

To: State Department Official/Legislated Interested & Affected Party

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DEA&DP Application Reference Number: 14/2/4/1/A5/55/0008/22

Date: 24 March 2022

Dear Sir / Madam

Notice is hereby given of a public participation process for the rectification of the unlawful commencement of Listed Activities in terms of Section 24G of the National Environmental Management Act (Act 107 of 1998) (NEMA).

During late-2019, the proponent, FE 5 (Pty) Ltd, developed seven accommodation tents within an area containing indigenous vegetation and near an in-stream dam. The tents are located on decks of approximately 78 m² to 83 m² and can accommodate a maximum of two people each. A gravel road that circulates around the site provides access to the respective units, as well as to three additional communal / operations tents.

Refer to **Appendix A** for a map showing the location of the site and to **Appendix B** for a Site Development Plan.

Application has been made in terms of Section 24G of the NEMA with a view to obtaining retrospective Environmental Authorisation for these development activities. The Founders' Estates on which the property is located is also National Heritage Site, and the tented camp was constructed without a permit from the South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA) as required in terms of Section 27 (18) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999). A Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) has been undertaken as part of the Section 24G environmental process. In terms of the National Water Act (Act No. 107 Of 1998) (NWA), a water use authorisation application process is also underway with the Department of Water & Sanitation (DWS).

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

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- **Activity Number 4 of Listing Notice 3 (GN No. 324)**

The development of a road wider than 4 metres with a reserve less than 13.5 metres.

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- i) Within the Western Cape
- (i) Within any critically endangered or endangered ecosystem listed in terms of section 52 of NEMBA or prior to the publication of such a list, within that area that has been identified as critically endangered in the National Spatial Biodiversity Assessment 2004.

Chand Environmental Consultants has been appointed by the applicant as the independent Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) to undertake the NEMA 24G process. This letter serves to:

- 1) Notify you of the development;
- 2) Advise you that an application has been submitted to the Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning (DEA&DP) for the above-mentioned listed activities; and
- 3) Inform you that a draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) including a draft Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) is available for a statutory **30-day public review period** from **25 March 2022** to **25 April 2022**.

Please be advised that the EAP is aware of a notification letter distributed by the DEA&DP on 15 March 2022 in terms of Section 24O of the NEMA which also advises of a public review period for this application. Note that the official 30-day commenting period will start on 25 March 2022 as per this notification letter and Chand will accept comments until 25 April 2022. Comments must be submitted directly to the EAP and copied to the Department.

Details of the availability of the documentation are tabled below:

YOUR INVITATION TO PARTAKE IN THE PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD OF THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT, INCLUDING THE DRAFT HERITAGE IMPACT ASSESSMENT REPORT:	
DATE:	25 March 2022 to 25 April 2022
LINK:	An electronic copy of the documentation is available for download on the website of Chand Environmental Consultants (https://www.chand.co.za/projects-under-review-2022/) for the duration of the comment period. (Hard copies can be made available upon reasonable request)

Should you or your organisation have any comments or queries regarding this application or the documentation, or if you would like to participate in the process and continue to be notified of the project, please ensure that you write to **Claudette Muller** by no later than **25 April 2022**:

