

COMMENTS AND RESPONSES REPORT #1

BASIC ASSESSMENT PROCESS FOR THE PROPOSED PH2 MyCiti WYNBERG BUS DEPOT AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE ON A PORTION OF ERF 91191, ERF 90470 & ERF 90475-RE, WYNBERG

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1 INTRODUCTION

This document is the draft Comments and Responses Report, appended to the pre-application draft Basic Assessment Report (BAR), for the Proposed IRT Ph 2 MyCiTi Wynberg Bus Depot and Associated Infrastructure on a portion of Erf 91191, Erf 90470 & Erf 90475-RE, Wynberg.

This document provides a report on the public participation process (PPP) undertaken for the proposal up until public review of the pre-application Draft BAR which is currently being subjected to a 60-day public comment period, and, by virtue of being appended to the BAR, this report is also under the 60-day review period. This is aligned with the PPP Plan for the proposal (refer to **Annexure 2**) which was approved by the Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning (DEA&DP) on 19 March 2021 (refer to **Annexure 3**) following previous, informal, pre-pre-application engagements which started in July 2020.

The Interested & Affected Parties (I&AP) database for the application, exclusive of contact information, is included in **Annexure 1**. This database has remained updated and will be maintained throughout the process. It comprises of parties initially included as per Chand's research in the area and legislated requirements, as well as those who registered following the distribution of the Background Information Document (BID) in June 2021, and, in fact, throughout the process.

This report describes the process used to identify and notify potential I&APs of the proposal, BAR and associated public review and comment period. The report furthermore summarises all issues raised by I&APs on the proposal to date.

The report incorporates the following:

- Evidence of the preliminary Interested and Affected Party (I&AP) database which is informed by 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 meetings with key stakeholders have been held. Therefore, the I&AP database includes parties required in terms of Regulation 41 (2) (b) of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended).
- Explanation and evidence of the compilation of a Background Information Document (BID) and distribution of the associated Notification Letter on 30 April 2021 for a 30-day comment period from 1 May 2021 to 1 June 2021. The notification of the BID was distributed via email to those I&APs with email addresses and via post to those who did not. The BID was available for download from Chand's website and delivered to surrounding owners via a knock-and-drop exercise (refer to **Annexure 6** for evidence).
- Explanation and evidence that the BID was also distributed to the Bonnytoun informal settlement, however, an additional Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) document was compiled specifically for the residents of the informal settlement pertaining to issues that would be more likely to directly affect them. This FAQ document was provided in English, Afrikaans, and isiXhosa. Refer to **Annexure 6**.
- Noting and providing evidence for a combined pre-application meeting was held with the Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS), DEA&DP: Development Management and DEA&DP: Pollution and Chemicals Management was held on 17 March 2021 (refer to **Annexure 4** for minutes); and
- Noting and providing evidence for a Focus Group Meeting with City of Cape Town: Transport Management, City of Cape Town: Informal Settlements and City of Cape Town: Planning and Development on 27 May 2021 (refer to **Annexure 5** for minutes).

Note that, regarding evidence of the above, in certain cases the private contact information of individual I&APs has been obscured to protect said information. Comprehensive evidence, including all contact information, will be made available in the final BAR to DEA&DP and will all form part of the public record.

Following the current public review period for the pre-application draft BAR, this report will be updated to include the following, noting, again, that personal information will be obscured:

- Evidence that a 60-day public comment period for the pre-application Draft BAR has been provided.
- Evidence of the Knock and Drop delivery of a notification of the availability of the pre-application draft BAR to adjacent landowners.
- Evidence of notification of the availability of the pre-application draft BAR having been emailed to the preliminary I&AP database and posted to those who do not have email addresses.
- Evidence that the pre-application draft BAR was made available for download from Chand's website for the duration of the comment period.
- Evidence that a separate executive summary of the pre-application draft BAR was made available for download from Chand's website for the duration of the comment period.
- Evidence of attempts made to leave a hardcopy of the pre-application draft BAR at the Wynberg Public Library, comment sheets and comment box (if this was successful, then evidence of it having done will be provided).
- Evidence of delivery of hardcopies of the post-application Basic Assessment Report issued to registered, where requested.

