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date 02 April 2019

Emile Esquire P O Box 5367 Helderberg 7135

By email: admin@enviroafrica.co.za

Dear Emile.

RE: CapeNature comment on proposed development of 25m high telecommunications mast on Farm 551 Paarl, Final Basic Assessment Report

CapeNature would like to thank you for the opportunity to comment on the above application and wish to make the following comments. Please note that our comments pertain only to the biodiversity and ecological aspects of the receiving environment and not to the overall desirability of the application.

- 1. Our previous comments are correctly captured in the comments and responses table.
- 2. It is confirmed that there is no further comment or objection from CapeNature.

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

Yours sincerely

Philippa Huntly For: Manager (Scientific Services)

Emile Esquire

From:

Emile Esquire <emile@enviroafrica.co.za>

Sent:

Tuesday, 02 April 2019 3:15 PM

To:

'Philippa Huntly'

Subject:

RE: CapeNature Comment Farm 551 Dal Josafat Paarl

Dear Philippa,

I hereby acknowledge receipt of the attached comment dated 02 April 2019.

CapeNature's comment is duly noted.

Thank you for providing comment on the aforementioned application.

Kind regards,

Emile Esquire



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From: Philippa Huntly <phuntly@capenature.co.za>

Sent: Tuesday, 02 April 2019 2:33 PM

To: Emile Esquire <emile@enviroafrica.co.za>

Subject: CapeNature Comment Farm 551 Dal Josafat Paarl

Dear Emile,

Please find attached comment from CapeNature on the Final Basic Assessment Report for the proposed development of a 25 m high telecommunication mast on Farm 551 Dal Josafat in Paarl.

I could not find the DEA&DP reference number of this the FBAR however I realise that you will be collating all comments received in any event.

Please let me know when you receive this mail and the attachment.

Kind regards,

Philippa Huntly

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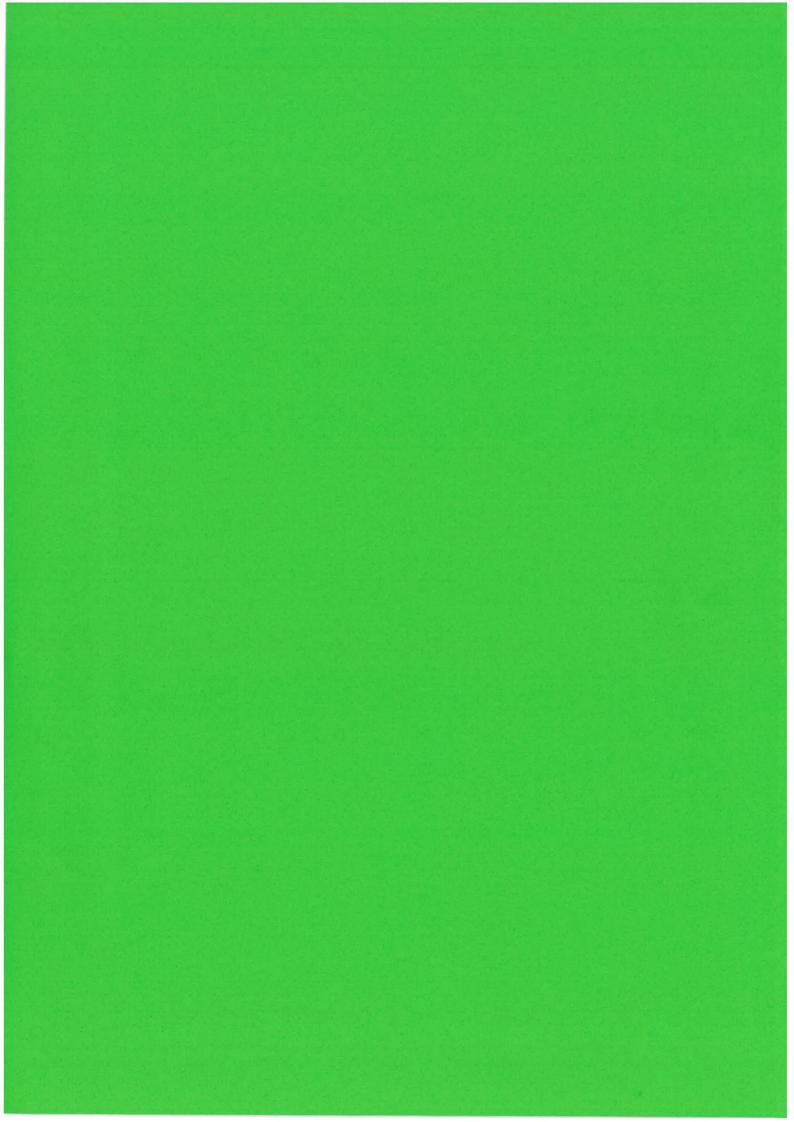
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Attention: Mr Cornelis Wessels

