



## **NOTICE OF AMENDMENT TO CONTRACT NO. PSC.2012/002**

In terms of the Municipal Finance Management Act, Section 116(3)(b) (i) and (ii), notice is hereby given for the proposed amendment to the Period of Performance and Contract Authority for Professional Services Contract No. PSC.2012/002.

### **Contract Details are given below:**

#### **1. Contract Name:**

Professional Services Contract for the Central and South Coastal Wastewater Treatment Works: Civil and Electro-mechanical Engineering Design and Construction Supervision for Treatment Works Upgrades.

#### **2. Award:**

Awarded on 2012-05-21 to BKS (Pty) Ltd, now Aecom SA (Pty) Ltd following a tender process whereby four (4) pre-qualified professional service providers were invited to tender on selected projects involving specialised engineering design work relating to the upgrades and extensions of existing wastewater treatment facilities within the eThekweni Area.

#### **3. Contract Authority:**

Current (original) contract authority amount is R 16 806 791,59 including escalation and contingencies to be increased by R 6 722 716,64 to R 23 529 508,23 (VAT excluded).

#### **4. Reasons for Amendment:**

At the time of the tender acceptance, the Department felt that it was prudent to first undertake investigative work prior to commencement of any design work, in order to determine certain critical process parameters relating to the digestion and disposal of the sludge. As the investigations required at least ten months of effluent sampling and laboratory trials, a decision was taken in conjunction with the Service Provider to delay the start of the contract. This arrangement suited the Service Provider, who at the time was engaged in the completion of other projects.

Following satisfactory completion of the trials, a kick-off meeting was held with the Service Provider on 2013-05-08, this being the official start date of the contract.

The bulk of the work contained within the overall professional services contract scope related to an extensive upgrade of the Southern Wastewater Treatment Works. This necessitated completion of a full Environmental Impact Assessment study by a specialist sub-consultant, appointed through the main consultant. Following the invitation and evaluation of bids for this work, the environmental sub-consultant was appointed on 2013-09-19.





Due to the project having numerous triggers in terms of the National Environmental Management Act (1998), the Environmental Practitioner estimated it would take approximately 18 months, from start of process, for approval to be received in terms of the environmental authorization process. To date, this process is approximately 70 % complete due to various delays experienced and it is now estimated that the Record of Decision from the National Department of Environmental Affairs is only likely to be received early December 2015.

In addition, the very stringent environmental requirements relating to the upgrade of the Southern Wastewater Treatment Works (located in the South Durban Basin) have called for various mitigation measures to be put in place, and in order for these to be implemented, additional construction work would need to be completed. The implication is that the estimated construction duration would therefore require extending from 20 months to 30 months, with a corresponding estimated increase in professional services fees of 40 % to cover the increase in the project scope.

Taking into consideration the tentative date for receipt of the environmental authorization and allowing for the estimated duration for the solicitation and evaluation of bids, it is expected that work under the civil and electro-mechanical construction contracts can commence early in June 2016 and be completed early December 2018.

As it is standard practice for professional services contracts to be active until completion of the construction contract/s, it will therefore be necessary to amend the period of performance for Professional Services Contract PSC.2012/002 from 36 months to 67 months, with the corresponding amended completion date being 2018-12-31.

#### 5. Contact Persons:

Affected parties must submit their representations in writing no later than 2015-08-21, addressed to Mr. Iain Bell (for the City Manager), 6th Floor, City Engineers Building, 166 KE Masinga Road, Durban.

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