All comments raised in relation to the pre-application draft BAR will be considered and incorporated into the post-application draft BAR, and where appropriate, changes will also be made to the final BAR (after the next round of public review) for submission to the competent authority (the DEA&DP) for final decision-making.

2. POTENTIAL I&AP DATABASE: COMPILATION AND MAINTENANCE

A preliminary I&AP database informed by research conducted by Chand on contemporary officials and stakeholder groups which may have an interest in the area or project has been compiled and maintained throughout the Basic Assessment process as meetings with key stakeholders have been held. As a result, the following parties as required in Regulation 41 (2) (b) of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended) are included in the preliminary I&AP database:

- Owners and Occupiers of the site where the activity is to be undertaken (noting that the City of Cape Town owns the site in question);
- Owners and Occupiers of the land adjacent to the site where the activity is to be undertaken (noting that these largely comprise City of Cape Town facilities, and the BID was distributed to the Bonnytoun informal settlement);
- Municipal Ward Councillor and Sub-Council Manager of the affected ward;
- Organs of the State having jurisdiction in respect of any aspect of the activity (these include the City of Cape Environmental Management branch, Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS), Heritage Western Cape (HWC), CapeNature, Provincial

Department of Transport and Public Works, Department of Agriculture, DEADP: Pollution and Chemicals Management, DEA&DP: Waste Management, DEA&DP: Air Quality, DEA&DP: Biodiversity, WGC: Human Settlements, City of Cape Town Planning and Development, and City of Cape Town Informal Settlements);

- Local groups/ community interest groups (i.e., the Bonnytoun Informal Settlement, Gibson Road Residents Association, Wynberg East Civic Association, Wynberg residents and ratepayer's association and Kenilworth Residents Association, ToadNUTS, Friends of Kenilworth Racecourse, Western Leopard Toad Conservation Committee, SANBI, Endangered Wildlife Trust, etc.)

The I&AP database is included in **Annexure 1**. Note that, to protect privacy, the contact information of these parties has not been made publicly available. However, the full database, which would contain contact details, will be included in the final submission to the DEA&DP and will become part of public record. This information will also be made available to the Applicant and any registered I&AP who requests it as part of an appeal (if applicable).

3. NOTIFICATION METHODOLOGY

3.1 Distribution of a Background Information Document (BID)

A BID was provided for a 30-day public review period from 1 May 2021 to 1 June 2021.

Note that the City of Cape Town informal settlements team was consulted to determine the best way to notify/engage the Bonnytoun community.

The following tasks were undertaken:

- A public comment period of 30 days was provided for the BID.
- The BID was made available for download on Chand's website for the duration of the comment period.
- Notification of the availability of the BID for review was emailed to the preliminary I&AP database and posted to those I&APs who did not have email addresses recorded on the database on 30 April 2021.
- A knock-and-drop to adjacent landowners and occupiers also took place on 30 April 2021, with this being signed for if someone was present at the facility and if nobody was present, this is noted on the delivery sheet.
- Delivery of BID and an FAQ to the Bonnytoun informal settlement on 30 April 2021. The delivery was facilitated by the City of Cape Town Informal Settlements representatives as they know the residents.
- The FAQ was drafted specifically for the Bonnytoun community to address issues that the EAP believed would be directly relevant to them. It was provided in three languages, namely English, Afrikaans, and isiXhosa. A delivery note was signed by those parties who took receipt of the document.

All evidence associated with the above is included in **Annexure 6**.

No comments were received from I&APs on the BID.

3.2 Pre-Application Engagement and Distribution of the pre-application Draft BAR

The following meetings were held:

- A combined pre-application meeting was held with the Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS), DEA&DP: Development Management and DEA&DP: Pollution and Chemicals Management was held on 17 March 2021 (refer to **Annexure 4**); and
- A Focus Group Meeting with City of Cape Town: Transport Management, City of Cape Town: Informal Settlements and City of Cape Town: Planning and Development on 27 May 2021 (refer to **Annexure 5**).

Note that the PPP Plan indicates a Focus Group Meeting to discuss wetland offsets, however the point was raised in the meeting of 17 March 2021 mentioned above, and subsequently the freshwater impact assessment has concluded that no wetland offsets would be necessary. The DWS also did not mention a requirement for an offset in their official letter confirming the need and triggers for a Water Use License Application, therefore, it is assumed that this is not necessary. However, DWS may comment on the pre-application draft BAR in this regard, so their comment is awaited if they elect to deliver any further comment in this regard.

