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Dear Sir/ Madam

**APPLICATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION/ACTIVITY 1(P) AND 2 THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF A RESIDENTIAL AREA AND ESTABLISHMENT OF ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE AT REMAINDER AND PORTION 3 OF THE FARM BESTWOOD 459 IN KATHU, GAMAGARA MUNICIPALITY, NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE.**

By virtue of the powers conferred to me by the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) and the Environmental Impact Regulations, 2006, the Department hereby grants authorisation to/for **APPLICATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION/ACTIVITY 1(P) AND 2 THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF A RESIDENTIAL AREA AND ESTABLISHMENT OF ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE AT REMAINDER AND PORTION 3 OF THE FARM BESTWOOD 459 IN KATHU, GAMAGARA MUNICIPALITY, NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE**. Schedule of Government Notice No. R. 387: Item *Activity 1(p) and 2* a detailed description of the activity is given in the *Environmental Impact Report* dated *April 2008*, subject to the conditions listed in the environmental authorisation. The environmental authorisation and reasons for the decision are attached herewith.

In terms of regulation 10(2) of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2006, you are instructed to notify all registered interested and affected parties, in writing and within seven (7) calendar days of receiving of this letter, of the Department's decision in respect of your application as well as the provisions regarding the making of appeals that are provided for in the regulations.

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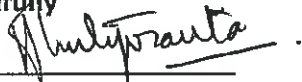
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Your attention is drawn to Chapter 7 of the Regulations which regulates appeal procedures. Should you / any person affected by this decision wish to appeal any aspect of the decision, you or a person affected by this decision must, *inter alia*, lodge a notice of intention to appeal, as prescribed in regulation 62 of Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2006, with the Member of the Executive Council, Ministry of Tourism, Environment and Conservation **within 10** days of receiving this letter, by means of one of the following methods:

By facsimile: (053) 832 1026;  
By post: Private Bag x 6102, Kimberley, 8300 or  
By hand: T-Floor, Metlife Towers, Kimberley, 8300.

Should you decide to appeal, you must serve a copy of your notice of Intention to appeal on all registered Interested and affected parties as well as a notice indicating where, and for what period, the appeal submission will be available for inspection.

Yours faithfully



**Mr J.J. Mutyorauta**  
**DIRECTOR: ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT**

**DATE OF DECISIONS:** 13<sup>th</sup> November 2008

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**ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION**  
in terms of National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) and the  
Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2008

**Authorisation Register Number:** 89/2008

**Reference Number:** NC/KGA/BEST1/12/2008

**Last Amended:** N/A

**Holder of Authorisation:** KATHU PROPERTY DEVELOPERS Pty Ltd

**Location of activity:** Remainder and Portion 3 of the farm Bestwood 459,  
situated in Ga-Magara Local Municipality, of the Kgalagadi  
District Municipality, Northern Cape Province

## DEFINITIONS

- "Activity" means an activity identified in Government Notice No. R. 386 and No. R. 387 of 2006 as a listed activity.
- "Applicant" means a person who has submitted an application
- "Application" means an application for an environmental authorization in terms of chapter 3 of these regulations
- "Basic assessment" means a process contemplated in regulation 22
- "Basic assessment report" means a report contemplated in regulation 23
- "EAP" means an environmental assessment practitioner as defined in section 1 of the Act
- "Environmental management plan" means an environmental management plan in relation to identified or specified activities envisaged in chapter 5 of the Act and described in regulation 34
- "Interested and affected party" means a interested and affected party contemplated in section 24(4)(d) of the Act, and which in terms of that section includes
- ♦ Any person, group of persons or organisation interested in or affected by an activity, and
  - ♦ Any organ of state that may have jurisdiction over any aspect of the activity
- "Public participation process" means a process in which potential interested and affected parties are given an opportunity to comment on, or raise issues relevant to, specific matters
- "The Act" means the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998)

## Decision

The Department is satisfied, on the basis of information available to it and subject to compliance with conditions of this environmental authorisation, that the applicant should be authorised to undertake the activity specified below.

