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**BASIC ASSESSMENT FOR THE PROPOSED IRT PHASE 2A TRUNK ROUTE: PORTION E1, 3.5KM OF GOVAN MBEKI ROAD, MANENBERG: ONE-ON-ONE MEETING WITH CAPENATURE**  
**PRE-APPLICATION REFERENCE NUMBER: 16/3/3/6/7/1/A2/19/3028/18**  
**MINUTES- FINAL**

**MEETING DATE:** 13 February 2018  
**VENUE:** CapeNature Offices  
Jonkershoek Nature Reserve  
Stellenbosch  
**TIME:** 14h50 – 15h30  
**ARRANGED BY:** Chand  
**CHAIR:** Ms. Marielle Penwarden

**1. ATTENDEES**

FULL NAME	INITIAL	ORGANISATION
Mr. Rhett Smart	RS	CapeNature
Ms. Marielle Penwarden	MP	Chand Environmental Consultants (Environmental Assessment Practitioner)

**2. APOLOGIES**

FULL NAME	INITIAL	ORGANISATION
Mr. Eugenio Mazzarella	EM	GIBB (Pty) Ltd

**3. AGENDA**

- Welcome and Introduction (MP)
- Project Description (MP)
- Status of the Basic Assessment process (MP)
- Specialist Findings (MP)
- CapeNature's Expectations Regarding the Process (RS)
- Questions and Answers(ALL)
  - a) Are there any potential issues related to the Edith Stephens Wetland Park or the pavement trees?
  - b) Are there any other stakeholders within CapeNature who should be contacted?
  - c) Additional questions...
- Other (ALL)
- Close (MP)

**4. DISCUSSION**

**4.1. Welcome and Introduction**

- a) MP welcomed RS to the meeting, thanking him for his time.

**4.2. Project Description**

- a) MP presented this portion of the presentation (refer to attached presentation) and emphasised that the proposed development footprint for the preferred alternative is for the largest footprint possible, however during detailed design the footprint may be reduced in certain sections of the route in response to design requirements or constraints on the ground. **Post-meeting note:** The

footprint is, however, unlikely to be reduced from that applied for in the section adjacent to the Edith Stephens Wetland Park.

#### 4.3. Status of the Basic Assessment process

- a) MP presented this portion of the presentation (refer to attached presentation) and emphasised that it is important to obtain feedback from key stakeholders prior to the publication of the post-application draft Basic Assessment Report (BAR) for public comment in order to address significant issues as early in the process as possible.

#### 4.4. Specialist Findings

- b) MP did not highlight anything in addition to that included in the presentation under this item. Refer to the attached presentation for further details.

#### 4.5. CapeNature’s Expectations Regarding the Process

- a) RS confirmed that CapeNature would be concerned if the proposal was within the protected area. He emphasised the importance of **avoiding the protected area**.
- b) MP responded by ensuring RS that the proposed footprint is adjacent to Edith Stephens Wetland Park and that it does not encroach into the nature reserve. MP added that the botanist had assessed the impact of the loss of the vegetated buffer between the road and the Edith Stephens Wetland Park and that he had made recommendations in terms of stormwater runoff such that no stormwater may be allowed to enter into the Edith Stephens Wetland Park.
- c) RS asked whether there was a **Stormwater Management Plan** and MP confirmed that there would be one appended to the BAR and that it would include the specialist recommendations. RS emphasised the importance of obtaining the input and approval of the Stormwater Management Plan from the City of Cape Town Environmental Management Branch.
- d) RS highlighted that, based on what was recommend for the western component of the IRT Phase 2A Trunk route, the Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) might request a **wetland offset**, given that a number of wetlands would be filled in. MP stated that the DWS had been engaged and that a response was still awaited.
- e) RS requested that, should a wetland offset be required, CapeNature be included in those discussions.

#### 4.6. Questions and Answers

The following questions and their respective responses were tabled at the meeting.

No.	Question	Answer
1	Are there any potential issues related to the Edith Stephens Wetland Park or the pavement trees?	It would be important to ensure that the proposed development does not encroach into the nature reserve. Stormwater management should also be carefully designed to protect the Edith Stephens Wetland Park. CapeNature has no concern with regard to the removal of the pavement trees, provided the necessary approval process with City Parks is followed.
2	Are there any other stakeholders within CapeNature who should be contacted?	No, Mr. Rhett Smart remains the key contact person.

#### 4.7. Other

- a) RS highlighted that he would be consistent in his recommendations given for the west, where the conditions and context are similar.
- b) RS stated that, should the proposal change resulting in encroachment into a protected area, a biodiversity offset would be required.

#### 4.8. Close

- a) MP thanked RS for his time and input and closed the meeting at 15h30.