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Attention: Emile Esquire
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Dear Emile

Background Information Document for the Proposed 30m High Telecommunications Mast on Remainder of Erf 5094, Broadlands, Strand

CapeNature would like to thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed development and would like to make the following comments. Please note that our comments only pertain to the biodiversity related impacts and not to the overall desirability of the proposed development.

The property on which the development is proposed is classified as No Natural according to the Biodiversity Network for the City of Cape Town and the Western Cape Biodiversity Spatial Plan. The Google Earth imagery indicates that the site has been transformed and is mainly a brownfields site. No terrestrial ecological specialist studies are considered necessary.

No wetlands have been mapped for the site, however the Sir Lowry's Pass River is located along the north west boundary of the site. The site is however in close proximity to the Sir Lowry's Pass River. The background information document does not provide the exact proposed location, however provided that the facility is located on an existing built footprint, no freshwater specialist studies are considered necessary either. The Sir Lowry's Pass River flood alleviation upgrade should also be taken into account. CapeNature will comment in more detail on the Draft Basic Assessment Report, however we are unlikely to object to this application.

CapeNature reserves the right to revise initial comments and request further information based on any additional information that may be received.

Yours sincerely



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For: Manager (Scientific Services)