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**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN (PPP) FOR THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF A 35M
HIGH TELECOMMUNICATION MAST ON PORTION 22 OF FARM 22, ZOUTERIVIER,
WESTERN CAPE**

DEA&DP Reference: 16/3/3/6/7/1/A5/87/2062/21

The aim of the Public Participation Plan (“PPP”) is to ensure that reasonable notice will be / has been given to potential and registered interested and affected parties (I&APs). Therefore, the following PPP (Table 1) has been collated as per Regulation 41 of the EIA Regulations, and the checklist of PP undertaken has been included as Table 2. Where written comments cannot be provided (either via email or hard copy), provision for a comments box, WhatsApp Messaging Service and/or telephonic recording of comments must be provided. Existing community structures (such as the Rondeberg Neighbourhood Watch WhatsApp and Telegram groups (Appendix F2.2)) will/ has been used where applicable.

Table 1. Stage of Project: Pre-Application Phase				
Public Participation Process¹	Implementation	Start of commenting period	End of Commenting Period	Comment
1. (a) fixing a notice board at a place conspicuous to and accessible by the public at the boundary, on the fence or along the corridor of— (i) the site where the activity to which the application or proposed application relates is or is to be undertaken; and (ii) any alternative site;	Site notice boards were fixed at the following locations: 1 x Property fence of where the activity will take place; 2 x Posters along the Rondeberg Road (placed in conspicuous places); 1 x On a dirt road in close proximity to the proposed site (dirt road utilized by neighbours to access their properties); and	22 nd January 2021	25 th February 2021	All potential and registered I&APs were given adequate time to register and/or provide comment.

¹ As per **Regulation 41 of the EIA Regulations, 41 (1)** This regulation only applies in instances where adherence to the provisions of this regulation is specifically required; **(2)** The person conducting a public participation process must take into account any relevant guidelines applicable to public participation as contemplated in section 24J of the Act and must give notice to all potential interested and affected parties of an application or proposed application which is subjected to public participation by—

		<p>2 x Posters in Kalbaskraal.</p> <p>Maildrops were done on the site and surrounding area on the 22nd January 2021.</p>			
2.	<p><i>(b) giving written notice, in any of the manners provided for in section 47D of the Act, to—</i></p> <p><i>(i) the occupiers of the site and, if the proponent or applicant is not the owner or person in control of the site on which the activity is to be undertaken, the owner or person in control of the site where the activity is or is to be undertaken and to any alternative site where the activity is to be undertaken;</i></p> <p><i>(ii) owners, persons in control of, and occupiers of land adjacent to the site where the activity is or is to be undertaken and to any alternative site where the activity is to be undertaken;</i></p> <p><i>(iii) the municipal councillor of the ward in which the site and alternative site is situated and any organisation of ratepayers that represent the community in the area;</i></p> <p><i>(iv) the municipality which has jurisdiction in the area;</i></p> <p><i>(v) any organ of state having jurisdiction in respect of any aspect of the activity; and</i></p> <p><i>(vi) any other party as required by</i></p>	<p>All adjacent landowners, the ward councilor, relevant municipality, organs of state, and other potential I&APs were notified (via post, sms, and / or email) of the proposed development on 22nd January 2021.</p>	22 nd January 2021	25 th February 2021	<p>All potential I&APs were given adequate time to provide comment.</p>

	<i>the competent authority;</i>				
3.	<i>(c) placing an advertisement in— (i) one local newspaper; or (ii) any official Gazette that is published specifically for the purpose of providing public notice of applications or other submissions made in terms of these Regulations;</i>	An advert was placed in <i>Die Burger</i> on the 20 th January 2021.	20 th January 2021	25 th February 2021	All potential and registered I&APs were given adequate time to register and / or provide comment on the advertisement.

As per the Table above, the following PP Table provides a checklist of PP undertaken in terms of Regulation 41 of the EIA Regulations (as amended):

Table 2. Conditions in terms of Regulation 41 of the EIA Regulations (as amended)			
(a) fixing a notice board at a place conspicuous to and accessible by the public at the boundary, on the fence or along the corridor of -			
(i) the site where the activity to which the application relates, is or is to be undertaken; and	YES	EXEMPTION	
(ii) any alternative site	YES	EXEMPTION	N/A
(b) giving written notice, in any manner provided for in Section 47D of the NEMA, to –			
(i) the occupiers of the site and, if the applicant is not the owner or person in control of the site on which the activity is to be undertaken, the owner or person in control of the site where the activity is or is to be undertaken or to any alternative site where the activity is to be undertaken;	YES	EXEMPTION	N/A
(ii) owners, persons in control of, and occupiers of land adjacent to the site where the activity is or is to be undertaken or to any alternative site where the activity is to be undertaken;	YES	EXEMPTION	
(iii) the municipal councillor of the ward in which the site or alternative site is situated and any organisation of ratepayers that represent the community in the area;	YES	EXEMPTION	
(iv) the municipality (Local and District Municipality) which has jurisdiction in the area;	YES	EXEMPTION	
(v) any organ of state having jurisdiction in respect of any aspect of the activity; and	YES	EXEMPTION	
(vi) any other party as required by the Department;	YES	EXEMPTION	N/A
(c) placing an advertisement in -			
(i) one local newspaper; or	YES	EXEMPTION	
(ii) any official <i>Gazette</i> that is published specifically for the purpose of providing public notice of applications or other submissions made in terms of these Regulations;	YES	EXEMPTION	N/A
(d) placing an advertisement in at least one provincial newspaper or national newspaper, if the activity has or may have an impact that extends beyond the boundaries of the metropolitan or district municipality in which it is or will be undertaken.	YES	EXEMPTION	N/A

(e) using reasonable alternative methods, as agreed to by the Department, in those instances where a person is desirous of but unable to participate in the process due to— (i) illiteracy; (ii) disability; or (iii) any other disadvantage.	YES	EXEMPTION	N/A
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Table 3. Stage of Project: Pre-Application DBAR

Public Participation Process	
1.	<p>Comments raised by Registered I&APs and the competent authority will be addressed in the Pre-Application Draft BAR. A pre-application meeting was held on the 27th May 2021 with the DEA&DP.</p> <p>Registered I&APs will be notified of the availability of the Pre-Application Draft BAR for comment. Registered I&APs will be given a minimum of a 30-day comment period.</p> <p>The Pre-Application BAR will be submitted in due course.</p>

Table 4. Stage of Project: Application and Post-Application Phase

Public Participation Process	Start of Commenting Period	End of the Commenting Period	Amount of PPP Days (excl. public holidays)	Comment
<p>1.1. Notification letters informing I&APs of the availability of the draft BAR will be emailed to registered I&APs.</p> <p>1.2. The draft BAR will be made available on our website for public viewing.</p> <p>1.3. All registered I&APs will be provided with a WeTransfer link to access the draft BAR via WeTransfer.</p>	TBC	TBC	Registered I&APs will be given a minimum of a 30 days commenting period.	<p>All registered I&APs will be given adequate time to provide comment on the Draft BAR.</p> <p>Comments raised by Registered I&APs on the Draft BAR will be addressed and included in the Final BAR.</p> <p>The Final BAR will be submitted to the DEA&DP for decision making.</p>
2. Applicant/EAP to notify I&APs of outcome and if authorised may only commence 20 days after the date of the authorisation.	TBC	TBC	20 days	All registered I&APs will be notified of the outcome of the application.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you require any additional information regarding the aforementioned.

Yours faithfully


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