

Comments-Responses Table

Application phase			
I&AP	Comment received	Response to	Respondent
<p>Northern Cape Department of Agriculture, Environmental Affairs, Rural Development and Land Reform (10/07/2023)</p>	<p>1. The Department confirms receipt of the application form for environmental authorisation for the above-mentioned project. The application reference number is NC/EIA/07/ZFM/DAW/UI1/2023</p> <p>2. Kindly quote this reference number in any future correspondence in respect of the application.</p> <p>3. Please draw the applicant's attention to the fact that the activity may not commence prior to an environmental authorisation being granted by the Department.</p>	<p>1. Noted</p> <p>2. Noted</p> <p>3. Noted</p>	<p>EnviroAfrica</p>
<p>Northern Cape Department of Agriculture, Environmental Affairs, Rural Development and Land Reform (16/10/2023)</p>	<p>The scoping report for environmental impact assessment which was submitted by you in respect of the above-mentioned application and received by the Department in August 2023 has been accepted by the Department. You may accordingly proceed with undertaking the environmental impact assessment in accordance with the tasks that are outlined in the plan of study for environmental impact assessment and conditions as stipulated below:</p> <p>1. SPECIALIST STUDIES</p> <p>1.1 Please note that if any of the specialist studies and requirements/protocols recommended in the Department's Screening Tool are not conducted, motivation for such must be provided in the report per the requirements of Government Notice No. 320 of 20 March 2020.</p>	<p>1.1 Please refer to the Site Sensitivity Verification Report attached to the Draft EIR as Appendix 2H2</p>	<p>EnviroAfrica</p>

	<p>1.2 The Defence Theme was flagged by the screening tool with a “Very High sensitivity” rating. As per the requirements of Government Notice No. 320 of 20 March 2020, Compliance statement must be provided as per protocols for the specialist assessments.</p> <p>1.3 The Civil Aviation Theme was flagged by the screening tool with a “High sensitivity” rating. As per the requirements of Government Notice No. 320 of 20 March 2020, motivation/compliance statement for the exclusion of the Civil Aviation study must be provided as per the scope of protocols for the specialist assessments.</p> <p>1.4 Bulk Services Report (Engineering services study) must be undertaken and submitted to the department. It must confirm the required services or additional capacity to be created for the development.</p> <p>2. CONCLUSION The permitting authority would like to remind you of Section 24F of the National Environmental Management Act, Act No. 107 of 1998, as amended, which states that no activity may commence prior to an Environmental Authorisation being granted by the Department.</p>	<p>1.2 The proposed site is approximately 70% occupied by an informal settlement, making it very unlikely that the Screening Tool Report is accurate in giving a Very High sensitivity rating for the proposed site regarding the Defence Theme. In order to deal with the issue, the proposal is to request the National Department of Defence to provide comment on the Draft EIR</p> <p>1.3 The proposed site is approximately 70% occupied by an informal settlement, making it very unlikely that the Screening Tool Report is accurate in giving a High sensitivity rating for the proposed site regarding the Civil Aviation Theme. In order to deal with the issue, the proposal is to request the Civil Aviation Authority to provide comment on the Draft EIR</p> <p>2. Noted</p>	
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