

APPENDIX M

Impact Assessment

IMPACT ASSESSMENT METHODOLOGY

The following impact rating approach used by EnviroAfrica CC is a basic exponential rating system to assess actual and potential negative environmental impacts.

Positive environmental impacts are also listed. All positive impacts need to be enhanced or increased where possible but positive impacts are not rated or given a score since the rating is based on risks.

Environmental activities or aspects are identified, based on:

- the phases of the project,
- the nature (or description) of the actual and potential impacts of the activities.

For every project activity or aspect, various environmental impacts are listed. Every negative impact is allocated a value as per each of the following criteria:

- Likelihood (Probability)
- Extent (Severity)
- Duration (Frequency)
- Consequence (Receiving environment and Toxicity)

Once a value is allocated for each of the criterion, the scores are averaged to determine the final impact rating see Table 1 below.

EnviroAfrica then further assesses environmental significance, based on the nature of the impact, as per the score and colour key which forms part of Table 1 below. This results in impacts having either a low (indicated in green), medium (indicated in yellow) or high (indicated in orange and red) significance.

- Note:**
- i. One environmental aspect or project activity e.g. site clearance may have multiple impacts in different areas.
 - ii. The various impacts per aspect/project activity are documented in the Quantification of Aspects and Impact/s Significance Rating form (Table 2 Annexure B).
 - iii. As a baseline, impact rating values/scores are allocated taking the **worst case** scenario into account i.e. with no mitigation. The baseline rating is compared with those after mitigation has been taken into account i.e. the post-mitigation rating. Post mitigation rating is used for the actual impact assessment.

SIGNIFICANCE CRITERIA	Very High	Moderately High	Medium	Moderately Medium	Low	Very Low	Score
Value	32	16	8	4	2	1	
Likelihood / Probability (L/P)	Impact will definitely occur	Very likely for impact to occur	Impact may occur once annually	Impact may occur less than once annually but at least twice every five years	Impact may occur one to two times (maximum) in project's life	Very unlikely for impact to occur / Impact will not occur	
Extent / Severity (E/S)	Impact potentially reaches beyond national boundaries	Impact has definite provincial potential national consequences	Impact will a potentially affect neighbouring province	Impact confined to local province	Impact confined to local region but not province wide	Impact confined to project property / site	
Duration / Frequency (D/F)	Continual / daily occurrence	Impact will occur once a week	Impact will occur once a month	Impact will occur once a year	Impact will occur once every ten years	Possible that impact will never occur in Project's	
Consequence: Receiving environment (C: RE)	Very sensitive, pristine area – protected site or species permanently or seasonally present	Unused industrially zoned area containing only indigenous fauna / flora species	Unused industrially zoned area containing indigenous and alien fauna / flora species	Semi-disturbed area already rehabilitated / recovered from prior impact	Disturbed area undergoing rehabilitation / recovering from prior impacts	Disturbed area, already in need of rehabilitation prior to impact	
Consequence: Toxicity (C:T)	Impact is poisonous to natural environment and is not contained - no rehabilitation possible - permanent irreversible impact	Impact is potentially poisonous to natural environment and is not contained – only partial rehabilitation possible – potential permanent irreversible impact	Impact is potentially poisonous to natural environment and is partially contained – some rehabilitation possible and is potentially reversible	Impact is potentially poisonous to natural environment and is partially contained – complete rehabilitation possible	Impact is potentially poisonous to natural environment but is completely contained	Impact is not poisonous to natural environment	
FINAL RATING (average score)							

ENVIRONMENTAL RATING SIGNIFICANCE KEY:

SIGNIFICANCE	RATING	Final rating score / value range
Significant	Very High	853 and above
Increasing Significance	High	683 to 853
	Medium	512 to 683
	Moderately Medium	341 to 512
Insignificant	Low	171 to 341
	Very Low	1 to 171

Table 1: Environmental Significance rating methodology (rating criteria and scoring to allocate significance)