Details regarding the basis on which the Department reached this decision are set out in Annexure 1.

## Environmental Authorisation

By virtue of the powers conferred on it by the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) and the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2006 the Department hereby authorises –

Kathu Property Developers Pty Ltd

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to undertake the following activity(s):

***Proposed development of a residential area and establishment of associated infrastructure***

***Activities 1(p) and 2 of GN R387 of 21 April 2006.***

Use Zone	Size (Ha)
Residential zone I @ 700m <sup>2</sup>	13.4595
Residential Zone I @ 640m <sup>2</sup>	30.2597
Residential Zone I @ 600m <sup>2</sup>	21.7145

Residential Zone I @ 500 m <sup>2</sup>	41.1949
Residential Zone II	21.2719
Business Zone I	6.2114
Business Zone II	0.6000
Industrial Zone I	6.6587
Institutional Zone II	3.2142
Open Space Zone I	7.2020
Infrastructure (Streets)	48.2132

At remainder and portion 3 of the farm Bestwood 459 in Kathu, which falls within the jurisdiction of Ga-Magara Local Municipality of the Kgalagadi District Municipality, hereafter referred to as "the property".

The granting of this environmental authorisation is subject to the conditions set out below.

### CONDITIONS

#### Scope of authorisation:

1. Authorisation of the activity is subject to the conditions contained in this authorisation, which conditions form part of the environmental authorisation and are binding on the holder of the authorisation.
2. The holder of the authorisation shall be responsible for ensuring compliance with the conditions by any person acting on his or her behalf, including but not limited to, an agent, sub-contractor, employee or person rendering a service to the holder of the authorisation.
3. The activity(s) which is authorised may only be carried out at the property indicated above.
4. Any changes to, or deviations from, the project description set out in this authorisation must be approved, in writing, by the Department before such changes or deviations may be effected. In assessing whether to grant such approval or not, the Department may request such information as it deems necessary to evaluate the significance and impacts of such changes or deviations and it may be necessary for the holder of the authorisation to apply for further authorisation in terms of the regulations.
5. This authorisation does not negate the holder of the authorisation's responsibility to comply with any other statutory requirements that may be applicable to the undertaking of the activity.

#### General conditions:

6. A copy of this authorisation must be kept at the property where the activity will be undertaken. The authorisation must be produced to any authorised official of the Department who requests to see it and must be made available for inspection by any employee or agent of the holder of the authorisation who works or undertakes work at the property.
7. Where any of the applicant's contact details change, including the name of the responsible person, the physical or postal address and/ or telephonic details, the applicant must notify the Department as soon as the new details become known to the applicant.
8. In all other cases, the holder of the authorisation must notify the Department, in writing, within seven (7) days if a condition of this authorisation is not adhered to. Any notification in terms of this condition must be accompanied by reasons for the non-compliance.
9. Non-compliance with a condition of this authorisation may result in criminal prosecution or other actions provided for in the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 and the regulations.

