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IN TERMS OF THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT ACT, 1998 (ACT NO. 107 OF 1998) AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT REGULATIONS, 2014 (AS AMENDED)

PROJECT TITLE

Proposed VGK Knysna 25m Telecommunication Mast Development

Project Description

This application is for the installation of a 25m high Tree Mast with 10m x 10,58m base station on Erf. 3244, Hornlee, Knysna, Western Cape.

The proposed site development footprint falls within an already transformed erf on already developed propert (church grounds).

The 35m high Tree Mast is planned to be situated in the eastern corner of the church property which blends in very well with existing pine trees in the same corner, as well as within the 500m and 1km surroundings.

Electricity supply to be confirmed.

The mast station will be enclosed with a brick retaining/bund wall and will be closed with a 2.4m high palisade fence with flat wrap.

No new roads will be constructed as an existing access road will be utilised to gain access to the proposed site.

While it appears that the site does not fall within a Critical Biodiversity Area (CBA) or Ecological Support Area (ESA), the Western Cape Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning has indicated that the site falls within a nationally proclaimed protected area (i.e. the Knysna Lakes Protected Area) and therefore, fall under the jurisdiction of the national Department of Environmental Affairs.

Please refer to attached appendices for details regarding locality, layout, sensitivity and the preapplication public participation process.

The complete pre-application basic assessment report will be available on Monday 11 February 2019, the start of the public participation pre-application period.

