

Date: 25/03/2022

MINUTES FOR WUA APPLICATIONS REF NO: WU23260 & WU22772

DATE OF MEETING: 22/02/2022

VENUE: MS Teams

TIME: 10:00

1. Attendees

FULL NAME	INITIALS	ORGANISATION
Warren Dreyer	WD	Department of Water and Sanitation
Bukelwa Mtandana	BM	Department of Water and Sanitation
Khanyile Zwelakhe	KZ	Department of Water and Sanitation
Dlaku Zukisa	DZ	Department of Water and Sanitation
Anelisa Makhosonke	AM	Department of Water and Sanitation
Neels du Buisson	NdB	Department of Water and Sanitation
Masale Simon Molefi	MSM	Department of Water and Sanitation (Case Officer)
Shaddai Daniel	SD	Department of Water and Sanitation
Claudette Muller	CM	Chand Environmental Consultants

2. Agenda

1. Welcome and Introduction to application WU23260: 'Boschendal Farm Worker Chill Zones'
2. Discussion/ Q&A
3. Introduction to the application WU22772: 'Boschendal Tented Camp'
4. Discussion/ Q&A
5. Conclusion & Recommendations

3. Welcome and Introduction of Application WU23260

Ms. Claudette Muller (CM) of Chand Environmental Consultants provided a brief background on the application for the proposed Farm Worker Chill Zones across several land portions of Boschendal Estate.

The applicant wishes to construct sheltered areas for staff members on the Estate. The structures would be raised on wooden decking with glass walls. The proposed locations for the structures are close to dams and streams on the farm.

The pre-application submission included three potential locations for which freshwater risk assessments have been completed by a freshwater specialist. The freshwater risks for these

three sites were found to be 'low' with the implementation of recommended mitigation measures. CM explained that the applicant wishes to include an additional ten sites to the application. A freshwater specialist is in the process of identifying suitable sites for which risk assessments will also be undertaken and submitted to the Department for scrutiny.

3.1 General Discussion/ Q&A

The following points were raised during the discussion:

- Mr. Masale Molefi (MM) agreed that one application for all potential zones would be acceptable.
- Clarification was sought as to whether structures would be placed on one property and what the suggested mitigation measures for sewage are. CM stated that the zones would be located upon multiple land portions. Composting toilets have been proposed for each zone.
- It was asked how litter and sewage would be managed. CM confirmed that more information would be provided in the submission.
- MM recommended that the Government Gazette of March 2017 be consulted to understand the required information to be included in the application.
- The proposal should clearly state whether the facilities will only be used by workers or whether they will also be used by the general public.

4. Introduction of Application WU22772

CM introduced the second application and explained that the applicant has constructed a tented camp facility on Portion 5 of Farm 1685 on Boschendal Estate which provides for tourist accommodation. The facility has been developed in close proximity to a stream and in-stream dam at the site. The applicant seeks retrospective approval and has also applied for environmental authorisation in terms of Section 24G of the National Environmental Management Act (107 of 1998) (NEMA). Hard surfacing is limited at the camp and thus stormwater is left to infiltrate into the ground. There is no direct discharge or run-off into the dam/stream. With regards to effluent management, sewage is treated on-site through a Bio-disc system. The freshwater risks associated with the camp were found to be 'low' with the implementation of recommended mitigation measures.

4.1 General Discussion/ Q&A

The following items were raised during the discussion:

- Ms. Shaddai Daniel (SD) highlighted that a Maintenance Management Plan (MMP) is required for the Boschendal Estate and that this request has been made before by the Department. CM confirmed that such an application was forthcoming.
- SD suggested that the camp should stop operation as the activities were being undertaken unlawfully without water use authorisation. SD stated that the compliance and enforcement unit would have to investigate the unlawful activities that have/are being undertaken on site first, before the next phase of the application will be opened on e-wulaas.
- A request was made for more details on the bio-disc system to be provided in the application. The freshwater specialist should also assess the risks of this system.
- It was highlighted that the proposal is currently not clear. More details are required to determine the kind of authorisation to be issued. CM confirmed that a freshwater impact assessment, including a risk assessment matrix, Environmental Management

Programme (EMPr) and services report have been prepared and would be submitted with the application for further clarification.

5. Conclusion & Recommendations

The application for the Tented Camp (WU22772) will not be opened at this stage until a detailed report is compiled. The application for the Farm Worker Chill Zones (WU23260) will be opened as soon as the minutes from this meeting are received. The application should include the additional ten locations and respond to the items raised in this meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00.

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