10. This authorization is subject to the approval by the relevant local authorities i.e. in terms of any relevant legislation administered by those local authorities.
11. The activity may not commence without the necessary permits/licenses/approvals and/or service agreements, where it is relevant, from or with the relevant regulatory authorities whether national, provincial or local (these include but are not limited to National Department of Environmental Affairs & Tourism, National Department of Agriculture, Department of Housing & Local Government, Department of Water Affairs & Forestry, Department of Minerals and Energy, Department of Transport, Roads & Public Works, Department Arts, Sports & Culture, South African Heritage Resources Agency, South African Civil Aviation Authority).
12. The activity, including site preparation, may not commence before the thirty (30) day appeal period expires or until such time as the Department has considered any appeals that have been lodged.
  - a. One week's written notice must be given to the Department before commencement with the activity.
  - b. Such notice shall make clear reference to the site location details and the reference number given above.
  - c. The said notice must also include proof of compliance with the following conditions described herein:
    - i. Conditions: 23
13. The applicable conditions of this authorization must form part of all contractors' and sub-contractors' conditions of contract. A performance-based requirement with regard to environmental impact management must be included in all contracts related to any aspect of this authorization.
14. The applicant must carry out regular environmental audits to establish compliance with the conditions of this authorization and contracts.
15. Records relating to the compliance/non-compliance with the conditions of the authorization and contracts must be kept in good order. Such records must be made available to the Department within 7 (seven) days of receipt of a written request by the Department for such records.
16. Any complaints regarding the said development must be brought to the attention of the Department within 24 hours after receiving the complaint. A complaints register must be kept up to date for inspection by the Department.
17. Officials in the employ of the Department shall be given access to the property as described above (see detailed description of the activity) for the purposes of assessing and/or monitoring compliance with the conditions contained in this Record of Decision. Where the activity is located on a third party's property the applicant shall be responsible to arrange access for departmental officials.
18. This Department may add to, change and/or amend any of the conditions in this authorization if, in the opinion of the Department, the addition, change or amendment is environmentally justified. In event that such impacts exceed its significance as predicted in the independent consultant's environmental scoping report and supporting documentation, the authorization may be withdrawn after proper procedures were followed.
19. In the event of any dispute concerning the significance of a particular impact, the opinion of this department in respect of its significance will prevail.
20. This Department and any national department, provincial department, local authorities or committees appointed in terms of the conditions of this application or any other public authority or organization shall not be held responsible for any damage or losses suffered by the applicant or his successor in title in any instance where construction or operation subsequent to construction be temporarily or permanently stopped for reasons of non-compliance by the applicant with the conditions of approval as set out in this document or any other subsequent document emanating from these conditions of approval.
21. The applicant shall be responsible for all costs necessary to comply with the above conditions unless otherwise specified.
22. The applicant must apply the principle of best practicable environmental option for all technologies used/implemented during construction.

**Appeal of authorisation:**

23. The holder of the authorisation must notify every registered interested and affected party, in writing and within 7 (SEVEN) calendar days, of receiving notice of the Department's decision to authorise the activity.
24. The notification referred to in 23 must –
  - specify the date on which the authorisation was issued;
  - inform the interested and affected party of the appeal procedure provided for in Chapter 8 of the regulations; and
  - advise the interested and affected party that a copy of the authorisation and reasons for the decision will be furnished on request.
25. If the applicant should appeal against this record of decision, he/she must inform all interested and affected persons that such an appeal is being lodged with the MEC and if requested, the applicant/appellant must provide those persons with reasonable access to a full copy of the appeal within a reasonable time before expiry of the thirty day appeal period.

**Management of activity:**

26. All recommendations and mitigation measures outlined in the Scoping Report dated April 2008 and Environmental Impact Report dated September 2008 are legally binding and must be implemented and adhered to at all time.
27. All mitigation measures and recommendations as laid down in the Environmental Management Plan are binding and must be implemented and strictly adhered to during commencement, operation and closure of the activity.
28. The disturbance to the environment must be restricted to the absolute minimum.
29. There must be a Storm Water Management Plan for the proposed development.
30. Procedures must be in place for the regular inspection and maintenance of the development area to ensure that environmental degradation is prevented and possible impacts arising from the operation are mitigated.
31. There must be a rehabilitation plan of all areas disturbed during the construction phase of the project excluding areas where permanent structures are erected.
32. Waste avoidance, minimisation and disposal of waste at an appropriate facility must be observed and exercised at all times.
33. There must be provision for plant search and rescue of protected and endangered species which should be done before commencement of any construction related activities.