Given that the process remains in the early stages and is still in the pre-application phase, there will still be future public engagement to come. However, PPP to-date, in support of the notification and availability of the pre-application draft BAR includes the following:

- A public comment period of 60 days for is provided.
- Knock and Drop delivery of a notification of the availability of the pre-application draft BAR to adjacent landowners.
- Notification of the availability of the pre-application draft BAR has been emailed to the preliminary/registered I&AP database and post was sent to those who do not have email addresses.
- The pre-application draft BAR has been made available for download from Chand's website for the duration of the comment period.
- A separate executive summary of the pre-application draft BAR has been made available for download from Chand's website for the duration of the comment period.
- Attempts were made to leave a hardcopy of the pre-application draft BAR at the Wynberg Public Library, comment sheets and comment box.
- Note that no hardcopies of the post-application Basic Assessment Report have been issued to I&APs, however these will be made available upon reasonable request.

Evidence of the above will be included in the next iteration of this report, namely the post-application draft BAR.

3.3 Post-Application Draft BAR

Given that the process remains in the early stages and is still in the pre-application phase, there will still be future public engagement to come. Future PPP will include the following:

- A public comment period of a minimum 30 days for the post-application Draft BAR will be provided.
- Placement of one notice board on the site where the proposed activities are to be undertaken on the site boundary, facing Wetton Road (noting that contents and size would adhere to requirements of Regulations 41 (3) and (4) of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended)).
- Knock and Drop delivery of a notification of the availability of the post-application draft BAR to adjacent landowners.
- Notification of the availability of the pre-application draft BAR to the registered I&AP database and post to those who do not have email addresses.
- The pre-application draft BAR has been made available for download from the EAP's website for the duration of the comment period.
- A separate executive summary of the post-application draft BAR has been made available for download from the EAP's website for the duration of the comment period.
- Attempts will be made to leave a hardcopy of the pre-application draft BAR at the Wynberg Public Library, comment sheets and comment box.
- If the above is achieved, notices of the project and availability of information for review would also be distributed/ put up at key public places in the community such as libraries and shops. These notices would encourage I&APs to visit the Wynberg Public Library to collect an executive summary and deposit a comment in the comment box.
- Compilation and placement of one advertisement (in English) in the People's Post (which is a local newspaper) and the Cape Times (which is a regional newspaper) (noting that contents would adhere to requirements of Regulation 41 (3) of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended)).
- Note that no hardcopies of the post-application Basic Assessment Report would be issued to I&APs, however these will be made available upon reasonable request.

Evidence of the above will be included in the final Basic Assessment Report and submitted to the DEAD&P for decision-making.

3.4 Engagement with State Departments

Pre-application engagement with State Departments has already been undertaken and includes the following:

- A combined pre-application meeting was held with the Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS), DEA&DP: Development Management and DEA&DP: Pollution and Chemicals Management was held on 17 March 2021 (refer to **Annexure 4**); and
- A Focus Group Meeting with City of Cape Town: Transport Management, City of Cape Town: Informal Settlements and City of Cape Town: Planning and Development on 27 May 2021 (refer to **Annexure 5**).

Apart from the above meetings, other state departments have also been consulted to varying degrees to-date. This information is provided in Table 1.

Table 1 State Departments Consulted to-date

State Department / Organ of State	How comment was requested	Comment/ Notes
CapeNature: Mr. Marius Wheeler Regional Office, 72 Voortrekker Street, Porterville, 6810 Cell: 072 604 7593 Email: mwheeler@capenature.co.za	Provision of BID- no comment delivered thereon. Provision of notification of the availability of this pre-application Draft Basic Assessment Report for comment.	Comment on this report awaited.
City of Cape Town: Mr. Andy Greenwood and Mr. Damian Wentzel Tel: 021 444 11666 (Damian Wentzel); Email: damian.wentzel@capetown.gov.za Tel: 021 444 2612 (Andy Greenwood) Email: andy.greenwood@capetown.gov.za Note that the ERM branch will distribute to the relevant line departments- it is important that they also distribute to the Stormwater Management, Biodiversity and Parks branches	Provision of BID- no comment delivered thereon. Provision of notification of the availability of this pre-application Draft Basic Assessment Report for comment.	Comment on this report awaited.
Department of Water and Sanitation: Mr. Mzukisi Noqhamza (Previous Case Officer) Private Bag X16, Sanlamhof, 7535 Tel: 021 941 6033 Cell: 082 953 0047 Email: NoqhamzaM@dws.gov.za Ms. Tshembani Ngobeni (current case	A pre-application enquiry was logged on the e-WULAAS system on 12 October 2020 (reference no. WU17874) and a case officer was assigned on the same day. A pre-application meeting with the DWS (as well as	Comment on previous queries as well as this report awaited.

