

TMG AQUIFER FEASIBILITY STUDY AND PILOT PROJECT: EXPLORATORY PHASE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT PROCESS

The City of Cape Town is conducting a feasibility study to assess the potential for possible future augmentation of its water supplies with groundwater from a deep-lying geological structure called the Table Mountain Group (TMG) Aquifer. The area under consideration lies between Tulbagh and Kleinmond. This groundwater project is one of several potential supply strategies recommended by Integrated Water Resource Planning and Bulk Water Supply studies undertaken by the City between 1999 and 2001.

Notice is given in terms of Regulation 4(6) of the regulations published in Government Gazette Notice No. R1183 under Section 26 of the Environment Conservation Act (No 73 of 1989) of the application for authorisation of activities 1(d), 2(c) and 2(e). This authorisation is sought in order to allow the drilling and pump-testing of exploratory boreholes to determine the quantity and quality of groundwater in the TMG Aquifer. No water will be abstracted for bulk supply. The City of Cape Town has appointed the TMG Aquifer Alliance to undertake the study and the requisite environmental process towards authorisation of the Exploratory Phase of this Feasibility Study and Pilot Project. Further project information is available on the website: www.tmg-aquifer.co.za

Public meetings introducing the project and the environmental process are to be held from 18h30-20h00 at the following venues and towns on the given dates:

- Wednesday April 28 – Somerset West (Hottentots Holland High Hall, Eiland Street)
- Thursday April 29 – Grabouw (Cathleen Murray Primary Hall, Wyngaardt Street)
- Wednesday May 5 – Paarl (Huguenot Hall, Jan Van Riebeeck Street)
- Thursday May 6 – Tulbagh (Community Hall)

You are invited to register as an interested and/or affected party and to submit written comments on the study. For more information please submit your name and contact details to [Penelope Jones](#) or [Charl de Villiers](#) at Ninham Shand, PO Box 1347, Cape Town, 8000; Tel: (021) 481 2400; Fax: (021) 424 5588 or e-mail info@tmg-aquifer.co.za by **Wednesday 28 April 2004**.