**Monitoring:**

34. A copy of this Authorization and an EMP must always be available on site so as to monitor compliance with the conditions outlined in both the documents (ROD and EMP). Both copies of an EMP and ROD must be used as on-site reference documents during all phases of this development.
35. The applicant must appoint an Environmental Control Officer (ECO) that will have the responsibility of implementing the approved EMP:
  - The ECO shall be appointed one month before the start of construction and the authorities must be notified of such an appointment for communication purposes.
  - The ECO shall maintain the following on site
    - A daily site diary
    - A schedule of current site activities including the monitoring of such activities

- o A complaints register of all public complaints and the remedies applied to such complaints
  - The ECO must keep a report on environmental compliance. This report shall include a description of all activities on site, problems identified, transgressions noted and a task schedule of tasks undertaken by the ECO. This report must be kept on site and made available for inspection to any relevant and competent authority in respect of this development.
  - The ECO shall remain employed until all rehabilitation measures, as required for implementation due to construction damage, are completed.
36. The monitoring of the constructors' compliance with conditions of this Environmental Authorization is essential and must be done on a weekly basis, by an Environmental Control Officer (ECO) appointed by the holder of this authorisation. Any deviations from the conditions of this Environmental Authorization must be rectified immediately.
37. A Groundwater monitoring plan must be submitted to the Department of Water Affairs and Forestry (DWAF) assessment before commencement of the activity and a copy thereof be submitted to this Department. Frequent monitoring and reporting must be exercised.

**Recording and Reporting to the Department:**

38. Records relating to compliance or non-compliance with any condition of this authorization must be kept in good order. Such records must be made available to any Official from Compliance and Monitoring section of the Directorate: Environmental Management within seven (7) days of written request by the said Officer.
39. Should the developer be requested to submit an audit report, it will be his/her (developer) responsibility to appoint an Independent auditor at his or her own expenses and submit an audit report within the time specified by this Department.

**Commissioning of the activity:**

40. The proposed layout as indicated on Appendix 2A of Scoping Report dated April 2008 must be implemented with the section north of the Frikkie Meyer Road taken away and added on the eastern boundary of the proposed Bestwood development. The development should therefore not extend northwards beyond the main entrance road to Kathu.
41. The requirements of the South African National Roads Agency Limited with regards to residential developments must be implemented:
- Erven abutting the eastern boundary of the N14 must have a building restriction of 16m minimum, measured from the existing N14 fence line.
  - Upgrade of the N14 for the proposed residential development must not contain traffic signals but may include:
    - o Roundabouts (traffic circles) for Access 1 and the R309/N14 intersection for the initial phase including raised centre medians and street lights at approaches to roundabouts.
    - o Grade separation with quarter links and median Island or the full development.
    - o Paved sidewalks, public transport facilities and street lightning in conjunction with the above.
42. A license for groundwater abstraction for the development must be applied for and obtained from Department of Water Affairs and Forestry prior to commencement of activity.
43. It is the Authorisation's Holder to ensure that the boreholes that will be used for water abstraction are registered with the Department of Water Affairs and Forestry.
44. Seven (7) days written notice must be given to the Department that the activity will commence. Commencement for the purposes of this condition includes site preparation. The notice must include a date on which it is anticipated that the activity will commence.



