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Dear Sir/Madam

9 July 2024

NOTICE OF BASIC ASSESSMENT PROCESS - PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF A RESIDENTIAL ESTATE ON ERF 325 THEESCOMBE, GQEBERHA, NELSON MANDELA BAY METROPOLITAN MUNICIPALITY

In terms of the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014: as amended by NEMA EIA Regulations (2017): GN R327, 325 and 324 promulgated on 07 April 2017, under Chapter 5 of the National Environmental Management Act (as amended), you have been identified as an Interested and/or Affected Party (I&AP) for the above-mentioned project.

This serves as notification that a Basic Assessment process is being conducted on behalf of the applicant, CGS Property Trust, for the Development of Erf 325, Theescombe in Nelson Mandela Bay. The applicant intends to utilise the site for the development of a residential estate and associated supporting infrastructure, as well as the installation of the required services.

In terms of regulation 55 (1) (b) of Government Notice GN R326 interested and affected parties are to request in writing that their names be placed on the register of interested and affected parties. In order to register on the database, complete the comment and registration form attached to this correspondence or submit your contact details (via fax, email or the website – www.easemp.co.za) stating your full name, address and contact numbers. Also state any interest that you may have in this matter. By registering on the project database, you will be notified as and when information on the project is available. The registration date commences on 9 July 2024 and ends on 12 August 2024.

To assist you in the submission of issues and concerns we have included with this correspondence a Background Information Document, Locality Map and a Comment Form. Project information can be accessed through the website www.easemp.co.za. Should you have any queries or require additional information please contact Ms Lea Jacobs using the contact details provided below. Once you have registered as an I&AP, you will be notified when the Basic Assessment Report is available for public review, which should provide the full scope of the project and all related activities.

NOTE: You are required to register as an I&AP in order to receive further correspondence regarding the Basic Assessment. In order to comply with Act No. 4 of 2013: Protection of Personal Information Act, 2013, you are hereby notified that all information divulged by you as an Interested and Affected Party will only be used for the purposes of this project. Kindly refer to consent on registration and comment form.

Steps in the Basic Assessment and Public Participation Process are as follows:

Step 1: Notification to Authorities and I&AP's: The first stage in the process entails notification of the intention to proceed with the BAR to the DEDEAT as well as interested and affected parties (I&APs). I&APs are required to register their interest on the project database and raise issues of concern.

Step 2: Draft Basic Assessment (BAR) for Public Comment: The Basic Assessment is undertaken in order to identify and assess potential positive and negative environmental impacts (social, economic and environmental), that may be associated with the proposed project. The Basic Assessment will include an overview of the affected environment on which the activity is proposed to take place and migratory measures to reduce potential negative impacts and maximise positive benefits. The Draft Basic Assessment, together with comments received from I&APs will be made available for a 30 day review period. All I&AP's on the project database will be notified in writing of the 30 day comment period for the Draft Basic Assessment, copies of the Draft Report and project information can be downloaded from www.easemp.co.za.

Step 3: Submit Final Basic Assessment Report and Application: The comments received from I&APs during the 30-day review period will be included in the Final BAR before it is submitted to DEDEAT for decision making. All I&APs will be notified in writing of the submission of the Final Report and any additional comment period.

Step 4: Notification of Outcome of Decision and Appeal Period: All I&APs on the project database will be notified in writing regarding the outcome of the decision by the DEDEAT (granting or refusal of environmental authorization) for the project and the appeal period, as well as the manner of appeal. Commencement of the development may only proceed once approval has been granted.

NEMA EIA Regulations, 2017

The need for a Basic Assessment is triggered by the inclusion of, **but not limited to**, the following activities listed in GN R 327 & 324:

Listing Notice 1 Activities: NEMA EIA Regulations, 2017, GN R 327, requiring Basic Assessment

27	The clearance of an area of 1 hectare or more, but less than 20 hectares of indigenous vegetation, except where such clearance of indigenous vegetation is required for— i) the undertaking of a linear activity; or ii) maintenance purposes undertaken in accordance with a maintenance management plan.	Vegetation clearing of on site will be required for the proposed infrastructure.
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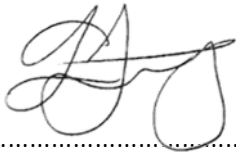
Listing Notice 3 Activities: NEMA EIA Regulations, 2017, GN R 324, requiring Basic Assessment

12	The clearance of an area of 300 square metres 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. (a) In Eastern Cape Province 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	Portion of the site is within Algoa Sandstone Fynbos which has critically endangered conservation status and portions of the site fall within the gazetted NMB
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	Biodiversity Assessment 2004; ii) Within critical biodiversity areas identified in bioregional plans;	Bioregional Plan as a Critical Biodiversity Area.
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Any other listed activities triggered by the project, will be determined during the process of compiling the Application form.

