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Interested and Affected Parties / Property Owners

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Dear Sir / Madam

PROPOSED UPGRADE, CONSTRUCTION OF ROADS, AND RELOCATION OF PIPELINE WITHIN KUNGWINI AND EKURHULENI MUNICIPALITIES, GAUTENG

Our previous correspondence in the above-mentioned regard refers.

Since our previous correspondence, alternative alignment options have been explored with the applicant, Gautrans. An alternative alignment has been agreed with Gautrans and the project engineers, Viaplan. This route will follow the existing gravel road more closely, and would have the following advantages:

- It would avoid the environmentally sensitive ridge and red-data plant habitat, thus also resulting in less extensive rock cuttings;
- It would avoid three identified archaeological sites that would have been affected by the original alignment;
- The route is 500m shorter, resulting in a significant cost saving;
- The Petronet pipeline would not need to be relocated; and
- High approach embankments at the bridge approaches are avoided.

The scoping report is being written based on this new alignment, which stands a much better chance of being authorised by the Gauteng Department of Agriculture Conservation and Environment (GDACE), due to its less significant environmental impacts. You will be informed of the outcome of the Record of Decision (RoD), once GDACE has issued the RoD.

You are welcome to contact us, should you have any queries regarding the proposed development.

Yours sincerely

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