THE PROPOSED ESTABLISHMENT OF A WASTEWATER TREATMENT WORKS AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE ON THE REMAINDER OF ERF 1409, KAKAMAS SOUTH SETTLEMENT

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12. A competent authority may require that for specified types of activities in defined situations only parts of this report need to be completed.
13. Should a specialist report or report on a specialised process be submitted at any stage for any part of this application, the terms of reference for such report must also be submitted.

SECTION A: ACTIVITY INFORMATION

Has a specialist been consulted to assist with the completion of this section?	~~YES~~	**NO**

If YES, please complete the form entitled "Details of specialist and declaration of interest" for the specialist appointed and attach in Appendix I.

1. ACTIVITY DESCRIPTION

a) Describe the project associated with the listed activities applied for

The development proposal entails the establishment of a new Wastewater Treatment Works ("WWTW") of approximately 800m^3/ day in capacity and some associated infrastructure on the Remainder of Erf 1409, Kakamas South Settlement. The proposed site is approximately 500m to the south-west of Alheit, immediately west of the cemetery (Figure 1, refers). The proposed WWTW and associated infrastructure will serve the villages of Alheit and Marchand, treating its wastewater delivered by municipal suction truck (honey sucker), and include *inter alia*, the following:

- Operational Building/Shelter
- Inlet Works (inclusive of Tanker Truck discharge facility)
- Screenings Removal
- Grit Channels
- Flow measurement
- Facultative Ponds x 2 (lined with HDPE membrane)
- Wind powered Floating Aerator/Mixers
- Medium Bubble Diffused Air aeration system Stainless Steel
- Low Pressure Centrifugal Fam c/w Motor
- Electrical Switchgear & DO Control System
- Aerobic Ponds x 2 (lined with HDPE membranes)
- Disinfection facility
- Irrigation equipment for disposal of effluent on sports fields
- 22kV x 1.5km overhead Electrical Power supply line + Transformer

Approximate site coordinates: 28°45'47.41" S, 20°32'18.04" E.

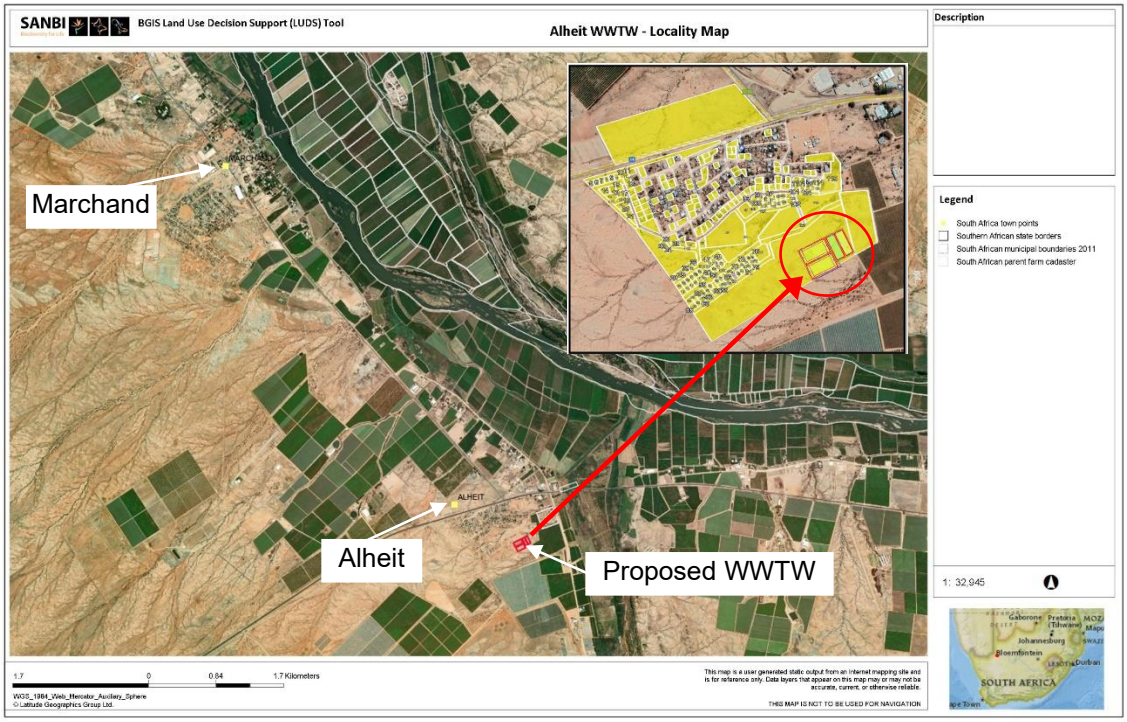

Figure 1: SANBI BGIS image of the locality of a new proposed WWTW in Alheit and associated infrastructure

b) Provide a detailed description of the listed activities associated with the project as applied for

Listed activity as described in GN 327, 325 and 324	Description of project activity
Example: ***GN 327 Item xx xx): The construction of a bridge where such construction occurs within a watercourse or within 32 metres of a watercourse, measured from the edge of a watercourse, excluding where such construction will occur behind the development setback line.***	***A bridge measuring 5 m in height and 10m in length, no wider than 8 meters will be built over the Orange river***
Listing Notice 1 (GN327)	**Description of project activity**
Activity 12, *"The development of;* *(iv) dams, where the dam, including infrastructure and water surface area, exceeds 100 square metres in size;* *(xii) infrastructure or structures with a physical footprint of 100 square metres or more;* *where such development occurs;* *(a) within a watercourse;* *(b) in front of a development setback; or* *(c) if no development setback exists, within 32 metres of a watercourse, measured from the edge of a watercourse;* *— excluding—*	The proposed development includes infrastructure with a total development footprint bigger than 100m^2 within 32m of some drainage lines.

(aa) the development of infrastructure or structures within existing ports or harbours that will not increase the development footprint of the port or harbour; *(bb) where such development activities are related to the development of a port or harbour, in which case activity 26 in Listing Notice 2 of 2014 applies;* *(cc) activities listed in Activity 14 in Listing Notice 2 of 2014 or activity 14 in Listing Notice 3 of 2014, in which case that activity applies;* *(dd) where such development occurs within an urban area;* *(ee) where such development occurs within existing roads, road reserves or railway line reserves; or* *(ff) the development of temporary infrastructure or structures where such infrastructure or structures will be removed within 6 weeks of the commencement of development and where indigenous vegetation will not be cleared*".	
Activity 19, *"The infilling or depositing of any material of more than 10 cubic meters into, or the dredging, excavation, removal or moving of soil, sand, shells, shell grit, pebbles or rock of more than 10 cubic meters from a watercourse"*	The proposed development includes excavation and moving of material within 32m of some drainage lines.
Activity 27, *"The clearance of an area of 1 hectares or more, but less than 20 hectares of indigenous vegetation, except where such clearance of indigenous vegetation is required for—* *(i) the undertaking of a linear activity; or* *(ii) maintenance purposes undertaken in accordance with a maintenance management plan*".	The establishment of the proposed WWTW requires that more than 1ha of indigenous vegetation be cleared.
Activity 28, *"Residential, mixed, retail, commercial, industrial or institutional developments where such land was used for agriculture, game farming, equestrian purposes or afforestation on or after 01 April 1998 and where such development:* *(i) will occur inside an urban area, where the total land to be developed is bigger than 5 hectares; or* *(ii) will occur outside an urban area, where the total land to be developed is bigger than 1 hectare; excluding where such land has already been developed for residential, mixed, retail, commercial, industrial or institutional purposes*".	The establishment of the proposed WWTW requires that more than 1ha but less than 20ha of indigenous vegetation be cleared on land zoned Agriculture.
Listing Notice 3 (GN324)	**Description of project activity**

Activity 12, *"The clearance of an area of 300 square metres or more of indigenous vegetation except where such clearance of indigenous vegetation is required for maintenance purposes undertaken in accordance with a maintenance management plan".* ***g. Northern Cape*** *"i. Within any critically endangered or endangered ecosystem listed in terms of section 52 of the NEMBA or prior to the publication of such a list, within an area that has been identified as critically endangered in the National Spatial Biodiversity Assessment 2004;* *ii. Within critical biodiversity areas identified in bioregional plans;* *iii. Within the littoral active zone or 100 metres inland from high-water mark of the sea or an estuary, whichever distance is the greater, excluding where such removal will occur behind the development setback line on erven in urban areas; or* *iv. On land, where, at the time of the coming into effect of this Notice or thereafter such land was zoned open space, conservation or had an equivalent zoning*".	The establishment of the proposed WWTW requires that more than 300m^2 of indigenous vegetation be cleared on an area identified as a Critical Biodiversity Area.
Activity *14*, *"The development of—* *(i) dams or weirs, where the dam or weir, including infrastructure and water surface area exceeds 10 square metres; or* *(ii) infrastructure or structures with a physical footprint of 10 square metres or more; where such development occurs—* *(a) within a watercourse;* *(b) in front of a development setback; or* *(c) if no development setback has been adopted, within 32 metres of a watercourse, measured from the edge of a watercourse; excluding the development of infrastructure or structures within existing ports or harbours that will not increase the development footprint of the port or harbour".* ***g. Northern Cape*** *"i. In an estuary;* *ii. Outside urban areas:* *(aa) A protected area identified in terms of NEMPAA, excluding conservancies;*	The proposed development requires that infrastructure exceeding 10m^2 in size be established within 32m of the on-site drainage lines.

(bb) National Protected Area Expansion Strategy Focus areas; *(cc) World Heritage Sites;* *(dd) Sensitive areas as identified in an environmental management framework as contemplated in chapter 5 of the Act and as adopted by the competent authority;* *(ee) Sites or areas identified in terms of an international convention;* *(ff) Critical biodiversity areas or ecosystem service areas as identified in systematic biodiversity plans adopted by the competent authority or in bioregional plans;* *(gg) Core areas in biosphere reserves;* *(hh) Areas within 10 kilometres from national parks or world heritage sites or 5 kilometres from any other protected area identified in terms of NEMPAA or from the core area of a biosphere reserve;* *(ii) Areas seawards of the development setback line or within 1 kilometre from the high-water mark of the sea if no such development setback line is determined; or* *ii. Inside urban areas:* *(aa) Areas zoned for use as public open space;* *(bb) Areas designated for conservation use in Spatial Development Frameworks adopted by the competent authority, zoned for a conservation purpose; or* *(cc) Areas seawards of the development setback line".*	

2. FEASIBLE AND REASONABLE ALTERNATIVES

"alternatives", in relation to a proposed activity, means different means of meeting the general purpose and requirements of the activity, which may include alternatives to—

(a) the property on which or location where it is proposed to undertake the activity;
(b) the type of activity to be undertaken;
(c) the design or layout of the activity;
(d) the technology to be used in the activity;
(e) the operational aspects of the activity; and
(f) the option of not implementing the activity.

Describe alternatives that are considered in this application as required by Appendix 1 (3)(h), Regulation 2014.Alternatives should include a consideration of all possible means by which the purpose and need of the proposed activity (NOT PROJECT) could be accomplished in the specific instance taking account of the interest of the applicant in the activity. The no-go alternative must in all cases be included in the assessment phase as the baseline against which the impacts of the other alternatives are assessed.