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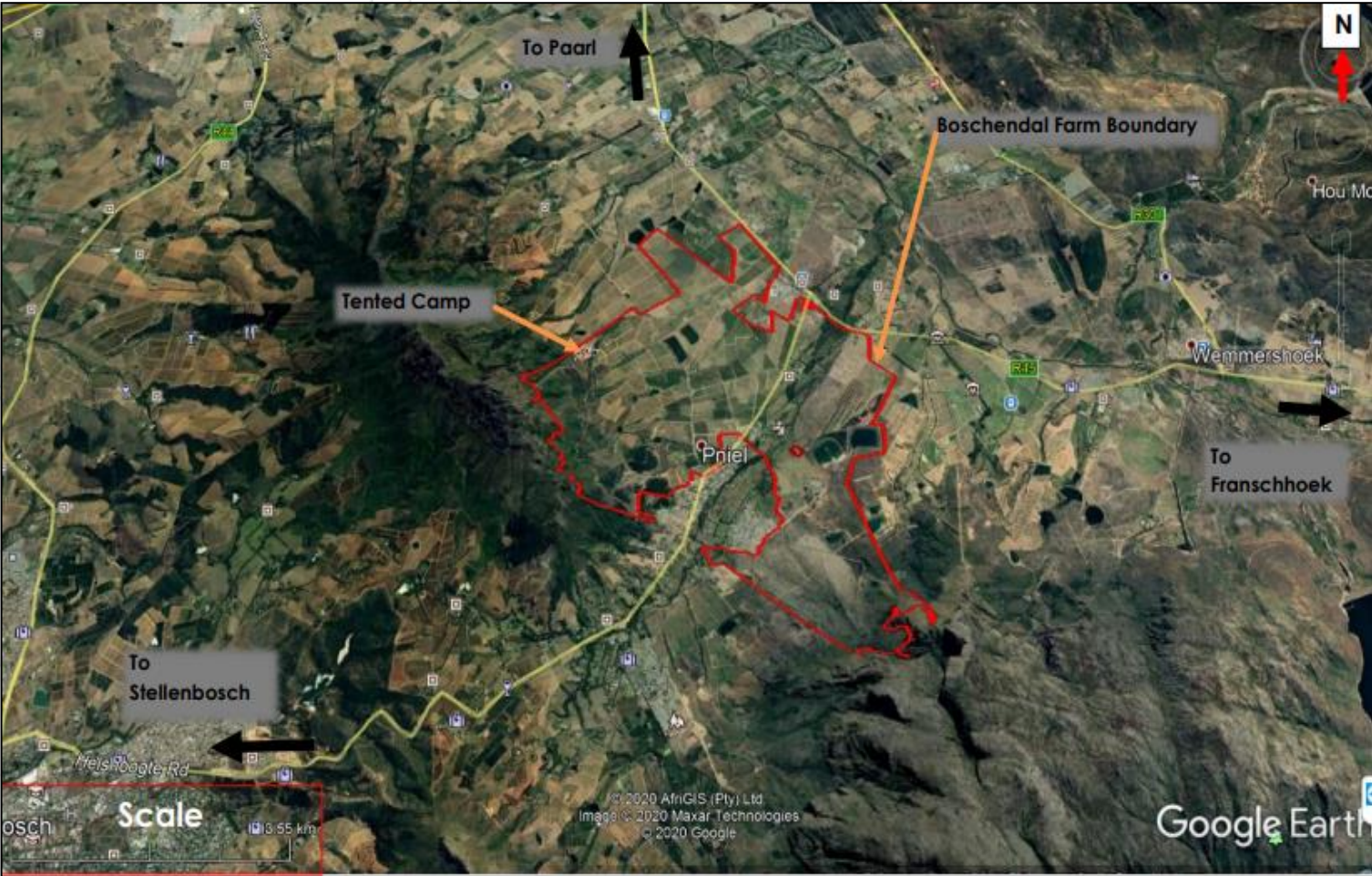
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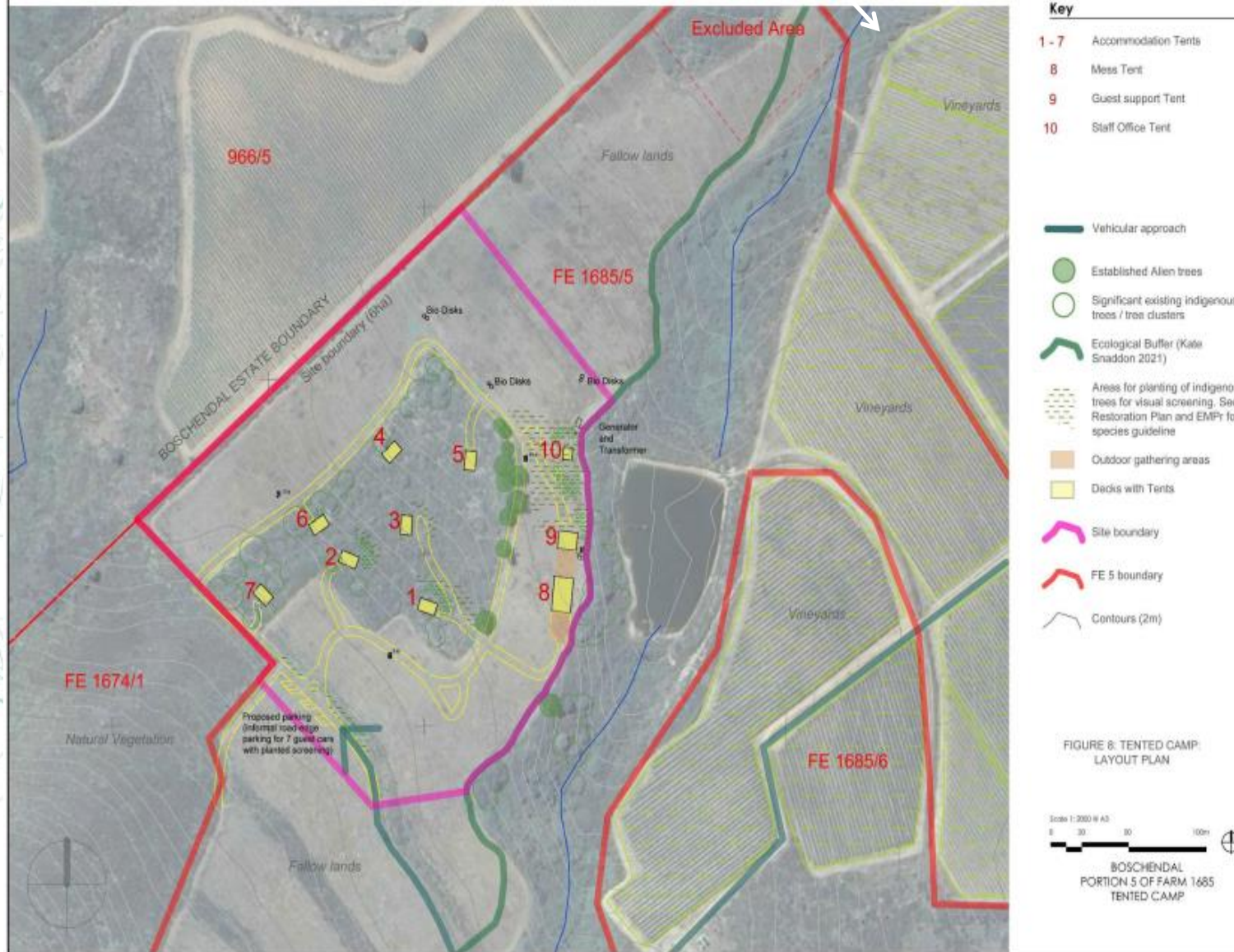
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APPENDIX A: LOCALITY MAP



