

INITIAL PUBLIC PARTICIPATION COMMENTS RECEIVED - PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF A 35M HIGH TELECOMMUNICATION MAST ON ERF 90, DE HOOP, OUDTSHOORN, WESTERN CAPE

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Date	Comment	I&AP	Project	Response	Respondent
05/02/2017	<p>1. The aforementioned document dated 29 November 2018 and received by this Department on 06 December 2018 refers.</p> <p>2. Following a review of the information submitted to this Department, the following is noted:</p> <p>2.1. The proposal entails the development of a 35m high monopole telecommunication mast with antennas attached to it;</p> <p>2.2. The total area to be cleared is 68m²;</p> <p>2.3. Existing access will be utilised.</p>	DEA&DP: Region 3	De Hoop Telecommunication Mast	<p>I hereby acknowledge receipt of the Department's comment dated 05 February 2019.</p> <p>Please see the responses to your points raised below:</p> <p>Noted.</p>	EnviroAfrica
"	<p><u>Process</u></p> <p>3. Following consideration of 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).</p>	DEA&DP: Region 3	De Hoop Telecommunication Mast	Noted.	EnviroAfrica
"	4. A Basic Assessment process must be followed 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.	DEA&DP: Region 3	De Hoop Telecommunication Mast	Noted.	EnviroAfrica
"	5. 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 environmental authorisation. The specific fee reference number 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.	DEA&DP: Region 3	De Hoop Telecommunication Mast	Noted.	EnviroAfrica
"	<p>6. You are advised to 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, (Http://www.westerncape.gov.za.eadp/your-resources-library) or provided on request. In particular, the guidelines that may be applicable to the proposed development include, inter alia, the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Circular EADP 0028/2014: One Environmental Management System. * Guideline for Environmental Management Plans (June 2005). * Guideline on Alternatives (March 2013). * Guideline on Need and Desirability (March 2013). * Guideline for Environmental Management Plans (June 2005). * Guideline on telecommunication structures/networks,2005 	DEA&DP: Region 3	De Hoop Telecommunication Mast	Noted.	EnviroAfrica
"	7. Please ensure the Basic Assessment Report ("BAR") and Environmental Management Programme ("EMPr") contains all information requirements outlined in Appendix 1 and 4 respectively of GN R. 982.	DEA&DP: Region 3	De Hoop Telecommunication Mast	Noted.	EnviroAfrica
"	<p><u>Public Participation</u></p> <p>8. 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-dys must be provided to all potential or registered interested and affected parties to submit comment on the BAR and EMPr.</p>	DEA&DP: Region 3	De Hoop Telecommunication Mast	Noted.	EnviroAfrica

"	9. Should a public participation process, which includes the circulation of the pre-application BAR for comment, be undertaken prior to the 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 two printed copies of the pre-application BAR is submitted to the Department for commenting purposes.	DEA&DP: Region 3	De Hoop Telecommunication Mast	Noted.	EnviroAfrica
"	10. In terms of Section 240 (2) and (3) of NEMA and Regulation 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 upon submission of the draft report to those relevant State Departments, the EAP must submit proof to this Department of such notification in terms of Section 240 (2) and (3) of NEMA to the relevant State Departments and also to append the proof to the BAR, where appropriate.	DEA&DP: Region 3	De Hoop Telecommunication Mast	Noted.	EnviroAfrica
"	11. 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) on the Application Form must be submitted.	DEA&DP: Region 3	De Hoop Telecommunication Mast	Noted.	EnviroAfrica
"	<u>General</u> 12. 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 both such fine and imprisonment.	DEA&DP: Region 3	De Hoop Telecommunication Mast	Noted.	EnviroAfrica
"	13. 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.	DEA&DP: Region 3	De Hoop Telecommunication Mast	Noted.	EnviroAfrica
"	14. This Department reserves the right to revise or withdraw initial comments or request further information from you based on any information received.	DEA&DP: Region 3	De Hoop Telecommunication Mast	Noted.	EnviroAfrica