A. ASPECT / ACTIVITY: Transport of Equipment / Material to Site (pre-construction site establishment)

No.	IMPACT	L/P	E/S	D/F	C: RE	C: T	Mitigation Score (Baseline)	L/P	E/S	D/F	C: RE	C: T	Post-Mitigation Score (Impact)	Short Description of Mitigation Measures
1	Particulate and gaseous emissions due to use of vehicles/machinery	16	32	32	1	16	19.4	16	16	32	1	16	16,2	Vehicles serviced regularly/well maintained. Vehicles not allowed to idle for extended periods. Routine site and vehicle checks. Dust suppression to be used if possible, should continuous dust emissions occur. Fugitive particulate emissions minimised by enforcing speed limits on dirt roads and by limiting excavation to non-peak traffic period on local regional (dirt) road to avoid dust clouds over public roads.
2	Potential impedance of normal traffic flow on main access road	16	8	4	4	2	6.8	16	8	4	2	2	6.4	Comply with legislative requirements. If necessary, use traffic controllers. Avoid transposition of sand during peak traffic times.
3	Animal/human interaction/accident with vehicles	32	2	1	8	2	9	8	2	1	8	2	4.2	Training and awareness regarding road safety. Routine checks to ensure vehicles in good condition.
4	Vehicle accident	16	8	4	1	2	6.2	8	8	4	1	2	4.6	Training and awareness regarding road safety. Routine checks to ensure vehicles in good condition.
5	Spillages of fuel/oil/HCSs from vehicles/vehicle loads	32	2	4	32	4	14.8	16	2	4	32	4	11.6	Training and awareness regarding use and storage of fuel/oil/HCSs. Adequate drip trays and spill clean up kits provided. Routine monitoring of vehicle loads and vehicles for leaks.
6	Noise from heavy vehicles	32	2	16	1	1	10.4	16	1	16	1	1	7	Ensure vehicle exhaust pipes in good condition. Vehicles not to be used outside of normal working hours.
7	Potential littering along route from drivers/personnel in vehicles	32	16	16	8	1	14.6	16	2	16	2	1	7.4	Training and awareness regarding littering. Provision of rubbish bags for inside vehicle when travelling.
8	Impact of slowed traffic due to trucks transporting sand on public roads	16	16	8	1	1	8.4	8	16	4	1	1	6	Limit transport of trucks to non-peak traffic times if possible. Avoid built up areas during peak traffic times.
9	Aesthetic/visual impact of stored/parked vehicles and equipment	32	1	32	1	1	13.4	16	1	16	1	1	7	Park vehicles and daily store of equipment at designated areas on site using natural topography/vegetation/buildings as screens.
10	Environmental training/awareness e.g. at on-site start up													

B. ASPECT / ACTIVITY: Site Clearance/Topsoil

No.	IMPACT	L/P	E/S	D/F	C: RE	C: RE	Mitigation Score (Baseline)	L/P	E/S	D/F	C: RE	C: RE	Post-Mitigation Score (/Impact)	Short Description of Mitigation Measures
1	Negative impact on protected trees/plants/fauna during site clearance	32	1	32	32	32	25.8	16	1	4	8	16	9	Demarcation of protected trees/trees to be avoided, or for which permits must be applied to allow correct removal and/or relocation (as per biodiversity specialist report). Designation of no-go areas on site to protect flora/trees to be defined at on-site start up meeting. Environmental awareness/training. Routine site compliance checks.
2	Gaseous emissions due to use of vehicles/machinery	16	32	1	16	16	19.4	16	16	32	1	16	16.2	Vehicles serviced regularly/well maintained. Vehicles not allowed to idle for extended periods. Routine site and vehicle checks.
3	Dust (particulate) emission generation	32	8	32	1	32	21	16	4	32	1	16	13.8	Utilisation of dust suppression to be used if possible, should continuous dust emissions occur. Fugitive particulate emissions minimised by enforcing speed limits on dirt roads. Vehicles confined to roads only. Vehicles serviced regularly/well maintained. Vehicles not allowed to idle for extended periods. Routine site and vehicle checks.
4	Indigenous biodiversity (flora) removal	32	2	16	32	8	18	32	1	4	8	1	9.2	Demarcation of protected trees/trees to be avoided, or for which permits must be applied to allow correct removal and/or relocation (as per biodiversity specialist report). Designation of no-go areas on site to protect flora/trees to be defined at on-site start up meeting. Environmental awareness/training. Routine site compliance checks.
5	Alien biodiversity (flora) removal													
6	Topsoil removal/stockpiling	32	2	16	8	1	11.8	32	1	16	8	1	11.6	Topsoil management plan to be in place at on-site start up meeting in line with specialist reports. Routine site checks to ensure compliance.
7	Habitat loss (effect on fauna)	32	1	4	8	1	9.2	32	1	4	8	1	9.2	Due to the nature of the development, habitat loss will take place irrespective of mitigation measures.
8	Animal interaction/fatalities	16	1	16	8	1	8.4	16	1	4	8	1	6	Designation of no-go areas on site to be defined at on-site start up meeting. Environmental awareness/training. Routine site compliance checks.
9	Heritage discovery (archaeological or palaeontological) due to excavation	8	1	4	8	1	4.4	2	1	2	8	1	2.8	Designation of no-go areas on site to be defined, if required at site meeting. Environmental awareness/training. Routine site compliance checks as per EMP.
10	Visual impact of site clearance/dust	32	2	32	1	1	13.6	16	2	32	1	1	10.4	Utilisation of dust suppression on roads if required. Fugitive particulate emissions minimised by enforcing speed limits on dirt roads. Vehicles confined to roads only. Vehicles serviced regularly/well maintained. Vehicles not allowed to idle for extended periods. Routine site and vehicle checks.
11	Local employment opportunities													Current employees (2-4 persons) of CA Konstruktis will be provided with further employment.
12	Environmental training/awareness e.g. at on-site start up meeting													

