

Appendix M – EAP's Declaration

DECLARATION OF THE EAP

I, VIVIENNE THOMSON, declare that –

- I act as the independent environmental assessment practitioner in this application;
- I have expertise in conducting environmental impact assessments, including knowledge of the Act, Regulations and any guidelines that have relevance to the proposed activity;
- I will comply with the Act, Regulations and all other applicable legislation;
- I will perform the work relating to the application in an objective manner, even if this results in views and findings that are not favourable to the applicant;
- I will take into account, to the extent possible, the matters listed in Regulation 13 of the Regulations when preparing the application and any report relating to the application;
- I undertake to disclose to the applicant and the Competent Authority all material information in my possession that reasonably has or may have the potential of influencing - any decision to be taken with respect to the application by the Competent Authority; and - the objectivity of any report, plan or document to be prepared by myself for submission to the Competent Authority, unless access to that information is protected by law, in which case it will be indicated that such information exists and will be provided to the Competent Authority;
- I will perform all obligations as expected from an environmental assessment practitioner in terms of the Regulations; and
- I am aware of what constitutes an offence in terms of Regulation 48 and that a person convicted of an offence in terms of Regulation 48(1) is liable to the penalties as contemplated in Section 49B of the Act.

Disclosure of Vested Interest (delete whichever is not applicable)

- I do not have and will not have any vested interest (either business, financial, personal or other) in the proposed activity proceeding other than remuneration for work performed in terms of the Regulations;
- ~~I have a vested interest in the proposed activity proceeding, such vested interest being:~~

NIA


Signature of the environmental assessment practitioner

ENVIROAFRICA CC
Name of company:

14 DECEMBER 2021
Date

Curriculum Vitae:

***Vivienne Thomson
(née Cornelius)***

Personal Information

Nationality	South African
ID Number	730623 0155 081
Gender	Female
Contact Details	Cell: +2782 464 2874 E-mail: vivienne@overthemoon.co.za
Driver's Licence	Codes EB and A

Education

2004 - 2005: **University of the Witwatersrand Johannesburg**
MSc (Environmental Science) – Coursework completed *in lieu*
of BSc Honours degree; Dissertation to be completed

(Certified academic transcripts available on request)

1991 - 1995: **University of Cape Town Cape Town**
BSc (Zoology)

- Graduated: 12 December 1995

(Certified academic transcripts available on request)

1986 - 1990: **Woolhope Secondary School Port Elizabeth**
Senior Certificate, House of Delegates

- Passed Senior Certificate Matriculation Examination (higher grade)

(Certified academic transcripts available on request)

Short courses attended include but are not limited to:

An ISO 14001 lead Auditors Course (WTH Management and Training); Environmental Impact Assessment (Potchefstroom University); Basic Principles of Ecological Rehabilitation and Mine Closure (Potchefstroom University); Introduction to Environmental Management (Potchefstroom University); Environmental Law (Potchefstroom University); Advanced Environmental Law (Mandela Institute, Wits University); Bio-fouling and Bio-corrosion Workshop (University of Pretoria); Root Cause Analysis Technique (IRCA); Environmental Performance Measurement Workshop (African Centre for Energy and Environment); NOSA Environmental Seminar; NOSA Five Star System Workshop; Standardised Victim Support Training (FAMSA, Western Cape).

(Certificates for short courses available on request)

Languages

Proficient in English and Afrikaans

Work Experience

Vivienne holds a BSc in Zoology from the University of Cape Town (1995) and has over twenty years industry experience in the construction, power generation and mining sectors. She has completed an ISO 14001 Lead Auditors course, as well as several environmental short courses and has guest lectured for the MSc in Environmental Science Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) course at the University of the Witwatersrand.

Vivienne is a member of the National Association for Clean Air (NACA) and has served as a NACA National Council Member. She is an affiliate of the Institute of Innovators and Inventors. She was also a member of the Committee of Interested Parties which acted as an independent, advisory body to ensure impartiality of Pricewaterhouse Coopers' Certification Body in their governance and sustainability division.

Since 2004, Vivienne has been involved in environmental consulting with experience in EIAs, establishing and implementing ISO 14001 EMSs, contract management, legal compliance evaluations, as well as developing, implementing and assessing environmental management plans and monitoring programmes.

