

Directorate: Development Management Region 1

**REFERENCE:** 16/3/3/6/7/1/E2/15/1039/19

**ENQUIRIES:** 

Ms. Saa-rah Adams

DATE:

27.02.2019

The Board of Directors Atlas Towers (Pty) Ltd 100 Cecelia Street, Cecelia Square PAARL 7623

#### Attention: Mr. Cornells Wessels

Tel: 021 870 1302 Fax: 086 609 2734

Dear Sir

## COMMENT ON THE NOTICE OF INTENT TO DEVELOP THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF A 30M HIGH TELECOMMUNICATIONS MAST ON PORTION 14 OF THE FARM HEMEL EN AARDE NO. 587, **HERMANUS**

- The abovementioned correspondence, dated 12 February 2019, received by the Department on 13 February 2019, refers.
- This letter serves as an acknowledgement of receipt by the Department of the aforementioned correspondence.
- Further to review of the information submitted to this Department, the following is noted:
  - 3.1. The proposed development entails the proposed construction of a 30m high telecommunications mast and associated infrastructure on Portion 14 of Farm No. 587. The development of the proposed telecommunications base station will be 64m<sup>2</sup>.
  - 3.2. According to available mapping information sources, the area should be covered in Elim Ferricrete Fynbos which is categorised as Critically Endangered in terms of Section 52 of NEMBA. However, the area to be developed is covered in kikuyu grass with an existing farmhouse on site.

#### **Process**

4. After considering the information provided in the Notice of Intent, the Department concurs that the proposed development constitutes listed activities as defined in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) ("NEMA"), EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended and Listing Notices 1, 2 and 3.

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- 5. A Basic Assessment process must be followed in order to apply for Environmental Authorisation. Only the 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.
- 6. 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 <a href="http://www.westerncape.gov.za/eadp/resource-library">(http://www.westerncape.gov.za/eadp/resource-library</a>). In particular, the guidelines that may be applicable to the proposed development include, inter alia, the following:
  - ➤ Circular EADP 0028/2014: One Environmental Management System;
  - > 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); and
  - ➤ Guideline on Need and Desirability (March 2013).
- 7. 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 No. 326.

#### **Public Participation**

- 8. A public participation process ("PPP") that meets the requirements of Regulation 41 of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended) 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 application (pre-application) process or formal 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.
- 9. 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 may also be submitted to the Department for commenting purposes. Please ensure a minimum of two printed copies of the pre-application BAR are submitted to the Department for commenting purposes.
- 10. In terms of Section 24O (2) and (3) of NEMA and Regulations 7(2) and 43(2) of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended), 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.

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- 11. The Department awaits the submission of the Application Form prescribed by the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended). Please note that one printed copy and one electronic copy (saved on CD/DVD) of the Application Form must be submitted.
- 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 to both such fine and imprisonment.
- 13. Please note that the 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.
- 14. No information provided, views expressed and/or comments made by officials during the preapplication consultation should in any way be seen as an indication or confirmation:
  - that additional information or documents will not be requested; or
  - of the outcome of the application.

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 1
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING

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From: Sent: To: Subject:	Emile Esquire <emile@enviroafrica.co.za> Monday, 01 July 2019 4:09 PM 'Saa-rah.Adams@westerncape.gov.za' RE: Comment on the Notice of Intent to Develop - Proposed development of a 30m high telecommunication mast on Portion 14 of the Farm Hemel en Aarde No. 587, Hermanus (DEA&amp;DP Ref. No.: 16/3/3/6/7/1/E2/15/1039/19)</emile@enviroafrica.co.za>
Dear Saa-rah,	
The Department's comment date	d 27 February 2019 as received by EnviroAfrica on 28 February 2019, refers.
Please note that your comment is	s duly noted.
Kindly see responses to your poin	ts raised below:
2. Noted.	
3. Noted.	
4. Noted.	
5. Noted.	
6. Noted. The Department's guide	lines are being used in the compilation of the Pre-Application BAR.
7. Noted.	
8. Noted.	
9. Noted.	
10. Noted.	
11. Noted.	
12. Noted.	
13. Noted.	
14. Noted.	
15. Noted.	
Thank you for providing comment	on the aforementioned project.
Kind regards,	
Emile Esquire	



