

PRE-APPLICATION BAR - PUBLIC PARTICIPATION COMMENTS AND RESPONSES REPORT: PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF A 30M HIGH TELECOMMUNICATION MAST ON PORTION 28 OF FARM NO. 71, EENDEKUIL, PIKETBERG, WESTERN CAPE

A. PRE-APPLICATION BAR COMMENTS ON PORTION 28 OF FARM NO. 71, EENDEKUIL, PIKETBERG, WESTERN CAPE (DEA&DP Pre-App Ref. No.: 16/3/3/6/7/1/F1/11/2186/19)					
Date	Comment	I&AP	Project	Response	Respondent
22/11/2019	<p>1. The Notice of Intent Form with cover letter dated 14 November 2019, received by this Department on 15 November 2019, refers.</p> <p>2. This letter serves as an acknowledgement of receipt of the abovementioned document by this Department.</p> <p>3. This Department may provide comment on the development proposal within thirty (30) days of receipt of the Notice of Intent Form by this Department.</p> <p>4. 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 this 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 of the outcome of the application.</p> <p>5. It is prohibited in terms of the NEMA for a person to commence with a listed activity unless the Competent Authority has granted an Environmental Authorisation for the undertaking of the activity. Failure to comply in terms of the prohibition will result in the matter being referred to the Environmental Law Enforcement Directorate of this Department for possible prosecution. A person convicted of an offence in terms of the above is liable to a fine not exceeding R5 000 000 or to imprisonment for a period not exceeding 10 years, or to both such fine and imprisonment.</p>	DEA&DP: Development Management (Region 1)	Eendekuil Telecommunications Mast	<p>Dear Ayesha,</p> <p>I hereby acknowledge receipt of the Department's correspondence dated 22 November 2019.</p> <p>Please note that contents of the aforementioned correspondence dated 22 November 2019 is duly noted.</p> <p>Kind regards,</p>	EnviroAfrica
"	<p>6. Kindly quote the abovementioned reference number in any future correspondence regarding the pre-application process.</p> <p>7. This Department reserves the right to revise or withdraw its comments and request further information from you based on any new information received.</p> <p>Yours faithfully Head of Component</p>	DEA&DP: Development Management (Region 1)	Eendekuil Telecommunications Mast	"	EnviroAfrica
26/11/2019	<p>Good day Emile</p> <p>A request please to add myself to your list of I&amp;AP's.</p> <p>I am the Environmental Planning Management officer for Bergrivier Municipality and my employment commenced with the Municipality on the 1st of July 2018.</p> <p>Thank you</p> <p>Kind regards/ Groete</p> <p>Angila Joubert</p>	Bergrivier Municipality: Environmental Management	Eendekuil Telecommunications Mast	<p>Dear Angila,</p> <p>Your e-mail correspondence dated 26 November 2019, refers.</p> <p>Please note that your name are now placed on the list of registered I&amp;APs.</p> <p>Kind regards,</p>	EnviroAfrica
27/11/2019	<p>Good day Emile</p> <p>Thank you, appreciated.</p> <p>Kind regards/ Groete</p> <p>Angila Joubert</p>	Bergrivier Municipality: Environmental Management	Eendekuil Telecommunications Mast		EnviroAfrica

