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28 July 2025

EAS Ref: 2291

DEDEAT Ref: EC09/C/LN1&3/M/56-2024

Dear Sir/Madam

**NOTICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION AND APPEAL PERIOD: PROPOSED TURNKEY BOREHOLE EXPLORATION AND DRILLING PROJECT IN THE NELSON MANDELA BAY MUNICIPALITY AREA – ASPEN HEIGHTS & MALABAR**

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your participation in this Basic Assessment application process. As a registered Interested and Affected Party (I&AP) for the above-mentioned project, this letter serves as notification of the Environmental Authorisation (dated **24 July 2025**), issued to *Nelson Mandela Bay Municipality* by the provincial Department of Economic Development, Environmental Affairs and Tourism.

A copy of the Environmental Authorisation, including reasons for the decision and the appeals procedure is available on our website ([www.easemp.co.za](http://www.easemp.co.za)) or can be furnished on request.

**APPEAL PROCEDURE**

As an I&AP we would like to inform you of the appeal procedure provided for in the National Appeal Regulations published in GN R993 of 8 December 2014 as amended in terms of Section 44 read together with Section 43 of the National Environmental Management Act, Act 107 of 1998, as amended.

Any appeal against the decision contained in this Environmental Authorisation must be submitted in writing, to the MEC for Economic Development, Environmental Affairs and Tourism (hereinafter referred to as the “MEC”) in terms of regulation 4(1) of the NEMA Appeal Regulations, 2014 and **within 20 (twenty) days** after the appellant has been notified in terms of Conditions 5.1 and 5.2 of the decision (refer to Environmental Authorisation).

Should you decide to appeal, you must submit your appeal to the appeal administrator, as indicated in the table below, and serve a copy of the appeal to the applicant, if not the appellant, all registered interested and affected parties and organs of state with interest in the matter within 20 days as described in Regulation 4 of the National Appeal Regulations, 2014.

An appeal submission must be made on a form obtainable from the Departmental Appeal Administrator and/or the Departmental website on [www.dedea.gov.za](http://www.dedea.gov.za) or relevant regional office; and

The Appellant must also serve a copy of the appeal to the regional office that processed the application.

In the event that an appeal is lodged, copies of such appeal must be served on the applicant (if not the appellant), all registered interested and affected parties as well as juristic state departments (organs of state with interest in the matter) within 20 days of having been notified in accordance with the requirements stipulated in paragraphs 5.1 and 5.2 of the decision. Please note that the 20 days for appeals to be submitted lapses on **18 August 2025**.

**Only appeals on environmental grounds can be considered. All appeals should be accompanied by relevant and supporting documentation.**

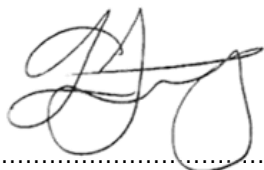
The address to which the **originals** of the appeal and any supporting documentation pertaining to the appeal must be mailed is outlined below. Please note that originals may also be delivered per hand or courier.

<b>Department:</b>	Economic Development, Environmental Affairs & Tourism (Eastern Cape)
<b>Attention:</b>	General Manager: Environmental Affairs
<b>Postal Address:</b>	Private Bag X0054, <b>BHISHO</b> , 5605
<b>Hand Deliveries:</b>	Old Safety and Liaison Building (Global Life Complex) Opposite Engen Garage Bhisho, 5605

In order to facilitate efficient administration of appeals **copies** of the notice of intention to appeal and any supporting appeal documentation must also be submitted as follows:

Manager: Mr S. Gqalangile – Environmental Impact Management per email	<a href="mailto:Siyabonga.Gqalangile@dedea.gov.za">Siyabonga.Gqalangile@dedea.gov.za</a>
CC: Ms Phumzela Gxala – Admin support for Mr Gqalangile	<a href="mailto:Phumeza.Gxala@dedea.gov.za">Phumeza.Gxala@dedea.gov.za</a>
<i>It is strongly recommended that electronic copies of all appeal documentation also be e-mailed.</i>	

Kind Regards



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**for Engineering Advice & Services (Pty) Ltd**