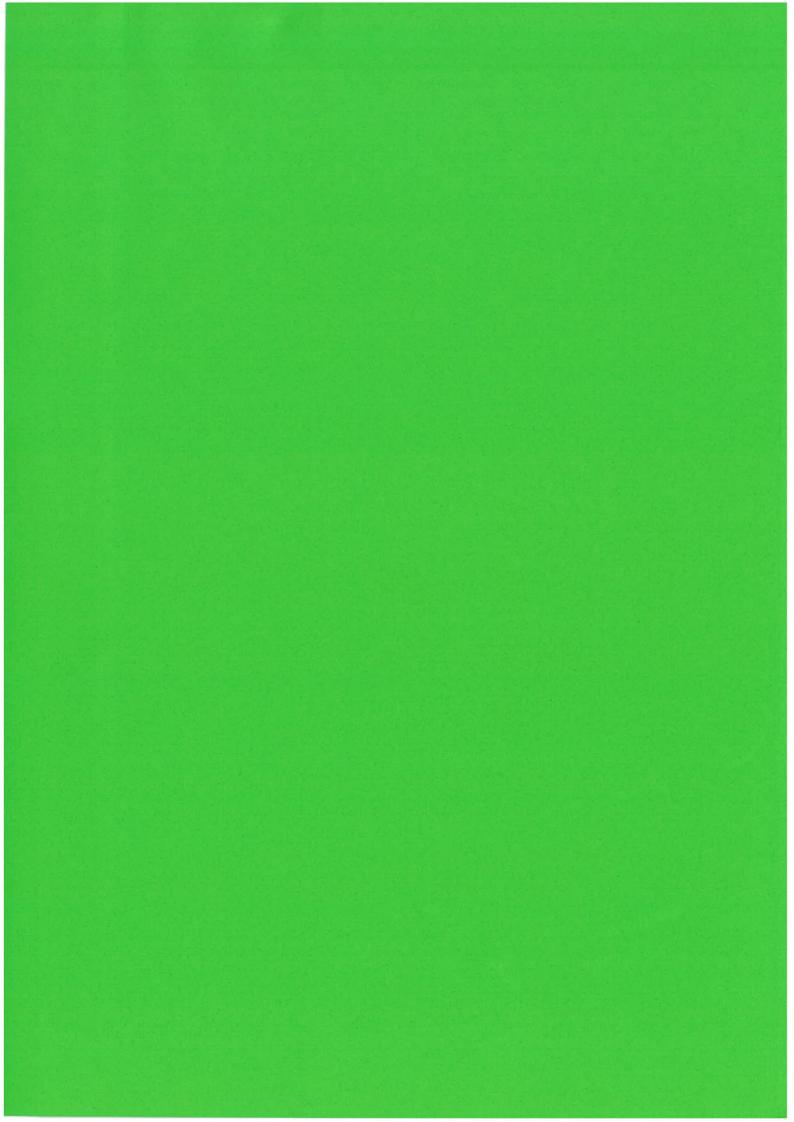
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Sent:

Wednesday, 03 April 2019 10:48 AM

To:

Cc:

'Philippa Huntly' 'Chanel Rampartab'

**Subject:** 

RE: INITIAL PPP: PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF A 30M HIGH

TELECOMMUNICATION MAST ON PORTION 14 OF THE FARM HEMEL EN AARDE NO. 587, HERMANUS, WESTERN CAPE (DEA&DP Ref: 16/3/3/6/7/1/E2/15/1039/19)

Dear Philippa,

Thank you for providing the attached document detailing the contact details of CapeNature's various land use adviser for the various regions.

Kind regards.

## **Emile Esquire**



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

Sent: Wednesday, 03 April 2019 10:20 AM To: Emile Esquire <emile@enviroafrica.co.za>

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Subject: RE: INITIAL PPP: PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF A 30M HIGH TELECOMMUNICATION MAST ON PORTION 14 OF THE FARM HEMEL EN AARDE NO. 587, HERMANUS, WESTERN CAPE (DEA&DP Ref: 16/3/3/6/7/1/E2/15/1039/19)

Hi Emile.

My colleague Chanel Rampartab deals with development applications in the Hermanus area. I've attached our standard letter which details our requirements for providing comment – at the end of the letter is a map indicating which areas each CapeNature Land use advisor deals with along with their contact details.

Kind regards,

Philippa Huntly

Scientist: Land-Use Advice & Biodiversity Mainstreaming



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Dear Interested and Affected Parties,

Notice is hereby given of the intention to submit an application, and the public participation, process in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998), as amended ("NEMA"), Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations 2014. The proposed development of a 30m high telecommunication mast on Portion 14 of the Farm Hemel en Aarde No. 587, Hermanus, Western Cape, and includes activities listed in terms of the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014.

EnviroAfrica cc has been appointed by Atlas Tower (Pty) Ltd, to undertake the NEMA EIA Application for Environmental Authorisation process.

#### Application for environmental authorization to undertake the following activities:

Government Notice R324 (Listing Notice 3): Activity No. 3

#### **Project Description & Location:**

A telecommunications mast, including associated infrastructure, is proposed on Portion 14 of the Farm Hemel en Aarde No. 587, Hermanus, Western Cape. The proposed development is to clear an area of 64m² (8m X 8m) to erect a 30m high monopole tree mast with antennas situated on the top of the proposed structure. No new roads will be constructed as an existing access road will be utilised to gain access to the proposed site. The proposed site is located outside the urban area of Hermanus and is Agriculture zoned, and the site co-ordinates are 34° 21' 4.60" S, 19° 17' 10.09" E.

<u>Public Participation:</u> Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) are hereby notified of the application and invited to register (in writing) and/or provide initial comments and identify any issues, concerns or opportunities relating to this project to the contact details provided below, on or before 10 May 2019. In order to register or submit comment, I&APs should refer to the project name, and provide their name, address & contact details (indicating your preferred method of notification) and an indication of any direct business, financial, personal, or other interest which they have in the application. Please note that future correspondence will only be sent to registered Interested and Affected Parties.

