
PROPOSED PROTEA VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT ON ERVEN 242 AND 212, BISHOPSCOURT: PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN

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Second Revised Public Participation Plan, with Proposed Post-Application Public Participation Process, as Part of the Basic Assessment Process for the Proposed Development of Residential and Recreational Facilities on Erven 242 and 212, Bishopscourt for the Protea Village Community Land Claim: Phase 1 (NOI Ref: 16/3/3/6/7/1/A6/7/2223/17)

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Acronyms and Abbreviations

BAR	Basic Assessment Report
BID	Background Information Document
DBAR	Draft Basic Assessment Report
DEA&DP	Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning
DHSWS	Department of Human Settlements, Water and Sanitation
EA	Environmental Authorisation
EAP	Environmental Assessment Practitioner
EIA	Environmental Impact Assessment
FBAR	Final Basic Assessment Report
I&AP	Interested and Affected Party
NOI	Notification of Intent
NWA	National Water Act (No. 36 of 1998)
PPP	Public Participation Process

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Proposed Protea Village Development on Erven 242 and 212, Bishopscourt: Public Participation Plan

SECOND REVISED PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN, WITH PROPOSED POST-APPLICATION PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS, AS PART OF THE BASIC ASSESSMENT PROCESS FOR THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF RESIDENTIAL AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES ON ERVEN 242 AND 212, BISHOPSCOURT FOR THE PROTEA VILLAGE COMMUNITY LAND CLAIM: PHASE 1 (NOI REF: 16/3/3/6/7/1/A6/7/2223/17)

1. INTRODUCTION

The Applicant proposes to develop the following on Erf 242 and Erf 212, Bishopscourt:

- Green Public Open Space Area;
- Residential Area for the 86 families of the Protea Village Community; and
- A combination of Freehold and Leasehold Residential Opportunities.

The ultimate aim of the proposal is to achieve the sustainable and responsible restoration of the Protea Village Community (who are formally constituted as the Protea Village Communal Property Association - CPA), their property, their homes, their wealth and their legacy through the provision of 86 homes for the Protea Village Community which responds sensitively to the surrounding environmental, economic and social context. This would be in pursuit of honoring the land claim awarded by the Land Claims Commission in terms of the Restitution of Lands Act, 1994 (Act No. 22 of 1994) to 86 former resident families, who resided in the original Protea Village Area and were forcibly removed during the 1960s, in terms of the Group Areas Act, 1950 (Act No. 41 of 1950). The claim was lodged on 4 February 1995 and the City of Cape Town and the State agreed to release the properties to the CPA in September 2006. Following which, an application by opposing parties was lodged at the Land Claims Court to review decisions regarding the approval of the land claim. In June 2011, the Land Claims Court ruled in favour of land restitution on Erven 212 and 242 in Bishopscourt. This proposal encompasses homes for the Protea Village community, an open space which would be used by the public, as well as other residential development which would provide the financial resources for the construction of serviced homes for the Protea Village community.

The proposed development triggers Listed Activity 19 of Listing Notice 1 and Listed Activity 12 (i) (i) of Listing Notice 3 of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended). The pre-application stages of the Basic Assessment process were initiated early in 2018, with the pre-application meeting being held with the Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning (DEA&DP) on 25 July 2018. Given the economic, environmental, and social complexity of the site and its context, the process has required significant specialist assessment and stakeholder engagement, which has also resulted in iterations of the proposed development. This process has been on-going since 2018, with the initial public participation activities occurring prior to the global COVID-19 pandemic and, thus, prior to the latest instruction from the DEA&DP (and National Department of Environment, Forestry and Fisheries- DEFF) regarding the way Environmental Applications should be executed under the National State of Disaster.

The DEA&DP's latest State of Disaster Circular dated 30 September 2020 (reference 0024/2020) requires that a Public Participation Process Plan be submitted to the DEA&DP prior to the commencement of any public participation. The plan is required to set out all the public participation steps, including additional measures, proposed.

