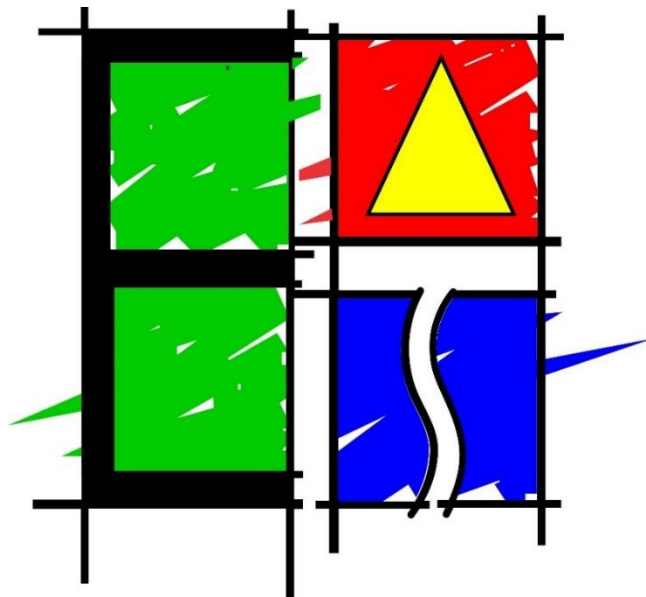

FINAL BAR COMMENTS AND RESPONSES REPORT

PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF ERF 2006, PARSONSVLEI, GQEBERHA, EASTERN CAPE

DEDEAT Ref No: ECm1/C/LN1&3/M/44-2024



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1 Comments and Responses Report

In terms of NEMA procedures for the investigation, assessment, and communication of the potential impacts of activities on the environment must, inter alia, ensure, with respect to every application for environmental authorisation:

- coordination and cooperation between organs of state in the consideration of assessments where an activity falls under the jurisdiction of more than one organ of state;
- that the findings and recommendations flowing from an investigation, the general objectives of integrated environmental management laid down in the NEMA and the principles of environmental management set out in Section 2 of the NEMA are taken into account in any decision made by an organ of state in relation to any proposed policy, programme, process, plan or project; consequences or impacts; and
- public information and participation procedures which provide all interested and affected parties, including all organs of state in all spheres of government that may have jurisdiction over any aspect of the activity, with a reasonable opportunity to participate in those information and participation procedures.

The Public Participation Process (PPP) plays a significant role in the Environmental Authorisation process. The following requirements and recommendations on the public participation process to be followed for this project is outlined below:

Recommendations / Requirement:	EAP Response:
A public participation process ("PPP") that meets the requirements of Regulation 41 of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended) must be undertaken.	Complete
A period of at least 30 days must be provided to all potential or registered interested and affected parties to submit comments on the BAR and EMPPr.	Complete
In terms of Section 24O (2) and (3) of NEMA and Regulations 7(2) and 43(2) of the EIA Regulations, 2014, any State Department that administers a law relating to a matter affecting the environment relevant to the application must be requested to comment within 30 days.	All relevant and potentially affected parties have been notified and comments have been requested.
The Environmental Assessment Practitioner ("EAP") is responsible for such consultation. Therefore, it is requested that the EAP include proof of such notification to the relevant State Departments in terms of Section 24O (2) and (3) of NEMA in the BAR, where appropriate. It is advised that the I&APs must be afforded a minimum of three (3) calendar days from the date of notification before the 30-day commenting period on the Basic Assessment Report.	Noted, please see Appendix C for proof of notification.
When notifying I&APs of the application the minimum information to be provided in a notice, which include placing an advertisement or fixing a notice board, must contain, inter alia, whether a Basic Assessment or Scoping & EIR process is to be followed and information on how to register as an I&AP.	Complete
A register of I&APs must be opened, maintained and made available to any person requesting access to the register in writing. The register must also be submitted together with the BAR.	Complete
In accordance with Regulation 7(2), the EAP must consult with every Organ of State that administers a law relating to a matter affecting the environment relevant to that application. The EAP must notify such Organ of State, including the Competent	Complete

Authority, in writing and provide them with a copy of the Basic Assessment Report. Note: Proof of the notification and contact details of such Organs of State must accompany the report that is submitted to the Competent Authority.	
The EAP must record and respond to all comments received. The comments and responses must be captured in a Comments and Responses Report and must also include a description of the public participation process followed and this report must also be included in the public participation information to be attached to the final Basic Assessment Report. The objectives are outlined below.	Complete

1.1 Objectives and Approach

The overall aim of the Public Participation Process (PPP) is to ensure that all Interested and Affected Parties (I&AP's) have adequate opportunity to provide input on the process and proposed project activities. More specifically, the objectives of the PPP are as follows:

- Identify all potential I&AP's and notify each I&AP of the proposed project and of the Basic Assessment process;
- Provide an opportunity for I&AP's to raise issues and concerns or comment on the proposal of the project;
- Provide an opportunity for the EAP to engage with the I&AP's regarding their views or opinions towards the project;
- Provide an on-going conversation about key issues regarding the project and enable an inter-disciplinary approach towards involving the I&AP's; and
- Provide an opportunity for I&AP's to review the draft BAR prior to its finalisation.

1.2 Public Participation Activities

The Public Participation Process that was undertaken to solicit public opinion regarding the proposed activities has included the following activities so far:

- One Newspaper Advertisement/ Legal Notice (English) of the proposed activities published in "The Herald" newspaper on **24 May 2024 (Appendix B)**;
- Placement of two A2 on-site notice boards on **24 May 2024 (Appendix B)**;
- The Background Information Document (BID) and invitation to comment on the proposed project was sent to organs of state on **24 May 2024 (Appendix B)**,
- Distribution of the Notification letter on **24 May 2024** to all identified Interested and Affected Parties (IAP's), and stakeholders. A copy of the letter is attached in **Appendix B**, and the list of registered IAP's and authorities is given in **Appendix A**;
- Correspondence with interested and affected parties are attached in **Appendix C**.
- Collation of public and IAP comments on the notification email and adverts, including responses to these issues (see comments and responses summary in section 1.6 and Registration forms as well as email correspondence in **Appendix C**);
- Inclusion of original correspondence from IAP's (**Appendix C**);
- Preparation of a Consult and draft BAR for the EA process;
- Distribution of the Draft BAR for review by IAP's, and submission to relevant authorities;
- Provision of a 30-day comment period on the Draft BAR;

The activities that will be undertaken during the application process include the following:

- Distribution of the Executive Summary to all IAP's registered for this process; and
- Distribution of the Final BAR for public review, and submission to relevant authorities for comment.
- Submission of the Final BAR to DEDEAT for approval and a decision regarding environmental authorisation for the planned development.

1.3 DEDEAT Communication & Activities

- **18/09/2024** - Application form submitted to the DEDEAT.
- **19/09/2024** - Acknowledgement of receipt of submission of Application Form was received from Ms Charmaine Struwig.
- **19/09/2024** - DEDEAT reference was communicated as ECm1/C/LN1&3/M/44-2024.
- **04/10/2024** – DEDEAT confirmed receipt of email submission of Draft BAR on 02 October 2024. DEDEAT also confirmed receipt of the hard copy of the draft BAR.
- **11/11/2024** – DEDEAT submitted comments on the draft BAR to the EAP.
- **26/11/2024** – DEDEAT confirmed via email that comments have been adequately addressed and that they do not require any additional information.

