaan Le Roux	Adriaan.leroux@dedea.gov.za
DEDEAT	Tembela Mapukata	Thembela.Mapukata@dedea.gov.za
SANBI	Vathiswa Zikishe	V.Zikishe@sanbi.org.za
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Mr Mziwamadoda M. Qalaba	Representative of KKLM	mzi.qalaba@koukamma.gov.za
Koukamma Municipality	<u>Nosipho N. Bota</u>	<u>nosipho.bota@koukamma.gov.za</u>
Mr Pumelelo Maxwell Kate	Mayor Koukamma LM	katepm@koukamma.gov.za
Koukamma LM	Nathan Jacob	koukamma@koukamma.gov.za
Mr Pumelelo Maxwell Kate	Thozamile Sompani	thozamile.sompani@koukamma.gov.za
Koukamma LM	Mziwamadoda M. Qalaba	mzi.qalaba@koukamma.gov.za
Ward 5 councillor	Shannon May Ward 5	koukamma@koukamma.gov.za
Personal Assistant to the Community Services:	<u>Chantelle Snyders,</u>	<u>chantelle.snyders@koukamma.gov.za</u>

Koukamma Local Municipality		
Personal Assistant to the Director Technical Services:	<u>Raquel Grootboom,</u>	<u>Racquel.grootboom@koukamma.gov.za</u>
Henni Britz 0825684031		<u>britzco@mweb.co.za</u>
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Sarah Baartman District Municipality		
Sarah Baartman District Municipality: Municipal Manager	Ted Pillay Natasha Peterson	<u>ted@sbdm.co.za</u> <u>npeterson@sbdm.co.za</u>
Sarah Baartman District Municipality: Service Delivery	Ms Unati Daniels	<u>cmabindla@sbdm.co.za</u>
Refuse & Waste		<u>tmokoena@sbdm.co.za</u>
Roads		<u>mmbanga@sbdm.co.za</u>
Water		<u>ksanyamandwe@sbdm.co.za</u>
Sarah Baartman DM Environmental Health	Zoleka Sumi	<u>zsomi@cacadu.co.za</u>
Sarah Baartman District Municipality – Manager: Environmental Health	Kellelo Makgoka	<u>kmakgoka@sbdm.co.za</u>
Stakeholders		
WESSA	Gary Koekemoer	<u>garyk22@me.com</u>
WESSA	Kevin Taylor	<u>kmtecologist@gmail.com</u>
Bird Life EC	Samantha Ralston	<u>energy@birdlife.org.za</u>
Bird Life EC	Mark Anderson	<u>ceo@birdlife.org.za</u>
EWT	Ian Little	<u>ianl@ewt.org.za</u>
ECPTA	Brian Reeves	<u>Brian.Reeves@ecpta.co.za</u>
Engineer		
SMEC	Damian SHARP	<u>Damian.Sharp@smec.com</u>
SMEC	Michelle Kruger	
Applicant		