The determination of whether site or activity (including different processes, etc.) or both is appropriate needs to be informed by the specific circumstances of the activity and its environment. After receipt of this report the, competent authority may also request the applicant to assess additional alternatives that could possibly accomplish the purpose and need of the proposed activity if it is clear that realistic alternatives have not been considered to a reasonable extent.

Indicate the position of the activity using the latitude and longitude of the centre point of the site for each alternative site. The co-ordinates should be in degrees, minutes and seconds. The projection that must be used in all cases is the WGS84 spheroid in a national or local projection.

a) Site alternatives

There are no feasible site alternatives. This site was identified by the engineers as the most suitable site for this project.

Alternative 1 (preferred alternative)		
Description	Lat (DDMMSS)	Long (DDMMSS)
The Preferred site alternative is located on the Remainder of Erf 1409, Kakamas South Settlement, approximately 500m to the south-west of Alheit. The proposed site slopes gently from the south down to the Orange River in the north and to the Hartbees River to the east, with active agricultural fields to the east and residential buildings and a cemetery immediately to the west and north-west.	28°45'47.41" S	20°32'18.04" E
Alternative 2		
Description	Lat (DDMMSS)	Long (DDMMSS)
Alternative 3		
Description	Lat (DDMMSS)	Long (DDMMSS)

In the case of linear activities:

Alternative:	**Latitude (S):**	**Longitude (E):**
Alternative S1 (preferred)		
• Starting point of the activity		
• Middle/Additional point of the activity		
• End point of the activity		
Alternative S2 (if any)		
• Starting point of the activity		
• Middle/Additional point of the activity		
• End point of the activity		
Alternative S3 (if any)		
• Starting point of the activity		
• Middle/Additional point of the activity		
• End point of the activity		

For route alternatives that are longer than 500m, please provide an addendum with co-ordinates taken every 250 meters along the route for each alternative alignment.

In the case of an area being under application, please provide the co-ordinates of the corners of the site as indicated on the lay-out map provided in Appendix A of this form.

b) Lay-out alternatives

There are no feasible layout alternatives that were considered.

Alternative 1 (preferred alternative)		
Description	Lat (DDMMSS)	Long (DDMMSS)
Please refer to the description of the proposed development provided in Section 1 (See appendix A1 - Locality Map)		
Alternative 2		
Description	Lat (DDMMSS)	Long (DDMMSS)
Alternative 3		
Description	Lat (DDMMSS)	Long (DDMMSS)

c) Technology alternatives

No feasible technological alternatives were considered.

Alternative 1 (preferred alternative)
The technology alternative employed is the Preferred Alternative, *i.e.*, the aerated facultative pond WWTW, described in Section 1 above, and is the only technological alternative considered.
Alternative 2
Alternative 3

d) Other alternatives (e.g. scheduling, demand, input, scale and design alternatives)

Alternative 1 (preferred alternative)		
N/A		
Alternative 2		
Alternative 3		

e) No-go alternative

This alternative means that the WWTW proposal on the Remainder of Erf 1409, Kakamas South Settlement, south-west of Alheit, would be abandoned, and the site would remain in its current state.

The wastewater from places that include *inter alia*, the villages of Alheit and Marchand is currently collected and then transported via municipal suction truck to the Kakamas WWTW which receives approximately 11 times more wastewater than its design was meant for and therefore can no longer effectively treat the wastewater received. This situation has resulted in significant sewage pollution in the Kakamas. It is anticipated that as the population of the area grows, the volumes of wastewater currently overwhelming the Kakamas WWTW will increase and thus the quality of treated wastewater released by the Kakamas WWTW will worsen and result in even higher levels of pollution if the 'no-go' alternative is adopted.

The 'no-go' alternative is therefore highly undesirable when considering that authorising the Preferred Alternative will likely result in only Medium to Low negative impacts, while enabling the villages of Alheit and Marchand to acquire their own WWTW and reduce the wastewater delivered to the overwhelmed Kakamas WWTW.

Paragraphs 3 – 13 below should be completed for each alternative.

3. PHYSICAL SIZE OF THE ACTIVITY

a) Indicate the physical size of the preferred activity/technology as well as alternative activities/technologies (footprints):

Alternative:	**Size of the activity:**
Alternative A1[1] (preferred activity alternative)	Approximately 20 000 m²
Alternative A2 (if any)	m²
Alternative A3 (if any)	m²

or, for linear activities:

Alternative:	**Length of the activity:**
Alternative A1 (preferred activity alternative)	m
Alternative A2 (if any)	m
Alternative A3 (if any)	m

b) Indicate the size of the alternative sites or servitudes (within which the above footprints will occur):

Alternative:	**Size of the site/servitude:**
Alternative A1 (preferred activity alternative)	m²
Alternative A2 (if any)	m²
Alternative A3 (if any)	m²

4. SITE ACCESS

Does ready access to the site exist?	**YES**	~~NO~~

[1] "Alternative A.." refer to activity, process, technology or other alternatives.

If NO, what is the distance over which a new access road will be built	m

Describe the type of access road planned:

No new access roads will be required.

Include the position of the access road on the site plan and required map, as well as an indication of the road in relation to the site.

5. LOCALITY MAP

An A3 locality map must be attached to the back of this document, as Appendix A. The scale of the locality map must be relevant to the size of the development (at least 1:50 000. For linear activities of more than 25 kilometres, a smaller scale e.g. 1:250 000 can be used. The scale must be indicated on the map.). The map must indicate the following:

- an accurate indication of the project site position as well as the positions of the alternative sites, if any;
- indication of all the alternatives identified;
- closest town(s;)
- road access from all major roads in the area;
- road names or numbers of all major roads as well as the roads that provide access to the site(s);
- all roads within a 1km radius of the site or alternative sites; and
- a north arrow;
- a legend; and
- locality GPS co-ordinates (Indicate the position of the activity using the latitude and longitude of the centre point of the site for each alternative site. The co-ordinates should be in degrees and decimal minutes. The minutes should have at least three decimals to ensure adequate accuracy. The projection that must be used in all cases is the WGS84 spheroid in a national or local projection).

6. LAYOUT/ROUTE PLAN

A detailed site or route plan(s) must be prepared for each alternative site or alternative activity. It must be attached as Appendix A to this document.

The site or route plans must indicate the following:

- the property boundaries and numbers of all the properties within 50 metres of the site;
- the current land use as well as the land use zoning of the site;
- the current land use as well as the land use zoning each of the properties adjoining the site or sites;
- the exact position of each listed activity applied for (including alternatives);
- servitude(s) indicating the purpose of the servitude;
- a legend; and
- a north arrow.

7. SENSITIVITY MAP

The layout/route plan as indicated above must be overlain with a sensitivity map that indicates all the sensitive areas associated with the site, including, but not limited to:

- watercourses;
- the 1:100 year flood line (where available or where it is required by DWS);
- ridges;
- cultural and historical features;
- areas with indigenous vegetation (even if it is degraded or infested with alien species); and
- critical biodiversity areas.

The sensitivity map must also cover areas within 100m of the site and must be attached in Appendix A.

8. SITE PHOTOGRAPHS

Colour photographs from the centre of the site must be taken in at least the eight major compass directions with a description of each photograph. Photographs must be attached under Appendix B to this report. It must be supplemented with additional photographs of relevant features on the site, if applicable.

9. FACILITY ILLUSTRATION

A detailed illustration of the activity must be provided at a scale of at least 1:200 as Appendix C for activities that include structures. The illustrations must be to scale and must represent a realistic image of the planned activity. The illustration must give a representative view of the activity.

10. ACTIVITY MOTIVATION

Motivate and explain the need and desirability of the activity (including demand for the activity):

1. Is the activity permitted in terms of the property's existing land use rights?	~~YES~~	**NO**	Please explain
The proposed WWTW and associated infrastructure has not yet been granted permission in terms of land use management legislation.			
2. Will the activity be in line with the following?			
(a) Provincial Spatial Development Framework (PSDF)	**YES**	~~NO~~	Please explain
The proposed development is too small to have any kind of significant bearing on the PSDF			
(b) Urban edge / Edge of Built environment for the area	**YES**	~~NO~~	Please explain
The proposed WWTW has no bearing on the urban edge.			

(c) Integrated Development Plan (IDP) and Spatial Development Framework (SDF) of the Local Municipality (e.g. would the approval of this application compromise the integrity of the existing approved and credible municipal IDP and SDF?).	**YES**	~~NO~~	Please explain
The Kai !Garib Local Municipality is the Applicant			
(d) Approved Structure Plan of the Municipality	**YES**	~~NO~~	Please explain
The Kai !Garib Local Municipality is the Applicant			
(e) An Environmental Management Framework (EMF) adopted by the Department (e.g. Would the approval of this application compromise the integrity of the existing environmental management priorities for the area and if so, can it be justified in terms of sustainability considerations?)	**YES**	~~NO~~	Please explain
No EMF is known to exist in the area			
(f) Any other Plans (e.g. Guide Plan)	**YES**	~~NO~~	Please explain
The Kai !Garib Local Municipality is the Applicant			

3. Is the land use (associated with the activity being applied for) considered within the timeframe intended by the existing approved SDF agreed to by the relevant environmental authority (i.e. is the proposed development in line with the projects and programmes identified as priorities within the credible IDP)?	**YES**	~~NO~~	Please explain
The Kai !Garib Local Municipality is the Applicant. The wastewater from the villages of Alheit and Marchand is currently collected and then transported via municipal suction truck to the Kakamas WWTW, which receives approximately 11 times more wastewater than its design was meant for and therefore can no longer effectively treat the wastewater received. This situation has resulted in significant sewage pollution in the Kakamas. It is anticipated that as the population of the area grows, the volumes of wastewater currently overwhelming the Kakamas WWTW will increase and thus the quality of treated wastewater released by the Kakamas WWTW will worsen and result in even higher levels of pollution. The municipality wishes to establish the proposed WWTW to help in ending the sewage pollution caused by the excessive volumes of wastewater delivered to the existing Kakamas WWTW. The proposed WWTW will treat the wastewater from Alheit and Marchand that would otherwise have continued to be delivered to the overwhelmed Kakamas WWTW. The proposed WWTW will therefore alleviate pressure on the overwhelmed Kakamas WWTW, providing significant benefit to society by contributing towards ending the sewage pollution being endured by the community of Kakamas. The construction phase of the Alheit-Marchand WWTW will yield further socio-economic benefits by providing employment opportunities to residents during the construction phase, thereby alleviating the unemployment situation in the administrative area of the Kai !Garib Local Municipality. In addition, construction material, where possible, will be sourced from the suppliers in the area and this will boost business, thereby strengthening then local economy.			
4. Does the community/area need the activity and the associated land use concerned (is it a societal priority)? (This refers to the strategic as well as local level (e.g. development is a national priority, but within a specific local context it could be inappropriate.)	**YES**	~~NO~~	Please explain
The wastewater treatment capacity at the existing Kakamas WWTW is approximately 430m^3/ day and this capacity is significantly outstripped by the volumes of wastewater delivered thereto by suction trucks from *inter alia*, the villages of Alheit and Marchand. A significant sewage pollution problem currently exists in Kakamas as a result of this situation. Please see the answer to Question 3 above for further details.			

