

## **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:

**1. BERNARD DE WITT**

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| Nationality       | South African  |
| Profession        | Environmental Assessment Practitioner  |
| Experience        | Environmental Impact Assessments<br>Environmental Management<br>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

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| Nationality      | South African  |
| Profession       | Environmental Consultant   |
| Specialisation   | Environmental Management Systems<br>Environmental Impact Assessments<br>Environmental Licence Applications<br>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

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|------------------------------|---|
| September 2004 to date       | Environmental Consultant, various -<br>Gauteng, Mpumalanga, Limpopo and<br>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   |