

APPENDIX K9 – RESPONSES TO THE SCREENING TOOL REPORT DATED 21/02/2020

Agricultural Theme – Low Sensitivity

- The proposed development will have a no impact on agricultural resources, as the site is located on an area that is void of vegetation in some parts and located adjacent to an existing farm road. The proposed development will have a development footprint of approximately 65.8m² and will not have an impact on any surface water resources.

Animal Species Theme – Medium Sensitivity

- The proposed site is in a degraded state and is not expected to have any impact on animal species. The site is void of vegetation in some parts and is located adjacent to an existing farm road. The proposed site is in a degraded state due to past development activities on the property, and the site is located adjacent to an existing farm road (see Appendix C for site photos). An area of approximately 65.8m² will be cleared of vegetation for the proposed development. The EAP is of the opinion that a Biodiversity Impact Assessment is not required for the proposed development.

Aquatic Biodiversity Theme – Low Sensitivity

- The proposed development has a low sensitivity on surface water resources. The proposed site is not located within 32m of any surface water resources (rivers/wetlands), with the nearest dam approximately is approximately 245m south-east of the proposed site and are mainly being used for irrigation purposes.

Archaeological and Cultural Heritage Theme – Medium Sensitivity

- The Environmental Assessment Practitioner (“EAP”) is of the opinion that no Palaeontological studies are required for the proposed development due to the small development footprint. A Notice of Intention (NID) was submitted to Heritage Western cape (“HWC”) on 19 February 2020, and the receipt copy of the NID is attached as Appendix K1 to the pre-application draft BAR. Still awaiting comment from HWC regarding the NID for the proposed development.

Civil Aviation Theme – Low Sensitivity

- An Obstacle application was lodged with the South African Civil Aviation Authority and is awaiting approval.

Palaeontology Theme – Medium Sensitivity

- The Environmental Assessment Practitioner (“EAP”) is of the opinion that no Palaeontological studies are required for the proposed development due to the small development footprint. A Notice of Intention (NID) was submitted to Heritage Western cape (“HWC”) on 19 February 2020, and the receipt copy of the NID is attached as Appendix K1 to the pre-application draft BAR. Still awaiting comment from HWC regarding the NID for the proposed development.

Plant Species Theme – Medium Sensitivity

- The Screening Tool Report identified to be medium sensitive with regards to the plant species occurring on site. However, the proposed site is in a degraded state due to past development activities on the property, and the site is located adjacent to an existing farm road (see Appendix C for site photos). An area of approximately 65.8m² will be cleared of vegetation for the proposed development. The EAP is of the opinion that a Biodiversity Impact Assessment is not required for the proposed development.

Defence Theme – Low Sensitivity

- The proposed site will have a low sensitivity on the defence theme. The proposed development is not expected to impact on any defence related aspects.

Terrestrial Biodiversity Theme – High Sensitivity

- The proposed site is not located within a Critical Biodiversity Area (“CBA”). However, the proposed site is located within an Ecological Support Area 1 (ESA1). The site is in a degraded state due to past development activities on the property, and the site is located adjacent to an existing farm road (see Appendix C for site photos). An area of approximately 65.8m² will be cleared of vegetation for the proposed development. The footprint of the proposed development will be kept to an absolute minimum. The proposed development will not clear more than 300m² and has an existing access to the proposed site; therefore, no need to construct a

new road. The EAP is of the opinion that a Biodiversity Impact Assessment is not required for the proposed development.