

PRE-APPLICATION BAR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION COMMENTS RECEIVED - PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF A 35M HIGH TELECOMMUNICATION MAST ON PORTION 1 OF FARM UITKOMST NO. 343, LAASTEDRIF BOERDERY, CERES, WESTERN CAPE (DEA&DP Ref. No.: 16/3/3/6/7/1/B1/7/1014/20)

B. PRE-APP BAR COMMENTS ON PORTION 1 OF FARM UITKOMST NO. 343, LAASTEDRIF BOERDERY, CERES, WESTERN CAPE

Date	Comment	I&AP	Project	Response	Respondent
12/12/2020	<p>Please be informed that ill be working on Wind and Solar Projects, any urgent feedback on general obstacles please contact Marie on pretoriusc@caa.co.za.</p> <p>Please direct all general obstacle enquiries to the obstacle inspectorate on 011 545 1071</p> <p>and invoice enquiries on ntulin@caa.co.za and obstacles@caa.co.za</p> <p>kind regards</p>	South African Civil Aviation Authority	Laastedrif Telecommunication mast	<p>Dear Lizell,</p> <p>I hereby acknowledge receipt of your email dated 12 February 2020.</p> <p>Kindly note that I will inform Marie about the proposed development.</p> <p>Kind regards,</p>	EnviroAfrica
12/02/2020	<p>Hi Emile,</p> <p>Is the first stage in this process?</p> <p>Kind regards, Philippa.</p>	CapeNature	Laastedrif Telecommunication mast	<p>Dear Philippa,</p> <p>Please note that this is the first round of public participation, inviting potential I&APs to register and to provide comment.</p> <p>The Pre-Application Basic Assessment Report (Pre-App BAR) will be available on our website by latest on 23 February 2020.</p> <p>Please don't hesitate contact me should you require any additional information.</p> <p>Kind regards,</p>	EnviroAfrica
13/02/2020	<p>Thank you Emile – I will be sending this on to my colleague Alana. She is very good about getting comments back to EAPs within the time frames so you will hear from her on or before the due date.</p> <p>Kind regards, Philippa.</p>	CapeNature	Laastedrif Telecommunication mast	<p>Dear Philippa,</p> <p>Thanks for the confirmation.</p> <p>Kind regards,</p>	EnviroAfrica
13/02/2020	<p>Dear Sir</p> <p>1. The correspondence dated 20 January 2020, as received by this Department on 27 January 2020, refers.</p> <p>2. This letter serves as an acknowledgement of receipt of the abovementioned document by this Department.</p> <p>3. Following the review of the information submitted to this Department, the following is noted:</p> <p>3.1. The proposal entails the development of a 35m high telecommunication mast and its associated infrastructure on Portion 0 of Farm Uitkoms No. 343, Laastedrif Boerdery, Ceres.</p> <p>3.2. The development footprint is 68.5m² and will be enclosed with a 2.4m high steel palisade fence.</p> <p>3.3. The site is zoned as Agriculture Zone I and located outside the urban area of Ceres.</p> <p>3.4. Electricity to power the mast will be sourced from the land owner.</p>	DEA&DP: Development Management - Region 1	Laastedrif Telecommunication mast	<p>Dear Ntanganedzeni,</p> <p>The Department's correspondence dated 13 February 2020, refers.</p> <p>The contents of the aforementioned letter dated 13 February 2020 is duly noted.</p> <p>Please see responses to your points raised below:</p> <p>1. Noted. 2. Noted. 3. Noted.</p>	EnviroAfrica
"	<p><u>Process:</u></p> <p>4. Screening Report</p> <p>4.1. Your attention is drawn to Government Notice No. 960 of 5 July 2019: Notice of the Requirement to Submit a Report Generated by the National Web Based Environmental Screening Tool in terms of Section 24(5)(h) of the NEMA and Regulation 16(1)(b)(v) of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended).</p> <p>4.2. Please note that the submission of a report generated from the National Web Based Environmental Screening Tool is compulsory as of 04 October 2019 when submitting an application for environmental authorisation in terms of Regulation 19 and 21 of the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended). It is recommended that this should already be undertaken as part of the pre-application phase. You are therefore required to submit the aforementioned report, for our records.</p> <p>5. A Basic Assessment process must be followed in order to apply for Environmental Authorisation. Only those activities applied for shall be considered for authorisation. The onus is on the applicant to ensure that all the applicable activities are applied for and assessed as part of the Basic Assessment process.</p>	DEA&DP: Development Management - Region 1	Laastedrif Telecommunication mast	<p>4.1. Noted. The Screening Tool Report will be submitted with the Pre-Application BAR.</p> <p>4.2. Noted. The Screening Tool Report will be submitted with the Pre-Application BAR.</p> <p>5. Noted.</p>	EnviroAfrica

"	<p>6. You are advised that when undertaking the Basic Assessment process, you must take into account the applicable guidelines developed by the Department. The Department's guidelines can be downloaded from the Department's website (http://eadp-westerncape.kznshf.gov.za/your-resource-library). In particular, the guidelines that may be applicable to the proposed development include, inter alia, the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Circular EADP 0028/2014: One Environmental 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). <p>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 the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended).</p>	DEA&DP: Development Management - Region 1	Laastedrif Telecommunication mast	<p>6. Noted. The Department's Guidelines will be consulted while compiling the BAR.</p> <p>7. Noted.</p>	EnviroAfrica
