

**TMG AQUIFER FEASIBILITY STUDY AND PILOT PROJECT:
EXPLORATORY PHASE**

UPDATE OF DRAFT SCOPING REPORT TO FINAL SCOPING REPORT
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These update pages describe the process followed since the Draft Scoping Report was made available to Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) for their comment. It also highlights how the finalisation of the Scoping Report has responded to the public comment and outlines the way forward.

Process Since the Lodging of the Draft Scoping Report

The process since the lodging of the Draft Scoping Report has been as follows:

- The Draft Scoping Report was made available to the public at the Somerset West, Paarl, Grabouw, Tulbagh, Betty's Bay and Cape Town Public Libraries and on the project website (www.tmg-aquifer.co.za) from 12 August 2004.
- All registered interested and affected parties (I&APs) (see list in Appendix G) were informed of the lodging of the Draft Scoping Report and the Public Meetings by means of letters posted on 28 July 2004 (see Appendix G). Copies of the Executive Summary were sent to all registered I&APs in their preferred language on 12 August 2004 (see letter in Appendix G).
- Copies of the Draft Scoping Report were provided to the Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning (DEA&DP), Heritage Western Cape (HWC) and CapeNature (previously Western Cape Nature Conservation Board).
- A public meeting was held at Stellenbosch University on Saturday 21 August 2004, where the findings of the Draft Scoping Report were presented to the public and an opportunity for feedback was provided. A total of 13 I&APs attended the Public Meeting. The minutes were distributed to the various attendees on 25 August 2004. A copy of the minutes from the Public Meeting is included in Appendix G.
- The public had the opportunity to submit any written comments to Ninham Shand by 20 September 2004 (extended from 3 September 2004 due to requests from various key stakeholder groups). A total of 13 comments were received, which are included in Appendix G.
- All comments received, including the proponent and Ninham Shand's responses thereto, have been summarised in the Issues Trail (Appendix G).

Updating of the Draft Scoping Report

Based on comments received from I&APs and the process following the lodging of the Draft Scoping Report, updating the report to the Final Scoping Report has entailed the following:

- Cognisance was taken of all comments when finalising the Scoping Report, and in responding to these comments various changes to the body of the report were required. In order for I&APs to easily track the changes made, all changes made to the Draft

Scoping Report have been underlined in the Final Scoping Report.

- Appendix C has been updated through the inclusion of an additional letter to landowners.
- Appendix G has been updated through the inclusion of new or amended documents, namely: an updated I&AP list, an additional letter to I&APs, the additional public meeting minutes, an updated issues trail and all additional comments received.
- The monitoring framework has been included as Appendix K.
- Additional TSS maps showing farm boundaries, tracks, footpaths and rivers have been included as Appendix L.

The Draft Scoping Report has been updated to a Final Scoping Report through the incorporation of various changes to the body of the report (all underlined text), the additions to Appendices C and G, and the addition of Appendices K and L.

The Way Forward

The way forward with regard to the scoping process for this project is as follows:

- The Final Scoping Report has been submitted to the City of Cape Town for their consideration.
- On the basis of the findings of the Final Scoping Report, as well as financial and technical considerations, the City of Cape Town will decide which TSSs they wish to apply for and will submit the report, together with a letter motivating their selection, to DEA&DP.
- DEA&DP will thereafter Issue a Record of Decision in which it may authorise some or all of the target site sub areas (TSSs) applied for, refuse authorisation for all of the sites, or indicate that further information is required in order to make an informed decision.

It should be noted that once a Record of Decision has been issued, all identified interested and affected parties (I&APs) on the database will be notified. I&APs will have a 30-day opportunity in which to appeal against DEA&DP's decision to the Provincial MEC of the Environment in terms of the Environment Conservation Act.

Ninham Shand would like to thank all those who have participated in this scoping process to date.

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