This PPP Plan is, therefore submitted to the DEA&DP in terms of the abovementioned Circular for their feedback and advice, noting that much PPP has taken place prior to the issuing of Circular 0024/2020 and was done in accordance with the EIA regulations, 2014 (as amended). The process was also discussed with the DEA&DP at the pre-application meeting of 15 July 2020 (a record of this meeting will be provided in the post-application DBAR).

On a general note, the community within which the proposed development is located is one of Cape Town's most affluent suburbs and it is therefore assumed that they would have access to internet and easily be able to receive notifications via email and download documents from Chand's website. All comments received from I&APs to-date support this assumption in that they have all been submitted electronically, with the only hand-written submissions comprising comments deposited into the comment box at the Open House held on 21 November 2018. All State Departments are also able to receive emails and documents for download.

Furthermore, by way of a status update, all specialist assessments have been completed and the draft Basic Assessment Report (DBAR) is currently in the final stages, with the submission of the application for Environmental Authorisation anticipated to occur within the next few weeks. This would initiate the post-application public participation process, hence the submission of this PPP Plan now as feedback thereon would assist Chand in preparing for the public participation while the DEA&DP is reviewing the application.

2. ASSUMPTIONS AND LIMITATIONS

This report has been compiled with the following assumptions and limitations:

- This PPP Plan has been devised at a point in the Basic Assessment process where the assessments and stakeholder engagement is well-advanced and therefore, the proposed PPP focuses on the intentions for the post-application PPP under lockdown conditions.
- Face-to-face meetings or site meetings are not anticipated, however, if the need for such a meeting arises this will be raised with the Department prior to execution and all necessary protocols to contain and limit the spread of the COVID-19 virus will be implemented (at the moment, this would entail wearing of face masks, sanitising hands on site with a sanitizer that is 80% alcohol or more and maintaining a physical distance of 1.5m between people).
- Public comment periods for post-application documents associated with this process have been devised to adhere to the minimum statutory timeframes as contemplated in the EIA Regulations 2014 (as amended) as well as to provide an additional days in order to accommodate the various lockdown scenarios in terms of the COVID-19 State of Disaster. Should the State of Disaster be lifted at any time, the intention would be to revert to the minimum statutory commenting periods as contemplated in the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended) or to the latest requirements indicated by the Department which apply at the time.
- Public comment periods prior to the COVID-19 State of Disaster were under standard timeframes stipulated in the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended).
- It is assumed that I&APs who live or own property in Fernwood, Bishopscourt, Newlands and the surrounding areas where I&APs reside would be accessible via email and post and would have access to internet and easily be able to receive notifications via email and download documents from Chand's website. It is also assumed that all relevant State Departments can receive emails and documents for download.
- It is assumed postage can occur under all Alert Levels apart from Level 4 (which is not the current level at the time of writing).

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ACTIVITIES

3.1 PPP: Tasks Carried out to-date

A summary of the PPP carried out to-date is provided herein in order to demonstrate the extensive engagement that has occurred thus far. Understanding this is important when considering the next steps proposed.

The PPP to-date has far exceeded the minimum legislative requirements prescribed in regulation 41 of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended) and has include the following activities (noting that no alternative sites have been considered in impact assessment process as the Protea Village community was returned a specific piece of land and cannot develop elsewhere):

