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Dear Sir or Madam

COMMENT ON THE DRAFT BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORT (“BAR”) FOR THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF AN APPROXIMATELY 30M HIGH TELECOMMUNICATION MAST AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE ON PORTION 28 OF THE FARM EENDEKUIL NO. 71, PIKETBERG

1. The above-mentioned electronic correspondence that was submitted to this Department by Enviro Africa cc on 11 July 2020, refers.
2. Having reviewed the information contained in the Draft BAR, this Department has noted the following:
 - 2.1 **Listed activities-** The listed activity identified in the Environmental Impact Assessment (“EIA”) Regulations of 2014 (as amended) that is indicated as applicable to the development proposal is **Item 3 of GN No. R. 985 of 2014**, i.e., *“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) *is to be placed on a site not previously used for this purpose; and*
 - (b) *will exceed 15 metres in height—*
but excluding attachments to existing buildings and masts on rooftops.
 - i. Western Cape**
 - i. *All areas outside urban areas;*
 - 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.”*

2.2 **Public Participation-** The Draft BAR has been made available for Interested and Affected Parties ("I&APs") to comment on for longer than the minimum legally required period of 30 days. In addition, comments have been obtained from various I&APs that include *inter alia*, Heritage Western Cape and CapeNature, None of the comments received were objections and in fact, some supportive comments have been received.

2.3 **Alternatives-** The mast design alternatives considered are tree type mast, lattice mast and monopole mast. The 'no-go' alternative has also been considered. i

- 3 Please respond adequately to all the comments received regarding the Draft BAR and also ensure that the content of your next BAR that will be submitted to this Department meets the legal requirements as stipulated in the EIA Regulations of 2014 (as amended). Extend
- 4 Kindly quote the abovementioned reference number in any future correspondence concerning the proposed development an approximately 30m high telecommunication mast on Portion 28 of the Farm Eendikuil No. 71, Piketberg.
- 5 This Department reserves the right to revise or withdraw its comments and request further information from you based on any information received.

Yours faithfully



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