

APPLICATION FORM FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION

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Application for authorisation in terms of the National E and the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Requ				98, as ar	mended	
and the Environmental impact Assessment (EIA) Negr	uiations, 2014, as an	ienueu (ine Regulatio)113)			
PROJECT TITLE						
Proposed 2AFRICA (West) Submarine fibre optics ca	able system to be lar	nded at Yzerfontein, S	South Afr	ica.		
Indicate if the DRAFT report accompanies the application	tion	Yes ✓ No □				
PRE-APPLICATION CONSULTATION						
Was a pre-application meeting held		Yes		No	✓	
Date of the pre-application meeting		A request for a presubmitted to the 23/07/2020. DEFF application meeting	Depar indic	tment o ated no	on the	
Reference number of pre-application meeting held		N/A				
Was minutes compiled and submitted to the Departm	Yes		No N/			

A copy of the pre-application meeting minutes must be appended to this application as APPENDIX 1.

Kindly note the following:

- 1. This form must always be used for applications that must be subjected to Basic Assessment or Scoping & Environmental Impact Reporting where this Department is the Competent Authority.
- 2. This application form is current as of **June 2020**. It is the responsibility of the Applicant / Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) to ascertain whether subsequent versions of the form have been published or produced by the Competent Authority. The latest available Departmental templates are available at https://www.environment.gov.za/documents/forms.
- 3. The onus is on the Applicant/EAP to determine all applicable listed activities that would require Environmental Authorisation prior to the commencement of the construction activities. Should any revision of your development comprise any other activities that constitute a listed activity/ies as defined in Listing Notice 1, 2, or 3 of the EIA Regulations, 2014 as amended, it must also form part of the Application for Environmental Authorisation.
- 4. An application fee is applicable (refer to **Section 2**). Proof of payment must accompany this application. The application will not be processed without proof of payment unless one of the exclusions provided for in the Fee Regulations is applicable AND such information in the exclusion section of this application form has been confirmed by this Department.
- 5. A cover letter on your company letterhead indicating the nature of this application must be appended to this form i.e. new application for Environmental Authorisation, updated application for Environmental Authorisation.
- 6. An electronic copy of the signed application form must be submitted of both the Applicant and EAP.

- 7. This form must be marked "for Attention: Chief Director: Integrated Environmental Authorisations" and submitted to the Department at the format as prescribed in the process to upload documents form.
- 8. The required information must be typed within the spaces provided in the form. The sizes of the spaces provided are not necessarily indicative of the amount of information to be provided. Spaces are provided in tabular format and will extend automatically when each space is filled with typing. A legible font type and size must be used when completing the form. The font size should not be smaller than 10pt (e.g. Arial 10).
- 9. Where applicable black out the boxes that are not applicable in the form.
- 10. The use of the phrase "not applicable" in the form must be done with circumspection. Where it is used in respect of material information that is required by the Competent Authority for assessing the application, this may result in the rejection of the application as provided for in the Regulations.
- 11. Unless protected by law, all information contained in and attached to this application, will become public information on receipt by the Competent Authority. Upon request during any stage of the application process, the Applicant / EAP must provide any registered interested and affected party with the information contained in and attached to this application.
- 12. 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 and declaration of interest of the specialist must also be submitted.
- 13. Please note that this form must be copied to the relevant Provincial Environmental Department(s)
- 14. An application for Environmental Authorisation lapses if the applicant fails to meet any of the timeframes prescribed in terms of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended.
- 15. An application for environmental authorisation must be accompanied by a report generated by the web based environmental screening tool (in Appendix 11). This has been stipulated as a requirement for the submission of applications for environmental assessment in the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations. The Screening Tool allows for the generation of a Screening Report referred to in Regulation 16(1)(v) of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations 2014, as amended, whereby a Screening Report is required to accompany any application for Environmental Authorisation.

Departmental Details

Online Submission:

EIAapplications@environment.gov.za or https://sfiler.environment.gov.za:8443/.

Please read the process for uploading files to determine how files are to submitted to this Department.

Postal address:

Department of Environment, Forestry and Fisheries

Attention: Chief Director: Integrated Environmental Authorisations

Private Bag X447

Pretoria 0001

Physical address:

Department of Environment, Forestry and Fisheries

Attention: Chief Director: Integrated Environmental Authorisations

Environment House 473 Steve Biko Road

Arcadia

Queries must be directed to the Directorate: Coordination, Strategic Planning and Support at:

Email: EIAAdmin@environment.gov.za

COMPETENT AUTHORITY

Identified Competent Authority to consider the application: National Department of Environmental Affairs, Forestry and Fisheries (DEFF)

(Formally DEA)

Reason(s) in terms of S24C of NEMA:

The Minister must be identified as the competent authority in terms of Section 24C, as the project

- ☐ Has a development footprint that falls within the boundaries of more than one province or traverses' international boundaries.
- ☐ The proposed cable extends from South Africa out into international waters and is a project of national importance.

2. FEES

Applicants are required to tick the appropriate box below to indicate that either proof of payment is attached or that, in the applicant's view, an exclusion applies. Proof of payment or a motivation for exclusions must be attached as **APPENDIX** 2 of this application form.

Proof of payment	✓
Exclusion applies	

An applicant is excluded from paying fees if:

- The activity is a community based project funded by a government grant; or
- The applicant is an organ of state.

TYPE OF EXCLUSION	Tick where applicable.
	Proper motivation must be
	attached to the application
The activity is a community based project funded by a government	
Grant	
The applicant is an organ of state	

FEE AMOUNT	Fee
Application for an environmental authorisation for which basic assessment is required in terms of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations	
Application for an environmental authorisation, for which S&EIR is required in terms of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations	R10 000 x

Department of Environment, Forestry and Fisheries banking details for the payment of application fees:

Payment Enquiries:

Email: eiafee@environment.gov.za

Banking details: ABSA Bank

Branch code: 632005

Account number: 1044 2400 72

Current account

Reference number: Reference number to be provided in the specific format indicating centre point coordinates of site in decimal degrees to 5 or 6 decimal places: latitude/longitude

e.g. -33.918861/18.423300

The proof of payment attached with this application has the reference number S -33.339967 E 18.161417

Status: Tax exempted

3. GENERAL INFORMATION

Name of the Applicant:	Mobile Telephone Network (Pty) LTD
RSA Identity/ Passport	N/A
Number:	
Name of contact person for	Mr Peet Janse van Rensburg
applicant (if other):	
RSA Identity/ Passport	64 05 03 5076 08 7
Number:	
Responsible position, e.g.	Cable Landing Station Manager
Director, CEO, etc.:	NATAL CA
Company/ Trading name (if	MTN SA
any):	1993/001436/07
Company Registration Number:	1993/001430/07
BBBEE status:	Level 1
Physical address:	216 - 14th Avenue, Fairlands, Gauteng, 2195, Republic of South Africa
Postal address:	N/A
Postal code:	N/A Cell: +27 83 222 1880
Telephone:	N/A Fax: N/A
E-mail:	Peet.JansevanRensburg@mtn.com
Name of the landowner:	National Department of Public Works (Cape Town Regional Office)
Name of contact person for	Mr. Basson Geldenhuys
landowner (if other):	(Chief Town Planner)
Postal address:	Customs House, Lower Heerengracht Street, Cape Town
Postal code:	8001 Cell: +27 71 648 8656
Telephone:	+27 21 402 2174 Fax: N/A
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Name of contact person for	Mr. Basson Geldenhuys
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E-mail:	Bassoon.geldenhuys@dpw.gov.za

In instances where there is more than one landowner, please attach a list of those landowners with their contact details as APPENDIX 3.

Unless the application is in respect of linear activities or Strategic Infrastructure Projects as contemplated in the Infrastructure Development Act (Act No. 23 of 2014), written consent of landowner/s must be submitted in **APPENDIX 3**.

The originally signed declaration undertaking by the applicant must be submitted as APPENDIX 9.

Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning **Provincial Environmental** Authority: Attention: Directorate: Development Management (Region 1) Name of contact person: Adri La Mever Postal address: Private Bag X 9086, Cape Town Postal code: 8000 Cell: Not Available 021 483 2887 Telephone: 021 483 4185 Fax: E-mail: Adri.LaMeyer@westerncape.gov.za Local Municipality: **Swartland Municipality** Name of contact person in Mr Alwyn Zaayman (Environmental Section) Head of Planning Postal address: 1 Church Street, Private Nag X52, Malmesbury 7299 Postal code: Cell: Not Available Telephone: 022 487 9400 Fax: 022 487 9440 E-mail: AlwynZaayman@swartland.org.za

In instances where there is more than one Local/Provincial Authority involved, please attach a list of those Local/Provincial Authorities with their contact details as **APPENDIX 4**.

4. ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT PRACTITIONER (EAP) INFORMATION

Company of Environmental	ACER (Africa) Environmental Consultants							
Assessment Practitioner:								
B-BBEE	Contribution level (indicate 1	4	Percenta		100%			
	to 8 or non-compliant)		Procurer	ment				
			recogniti	on				
EAP name:	Mr. Giles Churchill							
EAP Qualifications:	MSc.							
Professional	EAPASA registration no. (2019/1687)							
affiliation/registration:	SACNASP registration no. (116348)							
Physical address:	26 Hely Hutchinson Rd, Suites 5/6 Golden Penny Centre, Mtunzini							
Postal address:	PO Box 503, Mtunzini, 3867, South Africa							
Postal code:	3867 Cell: 082 907 9738							
Telephone:	035 340 2715 Fax: 035 340 2235							
E-mail:	giles.churchill@acerafrica.co.	<u>za</u>						

The appointed EAP must meet the requirements of Regulation 13 of the EIA Regulations, 2014 as amended. The declaration of independence of the EAP and undertaking under oath or affirmation that all the information submitted or to be submitted for the purposes of the application is true and correct must be submitted as **APPENDIX 10**.

5. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Please provide a detailed description of the project.

Alcatel Submarine Networks (ASN) has been contracted to supply and install the proposed 2AFRICA (West) Cable System (2AFRICA) with one South African landing at Yzerfontein. This is to be operated by MTN (Pty) Ltd (MTN) as the South African landing partner (License/Permit Applicant).