Koukamma Municipality	Nosipho N. Bota	nosipho.bota@koukamma.gov.za
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Landowners - WWTW site, Woodlands – Woodlands Farm 585 - Erf Nr: RE/1; Area (Sqm):3273903.6; SG Code: C03400160000000100000		
Koukamma Municipality Remainder of Erf 1 Woodlands (T34055/1993CTN)	Eastern Cape Department of Human Settlements KLM Provincial Department	Eastern Cape Department of Human Settlements (Represented by Ms Mpho Ndoni) represent by Mr M Mbambanisi, the Regional Director Sarah Baartman as registered landowner mzi.qalaba@koukamma.gov.za mphoN@ecdhs.gov.za mMbambanisi@ecdhs.gov.za
Farm Palmiet River 584	Eastern Cape Department of Human Settlements KLM Provincial Department	mzi.qalaba@koukamma.gov.za mphoN@ecdhs.gov.za mMbambanisi@ecdhs.gov.za
Adjacent Landowners / Stakeholders		
Landfill Remainder of Erf 1 Woodlands	Eastern Cape Department of Human Settlements KLM Provincial Department KKLM Provincial Department	koukamma@koukamma.gov.za mphoN@ecdhs.gov.za Tsitsikamma Development Trust (TDT) info@tdtt.co.za Extracted from KKLM SDP, 2022: This farm (Farm Pnn2/584) is one of the
West - Farm Palmiet River 584 Farm Nr: 2/584 Area (Ha): 386.66 Legal Status: Surveyed		<u>properties of which the amaMfengu's were dispossessed of during forced removals of 1977. The Tsitsikamma Development Trust (TDT) on behalf of the amaMfengu's has currently submitted a land restitution claim for this farm, as it was not returned to the TDT together with other farms in 1994. This farm is owned by the State and has been lease to a commercial farmer. An 80 ha portion of the farm was excluded from this lease in order to facilitate the settlement of approximately 150 Mfengu families.</u>
South – Re/583 Farm Nr: RE/583 Area (Ha):1943.16		<u>423 residential properties in the Woodlands Village</u> • <u>29 Smallholdings which are owned by individual families. The properties are used for agricultural and residential purposes.</u> • <u>Spaza shops are the only business in the area.</u> • <u>No municipal commonage exists.</u> • <u>A large 'commonage which is owned by the State and over which the Woodlands Erhouers have grazing rights.</u> • <u>The Woodlands Village consists of recently constructed subsidy housing.</u>

		• <i>The Mfengu community at Nuweplaas (Palmietrevier). This property is situated to the west of the Woodlands Village and is utilised for agricultural purposes.</i> <i>The current waste site adjacent to the sewerage treatment works can accommodate the shortterm future needs of the node. Additional land may be required. The ownership and authorization of this site needs to be investigated</i>
Identified / Registered Additional Interested and affected parties / Stakeholders		
Georgie Muller	Farmer	Georgie Muller <georgie@dairyjunction.co.za>
Johnny Van Niekerk owner of the Southlands Dairy Group	Farmer	083 2252442 johnnyvniekerk@gmail.com
Pow Fontein	Farmer	powfontein@igen.co.za
Dian Landman	Farmer	landman@lactimar.co.za
Danie Erasmus	Farmer	danerasmus1@gmail.com
Justin Davies - Greenside Dairy	Farmer	justin@justmilk.co.za
Robbehoek Stal	Farmer	robbehoekdairy@igen.co.za
Langkloof Bricks	Clay brick maker	nico@langkloofbricks.co.za chris@laqs.co.za
Nomvelo Siwela	Environmental Officer Kouga Local Municipality	nsiwela@kouga.gov.za



Appendix E2: Advert, notices, BID

27 March to 2 May 2025- Registration

Two notices were placed at the site; outside local shop and adjacent to sports field



Notices emailed and placed in Kouga Express
Notification of Public Participation

Proposed upgrade of Bulk Sewers, Replacing of Small-Bore Sanitation System at Woodlands, Koukamma Local Municipality, Eastern Cape

The existing small-bore gravity sewer reticulation and digester system servicing Woodland's settlement is in urgent need of upgrade. The system overflows in peak conditions; limited capacity to clean the digesters has often led to unsanitary conditions.

The Koukamma Local Municipality (KKLM) has commissioned SMEC South Africa to design and implement the required upgrade; the following is proposed:

- Discontinue current digester tank system; replace internal reticulation pipes
- Re-route and upgrade bulk sewer collector; The new system will operate as a gravity sewer
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In terms of the National Water Act 36 of 1998, the upgrade requires an integrated Water Use License (WUL) for Section 21 water uses:

- c - Impeding or diverting the flow of water in a watercourse
- i - Altering the bed, banks, course, or characteristics of a watercourse
- f- Discharging waste or water containing waste into a water resource (Woodlands WWTW currently has a valid General Authorization (Ref 27/2/2/K480/7/8) for S21f)
- g - Disposing of waste in a manner which may detrimentally impact on a water resource (confirm)