5. Are the necessary services with adequate capacity currently available (at the time of application), or must additional capacity be created to cater for the development? (Confirmation by the relevant Municipality in this regard must be attached to the final Basic Assessment Report as Appendix I.)	**YES**	~~NO~~	Please explain
The proposed development does not require any municipal services. In fact, the proposed WWTW and associated infrastructure will add to the wastewater treatment capacity of the municipality.			
6. Is this development provided for in the infrastructure planning of the municipality, and if not what will the implication be on the infrastructure planning of the municipality (priority and placement of services and opportunity costs)? (Comment by the relevant Municipality in this regard must be attached to the final Basic Assessment Report as Appendix I.)	**YES**	~~NO~~	Please explain
The Kai !Garib Local Municipality is the Applicant			
7. Is this project part of a national programme to address an issue of national concern or importance?	**YES**	~~NO~~	Please explain
The proposed WWTW will treat the wastewater emanating from Alheit and Marchand, thereby reducing the wastewater therefrom that will in the future still be delivered to the overwhelmed WWTW in Kakamas. In this way, the Kakamas WWTW will receive less wastewater and will therefore be able to treat these smaller amounts of wastewater more thoroughly. This will assist in ending the sewage pollution situation that the community of Kakamas is enduring. The provision of basic services that include *inter alia*, adequate sewage disposal, is a national concern and a constitutional right. Please see answer to Question 3 above for further details.			
8. Do location factors favour this land use (associated with the activity applied for) at this place? (This relates to the contextualisation of the proposed land use on this site within its broader context.)	**YES**	~~NO~~	Please explain
The proposed WWTW is only approximately 60m away from residential areas. However, the proposed WWTW makes use of aerobic facultative ponds to prevent odours that would otherwise pose the risk of becoming a nuisance to residents. The proposed WWTW when maintained correctly is therefore acceptable on the proposed site. Please see answer to Question 3 for further detail.			

9. Is the development the best practicable environmental option for this land/site?	**YES**	~~NO~~	Please explain

The proposed site is the only municipal land sufficiently large and available in the area for establishing the Alheit- Marchand WWTW. The existing Kakamas WWTW receives wastewater from Kakamas and *inter alia*, the villages of Alheit and Marchand in volumes that far exceed the volumes that the WWTW was designed for. This has resulted in a significant sewage pollution situation in Kakamas.

The proposed WWTW will treat the wastewater emanating from the villages of Alheit and Marchand that would have otherwise continued to be delivered to the existing overwhelmed Kakamas WWTW. The establishment and operation of the proposed WWTW on the proposed site will in this manner contribute towards ending the sewage pollution situation in Kakamas, thereby significantly benefiting society.

The constriction phase of the Alheit-Marchand WWTW will yield further socio-economic benefits by providing employment opportunities to local residents during the construction phase, thereby alleviating the unemployment situation in the administrative area of the Kai !Garib Local Municipality. In addition, the merchandise for construction that will be sourced from the suppliers of building materials in the area will boost business in the area, thereby strengthening the local economy.

The potential negative impact of establishing the proposed development on terrestrial biodiversity is of low significance, as confirmed in the Terrestrial Biodiversity Study Report attached hereto as Appendix D1. The potential negative impact of the proposed development on freshwater resources is low, as confirmed in the Freshwater Study Report attached hereto as Appendix D2. The potential negative impact of the proposed development on heritage-related resources is low as is confirmed in the Heritage Impact Study Report attached hereto as Appendix D3. The potential negative impact of the proposed development on agriculture is low as is confirmed in the Agricultural Compliance Statement attached hereto as Appendix D4.

In light of the significant socio-economic benefits of establishing the proposed development and the Medium to Low potential negative impacts anticipated upon implementation of the mitigation measures contained in the EMPr, the proposed WWTW and associated infrastructure on the proposed site is arguably the best practicable environmental option.

10. Will the benefits of the proposed land use/development outweigh the negative impacts of it?	**YES**	~~NO~~	Please explain

Please refer to the answer given in Section 9 above

11. Will the proposed land use/development set a precedent for similar activities in the area (local municipality)?	~~YES~~	**NO**	Please explain

The proposed WWTW and associated infrastructure is aimed at assisting to end the current sewage pollution in Kakamas caused by excessive wastewater delivered to the existing WWTW (Please see above answer to Question 3 for more detail).

It is noteworthy that the proposed WWTW is aimed at meeting both the current and future wastewater treatment needs of the villages of Alheit and Marchand and that applying for the required legal permits, establishing and then operating a WWTW is very costly. In view of this, it is very unlikely that other organisations or individuals will consider the establishment of the proposed WWTW as encouragement to also pursue the establishment of their own WWTWs in the area.

12. Will any person's rights be negatively affected by the proposed activity/ies?	~~YES~~	**NO**	Please explain

The wastewater from *inter alia*, Kakamas and the villages of Alheit and Marchand is delivered to the existing Kakamas WWTW by municipal suction trucks and the delivered wastewater volumes far exceed the capacity of the WWTW. The community of Kakamas is enduring a significant sewage pollution problem as a result of the inadequately treated wastewater released by the overwhelmed Kakamas WWTW.

The proposed WWTW will treat the wastewater emanating from the villages of Alheit and Marchand, thereby reducing the amount of wastewater delivered to the overwhelmed Kakamas WWTW. The proposed Alheit-Marchand WWTW will in this way contribute towards ending the sewage pollution endured by the community of Kakamas, in keeping with the following constitutional right:

> "*24. Environment.-Everyone has the right-*
> *(a) to an environment that is not harmful to their health or well-being; and*
> *(b) to have the environment protected, for the benefit of present and future generations, through reasonable legislative and other measures that-*
> *(i) prevent pollution and ecological degradation;*
> *(ii) promote conservation; and*
> *(iii) secure ecologically sustainable development and use of natural resources while promoting justifiable economic and social development*".

13. Will the proposed activity/ies compromise the "urban edge" as defined by the local municipality?	~~YES~~	**NO**	Please explain

The Kai !Garib Local Municipality is the Applicant and the proposed WWTW and associated infrastructure has no bearing on the urban edge.

14. Will the proposed activity/ies contribute to any of the 17 Strategic Integrated Projects (SIPS)?	~~YES~~	**NO**	Please explain

The proposed WWTW and associated infrastructure is not included in the list of Strategic Infrastructure Projects.

15. What will the benefits be to society in general and to the local communities?	Please explain

The existing Kakamas WWTW receives wastewater from *inter alia,* Kakamas and the villages of Alheit and Marchand in volumes that far exceed the volumes that the WWTW was designed for. This has resulted in a significant sewage pollution in Kakamas.

The proposed WWTW will treat the wastewater emanating from the villages of Alheit and Marchand that would have otherwise continued to be delivered to the existing overwhelmed Kakamas WWTW. The establishment and operation of the proposed WWTW on the proposed site will in this manner contribute towards ending the sewage pollution situation in Kakamas, thereby significantly benefiting society.

The construction phase of the Alheit-Marchand WWTW will yield further socio-economic benefits by providing employment opportunities to local residents during the construction phase, thereby alleviating the unemployment situation in the administrative area of the Kai !Garib Local Municipality. In addition, the merchandise for construction that will be sourced from the suppliers of building materials in the area will boost in business in the area, thereby strengthening then local economy.

16. Any other need and desirability considerations related to the proposed activity?	Please explain

No. Please see above answer to Question 15.

17. How does the project fit into the National Development Plan for 2030?	Please explain

The establishment of the proposed WWTW and associated infrastructure speaks to the following objectives that are *inter alia*, contained in the National Development Plan for 2030[2]:

- Economy and Employment
    - The proposed development will provide socio-economic benefits by providing employment opportunities to local residents and by providing business to building materials suppliers during the construction phase.
- Environmental Sustainability and Resilience
    - The proposed WWTW will help in ending the sewage pollution in Kakamas that has resulted from the existing Kakamas WWTW receiving volumes of wastewater that far exceed its design capacity from Kakamas and other sources that include *inter alia,* the villages of Alheit and Marchand. The proposed WWTW will treat the wastewater emanating from the villages of Alheit and Marchand, thereby limiting the volume of wastewater that would still require delivery to the Kakamas WWTW.

[2]National Development Plan, 2030. Accessed at https://www.gov.za/sites/default/files/Executive%20Summary-NDP%202030%20-%20Our%20future%20-%20make%20it%20work.pdf

18. Please describe how the general objectives of Integrated Environmental Management as set out in section 23 of NEMA have been taken into account.

The general objectives of Integrated Environmental Management, namely, to promote sustainable development through the integration of social, economic and ecological considerations as well as the maintenance of inter- and intra-generational equity have been taken into account through the following:

- The actual and potential impacts of the proposed activity on the environment, socio-economic conditions, and cultural heritage, relative to the proposed site have been identified and evaluated. The proposed mitigation measures, with a view to minimising negative impacts on the environment, socio-economic conditions, and any cultural heritage, while maximising benefits and promoting compliance with the principles of environmental management, were assessed.
- The potential environmental impacts of the establishing the proposed WWTW and associated infrastructure have been identified, assessed, and measures proposed to avoid or minimise the potential negative impacts.
- A public participation process that meets the minimum legal requirements has been followed for the Basic Assessment application to help ensure that the decision-making process takes into account the comments of members of the public and commenting authorities.

The environmental features of the proposed site have been considered and evaluated in the management and decision-making of the activity. An EMPr has been compiled (Appendix G, refers) for the proposed establishment of the WWTW and associated infrastructure and in the EMPr, the potential impacts with impact avoidance and mitigation measures to be adhered to during the implementation phase are specified.

19. Please describe how the principles of environmental management as set out in section 2 of NEMA have been taken into account.

The principles of environmental management, as per Section 2 of the NEMA have been taken into account. The principles include:

- **Socio-economic development**: People and their needs have been placed at the forefront, while serving their physical, psychological, developmental, cultural, and social interests – the establishment of the proposed WWTW is likely to provide employment opportunities for local residents and business opportunities for local entrepreneurs during the construction phase. This will help to somewhat alleviate the problem of poverty that is caused by unemployment in the administrative area of the Kai !Garib Local Municipality. The proposed WWTW will greatly assist in limiting the wastewater from the villages of Alheit and Marchand that is delivered to the Kakamas WWTW that receives significantly more wastewater than its design was meant for. The smaller volumes of wastewater that will continue to be received at the Kakamas WWTW will therefore undergo treatment that is more thorough and this will lower the sewage pollution situation that is being endured by the community of Kakamas.
- **Sustainable development**: Development must be socially, ecologically and economically sustainable. The potential negative environmental impacts associated with establishing the proposed WWTW are of Medium to Low significance as indicated by the terrestrial biodiversity study report attached hereto as Appendix D1, freshwater specialist report attached hereto as Appendix D2, heritage impact study report attached hereto as Appendix D3 and the agricultural impact study report attached hereto as Appendix D4. The recommendations contained in the said study reports are included in the EMPr and will be implemented to help ensure that the potential negative impacts identified in these reports are avoided or minimised. The potential impacts of the proposed WWTW will be minimised further through the implementation of the impact avoidance and mitigation measures contained in the EMPr (Appendix G, refers). In this way, the benefits associated with establishing the proposed WWTW that have been detailed in this BAR will be kept outweighing the potential negative impacts.
- **Transparent Public Participation Process:** The public participation process followed gives I&APs an opportunity to view and provide comment on the Draft BAR before the BAR is finalised and submitted. The decision of the competent authority will be forwarded to all I&APs so that whomsoever wishes to appeal the decision may appeal.