The proposed submarine cable system known as 2AFRICA, essentially circumnavigates Africa, connecting Africa to Europe and the United Kingdom. The 2AFRICA (West) component connects South Africa to the United Kingdom and the 2AFRICA (East) component connects over eight countries on the east Africa continent to Europe (collectively, 2AFRICA (West and East provide two submarine telecommunications cables around Africa connecting to Europe and the United Kingdom). The Yzerfontein landing site in South Africa will connect at least 11 countries on the west coast of Africa with Europe (Figure 1). The proposed landing at Yzerfontein will probably utilize the existing infrastructure installed for the landing of the West Africa Cable System (WACS) in 2011 and which is operated by Telkom SA SOC Limited (Telkom).

The main 2AFRICA (West) cable trunk will be located approximately 200 to 500 km from the shoreline in international waters. From the main cable, branches will run through EEZ and territorial waters to the landing sites in each country. The proposed Yzerfontein landing site in South Africa (Figure 1) is the southern-most point of the cable (terminal station).

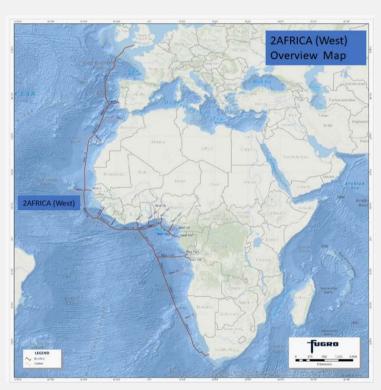


Figure 1: Overview of the 2AFRICA (West) Cable System

The 2AFRICA (West) Cable System will enter South African territorial waters approximately 22 km (12 Nm) from the seashore. The exact position of the final section of the cable will be identified based on a combination of engineering, environmental and economic factors and will require offshore and nearshore surveying of the seabed; however, the general alignment for this landing enables the cable to make landfall at the WACS landing point and will take into consideration existing cable systems within the area. The proposed 2AFRICA (West) branch to Yzerfontein will include the installation and operation of the following project components:

- □ Laying of the cable in the offshore environment, including cable burial up to a water depth of 1,500 m.
- ☐ The laying of the cable within the shallow water environment is likely to involve a direct shore end operation where the shore end of the subsea cable is installed directly from the main subsea cable installation vessel and floated to the beach landing point using buoys and assisted by small boats and divers. The cable will be

- buried in sediment wherever possible and the route will be adjusted to avoid obvious visible rock. The aim is to bury the cable to a depth of 1 m where possible.
- Excavations within the intertidal zone are to bury the cable before it is anchored into the existing WACS Cable System anchor block and Beach Manhole (BMH) (already constructed and located directly inland of the beach at the preferred landing point). The BMH is a concrete utility vault where the marine portion of the subsea cable is connected to the terrestrial portion.
- On the beach, the cable will be buried to a depth of 2 meters, substrate permitting.

Since ASN intends to make use of cable landing infrastructure, which was installed for the WACS operated by Telkom, once the 2AFRICA cable has been installed to the WACS BMH, no further disturbance to the terrestrial environment will occur. The 2AFRICA (West) cable at Yzerfontein will be accommodated within existing WACS cable sleeves from the beach to the BMH and then on to the WACS Cable Landing Station.

Importantly, with respect to the preferred landing point at Yzerfontein, the site does have existing submarine cable landing infrastructure installed for WACS. As MTN is the 2AFRICA (West) Landing Partner at Yzerfontein, agreements are needed for the sharing of the WACS cable landing infrastructure operated by Telkom including:

- Buried sleeves from the beach anchor point to the BMH.
- □ The BMH.
- ☐ The onshore cable section between the BMH and the CLS.
- □ The CLS site outside Yzerfontein.

Does the project form part of a Renewable Energy Development Zone (REDZ) as per GN 114?	NO ✓
Does the project form part of an Electricity Grid Infrastructure (EGI) as per GN 113?	NO ✓
Does the project form part of any of the Strategic Infrastructure Projects (SIPs) as described in the National Development Plan, 2011?	NO✓
Did you attached the confirmation of SIP obtained from the relevant sector representative (SIP Coordinators) and not a motivation from an EAP	NO✓

If YES, is selected:

- For an application in terms of GN 113 and/or 114, then a map confirming this must be attached;
- For a SIP project, kindly indicate which SIPs are applicable in APPENDIX 5 and attach the confirmation of SIP applications from the relevant sector representative in APPENDIX 5. Should no proof be provided, the application will be considered as a normal EIA Application.

Please indicate which sector the project falls under by ticking the relevant block in the table below:

<u>Table 1: National Sector Classification in terms of Regulation 9 of the EIA Regulations, 2014 as amended</u>







Table 1

Does the listed activity/ies applied for form part of a larger project which is not a listed activity itself e.g. a road that is a listed activity that is needed to access a drilling site where the drilling does not constitute a listed activity.



If indicated yes above, please provide a brief description on how the activity/ies relate to the larger project that forms part there of:

6. SITE DESCRIPTION

Provide a detailed description of the site involved in the application.

Province/s	Western Cape
District Municipality/ies	West Coast District Municipality
Local Municipality/ies	Swartland Local Municipality
Ward number/s	Ward 5
Nearest town/s	Cape Town
Farm name/s and number/s	Yzerfontein (1, 208 & 2017).
	- These refer to the properties between the BMH and the offshore cable
	alignment
	- Obtained from the National DEA Screening Tool Report.
Portion number/s	N/A

Surveyor General 21 digit code:

(If there are more than 4, please attach a list with the rest of the codes as **APPENDIX 6**. Where the 21 digit SGID and farm name are not available, the coordinates of the boundary of the property or properties must be provided in **APPENDIX 6**.

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Locality map:	 A locality map must be attached to the application form, as APPENDIX 7. The scale of the locality map must be 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 include the following: an accurate indication of the project site position as well as the positions of the alternative sites, if any; road names or numbers of all the major roads as well as the roads that provide access to the site(s) a north arrow; a legend; the prevailing wind direction; site sensitivities, including but not limited to vegetation, wetlands, watercourses, heritage sites,
	 critical biodiversity area/s, World Heritage Site, etc. and it must be overlaid by the study area; and GPS co-ordinates (Indicate the position of the proposed activity with the latitude and longitude at the
	centre point for each alternative site. The co-ordinates should be in degrees and decimal minutes.
	The minutes should be to at least three decimal places. The projection that must be used in all cases is the WGS-84 spheroid in a national or local projection)
	A project schedule must be submitted as APPENDIX 8 , and must include milestones for:
	• public participation (dates for advertisements, workshops and other meetings, obtaining comment
Project Plan	from organs of state including state departments);
(e.g. Gantt	• the commencement of parallel application processes required in terms of other statutes and where
chart)	relevant, the alignment of these application processes with the EIA process;
	 the submission of the key documents (e.g. Basic Assessment Report, Scoping Reports, EIA Reports and Environmental Management Programmes).

Note:

All the above dates must take into account the statutory timeframes for authority responses that are stipulated in the 2014 NEMA EIA Regulations. Possible appeals may impact on project timeframes/milestones. Regulation 45 states that "An application in terms of these Regulations lapses, and a competent authority will deem the application as having lapsed, if the applicant fails to meet any of the time-frames prescribed in terms of these Regulations, unless extension has been granted in terms of regulation 3(7)." It is recommended that the Department be approached for guidance on the process to be followed, prior to submitting an application.

7. ACTIVITIES APPLIED FOR

For an application for authorisation that involves more than one listed activity that, together, make up one development proposal, all the listed activities pertaining to this application must be provided below.

Activity No(s):	Activity(ies) as set out in Listing Notice 1 of the EIA Regulations, 2014 as amended.	Portion of the proposed project to which the applicable listed activity relates.
Activity 15	The development of structures in the coastal public property where the development footprint is bigger than 50 square metres, excluding - i. []; ii. []; iii. []; or [].	The project will entail the landing of a marine telecommunications cable at Yzerfontein Beach. This will require the digging of a trench along the beach (coastal public property) into the intertidal zone and the installation of the telecommunications cable, system earth and associated activities.
Activity 17	Development- a. in the sea; b. []; c. within the littoral active zone; d. in front of a development setback; or e. if no development setback exists, within a distance of 100 metres inland of the highwater mark of the sea or an estuary, whichever is the greater;	The project will entail the landing of a marine telecommunications cable at Yzerfontein Beach. This will require the digging of a trench along the beach into the intertidal zone and the installation of the telecommunications cable which will be buried to provide additional protection. In shallow waters (less than 1,500 m in depth) the cable will be buried under the seabed to provide extra protection.
	in respect of- i. []; ii. []; iii. []; iv. []; or v. infrastructure with a development footprint of 50 square metres or more -	
	but excluding- (aa) []; (bb) []; (cc) []; or (dd) [].	
Activity 18	The planting of vegetation or placing of any material on dunes or exposed sand surfaces of more than 10 square metres, within the littoral active zone, for the purpose of preventing the free movement of sand, erosion or accretion, excluding where – i. the planting of vegetation or placement of material relates to restoration and	The project will entail the rehabilitation of the shoreline on Yzerfontein beach where construction activities associated with the laying of the underground telecommunications cable will disturb the shoreline. Although unlikely, given the 2AFRICA (West) cable will feed into the existing West Africa Cable System (WACS) infrastructure on the beach, this listed activity has been included

	maintenance of indigenous coastal vegetation undertaken in accordance with a maintenance management plan; or [].	in the event that rehabilitation of the shoreline is required.
Activity 19A	The infilling or depositing of any material of more than 5 cubic metres into, or the dredging, excavation, removal or moving of soil, sand, shells, shell grit, pebbles or rock of more than 5 cubic metres from – i. the seashore; ii. the littoral active zone, an estuary or a distance of 100 metres inland of the highwater mark of the sea or an estuary, whichever distance is the greater; or iii. the sea; — but excluding where such infilling, depositing, dredging, excavation, removal or moving - a. []; b. []; c. []; c. [];	The project will entail the excavation and deposition of more than 5 m³ of material within a 100 m of the high-water mark of the sea when trenching for, and backfilling of, the marine telecommunications cable and system earth.
	Activity(ies) as set out in Listing Notice 2 of the EIA Regulations, 2014 as amended.	Portion of the proposed project to which the applicable listed activity relates.
Activity 14	The development and related operation of- i. []; ii. an anchored platform; or iii. any other structure or infrastructure – on, below or along the seabed; excluding - (a) []; or (b) [].	The proposed 2AFRICA (West) Cable System will be placed on the seabed in deep waters. In shallow waters (less than 1,500 m in depth) the cable will be buried under the seabed to provide extra protection, where the substrate allows.
Activity 26	Development iv. in the sea; v. []; vi. within the littoral active zone; vii. []; or viii. if no development setback exists, within a distance of 100 metres inland of the highwater mark of the sea or an estuary, whichever is the greater; in respect of — a. []; b. []; c. inter- and sub-tidal structures for entrapment of sand; d. []; e. []; f. []; g. []; or h. underwater channels;	Although unlikely to be triggered, this listed activity has been included as the trench for the marine cable may result in the entrapment of sand within the inter- and sub-tidal zones. In addition, the trench in which to bury the cable may be construed as an underwater channel.