Individual Awards/Commendations Received

- Selected as finalist for Managers Award, Lethabo Power Station, Eskom 2001
- Winner of Managers Safety, Health and Environmental Award, Lethabo Power Station, Eskom 2002
- Winner of Sterling Performance Managers Award, Lethabo Power Station, Eskom 2004
- Recipient of National Association for Clean Air (NACA) Post-graduate Studies Bursary (Environmental Law) 2005

Company Awards/Commendations Received

- Runner-up (Service Provider of the Year) Managers Award, Grootvlei Power Station, Eskom 2009
- Winner (Service Provider of the Year) Managers Award, Grootvlei Power Station, Eskom 2010

Memberships/Committee Positions Held

- National Association for Clean Air (Individual Member) 1997 to date
- Secretary for the Vaal Triangle Branch of the National Association for Clean Air (NACA) 2003 to 2009
- National Council Member of NACA 2008 to 2011
- Member of Air Pollution Action Committee NGO in the Vaal Triangle 2001 to 2005
- One of three industry representatives selected to represent industry sector on the steering committee of the Vaal Triangle Strategic Environmental Assessment Process 2004 to 2006
- Acting chairperson for the Vaal Triangle Branch of NACA during the region's co-ordination of the Department of Environmental Affairs Legotla/NACA Annual Conference 2009
- Independent committee member on the Pricewaterhouse, Coopers (Pty) Ltd. ISO Certification Committee of Interested Parties 2009 to 2013
- South African Coal Ash Association (Past Individual Member)
- Institute of Innovators and Inventors (Affiliate)

Other Interests

I am the proud mother of two boys who keep me grounded. I enjoy reading, hiking and outdoor/adventure activities.

I have been involved in voluntary work with vulnerable groups in local communities in Gauteng and the Western Cape.

I am in the process of registering as an environmental assessment practitioner with the Environmental Assessment Practitioners Association of South Africa. I would like to complete my MSc (which I began reading for at the University of the Witwatersrand).

Consulting Project Summary

No.	Project Type and Title	Project Duration	Client	Role and Responsibilities
1	Environmental Management Plan for Protected and Conservation Areas' in the Swartland Municipality	11/11/2020 - On going	Swartland Municipality	Lead environmental consultant. Development of environmental management plan (EMP) and management of specialist team for protected and conservation areas' EMP in Darling, Malmesbury and Yzerfontein, Swartland Municipality, Western Cape. All public participation (including liaison with community forums) undertaken by Vivienne Thomson.
2	EIA: Feldspar Mine, Kenhardt District, Northern Cape	01/02/2020 - In progress	EnviroAfrica CC for the Verneujk Pan Trust	Lead EAP. DMR online (SAMRAD) application with EMPR development throughout project life-cycle. Public participation also co-ordinated and undertaken by Vivienne Thomson. Awaiting DMR&E decision on application.
3	EIA: Visserspan Solar PV Facility - Project 1	21/10/2019 - 30/11/2020	EnviroAfrica CC for Ventura Renewable Energy (Pty) Ltd	Lead EAP. Application for <100MW solar PV facility in REDZ 5. All public participation (including liaison with community forums) undertaken by Vivienne Thomson. Environmental authorisation granted.
5	EIA: Visserspan Solar PV Facility - Project 2	21/10/2019 - 30/11/2020	EnviroAfrica CC for Ventura Renewable Energy (Pty) Ltd	Lead EAP. Application for <100MW solar PV facility in REDZ 5. All public participation (including liaison with community forums) undertaken by Vivienne Thomson. Environmental authorisation granted.
6	EIA: Visserspan Solar PV Facility - Project 3	21/10/2019 - 30/11/2020	EnviroAfrica CC for Ventura Renewable Energy (Pty) Ltd	Lead EAP. Application for <100MW solar PV facility in REDZ 5. All public participation (including liaison with community forums) undertaken by Vivienne Thomson. Environmental authorisation granted.
7	EIA: Visserspan Solar PV Facility - Project 4	21/10/2019 - 30/11/2020	EnviroAfrica CC for Ventura Renewable Energy (Pty) Ltd	Lead EAP. Application for <100MW solar PV facility in REDZ 5. All public participation (including liaison with community forums) undertaken by Vivienne Thomson. Environmental authorisation granted.
8	EIA: Calcutta Public Cemetery and Memorial Park (PC&MP) development	13/06/2017 - 20/09/2019	EnviroAfrica CC for Stellenbosch Municipality	Lead EAP. Application for Stellenbosch public cemetery and memorial park development. All public participation undertaken by Vivienne Thomson. Environmental authorisation granted.
9	EIA: Sand Borrow Pit on Plot 2372, Alheid, Kenhardt District, Northern Cape	06/03/2019 - 25/10/2019	EnviroAfrica CC for the Verneujk Pan Trust	Lead EAP. DMR online (SAMRAD) application with EMPR development throughout project life-cycle. Public participation also co-ordinated and undertaken by Vivienne Thomson. Environmental authorisation granted.
10	EIA: Louw's Bos PC&MP development	13/06/2017 - 21/01/2020	EnviroAfrica CC for Stellenbosch Municipality	Lead EAP. Application for Stellenbosch public cemetery and memorial park development. All public participation undertaken by Vivienne Thomson. Environmental authorisation granted. Decision appealed.
11	EIA: Steynville Sewage Treatment Plant Development	21/10/2019 - 08/06/2020	EnviroAfrica CC for BV Engineering (Pty) Ltd	Lead EAP. Application for Steynville Sewage Outfall Pipeline Development in Hope Town, Thembelihle Municipality, Northern Cape. Environmental authorisation granted.