"	<p>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 Regulations 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.</p> <p>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 is submitted to the Department for commenting purposes.</p>	DEA&DP: Development Management - Region 1	Laastedrif Telecommunication mast	<p>8. Noted.</p> <p>9. Noted. Two copies of the Pre-Application BAR will be submitted to the Department for commenting purposes.</p>	EnviroAfrica
"	<p>10. In terms of Section 240 (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 240 (2 and (3) of the NEMA in the BAR, where appropriate.</p> <p>11. 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 the undertaking of 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.</p>	DEA&DP: Development Management - Region 1	Laastedrif Telecommunication mast	<p>10. Noted.</p> <p>11. Noted.</p>	EnviroAfrica
"	<p>12. 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.</p> <p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * that additional information or documents will not be requested; * of the outcome of the application. <p>13. The Department reserves the right to revise or withdraw comments or request further information based on any information received.</p> <p>Yours faithfully Head of Component</p>	DEA&DP: Development Management - Region 1	Laastedrif Telecommunication mast	<p>12. Noted.</p> <p>13. Noted.</p> <p>Thank you for providing comment on the Notice of Intention document that was submitted to Department on 27 January 2020.</p> <p>Kind regards,</p>	EnviroAfrica

13/02/2020	<p>Please will you register us as an interested party relating to the above proposed project.</p> <p>We will welcome such a development which will provide a much needed service to the community up here, and also to the many visitors from elsewhere in RSA and including overseas visitors who come to see us and are frustrated by the lack of telecommunication service here.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>You may record my name and address as your contact:</p> <p>Alan Garlick Klondyke Farm Bo-Swaarmoed Ceres 6835</p> <p>P O Box 170 Ceres 6835</p> <p>farm@klondyke.co.za</p>	Alan Garlick	Laastedrif Telecommunication mast	<p>Dear Allen,</p> <p>Your email correspondence dated 13 February 2020, refers.</p> <p>Please note that your name is now placed on the list of registered Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs).</p> <p>Your comment is duly noted.</p> <p>Kind regards, Emile Esquire</p>	EnviroAfrica
20/02/2020	<p>Dear Mr Esquire</p> <p>CapeNature would like to thank you for the opportunity to comment on the BID for this application. Please note that the coordinates provided in the BID are incorrect. We are basing our initial comments on the premise that the coordinates should be 33o17'37.86"S, 19o 39' 1.89"E.</p> <p>According to the South African Vegetation Map (2018) the proposed development site supports Matjiesfontein Shale Renosterveld. Although this vegetation type is not currently listed as threatened it does support some unique micro-habitats especially at higher altitudes. It should be ensured that the development will not impact on any seepage areas.</p> <p>The site does not form part of a Critical Biodiversity Area (CBA) but has been identified as an Ecological Support Area (ESA) due to habitat type and watercourse protection. It should be noted that due to previous activities conducted on the farm in CBAs and other natural areas, there are resulting conditions linked to protection of the remaining natural vegetation. The footprint therefore needs to be kept to an absolute minimum.</p> <p>CapeNature will provide additional comment once detailed reports and specialist studies have been provided.</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 Duffell-</p>	CapeNature	Laastedrif Telecommunication mast	<p>Dear Alana,</p> <p>Your email with attached correspondence dated 20 February 2020, refers.</p> <p>The incorrect site co-ordinates was used in the initial notification letter dated 12 February 2020. I agree with you that the correct co-ordinates for the site are 33°17'37.86"S; 19°39'1.89"E.</p> <p>The proposed development will not impact on any seepage areas. The site photos of the proposed site will be attached as Appendix C to the Pre Application draft BAR (Pre-App BAR).</p> <p>I concur with you that the site is located within an Ecological Support Area (ESA), and please note that the development footprint will be kept to a minimum in order to prevent the destruction of the remaining natural vegetation. Please note that the Pre-App BAR will be available on our website for public comment by 21 February 2020.</p> <p>Thank you for providing initial comment on the aforementioned development proposal.</p> <p>Kind regards</p>	EnviroAfrica