45. General waste must be collected in containers disposed of regularly at a permitted landfill site. Recyclable waste must be recovered for recycling purpose. NB: No temporary dumping of waste is allowed on site. Precautionary measures should be taken to prevent refuse from spreading from or on the site.
46. Burning of waste on site is strictly prohibited.
47. Relevant Occupational Health and Safety Standards must be observed at all times.
48. Electrical installation must only be done by qualified personnel.
49. The safety of employees must be ensured by:
  - Having regular safety inspections, and providing workers with protective clothing.
  - Appointing a supervisor on-site to oversee the proper use and operation of equipment.
  - Involving a qualified engineer in the design and erection of the structure.
50. Proper measures must be taken to suppress dust.
51. Access roads that will be constructed must be well maintained to minimize dust pollution.
52. All forms of pollution must be prevented, or where it cannot, should be minimized or remedied.
53. Confirmation from Eskom for bulk electricity supply for the proposed development must be obtained prior to any electrical installation can commence.
54. Prior to the use of the 400kv/132kv Eskom substation closest to the development area for electricity supply, written approval must be obtained from Eskom.
55. Any legislation dealing with housing developments must be adhered to at all times during construction and operation of activity.
56. Collection of firewood from protected trees during construction and operational phases is a criminal offence, and must not be allowed.
57. Clearing of vegetation must be strictly limited to the construction/development area to avoid unnecessary vegetation removal.
58. Should protected trees and other vegetation be destroyed, relocated and/or disturbed, permits must be obtained from Department of Water Affairs and Forestry (DWAF) and Department of Tourism, Environment and Conservation (Directorate: Conservation).
59. Any complaint from the public during the construction and operation of this project must be attended to by the holder of this authorization as soon as possible to the satisfaction of parties concerned.
60. Spillage of petroleum products (fuel and lubricants) must be avoided. Temporary storage of petrochemical products and servicing of machinery and vehicles on site will be allowed except at a site specifically designed for that purpose. In terms of accidental spillage, contaminated soil must be removed for bioremediation or disposed of at a recognized facility for the substance concerned.
61. Specific area must be demarcated for fuelling and workshop services. And such area must be bunded to reduce the possibility of soil and water contamination.
62. Chemical toilets must be available for workers on site during construction phase only, i.e. sewage waste must be disposed of at the Municipal sewage plant on a regular basis. No "long drop" toilets will be allowed. No open space or surrounding bush shall be used as toilet facility under any circumstances.
63. It is the holder of this authorization's responsibility to ensure that an ongoing management and monitoring of the impacts of the activity on the Environment throughout the life cycle of the activity is put into practice.
64. All the areas (e.g. stockpiling of material, machines, workshop, etc) in the construction site must be clearly defined.

65. The contractor must ensure that drip trays are always available to collect any fluid that may result from accidental spillage, overflow and/or servicing. All equipments that leak must be repaired immediately and/or removed from site when necessary.
66. It is the contractor's responsibility that all staff/employees are familiar with all the emergency procedures. The contractor must also ensure that emergency numbers are visible and available and always updated.
67. The contractors must use Ready-Mix concrete. Alternatively, concrete can be mixed on mixing trays only and not on exposed soil. Concrete must be mixed only in areas, which have been specially demarcated for this purpose.
68. The contractor must take all the necessary precautionary measures to ensure that no fires are caused as a result of construction activities.
69. Old cement bags, mixing bags, platforms etc should be discarded in a wind and spill proof container. No cement bags closed or open should be left lying around the site. All visible remains of concrete should be physically removed as soon as possible, and disposed of at a suitable site.
70. All vehicles, equipments and other assets belonging to the contractor must be removed from the property upon completion of the construction works.
71. Topsoil removed during excavations must be kept separate from other material. Topsoil must be placed above other material during backfilling.
72. Should any archaeological artifacts or graves be found on site, construction must be suspended and must only continue after consultation with the South African Heritage Resources Agency and the McGregor Museum.
73. The activity must comply with Municipal by-laws.

**Operation of the activity:**

74. It is the responsibility of the Holder of this Authorisation to ensure that all domestic waste is collected on a regular basis and disposed off at a registered/permittted landfill site.
75. The access roads that will be constructed must be kept clean and well maintained at all times.
76. Protected trees must not be disturbed, and an area around them must be kept intact.

**Site Closure and Decommissioning:**

77. Should the activity ever cease or become redundant the applicant shall undertake the required actions as prescribed by legislation at the time and comply with all relevant legal requirements administered by any relevant and competent authority at the time.
78. Should the project be abandoned or decommissioned, a Closure Management Plan must be compiled and the holder of the Environmental Authorization must rehabilitate the site to the satisfaction of this Department.
79. No alien or Invader plant species should be introduced on site during rehabilitation

**Non-Compliance:**

80. In the event of non-compliance by employees and contractors during the construction, operation and decommissioning phases of the project, the applicant will be held liable.
81. The applicant shall be responsible for all the costs necessary to comply with the above conditions unless otherwise stated.