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Dear Sir

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT OF THE APPLICATION FORM FOR BASIC ASSESSMENT IN TERMS OF THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT ACT, 1998 (ACT NO. 107 OF 1998) ("NEMA") AND THE 2014 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT ("EIA") REGULATIONS FOR THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF A 25M HIGH TELECOMMUNICATION MAST ON FARM NO. 551, DAL JOSAFAT, PAARL.

- 1. The Application Form and letter dated 8 March 2019, as received by this Department on the same day, refer.
- 2. This letter serves as an acknowledgement of receipt of the abovementioned document.
- 3. According to the information submitted to this Department, it is noted that the proposal entails the following:
 - The proposal entails the development of a 25m high lattice mast on Farm No. 551, Dal Josafat, Paarl.
 - The proposal will have a development footprint of approximately 144m².
 - No indigenous vegetation is present on the site.
 - No watercourses are present on the site or within 32m of the site.
 - Electricity supply and access to the site exists.
 - Antennas will be attached at the top of the mast and the mast's base station will be enclosed with a 2.4m high palisade fence
 - The site is zoned for Agricultural use and is located outside the urban area of Paarl.

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- 4. Please note the following advice pertaining to the application:
 - 4.1. Applicable listed activities

Having considered the information contained in the Application Form, you are hereby advised that only the activity applied for will 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 EIA process. Omission of any activity may invalidate the application.

5. Please note the following requirements to be complied with in respect to all applications for Environmental Authorisation in terms of the National Environmental Management Act (Act No. 107 of 1998) ("NEMA") and the EIA Regulations, 2014:

5.1. Alternatives

Be advised that in terms of the EIA Regulations and NEMA, the investigation of alternatives is mandatory. All alternatives identified must therefore be investigated to determine if they are feasible and reasonable. In this regard it must be noted that the Department may grant authorisation for an alternative as if it has been applied for or may grant authorisation in respect of all or part of the activity applied for. Alternatives are not limited to activity alternatives, but include layout alternatives, design, operational and technology alternatives. You are hereby reminded that it is mandatory to investigate and assess the option of not proceeding with the proposed activity (the "no-go" option) in addition to the other alternatives identified. Every EIA process must therefore identify and investigate alternatives, with feasible and reasonable alternatives to be comparatively assessed.

If, however, after having identified and investigated alternatives, no feasible and reasonable alternatives were found, no comparative assessment of alternatives, beyond the comparative assessment of the preferred alternative and the option of not proceeding, is required during the assessment. What would, however, be required in this instance is that proof of the investigation undertaken and motivation indicating that no reasonable or feasible alternatives other than the preferred option and the no-go option exist must be provided to the Department. Refer to the Department's Guideline on Alternatives available on the Department's website http://eadp-westerncape.kznsshf.gov.za/your-resource-library).

