



NOTIFICATION OF APPLICATION FOR A MAINTENANCE MANAGEMENT PLAN (MMP) AND A WATER USE LICENCE FOR THE PROPOSED STORMWATER AND EROSION CONTROL MEASURES FOR THE DWARS, BREEDE, WITELS, AND TITUS RIVERS AS WELL AS VARIOUS TRIBUTARIES IN CERES WITHIN THE WITZENBERG MUNICIPALITY, WESTERN CAPE PROVINCE.

Notice is hereby given in terms of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2014, under the National Environmental Management Act (No. 107 of 1998) ("NEMA"), that the Witzenberg Municipality proposes the implementation of stormwater and erosion control measures for the Dwars, Breede, Witels, and Titus Rivers as well as various tributaries in Ceres within the Witzenberg Municipality in the Western Cape Province. Additionally, the municipality is applying for a Water Use License (WUL) (application ref. number: **WU34245**) in terms of Section 41 (4) of the National Water Act (No. 36 of 1998) ("NWA") for the water use activities that will be triggered by the proposed maintenance and management activities. The nature and location of the proposed works trigger Listed Activities in terms of the EIA Regulations (i.e., Listing Notice 1 and 3) of 2014 (GN R982 of 2014) and Section 21 (c) & (i) water uses in terms of the NWA. Hence, an Environmental Authorisation (EA) and a WUL are required. However, it is to be noted that the triggered Listed Activities in terms of the NEMA EIA Regulations of 2014 exclude cases where the activity is triggered for maintenance purposes undertaken in accordance with an MMP, for which we are applying.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Zutari (Pty) Ltd was appointed by the Witzenberg Municipality to provide services to compile an MMP for the Dwars, Breede, Witels, and Titus Rivers as well as various tributaries in Ceres, in the Cape Winelands District Municipality of the Western Cape Province. The proposed maintenance project mainly involves maintenance of culverts and stormwater management structures, riverbed and bank erosion control.

Given the proximity of the proposed maintenance activities within proximity to numerous inland aquatic ecosystems, the proposed project constitutes Section 21 (c) and (i) 'water uses', thus requiring a WUL from the Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS). The trigger of the identified NEMA EIA listed activities in line with the extent of the proposed works motivates that a MMP will be required for the proposed interventions along the identified rivers in Ceres. This will also allow future repair work without having to apply for approval again from the relevant authority.

LOCATION

The project is located within the town of Ceres, within the Witzenberg Municipality in the Western Cape Province. The proposed maintenance and management activities are proposed within and along the Dwars, Breede, Witels, and Titus rivers. The project falls within the H10C quaternary catchment of the Breede Gouritz Water Management Area (WMA).

PROPOSED WATER USE Legislation	Activities
National Water Act, (Act No. 36 of 1998)	Section 21 (c): Impeding or diverting the flow of water in a watercourse
	Section 21 (i): Altering the bed, banks, course, or characteristics of a watercourse



OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE

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**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: THURSDAY, 29 AUGUST 2024 TO MONDAY, 30 SEPTEMBER 2024
(FOR THE MMP), I&APS HAVE 60 DAYS TO COMMENT ON THE WATER USES UNTIL
THURSDAY, 31 OCTOBER 2024.**

The MMP is available for download at <https://geoverse.zutari.com/portal/apps/experiencebuilder/experience/?id=4d33b6849803459497b7d57b17138943>