"	<p>Hi Emile</p> <p>Thank you for your email. I trust you will send us a copy of the pre-application BAR on cd/dvd together with a printed cover letter and maps.</p> <p>Regards, Alana</p>	CapeNature	Laastedrif Telecommunication mast	<p>Hi Alana,</p> <p>Yes, I will send you an electronic copy of the pre-application BAR.</p> <p>Kind regards,</p>	EnviroAfrica

28/02/2020	<p>Dear Sir</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The above-mentioned document dated February 2020 and letter dated 24 February 2020, as received by the Department on the same date, refer. This letter serves as an acknowledgement of receipt of the above-mentioned document by this Department. The Department notes that the pre-application draft BAR is being circulated for a 30-day commenting period to Interested and Affected Parties ("I&AP's") and State Departments ending on 27 March 2020. This Department will consider the pre-application draft BAR and provide a comment within the prescribed time period. Kindly quote the above-mentioned reference number in any future correspondence in respect of this application. Please note that the activity may not commence prior to an Environmental Authorisation being granted by the Department. <p>Your faithfully, Head of Component</p>	DEA&DP: Development Management - Region 1	Laastedrif Telecommunication mast	<p>Dear Ntanganedzeni,</p> <p>The Department's correspondence dated 28 February 2020, refers.</p> <p>I hereby acknowledge receipt of the Department's correspondence dated 28 February 2020.</p> <p>The contents of the Department's correspondence dated 28 February 2020 is duly noted.</p> <p>Kind regards,</p>	EnviroAfrica
04/03/2020	<p>Dear Avril van der Rheede</p> <p>Please find attached correspondence for your consideration.</p> <p>Thanks and regards</p>	DEA&DP: Development Management - Region 1	Laastedrif Telecommunication mast	<p>Dear Ntanganedzeni,</p> <p>I hereby acknowledge receipt of the attached correspondence from the Department dated 28 February 2020.</p> <p>The content of the aforementioned correspondence dated 28 February 2020 is duly noted.</p> <p>Kind regards,</p>	EnviroAfrica
13/03/2020	<p>Dear Mr Esquire</p> <p>CapeNature would like to thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Pre-application Basic Assessment Report for this application and wish to make the following comments:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> As stated in our previous comments, according to the South African Vegetation Map (2018) the proposed development site supports Matjiesfontein Shale Renosterveld. This vegetation type is currently listed as threatened but supports special habitats. From the information provided it appears that the site is partly disturbed and there is an existing gravel road leading to the site. All construction activities including stockpiling must take place in previously disturbed areas and no dumping of any material should take occur within natural intact vegetation. The road must not be widened and no new turning circles may be created. Electricity cables must be laid in the existing road. Existing fences must not be removed. 	CapeNature	Laastedrif Telecommunication mast	<p>Dear Alana,</p> <p>I hereby acknowledge receipt of the attached comment from CapeNature dated 13 March 2020.</p> <p>Kindly note that the contents of the aforementioned comment dated 13 March 2020 is duly noted. Please see responses to your points raised below:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Noted. Noted. All construction activities, including stock piling will take place on previously disturbed areas and no dumping of any material will occur within natural intact vegetation. This will be inserted into the EMPr as a condition. Noted. The existing access road leading towards the proposed site will not be widened and no new turning circles will be created. This will be inserted into the EMPr as a condition. Noted. Electricity cables will be laid within the footprint of the existing access road leading towards the site. Noted. All existing fences adjacent to the proposed site will not be removed during the construction and operational phase. 	EnviroAfrica

	<p>6. The Environmental Management Programme should specify the exact frequency that the ECO should visit the site during the construction and not just state that the ECO "will undertake regular site inspections". The ECO should also conduct a site visit after construction to ensure that the site has been rehabilitated and no erosion is occurring.</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</p>	CapeNature	Laastedrif Telecommunication mast	<p>6. Noted. The frequency of ECO site visits will be inserted into the draft EMP, and the ECO will do a site visit after construction to ensure that the proposed site is rehabilitated and to see if any erosion is occurring. This will be inserted into the EMP as a condition.</p> <p>Thank you for providing comment on the pre-application draft BAR for the aforementioned proposal.</p> <p>Kind regards,</p>	EnviroAfrica
