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Your comment is noted.

Kind regards,

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Dear Emile

Thank you so much for your email. I have downloaded all the documents and we are in the process of formalising our disapproval of the application.

Kind regards

Alice le Roux-Burger

on behalf of the WP Burger Beleggingstrust (Erf 12,13,14,15 & 16 – De Hoop - Oudtshoorn)

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Kindly note that your name will be placed on the list of registered Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs).

Please note that the Pre-App BAR is uploaded onto our website, and can accessed at the following link:

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Subject: Telecommunications Mast on Erf 90, Bond Street, De Hoop, Oudtshoorn

To whom it may concern

We have received notification that the Pre-App BAR will be available on your website from 8 February 2019. I am unable to locate the documents.

Please advise on when they will be loaded.

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Subject: RE: Public Participation De Hoop

Dear Mr. Willem Burger,

Your comment dated 13 March 2019, refers.

Please note that you are now a registered Interested and Affected Party (I&AP) and your name will be placed on the list of registered I&APs.

Your comment is noted.

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Registration & Response Form for Interested Parties

Date: 03/13/2019

Project Name: De Hoop

: I do not support the Application

: Company

Company Name /*if applicable:

Name: Willem

Surname: Burger

Contact Nr: 0825705710

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2. Aesthetic disturbance of historical buildings
3. Health hazards associated with emitted waves and magnetic fields created in close proximity of tower.

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Directorate: Development Management
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ENQUIRIES: Marianne Lesch

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Dear Sir

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7. This Department further confirms that the following specialist studies need to be conducted:
 - 7.1 Visual Impact Assessment (VIA)
 - 7.2 Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA)
 - 7.3 Any other specialist assessment identified during the public participation process and which is considered relevant by this Department.
8. 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, (<http://eadp-westerncape.kznshf.gov.za/your-resource-library/policies-guidelines>). In particular, the Guideline on Telecommunication Structures/Networks, 2005.
9. 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.

Public Participation

10. Public participation process ("PPP")

To meet the requirements of the EIA Regulations, 2014 you are advised to undertake the public participation as stated in Regulation 41 of the EIA Regulations, 2014. Furthermore,

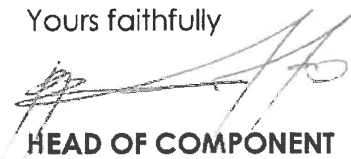
the process as explained in the communication dated 05 February 2019 should be adhered to.

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 relevant contact person for CapeNature is Mr Collin Fordham and no longer Mr Benjamin Walton, as indicated in the BAR.

12. The Department awaits the submission of the Application Form 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.
13. Please note that the Department encourages the sharing of masts by different service providers and co-locating on existing communication structures or tall structures. This Department furthermore, supports the attachment of telecommunication broadcasting structures to existing structures/ masts in order to minimise visual impact. The proponent is encouraged to consider the option of camouflaging masts as church steeple to minimise the potential visual impact.
14. Please note that the pre-application consultation is an advisory process and will ensure that the success of the application is not jeopardised.
15. This Department reserves the right to revise or withdraw initial comments or request further information from you based on any information received.

Yours faithfully



HEAD OF COMPONENT

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT MANAGEMENT SERVICES: REGION 3

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING

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From: Emile Esquire <emile@enviroafrica.co.za>
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To: 'Marianne Lesch'
Cc: 'Floresca Julius'
Subject: RE: Comment Pre-App BAR De Hoop

Dear Marianne,

The Department's comment dated 15 March 2019 and my email correspondence dated 18 March 2019, refers.

Please find attached Record of Decision (ROD) from Heritage Western Cape dated 27 February 2019.

In the aforementioned correspondence it was confirmed that there is no reason to believe that the proposed establishment of a 35m high telecommunication mast on Erf 90, Bond Street, De Hoop, Oudtshoorn, will impact on heritage resources, no further action under Section 38 of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999) is required.

Please don't hesitate to contact me should you require any additional information.

Kind regards,

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Cc: 'Floresca Julius' <Floresca.Julius@westerncape.gov.za>
Subject: RE: Comment Pre-App BAR De Hoop

Dear Marianne,

Your Department's comment dated 15 March 2019, refers.

Please see the responses to your points raised below:

2. Noted.

3. Noted.

4. Noted.

5. Noted.

6. Noted.

7.1. Noted. Please be advised that a Visual Impact Assessment (VIA) is currently undertaken by an Independent Visual Impact Assessment Specialist and will be included in the Draft Basic Assessment Report (BAR) that will go out for public comment in due course.

