

To: Interested and Affected Party

NOTIFICATION OF THE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS (PPP) AND AVAILABILITY OF A POST-APPLICATION DRAFT BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORT (BAR), INCLUDING THE UPDATED DRAFT HERITAGE IMPACT ASSESSMENT REPORT, AND EXECUTIVE SUMMARY FOR PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENT AS PART OF THE BASIC ASSESSMENT PROCESS FOR THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF A "NEW RETREAT" AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE AND MAINTENANCE MANAGEMENT PLAN ON A PORTION OF PORTION 11 OF FARM 1674, PAARL

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Date: 22 November 2021

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As previously communicated, the proposed development entails the development of a "New Retreat", for the Bertha Foundation which would have the capacity to accommodate up to approximately 34 overnight guests/attendees. Up to approximately 24 parking bays (which includes 7 visitors parking bays) would be included. The site would be accessed from the existing Ou Wa-pad.

The existing building footprints of the remnant cottages on site would be used, where possible. The proposed development would comprise of the following buildings:

- Accommodation buildings to accommodate up to 34 overnight guests/attendees, which include bedrooms, bathrooms, a lounge/communal living area and covered outdoor areas/deck space;
- A conference facility which includes a small conference venue and up to approximately two breakaway areas;
- A communal dining and lounge area;
- An administration building with a reception and waiting lounge / library;
- Meeting room(s) for community programmes and a communal library; and
- A kitchen area, with space for staff dining, lockers, and ablution facilities.

The proposed additions and alterations would expand upon the existing built footprint and there would also be a large landscaping component with a combination of hard- and soft-landscaping interventions, which also includes a relatively large fynbos rehabilitation component.

Note that since the distribution of the pre-application Draft Basic Assessment Report (from 6 November to 10 December 2020), scope has been added to the proposal. This includes a temporary water pipeline which would be constructed within an existing road/road reserve to connect to an existing

private irrigation supply line to provide potable water to the site until a permanent pipeline is constructed. The proposed permanent pipeline would connect to municipal supply in Lanquedoc and be located within roadway or within transformed areas next to the road. A Maintenance Management Plan (MMP) for a watercourse at the site has furthermore been compiled and included in the Environmental Management Programme (EMPr) for the development.

The proposed development triggers the following Listed Activities in terms of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014 (as amended in 2017):

- **Activity Number 12 of Listing Notice 1** (GN No. R. 327)
- **Activity Number 19 of Listing Notice 1** (GN No. R. 327)
- **Activity Number 48 of Listing Notice 1** (GN No. R. 327)
- **Activity Number 6 of Listing Notice 3** (GN No. R. 324)
- **Activity Number 12 (i)(i) of Listing Notice 3** (GN No. R. 324)
- **Activity Number 14 of Listing Notice 3** (GN No. R. 324)
- **Activity Number 23 of Listing Notice 3** (GN No. R. 324)

The proposed development furthermore triggers Section 38 (1) (c) of the NHRA (Act No. 25 of 1999). In terms of the National Water Act (Act No. 36 of 1998), the Department of Water & Sanitation (DWS) has confirmed that the Section 21 (c) and (i) water-uses triggered by the development can be Generally Authorised.

The Basic Assessment process is now in the post-application phase (i.e. the application for Environmental Authorisation has been submitted to the DEA&DP) and engagement with various I&APs is continuing. The post-application Draft BAR and associated specialist studies, including the updated Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) will be available for public review and comment for the duration of the comment period described below. All comments received during the previous public review period have been incorporated into the Draft BAR and associated appendices (where relevant) and the responses have also been recorded therein.

This letter serves to advise you that the post-application Draft BAR and associated specialist assessments (including the updated HIA) are available for a **30-day public review period** from **23 November 2021** to **13 January 2022**.

Details of the availability of the Draft BAR are tabled below.

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DATE:	23 November 2021 to 13 January 2022
VENUE:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pniel Public Library, Main Road, Pniel, Stellenbosch• Protea Bookstore, Bergzicht Plaza, Andringa Street, Stellenbosch
COMMENT BOXES:	Comment boxes will be located at the Pniel Public Library until 13 January 2022.
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:	Hardcopies of the Executive Summary are available in English and Afrikaans for collection from the Pniel Public Library until 13 January 2022.
An electronic copy of the documentation will also be made available for download on the website of Chand Environmental Consultants (https://www.chand.co.za/the-know-how/#projects_review) for the duration of the comment period. There is also a stand-alone Executive Summary Available for download, which requires less data.	