11. APPLICABLE LEGISLATION, POLICIES AND/OR GUIDELINES

List all legislation, policies and/or guidelines of any sphere of government that are applicable to the application as contemplated in the EIA regulations, if applicable:

Title of legislation, policy or guideline	Applicability to the project	Administering authority	Date
National Environmental Management Act (NEMA), Act No. 107 of 1998 and the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA), Regulations of 2014 (as amended)	Applications for environmental authorisation must comply with the requirements specified in the NEMA and in the EIA Regulations	Northern Cape Provincial Department of Agriculture, Environmental Affairs, Rural Development and Land Reform	

National Water Act	Water Use Licence	Department of Water and Sanitation	
Northern Cape Nature Conservation Act, Act 9 of 2009	NCNCA Protected plant species located on the site	Department of Environment and Nature Conservation (DENC)	
National Heritage Resources Act (NHRA), Act 25 of 1999	A permit giving permission to develop is required according to Section 38(1) of the NHRA of 1999	South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA)	

12. WASTE, EFFLUENT, EMISSION AND NOISE MANAGEMENT

a) Solid waste management

Will the activity produce solid construction waste during the construction/initiation phase?	**YES**	~~NO~~
If YES, what estimated quantity will be produced per month?	Unknown m^3	

How will the construction solid waste be disposed of (describe)?

The general solid waste generated during construction will be consolidated on site during construction and disposed of at the nearest suitability licensed waste deposal site.

Where will the construction solid waste be disposed of (describe)?

The general solid waste generated during construction will be consolidated on site during construction and disposed of at the nearest suitability licensed waste deposal site.

Will the activity produce solid waste during its operational phase?	**YES**	~~NO~~
If YES, what estimated quantity will be produced per month?		m^3

How will the solid waste be disposed of (describe)?

The sludge that accumulates in the sedimentation ponds will be measured annually and the sludge sampled and tested. It is anticipated that approximately every seven years, the sludge will have accumulated to more than 50% of the capacity of the oxidation ponds and the sludge will be dried and removed from the oxidation ponds. If the results of laboratory testing indicate that the sludge is suitable for supplying to farmers, the dried sludge will be given to farmers. If the results of laboratory testing indicate that the sludge is unsuitable for usage as fertiliser, the sludge will be disposed of a suitably licensed waste disposal site that will be determined by the Kai !Garib Local Municipality together with the National Department of Water and Sanitation.

If the solid waste will be disposed of into a municipal waste stream, indicate which registered landfill site will be used.

If the results of laboratory testing indicate that the sludge accumulated in the oxidation ponds is unsuitable for usage as fertiliser, the sludge will be disposed of a suitably licensed waste disposal site that will be determined by the Kai !Garib Local Municipality together with the National Department of Water and Sanitation.

Where will the solid waste be disposed of if it does not feed into a municipal waste stream (describe)?

If the results of laboratory testing indicate that the sludge accumulated in the oxidation ponds is unsuitable for usage as fertiliser, the sludge will be disposed of a suitably licensed waste disposal site that will be determined by the Kai !Garib Local Municipality together with the National Department of Water and Sanitation.

If the solid waste (construction or operational phases) will not be disposed of in a registered landfill site or be taken up in a municipal waste stream, then the applicant should consult with the competent authority to determine whether it is necessary to change to an application for scoping and EIA.

Can any part of the solid waste be classified as hazardous in terms of the NEM:WA?	~~YES~~	**NO**

If YES, inform the competent authority and request a change to an application for scoping and EIA. An application for a waste permit in terms of the NEM:WA must also be submitted with this application.

Is the activity that is being applied for a solid waste handling or treatment facility?	~~YES~~	**NO**

If YES, then the applicant should consult with the competent authority to determine whether it is necessary to change to an application for scoping and EIA. An application for a waste permit in terms of the NEM:WA must also be submitted with this application.

b) Liquid effluent

Will the activity produce effluent, other than normal sewage, that will be disposed of in a municipal sewage system?	~~YES~~	**NO**
If YES, what estimated quantity will be produced per month?		m^3
Will the activity produce any effluent that will be treated and/or disposed of on site?	~~YES~~	**NO**

If YES, the applicant should consult with the competent authority to determine whether it is necessary to change to an application for scoping and EIA.

Will the activity produce effluent that will be treated and/or disposed of at another facility?	~~YES~~	**NO**

If YES, provide the particulars of the facility:

Facility name:			
Contact person:			
Postal address:			
Postal code:			
Telephone:		**Cell:**	
E-mail:		**Fax:**	

Describe the measures that will be taken to ensure the optimal reuse or recycling of waste water, if any:

The proposed development includes equipment for the possibility of irrigating sports fields with treated wastewater if the treated wastewater is not disposed of in the Orange River.

c) Emissions into the atmosphere

Will the activity release emissions into the atmosphere other that exhaust emissions and dust associated with construction phase activities?	~~YES~~	**NO**
If YES, is it controlled by any legislation of any sphere of government? N/A	YES	NO

If YES, the applicant must consult with the competent authority to determine whether it is necessary to change to an application for scoping and EIA.
If NO, describe the emissions in terms of type and concentration:

d) Waste permit

Will any aspect of the activity produce waste that will require a waste permit in terms of the NEM:WA?	~~YES~~	**NO**

If YES, please submit evidence that an application for a waste permit has been submitted to the competent authority

e) Generation of noise

Will the activity generate noise?	~~YES~~	**NO**
If YES, is it controlled by any legislation of any sphere of government?	YES	NO

Describe the noise in terms of type and level:

The activity is not expected to produce noise that would be a nuisance to any nearby residents. In addition, normal construction-related noise will be limited to regular daytime working hours as is explained in the EMPr.

13. WATER USE

Please indicate the source(s) of water that will be used for the activity by ticking the appropriate box(es):

~~Municipal~~	~~Water board~~	~~Groundwater~~	~~River, stream, dam or lake~~	~~Other~~	**The activity will not use water**

If water is to be extracted from groundwater, river, stream, dam, lake or any other natural feature, please indicate the volume that will be extracted per month:		litres
Does the activity require a water use authorisation (general authorisation or water use license) from the Department of Water Affairs?	**YES**	~~NO~~

If YES, please provide proof that the application has been submitted to the Department of Water Affairs.

14. ENERGY EFFICIENCY

Describe the design measures, if any, which have been taken to ensure that the activity is energy efficient:

Aerated Facultative Pond system for Alheit and Marchand villages makes use of wind powered floating aerator/mixers.

Describe how alternative energy sources have been taken into account or been built into the design of the activity, if any:

See above answer.

SECTION B: SITE/AREA/PROPERTY DESCRIPTION

Important notes:

1. For linear activities (pipelines, etc) as well as activities that cover very large sites, it may be necessary to complete this section for each part of the site that has a significantly different environment. In such cases please complete copies of Section B and indicate the area, which is covered by each copy No. on the Site Plan.

Section B Copy No. (e.g. A): [ ]

2. Paragraphs 1 - 6 below must be completed for each alternative.

3. Has a specialist been consulted to assist with the completion of this section? ~~YES~~ **NO**

If YES, please complete the form entitled "Details of specialist and declaration of interest" for each specialist thus appointed and attach it in Appendix I. All specialist reports must be contained in Appendix D.

Property description/physical address:

Province	Northern Cape
District Municipality	ZF Mgcawu District Municipality
Local Municipality	Kai !Garib Municipality
Ward Number(s)	
Farm name and number	RE/1409, Kakamas South Settlement
Portion number	
SG Code	C03600290000140900000

Where a large number of properties are involved (e.g. linear activities), please attach a full list to this application including the same information as indicated above.

Current land-use zoning as per local municipality IDP/records:

Agriculture

In instances where there is more than one current land-use zoning, please attach a list of current land use zonings that also indicate which portions each use pertains to, to this application.

Is a change of land-use or a consent use application required? **YES** ~~NO~~

1. GRADIENT OF THE SITE

Indicate the general gradient of the site.

Alternative S1:

Flat	~~1:50 – 1:20~~	~~1:20 – 1:15~~	~~1:15 – 1:10~~	~~1:10 – 1:7,5~~	~~1:7,5 – 1:5~~	~~Steeper than 1:5~~

Alternative S2 (if any):

Flat	1:50 – 1:20	1:20 – 1:15	1:15 – 1:10	1:10 – 1:7,5	1:7,5 – 1:5	Steeper than 1:5

Alternative S3 (if any):

Flat	1:50 – 1:20	1:20 – 1:15	1:15 – 1:10	1:10 – 1:7,5	1:7,5 – 1:5	Steeper than 1:5

2. LOCATION IN LANDSCAPE

Indicate the landform(s) that best describes the site:

2.1 Ridgeline		2.4 Closed valley		2.7 Undulating plain / low hills	**x**
2.2 Plateau		2.5 Open valley		2.8 Dune	
2.3 Side slope of hill/mountain		2.6 Plain		2.9 Seafront	
2.10 At sea					

3. GROUNDWATER, SOIL AND GEOLOGICAL STABILITY OF THE SITE

Is the site(s) located on any of the following?

	Alternative S1:		**Alternative S2 (if any):**		**Alternative S3 (if any):**	
Shallow water table (less than 1.5m deep)	~~YES~~	**NO**	YES	NO	YES	NO
Dolomite, sinkhole or doline areas	~~YES~~	**NO**	YES	NO	YES	NO
Seasonally wet soils (often close to water bodies)	~~YES~~	**NO**	YES	NO	YES	NO
Unstable rocky slopes or steep slopes with loose soil	~~YES~~	**NO**	YES	NO	YES	NO
Dispersive soils (soils that dissolve in water)	~~YES~~	**NO**	YES	NO	YES	NO
Soils with high clay content (clay fraction more than 40%)	~~YES~~	**NO**	YES	NO	YES	NO
Any other unstable soil or geological feature	~~YES~~	**NO**	YES	NO	YES	NO
An area sensitive to erosion	~~YES~~	**NO**	YES	NO	YES	NO

If you are unsure about any of the above or if you are concerned that any of the above aspects may be an issue of concern in the application, an appropriate specialist should be appointed to assist in the completion of this section. Information in respect of the above will often be available as part of the project information or at the planning sections of local authorities. Where it exists, the 1:50 000 scale Regional Geotechnical Maps prepared by the Council for Geo Science may also be consulted.

4. GROUNDCOVER

Indicate the types of groundcover present on the site. The location of all identified rare or endangered species or other elements should be accurately indicated on the site plan(s).

~~Natural veld - good condition~~[E]	**Natural veld with scattered aliens**[E]	~~Natural veld with heavy alien infestation~~[E]	~~Veld dominated by alien species~~[E]	~~Gardens~~
~~Sport field~~	~~Cultivated land~~	~~Paved surface~~	~~Building or other structure~~	**Bare soil**

If any of the boxes marked with an "[E] "is ticked, please consult an appropriate specialist to assist in the completion of this section if the environmental assessment practitioner doesn't have the necessary expertise.

5. SURFACE WATER

Indicate the surface water present on and or adjacent to the site and alternative sites?

Perennial River	~~YES~~	**NO**	UNSURE
Non-Perennial River	**YES**	~~NO~~	UNSURE
Permanent Wetland	~~YES~~	**NO**	UNSURE
Seasonal Wetland	~~YES~~	**NO**	UNSURE
Artificial Wetland	~~YES~~	**NO**	UNSURE
Estuarine / Lagoonal wetland	~~YES~~	**NO**	UNSURE

If any of the boxes marked YES or UNSURE is ticked, please provide a description of the relevant watercourse.