02/12/2019	<p>1. The abovementioned document with cover letter dated 21 November 2019, received by this Department on 22 November 2019, refers.</p> <p>2. This letter serves as an acknowledgement of receipt of the aforementioned document by this Department.</p> <p>3. Please note that this Department may issue comments on the pre-application Basic Assessment Report within the time-frame prescribed, i.e., thirty (30) calendar days from the date of receipt of the pre-application Basic Assessment Report by this Department.</p> <p>4. Kindly quote the abovementioned reference number in any future correspondence in respect of the application.</p> <p>5. Please note that the activity must not be commenced with prior to an Environmental Authorisation being granted by this Department. It is prohibited in terms of Section 24F of the NEMA for a person to commence with a listed activity unless the Competent Authority has granted an Environmental Authorisation for the undertaking of the activity. Failure to comply in terms of this prohibition will result in the matter being referred to the Environmental Law Enforcement Directorate of this Department for possible prosecution. A person convicted of an offence in terms of the above is liable to a fine not exceeding R5 000 000 or to imprisonment for a period not exceeding 10 years.</p> <p>6. This Department reserves the right to revise or withdraw its comments and request further information from you based on any new or revised information received.</p> <p>Yours faithfully Head of Component</p>	DEA&DP: Development Management (Region 1)	Eendekuil Telecommunications Mast	<p>Dear Aysha,</p> <p>I hereby acknowledge receipt of the Department's correspondence dated 02 December 2019.</p> <p>Please note that the contents of the aforementioned correspondence dated 02 December 2019 is duly noted.</p> <p>Kind regards, Emile Esquire</p>	EnviroAfrica
17/12/2019	<p>Dear Mr Esquire</p> <p>CapeNature would like to thank you for the opportunity to comment on the notification for this application and wish to make the following comments:</p> <p>The proposed mast is located in an area which historically supported Swartland Shale Renosterveld, which is a Critically Endangered vegetation type.</p> <p>From the limited information provided it appears that it will be possible to locate the mast site entirely within a previously transformed area and no new access roads will be required.</p> <p>Providing that this is the case, CapeNature does not object to the application.</p> <p>CapeNature reserves the right to revise initial comments and request further information based on any additional information that may be received.</p> <p>Yours sincerely Alana Duffel-Canham</p>	CapeNature	Eendekuil Telecommunications Mast	<p>Dear Alana,</p> <p>Your email dated 17 December 2019 and with attached comment dated 17 December 2019, refers.</p> <p>Kindly note that I hereby acknowledge receipt of the attached comment dated 17 December 2019.</p> <p>The contents of the comment dated 17 December 2019 is duly noted.</p> <p>Please note that the proposed site has no natural vegetation remaining and is completely transformed from its natural state due to past development activities on the property. I confirm that access to the proposed site exists, therefore no need to construct an access road.</p> <p>Thank you for providing comment on the aforementioned development proposal.</p> <p>Kind regards,</p>	EnviroAfrica
07/01/2020	<p>Sir</p> <p>1. Your letter dated 20 November 2019 and the Pre-Application BAR for the proposal refer.</p> <p>2. There is no doubt that cellular and other wireless telecommunication technologies have had a major impact on the lives of ordinary citizens over the past two decades. The West Coast District Municipality Supports these developments as it has been shown that these create various opportunities for participation in the economy, especially in the rural areas of the district.</p> <p>3. However, the placement/location of telecommunication infrastructure should be in keeping with the rural landscape, should not have a negative visual impact or detract from the sense of place. For this reason infrastructure that makes provision for co-location, as in this case, is preferred by the West Coast District Municipality because it limits the number of telecommunication masts without compromising connectivity.</p> <p>4. No development may take place without the requisite land use approval from Bergrivier Municipality.</p> <p>Yours faithfully Municipal Manager</p>	West Coast District Municipality	Eendekuil Telecommunications Mast	<p>Dear Doretha Kotze,</p> <p>I hereby acknowledge receipt of the attached comment from the West Coast District Municipality (WCDM) dated 07 January 2019, as received by EnviroAfrica on the same date.</p> <p>Please see responses to the points raised in the aforementioned correspondence below:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Noted,</li> <li>Noted. As mentioned in the Pre-App BAR, the proposed development will have positive social impact as it would increase the network coverage of the area.</li> <li>Noted. The site is situated adjacent to some tall trees and act as some visual screening, thereby reducing the associating visual impact. The proposed mast will be co-located by different Mobile Network Operators (MNO's).</li> <li>Noted. Please be advised that the applicant informed me that a Land Use Approval was issued by Bergrivier Municipality during the year 2018.</li> </ol> <p>Thank you for providing comment on the aforementioned proposed development.</p> <p>Kind regards,</p>	EnviroAfrica