	but excluding the development of structures within			
	existing ports or harbours that will not increase the			
	development footprint of the port or harbour.			
Activity	Activity(ies) as set out in Listing Notice 3 of the EIA	Portion of the proposed project to which the		
No(s):	Regulations, 2014 as amended.	applicable listed activity relates.		
N/A	N/A	N/A		

Please note that any authorisation that may result from this application will only cover activities specifically applied for. Only those activities listed above shall be considered for authorisation. The onus is on the applicant to ensure that all applicable listed activities are included in the application. Environmental Authorisation must be obtained prior to commencement with each applicable listed activity.

Coordinate points indicating the location of each listed activity must be provided as part of **APPENDIX 6** as well part of the reports to be submitted. Coordinates must be provided in degrees, minutes and seconds using the Hartebeesthoek94 WGS84 co-ordinate system.

8. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Provide details of the public participation process proposed for the application as required by Regulation 41(2) of the EIA Regulations, 2014 as amended.

The public participation process has been designed to comply with the requirements of the EIA Regulations (Sections 41 to 44 of Regulation 982) and NEMA. The important elements relating to the public participation process that are required by the Regulations are the following:

- □ The manner in which I&APs were notified of the application for environmental authorisation, and that a public participation process was mandatory. This includes on-site notice boards, giving written notice to landowners, letters, Background Information Documents (BID) and advertisements in the media (Section 41).
- Opening and maintaining a register, which contains the names and addresses of I&APs. These include all persons who have submitted comments, attended meetings, and are organs of State who have jurisdiction in the assessment process, and all those who have requested that they be placed on the register as registered I&APs (Section 42).
- Registered I&APs are entitled to comment, in writing, on all written submissions made to the competent authority by the applicant or the Environmental Assessment Practitioner managing the application, and to bring to the attention of the competent authority any issues, which that party believes may be of significance when the application is considered for authorisation (Section 43).
- ☐ The comments of registered I&APs must be recorded and included in the reports submitted to the competent authority (Section 44).

The objectives of public participation in an EIA are to provide sufficient and accessible information to I&APs in an objective manner to assist them to:

- During the Scoping Phase.
 - Identify issues of concern and provide suggestions for enhanced benefits and alternatives.
 - Contribute local knowledge and experience.
 - Verify that their issues have been considered.
- During the Impact Assessment.
 - Verify that their issues have been considered either by the EIA Specialist Studies, or elsewhere.
 - Comment on the findings of the Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR), including the measures that have been proposed to enhance positive impacts and reduce or avoid negative ones.

The key objective of public participation is to assist to define the scope of the technical specialist studies to be undertaken during the Impact Assessment.

Notification of the application

Stakeholders will be informed of applicants (MTN) intention to apply for environmental authorisation via a Background Information Document (BID), media advertisements and on-site notice boards. The application will also be posted on ACER's website for stakeholder review.

Identification and registration of Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs)

Key stakeholders and other I&APs, who include local, provincial and national government authorities, conservation authorities, community-based organisations, local businesses, environmental interest groups, affected landowners/users and neighbours were identified and their contact details incorporated in a project database.

Project announcement

To date the opportunity to participate in the EIA has been announced as follows:

- □ Advertisements in local and provincial newspapers:
 - Swartland Joernaal (28 October 2020).
 - Cape Times (28 October 2020)
- A Background Information Document (BID) was compiled and emailed to all key stakeholders on the 28 October 2020. All I&APs who registered following the project announcement adverts were also sent the BID for their records. Hard copies of the BID were posted to all government departments and other relevant commenting authorities.

- Notifications by telephone.
- □ Placement of an on-site notice board at the Yzerfontein main Beach
- Meetings will be held with the local Ward Councillor and relevant government authorities.
- □ Community forums will be notified of the EIA process.
- Onsite notices will be placed at the proposed landing site and flyers will be posted at local community shopping malls and places of interest notifying I&APs of the proposed development and EIA process.
- ACER will create a project domain on the company website (https://acerafrica.co.za/) where all public documents will be made available to the public.

Review of the Draft Scoping Report:

- Notification letters will be sent to all registered I&APs and notices will be placed at strategic points (local shops, library, etc.) within and around Yzerfontein notifying the public of the availability of the Draft Scoping Report for review and comment.
- □ The Draft Scoping Report will be uploaded to ACER's website where members of the public can download the report for review and comment.
- A hard copy and electronic copy of the report will be placed at the Darling Public Library and the Municipal Offices in Yzerfontein.
- ACER will engage with I&APs who do not have access to the internet telephonically where the EAP will undertake the following:
 - Disseminate information regarding the proposed project to I&APs.
 - Provide I&APs with an opportunity to interact with the relevant project team members.
 - Discuss the studies to be undertaken during the EIA.
 - Supply more information regarding the EIA process.
 - Answer questions regarding the project and the EIA process.
 - Receive input regarding the public participation process and the proposed development.
 - Provide I&APs not previously registered on the project database with an opportunity to be formally registered and, therefore, be informed of progress for the remainder of the project.

Notification of submission of the Final Scoping Report:

- Notification letters will be sent to all registered I&APs and notices will be placed at strategic points within and around Yzerfontein notifying the public of the submission of the Final Scoping Report to DEFF for approval.
- □ The Final Scoping Report will be uploaded to ACER's website where members of the public can download the report for review and comment.

Review of the Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report (DEIAR):

- Notification letters will be sent to all registered I&APs and notices will be placed at strategic points within and around Yzerfontein notifying the public of the availability of the DEIAR for review and comment.
- □ The DEIAR will be uploaded to ACER's website where members of the public can download the report for review and comment.
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 - Provide I&APs not previously registered on the project database with an opportunity to be formally registered and, therefore, be informed of progress for the remainder of the project.

Notification of submission of the Final Environmental Impact Assessment Report:

□ Notification letters will be sent to all registered I&APs and notices will be placed at strategic points within and around Yzerfontein notifying the public of the submission of the Final Environmental Impact Assessment Report to DEFF for approval.

The Final Environmental Impact Assessment Report will be uploaded to ACER's website where members of the public can download the report for review and comment.

Notification of DEFF's decision on Environmental Authorisation:

□ Notification letters will be sent to all registered I&APs and notices will be placed at strategic points within and around Yzerfontein notifying the public of DEFF's decision in terms of Environmental Authorisation (EA). Should a positive EA be received all I&APs will be notified of their right to appeal and the way to do so.

The Public Participation Plan was submitted and approved by DEFF on the 23 November 2020.

9. OTHER AUTHORISATIONS REQUIRED

Are there any other applicate	ions for Environmental Authorisation on the same property?		
If YES, please indicate the	following:		
Competent Authority			
Application Reference			
Number			
Project Name			
Please provide details of the steps taken to ascertain this information:			
Results were established following a review of property searches and through the DEA Screening Tool which was used to generate the site report.			

IF YES IS SELECTED, PLEASE ATTACH OTHER AUTHORISATIONS ISSUED.

Applications in terms of the National Environmental Management Act ("NEMA") & specific environmental management Acts ("SEMAs"):

LEGISLATION	AUTHORISATION	APPLICATION
	REQUIRED	SUBMITTED
Is Section 50(5) of the National Environmental Management:	NO	NO
Protected Areas Act applicable to your proposed development?	\checkmark	✓
(The proposed development is within a proclaimed protected area as defined the Act.)		
National Water Act (Act No. 36 of 1998)	NO	NO
	\checkmark	\checkmark
National Environmental Management: Air Quality Act (Act No. 39 of 2004)	NO	NO
	✓	✓
National Environmental Management: Biodiversity Act (Act No. 10 of 2004)	NO	NO
	✓	✓
National Favirance antal Management Interreted Coastal Management	VEC	NO
National Environmental Management: Integrated Coastal Management	YES	NO ✓
Act (Act No. 24 of 2008)		
National Environmental Management: Protected Areas Act (Act No. 57 of	NO ✓	NO ✓
2003)		
National Environmental Management: Waste Act (Act No. 59 of 2008)	NO	NO
OH DI W	✓ NO	√
Others: Please specify	NO	NO
	✓	√

Please be advised that:

If a Waste Management license is required in terms of the National Environmental Management: Waste Act, please
contact the Department for guidance on the Integrated Permitting System. An IPS application can only be lodged

with this Department in the event that this Department is the Competent Authority for both the EIA and Waste related activities:

- If Sections 7B and 7C of the National Environmental Management: Integrated Coastal Management Act is applicable to your proposed development, you are required to obtain pre-approval for a reclamation application prior to an Application for Environmental Authorisation being lodged with the Competent Authority;
- If Section 50(5) of the National Environmental Management: Protected Areas Act is applicable to your proposed development, you are required to obtain approval from the Management Authority prior to an Application for Environmental Authorisation being lodged with the Competent Authority; and
- If Section 38 of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act No. 25 of 1999) is applicable to your proposed development, you are requested to submit the Notice of Intent form to the relevant SAHRA or a Provincial Heritage Resources Authority and attach a copy to this form. If it is indicated that a Heritage Impact Assessment will be required, the Heritage Impact Assessment must be undertaken as one of the specialist studies of the EIA process to be undertaken in terms of the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended.