The proposed site is within 32m of some of the typical non-perennial drainage lines and their tributaries that exist in most parts of the Northern Cape.

6. LAND USE CHARACTER OF SURROUNDING AREA

Indicate land uses and/or prominent features that currently occur within a 500m radius of the site and give description of how this influences the application or may be impacted upon by the application:

Natural area	~~Dam or reservoir~~	~~Polo fields~~
~~Low density residential~~	~~Hospital/medical centre~~	~~Filling station~~ [H]
Medium density residential	~~School~~	~~Landfill or waste treatment site~~
~~High density residential~~	~~Tertiary education facility~~	~~Plantation~~
~~Informal residential~~	~~Church~~	**Agriculture**
~~Retail commercial & warehousing~~	~~Old age home~~	River, stream or wetland
~~Light industrial~~	~~Sewage treatment plant~~[A]	Nature conservation area

~~Medium industrial~~ ~~AN~~	~~Train station or shunting yard~~ ~~N~~	~~Mountain, Koppie or ridge~~
~~Heavy industrial~~ ~~AN~~	~~Railway line~~ ~~N~~	~~Museum~~
~~Power station~~	~~Major road (4 lanes or more)~~ ~~N~~	~~Historical building~~
~~Office/consulting room~~	~~Airport~~ ~~N~~	~~Protected Area~~
~~Military or police base/station/compound~~	~~Harbour~~	**Graveyard**
~~Spoil heap or slimes dam~~~~A~~	~~Sport facilities~~	~~Archaeological site~~
~~Quarry, sand or borrow pit~~	~~Golf course~~	Other land uses (describe)

If any of the boxes marked with an "N "are ticked, how this impact will / be impacted upon by the proposed activity? Specify and explain:

N/A

If any of the boxes marked with an "An" are ticked, how will this impact / be impacted upon by the proposed activity? Specify and explain:

N/A

If any of the boxes marked with an "H" are ticked, how will this impact / be impacted upon by the proposed activity? Specify and explain:

N/A

Does the proposed site (including any alternative sites) fall within any of the following:

Critical Biodiversity Area (as per provincial conservation plan)	**YES**	~~NO~~
Core area of a protected area?	~~YES~~	**NO**
Buffer area of a protected area?	~~YES~~	**NO**
Planned expansion area of an existing protected area?	~~YES~~	**NO**
Existing offset area associated with a previous Environmental Authorisation?	~~YES~~	**NO**
Buffer area of the SKA?	~~YES~~	**NO**

If the answer to any of these questions was YES, a map indicating the affected area must be included in Appendix A.

7. CULTURAL/HISTORICAL FEATURES

Are there any signs of culturally or historically significant elements, as defined in section 2 of the National Heritage Resources Act, 1999, (Act No. 25 of 1999), including Archaeological or paleontological sites, on or close (within 20m) to the site? If YES, explain:	**YES**	~~NO~~
	Uncertain	

According to the Heritage Impact Assessment (Appendix D3 of the Draft BAR, refers), the following heritage resources exist on the proposed site:

One instance (KSS/1409/019) of Middle Stone Age (MSA) lithic scatters/occurrences were recorded. The lithic material does not have a substantial archaeological context or matrix. Therefore, it is deemed to be of minor scientific importance. These resources are given a 'General' Protection C (Field Rating IVC) and are considered low significance. A precautionary buffer/no-go zone can avoid impact (Figure 2). The impact is negligible. Therefore, no further mitigation is recommended.

One instance of a possible unconfirmed grave was recorded (HBR/19/116/017). All graves are of High significance and should be protected. However, since this resource does not fall within the proposed development footprint, it will not be impacted. However unlikely, if an impact occurs, the impact would be negative. No further mitigation is recommended as this possible grave site is outside of the proposed footprint.

It is stated in the HIA that an Exemption for a Palaeontological Impact Assessment is recommended for the WWTW at Alheit Settlement, as the site is "entirely underlain by unfossiliferous Kenhardt Migmatite of the Vyfbeker Metamorphic Suite (Mke)." However, If during construction, any evidence of archaeological sites or remains (e.g. remnants of stone-made structures, indigenous ceramics, bones, stone artefacts, ostrich eggshell fragments, charcoal and ash concentrations), fossils or other categories of heritage resources are found during the proposed development, SAHRA must be alerted as per section 35(3) of the NHRA. If unmarked human burials are uncovered, the SAHRA must be alerted immediately as per section 36(6) of the NHRA. Depending on the nature of the finds, a professional archaeologist or palaeontologist must be contacted as soon as possible to inspect the findings. If the newly discovered heritage resources are of archaeological or palaeontological significance, a Phase 2 rescue operation may be required, subject to permits issued by SAHRA.

The potential heritage-related impact of establishing the proposed WWTW on the proposed site is therefore of low significance upon implementation of the required impact mitigation measures.

If uncertain, conduct a specialist investigation by a recognised specialist in the field (archaeology or palaeontology) to establish whether there is such a feature(s) present on or close to the site. Briefly explain the findings of the specialist:

N/A

Will any building or structure older than 60 years be affected in any way?
Is it necessary to apply for a permit in terms of the National Heritage Resources Act, 1999 (Act 25 of 1999)?

~~YES~~	**NO**
YES	~~NO~~

If YES, please provide proof that this permit application has been submitted to SAHRA or the relevant provincial authority.

8. SOCIO-ECONOMIC CHARACTER

a) Local Municipality

Please provide details on the socio-economic character of the local municipality in which the proposed site(s) are situated.

Level of unemployment:

According to the Kai !Garib Local Municipality Integrated Development Plan 2020 – 2021, the working age population in Kai !Garib in 2018 was 51 000, increasing at an average annual rate of 1.21% since 2008. For the same period the working age population for ZF Mgcawu District Municipality increased at 1.81% annually, while that of Northern Cape Province increased at 1.68% annually. South Africa's working age population has increased annually by 1.50% from 32.1 million in 2008 to 37.2 million in 2018.

In 2018 the labour force participation rate for Kai !Garib was at 68.1% which is slightly lower when compared to the 71.5% in 2008. The unemployment rate is an efficient indicator that measures the success rate of the labour force relative to employment. In 2008, the unemployment rate for Kai !Garib was 11.2% and increased overtime to 12.0% in 2018. The gap between the labour force participation rate and the unemployment rate increased which indicates a positive outlook for the employment within Kai !Garib Local Municipality.

Economic profile of local municipality:

According to the Kai !Garib Local Municipality Integrated Development Plan 2020 – 2021, has a GDP of R 5.62 billion in 2018 (up from R 3.05 billion in 2008), the Kai !Garib Local Municipality contributed 22.80% to the ZF Mgcawu District Municipality GDP of R 24.6 billion in 2018 increasing in the share of the ZF Mgcawu from 23.60% in 2008. The Kai !Garib Local Municipality contributes 5.72% to the GDP of Northern Cape Province and 0.12% the GDP of South Africa which had a total GDP of R 4.87 trillion in 2018 (as measured in nominal or current prices). It's contribution to the national economy stayed similar in importance from 2008 when it contributed 0.13% to South Africa, but it is lower than the peak of 0.13% in 2008.

Level of education:

According to the Kai !Garib Local Municipality Integrated Development Plan 2020 – 2021, the number of people without any schooling decreased from 2008 to 2018 with an average annual rate of -3.17%, while the number of people within the 'matric only' category, increased from 6,420 to 8,920. The number of people with 'matric and a certificate/diploma' increased with an average annual rate of 1.35%, with the number of people with a 'matric and a Bachelor's' degree increasing with an average annual rate of 0.07%. Overall improvement in the level of education is visible with an increase in the number of people with 'matric' or higher education (Table 1).

Table 1: Higherst level of education : Age 15+ Kai !Garib, ZF Mgcawu, Norther Cape and National Total, 2018 [Numbers]

	Kai !Garib	ZF Mgcawu	Northern Cape	National Total	Kai !Garib as % of district municipality	Kai !Garib as % of province	Kai !Garib as % of national
No schooling	3,430	11,600	65,300	2,250,000	*29.5%*	*5.3%*	*0.15%*
Grade 0-2	1,500	4,750	19,300	685,000	*31.7%*	*7.8%*	*0.22%*
Grade 3-6	7,620	21,500	97,800	3,110,000	*35.4%*	*7.8%*	*0.25%*
Grade 7-9	14,500	43,300	177,000	6,060,000	*33.6%*	*8.2%*	*0.24%*
Grade 10-11	11,600	38,900	170,000	8,620,000	*30.0%*	*6.8%*	*0.14%*
Certificate / diploma without matric	194	748	3,740	178,000	*26.0%*	*5.2%*	*0.11%*
Matric only	8,920	43,900	197,000	10,700,000	*20.3%*	*4.5%*	*0.08%*
Matric certificate / diploma	1,470	6,780	37,900	2,200,000	*21.7%*	*3.9%*	*0.07%*
Matric Bachelors degree	505	3,250	19,500	1,600,000	*15.5%*	*2.6%*	*0.03%*
Matric Postgrad degree	138	934	6,130	726,000	*14.8%*	*2.3%*	*0.02%*

Source: IHS Markit Regional eXplorer version 1692

b) Socio-economic value of the activity

What is the expected capital value of the activity on completion?	R 25 000 000	
What is the expected yearly income that will be generated by or as a result of the activity?	The proposed WWTW is not for generating income	
Will the activity contribute to service infrastructure?	**YES**	~~NO~~
Is the activity a public amenity?	**YES**	~~NO~~
How many new employment opportunities will be created in the development and construction phase of the activity/ies?	15 skilled and 30 unskilled	
What is the expected value of the employment opportunities during the development and construction phase?	R 1 000 000	
What percentage of this will accrue to previously disadvantaged individuals?	75 %	
How many permanent new employment opportunities will be created during the operational phase of the activity?	2 skilled and 2 unskilled	
What is the expected current value of the employment opportunities during the first 10 years?	R 2 000 000	
What percentage of this will accrue to previously disadvantaged individuals?	75 %	

9. BIODIVERSITY

Please note: The Department may request specialist input/studies depending on the nature of the biodiversity occurring on the site and potential impact(s) of the proposed activity/ies. To assist with the identification of the biodiversity occurring on site and the ecosystem status consult http://bgis.sanbi.org or BGIShelp@sanbi.org. Information is also available on compact disc (cd) from the Biodiversity-GIS Unit, Ph (021) 799 8698. This information may be updated from time to time and it is the applicant/ EAP's responsibility to ensure that the latest version is used. A map of the relevant biodiversity information (including an indication of the habitat conditions as per (b) below) and must be provided as an overlay map to the property/site plan as Appendix D to this report.

a) Indicate the applicable biodiversity planning categories of all areas on site and indicate the reason(s) provided in the biodiversity plan for the selection of the specific area as part of the specific category)

Systematic Biodiversity Planning Category				If CBA or ESA, indicate the reason(s) for its selection in biodiversity plan
Critical Biodiversity Area (CBA)	~~Ecological Support Area (ESA)~~	~~Other Natural Area (ONA)~~	~~No Natural Area Remaining (NNR)~~	The site is located within a CBA 2 identified on SANBI BGIS (refer to Figure 2 below)