- Compilation of a preliminary Interested and Affected Party (I&AP) database which include previous comments from the baseline assessment done in 2004, as well as research conducted by Chand on contemporary officials and stakeholder groups which may have an interest in the area or project. The I&AP database has been maintained throughout the Basic Assessment process as registrations and comments have been received. Therefore, the I&AP database includes parties required in terms of Regulation 41 (2) (b) of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended).
- Advertisement (through site notices placed on 25 October 2018, a mail-out done on 25 October 2018 knock-and-drop to adjacent landowners carried out on 24 and 25 October 2018 and adverts in the Cape Times and Cape Argus on 25 October 2018 and 25 October 2018 respectively) of the proposed development and Basic Assessment process including the distribution of a Background Information Document (BID) for public comment from 26 October 2018 to 30 November 2018 (36 days were provided for the comment period) in November 2018.
- An Open House event was extensively advertised in the media as well as through the placement of notices in the surrounding areas and was held during the above-mentioned comment period, the Open House Event was held on 21 November 2018.
- Fixing a notice board at a place conspicuous to and accessible by the public at the boundary/ on the fence of the site on 25 October 2018. The contents and size thereof have adhered to requirements of Regulations 41 (3) and (4) of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended).
- With respect to the written notice to the owners and persons in control of the site, note that a landowners' consent has been obtained and so they are aware of the proposal on the site. Also, the CPA will receive transfer of land in accordance with the land claim and would be the owners of the proposed development (prior to the sale of the propose freehold stands).
- Note that there are no legitimate "occupiers" on the site, but users of the site (i.e. those who use it for recreation) would have been able to see the site notices.
- Written notice occupiers of land adjacent to the site was provided through the knock-and-drop exercise on 24 and 25 October 2018.
- Written notice to the municipal councillor of the ward in which the site is located was done on 24 October 2018.
- Written notice to the municipality (Local and District Municipality) which has jurisdiction in the area was done as part of the notification and BID distribution on 24 October 2018.
- Written notice to any organ of state having jurisdiction in respect of any aspect of the activity; was done as part of the notification and BID distribution on 25 October 2018.
- Written notice to any other party as required by the Department has not been specifically requested, but the advice provided in the pre-application meeting has been taken on.
- Placement of an advertisement in two local newspapers, namely the Cape Argus and Cape Times on 25 October 2018 and 25 October 2018 respectively (noting that the minimum legal requirement is for placement in one newspaper).
- A Focus Group Meeting in which all registered Heritage Conservation Bodies within the metropole were invited was carried out on 8 October 2018 (prior to the general advertisement of the proposal in the media). This meeting also included members of the Fernwood residents' association who provided their input.
- Formal meetings with the Bishops court and Fernwood Ratepayers' Associations (27 November/6 December 2017) and again, combined, in October 2018.

- Regular engagement through informal meetings and written updates with the Bishopscourt and Fernwood Ratepayers' Associations throughout the process to keep them up to speed with the latest progress thereof.
- Focus Group Meetings were held with landowners adjacent to Erf 242 and Erf 212 on 13 and 14 November 2018, respectively.
- A site meeting was held with the Department of Human Settlements, Water and Sanitation (then Department of Water and Sanitation) on 16 May 2019, as well as a meeting at the DHSWS offices on 29 October 2019.
- A Focus Group Meeting was held with representatives of key organisations associated with the biophysical aspects of the site (i.e. SANBI, City of Cape Town Environmental Management, Friends of the Liesbeek and TreeKeepers) on 19 November 2018.
- A one-on-one meeting with The Hill Pre-primary School on 19 March 2019.
- A one-on-one meeting was held with the City of Cape Town: Recreation and Parks branch.
- Presentation at two Heritage Western Cape (HWC) Impact Assessment Committee (IACOM) meetings was made on 5 December 2018 as well as on 10 July 2019.
- The Draft Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) Report was published for a 30-day public comment period published from 7 June 2019 to 8 July 2019, and notification thereof was distributed to the full Registered I&AP database (which included all I&APs which had registered on or before 5 June 2019).

Evidence of the abovementioned actions will be provided in the post-application DBAR.

3.2 Issues and Responses

As a result of the extensive public participation carried out to-date, several comments have been received from I&APs thus far. These have all been addressed in the DBAR and will be unpacked further therein. However, to summarise, the preferred development alternative layout has been designed through an extensive process of consultation and iteration with the project team, I&APs and independent specialists to ensure that it fulfils the business plan's requirements for a commercially viable re-entry of the Protea Village community into the area, whilst taking full cognisance of the environmental opportunities and constraints of the site in a sustainable manner. In addition, the proposed development layout balances the generation of financial resources required to build 86 decent houses on 86 decent sized erven against any potential or proposed design changes.

Given this, the concerns of I&APs, adjacent landowners, and various state departments (e.g. HWC and City of Cape Town) as they relate to the development layout have been afforded due consideration in the context of the requirements and sustainability of the business model. A key change in the proposed layout (which is now the preferred development alternative) is that it has been revised to provide direct access to Erf 212 and the spring, which was a recommendation from HWC and City of Cape Town. Input from the project team and independent specialists has been sought, where appropriate, when due consideration has been given to these concerns, several of which have been accommodated in how the various aspects of the proposed development would be designed, constructed, and managed. Many suggestions from I&APs have been included as specifications in the EMPr to better mitigate any adverse impacts anticipated as a result of the proposed development.