04/03/2020	<p>Dear Sir,</p> <p>We act in this matter on behalf of the Koue Bokkeveld Landbouvereniging (KBLV) who has as its members, commercial farmers and related entities farming in the Koue Bokkeveld, Bo-Swaarmoed area, close to or in the vicinity of the designated area for the abovementioned project.</p> <p>We have been requested by KBLV to register on behalf of KBLV as an interested party and you may use the e-mail address altus@jvanvuuren.co.za for future correspondence and notifications.</p> <p>We have also been instructed that our client's members as listed in Annexure A hereto, fully support the proposed development of a 35m high telecommunication mast on Portion 0 of Farm Uitkomst No. 343.</p> <p>It is noted in your Basic Assessment Report dated October 2017 that the proposed mast will allow for multiple service providers including mobile network operators to attach and house their equipment (antennas) on the mast, decreasing the need for additional communications masts to be erected in the area and that the benefits of the communications services are potentially limitless. KBLV and its members note with keen enthusiasm that the proposed activity will increase the coverage of these telecommunication services, including providing a more reliable and wider coverage and that the activity would create a more efficient telecommunications service.</p>	Joubert Van Vuuren Inc.	Laastedrif Telecommunication mast	<p>Dear Altus,</p> <p>Your e-mail correspondence dated 17 March 2020 with the attached comment dated 04 March 2020, refers.</p> <p>Please note that I hereby acknowledge receipt of your comment dated 04 March 2020.</p> <p>Your name are now placed on the list of registered Interested and Affected Parties ("I&APs") for the aforementioned telecommunication mast on Portion 1 of Farm Uitkomst No. 343, Laastedrif Boerdery, Ceres.</p> <p>EnviroAfrica takes note of the fact that you are representing a number of farmers who are members of the Koue Bokkeveld Landbouvereniging ("KBLV") in the Ceres area.</p>	EnviroAfrica
	<p>The mentioned benefits to the farming community in general and our commercial producers are clear and the proposal is therefore fully supported by KBLV and its members listed in Annexure A hereto hereto.</p> <p>We look forward to further correspondence and trust that your project will be finalised successfully without unnecessary delay.</p> <p>Yours faithfully, Joubert Van Vuuren Inc per: ALTUS JOUBERT AB JOUBERT</p>	Joubert Van Vuuren Inc.	Laastedrif Telecommunication mast	<p>Please note that your comment in support of the proposed telecommunication mast is duly noted.</p> <p>I would like to thank you for providing comment on the aforementioned proposal.</p> <p>Kind regards</p>	EnviroAfrica
	<p>ANNEXURE A</p> <p>Members</p> <p>Karsten Pome Fruit Partnership Laastedrif Boerdery Jurgensfontein Plaas De Kock Boerdery Klondyke Rheeboksplaas Farming Johan Geldenhuys Eiendomme Normat Farms BK Winterbach Boerdery BK PC Malherbe Koppieshoogte Boerdery BK Schoonvlei Boerdery Erfdeel Boerdery The Fruit Farm Group SA Pty Ltd Lakenvlei Boerdery Witzenberg Properties Hexvlei Watergebruikersvereniging</p>	Joubert Van Vuuren Inc.	Laastedrif Telecommunication mast	"	EnviroAfrica

04/03/2020	<p>The matter above has reference.</p> <p>Heritage Western Cape is in receipt of your application for the above matter received on 19 February 2020. You are hereby notified that, since there is no reason to believe that the proposed telecommunication mast will impact on heritage resources, no further action under Section 38 of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999) is required.</p> <p>This decision is subject to an appeal period of 14 working days. The appeal period shall be taken from the date above. It should be noted for an appeal to be deemed valid it must refer to the decision, it must be submitted by the due date and it must set out the grounds of appeal. Appeals must be addressed to the official above and it is the responsibility of the appellant to confirm that the appeal has been received within the appeal period. Applicants are strongly advised to review and adhere to the time limits contained in the Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) between DEA&DP and HWC. The SOP can be found using the following link http://www.hwc.org.za/node/293</p> <p>However, should any heritage resources, including evidence of graves and human burials, archaeological material and paleontological material be discovered during the execution of the activities above, all works must be stopped immediately and Heritage Western Cape must be notified without delay.</p> <p>HWC reserves the right to request additional information as required. Should you have any further queries, please contact the official above and quote the case number.</p>	Heritage Western Cape	Laastedrif Telecommunication mast	<p>Dear Andrew,</p> <p>I hereby acknowledge receipt of the Record of Decision (ROD) issued by Heritage Western Cape (HWC) dated 04 March 2020.</p> <p>The contents of the aforementioned ROD dated 04 March 2020 is duly noted.</p> <p>Thank you for participating in the public participation process for the aforementioned development proposal.</p> <p>Kind regards, Emile Esquire</p>	EnviroAfrica
