

2026/02/20

Dear Stakeholder,

NOTICE OF SECOND ROUND OF PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE FINAL DRAFT BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORT 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

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), that the Stellenbosch Local Municipality (the Applicant), under the Department of Roads and Stormwater, proposes to develop a road alignment between the suburbs of Paradyskloof and Brandwacht at Stellenbosch. The project would include an extension of Wildebosch Road and the upgrading of Trumali Street. The proposed road works trigger activities listed under the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014; therefore, an Environmental Authorisation is required for the project.

Zutari (Pty) Ltd has been appointed for full professional services as the Design Engineer and an Independent Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) to apply for Environmental Authorisation for this project.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The initial 30-day comment period for the Draft BAR commenced on Thursday, 26 September 2024 and concluded on Monday, 28 October 2024. Comments received during this period have been included in the Comment and Response Report (CRR), attached as Appendix F of the Final Draft BAR.

In addition to the first round of public comment on the Draft BAR, the registered Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) are given another 30-days to comment on this Final Draft BAR before it is submitted to the Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning (DEA&DP) for review and decision making.

Comments on the Final Draft Basic Assessment Report can be submitted for 30 days between Friday, 20 February 2026 and Tuesday, 24 March 2026.

Please note that your comment on the BAR will become public information.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The extension of Wildebosch commences at Paradyskloof Road, where a small portion of road reserve exists (Erf RE/16527) and traverses the farmland (Erf 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.

According to the Council approved Comprehensive Integrated Transport Plan (CITP), the extension of the Wildebosch Road to Trumali Street is a progressive step in the implementation of a long-term planned road network. This is also supported in the Roads Master Plan (RMP).

As a result of the WCG R44 Access Management strategy, closure of several intersections onto the R44 have been and will be implemented; specifically, where Paradyskloof Road onto the R44 was upgraded and turning restrictions were implemented. Thus, the phased implementation of the Paradyskloof-Trumali Street portion of Wildebosch Road extension will have immediate benefits in providing access to Paradyskloof and proposed residential developments in the Paradyskloof area as a result of these access restrictions on the R44.

PROJECT 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, in 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 the N2 route on the south.



LISTED ACTIVITIES

Listed Activities in GN No. 984 of 2014 (Listing Notice 2) require authorisation through a Scoping and EIA process, whilst those listed in GN No. 983 (Listing Notice 1) and GN No. 985 (Listing Notice 3) of 2014 require a Basic Assessment (unless they are being assessed under a Scoping and EIA process).

The project triggers activities listed under Listing Notice 1 and Listing Notice 2 of 2014; therefore, it would require authorisation through a Basic Assessment process in terms of the EIA Regulations, 2014, and these activities are shown below:

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 activities)	<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 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.• 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.

OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE

The purpose of this letter is to notify you, as an identified commenting authority or registered interested and affected party (I&AP), of the availability of the Final Draft Basic Assessment Report (BAR) and to request any comments you would like to see considered in this Basic Assessment process (in accordance with the requirements of the EIA Regulations).

The Final Draft of the Basic Assessment Report is available on the project web page at this link:

https://www.zutari.com/ppp_finalbar_wildebosch_road_extension/

Comments on the Final Draft Basic Assessment Report can be submitted for 30 days between Friday, 20 February 2026 and Tuesday, 24 March 2026.

To register as an Interested and Affected Party (I&AP) or to submit further comments on the Final Draft BAR, please do so in writing by sending your comments to:

	PPP@zutari.com
	PO Box 494, 8000, Cape Town, South Africa
SECOND ROUND OF PUBLIC COMMENT ON FINAL DRAFT BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORT: FRIDAY, 20 FEBRUARY 2026 AND TUESDAY, 24 MARCH 2026 (30 DAYS)	