Comments were submitted with regard to the following key issues, the details of which are further unpacked in the post-application DBAR:

- Layout;
- Design;
- The Business Case;
- Trees and Vegetation on Site;
- The Freshwater Ecosystem;
- Traffic and Access;
- Heritage, Visual and Cultural;
- Integration of Claimants into the Local Community;
- Town Planning / Land Use Application;
- Engineering, Stormwater and Services;
- The Land Claim;

- Landscaping;
- The Construction Phase and related Construction Activities;
- The Operation Phase and related Operation Activities;
- Basic Assessment: Process, Impacts and General Issues;
- Kirstenbosch Botanical Garden, the Stone Cottages and Craft Market; and
- Interested Developers/ Estate Agents.

4 PROPOSED POST-APPLICATION PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ACTIVITIES

As mentioned above, the post-application DBAR and application form have been completed and are ready for submission. The application form will be submitted (and application fee paid) to the DEA&DP within 24 hours of the Department's acceptance of this Plan.

4.1 Public Review of Post-Application Draft Basic Assessment Report

Proposed Process in terms of Regulation 41 of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended)

Notification of the Post-Application DBAR would be distributed to the I&AP database (as described in section 3.1 and which includes parties required in terms of Regulation 41 (2) (b) of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended)) through a letter.

This would be done via email to the I&APs which have email addresses (this includes state departments) and via post to those who do not. Note that **it is not intended to use Registered Mail**, but rather regular post/mail as Chand does not believe it prudent to require people to leave their homes and queue in a post office to collect mail during a global pandemic, particularly where this cohort of I&APs has been comfortably engaging with this process electronically to-date.

No hardcopies would be delivered, as the documentation would be available for download, unless specifically requested by a state department (or I&APs, where reasonable requests are made). The report itself would be made available for download from Chand's website.

The above means of notification (as well as the PPP to-date described in section 3.1 and the notification of the decision described in section 4.2) would provide for adherence to Regulation 41 of the EIA Regulations 2014 (as amended), noting that most of the requirements in this regard have already been fulfilled through the pre-application PPP, which was executed prior to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The suggested comment period for the post-application DBAR would be 35 days (i.e. the typical legislated comment period with an additional 5 days to accommodate lockdown circumstances). It is believed that this period is adequate as this affords I&APs longer than the minimum legislated period and the online series proposed below would have the specialists present for questions in order to unpack specific issues.

Registrations resulting from the post-application DBAR distribution would be added to the I&AP Database and comments from the post-application DBAR distribution would be included in an updated Comments and Response Report and Final Basic Assessment Report (FBAR) for submission to the DEA&DP.

Should the Post-Application DBAR require substantive amendments as per S19(1)(b) of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended), the updated DBAR would be distributed to the Registered I&APs for a further 30 days. It is not anticipated that this would be likely, given the extensive public review already undertaken for the BAR.

Proposed Process beyond the requirements of Regulation 41 of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended)

During the above-mentioned public review period of the post-application DBAR, it is proposed that an online version of an “Open House” be done. Throughout the process, the I&APs have been informed that there would be an Open House during the public review period for the post-application DBAR, however, given the guidance provided in the Department’s Circular 0024/2020, a standard face-to-face Open House event should not occur.

Therefore, a video-conferencing series is proposed *in lieu* of the Open House. The video-conferencing series would comprise a series of open meetings, with each meeting covering a set of related issues or disciplines (to mimic a batch of posters for a specific specialist or issue that would be at an Open House) as they have been raised and responded to in the post-application DBAR. A preliminary indication of the groupings is listed below, noting that this is a work-in-progress:

- Heritage and Visual;
- Freshwater, Stormwater, Trees and Landscaping;
- Civil Services;
- Design, Architecture and Town Planning; and
- Business Case and Basic Assessment process.

The sessions would be split over two days, namely 20 and 21 October 2020 and would take during and after working hours, after working hours or a combination of the two, depending on availability of the various specialists and project team members.