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12	EIA: Vanrhynsdorp Solar PV Facility	27/10/2017 - 08/05/2018	EnviroAfrica CC for Keren Energy Holdings (Pty) Ltd	Project EAP. Application for development of <20MW solar PV facility in non-REDZ area. Vivienne Thomson also undertook all public participation for the project. Environmental authorisation <u>granted</u> .
13	EIA: Mount Roper Solar PV Facility	12/02/2017 - 07/11/2017	EnviroAfrica CC for Keren Energy Holdings (Pty) Ltd	Project EAP. Application for development of <20MW solar PV facility in non REDZ area. Vivienne Thomson also undertook all public participation for the project. Environmental authorisation <u>granted</u> .
14	EIA: Danielskuil Solar PV Facility	12/02/2017 - 07/11/2017	EnviroAfrica CC for Keren Energy Holdings (Pty) Ltd	Project EAP. Application for development of <20MW solar PV facility in non REDZ area. Vivienne Thomson also undertook all public participation for the project. Environmental authorisation <u>granted</u> .
15	EIA: Disselfontein Solar PV Facility	12/02/2017 - 07/11/2017	EnviroAfrica CC for Keren Energy Holdings (Pty) Ltd	Project EAP. Application for development of <20MW solar PV facility in non REDZ area. Vivienne Thomson also undertook all public participation for the project. Environmental authorisation <u>granted</u> .
16	EIA: Keimoes Solar PV Facility	12/02/2017 - 04/11/2017	EnviroAfrica CC for Keren Energy Holdings (Pty) Ltd	Project EAP. Application for development of <20MW solar PV facility in non REDZ area. Vivienne Thomson also undertook all public participation for the project. Environmental authorisation <u>granted</u> .
17	EIA: Kakamas Solar PV Facility	12/02/2017 - 9/11/2017	EnviroAfrica CC for Keren Energy Holdings (Pty) Ltd	Project EAP. Application for development of <20MW solar PV facility in non REDZ area. Vivienne Thomson also undertook all public participation for the project. Environmental authorisation <u>granted</u> .
18	Klaarstroom Waste Water Treatment Plant Upgrade	01/06/2017 - 30/09/2017	EnviroAfrica CC for BVi Engineers	Internal reviewing EAP and liaison with regulating authorities
19	EIA: Harmony Dam, RE Farm Houdenbek 415, Ceres	01/09/2019 - In progress	EnviroAfrica CC for Sarel Bester Engineers	Internal reviewing EAP and liaison with regulating authorities pre-Scoping and EIR process
20	EIA: Toeka Dam, RE Farm Houdenbek 415, Ceres	01/09/2019 - In progress	EnviroAfrica CC for Sarel Bester Engineers	Internal review EAP and liaison with regulating authorities pre-Scoping and EIR process
21	EIA & applicability checklists: Several telecommunication mast/tower developments	2017 - 2019	EnviroAfrica CC for Atlas Tower (Pty) Ltd; Eagle Towers (Pty) Ltd	Lead EAP/environmental consultant
22	Mixed use residential development feasibility study (La Motte)	10/05/2019 - 28/06/2019	EnviroAfrica CC for Rumboll and Partners (Pty) Ltd	Lead EAP/environmental consultant.

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23	Housing/residential development environmental compliance assessments and management programme development	02/05/2017 - 31/10/2018	EnviroAfrica CC for De Roodezandt, Robertson	ECO - undertook all ECO assessments, reporting and stakeholder liaison.
24	Established ISO 14001 certified environmental management systems Medupi Power Station	01/07/2012 - 30/09/2013	Parsons Brinckerhoff for Eskom, CED	Environmental consultant. Developer and implementer of environmental policy, procedures and management programmes. Established legal registers and undertook training and internal auditing.
25	Established ISO 14001 certified environmental management systems Kendal Power Station	01/10/2011 - 30/06/2012	Eskom, Generation Division	Environmental consultant and implementer for policy, procedure and management programme development. Established legal registers and undertook training and internal auditing.
26	Environmental Manager; Established ISO 14001 certified environmental management systems Grootvlei Power Station	01/10/2000 - 31/08/2004	Eskom, Generation Division	Environmental consultant and implementer for policy, procedure and management programme development. Established legal registers and undertook training and internal auditing.
27	Air/emission and water use licence applications for Grootvlei Power Station	01/05/2007 - 30/04/2011	Eskom, Generation Division	Environmental consultant and applicant representative with authorities.
28	Feasibility study on the potential for a flue gas desulphurisation gypsum market	01/07/2009 - 30/11/2009	Eskom, Corporate Division	Environmental consultant
31	Gap analyses on the environmental requirements of return to service of Grootvlei Power Station	01/07/2005 - 31/09/2005	Eskom, Generation Division	Environmental consultant
32	Established ISO 14001 compliant environmental management system at Ash Resources and conducted EIAs	28/08/2004 - 30/06/2007	Ash Resources (Pty)	Environmental consultant and implementer for policy, procedure and management programme development. Established legal registers and undertook training and internal auditing.