10. LIST OF APPENDICES

		SUBMI	TTED
APPENDIX 1	Copy of the pre-application meeting minutes	YES ✓	NO
APPENDIX 2	Proof of Payment / Motivation for exclusion	YES ✓	NO
APPENDIX 3	List of land owners (with contact details) and written consent of land owners.	YES ✓	NO
APPENDIX 4	List of Local/Provincial Authority involved (with contact details)	YES ✓	NO
APPENDIX 5	Strategic Infrastructure Projects	YES ✓	NO
APPENDIX 6	List of SGIDs and coordinates	YES ✓	NO
APPENDIX 7	Locality map	YES ✓	NO
APPENDIX 8	Project schedule	YES ✓	NO
APPENDIX 9	Declaration of Applicant	YES ✓	NO
APPENDIX 10	Declaration of EAP and undertaking under oath or affirmation	YES ✓	NO
APPENDIX 11	Screening Tool Report	YES ✓	NO
APPENDIX 12	Undertaking under Oath / Affirmation	YES ✓	NO

APPENDIX 1 COPY OF THE PRE-APPLICATION MEETING MINUTES

From: Sindiswa Dlomo < SDlomo@environment.gov.za >

Sent: Wednesday, 04 November 2020 09:41

To: Giles Churchill <giles.churchill@acerafrica.co.za>; Fiona Grimett <FGrimett@environment.gov.za>

Subject: RE: 2AFRICA (West) Yzerfontein - Proposed Public Participation Plan

Morning Giles,

Kindly send a meeting request to EIA applications in order to be allocated a case officer.

Please note that you won't necessarily need to have an actual meeting, subject to who the request gets allocated to. However, a the pre-application meeting request is still compulsory for case officer allocation.

Regards, Sindi

From: Giles Churchill [mailto:giles.churchill@acerafrica.co.za]

Sent: 02 November 2020 10:54 AM **To:** Sindiswa Dlomo; Fiona Grimett

Subject: 2AFRICA (West) Yzerfontein - Proposed Public Participation Plan

Importance: High

Hi Sindiswa and Fiona

Please find attached the proposed Public Participation Plan for the EIA to be conducted for the proposed 2AFRICA (West) Cable System to be landed at Yzerfontein on the West Coast of South Africa. Your consideration and approval of this Public Participation Plan would be greatly appreciated.

Regards Giles From: Fiona Grimett

To: giles.churchill@acerafrica.co.za

Cc: Matlhodi Mogorosi; Sindiswa Dlomo

Subject: PP Plan Approval: 2AFRICA (Yzerfontein)

Date: Monday, 23 November 2020 12:12:46

Attachments: 2AFRICA Yzerfontein - Public Participation Plan (Rev 0).pdf

Process for Submitting files to the CD IEA 062020.pdf

Dear Giles,

The attached Public Participation (PP) Plan, dated 02 November 2020, for the proposed 2AFRICA (West) Cable System to be landed at Yzerfontein on the West Coast of South Africa, refers.

The Department has reviewed the attached PP Plan, submitted in terms of the Directions Regarding Measures to Address, Prevent and Combat the Spread of COVID-19 Relating to National Environmental Management Permits and Licences. The proposed plan contains suitable public consultation measures, and is hereby **approved**.

Further note, that the attached directions apply with regards to the process for submitting draft documents to the Competent Authority for comment. Please ensure that you attach this PP plan approval to the application form, when submitting to the Department.

Regards,

Fiona Grimett

Department of Environmental Affairs

Chief Directorate: Integrated Environmental Authorisations

Directorate: National Infrastructure Development: National Infrastructure Projects

Email: fgrimett@environment.gov.za

From: <u>EIA Applications</u>
To: <u>Matlhodi Mogorosi</u>

Cc: Sindiswa Dlomo; Fiona Grimett; Giles Churchill

Subject: 2020-11-0003

 Date:
 Friday, 06 November 2020 11:19:29

 Attachments:
 00 2020-11-0003 DB Output.pdf

2AFRICA WEST - Yzerfontein Pre Application Request (Rev 0).pdf

Dear Matlhodi

Please note that you have been allocated an application:

Type of Application: Pre-Application Meeting Request;

Reference Number: 2020-11-0003;

Date Received: 06/11/2020;

Action Required: Decide on meeting request.

Kindly let Ephron know which date the meeting is to be held, if it will be set.

*EAP/Applicant: please use this reference number when submitting the application for EA/amendment application (page 1 of the application form), as well as attach the approved PP Plan if the application requires a PP process.

EIA Applications

Integrated Environmental Authorisations
Department of Environment, Forestry and Fisheries

Please note that this email is for the receipt and processing of online applications only, and is not monitored for responses. All queries must be directed to EIAadmin@environment.gov.za.

You are advised that this mailbox has a 48 hour response time.

APPENDIX 2 PROOF OF PAYMENT/ MOTIVATION FOR EXCLUSION



NOTIFICATION OF PAYMENT

To Whom It May Concern:

First National Bank hereby confirms that the following payment instruction has been received:

 Date Actioned
 : 2020/12/09

 Time Actioned
 : 15:48:36

 Trace ID
 : K54M8G1G

Payer Details

Payment From : Agric Com Env & Rural Dev Consultants

Cur/Amount : 10,000.00

Payee Details

 Recipient/Account No
 : ...240072

 Name
 : DEFF

 Bank
 : ABSA Bank

 Branch Code
 : 632005

Reference : \$33.339967 E18.161417

END OF NOTIFICATION

To authenticate this Payment Notification, please visit the First National Bank website at fnb.co.za, select the "Verify Payment" link and follow the on-screen instructions.

Our customer (the payer) has requested First National Bank Limited to send this notification of payment to you. Should you have any queries regarding the contents of this notice, please contact the payer. First National Bank Limited does not guarantee or warrant the accuracy and integrity of the information and data transmitted electronically and we accept no liability whatsoever for any loss, expense, claim or damage, whether direct, indirect or consequential, arising from the transmission of the information and data.

APPENDIX 3 LIST OF LAND OWNERS WRITTEN CONSENT OF LAND OWNERS

 From:
 Basson Geldenhuys

 To:
 Giles Churchill

Subject: RE: 2AFRICA - Duynefontein and Yzerfontein Landings

Date: Wednesday, 04 November 2020 09:37:47

Attachments: image002.png

Good morning Giles

I can confirm that I am aware of the intended processes.

Kind regards

Basson Geldenhuys Pr.PIn |chief town planner|projects and professional services |national department of public works and Infrastructure, cape town regional office|room 1419, customs house |lower heerengracht street |cape town |e-mail: basson.geldenhuys@dpw.gov.za |telephone number: +27 21 402 2174|Fax number: 086 272 8660|cell phone number: 071 648 8656

From: Giles Churchill [mailto:giles.churchill@acerafrica.co.za]

Sent: 04 November 2020 09:15

To: Basson Geldenhuys <Basson.Geldenhuys@dpw.gov.za> Subject: 2AFRICA - Duynefontein and Yzerfontein Landings

Importance: High

Dear Basson

As you are aware ACER (Africa) Environmental Consultants are commencing with the Environmental Authorisation processes to have two marine telecommunications cables landed on the West Coast of South Africa namely the 2AFRICA GERA/EAST Cable System landing at Duynefontein and the 2AFRICA (West) Cable System landing at Yzerfontein. As the Department of Public Works is the landowner/custodian of the beach and intertidal environment please could you confirm that you are aware of these two projects.

As the EIA progresses you will be notified of the availability of reports and your department will be engaged with in terms of formalising lease agreements.

Regards

Giles

Giles Churchill

ACER (Africa) Environmental Consultants

Tel: +27 35 340 2715 Mobile: +27 82 9079738

E-mail: giles.churchill@acerafrica.co.za



From: Leon Fourie <FourieL@swartland.org.za>

Sent: 06 November 2020 08:39 AM

To: Carina Boonzaaier <carina.boonzaaier@acerafrica.co.za>

Subject: Re: Swartland Municipality Environmental Department - Manager

Good morning

We do not have an environmental officer but you should contact Alwyn Zaayman, our head of planning. His email address is AlwynZaayman@swartland.org.za and office number 0224879400.

Regards Leon

From: Carina Boonzaaier <carina.boonzaaier@acerafrica.co.za>

Sent: Friday, November 6, 2020 8:32:09 AM
To: Leon Fourie <FourieL@swartland.org.za>

Subject: Swartland Municipality Environmental Department - Manager

Good morning Mr Fourie,

Hope you are well.

Please can you assist with the contact and email details of the Swartland Municipalities Environmental Manager. Your assistance is highly appreciated.

