



**THE PROPOSED RESTORATION AND
MAINTENANCE OF THE BLUE STONE QUARRY
WALL, ROBBEN ISLAND, WESTERN CAPE
PROVINCE.**

Public Participation Report

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1. INTRODUCTION

The first and revised Public Participation Process (PPP) for this Maintenance Management Plan was undertaken in accordance with section 54 of NEMA, and the public and relevant authorities and stakeholders were notified on the proposed project.

2. PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE PROJECT

2.1 SITE NOTICES AND NEWSPAPER ADVERTISEMENT

The site notices were placed in areas easily noticeable to the public on **29 January 2021 (for the first Public Participation Process)** and **25 May 2021 (for the revised Public Participation Process)**. Site notices were placed on the boundary of the site as well as at three public locations. **Please find attached Appendix F2: Proof of Placement with coordinates of the locations.**

A Newspaper advertisement was placed in the Burger to notify the public of the start of the commenting period. The advertisement was placed on **29 January 2021 (for the first Public Participation Process)** and **25 May 2021 (for the revised Public Participation Process)**. Please find attached **Appendix F2** to see the proof of the advertisement placement.

2.2 BACKGROUND INFORMATION DOCUMENT

The Background Information Document was distributed to all adjacent landowners informing them of the 30-day pre-application commenting period which was open from **29 January 2021 (for the first Public Participation Process)** and **25 May 2021 (for the revised Public Participation Process)**. Email notifications were also sent to all relevant parties informing them of the 30 day pre-application commenting period.

See example of the Background Information Document/s in **Appendix F1**.

2.3 NOTIFICATION OF STAKEHOLDERS AND I&APS

Stakeholders and I&APs were directly informed on the proposed project via the distribution of the Background Information Document and they were requested to submit their comments to the Environmental Assessment Practitioner.

Interested & Affected Party Comment Forms were disseminated to all properties adjacent to the proposed development.

See **Appendix F3** for proof of notification for both the first Public Participation Process and the revised Public Participation Process.

2.4 NOTIFICATION OF GOVERNMENTAL AND OTHER AUTHORITIES

A number of Authorities and Organs of State were directly informed on the proposed project via soft copies of the Maintenance Management Plan and they were requested to submit their comments to the Environmental Assessment Practitioner.

All the correspondence with Governmental and other Authorities is added in **Appendix F5**.

2.5 COMMENTS AND RESPONSE DURING THE PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE PROJECT

The EIA Regulations, 2017 specify that I&APs must have an opportunity to verify that their issues have been captured, through the inclusion of a Comments and Response Report (CRR) in the Draft and Final Basic Assessment Report.

The comments and response report can be found in **Appendix F4**.

4. CONCLUSION

It is concluded that the level of advertising, notification, and the mechanism incorporated in the pre-application public participation process, to inform the surrounding land users, I&APs and identified government authorities, were adequate.

APPENDICES

Appendix F1: Background Information Document

Appendix F2: Proof of placement: Advertisements and Site Notices

Appendix F3: Proof of written notification to Land Owners

Appendix F4: Comments and Response Report

Appendix F5: Proof of written notification to Governmental and other Authorities