



Date: 16 February 2024

To:

Identified (potential) Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs)

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR AN ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION AND WATER USE LICENCE APPLICATIONS FOR THE PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF BRIDGES IN PEARSTON, BLUE CRANE ROUTE MUNICIPALITY

INVITATION TO REGISTER AS I&APs

Dear Sir/Madam

Gilgal Development Consulting Engineers has been appointed by Blue Crane Route Municipality for the Construction of Khanyiso Bridge (70m Length and 6m Wide) and Nelsig Pedestrian Bridge (40m Length) in Pearston. Gilgal appointed Abantu Environmental Services as the Environmental Assessment Practitioner for the project. The proposed upgrades require an Environmental Authorization (EA) prior to construction commencement. The municipality is applying for environmental authorizations for the proposed development and upgrades. Activities triggered by this proposed project will require Basic Assessments as per NEMA, 1998. A WULA (**WU35200**) has been lodged to DWS for section 21 (c) and (i) water uses.

Abantu Environmental Services wishes to inform (potential) interested and affected parties of the subject line mentioned applications by the municipality and to invite you to register as an I&AP during this pre-application public participation window from 16 February - 17 March 2024.

Listed Activities

The following NEMA Regulations listed activities are triggered.

Listing Notice 1 (GNR No. 327) Activity No. 12 (i) (a) (c)	Listing Notice 3 (GNR No. 324) Activity No. 14 (ii)(a)(c) a.i. (ff)
Listing Notice 1 (GNR No. 327) Activity No. 19	Listing Notice 3 (GNR No. 324) Activity No. 23 (ii)(a)(c) a.i (ee)

Project scope include but not limited to:

Nelsig bridge (80 sq. m)

- The bridge use to be a pedestrian bridge connecting Nelsig township to the Pearston small Central Business District (CBD) and over the past years it collapsed due to structural deterioration issues, amongst others.
- Therefore, a new ~ 40 m x 2 m pedestrian bridge will be constructed to maintain the connectivity between the township and the CBD
- The bridge will be constructed on a tributary of the Voel River

Khanyiso bridge (420 sq. m)

- The bridge is presently a low-pass and single carriage structure with a pedestrian raised over-pass component alongside
- The structure will be upgraded into a 70m Length and 6m wide bridge
- It traverses the Voel river and connects the Khanyiso township to the CBD and National Route R63 via Hoof Street