5.2. Public participation

When notifying Interested and Affected Parties ("I&APs") of the application, the minimum information to be provided in a notice, which includes placing an advertisement or fixing a notice board, must contain, inter alia, whether a Basic Assessment or Scoping and EIR process is to be followed and information on how to register as an I&AP. A register of I&APs must be opened, maintained and made available to any person requesting access to the register in writing. The register must also be submitted together with the BAR.

Please be advised that the EAP must submit a copy of the draft BAR to the Department for comment, which must also be made available to all relevant State Departments/Organs of State that administer laws relating to a matter affecting the environment, for a 30-day comment period. The Environmental Assessment Practitioner ("EAP") must notify the Department in writing of the date the draft BAR was submitted to the relevant State Departments/Organs of State and clearly indicate whether or not such State Departments/Organs of State were notified of the 30-day comment period in terms of Section 240 of NEMA. It is imperative that State Departments/Organs of State are in possession of the draft Reports when the EAP issues them with the notice in terms

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of Section 24O of NEMA. Please note that the EAP is responsible for such consultation. The draft BAR must also be made available to I&APs for a minimum 30 days.

In terms of good environmental practise you are encouraged to engage with State Departments and other Organs of State in the pre-application phase or early in the EIA process to solicit their inputs on any of their requirements to be addressed in the EIA process. Please note that this does not replace the requirement of making the draft BAR available to State Departments/Organs of State as stipulated above.

The practitioner must record and respond to all comments received. The comments and responses must be captured in a Comments and Responses Report and must also include a description of the public participation process followed. This report must also be included in the public participation information to be attached to the BAR to be submitted for decision.

5.3. Environmental Management Programme ("EMPr")

In accordance with Section 24N of NEMA and Regulation 19 of the EIA Regulations 2014, the Department hereby requires the submission of an Environmental Management Programme ("EMPr"). The contents of such an EMPr must meet the requirements outlined in Section 24N (2) and (3) of the NEMA and Appendix 4 of the EIA Regulations 2014. The EMPr must address the potential environmental impacts of the activity throughout the project life cycle, including an assessment of the effectiveness of monitoring and management arrangements after implementation (auditing). The EMPr must be submitted together with the BAR. When compiling the EMPr, the Department's Guideline for Environmental Management Plans (June 2005), available on the Department's website http://eadp-westerncape.kznsshf.gov.za/your-resource-library must be taken into account.

5.4. Guidelines

When undertaking the EIA process, you must take into account the applicable guidelines including the guidelines developed by the Department. The Department's guidelines can be downloaded from the Department's website (http://eadpwesterncape.kznsshf.gov.za/your-resource-library). In particular, the guidelines that may be applicable to the proposed development include, inter alia, the following:

- Guideline for the Review of Specialist Input in the EIA process (June 2005).
- Guideline for Environmental Management Plans (June 2005).
- Guideline on Alternatives (March 2013).
- Guideline on Need and Desirability (March 2013).

5.5. Need & desirability

In terms of the NEMA EIA Regulations, when considering an application, the Department must take into account a number of specific considerations including inter alia, the need for and desirability of any proposed development. As such, the need for and desirability of the proposed activity must be considered and reported on in the BAR. The BAR must reflect how the strategic context of the site in relation to the broader surrounding area, has been considered in addressing need and desirability. Refer to the Department's Guideline on Need and Desirability (March 2013).

5.6. NEMA Principles

In addition to the above, you must clearly show how the proposed development complies with the principles contained in Section 2 of the NEMA and must also show how the proposed development meets the requirements of sustainable development.

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5.7.BAR Requirements

The BAR must contain all the information outlined in Appendix 1 of the EIA Regulations 2014 and must also include the information requested in this letter. Omission of any of the said information may result in the application for Environmental Authorisation being refused.

The Department awaits the submission of the BAR as prescribed by Regulation 19 of the EIA Regulations, 2014. In accordance with Regulation 19 of the EIA Regulations 2014, the Department hereby stipulates that the BAR must be submitted to this Department for decision within 90 days from the date of receipt of the application by the Department, calculated from 8 March 2019. If, however, significant changes have been made or significant new information has been added to the BAR, the applicant/EAP must notify the Department that an additional 50 days (i.e. 140 days from receipt of the application) would be required for the submission of the BAR. The additional 50 days must include a minimum 30-day commenting period to allow registered I&APs to comment on the revised report/additional information.