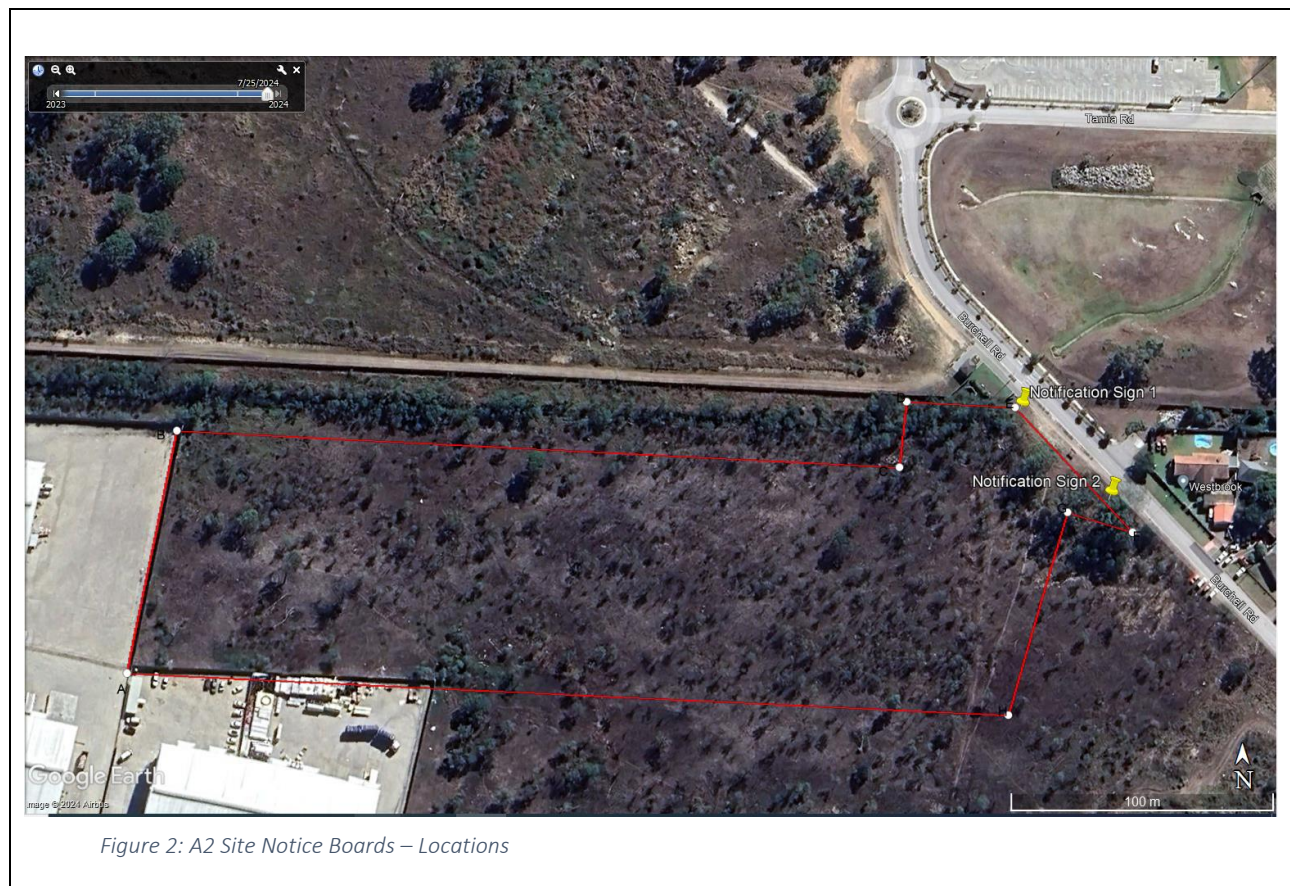
All correspondence with DEDEAT is attached at the end of **Appendix C**.

The newspaper advert was placed in English in *The Herald* newspaper on **24 May 2024**. Full clipping is attached in **Appendix B**.

Figure 1: PPP Advertisement

1.4.2 A2 Site notices

Two A2 size colour notice boards were fixed in two different locations adjacent to the site.



Site Notice	Latitude:	Longitude:	Facing:	Viewing Detail:
1	33°56'3.89"S	25°29'25.73"E	NE	Facing Burchel Road
2	33°56'4.99"S	25°29'27.04"E	NE	Facing Burchel Road

The two official Notice Signs were erected next to the corner of Blumberg Road and Merle Road facing northeast and corner of Chopin Road facing east. Notice sign 1 was placed strategically, visible to cars and pedestrians traveling/turning along the Blumberg Road and turning into Merle Road and notice sign 2 was placed strategically on the corner of the Chopin Road, visible to cars and pedestrians traveling/turning along the road uphill. These signs are all M-Foam PVC Foam Boards printed with industrial grade ink. The signs were erected in areas where vehicles or pedestrians could safely stop to read the signs.



Figure 3: Notice Sign 1 in detail



Figure 4: Notice Sign 1 location



Figure 5: Notice Sign 2 in detail



Figure 6: Notice Sign 2 location

1.5 Availability of Basic Assessment Report

Printed copies of this report will be made available for public review on request, copies are also available at our offices. The report can also be accessed as an electronic copy on the Engineering Advice and Services' webpage via the 'Public Documents' link: www.easemp.co.za. Should a person or organisation not have the means to download or access the report and its related documents online, other methods will be utilised.

Comments on the Consult BAR will be addressed appropriately through formal written means and incorporated into the Final BAR

1.6 Registered Interested and Affected Parties and Issues Raised

A list of registered IAP's, relevant authorities, and stakeholders is included in **Appendix A**.

1.7 Summary of Comments and Responses from Organs of State

Comments received from the authorities. Please see table on the next page summarising the comments received as well as the responses thereto

Date	Sent from:	Sent to:	Content of communication:	Response:
2024/06/19	Ayanda Mncwabe-Mama - ECPHRA	EAS	<p>Requested</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. ECPHRA Requires NID, Heritage Impact Assessment & Proof of Payment 2. A SAHRIS case must be registered for the development/project. 	Thank you for your email. The NID will be submitted in due course.
2024/11/11	Andiswa Mhlaba-Environmental Officer DEDEAT	EAS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. You are hereby informed that the Draft BAR has been reviewed by the Department. In this regard one specific issue that has not been adequately addressed in the DBAR is the fact that the entire site is located within a Critical Biodiversity Area as mapped in the Nelson Mandela Bay Bioregional Plan. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.1 The impact that the proposed development may have on terrestrial biodiversity is not adequately and comprehensively addressed in the DBAR and the layout seems to cover most of the site. 1.2 Furthermore, it would have been appropriate to consider a biodiversity offset bearing in mind that the vegetation type found on site is critically endangered which implies that no further loss should be considered / allowed and that the land use guidelines in the NMB Bioregional Plan indicates that CBA's need to maintain their natural structure and ecosystem functioning. 2. There is also no confirmation from the NMBM that all services are available to service the proposed development. A written confirmation from the Municipality confirming that all services are available must be attached in the FBAR. 3. The Department therefore requires that this be comprehensively assessed and addressed with due 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The site does not fall within Critical Biodiversity Area as mapped in the Nelson Mandela Bay Bioregional Plan. Please see CBA Map within Appendix A of the Draft Basic Assessment Report which will also be contained in the Final Basic Assessment Report. For ease of reference we have also attached the map with this correspondence. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.1 No intact patches of vegetation indicative of Algoa Sandstone Fynbos were identified by the Terrestrial Biodiversity Specialist. Thus, no part or portion of the site was identified by the specialist as High sensitivity or as No-Go areas. Therefore, the layout of the proposed development did not consider alternative options to conserve highly sensitive environments. See extract from the conclusions of the Biodiversity Assessment (Colloty, 2024) "During this assessment, no sensitive habitats were observed and thus it is envisaged that all of the impacts would remain LOW (with mitigation) and that the overall residual impacts would be VERY LOW." The Terrestrial Biodiversity Impact assessment thus covered the potential impact that the proposed development might have on terrestrial biodiversity adequately and comprehensively as per the NEMA EIA Protocol

Date	Sent from:	Sent to:	Content of communication:	Response:
			<p>consideration given to an appropriate biodiversity offset.</p> <p>4. The EAP is advised to remain aware of the 90-day timeframe for submission of the Final Report as contained within the 2014 Regulations, which period will lapse on 13 January 2025. All requirements as contained in Appendix 1 of the 2014 EIA Regulations must be addressed in the FBAR.</p> <p>5. The Environmental Assessment Practitioner is required to notify and inform the applicant in writing that the activity may not commence prior to an environmental authorisation being granted by the competent authority.</p> <p>6. You are reminded that the Department reserves its right to request any additional information / provide further comment for consideration once the Final Basic Report has been received and reviewed. Any such requests will provide you with a deadline for submission of such information failing which the Department will make a decision based on the information at its disposal at the time.</p>	<p>for the specialist assessment and minimum report content requirement for environmental impacts on terrestrial biodiversity.</p> <p>1.2 The site is not classified as a CBA according to Nelson Mandela Bay Bioregional Plan. The site is listed as Algoa Sandstone Fynbos (Critically Endangered), however, as indicated in the specialist report and as confirmed by the specialist on 11 November 2024 via email; "During the two site visits conducted, it was clear that the site was heavily disturbed, both in the past (evidence of old homes and walls) and currently by dense alien vegetation, cattle grazing and dumping. Therefore, none of the indicator fynbos species other than a few remaining bulbs were observed. This coupled to the fire in 2014, and again in 2023/2024 has led to a grass dominated site, allowing the dense growth of Alien Acacias." Further the site is locally fragmented from any other natural corridors or areas that are not already developed or earmarked for development. The site does not contain any potential for conservation or rehabilitation considering the current state of the site and the future development envisaged for the vacant sites around this site.</p> <p>2. There is confirmation from the NMBM that all services are available within Appendix G1 and G2 of Draft Basic Assessment Report which will also be contained in the Final Basic Assessment Report.</p>