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APPENDIX 4 LIST OF LOCAL/PROVINCIAL AUTHORITY INVOLVED

N/A

The proposed development falls within the administrative area of the Swartland Local Municipality The contact person within the Swartland Local Municipality for the Environmental Authorisation Process is Ms P Titmuss whose contact details are provided below:

Basson Geldenhuys Pr.Pln

Chief Town Planner Projects and Professional Services National Department of Public Works and Infrastructure Cape Town regional office Room 1419, Customs House Lower Heerengracht Street Cape Town

Tel: +27 21 402 2174 Fax: 086 272 8660

Email: basson.geldenhuys@dpw.go

Swartland Municipality Mr Alwyn Zaayman (Head of Planning) 1 Church Street, Private Bag Malmesbury 7299

Tel: +27 22 487 9400 Fax: +27 22 4879440

AlwynZaayman@swartland.org.za

Ms Adri La Meyer

Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning Attention: Directorate: Development Management (Region 1) Private Bag X 9086, Cape Town 8000

Tel: 021 4832887 Fax: 021 483 4185

Email: Adri.LaMeyer@westerncape.gov.za

Ms Nontsasa Tonjeni / Ms Funanani Ditinti

Directorate: Coastal Conservation strategies Department of Environment, Forestry & Fisheries - Oceans & Coasts EIA 2nd Floor, East Pier Building, East Pier Road, Victoria & Alfred Waterfront Cape Town

8000

Tel: 021 819 2432

Email: OCEIA@environment.gov.za / fditinti@environment.gov.za

Dr Ane Oosthuizen

National Marine Co-ordinator SAN Parks 643 Leyds Street Muckleneuk. Pretoria

Tel: 041 508 5411

Email: Ane.Oosthuizen@sanparks.org

Mr Rhett Smart

Scientist: Land Use Advice (Scientific Services)

CapeNature: Scientific Services

P/Bag X5014

Assegaaibosch Nature Reserve, Jonkershoek

Stellenbosch, 7599 Tel: 021 866 8017 Fax: 086 529 4992 Cell: 072 835 8741

Email: rsmart@capenature.co.za

Ms Lesa La Grange

Senior Heritage Officer The South African Heritage Resource Agency 111 Harrington Street Cape Town, 8001

Tel: 021 202 8658

Email: llagrange@sahra.org.za

Stephanie-Anne Barnardt

Heritage Officer (Archaeology) Heritage Western Cape 3rd Floor, Protea Assurance Building, Green Market Square

Cape Town, 8001 Tel: 021 483 9543

Email: Stephanie.Barnardt@westerncape.gov.za

APPENDIX 5 STRATEGIC INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS

Improvement in Africa's information technology infrastructure via telecommunication cables will remove one of the current key inhibitors to overall development in Africa and support economic growth and opportunities on the continent. In South Africa, the Presidential Infrastructure Coordinating Commission (PICC) launched the Strategic Integrated Project (SIP) 15: Expanding Access to Communication Technology. This is led by the Department of Communications and supported by the Department of Public Enterprises and Department of Science and Technology. SIP 15 aims to ensure universal service and access to reliable, affordable and secure broadband services by all South Africans, prioritising rural and under-serviced areas and stimulating economic growth. This project, although not registered with the South African Government as a SIP project, will support SIP 15.

While expanding access to communication technology will be done primarily through broadband infrastructure roll-out, this requires a national backbone connected to the rest of the world. In this case, the proposed 2AFRICA/GERA (East) Cable System supports SIP 15 via is international connectivity, capacity and speed"

SIP 15: Expanding access to communication technology

Provide for broadband coverage to all households by 2020 by establishing core Points of Presence (POPs) in district municipalities, extend new Infraco fibre networks across provinces linking districts, establish POPs and fibre connectivity at local level, and further penetrate the network into deep rural areas.

While the private sector will invest in ICT infrastructure for urban and corporate networks, government will coinvest for township and rural access, as well as for e-government, school and health connectivity.

The school roll-out focus is initially on the 125 Dinaledi (science and maths-focussed) schools and 1525 district schools. Part of digital access to all South Africans includes TV migration nationally from analogue to digital broadcasting.



APPENDIX 6 LIST OF SGIDS / COORDINATES OF THE BOUNDARY OF THE PROPERTY OR PROPERTIES / COORDINATES OF LISTED ACTIVITIES

The properties affected by the development falls under the jurisdiction of the Department of Public Works: City of Cape Town. The offshore cable will be landed at a Beach Man Hole (BMH) in Yzerfontein and feed into infrastructure for the existing WACS cable system. Property information/ details are only provided for the areas between the BMH and offshore alignment.

Property Details (Obtained from the National DEA Screening Tool).

No.	Farm Name	Farm/ Erf No.	Portion	Latitude	Longitude	Property Type
1	Yzerfontein	1	0	33°20'24.96S	18°9'41.31E	Erven
2	Yzerfontein	208	0	33°20'19.47S	18°9'44.99E	Erven
3	Yzerfontein	208	0	33°20'19.14S	18°9'44.96E	Erven
4	Yzerfontein	2017	0	33°20'24.47S	18°9'45.04E	Erven

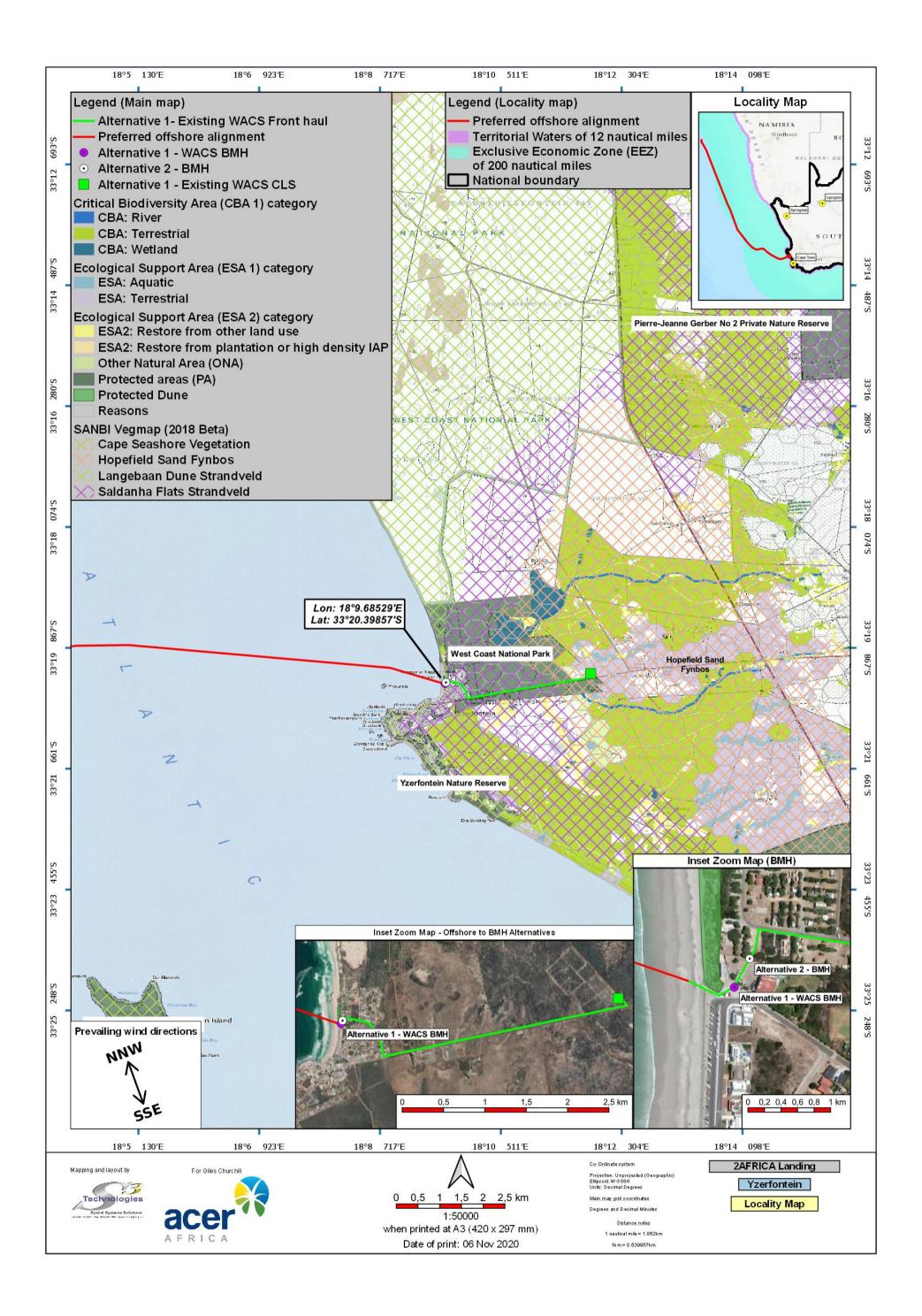
APPENDIX 7 LOCALITY MAP

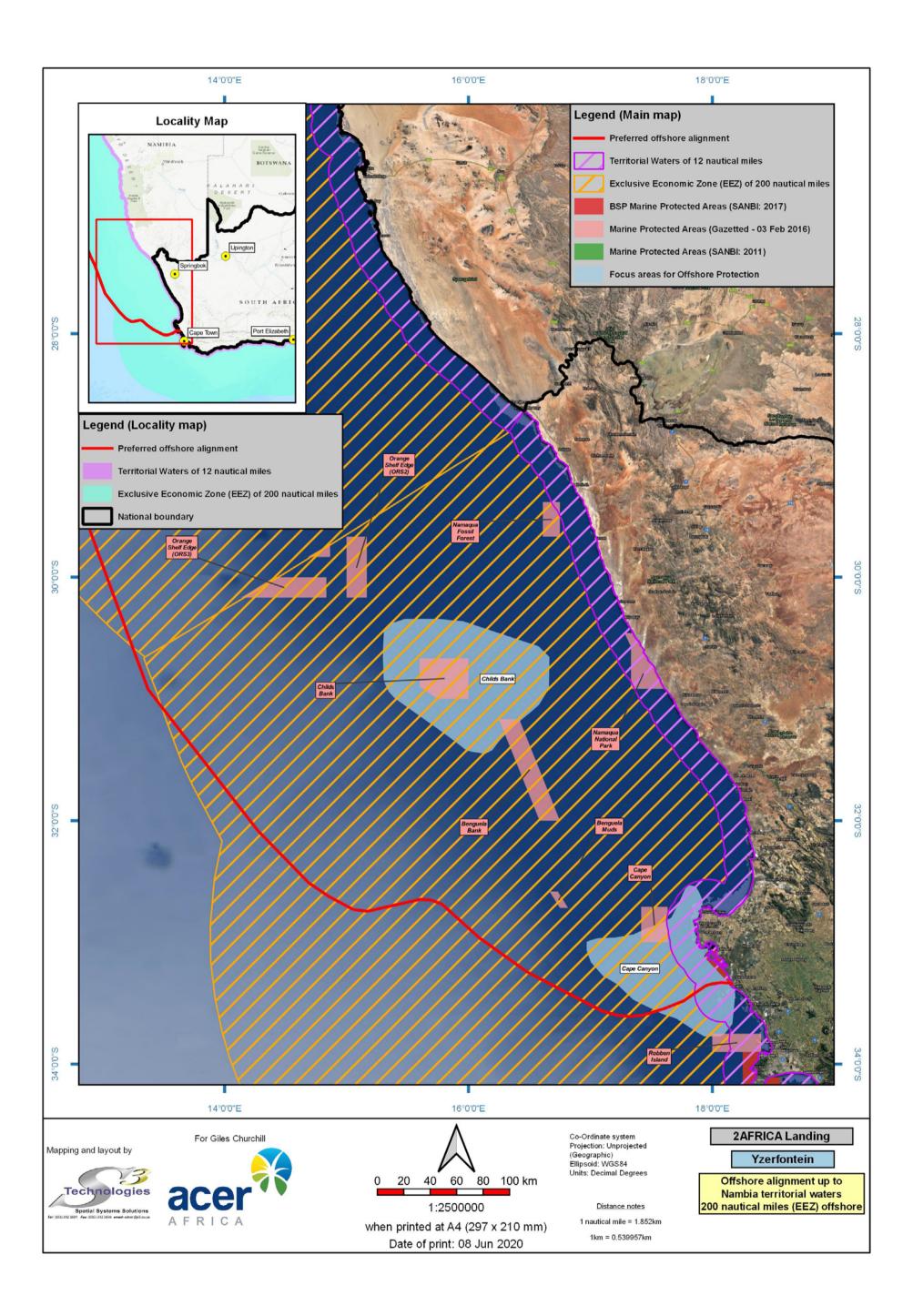
- The following maps are attached overleaf:

 1. Offshore cable alignment (including existing WACS cable system)

 2. Offshore cable alignment (including MPA's)

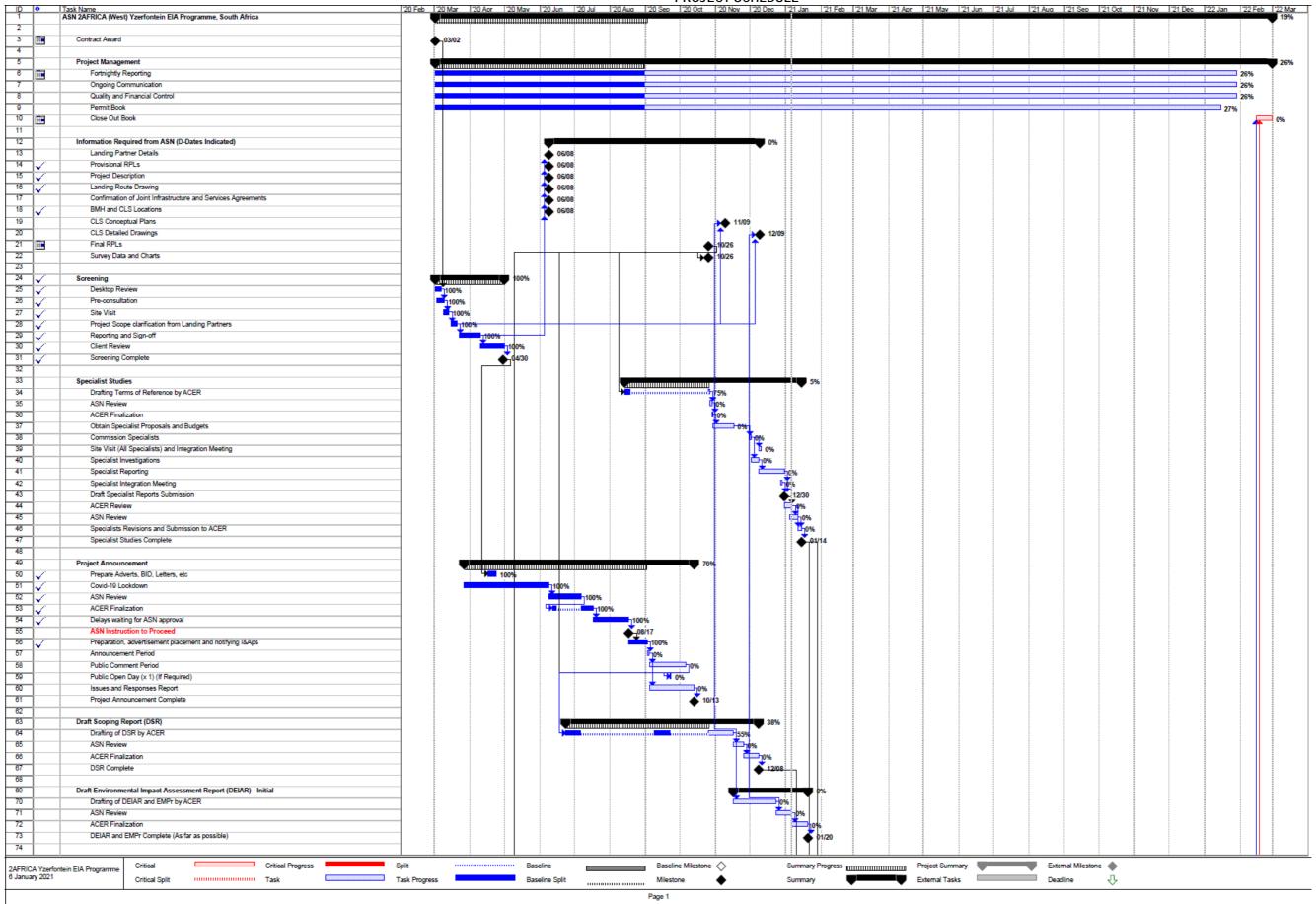
 - 3. Onshore cable alignment

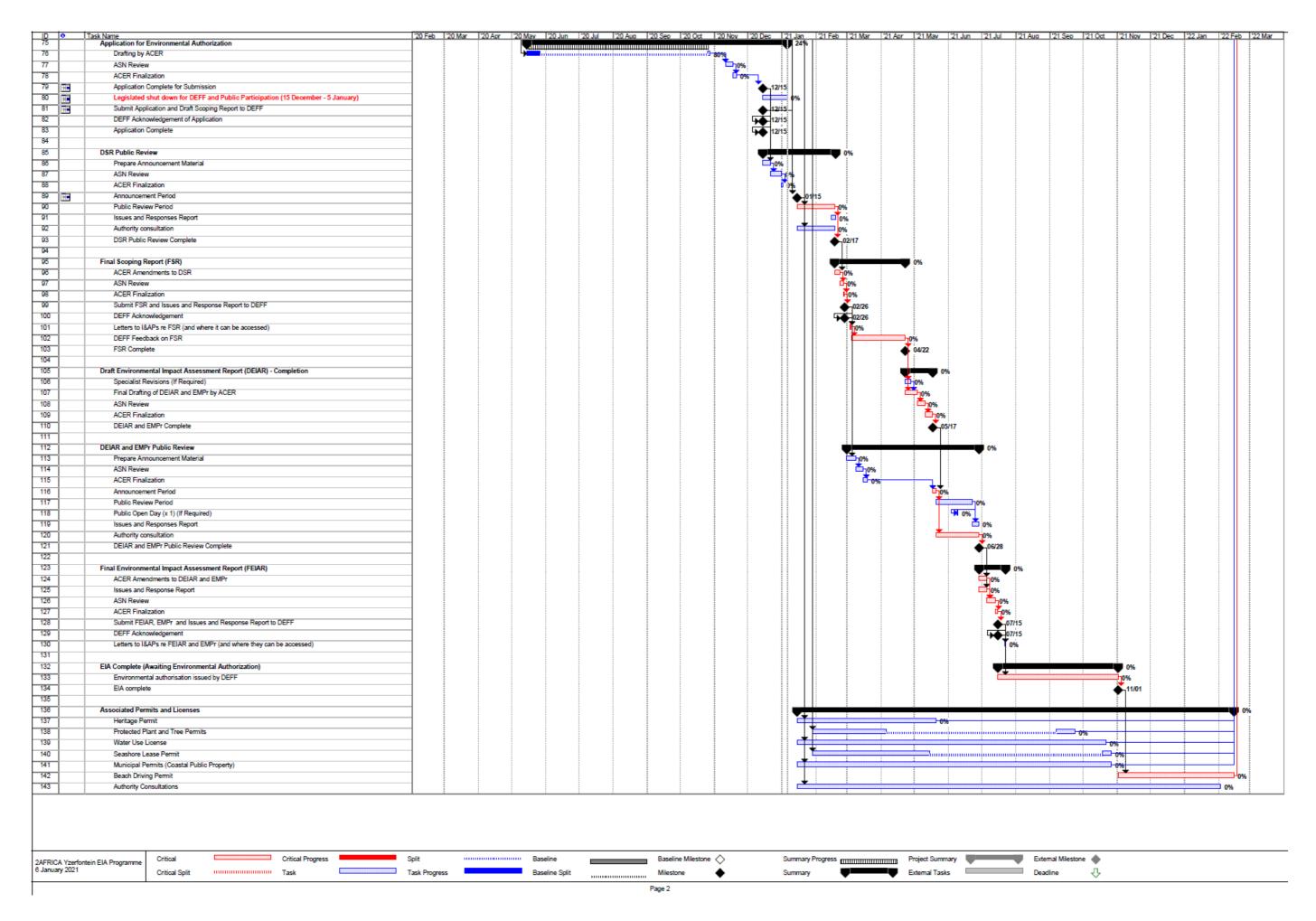






APPENDIX 8 PROJECT SCHEDULE





PROJECT SCHEDULE SUMMARY - KEY DATES FOR 2AFRICA YZERFONTEIN EIA PROCESS

#	Activity	Dates
1	Project Announcement	28 Oct 2020
2	Initial Comment Period (30 days)	28 Oct – 28 Nov 2020
3	Submit DSR and Application to DEFF	15 Jan 2021
4	DSR Public Review Period/	15 Jan - 17 Feb 2021
5	Submit Final Scoping Report and Plan of Study for Impact	26 Feb 2021
	Assessment to DEFF	
6	DEFF acknowledgement of receipt	26 Feb 2021
7	Acceptance of Final Scoping Report and Plan of Study for	22 Apr 2021
	Impact Assessment by DEFF (43 days from submission)	
8	Specialist studies and preparation of DEIAR & EMPr	Jan – Apr 2021
9	DEIAR & EMPr Public Review Period (30 days)	21 May - 22 Jun 2021
10	Revision of EIAR and EMPr according to public comment	23 Jun - 14 July 2021
10	Submit FINAL EIAR and EMPr to DEFF	15 Jul 2021
11	DEFF Decision making (107 days) and issue of EA	1 Nov 2021