If the BAR is not submitted within 90 days or 140 days, where an extension is applicable, the application will lapse in terms of Regulation 45 of the EIA Regulations 2014 and your file will be closed. Should you wish to pursue the application again, a new application process would have to be initiated. A new Application Form would have to be submitted and the prescribed application fee would have to be paid.

Please note that two printed copies as well as two electronic copies (saved on CD/DVD) of the BAR must be submitted to the Department.

5.8.General

Kindly quote the abovementioned reference number in any future correspondence in respect of the application.

Please note that the activity may not commence prior to an Environmental Authorisation being granted by the Department. It is an offence in terms of Section 49A of the NEMA for a person to commence with a listed activity unless the Department has granted an environmental authorisation for the undertaking of the activity. Failure to comply with the requirements of Section 24F and 49A of the NEMA will result in the matter being referred to the Environmental Compliance and Enforcement Directorate of this Department for prosecution. 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.

The Department reserves the right to revise initial comments and request further information based on the information received.

Yours faithfully

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BERNADETTE OSBORNE

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Attention: Mr Cornelis Wessels

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Dear Sir

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE DRAFT BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORT ("BAR") IN TERMS OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT REGULATIONS, 2014: THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF A 25M HIGH TELECOMMUNICATION MAST ON FARM NO. 551, DAL JOSAFAT, PAARL.

- The Draft BAR and letter dated 8 March 2019, received by this Department on the same day, refer.
- This letter serves as an acknowledgement of receipt of the aforementioned document by this Department.
- Please note that this Department will consider the Draft BAR and issue a comment within the prescribed 30-day commenting period which ends on 15 April 2019.
- Kindly quote the abovementioned reference number in any future correspondence in respect of the application.
- Please note that the activity may not commence prior to an environmental authorisation being granted by the Department.
- This Department reserves the right to revise or withdraw any comments or request further information from you based on any information received.

Yeurs faithfully Allvais

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From:

Emile Esquire <emile@enviroafrica.co.za>

Sent:

Wednesday, 03 April 2019 11:15 AM

To:

'Bernadette Osborne'

Cc:

'Cindy.Winter@drakenstein.gov.za'

Subject:

RE: Proposed 25m high telecommunication mast on Farm 551, Dal Josafat, Paarl.

Dear Bernadette,

I hereby acknowledge receipt of the attached acknowledgement letters for the Application Form and the Draft Basic Assessment Report.

Please note that the attached correspondences dated 15 March 2019 is duly noted.

Kind regards,

Emile Esquire



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From: Bernadette Osborne <Bernadette.Osborne@westerncape.gov.za>

Sent: Friday, 15 March 2019 1:33 PM

To: emile@enviroafrica.co.za; Cindy.Winter@drakenstein.gov.za

Subject: Proposed 25m high telecommunication mast on Farm 551, Dal Josafat, Paarl.

Good day

Please find attached copies of acknowledgement letters for the application form and draft Basis Assessment Report.