13/03/2020	<p>Dear Sir</p> <p>1. The pre-application draft BAR and letter dated 24 February 2020, as received by this Department on the same day, and this Department's acknowledgement thereof issued on 28 February 2020, refer.</p> <p>2. Following the review of the information submitted to this Department, the following is noted:</p> <p>2.1. The proposal entails the development of a 25m high telecommunication mast and its associated infrastructure on Portion 1 of the Farm Uitkomst No. 343, Laastedrif Boerdery, Ceres.</p> <p>2.2. The development footprint is 68.5m² and will be enclosed with a 2.4m high palisade fence.</p> <p>2.3. The site is zoned as Agriculture Zone I and located outside the urban area of Ceres.</p> <p>2.4. Electricity to power the mast will be sourced from the land owner.</p> <p>2.5. No new roads will be constructed as an existing farm road will be used to gain access to the proposed site.</p> <p>2.6. The proposed site contains Matjiesfontein Shale Renosterveld vegetation and is not listed as threatened but support some unique micro-habitats. The site does not form part of the Critical Biodiversity Area (CBA) but has been identified as an Ecological Support Area (ESA) due to habitat type and watercourse protection.</p> <p>2.7. No rivers, surface water resources or wetlands occur within 32m of the proposed site. There is a dam approximately 245m south-east of the proposed site, mainly used for irrigation purposes. There are two non-perennial watercourses approximately 370m south-east and 240m north of the proposed site.</p>	DEA&DP: Development Management - Region 1	Laastedrif Telecommunication mast	<p>Dear Mr Ntanganedzeni,</p> <p>I hereby acknowledge receipt of the attached comment from the Department dated 13 March 2020.</p> <p>The contents of the attached correspondence dated 13 March 2020 is duly noted.</p> <p>Please see responses to your points raised below:</p> <p>1. Noted. 2.1. Noted. 2.2. Noted. 2.3. Noted. 2.4. Noted. 2.5. Noted. 2.6. Noted. 2.7. Noted.</p>	EnviroAfrica

"	<p>3. This Department's comments are as follows:</p> <p>3.1. Please provide this Department with a map that indicates other telecommunication base stations within a 2km radius of the site to assess cumulative impacts.</p> <p>3.2. Since power will be sourced from the land owner, written confirmation that they have sufficient capacity for the proposal must be included in the BAR.</p> <p>3.3. The public participation process must comply with the requirements of Regulation 41 of the EIA Regulations 2014, and proof of compliance with all the steps undertaken must be included in the BAR. In addition, copies of the comments received, the responses thereto and a comments and responses report must be included in the BAR.</p> <p>3.4. Omission of any required information in terms of Appendices 1 and 4 of the EIA Regulations 2014 with regards to the final submission of the Final BAR and EMPR, respectively to the Department, may result in the application for Environmental Authorisation being refused.</p> <p>3.5. Be advised that an original signed and dated applicant declaration is required to be submitted with the final BAR to this Department for decision-making. It is important to note that by signing this declaration, the applicant is confirming that they are aware and have taken cognisance of the report submitted for decision-making. Furthermore, through signing this declaration, the applicant is making a commitment that they are both willing and able to implement the necessary mitigation, management and monitoring measures recommended within the report with respect to this application.</p>	DEA&DP: Development Management - Region 1	Laastedrif Telecommunication mast	<p>3.1. Noted. The map indicating telecommunication masts within a 2km radius of the proposed site will be added as an Appendix to the BAR.</p> <p>3.2. Noted. The letter confirming the availability of electricity from the land owner will be attached as an Appendix to the BAR.</p> <p>3.3. Noted. The Public Participation Process (PPP) process will be attached as Appendix F to the BAR. An updated comments and responses report will be included in the final BAR.</p> <p>3.4. Noted. The requirements of Appendix 1 and 4 of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended) will be adhered to in the final BAR and EMPR.</p> <p>3.5. Originally signed declaration forms will be submitted with the final BAR for decision-making.</p>	EnviroAfrica
"	<p>4. Kindly quote the abovementioned reference number in any future correspondence in respect of this application.</p> <p>5. Please note that the proposed development may not commence prior to an Environmental Authorisation being granted by the Competent Authority.</p> <p>Yours faithfully Head of Component</p>	DEA&DP: Development Management - Region 1	Laastedrif Telecommunication mast	<p>4. Noted. The Department's reference number will be used in all future correspondences regarding this application.</p> <p>5. Noted. No activity will commence unless the Department has issued a decision regarding the proposed development</p> <p>Thank you for providing comment on the EIA process for the aforementioned proposal.</p> <p>Kind regards,</p>	EnviroAfrica
