

N2 WILD COAST TOLL HIGHWAY PROJECT

MINUTES OF AUTHORITIES COORDINATION COMMITTEE MEETING NUMBER 18

Date: 3 March 2021

Time: 08h30

Venue: Microsoft Teams - Online

No.	Item	Action
1.	<u>OPENING AND WELCOME</u>	
1.1	Opening Mr Drew (NMA Effective Social Strategists) opened the meeting and welcomed everybody present. <i>Refer to attendance register for list of attendees</i>	
1.2	Apologies Apologies were given for Mr Willis (SANBI), Mrs Somfongo (COGTA) and Mr Kgope (DEFF) who is no longer involved in the project and requested to be removed from the database. Mr De Villiers (DEDEAT) was unable to login from his office and moved to another venue.	
2.	<u>ADOPTION OF AGENDA</u>	
2.1	The agenda was adopted as a suitable guide for the proceedings of the meeting without any amendments or additions.	
3.	<u>ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES</u>	
3.1	The minutes were adopted as an accurate reflection of the proceedings of the previous meeting without any amendments or additions.	
4.	<u>MATTERS ARISING</u> <u>Matters Arising from the Minutes of ACC Meeting No. 17 on 18 November 2020</u>	
4.1	<i>Item 4.1: The Eastern Cape Socio Economic Consultative Council (ECSECC) was requested to establish the task team to address the control of illegal structures along the N2. This issue also needs to be addressed through the Eastern Cape Spatial Development Framework (ECSDF) and the relevant MSDFs.</i> Mr McLachlan (SANRAL) said that due to the holidays the task team had still not been convened. It was agreed that a letter from the ACC / EMC should be sent to the Political Oversight Committee requesting the establishment of the task team as soon as possible to address the issue of illegal structures.	NMA
4.2	<i>Item 4.1: Mr Drew will contact Mrs Somfongo from COGTA to determine the status of the ECSDF.</i> Mr Drew said that Mrs Somfongo reported that the ECSDF still requires an Exco resolution before it can be gazetted. It was agreed that the letter to the Political Oversight Committee should also request that the ECSDF be gazetted as soon as possible.	NMA
4.3	<i>Item 4.2: SANRAL is currently in discussions with SANBI regarding the replanting of the grassland plants in the no-go areas around the two bridge sites.</i> Ms Mei (SANBI) reported that the grassland plants in the temporary plant holding areas would only be replanted in September when the rainy season begins again as it is now too late in the year for the plants to re-establish themselves successfully.	
4.4	<i>Item 5.1: Ms Khanyile of DMR can be approached to nominate a new representative for DMR for the ACC and EMC.</i> Mr Drew reported that Ms Khanyile had requested Ms Thabang Mogapi of DMR to chair the task team dealing with illegal sand mining and he had also requested that Ms Mogapi attend the ACC and EMC meetings. He said he would follow up with DMR as there is nobody present from DMR in the meeting.	

<p>4.5</p> <p>4.6</p>	<p><i>Item 5.1: It was agreed that an illegal sand mining task team would be established by Mr Gabula with assistance from Mr De Villiers and Ms Tshetu which would also comprise representatives from DEFF and ECPTA and would be chaired by DMR.</i></p> <p>Mr Drew said that Mr Gabula distributed Terms of Reference and an Action Plan for comment in December and the first meeting of the task team took place on 19 February where it was agreed that DMR would provide feedback on matters previously referred to it by DEDEAT by the following week. The DEDEAT Regions were requested to update illegal mining cases for submission to Head Office and provide priority illegal sand mining sites with GPS coordinates that can be attended to by DMR in the following week. It was also recommended that DMR conduct an aerial survey over the coastal areas and develop a georeferenced map of the approximately 180 illegal sand mining sites. The priority should be the Wild Coast but, where appropriate, Regions could make arrangements for urgent sites outside the coastal area to be addressed. DMR went out into the field to conduct enforcement in the following week but there has been no feedback since then.</p> <p>Mr Drew recommended that the participants in the meeting of 19 February request DMR to convene a follow-up meeting so that the momentum can be maintained.</p> <p><i>Item 5.2: A decision would be taken on the timing and nature of the next ACC and EMC meetings during the EMC meeting.</i></p> <p>Mr Drew said that it was determined in the EMC meeting that the ACC and EMC meetings would continue online until such time as the Covid-19 pandemic had been brought under control and the medical authorities indicate that life can return to normal again.</p>	<p>DMR / DEDEAT</p>
<p>5.</p> <p>5.1</p> <p>5.2</p>	<p><u>OTHER ISSUES / GENERAL</u></p> <p>Mr Van der Merwe (DEFF Forestry) said that members should also take note of the minutes of the EMC meeting as there were issues that need to be addressed such as the re-bagging of the plants that had outgrown their current bags and illegal encroachment in the BOA offset areas.</p> <p>Mr Fredericks (SLR) said the re-bagging of rescued plants had been discussed with the service provider and this will take place before the replanting of the plants. According to the service provider the TOPS species would be done first followed by the larger trees which would be re-bagged from 4 litre to 10 litre bags.</p> <p>Mr Nombembe (ECPTA) said that Mt Thesiger, Lambasi and Mkambathi were the areas that were identified as a potential problem in terms of illegal encroachment. ECPTA did an assessment of these areas and it was found that the encroachment at Mt Thesiger was just outside the offset area. The ECPTA outreach team is working with the land invasion committee in Port St Johns, which has representation from all key stakeholders, to address the situation in Mt Thesiger. In Lambasi there was also no encroachment in the designated offset area although a beef farming project has started and fencing has been erected in the Lambasi area. In the Mkambathi area the Rural Agro-Industries Finance Initiative (RAFI) wants to establish a beef feedlot project in the proposed offset area but this project has not started yet and ECPTA is investigating who RAFI has been talking to and will engage with all the relevant stakeholders to reach a solution.</p> <p>Mr Mapiya said that the main intention of the BOA project is to establish offset areas for conservation purposes but in discussions with the affected communities the issue of grazing was raised and therefore ECPTA has been looking at rangeland ecology management together with other key stakeholders like the Department of Agriculture to see if it is feasible in any of the offset areas.</p> <p>Mr Van der Merwe said that DEFF Working Group 4 deals with environmental enforcement and has representation from the provincial environmental departments. Mr De Villiers prepared a report for this working group on the issue of encroachment in protected areas and state forests and DEFF Forestry regional offices provided input on the report. The report indicated that there has been slight encroachment on the northern boundary of the Mt Thesiger offset area and on the eastern side the encroachment is now very close to the state forest. The situation is very concerning and DEFF forestry is working with the land invasion committee in Port St Johns to try and control the situation. The main problem is that there is very little space left in Port St Johns for housing and if the situation is not monitored carefully there will soon be structures in the state forest. There are only two forest rangers covering the whole Port St John's area but the BOA should improve the situation as eco-rangers are going to be appointed through that process. In the Mbotyi area there are no housing structures in the state forest at this time but there are a number</p>	<p>SLR</p> <p>ECPTA</p>