Date	Sent from:	Sent to:	Content of communication:	Response:
				<p>3. Considering the outcomes of the Biodiversity Report (Colloty, 2024), the overall residual impacts would be Very Low and therefore a biodiversity offset was not deemed applicable (according to page 28 of the National Biodiversity Offset Guideline), especially considering the site is not located within a CBA.</p> <p>4. Noted, the Final Basic Assessment Report will be submitted prior to the 13th of January 2025. Upon confirmation from the department that their comments have been adequately addressed, we would like to submit the FBAR as soon as possible.</p> <p>5. Noted.</p> <p>6. Noted.</p>
2024/11/11	Andiswa Mhlaba- Environmental Officer DEDEAT	EAS	<p>Please note that the Responses to the comments are acknowledged,</p> <p>All the Responses to the comments have been adequately addressed and no additional information is required by the Department. However, comments and responses must be incorporated into the FBAR.</p>	

1.8 Summary of Comments and Responses

Comments have been received from Interested and Affected Parties. Please see the table on the next page summarising the comments received as well as the responses thereto.

Date	Sent from:	Sent to:	Content of communication:	Response:
29/05/2024	Mr Asanda Siloti – Phontshi Trading	EAS	Registered as IAP – As a resident and home owner in this area I would like to see more young people being given employment and better opportunities.	Registered on the database.
09/07/2024	Bulelwa Madlingozi	EAS	Registered as IAP	Registered on the database.
09/07/2024	Mr Xolani Tokota	EAS	Registered as IAP	Registered on the database.

2 Appendices

2.1. Appendix A - List of Interested and Affected Parties

2.2. Appendix B – Notifications

2.2.1. *Newspaper Notice*

2.2.2. *Notice Sign*

2.2.3. *Background Information Document (BID)*

2.2.4. *Notification Letter 1*

2.2.5. *Delivery Notification of Neighbouring Landowners*

2.3. Appendix C – I&AP Registration Forms and Correspondence

2.3.1 Registration forms

2.3.2 Email Correspondence

2.3.3 DEDEAT Correspondence

2.1 Appendix A - List of Interested and Affected Parties

NAME	OCCUPATION/AFFILIATION	TELEPHONE NUMBER POSTAL ADDRESS	EMAIL ADDRESS
GOVERNMENT I&AP's			
Andries Struwig (Assistant Director)	Eastern Cape Department: Economic Development, Environmental Affairs & Tourism (DEDEAT)	041 508 5808 Private Bag X5001, Greenacres, Port Elizabeth, 6057	Andries.Struwig@dedea.gov.za
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Charmaine Struwig		083 399 7612 Cnr Athol Fugard Terrace & Castle Hill, Central, Port Elizabeth 6001	Charmaine.Mostert@dedea.gov.za
Andiswa Mhlaba		Sarah Baartman/NMB Regional Office, Port Elizabeth	Andiswa.Mhlaba@dedea.gov.za
Riyadh Casoojee		066 486 8376 Corner Athol Fugard Terrace & Castle Hill Street Central Port Elizabeth, 6057	Riyadh.Casoojee@dedea.gov.za
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Mr M C Mafani	Dept of Transport (ECDOT)		mzi.mafani@ectransport.gov.za
Ayanda MaMncwabe Mama	Eastern Cape Provincial Heritage Resources Authority (ECPHRA)		amncwabe@gmail.com
Adv. Lungisa Malgas (Chief Executive Office)	South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA)	021 462 4502 P.O. Box 4637, Cape Town, 8000	lmalgas@sahra.org.za
Bahlekile Keikelame	Department of Rural Development and Land Reform (DRDLR)	082 377 8295/ 043 700 7000	Bahlekile.keikelame@drdlr.gov.za
Siphokazi Ndudane		(0) 40602 5006/7 10th Floor Dukumbana Building Independence Avenue BHISHO, 5606	Siphokazi.Ndudane@drdar.gov.za
Ms Thabile Mehlomakhulu	Eastern Cape Department: Rural Development & Land Reform	043 700 7030 P.O. Box 1958, East London, 5200	thabile.mehlomakhulu@drdlr.gov.za
Babalwa Layini	Department:Agriculture Forestry, Fisheries & Environment (DAFFE)	0637504427 Private Bag X12998, Centrahil, Port Elizabeth, 6006	babalwal@dffe.gov.za

NAME	OCCUPATION/AFFILIATION	TELEPHONE NUMBER POSTAL ADDRESS	EMAIL ADDRESS
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Portia Makhanya: Chief Director	Department: Water & Sanitation (DWS)	043) 604 5400 Private Bag X7485 KING WILLIAM'S TOWN 5600	MakhanyaP@dws.gov.za
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MS. Itumeleng Felicity Ranyele	NMBM - Roads and Transport	041 505 4420 / 082 303 5664 Room 309, 3rd Floor, Noninzi Luzipho Building, Central, Port Elizabeth, 6001	itumelengranyele@gmail.com / jsampson@mandelametro.gov.za
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Joram Mkosana	NMBM - Director Environmental Management		jmkosana@mandelametro.gov.za
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Andre de Ridder	NMBM - Senior Director: Fire & Emergency Services	041 585 2311 1st Floor, South End Fire Station South End, Port Elizabeth, 6001	aderidde@mandelametro.gov.za
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NAME	OCCUPATION/AFFILIATION	TELEPHONE NUMBER POSTAL ADDRESS	EMAIL ADDRESS
		Port Elizabeth, 6000	
Schalk Potgieter	NMBM - Strategic Planning		spotgiet@mandelametro.gov.za
Noxolo Nqwazi	NMBM - Chief Operating Officer - Acting City Manager	041 506 3209 City Hall, 1st Floor, Market Square, 32 Govan Mbeki Avenue, Port Elizabeth, 6001	cm@mandelametro.gov.za
Maryka du Plessis	NMBM - Secretary to Director: Integrated Development Plan	041 505 4530 Ground Floor, Noninzi Luzipho Building Central, Port Elizabeth, 6001	idooffice@mandelametro.gov.za
Jill Miller	NMBM – Environmental Management		jmiller@mandelametro.gov.za
Joram Mkosana	NMBM – Environmental Management		jmkosana@mandelametro.gov.za
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Bulelwa Madlingozi		078 6454 820	bulelwa.madlingozi@gmail.com
Xolani Tokota		0609751431	xtokota@gmail.com
NEIGHBOURING LANDOWNERS			
Kahn Properties			admin@kahnproperties.co.za

2.2.1 Newspaper Notice

Friday 24 May 2024

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readers daily**
ADVERTISE NOW
Phone: (041) 504-7174
Email: classlegals@theherald.co.za

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS BASIC ASSESSMENT PROCESS - PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF ERF 2006, PARSONSVLEI, GQEBERHA, EASTERN CAPE

Notice is hereby given in terms of Regulation 41(2) of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations published in Government Notice No. 982 (4 December 2014), as amended by NEMA EIA Regulations (2017): GN R326, 327, 325 and 324 promulgated on 07 April 2017, under section 24 (5) and 44 of the National Environmental Management Act 1998 (Act No 107 of 1998), as amended, regarding the proposed development of Erf 2006, Parsonsvlei. In terms of the EIA regulations, the proposed development will require a Basic Assessment.

Project Description:

The applicant, Singi Properties (Pty) Ltd, intends to develop a residential estate on Erf 2006, Parsonsvlei, Gqeberha.

Locality: LAT: 33°56'5.77"S | LONG: 25°29'19.21"E

Opportunity to participate:

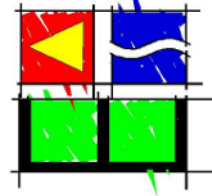
Engineering Advice and Services (Pty) Ltd have been appointed as an Independent Environmental Assessment Practitioner, to co-ordinate, manage and compile the relevant environmental impact and management reports, as well as to facilitate the relevant public participation process related to the proposed project in terms of the NEMA. The Basic Assessment will be submitted to the Eastern Cape Department of Economic Development, Environmental Affairs and Tourism (DEDEAT).