Each session would be approximately 45-50 minutes in duration and would be hosted by the EAP, Applicant (or a representative from the Development Managers), and the specialists relevant to the discipline or issue covered in the session. Any I&AP who wishes to attend the session would then “dial-in” for the video-conference.

Open House posters would be prepared (as would be placed in a standard Open House) and they would be made available for download from Chand’s website, prior to the commencement of the video-conferencing series.

In order to obtain an “attendance register”, I&APs would be requested to sign up (via email) for the sessions which they would like to attend and to submit any questions they would like to put to the specialist for discussion in the session with their sign-up. Only those who have signed up for a session would be sent a link to it.

The above intentions would be communicated to I&APs through an invitation to the video-conferencing series. The invitation would be distributed via email to the I&AP database, as well as regular (**not** registered) post to those who do not have emails and would be sent about two weeks before the proposed event. The invitation would contain the date, time, and duration of each slot as well as how to sign up for the sessions. It would also contain a link for the Open House posters as well as the preferred platform that would be used and a reminder to I&APs to ensure that they have the latest version thereof downloaded prior to the meeting. Depending on the logistics relative to the publication and notification of the post-application DBAR, this invitation would either form part of that notification (which is preferable) or would be sent separately shortly thereafter.

The format of the actual session would comprise the specialist/s providing a brief summary of their findings (noting that this would be based on the Open House posters that would already have been distributed and reviewed by I&APs) and responses to general issues raised to-date and the questions submitted by I&APs as part of their sign-up, followed by a Q&A session with participants until the end of the session.

A few points of clarity:

- Only one of each session would be held;
- All attendees would be placed on mute while the specialists are speaking;
- Time constraints would be observed (as with an Open House, which runs for a set period of time);
- Questions would be responded to within time constraints of each session and the meeting would be facilitated by Chand with a view to allowing as many participants as possible to participate during the allotted time;
- Attendees would be encouraged to submit any detailed questions or further comments to Chand, in writing, during the comment period on the BAR (this would also address the potential situation where certain questions may not be responded to in the session due to factors such as time constraints or where the response requires further consideration);
- As with a regular Open House, no minutes would be taken;
- The sign-up list and dates of each session would be provided to the DEA&DP with the final BAR as evidence; and
- The I&APs for this project have access to internet so this manner of interacting is deemed to be inclusive.

4.2 Notification of DEA&DP Decision

Once the DEA&DP has reviewed the FBAR and issued their decision, the decision, date, reasons for decision, means to access the decision, and an explanation regarding the way the decision may be appealed, as well as any further requirements stipulated therein would be distributed to the I&AP database via email for those who have email addresses and post (note regular post, **not** registered post) for those who have only postal addresses. It would also be uploaded onto Chand's website so it would be accessible for download. The applicable appeal period would be explained in accordance with that included in the decision.

5 CONCLUSION

The PPP to-date and future activities proposed are summarized in Table 1 which indicates which activities have met and would meet minimum statutory requirement in terms of Regulation 41 of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended) and those which are additional.

TABLE 1 SUMMARY OF PPP ALREADY CARRIES OUT AND PROPOSED PLAN RELATIVE TO STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS

PPP: Task/Activity	Before or After State of Disaster	Regulatory Requirements	Additional
Compilation of Preliminary I&AP Database	Before	X ¹	
Distribute BID (36 days)- via email to preliminary database, as well as regular post for adjacent landowners who do not have email, BID on Chand's website for download	Before		X
Notification/Advertisement of project and Basic Assessment Process (along with BID mentioned above)- via email to the I&APs which have email addresses and via regular post to those who do not, site notice at site boundaries, newspaper adverts, knock-and-drop to adjacent landowners	Before	X	
Open House Event (indicated in notification above)- invitation advertised in newspapers, via email to the I&APs which have email addresses and via post to those who do not, knock-and-drop to adjacent landowners- event held on 21 November 2018	Before		X
Meetings: Focus Group Meeting with Heritage Conservation Bodies, meetings with Bishopscourt and Fernwood Ratepayers' organisations, Focus Group Meeting with adjacent landowners of Erf 212, Focus Group Meeting with adjacent landowners of Erf 242, Meetings on site and at the offices of DHSWS	Before		X