**DURATION AND PERIOD OF VALIDITY**

This activity(s) must commence within a period of five (5) years from the date of issue. If commencement of the activity does not occur within that period, the authorisation lapses and a new application for environmental authorisation must be made in order for the activity to be undertaken.

**APPEAL**

In terms of Chapter 7 of Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2006, if the applicant or a person affected by this Decision wishes to appeal this decision, a notice of intention to appeal must be lodged within ten (10) days of being notified of the decision, and an appeal must be lodged within thirty (30) days of lodging of the notice to appeal to:

The Member of the Executive Council  
Ministry of Tourism, Environment & Conservation  
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Appeals must comply with the provisions of Chapter 7 of Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2006 Government Notice No. R. 385 of 21 April 2006.

  
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**MR. JJ MUTYORAUTA**  
**DIRECTOR: ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT**

**DATE OF ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION:** \_\_\_\_\_

*18th November 2008*

### 1. Background

The applicant, Kathu Property Developers (Pty) Ltd, applied for authorisation to carry on the following activity –

Proposed development of a residential area and establishment of associated infrastructure

(Activities 1(p) and 2 of GN. No. R387 of 21 April 2006)

at Farm Bestwood 459, In Kathu which falls within the jurisdiction of Ga-Magara Local Municipality, of the Kgalagadi District Municipality

The applicant appointed Rock Environmental Consulting (Pty) Ltd to undertake an Environmental Impact Assessment process.

Environmental Impact Assessment Process was completed with Public Participation Process as per R 56 of the Regulations.

### 2. Information considered in making the decision

In reaching its decision, the Department took, *inter alia*, the following into consideration -

The information contained in the Scoping Report dated April 2008 and the Environmental Impact Report dated September 2008.

- a) The comments received from interested and affected parties as included in the Environmental Impact Report.
- b) Relevant information contained in the Departmental information base including -
  - Environmental Integrated Management Information Series (Guidelines)
  - Government Notice No. 385
  - Government Notice No. 386
  - Government Notice No. 387
  - EIA Regulations in terms of Environment Conservation Act No. 73 of 1989.
- c) The objectives and requirements of relevant legislation, policies and guidelines, including section 2 of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) and EIA Regulations in terms of Chapter 5 of National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998).
- d) The findings of the site visit undertaken by M Mgorosi on 13 June 2008.

### 3. Key factors considered in making the decision

All information presented to the Department was taken into account in the Department's consideration of the application. A summary of the issues which, in the Department's view, were of the most significance is set out below.

- a) The application process was satisfactory.
- b) The legal and procedural requirements have been complied with and the information contained in the documents is to the satisfaction of this Department.
- c) Section 24 of the Constitution of South Africa Act No. 108 of 1996 and Section 2 of the National Environmental Management Act No. 107 of 1998 were considered.
- d) Comments raised by interested and affected parties were taken into account.

e) The proposed project can have a positive socio-impact such as creation of temporary jobs for the local community.

f) The findings of the Environmental Impact Report conclude that given the nature of the project and selected site, the potential impacts associated with the proposed project are of a nature and extent that can be prevented, minimized or remedied by the introduction of appropriate mitigation measures.

g) The findings of the site visit conducted by M Mogorosi on 13 June 2008.

#### **4. Findings**

After consideration of the information and factors listed above, the Department made the following findings -

a) The legal and procedural requirements have been complied with and the information contained in the documents is to the satisfaction of this Department.

b) The environmental impacts associated with the proposed project can be reduced to acceptable levels if properly managed by both the applicant and contractor(s).

In view of the above, the Department is satisfied that, subject to compliance with the conditions contained in the environmental authorisation, the proposed activity will not conflict with the general objectives of Integrated environmental management laid down in Chapter 5 of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 and that any potentially detrimental environmental impacts resulting from the proposed activity can be mitigated to acceptable levels. The application is accordingly granted.