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Dear Stakeholder,

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR AN ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION AND WATER USE LICENCE FOR THE PROPOSED
WILDEBOSCH ROAD EXTENSION TO TRUMALI STREET IN STELLENBOSCH, WESTERN CAPE**

DEA&DP REF: 16/3/3/6/7/1/B4/45/1342/23 | DWS REF: WU34262

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS – AVAILABILITY OF DRAFT BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORT (BAR) AND WATER USE LICENCE
APPLICATION (WULA) FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

Zutari hereby gives notice in terms of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2014, under the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No.107 of 1998) (NEMA), and the National Water Act, 1998 (No. 36 of 1998) (NWA), that the Stellenbosch Local Municipality (the Applicant), under the Department of Roads and Stormwater, intends to develop a new road in the Paradyskloof area, Stellenbosch. The project would include an extension of Wildebosch Road and upgrading of Trumali Street. The proposed road works trigger activities listed under the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014 and water uses under Section 21 of the NWA. Therefore, an Environmental Authorisation and a Water Use License are required for the project.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Wildebosch extension forms part of the Provincial Proclaimed Main Road 169. The extension of Wildebosch commences at Paradyskloof Road where a small portion of road reserve exists (Erf RE/16527) and traverses the farmland (RE/369) in a north-easterly direction to meet the existing Trumali Street, currently a surfaced narrow access road for the Paradyskloof Water Treatment Works. The primary objective of the development is to provide an alternative road alignment to the recently constructed Schuilplaats Road which aligns to the Western Cape Government, Department of Infrastructure's (WCG) R44 Access Management Strategy project, where closure of several intersections onto the R44 have been, and will be, implemented. The phased implementation of the Paradyskloof-Trumali Street portion would have immediate benefits due to current access restrictions on the R44 and proposed residential developments in the area.

Zutari (Pty) Ltd has been appointed as the independent Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) to apply for an Environmental Authorisation and a Water Use Licence for this project. The activities that trigger the need for a Basic Assessment process in terms of Regulations 983 and 985 of 2014, and for the authorisation of water use activities in terms of Section 21 of the NWA, are as follows:

LOCATION

The proposed road alignment, as can be seen in the attached maps, would be situated on various properties in Stellenbosch, within Paradyskloof and Brandwacht, within the jurisdiction of the Stellenbosch Local Municipality, Cape Winelands District in the Western Cape. The larger Stellenbosch area is situated approximately 50 km east of Cape Town and bordered by the N1 route on the north and N2 route on the south.

Legislation	Activities
GN R982 of 2014 (EIA Regulations) GN R983 of 2014 (Listing Notice 1: BA activities)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Activity 12: The development of— (i) dams or weirs, where the dam or weir, including infrastructure and water surface area, exceeds 100 square metres; or (ii) infrastructure or structures with a physical footprint of 100 square metres or more; where such development occurs— (a) within a watercourse. Activity 19: The infilling or depositing of any material of more than 10 cubic metres into, or the dredging, excavation, removal or moving of soil, sand, shells, shell grit, pebbles or rock of more than 10 cubic metres from – (i) a watercourse. Activity 24: The development of a road— (i) for which an environmental authorisation was obtained for the route determination in terms of activity 5 in Government Notice 387 of 2006 or activity 18 in Government Notice 545 of 2010; or (ii) with a reserve wider than 13,5 meters, or where no reserve exists where the road is wider than 8 metres. Activity 56: The widening of a road by more than 6 metres.
GN R982 of 2014 (EIA Regulations) GN R985 of 2014 (Listing Notice 3: Provincial BA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Activity 12: The clearance of an area of 300 square meters or more of indigenous vegetation except where such clearance of indigenous vegetation is required for maintenance purposes undertaken in accordance with a maintenance management plan. (i). Western Cape (i). Within any critically endangered or endangered ecosystem listed in terms of section 52 of the NEMBA or prior



