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DREDGING NEWS # 11

Dear POMA Clients and Stakeholders,

In the previous edition of “Dredging News” it was stated that dredging of the Port Owen Waterways would re-commence on the 9th of January 2023. This has not happened.

The Berg River Estuary is a complex and delicate environment, and every care must be taken to mitigate environmental risk. During dredging, POMA is required to monitor the quality of the river water and the dredging slurry. The following parameters are to be measured:

- Chemical Oxygen Demand (COD),
- Dissolved Oxygen (DO),
- Turbidity,
- Suspended Solids,
- pH,
- Temperature.

The **Instruments** required to measure these parameters have been sourced but have not yet been delivered (unfortunately, we were not able to begin the procurement process until the final permits were received and the analytical requirements were clear). The suppliers of the required instruments have agreed to supply equipment “on loan” until the instruments we have purchased are delivered.

A **Technical Assistant** who will conduct the necessary analyses has been recruited and will commence working on the 1st of February 2023 together with a **Dredging Assistant**.

It is now anticipated that dredging will begin on the 1st of February 2023.

We shall keep you posted.

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