Kind Regards,



Bernadette Osborne

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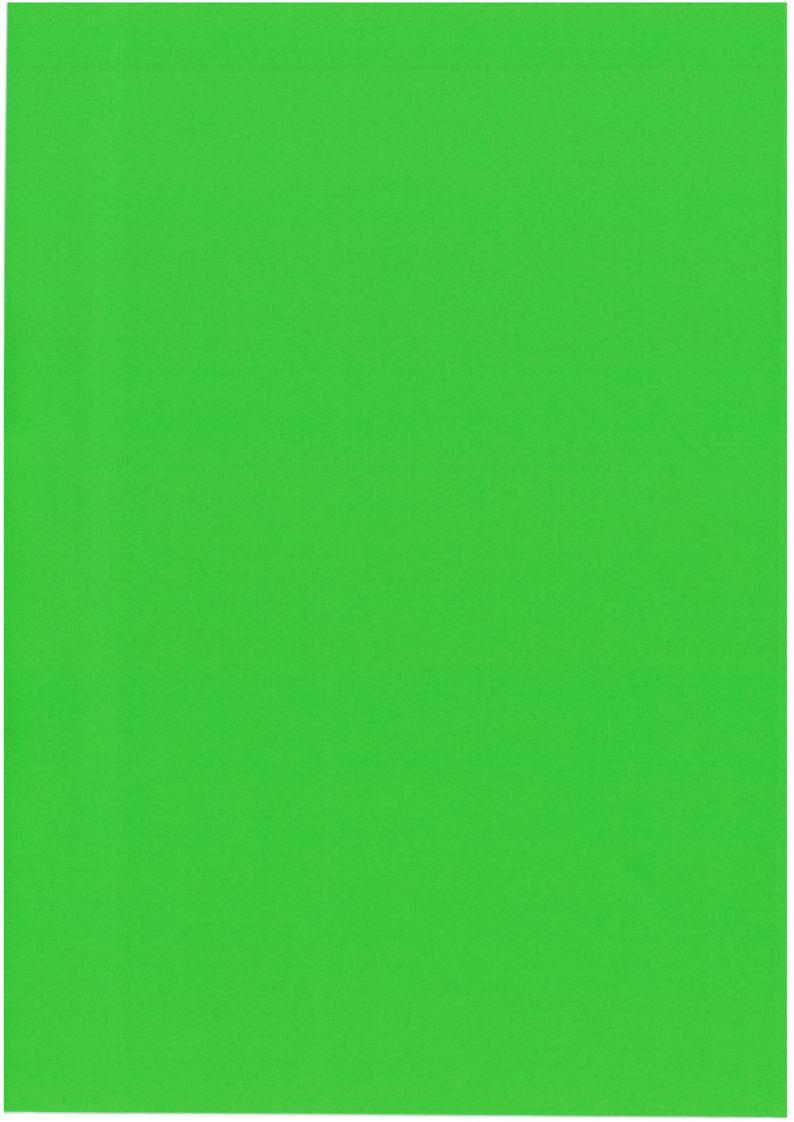
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Enquiries:

Lauren King

Contact number: 021 807 4841 Reference:

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Date:

12 April 2019

Enviroafrica PO Box 5367 Helderberg 7135

By email: emile@enviroafrica.co.za

Attention: Emile Esquire

FINAL BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORT (FBAR): PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF A 25M HIGH TELECOMMUNICATION MAST, FARM 551, DAL JOSAFAT, PAARL (DEADP Ref. No. FOR PRE-APP: 16/3/3/6/7/1/B3/28/1221/18)

Reference is made to the Final Basic Assessment Report (FBAR) for the proposed development of a 25m high telecommunication mast on the abovementioned property.

Having reviewed the FBAR, the Environmental Management Division is satisfied that all environmental concerns have been addressed in the report. However, the preferred alternative, i.e. a lattice mast is not supported for the following reason:

Mast design and location

Due to the location of the site outside the urban edge, within the Dal Josafat agricultural valley, it is recommended that alternative 2, i.e. the tree mast option, be the preferred alternative in order to maintain the integrity of the surrounding landscape.

It is further recommended that the mast and associated infrastructure be located closer to the adjacent building and mature trees than what is currently suggested on the site plans.

Environmental Management Programme (EMPr)

This Division is satisfied with the EMPr, subject to the following additions:

- Pg. 12, Section 8: Please add that the penalty amounts paid by or deducted from the contractor for non-compliances, must be applied to the benefit of the surrounding environment/local community and should not be to the benefit of the developer.
- While noise during the construction phase has been addressed in the EMPr, noise to be generated by the on-site generator during power interruptions have not been noted or addressed in the report or EMPr. It is recommended that mitigation measures be included in the EMPr under the Operational Phase to address the possible noise nuisance generated by the on-site generator.

