

Our Ref: 04\_0325A\_Rand Water  
Your Ref:  
Date: 17 April 2025

DEAR ORGAN OF STATE

**RE: ENVIRONMENTAL BASIC ASSESSMENT PROCESS, WATER USE LICENSE APPLICATION AND A HERITAGE PERMIT FOR THE PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF NEW SYSTEM 1 AT RAND WATER VEREENIGING TREATMENT WORKS, INSTALLATION OF APPROXIMATELY 7 KM PHASE 2 SLUDGE PIPELINE IN VEREENIGING, 1.5 KM SLUDGE LINE IN PANFONTEIN AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF SEDIBENG DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY, GAUTENG PROVINCE.**

Rand Water (applicant) proposes the Construction and maintenance of New System 1 at Rand Water Vereeniging Treatment Works, the Installation of approximately 7km of Phase 2 Sludge Pipeline in Vereeniging, a 1.5km Sludge line in Panfontein, and Associated Infrastructure within the jurisdiction of Sedibeng District Municipality, Gauteng Province. The project spans three locations but remains within the jurisdiction and servitude of Rand Water. The coordinates to the sites are: **PANFONTEIN: 26°42'51.76" S 28°02'08.18" E, SYSTEM 1 VEREENIGING: 26°41'15.46" S 27°55'06.63" E, PHASE 2 PIPELINE SLUDGELINE: 26°41'55.80" S 27°54'51.63" E.**

The proposed development requires Environmental Authorisation (EA) in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) (NEMA). This is due to the triggering of Listed activities under the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2014 (as amended), specifically those contained in **Listing Notice 1 (Activities 9, 10, 12, 19, and 27) and Listing Notice 3 (Activities 12(c) and 14(c))**. Consequently, a Basic Assessment process must be undertaken. In addition to the Environmental requirements, the development also requires a Heritage Permit in terms of the National Heritage Resources Act, 1999 (Act No. 25 of 1999) (NHRA), as Section 34(1) and Section 38(1)(a)(c)(i) of the Act is applicable. This section prohibits the alteration or demolition of any structure older than 60 years without prior approval from the relevant Provincial Heritage Resources Authority (PHRA-G) and also notifying the relevant Heritage Resources Authority respectively.

Furthermore, a Water Use License Application (WULA) is required under the National Water Act, 1998 (Act No. 36 of 1998) (NWA) and the associated Appeals Regulations, 2017 (as amended), as the proposed development

entails water uses listed in Section 21(c) and (i) of the Act. These activities relate to the impeding or diverting of the flow of a watercourse and altering the bed, banks, course, or characteristics of a watercourse.

The development will follow a Basic Assessment Process in terms of NEMA (Act No.107 of 1998), a Heritage Permit process under the NHRA (Act No. 25 of 1999), and a Water Use License Application (WULA) under the National Water Act No. 36 of 1998. These applications will be submitted to the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE), the Provincial Heritage Resources Authority of Gauteng (PHRAG), and the Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS), respectively.

This letter serves to bring the Application processes mentioned above to the attention of the Interested and Affected Parties and to invite you to participate in the proposed project as well as the Public Participation Process (PPP) that will be undertaken during the BA process.

In terms of regulation 19(1)(a) of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended), Section 34(1) of National Heritage Resources Act, 1999 (Act No. 25 of 1999) and Section 41(1)(a) of the National Water Act, 1998 (Act no. 36 of 1998), an opportunity is being provided for Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs), Stakeholders, Landowners, and **Organs of State** to formally register as an Interested and Affected Party and to submit written comments on the proposed application.

Should you wish to submit comments on the Background Information Document appended hereto, Selahle Consultancy & Projects (Pty) Ltd urges that these written comments reach us before or on **Thursday, 22 May 2025**.

Yours Sincerely



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**Encl: Background Information Document and Comment Form**