In terms of the National Environmental Management Act (Act 107 of 1998), the proposed upgrade requires Environmental Authorisation (EA) for the following:

2014 Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, as amended, 2017:

- GNR. 327 - Activity 19 - infilling or depositing of any material of more than 10 cubic meters...
- GNR. 327 - Activity 27 - clearance of 1 hectares or more, less than 20 hectares...
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To be confirmed - In terms of the National Environmental Management: Waste Act (Act 59 of 2008) (NEMWA) the WWTW will not require a waste management license; Category C: Norms and Standards for the treatment of organic waste may apply.

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Details of site Notice and advert

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Subject: NOTIFICATION OF PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - Upgrading of Waste Water Treatment Works at Woodlands, Koukamma Local Municipality, Sarah Baartman District Municipality, Eastern Cape
Attachments: BID - Woodlands WWTW_27 March 2025.pdf

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Cc: claire@ecoroute.co.za; claire@bluepebble.co.za; janet@bluepebble.co.za
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To: claire@ecoroute.co.za; claire@bluepebble.co.za
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Hi Claire,

Forgot to copy you in.

Kind regards,

Carina

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Cc: 'Charmaine Struwig' <Charmaine.Mostert@dedea.gov.za>
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Kind regards,

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4 September 2025 – 5 October (preapplication DBAR) / 4 November 2025
(WULA)

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Notices emailed and placed in Kouga Express

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Steve tree op in GQ, Joubertina

Die bekende Steve Hofmeyr kom maak weer binnekort ’n draai in die Oos-Kaap. Hy sal op 11 September om 19:30 by die George McLachlan Saal in Joubertina op die verhoog verskyn. Kaartjies is R180 per persoon. Vir besprekings, kontak Genine by 083 520 9505. Op 12 September sal hy ook in Gqeberha optree, by die Fairview Sportsentrum in Willowweg, Fairview om 19:30. Kaartjies teen R200 per persoon is beskikbaar aanlyn by www.westway.co.za, vanaf Hellen by 082 487 3118 of Anton by 083 760 0609.

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Genot op 88 klawers

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Coenie de Villiers en Rocco de Villiers span saam om die musiek op twee klaviere te maak. Die duo sal die gehoor bederf met 'n verskeidenheid genres: van boeremusiek en Bach tot blues en ballades. Ou bekende treffers sal die nostalgie aanwakker. Hoewel die twee kunstenaars uiteenlopende style het, het hulle 'n diep koneksie met die 88 klawers op 'n klavier – vandaar die naam van die vertoning. Dit belooft 'n onvergeetlike aand te wees van uitmuntende musiek.

Die twee De Villiers se vernuftige samewerking is 'n viering van uitstaande talent. Met dié uitvoering besef mens opnuut hoe die mag van musiek die siel voed en die hart roer. Dit belooft 'n aand gelaai te wees met humor. Die uitvoering van die “88” konsert vind by die NG Kerk Kompleks in Olienhoutstraat plaas. Kaartjies kan by die Toerisme kantoor op Jeffreysbaai gekoop word, of by Quicket. Die skakel na Quicket is maklik te vind op die Facebookblad van ‘Teater by die see’. Sitplekke is gereserveer.



Rocco de Villiers en Coenie de Villiers. FOTO: VERSKAF

Ons Tuiste hou basaar

VERONICA FOURIE

DIE tehuis vir bejaardes op Humansdorp, Ons Tuiste, hou Saterdag 6 September 'n basaar waar die gebruiklike lekkernye te koop sal wees. Die tehuis is nie-winsgewend en is afhanklik van donasies en geldinsamelings. Baie van die inwoners kry net 'n Sassa toelaag. Hierdie is een van hulle pogings om geld in te samel vir die stygende kostes en uitgawes. Vanjaar se spesiale projek is om die kameras in die tehuis te vervang en om

sodoende ook by te bly met die nuutste tegnologie. Daar word vanjaar vir die derde keer 'n inkleurkompetisie gehou vir leerlinge van Graad RR tot Graad 7. Kyk gerus op Ons Tuiste se Facebook-blad. Die basaartafels by die NG Kerk Humansdorp sal al van 08:00 af gepak wees met smullekke eetgoed, van poeding, pannekoek en roosterkoek, tot jaffels, braaivleis en 'n teetuin. Vir meer besonderhede, kontak die koördineerder Magda Pietersen by 082 412 2696.