activities)	<p>to the publication of such a list, within an area that has been identified as critically endangered in the National Spatial Biodiversity Assessment 2004; (ii). Within critical biodiversity areas identified in bioregional plans.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activity 14: The development of - (i) dams or weirs, where the dam or weir, including infrastructure and water surface area exceeds 10 square metres; or (ii) infrastructure or structures with a physical footprint of 10 square metres or more; where such development occurs— (a) within a watercourse; i. Western Cape i. Outside urban areas: (aa) A protected area identified in terms of NEMPAA, excluding conservancies. • Activity 18: The widening of a road by more than 4 metres, or the lengthening of a road by more than 1 kilometre. (i). Western Cape (i). Areas zoned for use as public open space or equivalent zoning; (ii). All areas outside urban areas:(aa) Areas containing indigenous vegetation.
National Water Act, 1998 (Act No. 36 of 1998) (NWA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Section 21 (c): Impeding or diverting the flow of water in a watercourse. • Section 21 (i): Altering the bed, banks, courses, or characteristics of a watercourse. • Section 21 (j): Removing, discharging or disposing of water found underground if it is necessary of the efficient continuation of an activity or for the safety of the people.

The purpose of this letter is to notify you, as an identified commenting authority or stakeholder/ interested and affected party (I&AP), of the availability of the Draft Basic Assessment Report (BAR) and the Water Use Licence Application (WULA), and to request your comment, in the case of a commenting authority, or, in the case of stakeholders/ I&APs, any concerns or comments you would like to see considered in this assessment process (in accordance with the requirements of the EIA regulations and NWA).

OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE

The First Draft of the Basic Assessment Report is available on the project web page at this link: <https://www.zutari.com/wildebosch-road-extension/> and in a hard copy at the Stellenbosch Public Library.

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BASIC ASSESSMENT REGISTRATION PROCESS: THURSDAY, 26 SEPTEMBER 2024 TO MONDAY, 28 OCTOBER 2024 (30 DAYS FOR THE FIRST DRAFT BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORT (BAR))	
WATER USE LICENCE REGISTRATION PROCESS: THURSDAY, 26 SEPTEMBER 2024 TO WEDNESDAY, 27 NOVEMBER 2024 (60 DAYS FOR THE WATER USE LICENCE APPLICATION (WULA))	
IMPORTANT NOTE: PLEASE INDICATE CLEARLY IN YOUR COMMENT WHETHER IT IS FOR THE BAR OR THE WULA	

HOW TO SUBMIT YOUR COMMENTS / CONCERNS

Please use the URL link above to access the online form and complete the questions provided. Clicking the submit button at the end of the form will save your inputs and make them available to Zutari to incorporate them into the Final Comments and Responses Report. Should you prefer, you are welcome to email your comments to PPP@zutari.com.

Yours faithfully,



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A1	Crosses Portions 7647/13435/16527	33°57'54.4"S 18°51'36.48"E
A2	Portions 16527	33°57'52.92"S 18°51'39.85"E
A3	Crosses Portions 16527 and Farm Portion 369	33°57'50.71"S 18°51'42.64"E
A4	Farm 369	33°57'47.98"S 18°51'44.62"E
A5	Farm 369	33°57'44.81"S 18°51'44.98"E
A6	Farm 369	33°57'41.83"S 18°51'43.65"E
A7	Farm 369	33°57'38.94"S 18°51'42.05"E
A8	Farm 369	33°57'35.78"S 18°51'42.43"E
A9	Farm 369	33°57'32.85"S 18°51'44"E
B1	Farm 369	33°57'30.82"S 18°51'43.99"E
B2	Farm 369	33°57'29.99"S 18°51'40.27"E
B3	Farm 369	33°57'29.1"S 18°51'36.56"E

LEGEND

WILDEBOSCH ROAD EXTENSION
(PREFERRED OPTION A)

