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reservoirs. Phase 1 of the amended route now travels along the N3 from Umlaas Road, through Cato Ridge, and terminates at Inchanga Station. Phase 2 runs from Inchanga Station through areas that are being developed such as Hillcrest and Kloof.

Another minor amendment to the route in Phase 1 occurred when a Red Data frog species was identified in a wetland which had been targeted for construction near Cato Ridge. The pipeline was diverted by 300 m and the jacking pits, already set up on the site, were abandoned.

The greatest impact of the works is going to be felt by residents in the more developed areas during Phase 2. Rodrigues notes that these engineering and construction aspects, as well as municipal logistics, will be more challenging than Phase 1, and that this is regarded by everyone involved in the project as one of the top points of attention.

“The impact on the urban environment that the pipeline traverses will be high and, inevitably, residents and commuters along those routes will be inconvenienced. A lot of attention is going into mitigating this impact with focus on public relations and communications. A lot of work went into encouraging communities to attend meetings during the EIA but the full realisation of the impact of the works will only be felt towards the end 2010 or the beginning of 2011 when construction commences.”