Besoek die Boeremarkdag hierdie Saterdag

KAREEDOUW maak gereed vir 'n feestelike geleentheid wanneer die Boere Lente Feesdag op 6 September 2025 plaasvind by Die Stoor op die R62. Hierdie spesiale bemarkingsdag belooft om 'n opwindende program vir die hele gesin aan te bied.

Program hoogtepunte:

- **08:00:** Begin die dag reg met 'n heerlike ontbyt teen R50.
- **09:00:** Kyk die Springbokke se wedstryd op 'n grootskerm.
- **11:00:** Doreen Pieters lewer 'n praatjie, gevolg deur Ivan Meyer, Minister van Landbou in die Wes-Kaap, om 12:00.
- **13:00:** Dr. Riaan Putter bied 'n insiggewende ses-

sie aan, gevolg deur Afriforum om 14:00.

- **14:30:** Jakoos & Hilde is aan die beurt met kuns en musiek.
- **17:00:** Ruan van der Kuil bring sy Afrikaanse treffers.
- **19:00:** 'n Vasvra wat groot pret gaan verskaf.
- **20:00:** Die gewilde Nadine rond die dag af.

'n Kontantkroeg sal beskikbaar wees, en besoekers word versoek om nie hul eie drank in te bring nie. Onthou om die Bo-plaas-wynproe, wat om 14:30 begin, nie te mis nie. Kaartjies kos R150 per persoon, en navrae kan gerig word aan Wilna Moolman by 082 702 7846.

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Appendix E3: Meetings and submissions – organs of state

Subject: FW: WSP : KOU-KAMMA MUNICIPALITY Woodlands WWTW Upgrade (WU42922)
Location: Microsoft Teams Meeting

Start: Thu 2025/05/15 11:00
End: Thu 2025/05/15 12:00
Show Time As: Tentative

Recurrence: (none)

Meeting Status: Not yet responded

Organizer: Sonke Ngxeba (PLZ)

-----Original Appointment-----

From: Sonia Jordaan **On Behalf Of** Sonke Ngxeba (PLZ)
Sent: Wednesday, 14 May, 2025 2:36 PM
To: Damian SHARP
Subject: FW: WSP : KOU-KAMMA MUNICIPALITY Woodlands WWTW Upgrade (WU42922)
When: Thursday, 15 May, 2025 11:00 AM-12:00 PM (UTC+02:00) Harare, Pretoria.
Where: Microsoft Teams Meeting

-----Original Appointment-----

From: Sonke Ngxeba (PLZ) <NgxebaS@dws.gov.za>
Sent: Thursday, 8 May, 2025 1:03 PM
To: Sonke Ngxeba (PLZ); Chauke Hasani (PLZ); Somdaka Odwa (PLZ); Dweni Ncamile (PLZ); Ngcobo Siyabonga Brilliant; Nyambi Musa Sifiso (PLZ); Heymann Ncumisa (PLZ); Gqotana Asanda(PLZ); Magwebu Bongani (PLZ); Ross Sean (PLZ); Nomandla Sihlangule; Jackie Dabrowski; Sonia Jordaan
Cc: Visagie Hammond; Vongwe Olwetu(ELS); Van Rooyen Esmeralda; Rambani Rachel (ELS); Joyi Mfesane (ELS)
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Good day colleagues

You are hereby invited to a virtual pre-application consultation meeting to discuss the subject application. I would appreciate consultant/ applicant to prepare a brief presentation or map layout to have a glimpse of the project meaning the background and the intent of the project. The presentation must clearly show the type of water source or abstraction point/ location, coordinates, size of the land, type of equipment are going to be used in the project and etc.