Listed Activities

A Basic Assessment is triggered by the inclusion of, but not limited to, the following "listed activity" in terms of the 2014 EIA Regulations, as amended: LN 1 (GNR No. R327) Activity 27; LN 3 (GNR No. R324) Activity 12

Registration of Interested & Affected Parties (I&APs)

Interested and affected parties are invited to complete and submit an I&AP form at request via e-mail or via the website www.easemp.co.za. The Background Information Document (BID) and Notification Letter will be provided containing more information regarding the project. Please provide feedback as soon as possible in order to receive the on-going communication throughout the BA process.



You are invited to register as an Interested and Affected Party. If you have any comments or queries, or if you require any further information, please contact:

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Engineering Advice and Services

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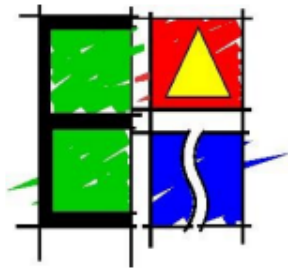
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Website: www.easemp.co.za

DATE OF NOTICE: 24 MAY 2024

END OF NOTICE: 24 JUNE 2024

2.2.3 Background Information Document (BID)



BACKGROUND INFORMATION DOCUMENT AND INVITATION TO COMMENT

PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF ERF 2006, PARSONSVLEI, GQEBERHA, EASTERN CAPE

Background

A Basic Assessment (BA) process has commenced to assist Singi Properties (Pty) Ltd in determining the environmental, economic and social impacts related to the proposed project and to obtain environmental authorisation for the proposed development of a residential estate on Erf 2006, Parsonsvlei, Eastern Cape. The site is located in Parsonsvlei along Burchell Road and is bordered by mostly vacant properties to the south and a business park along the western border. The Westbrook Curro School is located further north up Burchell Road.

Application for rezoning to General Residential Zone 1 as per the NMBMM LUS will be lodged in order to allow for the proposed development. The property is currently zoned for Special Purposes and covers 32 470m².

The development will entail the construction of internal roads and an access road with a security gatehouse to ensure secure access to the estate. Open Space will be provided within the estate for recreational activities and will also include a community village. The density of the development will be determined upon finalisation of the site development plan which will be made available for public review during the draft Basic Assessment Report review period. All registered Interested and Affected Parties will be notified of the availability of the draft BAR.

All specialist input to be facilitated:

- Archaeological Impact Assessment – The specialist has been appointed, and a Phase 1 Archaeological Impact Assessment will be facilitated.
- Palaeontological Impact Assessment - The specialist has been appointed.
- Terrestrial Biodiversity Impact Assessment – The specialist has been appointed and assessments are ongoing.
- Aquatic Impact Assessment - The specialist has been appointed and assessments are ongoing.

The proposed development will entail the following activities:

- Clearing of vegetation from the proposed site for development.
- Levelling and landscaping of the site to prepare the site for top structure and services development.
- Construction of access roads and required internal services.
- Construction of relevant top structures including houses, security gate house, communal buildings and recreational areas.

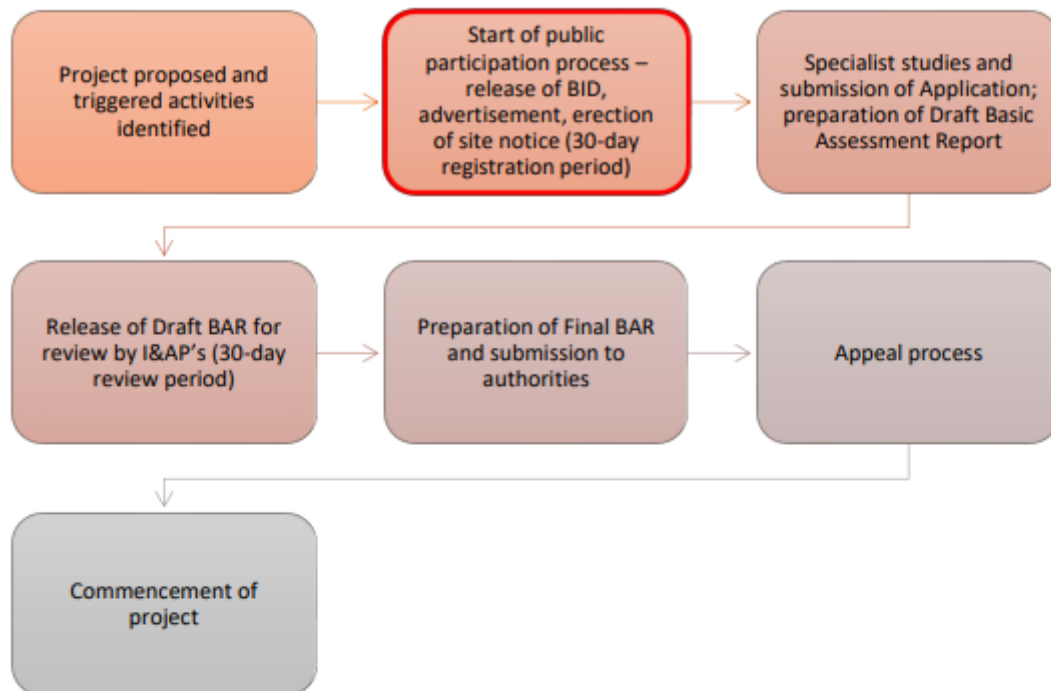
Public Consultation

The aim of this background Information Document is to provide stakeholders with information about this project, the process being followed and to provide them with an opportunity to be involved in the environmental assessment process. Interested and Affected Parties (IAPs) may raise issues of concern. Environmental, social and economic impacts will be examined in the Basic Assessment Process.

Results of the Basic Assessment process will be submitted to the Eastern Cape Department of Economic Development, Environmental Affairs and Tourism for Environmental Authorisation and the draft Basic Assessment Report will be made publicly available for 30 days for public review. All registered I&APs will receive a notification once this report is available for review. Additional project Information will be available on the following website: www.easemp.co.za as well as a link to register as an Interested and Affected Party and provide comment.



Where we are in the process



Legal Requirements

In terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) as amended ("NEMAA") and the NEMA EIA regulations, 2017: GN R324, 325, 326 and 327 published in Government Gazette 40772 on the 7 April 2017, the project requires a Basic Assessment because it includes, amongst others, listed activities in GN R327 & 342

Any other listed activities triggered by the project, will be determined during the process of compiling the application form.

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 Biodiversity Assessment 2004; Within critical biodiversity areas identified in bioregional plans;	The site is within a Critically Endangered Vegetation Type: Algoa Sandstone Fynbos
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Registration as an IAP

To register, please use the website or send your contact information to the contact details below.

Engineering Advice and Services:

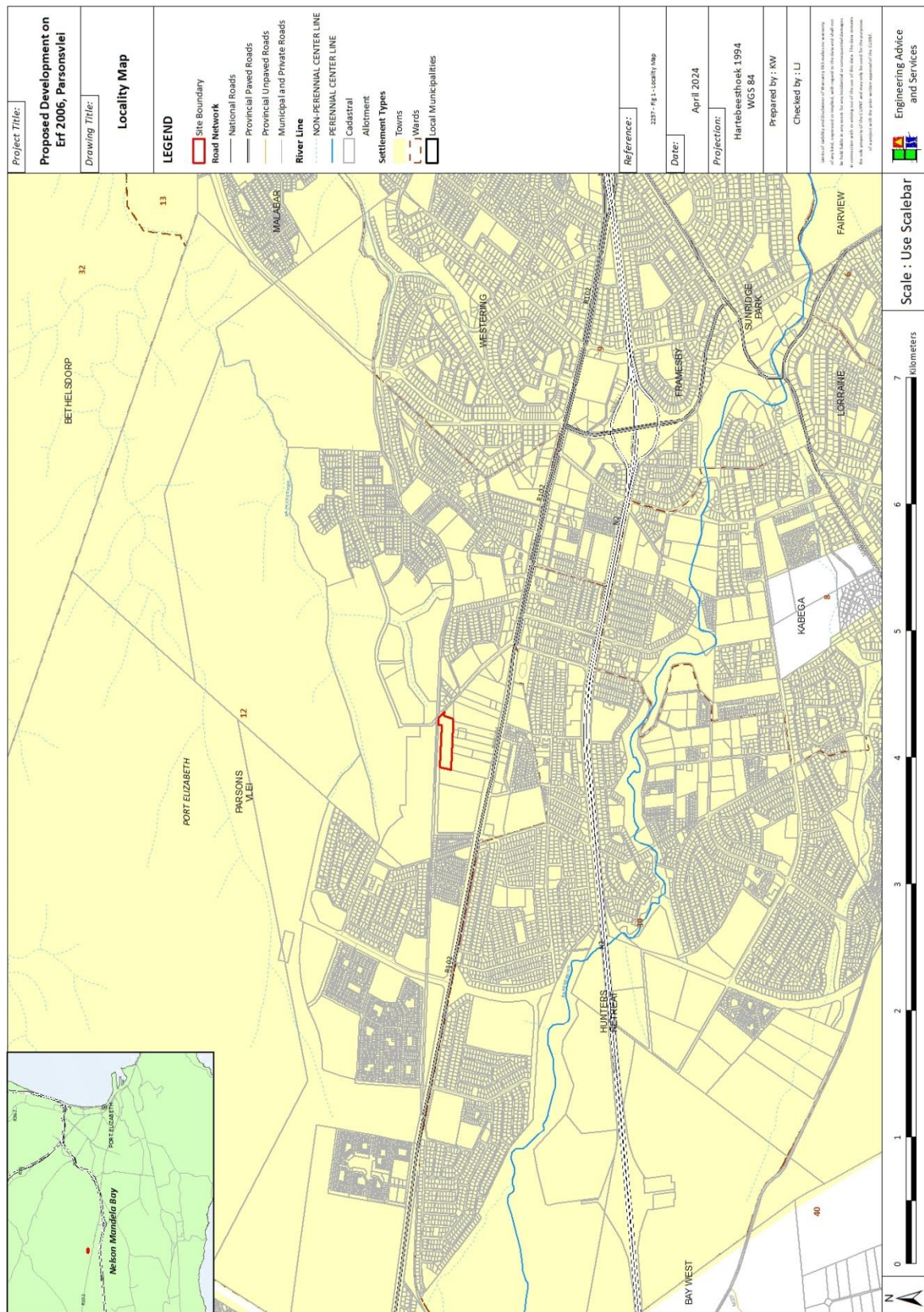
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Ms Lea Jacobs

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2.2.4 Notification Letter 1



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Associated with ULWAZI

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VAT No : 4110162205

Dear Sir/Madam

24 May 2024

NOTICE OF BASIC ASSESSMENT PROCESS - PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF ERF 2006, PARSONSVLEI, QGEBERHA, EASTERN CAPE

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, Singi Properties (Pty) Ltd, for the proposed development of a residential estate on Erf 2006, Parsonslei, Eastern Cape. The development will be a fenced and gated estate with gatehouse access leading off Burchell Road.

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 24 May 2024 to 24 June 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

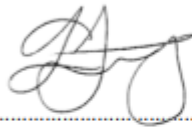
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Any other listed activities triggered by the project, will be determined during the process of compiling the Application form

Kind Regards



Ms. Lea Jacobs (BSc) Cert.Sci.Nat (129284) (Reg. EAP) (EAPASA)

for Engineering Advice & Services (Pty) Ltd

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**PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF ERF 2006, PARSONSVLEI, GQEBERHA, EASTERN CAPE
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:

Contact Number: 041 581 2421

Fax Number: 086 683 9899

Email: enviro@easpe.co.za

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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Email:

Telephone:	Fax:
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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

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

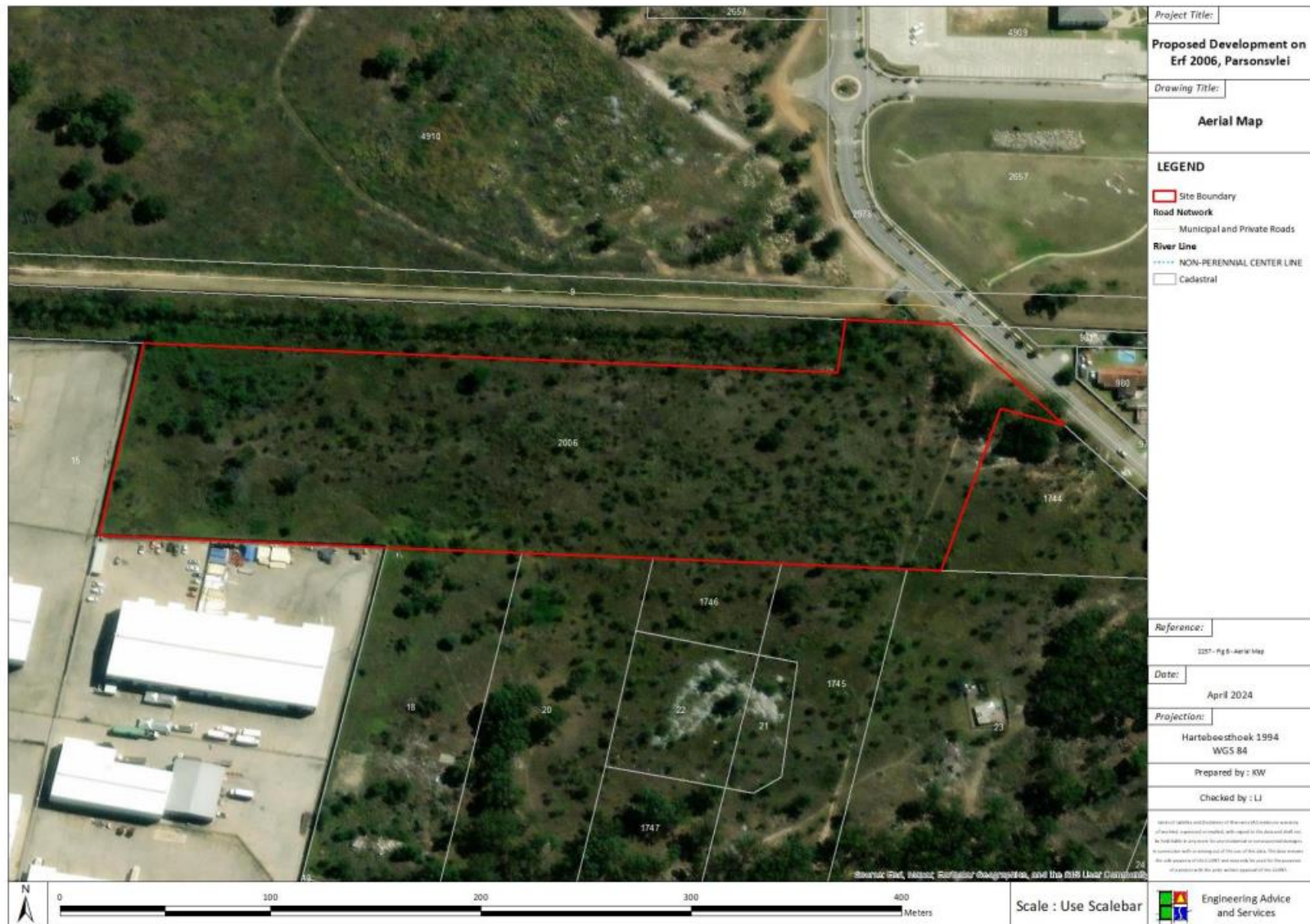


Figure 1 Aerial Map of site area

2.3.1 A – Registration Forms

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2.3.2 B – Email Correspondence



No.17 Commissioner Street, 2nd Floor Old Eico Building,
Telephone: 043 492 1940/1/2
Website: www.ecphra.org.za

PROJECT: PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF ERF 2006 IN PARSONSVLEI, GQEBERHA, NMMM.

Enquiries: Ayanda Mncwabe-Mama

Date: 2024/06/19

Email: ayanda.mncwabe-mama@ecsrac.gov.za

Applicant: Singi Properties (Pty) Ltd
Consultants: Engineering Advice & Services (EAS)
Address: 73 Heugh Road, Walmer, Gqeberha, 6070
Contact: Lea Jacobs
Email: lea@easpe.co.za or enviro@easpe.co.za
Tel: (041) 581 2421 / 072 048 2623

BACKGROUND

The site is located in Parsonsvlei along Burchell Road and is bordered by mostly vacant properties to the south and a business park along the western border. The development will entail the construction of internal roads and an access road with a security gatehouse to ensure secure access to the estate. Open Space will be provided within the estate for recreational activities and will also include a community village.