C. ASPECT / ACTIVITY: Construction and Operation

No.	IMPACT	L/P	E/S	D/F	C:	Pre-Mitigation Score (Baseline)	L/P	E/S	D/F	C:	Post-Mitigation Score (Impact assessment)	Short Description of Mitigation Measures	
1	Poor access control/fencing	32	1	32	8	1	14.8	2	11	4	8	1	5.2
2	Demarcation of areas to be excavated	32	2	8	1	1	8.8	32	1	4	1	1	7.8
3	Ablutions for site labour (non-adherence to designated areas)	32	2	32	1	8	15	32	1	16	1	1	10.2
4	Littering	32	16	16	8	1	14.6	16	2	16	2	1	7.4
5	Habitat loss (effect on fauna)	32	1	4	8	1	9.2	32	1	4	8	1	9.2
6	Animal interaction/fatalities	16	1	16	8	1	8.4	16	1	4	8	1	6
7	Aesthetic impact during construction	32	2	2	1	1	7.6	16	2	2	1	1	4.4
8	Resource use: water	32	1	32	2	1	13.6	32	1	32	2	1	13.6
9	Resource use: land	32	2	32	8	1	15	32	1	32	2	1	13.6
10	Resource use: flora/biodiversity	32	2	16	32	8	18	32	1	4	8	1	9.2
11	Resource use: air (particulate/dust emissions)	32	8	32	1	32	21	16	4	32	1	16	13.8
12	Resource use: hydrocarbons/fuels	32	2	32	8	16	18	32	2	32	8	2	15.2
13	Recycling of waste products where possible												
14	Storage of fuels/hazardous chemical substances	32	2	4	32	4	14.8	16	2	4	32	4	11.6
15	Noise from heavy vehicles	32	2	16	1	1	10.4	16	1	16	1	1	7
16	Training/Skills transfer												
17	Local employment opportunities												