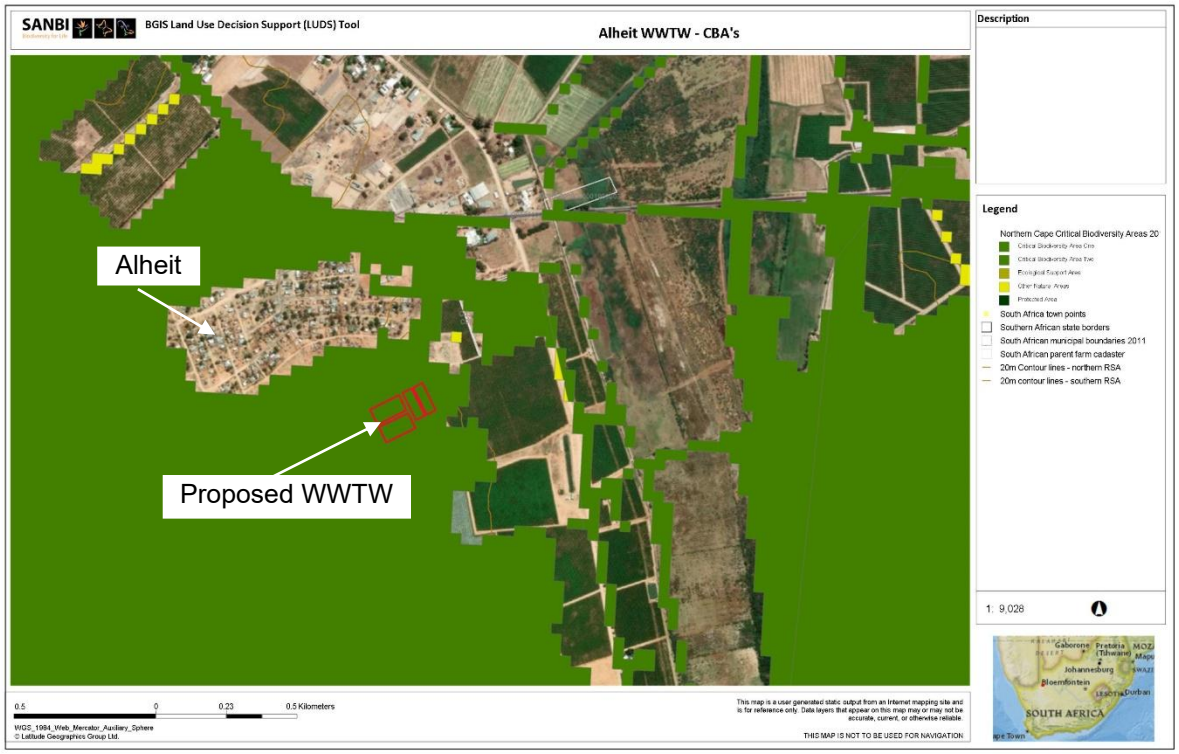

Figure 2: SANBI BGIS image of the CBAs in and around Alheit

b) Indicate and describe the habitat condition on site

Habitat Condition	Percentage of habitat condition class (adding up to 100%)	Description and additional Comments and Observations (including additional insight into condition, e.g. poor land management practises, presence of quarries, grazing, harvesting regimes etc).
Natural	%	
Near Natural (includes areas with low to moderate level of alien invasive plants)	5%	According to the Biodiversity Assessment (**Appendix D1**), "To the south a small band of natural veld remains."

Degraded (includes areas heavily invaded by alien plants)	70%	According to the Biodiversity Assessment (**Appendix D1),** "Most of the study area (the southern remainder of Erf 1409) has been degraded as a result of it being used as a waste disposal site in the past and in general because of its proximity to the urban edge (being fenced in as part of the towns boundaries."
Transformed (includes cultivation, dams, urban, plantation, roads, etc)	25%	According to the Biodiversity Assessment (**Appendix D1),** "It seems that a portion of the site had been used as a waste disposal site in the past. The remainder of the site is rapidly being occupied/transformed through the establishment of informal housing. Alheit itself, is located is almost surrounded by cultivated areas."

c) Complete the table to indicate:

(i) the type of vegetation, including its ecosystem status, present on the site; and

(ii) whether an aquatic ecosystem is present on site.

Terrestrial Ecosystems		**Aquatic Ecosystems**						
Ecosystem threat status as per the National Environmental Management: Biodiversity Act (Act No. 10 of 2004)	~~Critical~~	Wetland (including rivers, depressions, channelled and unchanneled wetlands, flats, seeps pans, and artificial wetlands)			Estuary		Coastline	
	~~Endangered~~							
	~~Vulnerable~~							
	Least Threatened	~~YES~~	**NO**	~~UNSURE~~	~~YES~~	**NO**	~~YES~~	**NO**

d) Please provide a description of the vegetation type and/or aquatic ecosystem present on site, including any important biodiversity features/information identified on site (e.g. threatened species and special habitats)

TERRESTRIAL BIODIVERSITY

The Animal Species Theme received a High Sensitivity rating on the DFFE Screening Tool due to the potential presence of aves species, Martial eagle (*Polemaetus bellicosus*) and a Medium Sensitivity rating for Ludwig's Bustard (*Neotis ludwigii*). According to the Biodiversity Assessment (**Appendix D1**),

"The Southern Africa Bird Atlas Project lists 95 bird species observed, including 2 additional species of conservation concern namely:

- The Lanner Falcon (*Falco biarmicus*) – Regionally vulnerable (Globally of "least concern), and
- The Black Stork (*Ciconia nigra*) – Regionally vulnerable (Globally of "least concern).

The pentad overlaps a portion of the Orange River (believed to be the reason for including the Black Stork) and a large area of natural veld to the south of the site (the reason for the inclusion of the Lanner Falcon and the Martial Eagle).

Given the small size, its disturbed nature and location of the proposed site (close to the urban edge) and the almost constant human activity, it is considered highly unlikely that the proposed development will result in any significant additional impact on the breeding or feeding patterns of any of these species, thus, a sensitivity rating for this project is considered Low Sensitive.."

According to the Biodiversity Assessment (**Appendix D1**), in accordance with the 2018 Vegetation map of South Africa, Lesotho and Swaziland (Mucina & Rutherford, 2006), the development will only impact on one vegetation type, namely Bushmanland Arid Grassland, a vegetation type considered "Least Threatened" in terms of the NEM: BA "national list of ecosystems that are threatened and in need of protection" (GN 1002, December 2011).

The Biodiversity Assessment (**Appendix D1**) further notes a small, degraded drainage line running through the property. Although the DFFE Screening report gives the relative Aquatic biodiversity theme sensitivity as Low sensitive, (which is supported by the findings of this study), a freshwater specialist had been appointed to evaluate the potential impacts on water courses and wetlands.

The Biodiversity Assessment (**Appendix D1**) also identified a low rocky ridge to the south showing a quartz layer which supports a few plant species not observed in the lower areas (however not a true quartz vegetation). The vegetation on site is generally considered degraded.

The Plant Species Theme received a Medium Sensitivity rating on the DFFE Screening Tool due to the potential presence of 144 sensitive species. According to the Biodiversity Assessment (**Appendix D1**), the following threatened and protected plant species were identified:

Red list of South African plant species: The Red List of South African Plants online provides up to date information on the national conservation status of South Africa's indigenous plants (SANBI, 2020).

- No red-listed species observed.

NEM:BA protected plant species: The National Environmental Management: Biodiversity Act, Act 10 of 2004, provides for the protection of species through the "Lists of critically endangered, endangered, vulnerable and protected species" (GN. R. 152 of 23 February 2007).

- No NEM:BA protected species observed.

NFA Protected plant species: The National Forests Act (NFA) of 1998 (Act 84 of 1998) provides for the protection of forests as well as specific tree species (as updated).

- No NFA Protected plant species observed.

NCNCA Protected plant species: The Northern Cape Nature Conservation Act 9 of 2009 (NCNCA) came into effect on the 12th of December 2011, and provides for the sustainable utilization of wild animals, aquatic biota, and plants. Schedule 1 and 2 of the Act gives extensive lists of specially protected and protected fauna and flora species in accordance with this act. NB. Please note that all indigenous plant species are protected in terms of this act (e.g., any work within a road reserve).

- *Euphorbia gariepina*
- *Euphorbia spinea*
- *Mesembryanthemum cf. tetragonum*

According to the Biodiversity Assessment (**Appendix D1**), see below Table 1 for Protected plant species with impact minimisation recommendations.

Table 1: Protected plant species with impact minimisation recommendations.

NO.	SPECIES NAME	COMMENTS	I
1.	*Mesembryanthemum cf. tetragonum (=Prenia)* **NCNCA Schedule 2 protected** *(all species in this Family protected by default)*	Occasionally observed, mostly in disturbed areas.	This is a common widespread species, often considered a disturbance indicator. No Search & Rescue proposed. **NB: A NCNCA Permit application will have to be obtained for potential impacts on this species.**
2.	*Euphorbia gariepina* **Schedule 1 protected** **(All plants in this Genus)**	Occasionally observed on site and some of the plants is likely to be impacted.	On this property Search & Rescue will not make sense, as it is expected that the whole site will become part of the urban edge eventually. **A NCNCA Permit application must be submitted for the removal of these plants.**
3.	*Euphorbia spinea* **Schedule 1 protected** **(All plants in this Genus)**	Occasionally observed on site and some of the plants is likely to be impacted.	On this property Search & Rescue will not make sense, as it is expected that the whole site will become part of the urban edge eventually. **A NCNCA Permit application must be submitted for the removal of these plants.**

The proposed WWTW footprint falls within a Critical Biodiversity Area (CBA) 2 and thus receives a Very High Sensitivity rating on the DFFE Screening Tool for Terrestrial Biodiversity (Figure 2). According to the Biodiversity Assessment (**Appendix D1**), based on the findings of the site verification, it is considered unlikely that the proposed development will have any significant impact on any of the reasons for identifying the CBA. As a result, the impact on conservation priority areas is expected to be Low to Very Low Negative.

The Terrestrial biodiversity assessment finds that the main potential impacts associated with the proposed development would be the Schedule 3 NCNCA Protected plant species, however, **a**ll 3 are common and widespread species.

No fatal flaws or any other obstacles were found with respect to the flora, vegetation, fauna, and terrestrial biodiversity. Even with minimum mitigation it is considered highly unlikely that the development will contribute significantly to any of the following:

- Significant loss of vegetation type and associated habitat.
- Loss of ecological processes (e.g., migration patterns, pollinators, river function etc.) due to construction and operational activities.
- Loss of local biodiversity and threatened species.
- Loss of ecosystem connectivity.

The findings of this assessment suggests that the relative terrestrial biodiversity theme sensitivity should be **LOW TO VERY LOW SENSITIVE** (not Very High Sensitive as proposed in the DFFE screening report).