APPENDIX B: SITE DEVELOPMENT PLAN



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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 **25 April 2022**.

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SHOULD YOU WISH TO REGISTER AS AN I&AP PLEASE COMPLETE YOUR CONTACT DETAILS BELOW. ENSURE TO WRITE CLEARLY AND LEGIBLY AND TO USE EXTRA PAPER IF NEEDED.

NAME:

ORGANISATION:

POSTAL ADDRESS:

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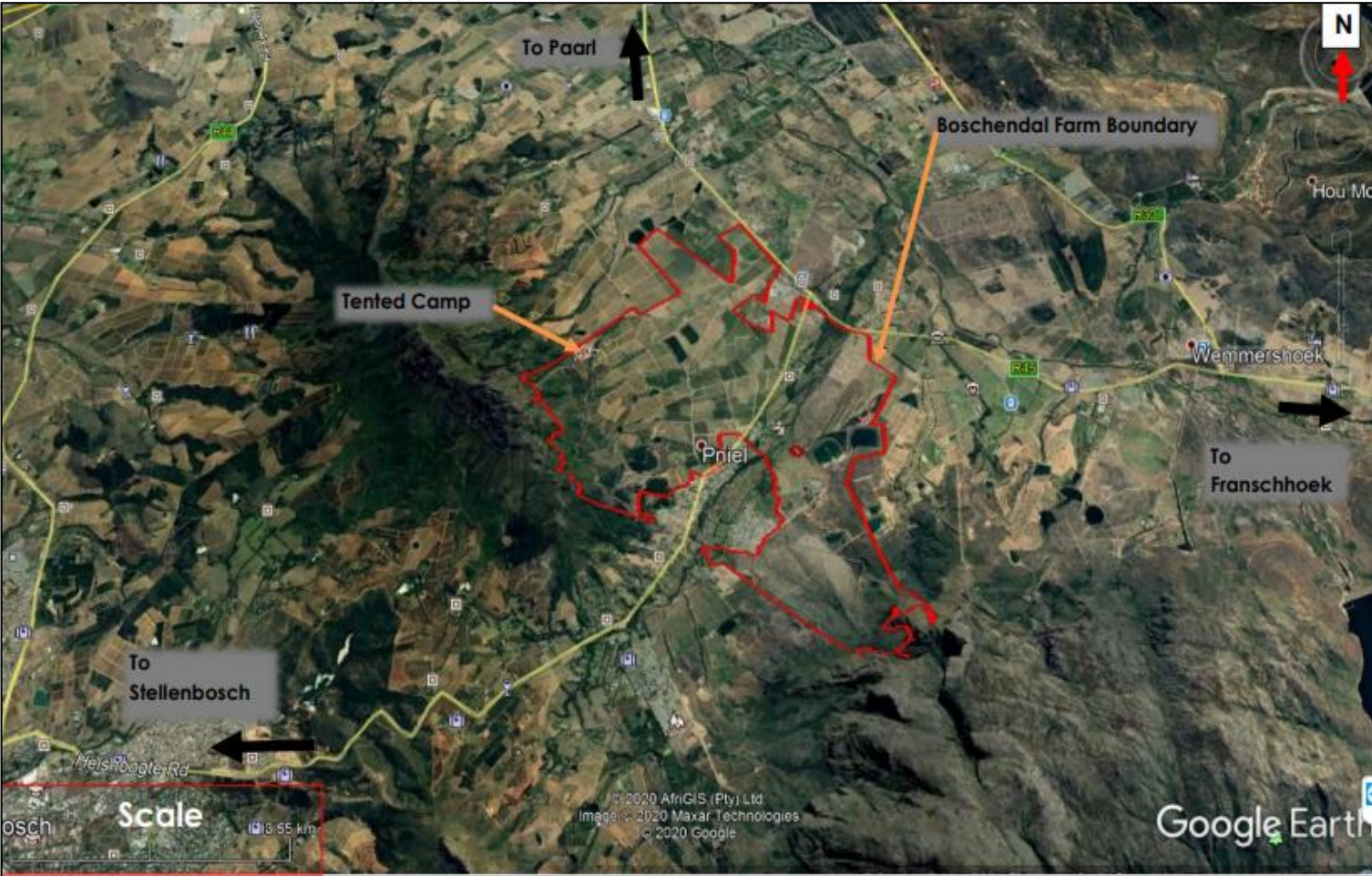
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