Please note that only Registered I&APs:

will be notified of the availability of reports and other written submissions made (or to be made) to the Department by the applicant, and be entitled to comment on these reports and submissions;

will be notified of the outcome of the application, the reasons for the decision, and that an appeal may be lodged against a decision; and

will be notified of the applicant's intention to appeal the decision of the competent authority, together with an indication of where and for what period the appeal submission will be available for inspection.

You are also requested to pass this information to any person you feel should be notified.

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## Please find attached notification letter dated 03 April 2019.

Yours sincerely

Emile Esquire **Environmental Consultant Enviro**Africa

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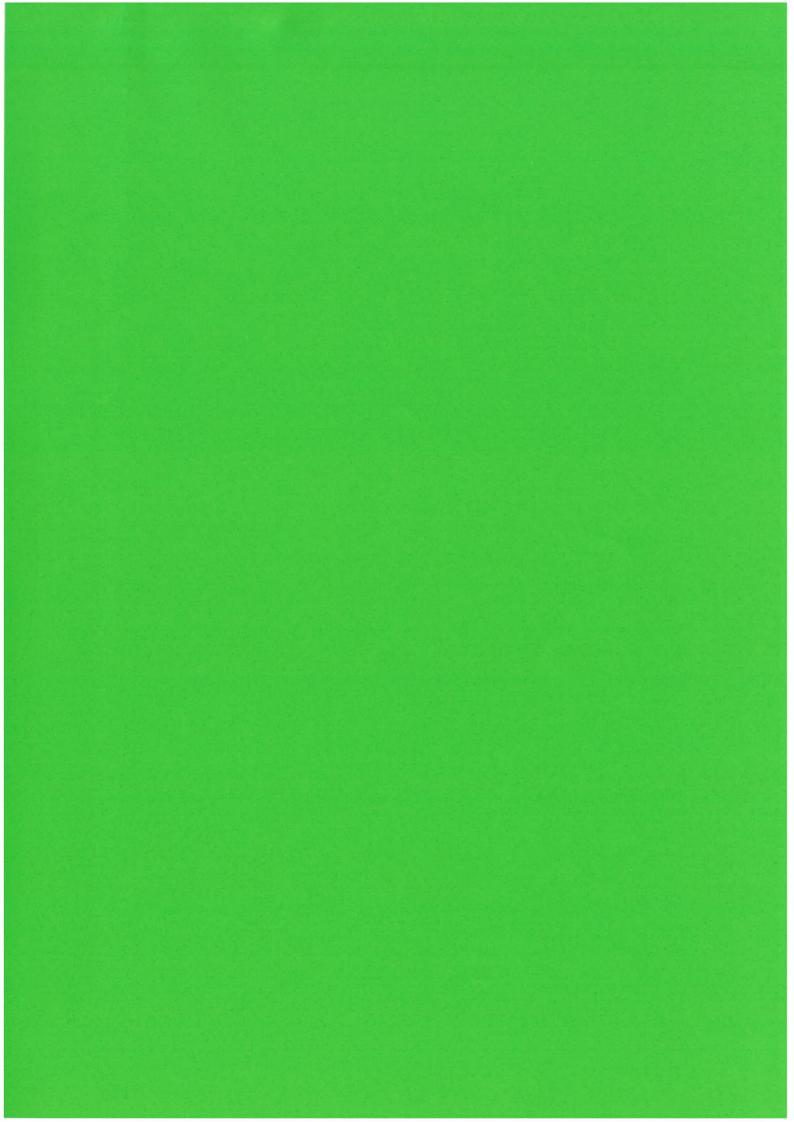
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From:

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Sent:

Thursday, 13 June 2019 4:17 PM

To:

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Subject:

Re: Proposed development of a 25m high telecommunication mast on Portion 14 of the Farm Hemel en Aarde No. 587, Hermanus, Western Cape (DEA&DP Pre-App Ref.

No.: 16/3/3/6/7/1/E2/15/1039/19)

Dear Petrus.

Our telecom earlier today, refers.

Please note that your name is now placed on the list of registered Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) and you will receive an electronic copy of the Pre-Application Basic Assessment Report (Pre-App BAR) that will go out for public comment in due course.

I am currently busy compiling the Pre-App BAR for comment.

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

Kind regards,

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Sent:

Monday, 01 July 2019 8:21 AM

Subject:

Read: Proposed development of a 25m high telecommunication mast on Portion 14 of the Farm Hemel en Aarde No. 587, Hermanus, Western Cape (DEA&DP Pre-App

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#### Your message

To: Petrus Bothma

Subject: Re: Proposed development of a 25m high telecommunication mast on Portion 14 of the Farm Hemel en

Aarde No. 587, Hermanus, Western Cape (DEA&DP Pre-App Ref. No.: 16/3/3/6/7/1/E2/15/1039/19)

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