29/06/2020	<p>1. The above-mentioned electronic correspondence that was received by this Department from Enviro Africa cc on 12 June 2020, refers.</p> <p>2. This Department hereby approves the measures highlighted in your PPP Plan dated 12 June 2020, submitted in terms of the Circular of this Department (CIRCULAR: DEA&DP No. 0012/2020). All of the measures highlighted in the PPP Plan must be implemented to meet the requirements of Regulation 41 of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended) as well as the Directions regarding measures to address, prevent and combat the spread of COVID -19 relating to National Environmental Management Permits and Licences of 05 June 2020 (as amended). However, the date of 19 June 2020 on which you proposed to commence with the PPP Plan has passed and so the measures contained in the PPP Plan can only be commenced with on the date of issue of this letter or thereafter. In light of this, please notify this Department in writing of a new date on which you will commence with the measures contained in the PPP Plan and adjust all the other dates in the PPP Plan accordingly.</p> <p>3. Please note that the applicant must comply with any other statutory requirements that may be applicable to the undertaking of the activity.</p> <p>4. Kindly quote the abovementioned reference number in any future correspondence concerning the proposed development.</p> <p>5. This Department reserves the right to revise or withdraw its comments and request further information based on any information received.</p>	DEA&DP: Development Management - Region 1	Laastedrif Telecommunication mast	<p>Dear Maboee,</p> <p>I hereby acknowledge receipt of the attached correspondence from the Department dated 29 June 2020. Please find attached updated public participation plan for the Draft Basic Assessment Report (BAR).</p> <p>I would like to send out the Draft BAR to registered I&APs by latest 10 July 2020.</p> <p>The commenting period on the Draft BAR will end on 11 September 2020.</p> <p>Your urgent response would be highly appreciated.</p> <p>Kind regards,</p>	EnviroAfrica

30/06/2020	<p>Dear Sir</p> <p>1. The electronic copy of the Application Form, as received by this Department on 15 June 2020, refer.</p> <p>2. This letter serves as an acknowledgement of receipt of the aforementioned document by the Department. Please note that this is not the latest version of the Department's Application Form. Only the latest version will be accepted for any future submission.</p> <p>3. Following a review of the information submitted to this Department, the following is noted:</p> <p>3.1. The proposal entails the development of a 35m high telecommunication mast and its associated infrastructure on Portion 1 of Farm Uitkomst No. 343, Laastedrif Boerdery, Ceres.</p> <p>3.2. The development footprint is 68.5m² and will be enclosed with a 2.4m high steel palisade fence.</p> <p>3.3. The site is zoned as Agriculture Zone I and is located outside the urban area of Ceres.</p> <p>3.4. Electricity to power the mast will be sourced from the landowner.</p> <p>3.5. No new roads will be constructed as an existing farm road will be used to gain access to the proposed site.</p>	DEA&DP: Development Management - Region 1	Laastedrif Telecommunication mast	<p>Dear Ntanganedzeni,</p> <p>I hereby acknowledge receipt of the Department's acknowledgement letter dated 30 June 2020.</p> <p>The Department's correspondence dated 30 June 2020 is duly noted.</p> <p>Please see responses to the points raised in the aforementioned correspondence dated 30 June 2020 below:</p> <p>1. Noted.</p> <p>2. Noted. The Department's latest NEMA Application Form template dated November 2019 will be used for all future submissions to the Department.</p> <p>3. Noted.</p>	EnviroAfrica
"	<p>3.6. The proposed site is mapped to contain Matjiesfontein Shale Renosterveld vegetation, which is classified as Least Threatened. The site does not form part of the Critical Biodiversity Area ("CBA") but has been identified as an Ecological Support Area ("ESA") due to habitat type and watercourse protection.</p> <p>3.7. No rivers, surface water resources or wetlands occur on or within 32m of the proposed site. There is a dam approximately 245m south-east of the proposed site, mainly used for irrigation purposes.</p> <p>4. Screening Tool</p> <p>4.1. This Directorate notes that the Screening Report (dated 21 February 2020) has identified eleven specialist studies to be conducted. Confirmation of the relevant specialist studies and a motivation as to why the specialist studies will not be conducted have been provided in Appendix K9.</p> <p>4.2. The "Procedures for the Assessment and Minimum Criteria for Reporting on identified Environmental Themes in terms of Section 24(5)(a) and (h) and 44 of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998, where applying for Environmental Authorisation" ("the Protocols") were published on 20 March 2020 (Government Notice No. 320 as of the protocols are applicable to your proposed development. According to the Protocols, before commencing with a specialist assessment, the current use of the land and the environmental sensitivity of the site under consideration identified by the screening tool must be confirmed by undertaking a site sensitivity verification. The information with respect to the site verification in Appendix K9 is noted and acknowledged. The criteria for reporting on an identified environmental theme are outlined in the Protocols and must be complied with.</p>	DEA&DP: Development Management - Region 1	Laastedrif Telecommunication mast	<p>3. Noted.</p> <p>4.1. Noted. A motivation as to why specialist studies will not be conducted was attached as Appendix K9 of the NEMA Application Form.</p> <p>4.2. Noted. A site verification was attached to the Application Form as Appendix K9 of the NEMA Application Form. The criteria for reporting on an identified environmental theme as outlined in the Protocols will be complied with for all future submissions.</p>	EnviroAfrica