Should you or your organisation have any comments or queries regarding this project or the documentation, or if you would like to participate in the process and be notified of further documentation for review, please ensure that you register as an I&AP by writing to **Claudette Muller** by no later than **13 January 2022**:

Postal Address: PO Box 238, Plumstead, 7801

Fax: 086 665 7430

Tel: 021 762 3050

Email: info@chand.co.za

Comment Boxes: Place hardcopies of comments in one of the comment boxes at either Pniel Public Library or Pniel Museum

Please note that I&APs must provide their name, contact details (postal address, telephone, fax numbers and email address) and an indication of any direct business, financial, personal, or other interest they may have in the approval or refusal of this application. The DEA&DP's application reference number, **16/3/3/1/B4/12/1068/21**, should be quoted in response to this correspondence. Also note that this is a public process and your name and comments submitted through this process could be made public as part of the Basic Assessment process.

As a summary...

- Boschendal proposes to redevelop certain cottages on their farm for a "New Retreat", which would serve as tourism accommodation. Environmental Authorisation is required in this regard through a Basic Assessment Process.
- Previous engagement with stakeholders/ I&APs has occurred as part of this process and this is the next opportunity for I&APs to comment in this Basic Assessment process.
- The application for Environmental Authorisation has now been submitted to the DEA&DP.
- I&APs are invited to comment on the post-application Draft Basic Assessment Report (which has since been updated) and associated specialist reports and documentation.
- A period of 30 days has been provided for I&APs to provide their comment.
- All comments must be submitted by **13 January 2022** in order to be incorporated into the Final BAR, which will be submitted to the DEA&DP for decision-making.
- As an I&AP, we welcome you to continue to engage in this process and we will keep you abreast of progress and the availability of documentation for review, unless you tell us to stop contacting you.
- After this opportunity to comment, the next time you will hear from us is when the decision is issued by the DEA&DP.

Kind Regards,



Claudette Muller
Chand Environmental Consultants

We appreciate your interest and participation in this process. If you have any issues, questions, or concerns regarding this project specifically, please ensure to have your comments returned to us by **13 January 2022**.

Please note that this is a public process and your name and comments submitted through this process would be made public as part of the post-application draft Basic Assessment Report.

