

## **PROPOSED N21 (R300) CAPE TOWN RING ROAD**

### **FOCUS GROUP MEETING: AUTHORITIES**

**DATE:** 14<sup>th</sup> November 2003  
**TIME:** 10h15 – 11h15  
**VENUE:** SANRAL Offices, Parc du Cap, Bellville  
**FACILITATOR:** Desiree du Preez

#### **1. ATTENDANCE**

<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>ORGANISATION</b>
H Germishuys	Department of Agriculture: Western Cape
P Venter	Penway Consortium
N Daly	SANRAL
T van Schalkwyk	GMKS
D du Preez	Chand Ecosense JV
E Herschell	Chand Ecosense JV

#### **2. INTRODUCTION**

D du Preez thanked those present for attending the meeting. She stated that the aim of this meeting was to present the proposed alignment to Mr Germishuys, to answer his queries and to record any concerns that he, as a representative of the Department of Agriculture, may have.

T van Schalkwyk presented the alignment to Mr Germishuys, and indicated areas that could be of concern to the Department of Agriculture. These included the Philippi Horticultural Area and the farms/vineyards in the north.

#### **4. DISCUSSION**

D Du Preez asked if Mr Germishuys had any questions or concerns.

<b>I&amp;AP</b>	<b>COMMENT/ QUESTION</b>	<b>PROJECT TEAM</b>	<b>RESPONSE/COMMENT/ QUESTION</b>	<b>ACTION</b>
H Germishuys	Philippi is considered a unique agricultural area, not necessarily because it is of high agricultural value – it does not have high potential soils. It does offer	D d Preez	Noted. Yes, there are. Places such as Varkensvlei, and the implications of the road project are being considered with the City of Cape Town.	

	important spinoffs such as employment. Are there not a few nature reserves in this area?			
H Germishuys	Sector 3, however, is a very good area for agriculture.	P Venter	The farmers in this area were not satisfied with the original proposed alignment. We have consulted with all of them and have adjusted at least 30 % of the alignment so as to meet as many farmers' requirements as possible. The minutes of these meetings are available.	
H Germishuys	Have you got these maps in a 1:10 000 format? We get a better perspective of contours and drainage from this type of map.	P Venter	We don't. We only have 1: 20 000 and 1:30 000. We have aerial maps. We could set up a meeting with the engineers to discuss these issues in detail. From there, how would your process work?	TvS
H Germishuys	We provide comment to the municipality. The municipality then gives approval.	P Venter	Do you consult with the farmers?	
H Germishuys	Yes, usually a negative comment would result from the proposal cutting off 3ha of farmland. Our purpose is	D du Preez	Note that Penway is hoping that farmers will consolidate (swop) their land.	

	not to let farmland get too small – depending on the type of agriculture it is used for.			
H Germishuys	Yes, that would be first prize.	D du Preez	What are the necessary climatic conditions for growing vineyards?	
H Germishuys	Good soil, specific temperatures. This is a very good area for vines.	D du Preez	SEE GREEN BELOW	
H Germishuys	What about access to farms?	T van Schalkwyk	This is a high order road. There would not be a lot of on and off ramps, but the farmers and engineers have worked this out together. We would provide for underpasses and structures for drainage.	
H Germishuys	Yes, drainage is very important. In this process, are you consulting each department individually? What about planning and nature conservation (province)?	P Venter	Yes, we are consulting the relevant departments. Also, traffic and public works. Please could your department forward to us (within 30 days) a letter of formal comment with regard to this proposal?	
H Germishuys	Yes.			<b>HG</b>

## 5. CONCLUSION

After ascertaining that there were no more comments or queries, D du Preez closed the meeting at 11h15.

D du Preez	Verander nie op 'n klein skaal.
H Germishuys	Grond wissel baie; in die area is dit nie

	so groot verskil; in daardie omgewing.
D du Preez	Boere se beplanning – in een area.
H Germishuys	In die algemeen ... goeie wingerd area. Na van die N7 af – moet
P Venter	Ja, Set plan study – uitbreiding van plaas. pad oogpunt, so klein gedeelte van die land.