APPENDIX 9 DECLARATION OF THE APPLICANT

I, HP Janse van Rensburg, declare that -

- I am, or represent¹, the applicant in this application;
- I have appointed an Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) to act as the independent EAP for this application / have obtained exemption from the requirement to obtain an EAP²;
- I will take all reasonable steps to verify whether the EAP and specialist/s appointed are independent and have expertise in conducting environmental impact assessments or undertaking specialist work as required, including knowledge of the Act, the EIA Regulations and any guidelines that have relevance to the proposed activity;
- I will provide the EAP and the Competent Authority with access to all information at my disposal that is relevant to the application;
- I will be responsible for the costs incurred in complying with the Regulations, including but not limited to
 - costs incurred in connection with the appointment of the EAP or any person contracted by the EAP;
 - costs incurred in respect of the undertaking of any process required in terms of the Regulations;
 - costs in respect of any fee prescribed by the Minister or MEC in respect of the Regulations;
 - costs in respect of specialist reviews, if the Competent Authority decides to recover costs; and
 - the provision of security to ensure compliance with conditions attached to an environmental authorisation, should it be required by the Competent Authority;
- I will inform all registered interested and affected parties of any suspension of the application as well as of any decisions taken by the Competent Authority in this regard;
- I am responsible for complying with the conditions of any environmental authorisation issued by the Competent Authority;
- I hereby indemnify the Government of the Republic of South Africa, the Competent Authority and all its officers, agents and employees, from any liability arising out of the content of any report, any procedure or any action which the applicant or EAP is responsible for in terms of these Regulations;
- I will not hold the Competent Authority responsible for any costs that may be incurred by the applicant in proceeding with an activity prior to obtaining an environmental authorisation or prior to an appeal being decided in terms of these Regulations;
- I will perform all obligations as expected from an applicant in terms of the Regulations;
- all the particulars furnished by me in this form are true and correct; and
- I am aware of what constitutes an offence in terms of Regulation 48 and that a person convicted of an offence in terms of Regulation 48(1) is liable to the penalties as contemplated in section 49B of the Act.
- I am aware that in terms of Section 24F of the National Environmental Management Act, as amended (Act No. 107 of 1998) that no listed activity may commence prior to an environmental authorisation being granted by the Competent Authority.

V -		
Signature ³ of the appli	cant/ Signature on behalf of the applicant	

Mobile Telephone Network (Pty) LTD	
Name of company (if applicable)	

6 January 2021		
Date:		

¹ If this is signed on behalf of the applicant, proof of such authority from the applicant must be attached. If the applicant is a juristic person, a signature on behalf of the applicant is required as well as proof of such authority.

² If exemption is obtained from appointing an EAP, the responsibilities of an EAP will automatically apply to the person conducting the environmental impact assessment in terms of the Regulations.

³ Only original signatures will be accepted. No scanned, copied or faxed signatures will be accepted. An EAP may not sign on behalf of an applicant.

APPENDIX 10 DECLARATION OF THE EAP



DETAILS OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT PRACTITIONER, DECLARATION OF INTEREST AND UNDERTAKING UNDER OATH

	(For official use only)
File Reference Number:	A CONTRACTOR OF THE CONTRACTOR
NEAS Reference Number:	DEA/EIA/
Date Received:	

Application for authorisation in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, Act No. 107 of 1998, as amended and the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2014, as amended (the Regulations)

PROJECT TITLE

2AFRICA (WEST) SUBMARINE FIBRE OPTIC CABLE SYSTEM TO BE LANDED AT YZERFONTEIN, WEST COAST DISTRICT, WESTERN CAPE, SOUTH AFRICA

Kindly note the following:

- This form must always be used for applications that must be subjected to Basic Assessment or Scoping & Environmental Impact Reporting where this Department is the Competent Authority.
- This form is current as of 01 September 2018. It is the responsibility of the Applicant / Environmental Assessment
 Practitioner (EAP) to ascertain whether subsequent versions of the form have been published or produced by the
 Competent Authority. The latest available Departmental templates are available at
 https://www.environment.gov.za/documents/forms.
- 3. A copy of this form containing original signatures must be appended to all Draft and Final Reports submitted to the department for consideration.
- 4. All documentation delivered to the physical address contained in this form must be delivered during the official Departmental Officer Hours which is visible on the Departmental gate.
- All EIA related documents (includes application forms, reports or any EIA related submissions) that are faxed; emailed; delivered to Security or placed in the Departmental Tender Box will not be accepted, only hardcopy submissions are accepted.

Departmental Details

Postal address:

Department of Environmental Affairs Attention: Chief Director: Integrated Environmental Authorisations Private Bag X447 Pretoria 0001

Physical address:

Department of Environmental Affairs
Attention: Chief Director: Integrated Environmental Authorisations
Environment House
473 Steve Biko Road
Arcadia

Queries must be directed to the Directorate: Coordination, Strategic Planning and Support at: Email: EIAAdmin@environment.gov.za

Details of EAP, Declaration and Undertaking Under Oath

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ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT PRACTITIONER (EAP) INFORMATION

EAP Company Name:	ACER (Africa) Environmental Consultants				
B-BBEE	Contribution level (indicate 1	4	Percentag	je	
	to 8 or non-compliant)		Procurem	ent	
			recognitio	n	
EAP name:	Giles John Churchill				
EAP Qualifications:	MSc				
Professional	EAPASA registration no. (2019	EAPASA registration no. (2019/1687)			
affiliation/registration:	SACNASP registration no. (116348)				
Physical address:	26 Hely Hutchinson Rd, Suites 5/6 Golden Penny Centre, Mtunzini				
Postal address:	PO Box 503, Mtunzini, 3867, S	South Africa			
Postal code:	3867	Cell:		082 907 9738	
Telephone:	035 340 2715	Fax:		035 340 2235	
E-mail:	giles.churchill@acerafrica.co.z	a.			

The appointed EAP must meet the requirements of Regulation 13 of GN R982 of 04 December 2014, as amended.

2.	DECLARATION BY THE EAP	
1	Giles John Churchill	, declare that –

- I act as the independent environmental assessment practitioner in this application;
- I have expertise in conducting environmental impact assessments, including knowledge of the Act, Regulations and any guidelines that have relevance to the proposed activity;
- I will comply with the Act, Regulations and all other applicable legislation;
- I will perform the work relating to the application in an objective manner, even if this results in views and findings that are not favourable to the applicant;
- I will take into account, to the extent possible, the matters listed in Regulation 13 of the Regulations when preparing
 the application and any report relating to the application;
- I undertake to disclose to the applicant and the Competent Authority all material information in my possession that
 reasonably has or may have the potential of influencing any decision to be taken with respect to the application by
 the Competent Authority; and the objectivity of any report, plan or document to be prepared by myself for
 submission to the Competent Authority, unless access to that information is protected by law, in which case it will be
 indicated that such information exists and will be provided to the Competent Authority;
- I will perform all obligations as expected from an environmental assessment practitioner in terms of the Regulations;
- I am aware of what constitutes an offence in terms of Regulation 48 and that a person convicted of an offence in terms of Regulation 48(1) is liable to the penalties as contemplated in Section 49B of the Act.

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Disclosure of Vested Interest (delete whichever is not applicable)

 I do not have and will not have any vested interest (either business, financial, personal or other) in the proposed activity proceeding other than remuneration for work performed in terms of the Regulations;
A
Signature of the Environmental Assessment Practitioner
ACER (Africa) Environmental Consultants
Name of Company:
7/01/2021
Date
3. UNDERTAKING UNDER OATH/ AFFIRMATION
ı, Giles John Churchill, swear under oath / affirm that all the
information submitted or to be submitted for the purposes of this application is true and correct.
Signature of the Environmental Assessment Practitioner
ACER (Africa) Environmental Consultants
Name of Company
7 January 2021
Date /
(mbkek)
Signature of the Commissioner of Oaths
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07 January 2021
Date 'SENTO ENMANUEL MARACO
SENZO EMMANUEL MABASO EX OFFICIO COMMISSIONER OF OATHS
PRACTISING ATTORNEY RSA GROUND FLOOR, GOLDEN PENNY CENTRE
26 HELY HUTCHINSON STREET, MTUNZINI TEL: 035 340 1351

Details of EAP, Declaration and Undertaking Under Oath

APPENDIX 11 SCREENING TOOL REPORT

The following Screening Tool reports were completed for the 2AFRICA (West) telecommunications cable landing at Yzerfontein:

- 1. Report for the location of the BMH.
- 2. Report for the offshore cable alignment (within 200km SA Territorial Waters)

BMH SCREENING TOOL REPORT

SCREENING REPORT FOR AN ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORIZATION OR FOR A PART TWO AMENDMENT OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION AS REQUIRED BY THE 2014 EIA REGULATIONS – PROPOSED SITE ENVIRONMENTAL SENSITIVITY

EIA Reference number: N/A

Project name: 2AFRICA/GERA (West) Submarine Telecommunications Cable

Project title: Proposed 2AFRICA/GERA (West) Submarine Telecommunications Cable to be landed

at Yzerfontein, South Africa - BMH

Date screening report generated: 07/01/2021 13:46:31

Applicant: Mobile Telephone Network - MTN (Pty) Ltd

Compiler: ACER (Africa) Environmental Consultants

Compiler signature:

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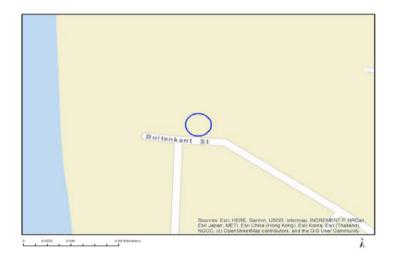
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Development footprint¹ vertices: No development footprint(s) specified.