AQUATIC ECOLOGY

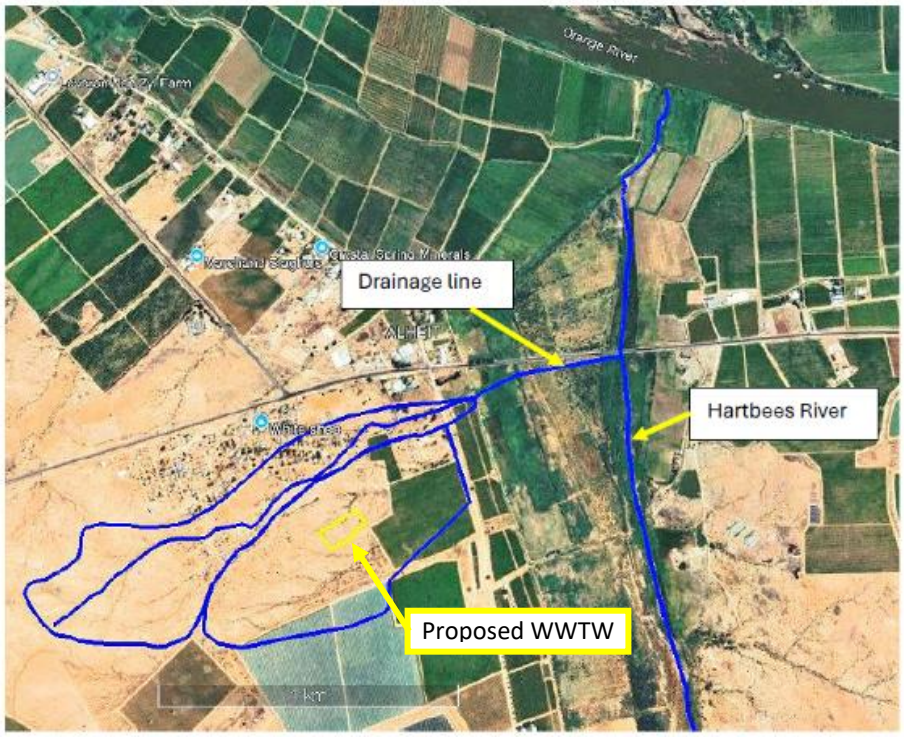

Figure 3: View of sub-catchments as well as drainage lines overlapping the proposed site

The proposed WWTWs falls into a small 37-hectare sub-catchment to the south of Alheit (outlined in dark blue in Figure 3), the drainage line is visible on Google Earth images as the lines of swarthaak (*Senegalia melifera*) shrub. The upper parts of the sub-catchment are still in an ecological reasonable condition, but informal settlements are being established within upper sections of the catchment the lower parts are entirely developed into vineyards with canals and roads and a graveyard, with little ecological significance.

The adjacent sub-catchment (also outlined in dark blue in Figure 4) is also small, 35 hectares, and provides drainage to Alheit's southern portion. The adjacent vineyards block a connection to the downstream Hartbees River sub-catchment could be impacted in the event the WWTWs ever overflow or experience some sort of mishap that necessitates the release of treated or partially treated effluent down the sub-catchment.

Freshwater Impact Assessment (**Appendix D2**) describes its own requirement as an administrative requirement rather than an ecological imperative because of any mentionable ecological impacts

SECTION C: PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

1. ADVERTISEMENT AND NOTICE

Publication name	NoordkaapBulletin	
Date published	10 April 2025	
Site notice position	**Latitude**	**Longitude**
	28° 45' 49,82" S	20° 32' 16,85" E
Date placed	09 and 10 April 2025	

Include proof of the placement of the relevant advertisements and notices in Appendix E3.

2. DETERMINATION OF APPROPRIATE MEASURES

Provide details of the measures taken to include all potential I&APs as required by Regulation 41(2)(e) and 41(6) of GN 733.

Pre-application PPP (Refer to Appendix E)

- An initial register of possible interested and affected parties (I&APs) was compiled (Appendix E1)
- A site visit was conducted on 09th of April 2025 to familiarise with the proposed site and nearby surrounding area and identify environmental sensitivities associated with the proposed site (Appendix B).
- On 09 April 2025, posters were placed on site as well as at the Kakamas Agrimark, Kai !Garib Kakamas Municipal Building and the Keimoes Municipal Building (Appendix E, refers).
- An advertisement was placed in a local newspaper *i.e.*, the *Noordkaap Bulletin* which was published on 10 April 2025 (Appendix E3).
- On the 16 April 2025 an initial email notifying them of the intent to develop was sent to all I&APs (Appendix E4).
- EnviroAfrica NC did not receive any comments from I&APs on the initial PPP notices.

Key stakeholders (other than organs of state) identified in terms of Regulation 41(2)(b) of GN 733

Title, Name and Surname	Affiliation/ key stakeholder status	Contact details (tel number or e-mail address)

Include proof that the key stakeholder received written notification of the proposed activities as Appendix E4. This proof may include any of the following:

- e-mail delivery reports;
- registered mail receipts;
- courier waybills;
- signed acknowledgements of receipt; and/or
- or any other proof as agreed upon by the competent authority.

3. ISSUES RAISED BY INTERESTED AND AFFECTED PARTIES

Summary of main issues raised by I&APs	Summary of response from EAP
Please refer to Appendix E5	Please refer to Appendix E5

4. COMMENTS AND RESPONSE REPORT

The practitioner must record all comments received from I&APs and respond to each comment before the Draft BAR is submitted. The comments and responses must be captured in a comments and response report as prescribed in the EIA regulations and be attached to the Final BAR as Appendix E5.

5. AUTHORITY PARTICIPATION

Authorities and organs of state identified as key stakeholders:

Authority/Organ of State	Contact person (Title, Name and Surname)	Tel.:	e-mail	Postal address
Department: Cooperative Governance, Human Settlements and Traditional Affairs	Ms Gladys Botha	053 830 9513	gbotha@ncpg.gov.za	Private Bag X5005, Kimberley, 8300
Department: Health Services:	Ms Gugulethu Matlaopane	053 830 2148	nchealthhr@ncpg.gov.za	Private Bag X5049, Kimberley, 8300
Department: Roads and Public Works:	M> Kgomongwe	0538392241	mkgomongwe@ncpg.gov.za	P. O. Box 3132, Kimberley, 8300
Department: Transport, Safety and Liaison:	Mr Lesego Wolfe	053 839 1702	lwolfe@ncpg.gov.za	Private Bag X1368, Kimberley, 8300
Chief Forester: NFA Regulations Dept of Forestry and Environment	Ms J. Mans	082 808 2737	Jmans@dffe.gov.za	26 Olien Street, Louisvaleroad, Upington, 8801
Dept of Water and Sanitation	Ms A. Hlengani	053 7731239	HlenganiA@dws.gov.za	Private Bag X6101, Kimberley, 8300
SAHRA	Ms Natasha Higgitt		nhiggitt@sahra.org.za	
Agri NC	Ms Nicole Jansen	053 832 9595	henning@agrink.co.za	2 Bebington St, Monument Heights, Kimberley, 8301
DFFE Biodiversity Conservation	Mr Seoka Lekota		BCAdmin@environment.gov.za	
Eskom	Mr John Geeringh	011 516 7233	john.geeringh@eskom.co.za	Eskom Transmission, Megawatt Park P.O. Box 1091, Johannesburg, 2001
South African National Roads Agency	Ms Nicole Abrahams	021 957 4602	AbrahamsN@nra.co.za	1 Havenga Street, Oakdale, Bellville, 7530
Civil Aviation Authority (CAA)	Ms Evelyn Shogole	083 451 2663	environment@caa.co.za	North Wing, 2nd Floor, Oval Business Park,

				Freight Road, Cape Town International Airport, Cape Town, 7525
ZF Mgcawu District Municipality	Tinus Galloway		tgalloway@zfm-dm.gov.za	

Include proof that the Authorities and Organs of State received written notification of the proposed activities as appendix E4.

In the case of renewable energy projects, Eskom and the SKA Project Office must be included in the list of Organs of State.

6. CONSULTATION WITH OTHER STAKEHOLDERS

Note that, for any activities (linear or other) where deviation from the public participation requirements may be appropriate, the person conducting the public participation process may deviate from the requirements of that sub-regulation to the extent and in the manner as may be agreed to by the competent authority.

Proof of any such agreement must be provided, where applicable. Application for any deviation from the regulations relating to the public participation process must be submitted prior to the commencement of the public participation process.

A list of registered I&APs must be included as appendix E1.

Copies of any correspondence and minutes of any meetings held must be included in Appendix E6.

SECTION D: IMPACT ASSESSMENT

The assessment of impacts must adhere to the minimum requirements in the EIA Regulations, 2014 and should take applicable official guidelines into account. The issues raised by interested and affected parties should also be addressed in the assessment of impacts.

1. IMPACTS THAT MAY RESULT FROM THE PLANNING AND DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION, OPERATIONAL, DECOMMISSIONING AND CLOSURE PHASES AS WELL AS PROPOSED MANAGEMENT OF IDENTIFIED IMPACTS AND PROPOSED MITIGATION MEASURES

Provide a summary and anticipated significance of the potential direct, indirect and cumulative impacts that are likely to occur as a result of the planning and design phase, construction phase, operational phase, decommissioning and closure phase, including impacts relating to the choice of site/activity/technology alternatives as well as the mitigation measures that may eliminate or reduce the potential impacts listed. This impact assessment must be applied to all the identified alternatives to the activities identified in Section A(2) of this report.

Activity	**Impact summary**	**Significance**	**Proposed mitigation**
Alternative 1 (preferred alternative)			
	Direct impacts:		
	Biodiversity	Significance after mitigation	Proposed mitigation
	Potential impact on special habitats (e.g. true quartz or "heuweltjies")	Very Low (Negative)	No special habitats observed, apart from a small, degraded drainage line runs through the property and the low rocky ridge to the south shows a quartz layer but does not support true quartz vegetation.
	Loss of vulnerable or endangered vegetation and associated habitat.	Very Low (Negative)	- All construction should be done in accordance with an approved construction phase Environmental Management Plan (EMP) approved by the Northern Cape Department of Environmental Affairs. - A suitably qualified Environmental Control Officer should be appointed to monitor the construction phase in terms of the EMP and any other conditions pertaining to specialist studies. - Before any work is done the footprint must be clearly demarcated. The demarcation must aim at minimising impacts outside of the approved development footprint. - A Northern Cape Nature Conservation Act permit must be obtained for the potential impacts on the NCNCA protected species. - All alien invasive species within the footprint and its immediate surroundings must be removed responsibly. - Care must be taken with the eradication method to ensure that the removal does not impact or lead to additional impacts
	Potential impact on protected areas, CBA's, ESA's or Centre's of Endemism. The vegetation itself is not vulnerable or endangered and the site degraded	Very Low (Negative)	
	Potential loss of ecological migration corridors.	Very Low (Negative)	
	Potential impact on threatened or protected plant species.	Low (Negative)	
	Potential impact on mammals, reptiles, amphibians	Very Low (Negative)	
	Potential impact on AviFauna Site overlaps with the known distribution range of Neotis ludwigii (Ludwig's Bustard), due to site location within urban edge no significant impact on breeding or feeding patterns is likely.	Very Low (Negative)	