ECPHRA (Eastern Cape Provincial Heritage Authority) COMMENTS in terms of **Section 38(4) of the NHRA (National Heritage Resources Act No. 25 of 1999).**

This matter was tabled at the Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites (APM) Committee meeting held on 13 June 2024.

ECPHRA requests the following:

1. NID (Notice of Intent to Develop)

Since the proposed development triggers Section 38(1) of the NHR, the following reports should also be included:

2. an HIA (Heritage Impact Assessment) which must comprise of:
 - a Phase 1 (Field Assessment) Archaeological and Cultural Impact Assessment (AIA) and
 - a Paleontological Impact Assessment (PIA) (a palaeontologist must verify the level of PIA, i.e., chance finds procedure, desktop study, or Phase 1 PIA on the SAHRIS PalaeoMap).
3. Proof of Payment

NOTE: The HIA must include all associated development aspects such as relevant site camp and laydown areas. This should be submitted for an HIA Comment in terms of Section 38(8) of the NHRA of 1999.

Specialist studies should be conducted by qualified professions in those disciplines, i.e., AIA's by archaeologists with a minimum of an Honours degree. PIA's by palaeontologists with a minimum of a Masters degree.

General information:

1) ECPHRA fees

The following fees apply to your application:

R 500 - NID

R 1 500 - HIA reports

Banking Details:

Bank name: First National Bank (FNB);
Account name: Eastern Cape Provincial Heritage Resources Authority;
Account type: Public Sector Business Account;
Account number: 62705406248;
Branch code: 211021;
Reference: Project or Development name / SAHRIS CaseID number

Proof of payment(s) must be emailed to:

accounts@ecphra.org.za with the subject: Project or Development name / SAHRIS CaseID

2) SAHRIS


A South African Heritage Resources Information System (SAHRIS) case must be registered for the development/project (<https://sahris.sahra.org.za/about/sahris>):

- Complete all relevant sections of the SAHRIS case application.
- Proof of payment(s) must be uploaded on the SAHRIS case under the *Additional Documents* section.
- The requested NIDs must be uploaded on the SAHRIS case

Once the NID have been submitted on the SAHRIS case, notify ECPHRA by email at lungiswam@ecphra.org.za with the subject SAHRIS CaseID number–development/project name. Your case will be tabled at the next APM meeting for purposes of a NHRA Section 38(4)/(8) comment.

3) Queries

Any queries regarding your case should be addressed to lungiswam@ecphra.org.za / ayanda.mncwabe-mama@ecsrac.gov.za with the subject SAHRIS CaseID number / Development/ Project name.



Mr. Azola Mkosana
ECPHRA: Manager

Lea Jacobs

From: EAS Environmental <enviro@easpe.co.za>
Sent: Tuesday, 06 August 2024 07:13
To: Asanda Siloti; EAS Environmental
Subject: RE: Request for a meeting (Registration as an IAP)

Dear Asanda

Thank you for your email.

Kindly note that I am only doing the environmental impact assessment and will not be involved in the development and construction of this project.

I have forwarded your email to the developer and will ask him to make contact with you.

Kind regards,

Lea Jacobs Reg EAP BSc (Geology)
Engineering Advice & Services

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From: Asanda Siloti <asandas9@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, August 5, 2024 1:34 PM
To: EAS Environmental <enviro@easpe.co.za>
Subject: Request for a meeting (Registration as an IAP)

Good day Ms Lea Jacobs

Hope that this email finds you well.

My name is Asanda Siloti i am a resident of Parsonsvlei ward 12 in Gqeberha. I am also secretary of all the SME's in this ward. Our structure is known by our municipal councilor in ward 12.

The purpose of this email is in response to the mail our residents received in connection with your project in ERF 2006, Parsonsvlei, Gqeberha, Eastern Cape.

We would to like schedule a meeting with the relevant person/persons who can furnish with more information on how we as SME's of this ward and residents can establish a good working relationship that will be beneficial for all parties. Our aim is to be able to grow as businesses through hard work and any opportunity your organization can bring our way will be much appreciated.

Looking forward to your prompt response.

Lea Jacobs

From: EAS Environmental <enviro@easpe.co.za>
Sent: Monday, 19 August 2024 11:23
To: Asanda Siloti
Subject: RE: Request for a meeting (Registration as an IAP)

Good day Ms Siloti

No contractor has been appointed for this project yet, as we are only in the EIA Application phase. A contractor will only be appointed once the application process has been complete and environmental authorisation received from the competent authority.

I have asked the developer to let me know if I can provide you with his email address. He has not yet responded to my request.

Kind regards,

Lea Jacobs Reg EAP BSc (Geology)
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From: Asanda Siloti <asandas9@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, August 16, 2024 7:05 AM
To: EAS Environmental <enviro@easpe.co.za>
Subject: Re: Request for a meeting (Registration as an IAP)

Good day Ms Jacobs

I'm kindly doing a follow up on the email I sent to you that you forwarded to the main contractor of the mentioned project. Could we perhaps get the contractor's name so we can also make contact with them.

On Tue, 06 Aug 2024, 07:12 EAS Environmental, <enviro@easpe.co.za> wrote:

Dear Asanda

Thank you for your email.

Kindly note that I am only doing the environmental impact assessment and will not be involved in the development and construction of this project.

I have forwarded your email to the developer and will ask him to make contact with you.

Kind regards,

Lea Jacobs Reg EAP BSc (Geology)
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Looking forward to your prompt response.

Yours truly

Asanda Siloti

Ward12 SME secretary

078 594 1277

2.3.3 C – DEDEAT Correspondence

Lea Jacobs

From: Charmaine Struwig <Charmaine.Mostert@dedea.gov.za>
Sent: Thursday, 19 September 2024 12:43
To: Lea Jacobs
Cc: Kurt Wicht; Andries Struwig; Dayalan Govender
Subject: ECm1/C/LN1&3/M/44-2024 FW: BASIC ASSESSMENT APPLICATION: PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF ERF 2006, PARSONSVLEI, GQEBERHA, EASTERN CAPE
Attachments: 2257 - Application form Cover letter.pdf; 2257 - Erf 2006 Parsonsvei BA Application (1).zip

Good day Ms Jacobs

Your e-mail below with the link for amended application submission, for the above, refers.
(It will be noted, I have attached the downloaded Zip folder, for easy reference and record purposes.)

I hereby confirm that the application submission is complete and has been registered on our system with date: 19 September 2024

The Provincial reference number allocated to this application is **ECm1/C/LN1&3/M/44-2024**

Please note:

- The **application still needs to be assigned to a Case Officer**, whom will be dealing with this application. Once assigned, you will be notified via e-mail by the EQM Section Manager, whom Case Officer will be for this project. You will receive an official acknowledgement of receipt from the Case Officer in due course.
- **To further note:** As this e-mail serves as **confirmation of receipt and registration of application** and considering the fact that the timeframe starts the day following the date of registration of such, there is no need to first wait, for receipt of an official acknowledgement of receipt letter from the Case Officer, prior to starting of the next step in process, you may proceed. As waiting for such AOR letter and only then starting with process, may cause a delay and effect the timeframes involved, not being met.
- **As per the requirement, to also submit a hard copy of the original signed application document (if submitted electronically at first), you will need to submit the hard copy of the original signed application document to our offices, at your earliest convenience.** Original signed documents to be all the declarations (Appendices 14, 15 and 16), the Affidavit (provided within Appendix 20) and National Screening Tool Report (Appendix 17). This is required for record- and auditing purposes.
- **To note: In respect of all documents to follow hereafter, i.e. reports, submissions, etc. it is required for an e-submission to be followed with the hard copy submission and visa-versa. To further note:** Depending on which ever gets submitted first, i.e. e-copy or hard copy, such will be the date accepted as the date of submission and received by this office.
 - **When making any e-submissions in future to Case Officer, i.e. reports to follow, etc. (as referred to within point above), please ensure that you always copy Mrs. Charmaine Struwig as the administrative support person and the EQM Manager in, at all times. This is required for easy reference and to ensure proper record keeping.**
- On receipt of this e-mail and notification of registration, please confirm receipt of such.

Whilst awaiting for file to be assigned, to please note, in the event of any submissions in this regard i.e. electronically and hard copy delivery, **please do not wait for the application to first be assigned, you may continue to submit such (whether e- copy via e-mail or hard copy delivered) to be addressed to the EQM Manager, Mr Struwig at Andries.Struwig@dedea.gov.za** and always copy Mrs. Struwig as the administrative person.

Alternatively if any queries or clarity required in this regard, please do not hesitate to contact the office.