POINTS EVERY 100M

- A
- B

BASE DATA

- MAIN ROADS
- WETLANDS
- PARENT FARMS
- FARM PORTIONS
- FARM PORTION INTERSECTED
- ERF
- ERF INTERSECTED



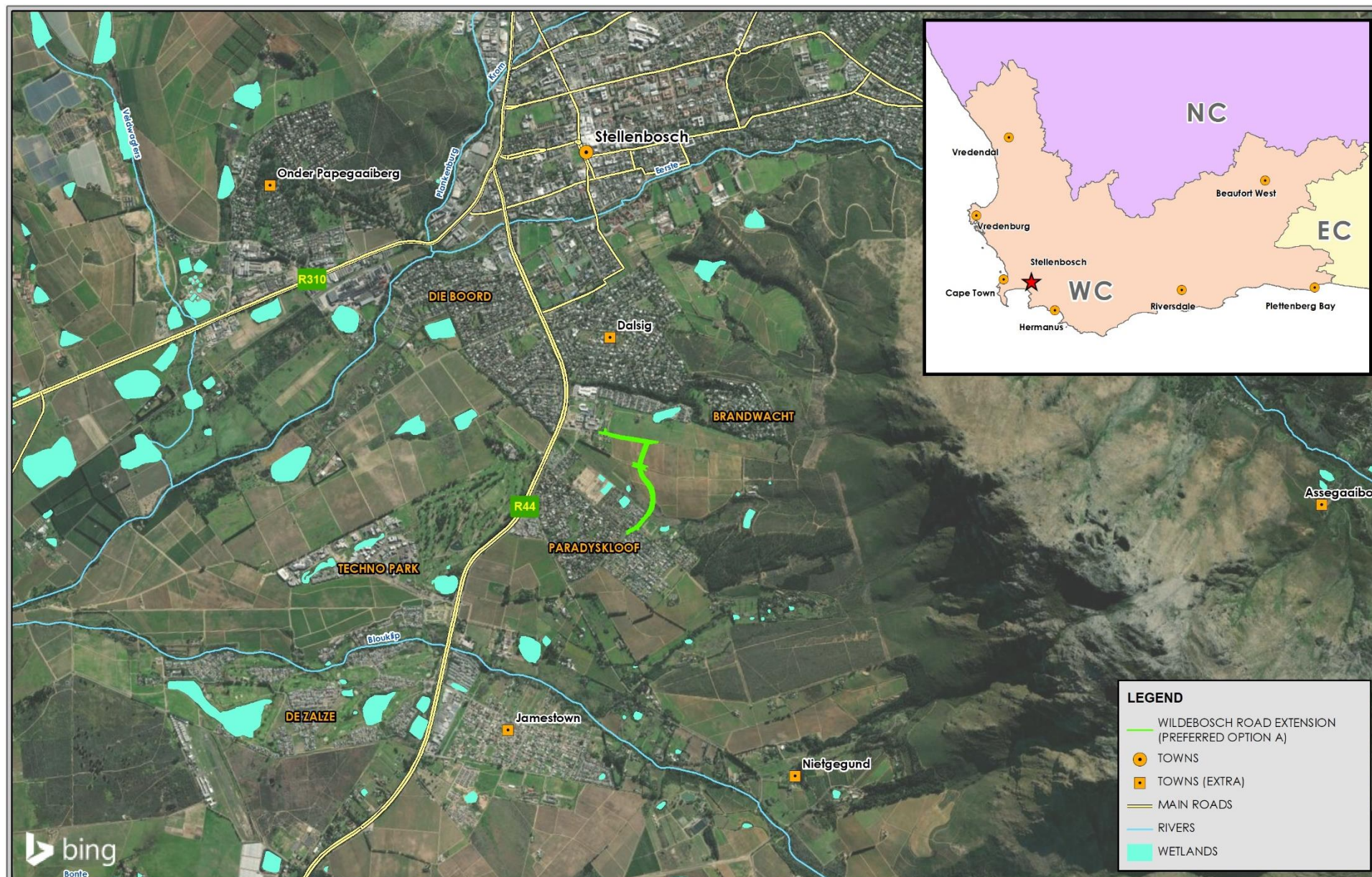
WILDEBOSCH ROAD
EXTENSION TO
TRUMALI ROAD
- Site Development Plan -

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WILDEBOSCH ROAD EXTENSION TO TRUMALI ROAD - Locality Map -

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