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**REFERENCE:** 16/3/3/6/7/1/C2/7/0224/18  
**ENQUIRIES:** Ms Jessica Christie  
**DATE OF ISSUE:** 2019 -01- 24

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Dear Sir

**COMMENT ON THE NOTICE OF INTENT TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION IN TERMS OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT REGULATIONS, 2014 FOR THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF A 25 METRE HIGH TELECOMMUNICATIONS MAST ON ERF 2517, PASTORIE STREET, PRINCE ALBERT**

1. The abovementioned document dated 22 November 2018 and received by this Department on 6 December 2018 refers.
2. From the information provided in the document, the following is understood:
  - The proposal is to install a 25-metre-high telecommunication mast and base station on Erf 2517, Prince Albert.
  - The proposed mast will be a monopole tree mast and will have a development footprint of 100 square metres.
  - Antennas will be placed onto the mast.
  - The base station will be enclosed with a 2.4-metre-high steel palisade fence for safety and security.
  - The mast will have an access gate.
3. After considering the information provided in the Notice of Intent the Department concurs that the proposed development constitutes a listed activity as defined in terms of the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014, namely Activity 3 of GN No. R. 985 of 4 December 2014 (as amended 7 April 2017).
4. Please note the following advice pertaining to the pre-application process and proposed application:

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### Location / Site

5. Based on the available information from the Surveyor General, the site forms part of a cadastral unit described as Erf 2808, Prince Albert (SG code C06100030000280800000). It appears that this property consists of two components, namely Erf 2517 and Erf 2534. Clarity is sought on this matter and the site and project description must be corrected if Erf 2808 is indeed the correct cadastral unit.

### Process

6. A Basic Assessment process must be followed in order to apply for Environmental Authorisation. Only those activities applied for shall be considered for authorisation. The onus is on the applicant to ensure that all the applicable listed activities are applied for and assessed as part of the Basic Assessment process.
7. You are advised that when undertaking the Basic Assessment process, you must take into account applicable guidelines, including the guidelines developed by the Department. These can be downloaded from the Department's website, (<https://www.westerncape.gov.za/eadp/your-resource-library>) or provided on request. In particular, the guidelines or circulars that may be applicable to the proposed development include, *inter alia*, the following:
  - Guideline on telecommunication structures/networks, 2001
  - Guideline for involving visual and aesthetic specialists in the EIA process, June 2005.
  - Guideline on Need and Desirability (March 2013).
  - Guideline on Alternatives (March 2013).
  - Guideline for determining the scope of specialist involvement in EIA processes, June 2005.
  - Guideline for the review of specialist input in the EIA process, June 2005.
  - Guideline for involving heritage specialists in the EIA process, June 2005.
  - Guideline for Environmental Management Plans (June 2005).
8. Please ensure the Basic Assessment Report ("BAR") and Environmental Management Programme ("EMPr") contain all information requirements outlined in Appendices 1 and 4 respectively of GN R. 982 of 4 December 2014 (as amended 7 April 2017).

### Public Participation

9. A public participation process ("PPP") that meets the requirements of Regulation 41 of the EIA Regulations, 2014 must be undertaken. You are advised that public participation may be undertaken prior to the submission of the application, although this is not mandatory. It is the Environmental Assessment Practitioner's discretion at what stage the requirements of Regulation 41 are met, whether during the proposed pre-application process or formal application process; however, it is advised to comply with this requirement in the pre-application process. You are reminded that a period of at least 30-days must be provided to all potential or registered interested and affected parties to submit comment on the BAR and EMPr.
10. Should a public participation process, which includes the circulation of the pre-application BAR for comment, be undertaken prior to submission of an Application Form to the Department, in terms of Regulation 40, the pre-application BAR **must** also be submitted to the Department for commenting purposes. Please ensure a minimum of one printed copy and one electronic copy of the pre-application BAR is submitted to the Department for commenting purposes.

11. In terms of Section 24O (2) and (3) of NEMA and Regulations 7(2) and 43(2) of the EIA Regulations, 2014, any State Department that administers a law relating to a matter affecting the environment relevant to the application must be requested to comment within 30 days. **Please note that the Environmental Assessment Practitioner ("EAP") is responsible for such consultation.** Therefore, it is requested that the EAP include proof of such notification to the relevant State Departments in terms of Section 24O (2) and (3) of NEMA in the BAR, where appropriate.
12. The Department awaits the submission of the Application Form and/or pre-application BAR prescribed by the EIA Regulations, 2014. Please note that **one printed copy and one electronic copy (saved on CD/DVD)** of the Application Form must be submitted.

### General

13. It is advised that a pre-application consultation meeting be held with this Directorate. Please note that a pre-application consultation is an advisory process and does not pre-empt the outcome of any future application which may be submitted to the Department.

No information provided, views expressed and/or comments made by officials during the pre-application consultation should in any way be seen as an indication or confirmation:

- that additional information or documents will not be requested; or
- the outcome of the application.

14. The Department reminds you that the "*Request for a specific fee reference number*" form must be completed and submitted to the Department prior to submission of the formal application for the abovementioned proposed development. Upon receipt of the specific fee reference number, it must be inserted into the Application Form and proof of payment of the applicable fee attached when the Application Form is submitted to the Department.
15. Please note that it is an offence in terms of Section 49A(1)(a) of the NEMA for a person to commence with a listed activity unless the Competent Authority has granted an Environmental Authorisation for undertaking it. Failure to comply with the requirements of Section 24F of the NEMA shall result in the matter being referred to the Environmental Compliance and Enforcement Directorate of this Department. A person convicted of an offence in terms of the above is liable to a fine not exceeding R10 million or to imprisonment for a period not exceeding 10 years, or to both such fine and imprisonment.
16. This Department reserves the right to revise or withdraw initial comments or request further information from you based on any information received.

Yours faithfully

  


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Dear Jessica,

I hereby acknowledge receipt the Department's comment dated 24 January 2019.

Please see the responses to your points raised below:

3. Noted.
4. Noted.
5. Noted. The applicant confirmed that the site is located on Erf 2157 (A portion of Erf 559) as per the Title Deed.
6. Noted.
7. Noted.
8. Noted.
9. Noted.
10. Noted.
11. Noted.
12. Noted.
13. Noted.
14. Noted.
15. Noted.
16. Noted.

Thank you for providing comment on the NOI as received by the Department on 22 November 2018.

Kind regards,

Emile Esquire



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Good Day,

Please find attached the comment from Ms. Jessica Christie regarding the aforementioned subject.

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Kind Regards

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