N.B. You may forward the link to the other relevant stakeholders. The link for connection purpose is here below:

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claire@bluepebble.co.za

From: claire@bluepebble.co.za
Sent: Thursday, 08 May 2025 09:47
To: andries.struwig@dedea.gov.za; 'Admin'
Cc: 'Dayalan Govender'; 'Charmaine Struwig'; 'joclyn@bluepebble.co.za'; 'admin@bluepebble.co.za'
Subject: Request for pre application meeting - Proposed upgrade of Woodlands WWTW - KLM
Attachments: BID - Woodlands WWTW_27 March 2025.pdf; Proof wula submission.pdf

Importance: High

Good day Mr Struwig

Could we please arrange a pre-application meeting for the proposed upgrade of Woodlands WWTW.

I would like to submit the application for environmental authorisation on behalf of KLM in the first week of June.
The WUL process has been initiated (attached).

Could you kindly let me know your available dates.

Thank you

Kind Regards

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To: 'Andries Struwig' <Andries.Struwig@dedea.gov.za>; 'Dayalan Govender' <Dayalan.Govender@dedea.gov.za>; 'Vuyo.Maquutu@dedea.gov.za' <Vuyo.Maquutu@dedea.gov.za>; 'Adriaan.leroux@dedea.gov.za' <Adriaan.leroux@dedea.gov.za>

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Subject: NOTIFICATION OF PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - Upgrading of Waste Water Treatment Works at Woodlands, Koukamma Local Municipality, Sarah Baartman District Municipality, Eastern Cape

Dear State Department,

Register and / or submit initial comments as an IAP within 30 days of this notice to contact details provided.

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To be confirmed - In terms of the National Environmental Management: Waste Act (Act 59 of 2008)

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Appendix E4: Registration and comments (March 2025 – September 2026)



No.17 Commissioner Street, 2nd Floor Old Elco Building,
Telephone: 043 492 1940/1/2
Website: www.ecphra.org.za

PROJECT: UPGRADING OF WASTEWATER TREATMENT WORKS AT
WOODLANDS, KOUKAMMA LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, SBDM.

Enquiries: Ayanda Mncwabe-Mama
Date: 2025/05/02
Email: ayanda.mncwabe-mama@ecsrac.gov.za

Applicant: SMEC South Africa (SMEC) o/b Koukamma LM
Consultants: Bluepebble Independent Environmental Agency cc
Contact Person: Claire De Jongh / Carina Leslie
Email / Tel: claire@bluepebble.co.za / admin@bluepebble.co.za or 067 314 4069

BACKGROUND

The WWTW is located on Remainder of Erf 1 Woodlands which is approximately 327 ha in extent. The new development footprint will be approximately 2.2 ha in extent. The existing small-bore gravity sewer reticulation and digester system servicing Woodland's settlement is in urgent need of upgrade. The system overflows in peak conditions; limited capacity to clean the digesters has often led to unsanitary conditions.

ECPHRA (Eastern Cape Provincial Heritage Authority) COMMENTS in terms of Section 38 of the National Heritage Resources Act (25 of 1999).

*This case was tabled at the Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites (APM)
Committee meeting held on 15 April 2025.*

ECPHRA Interim Comment:

ECPHRA acknowledges the BID submitted and further requests:

1. ECPHRA Notice of Intent to Develop, for our records.
2. Phase 1 Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) which includes all aspects of the development. The impact assessment should comprise of the ffg:
 - Phase 1 AIA (archaeological impact assessment), including a desktop and field assessment. The AIA must include cultural landscape and living heritage component (see NHRA 1999 Section 38.3.e).
 - PIA (paleontological impact assessment) done according to the SAHRIS *paleo-sensitivity* level.
3. Proof of Payment (R500 NID & R1 500 HIA), see administration details below.