<p>officer, as of 7 June 2021) (Tel063 33 1790, Email: Ngobenit@dws.gov.za)</p> <p>Ms. Nelisa Ndobeni Email: ndobenin@dws.gov.za</p>	<p>DEA&DP: Land Management and DEA&DP: Pollution and Chemicals Management) was held on 17 March 2021 in order to ascertain the Department's requirements with regard to the need for a WULA (refer Annexure 4 for the minutes of this meeting as well as other associated documentation). Following the meeting, information on the site as well as the volumes of water that would require removal from site were provided to DWS and DWS provided comment in a letter dated 8 July 2021 confirming the triggers in terms of Section 21 of the NWA, noting that they did not request wetland offsets in this letter (refer to Appendix O of the BAR).</p>	
<p>Heritage Western Cape: Stephanie-Anne Barnardt. Tel: 021 483 5959. Email: stephanie.barnardt@westerncape.gov.za</p>	<p>NID submitted to HWC and HWC provide comment/response thereto on 4 May 2021. HWC confirmed that there is no reason to believe that the proposed depot would impact heritage resources. Note assigned case number is 21040905SB0409E.</p>	<p>HWC confirms that no further heritage assessment is considered necessary. The note regarding potential finds has been added to the EMPr.</p>
<p>Provincial Department of Transport and Public Works: Ms. Dru Martheze (Tel: 021 483 2177, Fax: 021 4832166, Email: nmartheze@pgwc.gov.za) (added post-NOI submission) Grace Swanepoel PO BOX 2603, Cape Town, 8000 Tel: 021483 4669 Cell: 072 835 8741 Email: Grace.Swanepoel@pgwc.gov.za</p> <p>Barend Du Preez PO BOX 2603, Cape Town, 8000 Tel: 021- 553 4167 Fax: 086- 559 5327 Cell: 083 701 2299 Email: barend@sturgeonsa.co.za</p>	<p>Provision of BID- no comment delivered thereon. Provision of notification of the availability of this pre-application Draft Basic Assessment Report for comment.</p>	<p>Comment on this report awaited.</p>

<p>Department of Agriculture Cor Van Der Walt (Land use Manager) Private Bag X1, Elsenburg, 7606 Tel: 021-808 5099/ 021 808 5111 Fax: 021-808 5092 Email: landuse.elsenburg@elsenburg.com</p>	<p>Provision of BID- no comment delivered thereon. Provision of notification of the availability of this pre-application Draft Basic Assessment Report for comment.</p>	<p>Comment on this report awaited.</p>
<p>DEA&DP: Pollution and Chemicals Management Simon Botha 2nd Floor, Property Centre, 1 Dorp Street, Cape Town Tel: 0214830752 Fax: 0214836687 Email: Simon.Botha@westerncape.gov.za</p> <p>Masixole Langa 2nd Floor, Property Centre, 1 Dorp Street, Cape Town, 8001 Tel: 0214832976 Fax: 0214836687 Email: Masixole.Langa@westerncape.gov.za</p>	<p>A pre-application meeting with the DEA&DP: Pollution and Chemicals Management (as well as DEA&DP: Land Management DWS) was held on 17 March 2021 in order to ascertain the Department's requirements with regard to the need for a Part 8 NEM: WA process and how that would align with this Basic Assessment process (refer to Annexure 4).</p> <p>Notification of potential contamination of land submitted in terms of Part 8 NEM: WA process on 4 May 2021.</p> <p>Provision of BID for comment- no comment delivered thereon.</p> <p>Provision of notification of the availability of this pre-application Draft Basic Assessment Report for comment.</p>	<p>Comment on this report as well comment on the notification of potential contamination of land in terms of Part 8 of the NEM: WA, submitted 4 May 2021, awaited.</p>
<p>DEA&DP: Waste Management Mr. Eddie Hanekom and Mr. Waleed Galvaan 6th Floor, Property Centre Building, 3 Dorp Street, Cape Town Tel: 021 483 8788 Fax: 021 483 4425 Email: waleed.galvaan@westerncape.gov.za</p> <p>Eddie Hanekom 5th Floor, Property Centre, 3 Dorp Street, Cape Town Tel: 021 4832728 Fax: 021 4834425 Email: Eddie.Hanekom@westerncape.gov.za</p>	<p>Inquiry was made with the DEA&DP: Waste Management branch regarding the historic (and current) illegal dumping on the site, presence of the waste on site, and legal requirements to develop the proposed bus depot therein, particularly regarding the proposal to remove some of the waste, compact, infill and develop upon that.</p> <p>DEA&DP: Waste Management provided written feedback in this</p>	<p>Letter confirming the need for a Part 8 NEM: WA process and not a Waste Management License provided (refer to Appendix E11 of the BAR). Comment on this report awaited.</p>

