

**INITIAL 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**

**A. INITIAL 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&amp;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
13/12/2020	<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: 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. 3.2. The development footprint is 68.5m<sup>2</sup> and will be enclosed with a 2.4m high steel palisade fence. 3.3. The site is zoned as Agriculture Zone I and located outside the urban area of Ceres. 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 Ntnganedzeni,</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><b>Process:</b></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

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"	<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 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 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"> <li>* that additional information or documents will not be requested;</li> <li>* of the outcome of the application.</li> </ul> <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&amp;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 latter 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