D. ASPECT / ACTIVITY: Operation and Maintenance

No.	IMPACT	L/P	E/S	D/F	C: RE	C: T	Pre- Mitigation Score (Baseline)	L/P	E/S	D/F	C: RE	C: T	Post- Mitigation Score (Impact assessment)	Short Description of Mitigation Measures
1	Poor access control/fencing	32	1	32	8	1	14.8	2	11	4	8	1	5.2	Secure fencing of site to take place before any materials/equipment brought to site. Access to be controlled via locked gate and security services.
2	Demarcation of areas to be excavated	32	2	8	1	1	8.8	32	1	4	1	1	7.8	Excavation 'blocks' or 'strips' must be clearly defined before any material/equipment arrives on site. Excavation areas to be in-line with specialist recommendations. Routine site inspection for adherence to demarcated area parameters.
3	Ablutions for site labour (non-adherence to designated areas)	32	2	32	1	8	15	32	1	16	1	1	10.2	Training and awareness regarding designated ablution areas and need for adherence. Provision of sufficient ablutions area in line with legal requirements on site. Ad hoc site visits to check compliance in line with training.
4	Littering	32	16	8	1	14.6	16	2	16	2	1	1	7.4	Training and awareness regarding littering. Provision of sufficient rubbish bins/bags on site and routine removal of bins/bags to a registered waste site. Ad hoc checks to ensure compliance in line with training.
5	Habitat loss (effect on fauna)	32	1	4	8	1	9.2	32	1	4	8	1	9.2	Due to the nature of the development, habitat loss will take place irrespective of mitigation measures.
6	Animal interaction/fatalities	16	1	16	8	1	8.4	16	1	4	8	1	6	Designation of no-go areas on site to be defined at on-site start up meeting. Environmental awareness/training. Routine site compliance checks.
7	Aesthetic impact during construction	32	2	2	1	1	7.6	16	2	2	1	1	4.4	Park vehicles and temporary/daily use storage of equipment at designated areas on site using natural topography/vegetation as screens. Fugitive particulate emissions minimised by enforcing speed limits on dirt roads and using dust suppression on roads, if required. Vehicles confined to roads only. Routine site and vehicle checks.
8	Resource use: water	32	1	32	2	1	13.6	32	1	32	2	1	13.6	Training and awareness regarding sound water use/management. Storm water management plan in place (as per specialist report) at on-site start up meeting. Ad hoc checks to ensure compliance in line with training and management plans/programmes.
9	Resource use: land	32	2	32	8	1	15	32	1	32	2	1	13.6	Training and awareness regarding land management on site. Ad hoc checks to ensure compliance in line with training and management plans/programmes.
10	Resource use: floral/biodiversity	32	2	16	32	8	18	32	1	4	8	1	9.2	Demarcation of protected trees to be avoided, or for which permits must be applied to allow correct removal and/or relocation (as per biodiversity specialist report). Designation of no-go areas on site to protect flora/trees to be defined at on-site start up meeting. Environmental awareness/training. Routine site compliance checks to ensure avoidance of demarcated specimens.
11	Resource use: air (particulate/dust emissions)	32	8	32	1	32	21	16	4	32	1	16	13.8	Utilisation of dust suppression to be used if possible, should continuous dust emissions occur (e.g. during excavations). Fugitive particulate emissions minimised by enforcing speed limits on dirt roads. Vehicles confined to roads only. Vehicles serviced regularly/well maintained. Vehicles not allowed to idle for extended periods. Routine site and vehicle checks.
12	Resource use: hydrocarbons/fuels	32	2	32	8	16	18	32	2	32	8	2	15.2	Training and awareness regarding efficient fuel/hydrocarbon use. Ad hoc checks to ensure compliance in line with training and management plans/programmes.
13	Recycling of waste products where possible													Training and awareness regarding use and storage of fuel/oil/HCSs.
14	Storage of fuels/hazardous chemical substances													Adequate drip trays and spill clean up kits provided. HCSs and fuel stores stored in line with legal requirements. Routine monitoring of vehicle loads and vehicles for leaks.
15	Noise from heavy vehicles													Ensure vehicle exhaust pipes in good condition. Vehicles not to be used outside of normal working hours.
16	Training/Skills transfer													
17	Local employment opportunities													

E. ASPECT / ACTIVITY: Decommissioning/Demolition

No.	IMPACT	L/P	E/S	C: RE	C: Mitigation Score (Baseline)	L/P	E/S	D/F	C: RE	Post-Mitigation Score (Impact assessment)	Short Description of Mitigation Measures	
1	Poor access control/fencing	32	1	32	8	1	14.8	2	11	4	1	6.2
2	Demarcation of areas requiring additional landscaping/rehabilitation	32	2	8	1	1	8.8	32	1	4	1	7.8
3	Abiations for site labour (non-adherence to designated areas)	32	2	32	1	8	15	32	1	16	1	10.2
4	Littering	32	16	16	8	1	14.6	16	2	16	2	1
5	Effect on fauna (continued habitat loss)	32	1	4	8	1	9.2	8	1	4	8	1
6	Animal interaction/fatalities	16	1	16	8	1	8.4	16	1	4	8	1
7	Aesthetic impact during demolition/decommissioning	32	2	2	1	1	7.6	16	2	2	1	1
8	Resource use: water	32	1	32	2	1	13.6	32	1	32	2	1
9	Resource use: land	32	2	32	8	1	15	32	1	32	2	1
10	Resource use: flora/biodiversity	32	2	16	32	8	18	32	1	4	8	1
11	Resource use: air (particulate/dust emissions)	32	8	32	1	32	21	16	4	32	1	16
12	Resource use: hydrocarbons/fuels	32	2	32	8	16	18	32	2	32	8	2
13	Recycling of waste products where possible											
14	Storage of fuels/hazardous chemical substances	32	2	4	32	4	14.8	16	2	4	32	4
15	Noise from heavy vehicles	32	2	16	1	1	10.4	16	1	16	1	7
16	Training/Skills transfer											
17	Local employment opportunities											