7.2. Noted. However, I am still awaiting comment from Heritage Western Cape. In addition, a Heritage Screener was conducted for the proposed site and found that due to the location and nature of the proposed development, it is unlikely that significant heritage resources will be physically impacted by the development and as such, it is recommended that no further archaeological/paleontological studies are required. However in terms of the impact to the sense of place associated with the declared sites, it is recommended that this impact be further assessed in a Heritage Impact Assessment.

7.3. Noted.

8. Noted. Guidelines were taken into consideration while compiling the draft BAR.

9. Noted. All information requirements will be adhered to.

10. Noted. All PPP requirements will be adhered to.

11. Noted. The relevant amendment will be made in the DBAR and Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) list.

12. Noted.

13. Noted.

14. Noted.

15. Noted.

Thank you for providing comment on the Pre-Application BAR for the aforementioned proposed development.

Kind regards,

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Sent: Friday, 15 March 2019 4:04 PM

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Cc: Floresca Julius <Floresca.Julius@westerncape.gov.za>

Subject: Comment Pre-App BAR De Hoop

Good Day,

Please find attached the comment regarding the aforementioned subject.

For enquiries please contact Ms. Marianne Lesch on 044 – 805 8612 or using:

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Kind Regards

Marianne Lesch

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The research was conducted using a combination of primary and secondary data. Primary data was collected through a series of interviews with experts in the field, while secondary data was obtained from a review of the existing literature. The data was then analyzed using a range of statistical techniques, including regression analysis and factor analysis.

The findings of the study indicate that there is a significant relationship between the variables studied. The results suggest that the factors identified in the study are important in explaining the variation in the dependent variable. The implications of these findings are discussed in the context of the existing literature and the practical application of the research.

In conclusion, the study has provided valuable insights into the topic and has identified areas for further research. The findings have important implications for both theory and practice, and the results suggest that the factors studied are key to understanding the phenomenon under investigation.

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From: Emile Esquire <emile@enviroafrica.co.za>
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To: 'willem@willemburger.co.za'
Subject: RE: Terugvoering - De Hoop. Oudtshoorn

Goeie more Alice,

Ek is tans besig om die kommentare aan te spreek wat ontvang was gedurende die eerste ronde publieke deelname proses.

Ons is nou besig met die ondersoek van ander alternatiewe vir die voorgestelde ontwikkeling.

Ek sal jou laat weet wanneer die volgende ronde publieke deelname begin.

Beste groete,

Emile Esquire



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Subject: Terugvoering - De Hoop. Oudtshoorn

Vir wie dit mag aangaan

Kan u dalk vir my terugvoering gee oor die projek en die vordering van die aansoek?

Groete
Alice le Roux

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Direkteur / Director



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Attachments: Comment pre-app BAR.pdf

Dear Mr. Colin Fordham,

Please find attached comment from DEA&DP dated 15 March 2019.

It was requested that comment be obtained from you for the proposed development of a 35m high telecommunication mast on Erf 90, De Hoop, Oudtshoorn, Western Cape.

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 - 7.3 Any other specialist assessment identified during the public participation process and which is considered relevant by this Department.
8. 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, (<http://eadp-westerncape.kznshf.gov.za/your-resource-library/policies-guidelines>). In particular, the Guideline on Telecommunication Structures/Networks, 2005.
9. 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.

Public Participation

10. Public participation process ("PPP")
To meet the requirements of the EIA Regulations, 2014 you are advised to undertake the public participation as stated in Regulation 41 of the EIA Regulations, 2014. Furthermore,

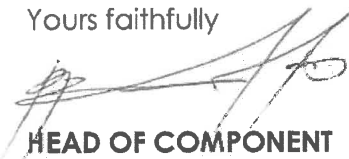
the process as explained in the communication dated 05 February 2019 should be adhered to.

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 relevant contact person for CapeNature is Mr Collin Fordham and no longer Mr Benjamin Walton, as indicated in the BAR.

12. The Department awaits the submission of the Application Form 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.
13. Please note that the Department encourages the sharing of masts by different service providers and co-locating on existing communication structures or tall structures. This Department furthermore, supports the attachment of telecommunication broadcasting structures to existing structures/ masts in order to minimise visual impact. The proponent is encouraged to consider the option of camouflaging masts as church steeple to minimise the potential visual impact.
14. Please note that the pre-application consultation is an advisory process and will ensure that the success of the application is not jeopardised.
15. 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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