	<p>regard (refer to their letter in Appendix E11 of the BAR), via their letter dated 19 February 2021, referenced 19/2/5/R, noting that a Part 8 NEM: WA process would apply, and so a Waste Management License would not be required for this. This letter also resulted in further discussions (i.e., the pre-application meeting of 17 March 2021) being held with DEA&DP: Pollution and Chemicals branch, and reduced engagement with the DEA&DP: Waste Management branch, given that there are no relevant statutory processes for this project which are within their mandate. Moving forward, they would be a commenting party. Provision of BID- no comment delivered thereon. Provision of notification of the availability of this pre-application Draft Basic Assessment Report for comment.</p>	
<p>DEA&DP: Air Quality Joy Learner 1 Dorp St, Cape Town City Centre, Cape Town, 8000 Tel: (021) 483 2798 Email: Joy.Learner@westerncape.gov.za</p>	<p>Provision of BID- no comment delivered thereon. Provision of notification of the availability of this pre-application Draft Basic Assessment Report for comment.</p>	<p>Comment on this report awaited.</p>
<p>DEA&DP: Biodiversity Marlene Laros Email: Marlene.Laros@westerncape.gov.za</p>	<p>Provision of BID- no comment delivered thereon. Provision of notification of the availability of this pre-application Draft Basic Assessment Report for comment.</p>	<p>Comment on this report awaited.</p>
<p>WCG: Department of Human Settlements Nathan Adriaanse Private Bag X9083, Cape Town, 8000</p>	<p>Provision of BID- no comment delivered thereon.</p>	<p>Comment on this report awaited.</p>

Tel: 0214832868 Fax: 0214834785 Email: Nathan.Adriaanse@westerncape.gov.za	Provision of notification of the availability of this pre-application Draft Basic Assessment Report for comment.	
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In terms of issues raised by State Departments thus far, the following is noted:

- **HWC note-** “should any heritage resources, including evidence of graves and human burials, archaeological material and paleontological material be discovered during the execution of the activities above, all works must be stopped immediately, and Heritage Western Cape must be notified without delay.” This has been added to the EMPr as a construction phase specification.
- **City of Cape Town Informal Settlements** note to provide some infrastructure to the Bonnytoun community- the proposed development includes a formalised and realigned access road to Bonnytoun as well as perimeter fencing for Bonnytoun, noting that security lighting from the proposed depot would also add security/safety to the Bonnytoun community.
- **DEA&DP: Waste Management** confirmed that a Part 8 NEM: WA process applies to the site and proposed development, rather than the need for a Waste Management License. Therefore, no Waste Management License will be applied for, and the Part 8 process has been initiated.
- **DEA&DP: Pollution and Chemicals** note that a Part 8 NEM: WA process must be followed, and these processes should align as far as possible, but noting that anything related to this must be a separate appendix to the BAR, given that it is a separate process to the NEMA process. In response, the notification for potential contamination of land was submitted to DEA&DP: Pollution and Chemicals Management on 4 May 2021 and their feedback remains awaited.
- **DEA&DP: Land Management** commented on procedural requirements. These are being fulfilled as the Basic Assessment process unfurls, with key aspects to note thus far is that PPP is being carried out as per the approved PPP Plan, attempts have been made to engage DWS (including Mr. Dreyer of DWS, as noted by the DEA&DP) early in the process, however feedback has been absent. The freshwater assessment has been submitted as part of this report and it provides a recommendation and supporting rationale for no wetland offsets. DWS has confirmed that a WULA applies and that Sections 21 (c) and (i) of the NWA are triggered, and they must comment on this report, which is available for 60 days (as per the One Environment system). The adherence to the specialist protocols is also explained on this report and the listed activity for indigenous vegetation is included in this assessment (and will be included in the application), but not the listed activity pertaining to clearance of more than 1ha- noting that the interpretation is also clarified in this report. Additional documentation required as part of the NOI was also submitted to the DEA&DP.
- **City of Cape Town: Planning and Development** has provided some high-level information regarding the intentions afoot for the Wynberg Sports precinct, namely that includes the optimisation and rationalisation of a “Wynberg Sports Precinct” which would make use of certain areas for sports facilities and consolidate the management thereof, as well as other areas for uses such as commercial development and residential use. He added that the City of Cape Town is currently devising such a Development Framework and that this framework and proposed Wynberg depot, as well as the way the Bonnytoun community is addressed should align from a spatial planning perspective. The precinct-level alignment is beyond the scope of this Basic Assessment process, but the City of Cape Town is continuing to engage internally in this regard (which was also agreed to/acknowledged at the inter-departmental meeting of 27 May 2021).

Other State Departments have been consulted through the notification of the availability of the post-application draft BAR for comment. It is hoped that they will provide comment on this report within the statutory period. If not, as per Regulation 3 (4) of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended), it will be assumed that they have no comment. These departments include the following:

- CapeNature
- City of Cape Town:
- Department of Water and Sanitation:
- Provincial Department of Transport and Public Works
- Department of Agriculture
- DEA&DP: Pollution and Chemicals Management
- DEA&DP: Air Quality
- DEA&DP: Biodiversity
- WCG: Department of Human Settlements

Note that **HWC** will not be further consulted as they have already been contacted, through the submission of a NID, and they have confirmed that no heritage recourse is likely to be affected by the proposed development and no further assessment in this regard is necessary.

The following State Departments have not been consulted:

- DEA: Oceans and Coast- the site is not located nearby a coastline;
- DEA&DP: Coastal Management - the site is not located nearby a coastline;
- DAFF- not applicable given that DEAD&DP is the competent authority in this regard; and
- WCG: DoH- not applicable as the proposed development is not health-care related and would not pose any risks to health off-site.

Responses from State Departments anticipated from the public review of the post-application draft BAR and will be incorporated into the final BAR.

3.5 Engagement with I&APs

The following pre-application engagements have been undertaken with I&APs (other than State Departments):

- Compilation of a BID and notification of the availability thereof for a 30-day public review, as described in section 3.2 above.

There were no comments received from I&APs in response to this.

4. KEY ISSUES

The public participation to-date has elicited limited comment from I&APs, and feedback has thus far been provided through meetings held. Issues raised and addressed by state departments are unpacked in section 3.4 above.

This section of the report will be updated for the next iteration (i.e., the post-application draft Basic Assessment Report) to cover the comments raised during the current public comment period.

5. DECISION ON THE ENVIRONMENTAL APPLICATION

Following the post-application public review period and final BAR submission, once the DEA&DP has reviewed the final BAR 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 registered I&AP database via email for those who have email addresses and post for those who have only postal addresses. It would also be uploaded onto Chand's website and accessible for download. The applicable appeal period would be explained in accordance with that included in the decision.

6. CONCLUSION

The public participation process has thus far followed the approved PPP Plan and activities undertaken thus far exceeds the minimum legislative requirements prescribed in regulation 41 of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended), noting, however, that the minimum statutory advertising would be done in the post-application phase.

Minimal comments have been received from I&APs in general, however there has been significant engagement with state departments and the issues that they have raised are addressed in the current pre-application draft BAR.

A 60-day public review period for the pre-application draft BAR is currently underway. Evidence of the pre-application PPP to-date (except for the current public review) is included in this report, with I&AP contact information obscured.

Evidence for the current public review period, comments made by I&APs during this time, as well as the responses to those comments will be included in the updated version of this report, namely the post-application draft BAR.