22/11/2019	<p>Dear Interested and Affected Parties,</p> <p>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 28 of Farm No. 71, Eendekuil, Piketberg, Western Cape, and includes activities listed in terms of the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014.</p> <p>EnviroAfrica cc has been appointed by Eagle Towers SA (Pty) Ltd. to undertake the NEMA EIA Application for Environmental Authorisation process.</p> <p>Application for environmental authorization to undertake the following activities: Government Notice R324 (Listing Notice 3): Activity No. 3</p> <p>Project Description &amp; Location: A telecommunication mast, including associated infrastructure, is proposed on Portion 28 of Farm No. 71, Eendekuil, Piketberg, Western Cape. The proposed development is to clear an area of 64m<sup>2</sup> (8m X 8m) to erect a 30m high telecommunication mast with antennas situated on the top of the proposed structure. The site is located off the R365 road, and 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 Eendekuil and is Agricultural 1 zoned, and the site co-ordinates are 32° 40' 53.59" S, 18° 53' 43.42" E.</p>	EnviroAfrica	Eendekuil Telecommunications Mast	<p>Meneer</p> <p>Ek glo ek sal Maandag , 20 Januarie 2020, n getekende dokument soos versoek kan stuur. Die person is ongelukkig met vakansie. Jammer hieroor. Dankie solank vir moeite.</p>	Niekie Mouton
"	<p>Public Participation: Interested and Affected Parties (I&amp;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 20 January 2020. In order to register or submit comment, I&amp;APs should refer to the project name, and provide their name, address &amp; 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 the Pre-Application Basic Assessment Report (Pre-App BAR) will be available on our website (<a href="https://enviroafrica.co.za/projects/for-public-participation/">https://enviroafrica.co.za/projects/for-public-participation/</a>) on 25 November 2019.</p> <p>Please note that only Registered I&amp;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.</p> <p>You are also requested to pass this information to any person you feel should be notified.</p> <p>Consultant: EnviroAfrica CC. P.O. Box 5367, Helderberg, 7135 / Fax: 086 512 0154 / Tel: 021 8511616 / E-mail: <a href="mailto:admin@enviroafrica.co.za">admin@enviroafrica.co.za</a></p>	EnviroAfrica	Eendekuil Telecommunication Mast	"	Niekie Mouton
22/01/2020	<p>Dankie</p> <p>Hier is die huuroorenkoms.</p> <p>Niekie</p>	Niekie Mouton	Eendekuil Telecommunication Mast	<p>Goeie more Niekie,</p> <p>Hiermee erken ek ontvangs van die aangehegde huuroorenkoms.</p> <p>Beste groete,</p>	EnviroAfrica
29/01/2020	<p>Dear Sir</p> <p>1. The abovementioned document with cover letter dated November 2019, received by this Department on 22 November 2019, refers.</p> <p>2. Following a review of the information submitted to this Department, the following is noted: 2.1. The proposed development entails the installation of an approximately 30m high telecommunication mast and associated infrastructure on Portion 28 of the Farm No. 71, Eendekuil, Piketberg with a development footprint of approximately 64m<sup>2</sup>. The telecommunication base station will include an equipment room to house the operator equipment and generators as well as equipment containers to accommodate other service providers. The mast will be constructed on a cement plinth and will be surrounded by a 2.4m high palisade fence. 2.2. An existing access road will be utilised to gain access to the proposed site. 2.3. Electricity will be sourced from the land owner. 2.4. The development proposal will not require water, solid waste removal, storm water or sewerage services from the City of Cape Town.</p>	DEA&DP: Development Management (Region 1)	Eendekuil Telecommunication Mast	<p>Dear Ayesha,</p> <p>I hereby acknowledge receipt of the Department's correspondence dated 29 January 2020.</p> <p>The contents of the aforementioned correspondence dated 29 January 2020 is duly noted.</p> <p>Please see below responses to your points raised in the aforementioned correspondence dated 29 January 2020:</p> <p>1. Noted. 2.1. Noted. 2.2. Noted. 2.3. Noted. 2.4. Noted. The municipality is Bergvliet Municipality.</p>	EnviroAfrica

"	<p>3. Listed Activity(ies) 3.1. The following listed activity is applicable to the development proposal:</p> <p><b>Item 3 of GN No. 983 (as amended):</b> The development of masts or towers of any material or type used for telecommunication, broadcasting or radio transmission purposes where the mast or tower - a) <del>B</del> to be placed on a site not previously used for this purpose; and b) <del>W</del> will exceed 15 meters in height-</p> <p>but excluding attachments to existing buildings and masts on rooftops.</p> <p><b>(i) In the Western Cape:</b> i) All areas outside urban areas; or ii) Areas designated for conservation use in Spatial Development Frameworks adopted by the Competent Authority, or zoned for a conservation purpose, within urban areas; or iii. Areas zoned for use as public open space or equivalent zoning within urban areas.</p> <p>4. EIA Requirements 4.1. Please ensure that the minimum requirements of the EIA process stipulated in the Appendices to the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended), i.e., Appendices 1 and 4, are met.</p>	DEA&DP: Development Management (Region 1)	Eendekuil Telecommunication Mast	<p>3.1. Noted. The listed activity will be included in the NEMA Application Form.</p> <p>4.1. Noted. The NEMA EIA process will be undertaken in accordance with Appendices 1 and 4 of the Environmental Impact Assessment ("EIA") Regulations, 2014 (as amended).</p>	EnviroAfrica
"	<p>5. General 5.1. Kindly quote the abovementioned reference number in any future correspondence in respect of the application.</p> <p>5.2. Please note that the activity must not be commenced with prior to an Environmental Authorisation being granted by this Department. It is prohibited in terms of Section 24F of the NEMA for a person to commence with a listed activity unless the Competent Authority has granted an Environmental Authorisation for the undertaking of the activity.</p> <p>5.3. This Department reserves the right to revise or withdraw comments and request further information from you based on any new or revised information received.</p> <p>Yours faithfully</p>	DEA&DP: Development Management (Region 1)	Eendekuil Telecommunication Mast	<p>5.1. Noted.</p> <p>5.2. Noted. The activity will not be undertaken until the EIA process for the activity has been finalised.</p> <p>5.3. Noted.</p> <p>Thank you for providing comment on the Pre-Application BAR.</p> <p>Kind regards,</p>	EnviroAfrica