

**Appendix H: Details of EAP and expertise**

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## ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT PRACTITIONER INDEPENDENCE, CONDITIONS AND DETAILS

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EnviroAfrica CC is an independent environmental consulting firm that has no interest in the proposed activity other than fair remuneration for services rendered. Remuneration for services is not linked to approval by decision making authorities and EnviroAfrica has no vested interest in secondary or subsequent development which may result from this project. There are no circumstances that compromise the objectivity of this EMPr.

The findings, results, observations and recommendations given here are based on the best scientific and professional knowledge available from information provided and verified, where required, by site visits.

EnviroAfrica reserves the right to modify aspects of this report, including the recommendations, if new information becomes available which may have a significant impact on the findings of this report.

This report was compiled under the supervision of Bernard De Witt and prepared by Vivienne Thomson, the EAP for this project.

Expertise and *Curriculum Vitae* of Bernard De Witt and Vivienne Thomson:

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**1. BERNARD DE WITT**

Nationality	South African
Profession	Environmental Assessment Practitioner
Experience	Environmental Impact Assessments Environmental Management Environmental Planning
Position in Firm	Director
Language	Afrikaans (home); English (fluent)
Years Experience:	Since 1983

**KEY QUALIFICATIONS**

- Environmental Impact Assessment and Review
- Coordination, conducting and review of Integrated Environmental Management process
- Environmental Planning, Policy formulation and Management
- Environmental Advisory Services
- Facilitation of Public Participation Processes
- Environmental Auditing
- Environmental Management throughout the Project Cycle
- Environmental Management Plans/Programmes & Environmental Control or Site Officer during construction phase

**EDUCATION AND MEMBERSHIPS**

- BSc in Forestry (Nature Conservation) 1984
- Hons.B (Public management), Stellenbosch University, 1989
- National Diploma in Parks and Recreation Management, Cape Town Technicon
- Member: International Association for Impact Assessment

**EMPLOYMENT RECORD**

October 1997 till present	EnviroAfrica, Western Cape
July 1989 – July 1997	Cape Nature Conservation
January 1985 – June 1989	Cape Town Municipality (Nature Reserves)
December 1983 – January 1985	Department of Environmental Affairs, Indigenous Forest Section, Knysna

**2. VIVIENNE THOMSON**

Nationality	South African
Profession	Environmental Consultant
Specialisation	Environmental Management Systems Environmental Impact Assessments Environmental Licence Applications Environmental Training
Position in Firm	Consultant
Language	Proficient in English and Afrikaans
Years Experience	Since 1999

**KEY QUALIFICATIONS**

- Establishing and implementing tailored ISO 14001 compliant environmental management systems
- Environmental impact assessments (EIRs and BAs)
- Development of environmental management plans/programmes
- Liaising with regulatory authorities on behalf of clients
- Environmental contract management
- Evaluating and facilitating site legal compliance and due diligence
- Licence applications related to emissions, water use, waste discharge and waste sites
- On-site training and awareness interventions

**EDUCATION AND MEMBERSHIPS**

- BSc in Zoology, University of Cape Town (1995)
- Reading towards an MSc (Environmental Science)
- Various environmental related short courses
- Member: National Association for Clean Air  
Coal and Ash Association of South Africa

**EMPLOYMENT RECORD**

September 2004 to date	Environmental Consultant, various - Gauteng, Mpumalanga, Limpopo and Western Cape
September 2000 – August 2004	Lethabo Power Station, Gauteng
June 1999 – August 2000	Duvha Power Station, Mpumalanga
February 1997 – May 1999	Tavistock Collieries Ltd., Mpumalanga