

NEWSLETTER

UPDATE ON THE PROPOSED N21 (R300) CAPE TOWN RING ROAD TOLL PROJECT ENVIRONMENTAL PROCESS

Dear Interested and Affected Party,

As there has been a delay in commencing the next phase of the environmental process (the EIA phase), we are distributing this newsletter to update you on the process.

During August and September 2000 an opportunity was given to Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) to comment on the Draft Scoping Report. The comments received were compiled into an Addendum Report and submitted to the Department of Environment, Cultural Affairs and Sport (DECAS), and the national Department of Environmental Affairs and Tourism (DEAT).

The report suggested that the next phase of the environmental investigation would need to include the following detailed specialist studies as raised by the I&APs:

- Traffic
- Vegetation
- Ornithology
- Herpetology
- Wetlands and Riverine Ecology
- Geohydrology
- Planning/Legal
- Visual
- Archaeology
- Air pollution

Since the beginning of the year, a number of meetings have been held with the environmental authorities to discuss the Scoping Report and the way forward. In principal, it has been agreed that the EIA phase commence starting with the completion and submission of the Plan of Study for the EIA to DECAS and DEAT.

As a parallel process, Penway need to consult with the various transport authorities to ensure a consolidated view on how to take this proposal forward.

Currently, SANRAL, are reviewing the specialist studies necessary and the suggested team.

It is anticipated that the EIA study will commence in May 2001, at which time the I&APs will be engaged for their further comment.

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