¹ in so far as necessary parties are included therein

with DHSWS, Focus Group Meeting with SANBI, Friends of the Liesbeek, City of Cape Town Environmental Management and TreeKeepers, One-on-one meeting with the Hill Primary School, One-on-one meeting with the City of Cape Town: Recreation and Parks branch, and presentation at two HWC IACOM meetings			
Distribution of Draft HIA for public comment- letter to I&AP database via email to those who have emails addresses and regular post to those who only have postal addresses, report available for download on Chand's website	Before	X ²	
Public Review of Post-Application DBAR (30 + 5 days)- report on Chand's website and notification letters sent via email to the I&APs which have email addresses and via regular post to those who do not, hardcopies would not be sent but will be provided upon reasonable request	After	X	
Video-conference series of open meetings on key issues (20 & 21 October 2020)- invitation distributed about two weeks prior to event via email to the I&APs which have email addresses and via regular post to those who do not	After		X
Notification of Decision to Registered I&APs via email, and regular post to those who do not have email addresses, decision would be uploaded to Chand's website	After	X	

² Meets the requirements of HWC, not strictly related to Regulation 41 of EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended)



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Dear Madam

COMMENTS ON THE PROPOSED PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN RELATING TO THE APPLICATION FOR BASIC ASSESSMENT FOR THE PROPOSED ESTABLISHMENT OF RESIDENTIAL, RECREATIONAL AND EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES ON ERVEN 212 AND 242, BISHOPSCOURT.

1. The revised Public Participation Plan, as received by this Department via electronic mail correspondence on 05 October 2020, refers.
2. This Department has reviewed the abovementioned Public Participation Plan and notes that an extensive Public Participation Process has previously been undertaken, which met the requirements of Regulation 41 of the Environmental Impact Assessment ("EIA") Regulations, 2014 (as amended). The public participation process for the draft Basic Assessment Report ("BAR") will comprise of the following:
 - 2.1 A draft BAR will be made available for comment for a period of 35 days;
 - 2.2 E-mails will be sent to interested and affected parties ("I&APs"), including state departments, to announce the availability of the draft BAR;
 - 2.3 Letters will be posted to those I&APs who do not have access to e-mail;
 - 2.4 A copy of the draft BAR will be placed on the website of Chand Environmental Consultants; and
 - 2.5 Online "Open House" meetings will be held, comprising of a video-conferencing series, with each meeting covering a set of related issues or disciplines.
3. During the application phase, a draft BAR will be circulated to registered I&APs and all comments will be recorded and addressed in an updated Comments and Responses Report.
4. Based on the information contained in the Public Participation Plan, this Department herewith provides the following comments:

- 4.1 A copy of the draft BAR must be submitted via email to the case officer, with attached pdf versions of the report or, if too large to attach to an email, to be made available via an electronic link provided in the email that is accessible by the Directorate. The Directorate may require that a hard copy of the reports also be submitted to the Department by a certain date, but will advise you accordingly.
- 4.2 Please ensure that where electronic copies cannot be accessed by I&APs, alternative access to copies of the BAR are made available.
- 4.3 Please be reminded that the Public Participation Process must fulfil the requirements outlined in Chapter 6 of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended), and must take into account any applicable guidelines published in terms of Section 24J of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) ("NEMA"), this Department's Circular EADP 0028/2014 on the "*One Environmental Management System*" and the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended), as well as any other guidance provided by this Department.
5. You are hereby informed that this Department agrees to your methods of conducting the Public Participation Process as outlined in the abovementioned Public Participation Plan and that you may proceed, as proposed, provided that the requirements of paragraph 4.1 to 4.3 are also met.
6. Kindly quote the abovementioned reference number in any future correspondence in respect of the pre-application.
7. Please note that it is prohibited in terms of the NEMA for a person to commence with a listed activity unless the competent authority has granted an environmental authorisation for the undertaking of the activity.
8. This Department reserves the right to revise or withdraw any comments or request further information from you based on any information received.

Yours faithfully



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