Should you wish to discuss the above comments, please do not hesitate to contact Lauren King (see above for contact details).

Kind regards ,

C. WINTER

MANAGER: ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

CC: Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning (DEA&DP)

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Emile Esquire

From:

Emile Esquire <emile@enviroafrica.co.za>

Sent:

Monday, 15 April 2019 11:40 AM

To:

'Lauren King'

Subject:

RE: Farm 551, Dal Josafat, Paarl FBAR

Attachments:

New Site Location - Tree Mast - Dal Josafat JPG

Dear Lauren,

My e0-mail correspondence earlier today, refer.

Please find attached map showing the location of the proposed tree mast (green placemark).

Kind regards,

Emile Esquire



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To: 'Lauren King' <Lauren.King@drakenstein.gov.za>

Cc: 'Bernadette Osborne' <Bernadette.Osborne@westerncape.gov.za>

Subject: RE: Farm 551, Dal Josafat, Paarl FBAR

Dear Lauren,

I hereby acknowledge receipt of Drakenstein Municipality's comment dated 12 April 2019.

Please note that your comment is duly noted.

Your comments that the proposed site be changed to a tree mast is noted. I have asked the applicant to provide the updated site plans for a tree mast with the new proposed location and will provide it to you in due course.

Furthermore, your recommended mitigation measures will be included into the Environmental Management Programme.

Thank you for providing comment on this NEMA EIA Application.

Kind regards,

Emile Esquire



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From: Lauren King < Lauren. King@drakenstein.gov.za >

Sent: Thursday, 11 April 2019 9:52 AM

To: emile@enviroafrica.co.za

Subject: Farm 551, Dal Josafat, Paarl FBAR

Dear Emile,

Please find attached comment from Drakenstein Municipality on the abovementioned application. A hard copy will be sent to your office via the postal service.

Please acknowledge receipt of the attached comment via email.

King regards

Lauren King

Environmental Officer: Planning and Sustainability

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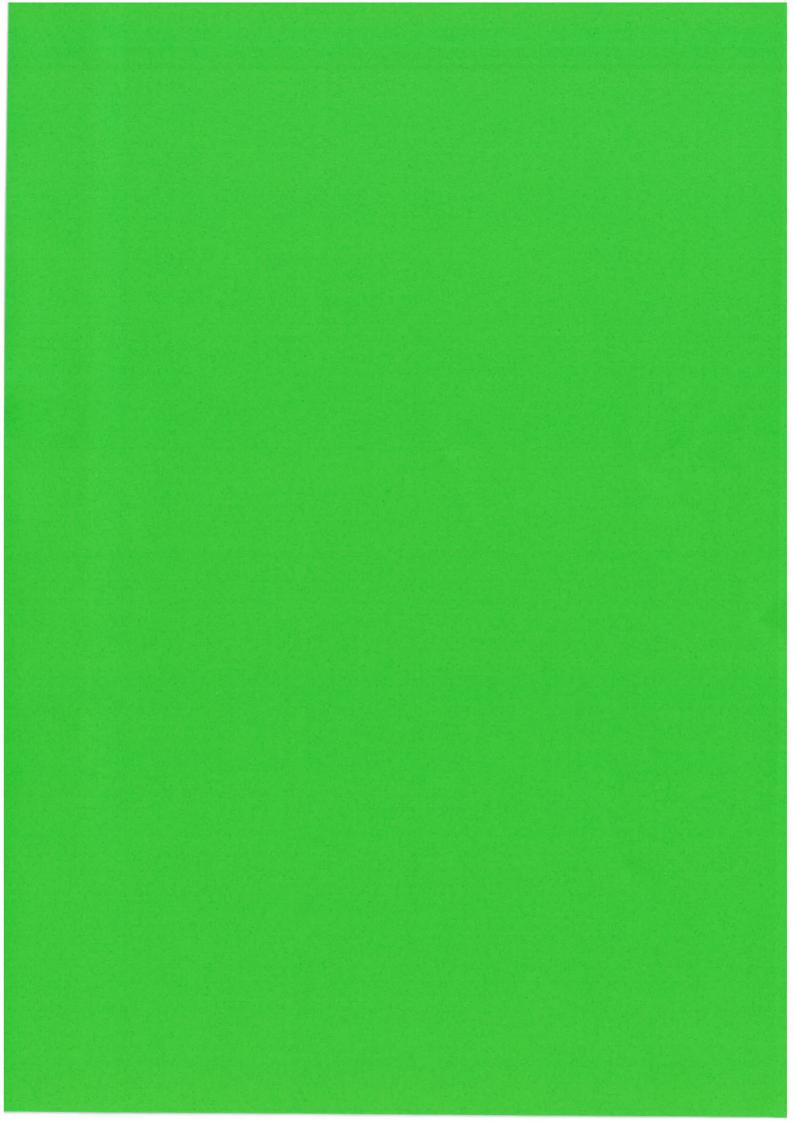
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DEADP Ref: 16/3/3/1/B3/38/1012/19