Yours faithfully,



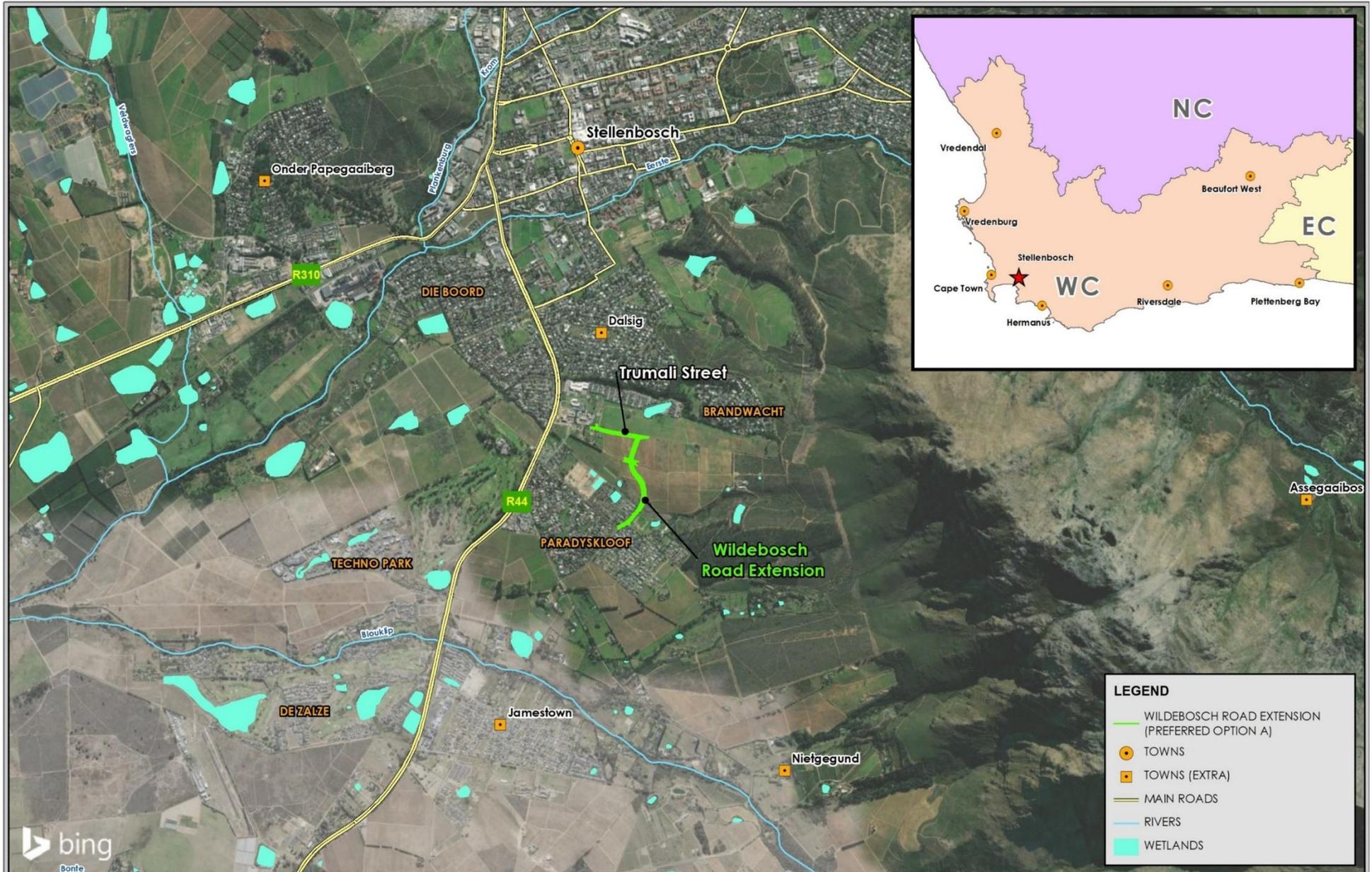
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Environmental Assessment Practitioner

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**WILDEBOSCH ROAD
EXTENSION TO
TRUMALI STREET**
- Locality Map -

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LEGEND

- WILDEBOSCH ROAD EXTENSION (PREFERRED OPTION A)
- TOWNS
- TOWNS (EXTRA)
- MAIN ROADS
- RIVERS
- WETLANDS





LEGEND

- WILDEBOSCH ROAD EXTENSION (PREFERRED OPTION A)

BASE DATA

- MAIN ROADS
- ERF
- FARM PORTION
- PARENT FARM

WILDEBOSCH ROAD EXTENSION TO TRUMALI STREET
- Affected Properties -

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