

Notice of Environmental Authorisation Process (Environmental Impact Assessment)

PROPOSED 2AFRICA (WEST) MARINE TELECOMMUNICATIONS CABLE SYSTEM LANDING AT YZERFONTEIN, WESTERN CAPE, SOUTH AFRICA

Notice is hereby given in terms of the amended Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations of 2014 (as amended 2017) published under the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) (NEMA), as amended, of the proposed landing of a submarine telecommunications cable at Yzerfontein. Alcatel Submarine Networks (ASN) has been contracted to supply and install the proposed 2AFRICA (West) Cable System, which links Africa with Europe and the United Kingdom. The cable landing at Yzerfontein is to be operated by MTN (Pty) Ltd (hereafter referred to as "MTN") as the South African landing partner and Project Applicant.

Environmental Assessment Practitioner ACER (Africa) Environmental Consultants

Location of the Project

The proposed 2AFRICA (West) Cable System will make landfall at a northern section of Yzerfontein Main Beach and the cable will terminate at the existing West Africa Cable System (WACS) Cable Landing Station located outside of Yzerfontein and operated by Telkom SOC Limited.

Environmental Authorisation

In terms of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended) the proposed development of the 2AFRICA (West) Cable System landing at Yzerfontein potentially triggers several listed activities and requires environmental authorisation via the undertaking of an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA).

Listed Activities Listing

Listing Notice 1: No. R. 327 of April 2017	Activities 15,17, 18 and 19
Listing Notice 2: No. R. 325 of April 2017	Activities 14 and 26

The national Department of Environment, Forestry and Fisheries (DEFF) is the competent authority for the issuing of environmental authorisation for this proposed development. There are other licenses/permits that may be required, which will be acquired in parallel to the environmental authorisation process, e.g. a Sea Shore Lease Permit from Cape Nature and a Water Use License from the Department of Human Settlements, Water and Sanitation (DHSWS)

Invitation to Participate

Interested and Affected Parties are requested to register with ACER and to provide their comments. A Background Information Document and Notification Letter, including a Registration and Comment Sheet can be obtained from the ACER Public Participation Office. For further information, please contact:

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Please note that consistent with GNR 326, 42(a), 44 (1) and 19(1)(a) (7 April 2017) all comments received will be captured in a Comments and Responses Report which will be made available to the competent authority and which will be placed in the public domain as part of the public review process of the EIA reports.

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