Dear Bernadette Osborne,

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REQUEST OR EXTENSION OF 50 DAYS TO HAND IN FINAL BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORT (BAR) FOR DECISION-MAKING IN TERMS OF THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT ACT, 1998 NO. 107 OF 1998 (NEMA), AS AMENDED AND THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EIA) REGULATIONS, 2014 (AS AMENDED) FOR:

PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF A 25M HIGH TELECOMMUNICATION MAST ON FARM NO. 551, DAL JOSAFAT, PAARL, WESTERN CAPE (DRAKENSTEIN MUNICIPALITY).

Comments from Drakenstein Muncipality were received on 12 April 2019 which requested the applicant to make alternative 2: Tree mast the preferred alternative and not the lattice mast as was preferred in the Draft Basic Assessment Report (BAR) that was made available for public comment.

In addition, Drakenstein Municipality also requested the applicant to move the proposed site closer to the existing building and trees to the east of the existing proposed site.

Given that mast type would change from a lattice to a tree mast and that the location would change from where it currently is located means that the BAR needs to go out for an additional 30 day public participation to give all registered Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) the opportunity to give comment.

To be able comply to the relevant regulations, regulation 23 of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014 (as amended), the 50 days extension period (140 days of receipt of the application) for handing in the Final BAR is required.

Please find attached comment from Drakenstein Muncipality dated 12 April 2019.

Yours sincerely,

Emile Esquire EnviroAfrica



Directorate: Development Management (Region 1)

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Dear Sir

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT OF THE NOTIFICATION OF EXTENSION IN TERMS OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT REGULATIONS ("EIA"), 2014 FOR THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF A 25M HIGH TELECOMMUNICATION MAST ON FARM NO. 551, DAL JOSAFAT, PAARL.

- 1. The abovementioned notification dated 15 April 2019, as received by the Department on 18 April 2019, refers.
- 2. This letter serves as an acknowledgement of receipt of the aforementioned notification by this Department.
- 3. The Department notes that in terms of sub-regulation 19(1)(b) of the EIA Regulations 2014, the final BAR for decision will be submitted within 140 days of receipt of the application by the Department (calculated from 8 March 2019).
- 4. Please be reminded that the additional 50 days <u>must</u> include a minimum 30-day commenting period to allow registered interested and affected parties to comment on the revised report.
- 5. In the event that the final BAR is not received within the specified timeframe, the application will lapse in terms of Regulation 45 of the EIA Regulations 2014 and your file will be closed. Should you wish to pursue the application again, a new application process would have to be initiated by paying the prescribed application fee and submitting a new Application Form.

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- 7. This Department reserves the right to revise or withdraw any comments or request further information from you based on any information received.

Yours faithfully

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