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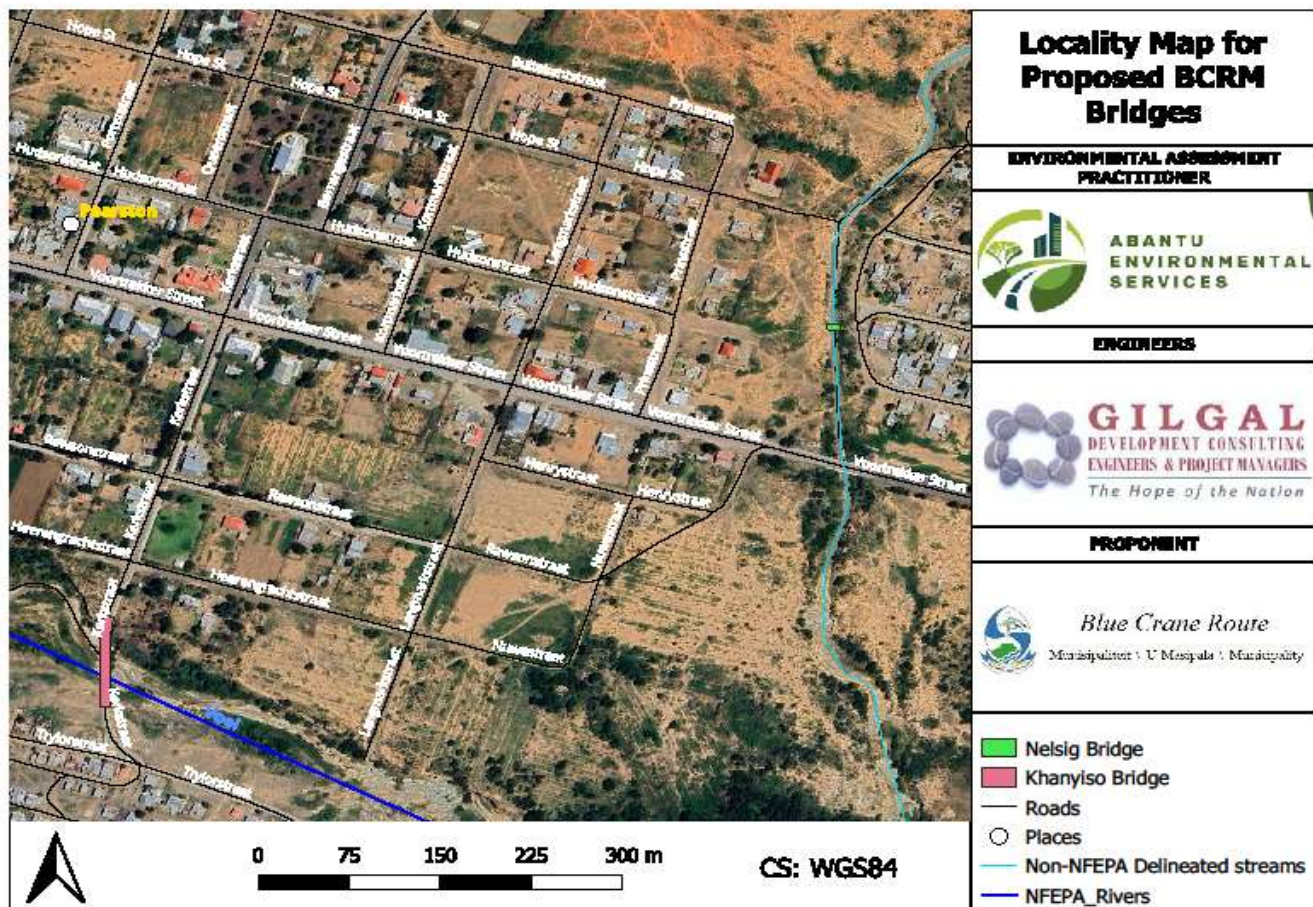


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General works

- Clearing the site and stripping of topsoil
- Earthworks; cut and fill, cart to spoil, bolder and rock excavations
- Road bed preparation over the affected minor portions of the connecting roads, rip and compact 150 mm of in-situ material to form subgrade;
- Rock-fill to raise road on flood plain where necessary
- Construction of G6/G5 gravel wearing course to a thickness of 150 mm
- Construction of open drains for storm water
- Trench excavation for storm water pipes and other storm water drainage structures
- Laying, bedding, jointing, testing and backfilling of culverts pipes
- Construction of culvert inlet boxes, headwalls, and other ancillary structures where required
- Filling abutments of wing walls with G6/G7 material
- Construction of concrete ditch drains and stone pitching to channel water away from the pavement





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CS: WGS84

Nelsig Bridge locality Map for Proposed BCRM Bridges

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Figure 1. Locality map of the proposed bridges
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When the draft Basic Assessment Report (DBAR) and WULA are available for public comment, stakeholders and registered I&APs will be invited to lodge written comments regarding the proposed application and reports. The reports will be available for review and comment for 30 (thirty) days at convenient venues which will be indicated. The reports will also be available on the Abantu Environmental Services website (www.abantuenvironmental.co.za) and electronic copies will be made available on request. Stakeholders may register by completing the registration and comment sheet enclosed with this letter.

Conclusion and contact information

We would like to encourage you to actively participate in the process. We are available to respond to any questions you may have or to provide you with more information. To register as Interested and Affected Party (I&AP), please complete registration form and return it to our office. The period for the registration is effective from the date of receipt of this form until the end of the comment period, which is to be communicated in due course.

Yours Sincerely

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I&AP REGISTRATION FORM

BASIC ASSESSMENT AND WULA FOR THE PROPOSED UPGRADES OF NILSIG AND KHANYISO BRIDGES

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