Trust you will find this in order.

Thank you and regards.

Charmaine Struwig
Senior Administrative Clerk: Environmental Affairs
Sarah Baartman / Nelson Mandela Bay Region



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E-mail: Charmaine.Struwig@dedea.gov.za

From: Lea Jacobs <lea@easpe.co.za>
Sent: Wednesday, 18 September 2024 21:19
To: Charmaine Struwig <Charmaine.Mostert@dedea.gov.za>
Cc: Kurt Wicht <kurtw@easpe.co.za>; Andries Struwig <Andries.Struwig@dedea.gov.za>; Dayalan Govender <Dayalan.Govender@dedea.gov.za>
Subject: RE: BASIC ASSESSMENT APPLICATION: PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF ERF 2006, PARSONSVLEI, GQEBERHA, EASTERN CAPE

Dear Ms Struwig

Please see attached cover letter and the below dropbox link:

<https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fo/gnxsdyannffv3tavnkbhj/ACmiVw5zS4yEjO1TENdWUes?rlkey=plm20lsca1xnpvn1ez69wv0oa&dl=0>

Thank you for your kind assistance.

Kind regards,

Lea Jacobs Reg EAP BSc (Geology)
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From: Charmaine Struwig <Charmaine.Mostert@dedea.gov.za>
Sent: Wednesday, September 18, 2024 10:28 AM
To: Lea Jacobs <lea@easpe.co.za>
Cc: Kurt Wicht <kurtw@easpe.co.za>; Andries Struwig <Andries.Struwig@dedea.gov.za>; Dayalan Govender <Dayalan.Govender@dedea.gov.za>
Subject: FW: BASIC ASSESSMENT APPLICATION: PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF ERF 2006, PARSONSVLEI, GQEBERHA, EASTERN CAPE

Good day Ms Jacobs

E-mail trail below and the amended application submission (as per the attached), for the above, refers.

I have checked through the submission for complete- and correctness and noted the following:

- **No Cover letter.** Being a submission you need to provide an official cover letter for the application submission. > *Please ensure that submission include a cover letter.*
- **Documents for Appendices 5, 7, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18 and 19 has not been attached**, as indicated to be "ATTACHED SEPERATELY". Only the documents under Appendix 20 has been attached within this e-mail, being the Affidavit and company documents. As per my e-mail on 20 August 2024, I have requested for the entire application to be submitted. > *Please ensure that the submission includes all the Appendices, to ensure a complete submission.* (*May I ask, if possible for you to send such via a link, as within the initial submission.)

Please note:

Due to the above, the application is still deemed to be incomplete and may not be registered.

Please attend to the above, for resubmission of the entire application submission, at your earliest convenience.

On receipt of this e-mail, please confirm receipt.

Trust you will find this in order and of assistance.

Thank you and regards.

Charmaine Struwig

Senior Administrative Clerk: Environmental Affairs

Sarah Baartman / Nelson Mandela Bay Region



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From: Lea Jacobs <lea@easpe.co.za>

Sent: Wednesday, 11 September 2024 13:08

To: Riyadh S. Casoojee <Riyadh.Casoojee@dedea.gov.za>

Cc: Andries Struwig <Andries.Struwig@dedea.gov.za>; Charmaine Struwig <Charmaine.Mostert@dedea.gov.za>;
Dayalan Govender <Dayalan.Govender@dedea.gov.za>; Kurt Wicht <kurtw@easpe.co.za>

Subject: FW: BASIC ASSESSMENT APPLICATION: PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF ERF 2006, PARSONSVLEI, GQEBERHA, EASTERN CAPE

Dear Mr Casoojee

Following the response email from Ms Struwig noting that she is on leave, kindly find attached as indicated in my below email. Please let me know if there is anything else you require for this submission.

Kind regards,

Lea Jacobs Reg EAP BSc (Geology)
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Good day Ms Struwig

Please find attached the amended application form as well as the documents attached as Appendix 20 to the application form which include:

1. Company Registration Document for Singi Properties
2. Company Registration Document for Dr CR Maringa Inc
3. Sworn Affidavit

Please confirm that all is in order and thank you again for your guidance with the submitting of the correct documents.

Kind regards,

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Good Morning Ms Jacobs

Your e-mail below, following up wrt your e-mail on 20 August 2024, refers.

I did receive your e-mail of yesterday, but first had to discuss this with Mr Struwig, before responding.

As he has been out the office the whole of yesterday and having to attend a meeting again early this morning, I had a quick chance to discuss with him, before his meeting.

Mr Struwig indicated that **we will require an Affidavit from Dr Moringa, in which he states the below explained within your e-mail**, with regards to, although property registered in his name, "Dr Moringa Inc" and wanting EA (if issued) to be registered in his company's name, "Singi Properties (Pty) Ltd", and not in his personal name, further stating to be the sole director of the company, referred to, etc. This is required, to confirm such and to be placed on record.

In respect of whether the application needs to be amended to reflect Dr Moringa being the landowner and not Singi Properties?

- Yes please amend the application, to reflect the same as the Deed, which clearly confirms property registered in name of "Dr Moringa Inc" and not Singi Properties. Then obviously providing Dr Moringa's name as the contact person.

In respect of the details of applicant – The application also need to be amended to reflect the company name, Singi Properties (Pty) Ltd as the project applicant, to ensure that EA gets issued/registered on the Company's name. Further for the section to indicate Dr Moringa's name as the responsible-/contact person, being the representative- and sole director of the Company (as indicated below). In order to confirm such, we would require for you to please provide the following:

- Company Registration documents, to confirm that company Singi Properties, being registered in Dr Moringa's name, as the sole director
- To note: For this to also be confirmed within Dr Moringa's Affidavit. Therefore the reason for us no longer requiring iro Singi Properties (Pty) Ltd, either the Consent from the other board members/directors, nor Board Resolution giving Dr Moringa the authority to act on company's behalf, as he is the sole director.

In respect of the deed registered in the name of "Dr Moringa Inc", actually being registered in a business name, as "Inc" is short for "Incorporated". Of which "Inc" is an abbreviation used to indicate the "business being a corporation and a legal entity called a corporation or an incorporated business". To note: As the property is registered in a business name, we do require either confirmation that Dr Moringa, is also the sole member of the business. And if not, we do require a consent from the other members, giving the applicant Singi Property (Pty) Ltd, of which Dr Moringa the contact person and sole director (for such), the consent/authority to act on their/the Inc's behalf, iro this application, applying for activities/development to take place on the registered property.

Again all of this to be stated within the Affidavit required from Dr Moringa.

Trust you will find this in order and of assistance.

Thank you and regards.

Charmaine Struwig
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Good day Ms Struwig

I am just following up on my below email.

Kind regards,

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Dear Ms Struwig

Would it suffice if we sent you a company registration document that indicates that Dr Moringa is the sole owner of Singi Properties? That just means we would have to amend the application to indicate Dr Moringa as the landowner and take out Singi Properties...

He wanted the EA (should we receive it) to be registered in his company's name and not his personal name.

Please confirm:

- That the company registration document will suffice.
- That we should amend the landowner details to indicate Dr Moringa as the landowner and not Singi Properties.

Kind regards,

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Good day Ms Jacobs

Trust all good on your side.

Your e-mail below, with link for application submission, for the above, refers.

I confirm that I have managed to download such, which I have attached, for easy reference.

When checking through the submission for complete- and correctness, I noted the following:

- **Appendix 5 – Title Deed(s) and SG Diagram.** Although both has been attached, I noted within the Title Deed that such refers to Dr C.R Moringa Inc. and not “Singi Properties (Pty) Ltd” as it appears on- and details given within the application form, for the applicant and landowner. Why is the registered name, which appears on the deed document different from the details of “Singi Properties (Pty) Ltd” provided on the application as both the applicant and landowner? > *Please give clarity in this regard and amend the application according to included the necessary.*
- **Appendix 14 – Declaration by Applicant. Incomplete.** Although declaration done by Dr Maringa, being a Company “Singi Properties (Pty) Ltd”, we do require for our records, either (a) letter of consent or (b) certified copy of a Board Resolution, in which the other board members/directors give Mr Maringa the authority to act on their-/Company’s behalf. > *Please obtain the necessary and amend the application to include such under Appendix 14, for resubmission.*

Please note:

Due to the above, the application is deemed to be incomplete and incorrect and may not be registered. You are required to please attend to the above for re-submission of the entire application, at your earliest convenience.