"	<p>4.3. Be advised that the Protocols must be complied with for every new application that is submitted after 9 May 2020. Specialist studies conducted during the pre-application phase must meet the requirements of the Protocols by the time they are submitted as part of an in-process draft report.</p> <p>5. Please note the following advice pertaining to the application:</p> <p>5.1. Applicable listed activities</p> <p>Having considered the information contained in the Application Form, you are hereby advised that only the activity applied for will be considered for authorisation. The onus is on the applicant to ensure that all the applicable listed activities are applied for an assessed as part of the EIA process. Omission of any activity may invalidate the application.</p>	DEA&DP: Development Management - Region 1	Laastedrif Telecommunication mast	<p>4.3. Noted. No specialist studies was undertaken as part of this EIA process. Please refer to Appendix K9 of the NEMA Application Form for more detail regarding the site verification.</p> <p>5. 1. Noted. All applicable listed activities were included into the NEMA Application Form.</p>	EnviroAfrica

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"	<p>6.2. Public participation The Public Participation Plan ("PPP") in terms of Regulation 41 of the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014 submitted with the Application Form for consideration is acknowledged. However, please note the following amendments to the PPP that must be addressed before it can be formally accepted. The amended PPP must be submitted to the Department for formal acceptance before the public participation process may commence:</p> <p>* I&APs without e-mail addresses must also be catered for. An alternative means of making the Draft Basic Assessment Report available will be required for those I&APs where no e-mail addresses are available.</p> <p>* When the DBAR is made available for comment, the EAP must include a second download option, that allows the user to only download the executive summary instead of the whole report. This is aimed at addressing the data usage situation. This means that the executive summary must be comprehensive enough to enable someone to form a fair idea of the project for commenting purposes.</p>	DEA&DP: Development Management - Region 1	Laastedrif Telecommunication mast	<p>6.2. Noted. The Public Participation Plan ("PPP") in terms of Regulation 41 of the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014 submitted with the NEMA Application Form on 15 June 2020, will be updated and provided to the Department for approval before the public participation process on the draft BAR will commence. I&APs without e-mail addresses will be notified via the Postal Office and via telephone calls. A second download option will be provided for the executive summary via We Transfer and will also be placed on our website.</p>	EnviroAfrica
"	<p>6.3. GHANTT Chart Please note that there is an extra 30 days available at each step in the process that can be used or not depending on specifics of the application. The implementation of the 30-day timeframe extension starts when the new process is commenced with. It is therefore crucial that the timeframes planned for a project be included and clearly reflected in the GHANTT chart. Since I&APs have to be informed of the extended timeframes (or the fact that an extension will not be used in a particular case), the GHANTT chart has to be agreed to before, and must be included in the Draft BAR that is released for public comment. The GHANTT chart must be amended accordingly and submitted to the Department for acceptance with the amended PPP.</p> <p>Please note that the Department cannot refuse the use of the 30-day extension on any step as suggested by the EAP. However, where the EAP does not plan to use the extension and there is good reason to believe that it is better to make use of it, the Department can recommend that it must be used. The 30-day extension is the "default" situation, so if the EAP does not indicate that he will not be using it or use a shorter amount of time for the extension, the 30 days will automatically be included in every step.</p>	DEA&DP: Development Management - Region 1	Laastedrif Telecommunication mast	<p>6.3. Noted. An additional 30 days will be added to the draft BAR that will go out for public comment in due course. The GHANTT chart submitted with the NEMA Application Form on 15 June 2020 will be amended, and will be submitted together with the updated Public Participation Plan for approval.</p>	EnviroAfrica