Kind Regards



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BAY METROPOLITAN MUNICIPALITY
BASIC ASSESSMENT PROCESS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION INTERESTED & AFFECTED PARTIES
REGISTRATION AND COMMENT FORM**

KINDLY COMPLETE THIS FORM IN DETAIL AND RETURN TO ENGINEERING ADVICE SERVICES, CARE OF LEA JACOBS:

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PERSONAL DETAILS

Date:	Preferred method of communication (email / SMS / fax / post):
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Can you communicate reliably via email?

Title:	First Name:	Surname:
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Organisation & Capacity (If Applicable):

Physical Address:

Town:	Code:
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Postal Address:

Town:	Code:
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Consent to share above information (for the purposes of this project only)*:	Yes	No
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1. What is your primary area of interest with regards to the proposed project?

2. Do you have any comments with regards to the proposed project?

3. Are there any additional stakeholders who you think should be contacted regarding this project?

If "YES", please list their names and contact details (email addresses are preferred) below:

PLEASE ADD MORE PAGES IF NECESSARY

*Note that all information conferred by you in this document is private information protected by the POPI Act, 2013. Kindly advise in the relevant section above whether this information can be distributed for the purposes of this project only. The NEMA EIA Regulations requires the EAP to keep an I&AP database containing the details as indicated above

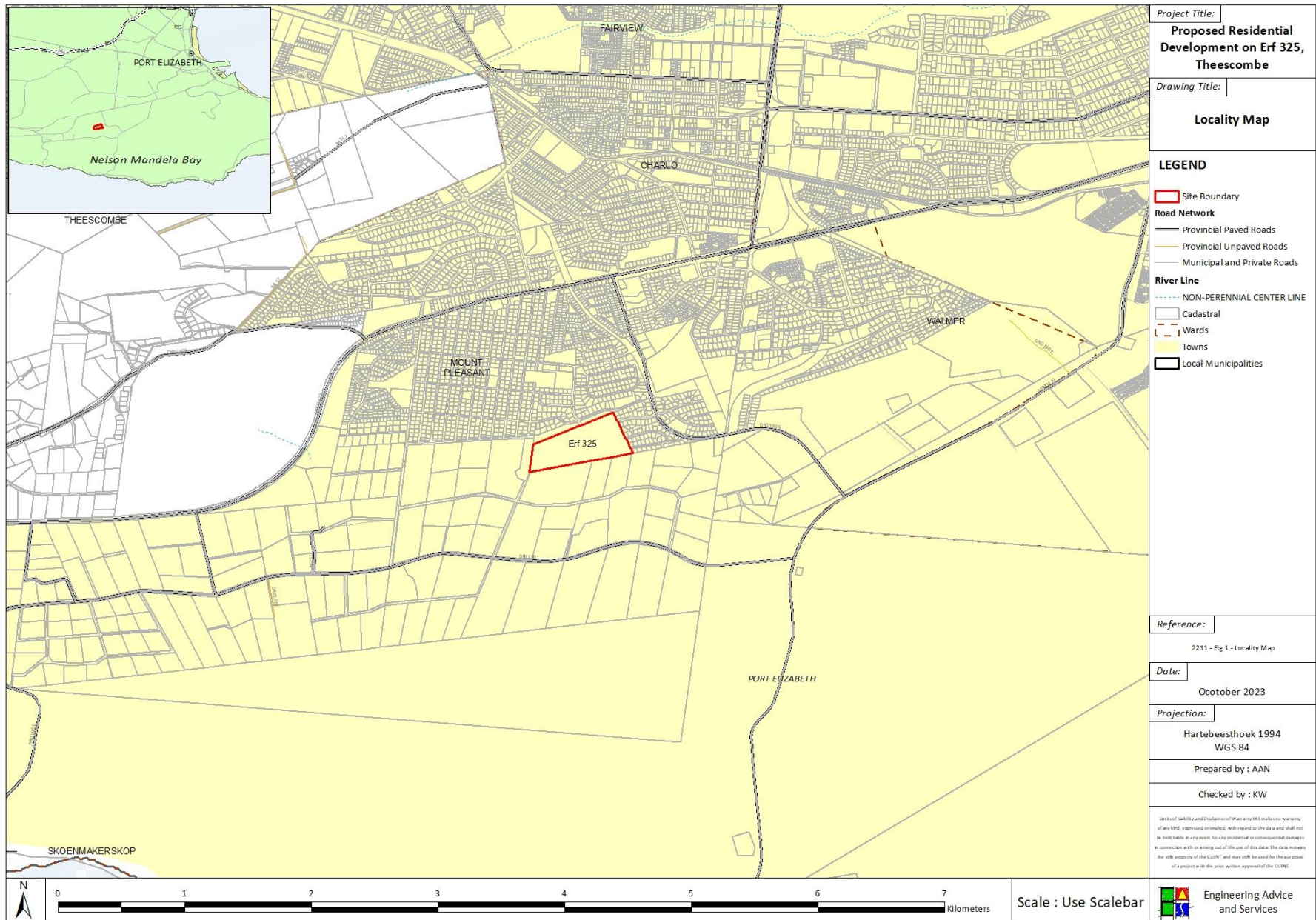


Figure 1: Locality Map of the site



Figure 2: Aerial Map of the site