To also note: Once the e-submission is complete and you notified of registration, you need to submit the original signed hard copy of the application submission to our office, which will include the original signed documents, i.e. all the declarations, letters of consent/or a certified copy of the Board Resolution (whatever applicable), NSTR, etc. required for record- and auditing purposes.

On receipt of this e-mail, please acknowledge receipt.

Trust you will find this in order and of assistance.

Thank you and regards.

Charmaine Struwig
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Subject: RE: BASIC ASSESSMENT APPLICATION: PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF ERF 2006, PARSONSVLEI, GQEBERHA, EASTERN CAPE

Good day Ms Struwig

I am just resending the below email and this time including a dropbox link as I suspect the zipfile I attached to the email might have been too large and that the email did not reach you.

Please refer to the attached cover letter and dropbox link below to download the relevant documents.

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Good day Ms Struwig

I hope you are well.

Please find attached the Basic Assessment Application Form and the cover letter for the application.

Kindly confirm receipt of this email and that the form is complete and accepted.

Hope everything is in order.

Kind regards,

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Attachments: 2257 - D BAR Cover letter.pdf

Good day Ms Jacobs

E-mail trail below, with regards to the above, refers.

As the administrative support person, I confirm the receipt of e-mail with link on 02 October 2024. Which I have noted you have also forwarded an e-mail with link to the Case Officer, Ms Mhlaba on 03 October 2024, whom application has been assigned to (as per e-mail from Mr Struwig on 02 October 2024). Thank you.
Further **I also confirm the delivery of the hard copy of the Draft BAR**, to our offices on 03 October 2024. Such will be forwarded to the Case Officer, Ms Mhlaba, in due course, for her attention and records.

Trust you will find this in order and of assistance.

Thank you and regards.

Charmaine Struwig
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Dear Ms Mhlaba

As informed by Mr Struwig, you have been appointed as the case officer for the above-mentioned project.

Kindly refer to the below email (with the dropbox link) and the attached cover letter for the submission of the draft BAR.

Please inform us once you have downloaded the documents from dropbox.

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Hi Mr Struwig

The link in my previous email for some reason did not link all the documents. The below link has been fixed.

My apologies for any inconvenience caused.

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Good day Mr Struwig

Please find attached the cover letter for the abovementioned draft Basic Assessment Report.

The below Dropbox link should provide you with access to the Draft BAR and associated documentation.

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Kindly notify us once the documents have been downloaded. The hard copy of the documents will be delivered to your offices in due course.

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APPLICATION FOR INTEGRATED AUTHORISATION IN TERMS OF SECTION 24 OF THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT ACT, ACT 107 OF 1998 TO UNDERTAKE A LISTED ACTIVITY AS SCHEDULED IN THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT REGULATIONS, 2014 AS AMENDED: PROPOSED RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT OF ERF 2006, PARSONSVLEI, GQEBERHA, EASTERN CAPE

Refer to the Draft Basic Assessment Report submitted by Engineering Advice and Services (Pty) Ltd to the Department on behalf of Singi Properties (Pty) Ltd on 02 October 2024 in support of the above project.

1. You are hereby informed that the Draft BAR has been reviewed by the Department. In this regard one specific issue that has not been adequately addressed in the DBAR is the fact that the entire site is located within a Critical Biodiversity Area as mapped in the Nelson Mandela Bay Bioregional Plan.
 - 1.1. The impact that the proposed development may have on terrestrial biodiversity is not adequately and comprehensively addressed in the DBAR and the layout seems to cover most of the site.
 - 1.2. Furthermore, it would have been appropriate to consider a biodiversity offset bearing in mind that the vegetation type found on site is critically endangered which implies that no further loss should be considered / allowed and that the land use guidelines in the NMB Bioregional Plan indicates that CBA's need to maintain their natural structure and ecosystem functioning.
2. There is also no confirmation from the NMBM that all services are available to service the proposed development. A written confirmation from the Municipality confirming that all services are available must be attached in the FBAR.
3. The Department therefore requires that this be comprehensively assessed and addressed with due consideration given to an appropriate biodiversity offset.
4. The EAP is advised to remain aware of the 90-day timeframe for submission of the Final Report as contained within the 2014 Regulations, which period will lapse on **13 January 2025**. All requirements as contained in Appendix 1 of the 2014 EIA Regulations must be addressed in the FBAR.

5. The Environmental Assessment Practitioner is required to notify and inform the applicant in writing that the activity may not commence prior to an environmental authorisation being granted by the competent authority.
6. You are reminded that the Department reserves its right to request any additional information / provide further comment for consideration once the Final Basic Report has been received and reviewed. Any such requests will provide you with a deadline for submission of such information failing which the Department will make a decision based on the information at its disposal at the time.



ANDRIES STRUWIG

MANAGER: EQM

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EAS Ref No: 2257

EAS RESPONSE TO DEDEAT DRAFT BAR COMMENTS: PROPOSED RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT OF ERF 2006, PARSONSVLEI, GOEBERHA, EASTERN CAPE

Dear Mr Struwig/Ms Mhlaba

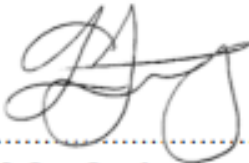
Kindly find below our responses to your comments received on 11 November 2024.

1. The site does not fall within Critical Biodiversity Area as mapped in the Nelson Mandela Bay Bioregional Plan. Please see CBA Map within Appendix A of the Draft Basic Assessment Report which will also be contained in the Final Basic Assessment Report. For ease of reference we have also attached the map with this correspondence.
 - 1.1 No intact patches of vegetation indicative of Algoa Sandstone Fynbos were identified by the Terrestrial Biodiversity Specialist. Thus, no part or portion of the site was identified by the specialist as High sensitivity or as No-Go areas. Therefore, the layout of the proposed development did not consider alternative options to conserve highly sensitive environments. See extract from the conclusions of the Biodiversity Assessment (Colloty, 2024) *"During this assessment, no sensitive habitats were observed and thus it is envisaged that all of the impacts would remain LOW (with mitigation) and that the overall residual impacts would be VERY LOW."* The Terrestrial Biodiversity Impact assessment thus covered the potential impact that the proposed development might have on terrestrial biodiversity adequately and comprehensively as per the NEMA EIA Protocol for the specialist assessment and minimum report content requirement for environmental impacts on terrestrial biodiversity
 - 1.2 The site is not classified as a CBA according to Nelson Mandela Bay Bioregional Plan. The site is listed as Algoa Sandstone Fynbos (Critically Endangered), however, as indicated in the specialist report and as confirmed by the specialist on 11 November 2024 via email; *"During the two site visits conducted, it was clear that the site was heavily disturbed, both in the past (evidence of old homes and walls) and currently by dense alien vegetation, cattle grazing and dumping. Therefore, none of the indicator fynbos species other than a few remaining bulbs were observed. This coupled to the fire in 2014, and again in 2023/2024 has led to a grass dominated site, allowing the dense growth of Alien Acacias."* Further the site is locally fragmented from any other natural corridors or areas that are not already developed or earmarked for development. The site does not contain any potential for conservation or rehabilitation considering the current state of the site and the future development envisaged for the vacant sites around this site.

2. There is confirmation from the NMBM that all services are available within Appendix G1 and G2 of Draft Basic Assessment Report which will also be contained in the Final Basic Assessment Report.
3. Considering the outcomes of the Biodiversity Report (Colloty, 2024), the overall residual impacts would be Very Low and therefore a biodiversity offset was not deemed applicable (according to page 28 of the National Biodiversity Offset Guideline), especially considering the site is not located within a CBA.
4. Noted, the Final Basic Assessment Report will be submitted prior to the 13th of January 2025. Upon confirmation from the department that their comments have been adequately addressed, we would like to submit the FBAR as soon as
5. Noted.
6. Noted.

I trust you will find the above in order.

Yours sincerely



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Mongikazi Gxilishe

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Sent: Monday, 25 November 2024 09:06
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Subject: RE: Comments for 44-2024

Good day Ms Mhlaba

Could you please let us know if you have feedback on our response to your comments on the draft BAR?

We would like to submit the final BAR as soon as the issues have been concluded.

Kind regards,

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Subject: RE: Comments for 44-2024

Good day Ms Jacobs

I have been off sick and only came back yesterday, I do apologise for only replying now.

Please note that the Responses to the comments are acknowledged,

All the Responses to the comments have been adequately addressed and no additional information is required by the Department. However, comments and responses must be incorporated into the FBAR.

Regards
Andiswa