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"	<p>6.6. Need & desirability In terms of the NEMA EIA Regulations, when considering an application, the Department must take into account a number of specific considerations including inter alia, the need for and desirability of any proposed development. As such, the need for and desirability of the proposed activity must be considered and reported on in the BAR. The BAR must reflect how the strategic context of the site in relation to the broader surrounding area, has been considered in addressing need and desirability. Refer to the Department's Guideline on Need and Desirability (March 2013).</p> <p>6.7. NEMA Principles In addition to the above, you must clearly show how the proposed development complies with the principles contained in Section 2 of the NEMA and must also show how the proposed development meets the requirements of sustainable development.</p>	DEA&DP: Development Management - Region 1	Laastedrif Telecommunication mast	<p>6.6. Noted. Need and Desirability considerations of the proposed development will be considered in the draft BAR that will go out for public comment in due course. The Department's Need and Desirability (March 2013) guideline will be considered in the draft BAR.</p> <p>6.7. Noted. To be addressed in the draft BAR.</p>	EnviroAfrica
"	<p>6.8. BAR Requirements The BAR must contain all the information outlined in Appendix 1 of the EIA Regulations 2014 and must also include the information requested in this letter. Omission of any of the said information may result in the application for Environmental Authorisation being refused.</p> <p>The Department awaits the submission of the BAR as prescribed by Regulation 19 of the EIA Regulations, 2014. In accordance with Regulation 19 of the EIA Regulations 2014, the Department hereby stipulates that the BAR must be submitted to this Department for decision within 90 days from the date of receipt of the application by the Department, calculated from 15 June 2020. Any additional days, as indicated in the GHANTT chart and PPP, as agreed to by the competent authority, must be included in the reckoning of days. If however, significant changes have been made or significant new information has been added to the BAR, the applicant/EAP must notify the Department that an additional 50 days (i.e. 140 days from receipt of the application-as calculated above) would be required for the submission of the BAR. The additional 50 days must include a minimum 30-day commenting period to allow registered I&APs to comment on the revised report/additional information.</p> <p>If the BAR is not submitted within 90 days or 140 days, where an extension is applicable, the application will lapse in terms of Regulation 45 of the EIA Regulations 2014 and your file will be closed. Should you wish to pursue the application again, a new application process would have to be initiated. A new Application Form would have to be submitted and the prescribed application fee would have to be paid.</p> <p>Please note that the BAR must be submitted electronically to the Department.</p>	DEA&DP: Development Management - Region 1	Laastedrif Telecommunication mast	6.8. Noted. The draft BAR will contain all the information outlined in Appendix 1 of the EIA Regulations 2014 and will also include the information requested in the department's correspondence dated 30 June 2020. An additional 30 days will be added to the draft BAR that will go out for public comment in due course. The GHANTT chart submitted with the NEMA Application Form on 15 June 2020 will be amended and will be submitted together with the updated Public Participation Plan for approval. An electronic copy of the draft BAR will be submitted to the Department in due course.	EnviroAfrica

"	<p>6.9. General Kindly quote the abovementioned reference number in any future correspondence in respect of the application.</p> <p>Please note that the activity may not commence prior to an Environmental Authorisation being granted by the Department. It is an offence in terms of Section 49A of the NEMA for a person to commence with a listed activity unless the Department has granted an environmental authorisation for the undertaking of the activity. Failure to comply with the requirements of Section 24F and 49A of the NEMA will result in the matter being referred to the Environmental Compliance and Enforcement Directorate of this Department for prosecution. 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.</p> <p>7. The Department reserves the right to revise 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	Laastedrif Telecommunication mast	<p>6.9. Noted. The aforementioned reference number will be used in all future correspondence in respect of this NEMA Application. No activities will commence unless the Department has issued an environmental authorisation.</p> <p>7. Noted.</p> <p>I would like to thank you for providing comment on the NEMA Application Form that was submitted to the Department on 15 June 2020.</p> <p>Kind regards,</p>	EnviroAfrica
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