NOTE: Heritage reports must meet the SAHRA (2007) reporting standards. Reports must be compiled by specialists (AIA by an archaeologist with a minimum of an Honours

degree qualification & a PIA by a palaeontologist with a minimum of a Master's degree qualification).



Mr. Azola Mkosana
ECPHRA: Manager

General information:

1) ECPHRA fees

The following fees apply to your application:

R 500 - NID fee and

R 1 500 – HIA reports

Banking Details:

Bank name: First National Bank (FNB);

Account name: Eastern Cape Provincial Heritage Resources Authority;

Account type: Public Sector Business Account;

Account number: 62705406248;

Branch code: 211021;

Reference: Project or Development name / SAHRIS CaseID number

Proof of payment(s) must be emailed to:

accounts@ecphra.org.za with the subject: Project or Development name / SAHRIS CaseID

2) SAHRIS

A South African Heritage Resources Information System (SAHRIS) case must be registered for the development/project (<https://sahris.sahra.org.za/about/sahris>):

- Complete all relevant sections of the SAHRIS case application.
- Proof of payment(s) must be uploaded on the SAHRIS case under the *Additional Documents* section.
- The requested NIDs must be uploaded on the SAHRIS case

Once the NID have been submitted on the SAHRIS case, notify ECPHRA by email at lungiswam@ecphra.org.za with the subject SAHRIS CaseID number–development/project name. Your case will be tabled at the next APM meeting for purposes of a NHRA Section 38(4)(b) comment.

3) Queries

Any queries regarding your case should be addressed to lungiswam@ecphra.org.za / ayanda.mcwabe-mama@ecsrac.gov.za with the subject SAHRIS CaseID number / Development/ Project name.



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PROJECT: WOODLANDS WASTEWATER TREATMENT WORKS AND SEWER
RETICULATION UPGRADE, KOUKAMMA LOCAL MUNICIPALITY.

SAHRIS CASE ID: 25864

Enquiries: Ayanda Mncwabe-Mama
Date: 2025/09/22
Email: ayanda.mncwabe-mama@ecsrac.gov.za

Applicant: SMEC South Africa (SMEC) o/b Koukamma Local Municipality
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BACKGROUND

The case was tabled at the ECPHRA APM Committee meeting in April 15, 2025, where the submitted BID was acknowledged and a Phase 1 AIA (Archaeological Impact Assessment), NID and a PIA (Paleontological Impact Assessment) were additionally requested.

ECPHRA (Eastern Cape Provincial Heritage Authority) COMMENTS in terms of
Section 38 of the National Heritage Resources Act (25 of 1999).

This case was tabled at the Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites (APM) Committee meeting held on 10 September 2025.

ECPHRA Comment:

ECPHRA acknowledges the submitted desktop Heritage Impact Assessment (Lavin, J., Wiltshire, N. & Crafford, M. March 2025).

In terms of Section 38(4) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999), ECPHRA has considered the submitted heritage desktop study associated with the proposed development. After a thorough review, ECPHRA has found the report to be inadequate and vague despite the sensitivity of the landscape.

As such, the submitted desktop study is not accepted as a valid heritage assessment. The applicant is hereby advised to:

Conduct a full Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA), as previously indicated in a comment issued by the entity on 2/05/2025):

- Phase 1 AIA (Archaeological Impact Assessment) which includes the Cultural & Living Heritage component is required. This is based on the

sensitivity of the KouKamma coastal and mountainous region which is supported by studies done by Dr. Johann Binnemann.

- Phase 1 PIA (Paleontological Impact Assessment) is required as the development area is on various paleo-sensitivity levels (blue, red & orange). The development is to affect new ground, and the area has not been previously assessed (desktop HIA, 2025).

Project Payments:

NID fee – R 500 (paid)

HIA fee – R 1 500 (unpaid)



Mr. Azola Mkosana
ECPHRA: Manager