Activity	Impact summary	Significance	Proposed mitigation
			(e.g., spreading of these species due to incorrect eradication methods); - Care must be taken to dispose of alien plant material responsibly. - An integrated waste management approach must be implemented during construction and all waste within the footprint area must be removed and disposed to the local Municipal waste disposal site. - Construction related general and hazardous waste may only be disposed of at Municipal approved waste disposal sites.
	Freshwater Resources	Significance after mitigation	Proposed mitigation
	Construction of the new WWTW and cleaning up after construction: freshwater impact from levelling the ground, digging of trenches for foundations	Low (Negative)	- Preserve drainage lines as much as possible and prevent litter and rubbish from entering them - Preserve buffer zones as much as possible (leave a strip of land between the WWTWs and the drainage line) - Prevent loose soil and sediments from moving down the drainage line along with storm water
	WWTW Operation: Sewage and effluent ending up in the aquatic environment, pollution, altering of aquatic habitat	Low (Negative)	- Maintain the WWTWs - Monitor effluent quality. - Make analytical results public - Keep surrounding environment tidy
	Heritage	Significance after mitigation	Proposed mitigation
	Potential impact on Middle Stone Age (MSA) lithic scatters	Low (Negative)	No mitigation is recommended, but please refer to the EMP in the unlikely event that any heritage resources are found.
	Potential impact on Graves	Low (Negative)	A 30m Cautionary Safety/No-Go Buffer Zone should be imposed upon a possible unconfirmed grave, recorded (HBR/19/116/017)
	Palaeontology	Negligible	The following recommendations pertain to the palaeontological significance of the site: - Training of accountable supervisory personnel by a qualified palaeontologist in the recognition of fossil heritage is necessary. - If Palaeontological Heritage is uncovered during surface clearing and excavations, the Chance Find Protocol attached should be implemented immediately. Fossil discoveries ought to be protected and the ECO/site manager must report to South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA) so that mitigation (recording and collection) can be carried out. - Before any fossil material can be collected from the development site, the specialist would need to apply for a collection permit from SAHRA. Fossil material must be housed in an official

Activity	Impact summary	Significance	Proposed mitigation
			collection (museum or university), while all reports and fieldwork should meet the minimum standards for palaeontological impact studies proposed by SAHRA (2012). These recommendations should be incorporated into the Environmental Management Plan for the proposed development.
	Agriculture	Significance after mitigation	Proposed mitigation
	No loss of potential cropland and minimal loss of future agricultural production potential.	Low (Negative)	As per the agricultural statement, the proposed site appears to have low agricultural potential and thus no mitigation would be required
	Visual	Significance after mitigation	Proposed mitigation
	Site may not be aesthetic amid natural background.	Low (Negative)	This impact cannot be avoided. Mitigation measures as per the EMP.
	Noise	Significance after mitigation	Proposed mitigation
	Noise will be generated during the construction phase.	Low (Negative)	- Any noise generated by construction activities will be a temporary impact however, the following mitigation measures will be implemented: - A complaint register to be maintained on-site. Any complaints received must be responded to and rectified accordingly. The ECO must be notified of any complaints. - All construction vehicles must be fitted with standard silencers. All silencers must be maintained. All machinery used on site must have suppressors. - Working hours must be limited to and strictly adhered to standard daylight working hours (08h00-17h00).
	Dust	Significance after mitigation	Proposed mitigation
	Dust will be generated during the construction of the proposed development.	Low (Negative)	The following mitigation measures must be implemented: - Stockpiled material must be covered with a plastic sheet, tarp or similar in windy conditions; - A water cart must be used on utilized roads to reduce construction related dust generation; - Sprinklers may need to be installed to reduce the generation of dust by construction activities.
	Indirect impacts:		
	Socio-economic	Significance after mitigation	Proposed mitigation
	Creation of short- and long term employment opportunities.	Low (Positive)	The construction of the WWTW will have positive impacts on the socio-economic dynamics relative to direct and indirect, short-

Activity	Impact summary	Significance	Proposed mitigation
			and long-term employment opportunities and skills development.
	Traffic	Significance after mitigation	Proposed mitigation
	Increase in trucks and other construction vehicles.	Low (Negative)	Given the location of the site, it is likely that construction traffic will impact road users however the following mitigation measures will be implemented: - The site must be made easily accessible to all construction traffic travelling along main routes; - - If required, point's men must be in attendance to direct traffic when heavy vehicles are accessing or leaving the site to ensure that there are no accidents.
	Cumulative impacts:		
	Biodiversity	Significance after mitigation	Proposed mitigation
	Cumulative impact associated with proposed activity.	Low (Negative)	As above Biodiversity mitigations
	Freshwater Resources	Significance after mitigation	Proposed mitigation
	Drainage lines conservation value considering the extent, duration, severity and likelihood of impact	Low (Negative)	As above freshwater mitigations
	Heritage	Significance after mitigation	Proposed mitigation
	Cumulative impact associated with proposed activity.	Low (Positive)	Cumulatively, there will not be a drastic loss to heritage resources for the region if mitigation measures are adhered to. The heritage resources recorded during the assessment add minimal understanding of the wider archaeological, historical, and cultural landscape, even though they are site-specific.
	Socio-economic	Significance after mitigation	Proposed mitigation
	Enhanced supply of bulk services	Low (Positive)	No mitigation required.
	Smell	Significance after mitigation	Proposed mitigation
	Increased smell	Low (Negative)	Aerated Facultative Pond system will be used to mitigate against obnoxious odours commonly caused from Hydrogen Sulphide gas from conventional Oxidation Pond systems. - Maintain WWTWs
	Direct impacts:		
	Indirect impacts:		
	Cumulative impacts:		
Alternative 2			
	Direct impacts:		
	Indirect impacts:		
	Cumulative impacts:		
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	Cumulative impacts:		

Activity	Impact summary	Significance	Proposed mitigation
Alternative 3			
	Direct impacts:		
	Indirect impacts:		
	Cumulative impacts:		
	Direct impacts:		
	Indirect impacts:		
	Cumulative impacts:		
No-go option			
	Direct impacts:		
	This would mean that the WWTW proposal on the Remainder of Erf 1409, Kakamas South Settlement would be abandoned, and the site would remain in its current state	Negligible	Adopt the Preferred alternative
	Indirect impacts:		
	The current volumes of wastewater from the villages of Alheit and Marchand would continue to be transported to the existing overwhelmed Kakamas WWTW. This would work against efforts aimed at reducing the wastewater volumes delivered to the overwhelmed Kakamas WWTW and so the sewage pollution situation being endured by the community in Kakamas would remain in place for longer.	High (Negative)	Adopt the Preferred alternative
	Cumulative impacts:		

A complete impact assessment in terms of Regulation 19(3) of GN 733 must be included as Appendix F.

2. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Taking the assessment of potential impacts into account, please provide an environmental impact statement that summarises the impact that the proposed activity and its alternatives may have on the environment after the management and mitigation of impacts have been taken into account, with specific reference to types of impact, duration of impacts, likelihood of potential impacts actually occurring and the significance of impacts.

Alternative A (preferred alternative)

The establishment of the proposed WWTW and associated infrastructure will provide employment opportunities during the construction phase, thereby helping to alleviate the unemployment situation in the area. The construction phase will also enhance business for local building materials suppliers and benefit the local economy.

The wastewater from the villages of Alheit and Marchand is currently collected and then transported via municipal suction truck to the Kakamas WWTW, which receives approximately 11 times more wastewater than its design was meant for and therefore can no longer effectively treat the wastewater received. This situation has resulted in significant environmental pollution in the area. It

is predicted that as the population of the area grows, the volumes of wastewater currently overwhelming the Kakamas WWTW will increase and thus the quality of treated wastewater released by the Kakamas WWTW will worsen and result in even higher levels of pollution.

The municipality wishes to establish the proposed Alheit-Marchand WWTW to help in ending the sewage pollution caused by the existing Kakamas WWTW. The new proposed Alheit-Marchand WWTW will capacitate the present and future needs of the villages of Alheit and Marchand to treat its own wastewater. Thus, alleviating additional pressure on the currently existing overwhelmed Kakamas WWTW and providing significantly benefit to society by contributing towards ending the sewage pollution in Kakamas.

In addition to the above, the potential negative terrestrial biodiversity impacts of the proposed development are low to very low (Appendix D1, refers). The potential negative freshwater ecological impacts are Medium to low upon implementation of the impact mitigation measures contained in the Freshwater Impact Study Report (Appendix D2, refers) and the EMPr. The potential negative heritage-related impacts are low (Appendix D3, refers) The potential negative impacts on agriculture are low (Appendix D4, refers). The potential negative visual impact of the proposed development is low, as the development is not tall and conspicuous.

In view of the above, the likely benefits of establishing the proposed WWTW and associated infrastructure far outweigh the potential negative impacts.

It is therefore suggested that the competent authority authorise the establishment of the proposed WWTW and associated infrastructure in Alheit.

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Alternative B

Alternative C

No-go alternative (compulsory)

This would mean that the WWTW proposal on the Remainder of Erf 1409, Kakamas South Settlement, near Alheit, would be abandoned, and the site would remain in its current disturbed state.

The wastewater from the villages of Alheit and Marchand is currently collected and then transported via municipal suction truck to the Kakamas WWTW, which receives approximately 11 times more wastewater than its design was meant for and therefore can no longer effectively treat the wastewater received. This situation has resulted in significant environmental pollution in the area. It is predicted that as the population of the area grows, the volumes of wastewater currently overwhelming the Kakamas WWTW will increase and thus the quality of treated wastewater released by the Kakamas WWTW will worsen and result in even higher levels of pollution.

The 'no-go' alternative is therefore highly undesirable when considering that authorising the Preferred alternative will likely result in only Medium to Low negative impacts, upon the implementation of the impact mitigation measures contained in the EMPr. Furthermore, the villages of Alheit and Marchand would gain its own WWTW, situated near Alheit, so wastewater will no longer have to be transported to Kakamas WWTW, which will assist in ending the aforesaid sewage pollution problem in Kakamas.

SECTION E. RECOMMENDATION OF PRACTITIONER

Is the information contained in this report and the documentation attached hereto sufficient to make a decision in respect of the activity applied for (in the view of the environmental assessment practitioner)?	~~YES~~	**NO**

If "NO", indicate the aspects that should be assessed further as part of a Scoping and EIA process before a decision can be made (list the aspects that require further assessment).

The Draft BAR must first be made available to Interested and Affected Parties for public participation as per the EIA Regulations of 2014 (as amended). The comments received during the public participation process must then be responded to adequately in a Comments-Responses Report and taken into account in the BAR before the BAR can be submitted to the competent authority for a decision on the application.

If "YES", please list any recommended conditions, including mitigation measures that should be considered for inclusion in any authorisation that may be granted by the competent authority in respect of the application.

- All construction must take place in accordance with an approved construction and operational phase Environmental Management Programme (EMPr).
- A suitably experienced ECO must be appointed to ensure compliance with the conditions of the environmental authorisation and the EMPr.
- The recommendations contained in the Terrestrial Biodiversity Impact Report attached hereto as Appendix D1 must be implemented
- The recommendations contained in the Freshwater Impact Study Report attached hereto as Appendix D2 must be implemented
- The recommendations contained in the Heritage Impact Report attached hereto as Appendix D3
- All the conditions contained in the environmental authorisation must be complied with.

Is an EMPr attached?	**YES**	~~NO~~

The EMPr must be attached as Appendix G.

The details of the EAP who compiled the BAR and the expertise of the EAP to perform the Basic Assessment process must be included as Appendix H.

If any specialist reports were used during the compilation of this BAR, please attach the declaration of interest for each specialist in Appendix I.

Any other information relevant to this application and not previously included must be attached in Appendix J.

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NAME OF EAP

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SIGNATURE OF EAP DATE

SECTION F: APPENDIXES

The following appendixes must be attached:

Appendix A: Maps

Appendix B: Photographs

Appendix C: Facility illustration(s)

Appendix D: Specialist reports (including terms of reference)

Appendix E: Public Participation

Appendix F: Impact Assessment

Appendix G: Environmental Management Programme (EMPr)

Appendix H: Details of EAP and expertise

Appendix I: Specialist's declaration of interest

Appendix J: Additional Information