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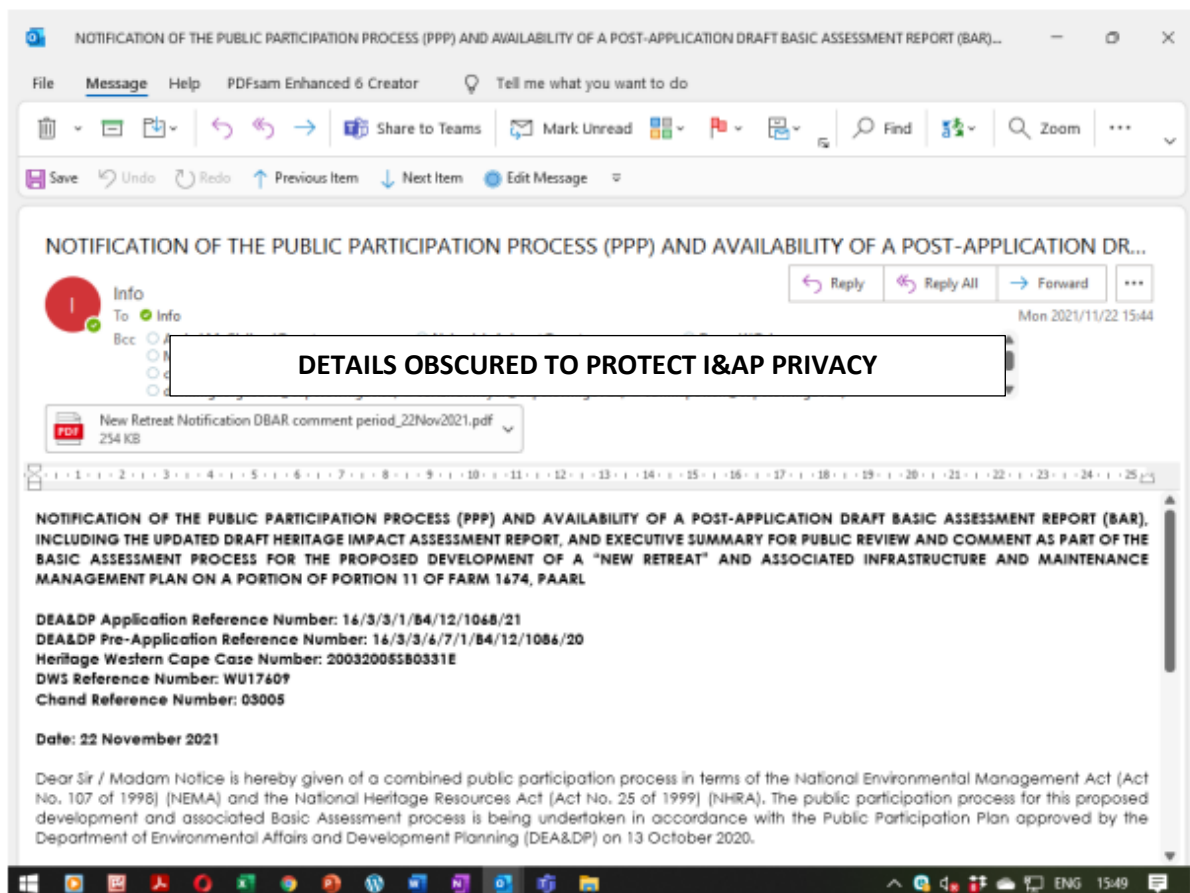
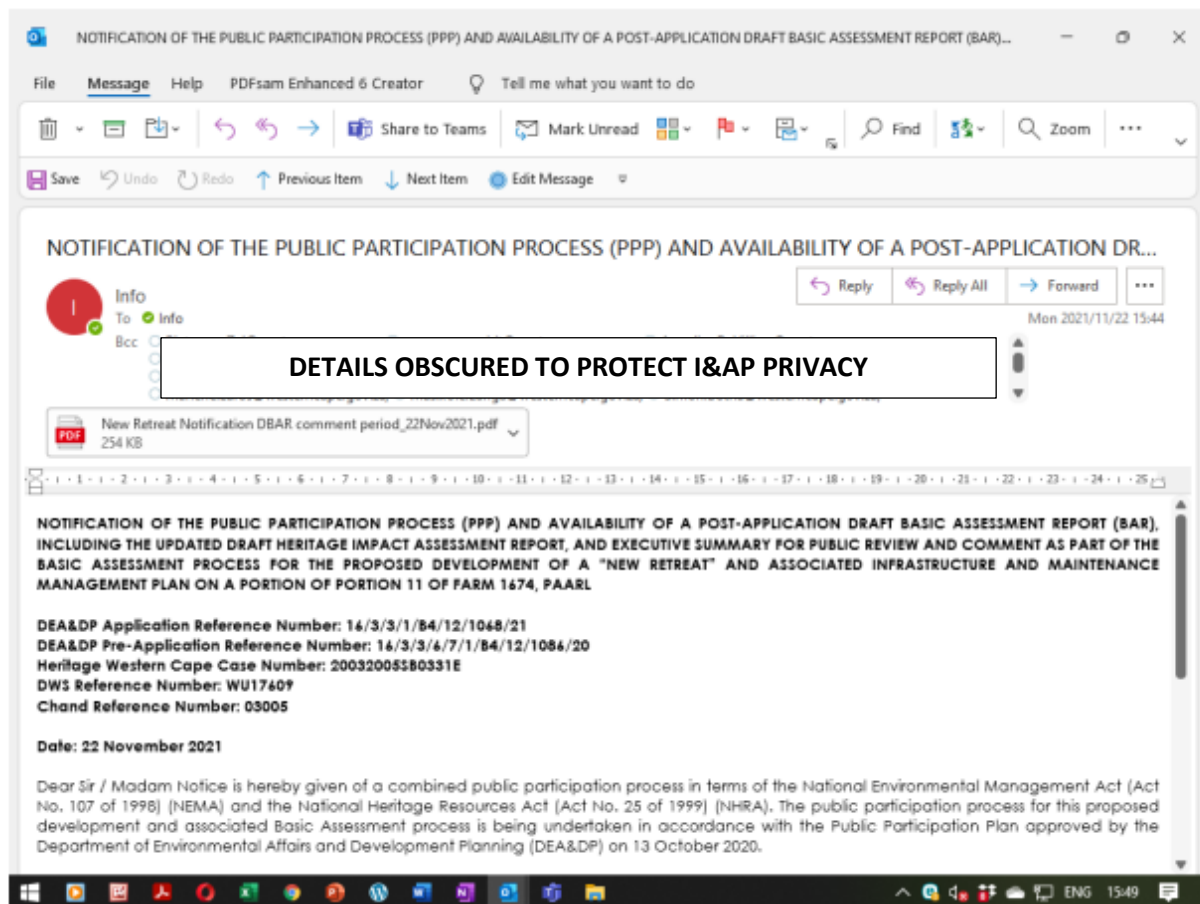
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