	<p>of structures near Magwa Falls which are close to the state forest. A number of roads have been built illegally in the past by the local municipalities in state forests and this is an issue that needs to be monitored.</p> <p>Mr Drew said that Mr McLachlan will cover the issue of illegal roads in his EMC presentation.</p>	
5.3	<p>Mr Gabula said that all land development activities must be approved in terms of SPLUMA and all development activities requiring environmental authorisation must be subject to an EIA process otherwise the developments are illegal. Developers are now starting to show an interest in the coastal zone and a smart city has been approved at a high level for Port St John's and along the Wild Coast. Until the Eastern Cape Spatial Development Framework is approved the outdated Wild Coast Corridor SDI is being used so it is very important to get the ECSDF approved as soon as possible so that proper land use planning decisions can be taken in terms of any proposed new developments.</p>	
5.4	<p>Mr Fredericks said there are 6 outstanding water use applications submitted by the Msikaba bridge contractor (CMEJV) more than a year ago. He said he had previously been liaising with Nqabisa Gwentshe of DWS and asked whether Ms Gwentshe was still the DWS representative who is invited to attend the ACC and EMC meetings.</p> <p>Mr Drew confirmed that Ms Gwentshe is still the DWS representative and that she is invited to all the meetings. He said that after Mr Mbikwana left DWS she has only attended one or two meetings but hopefully she will attend the EMC meeting and can provide assistance in this regard.</p>	
6.	<u>WAY FORWARD AND CLOSURE</u>	
6.1	<p>Mr Drew said the next ACC meeting would be on 19 May 2021. He then thanked everybody for their attendance and closed the meeting.</p>	

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ATTENDANCE REGISTER

 Julian Drew named the meeting to N2 Wild Coast Toll Highway - Authorities Coordination Committee Meeting Number 18 .

Wednesday, 03 March 2021

 Meeting started 03/03 8:24 am

-  Izak (Guest) was invited to the meeting.
-  Thembakazi Tshetu was invited to the meeting.
-  Nomama Mei was invited to the meeting.
-  Fuad Fredericks (External) was invited to the meeting.
-  Sello Mokhanya (External) was invited to the meeting.
-  Tsepo Lepono (Guest) was invited to the meeting.
-  Craig Mclachlan (SR) (External) was invited to the meeting.
-  GP Kriel (External) was invited to the meeting.
-  Vuyani Mapiya was invited to the meeting.
-  Nomi Muthialu was invited to the meeting.
-  Mpati Makoa (HO) (External) was invited to the meeting.
-  Mogole Mphahlele was invited to the meeting.
-  Nenekazi Songxaba was invited to the meeting.
-  Dr Danie Smi (Guest) was invited to the meeting.
-  Mossie (Guest) was invited to the meeting.
-  Sizakele Gabula was invited to the meeting.
-  Sakhiwo Nombembe (External) was invited to the meeting.
-  Portia Makitla was invited to the meeting.
-  Miyelani Ngobeni (Guest) was invited to the meeting.