Wind and Solar developments with an approved Environmental Authorisation or applications under consideration within 30 km of the proposed area

No nearby wind or solar developments found.

Environmental Management Frameworks relevant to the application

No intersections with EMF areas found.

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Environmental screening results and assessment outcomes

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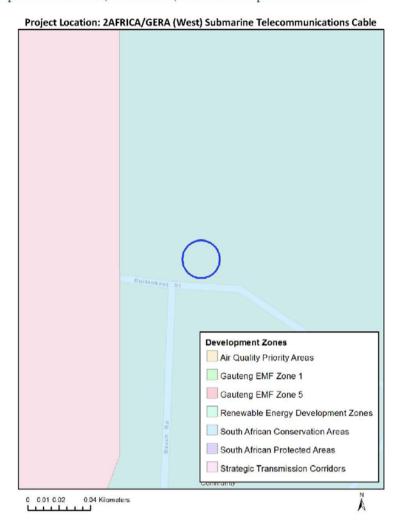
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Map indicating proposed development footprint within applicable development incentive, restriction, exclusion or prohibition zones



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Theme	Very High sensitivity	High sensitivity	Medium sensitivity	Low sensitivity
Animal Species Theme			X	
Aquatic Biodiversity Theme				X

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Archaeological and Cultural Heritage Theme	Х		
Civil Aviation Theme	X		
Defence Theme			X
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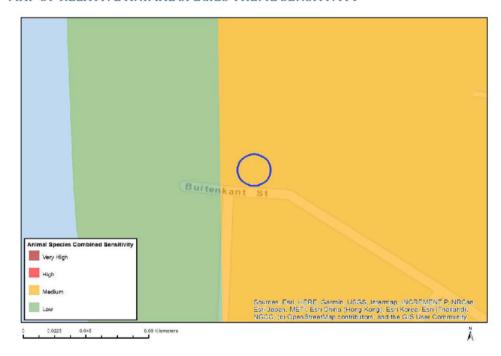
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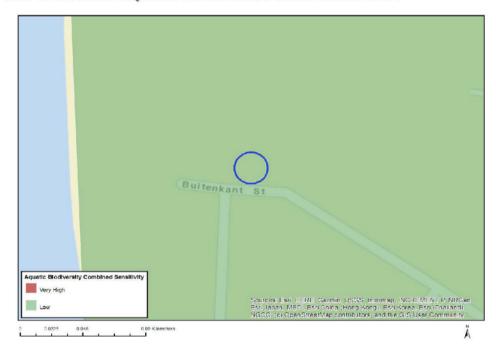
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Sensitivity Features:

Sensitivity	Feature(s)
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MAP OF RELATIVE AQUATIC BIODIVERSITY THEME SENSITIVITY



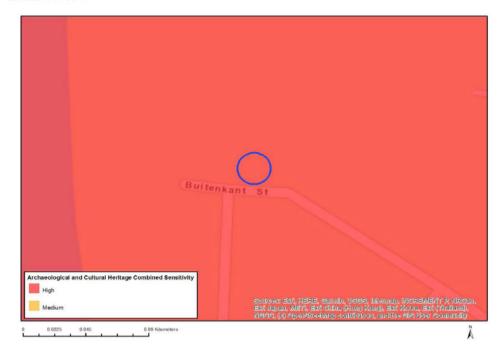
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Sensitivity Features:

Sensitivity	Feature(s)	
Low	Low sensitivity	

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MAP OF RELATIVE ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND CULTURAL HERITAGE THEME SENSITIVITY



Very High sensitivity	High sensitivity	Medium sensitivity	Low sensitivity
	X		

Sensitivity Features:

Sensitivity	Feature(s)
High	Within coastal belt
High	Within 1 km of a protected area

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MAP OF RELATIVE CIVIL AVIATION THEME SENSITIVITY



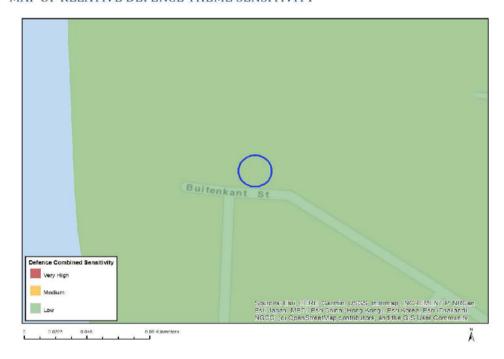
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Sensitivity Features:

Sensitivity	Feature(s)
High	Dangerous and restricted airspace as demarcated

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MAP OF RELATIVE DEFENCE THEME SENSITIVITY



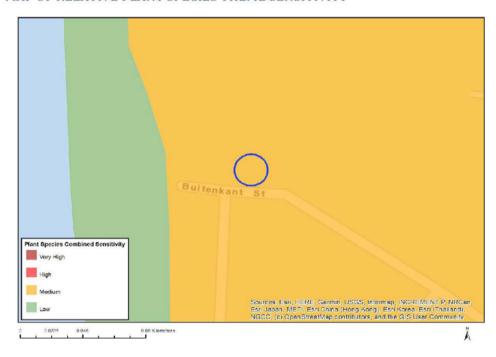
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Sensitivity Features:

Sensitivity	Feature(s)	
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MAP OF RELATIVE PLANT SPECIES THEME SENSITIVITY



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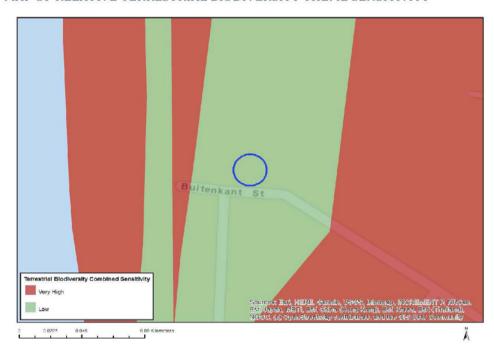
Sensitivity	Feature(s)
Medium	Sensitive species 244
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MAP OF RELATIVE TERRESTRIAL BIODIVERSITY THEME SENSITIVITY



Very High sensitivity	High sensitivity	Medium sensitivity	Low sensitivity
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Sensitivity Features:

Sensitivity	Feature(s)
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SCREENING REPORT FOR AN ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORIZATION OR FOR A PART TWO AMENDMENT OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION AS REQUIRED BY THE 2014 EIA REGULATIONS — PROPOSED SITE ENVIRONMENTAL SENSITIVITY

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Project name: 2AFRICA/GERA (West) Submarine Telecommunications Cable

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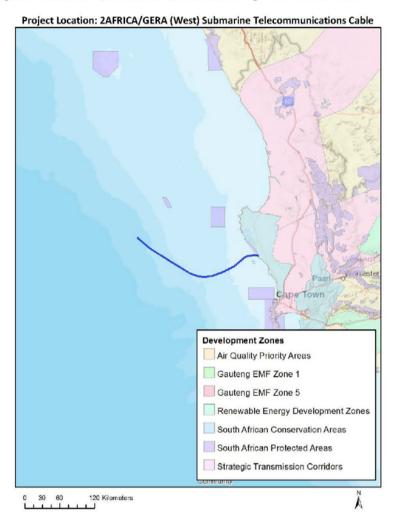
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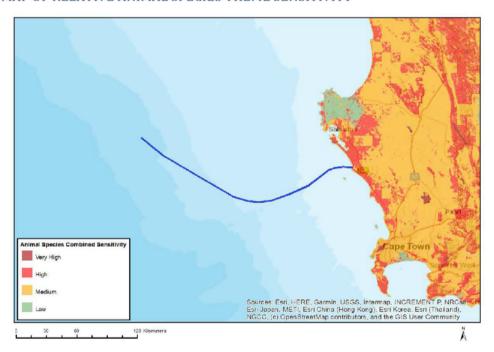
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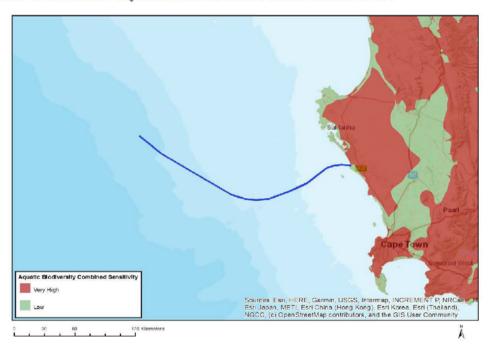
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Sensitivity Features:

Sensitivity	Feature(s)
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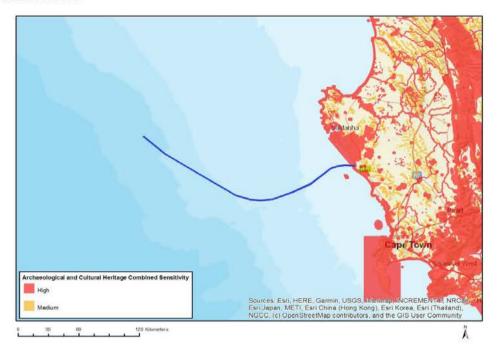
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Sensitivity Features:

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Sensitivity Features:

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High	Within coastal belt	
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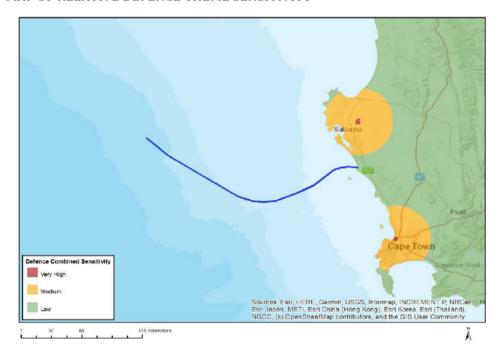
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Sensitivity Features:

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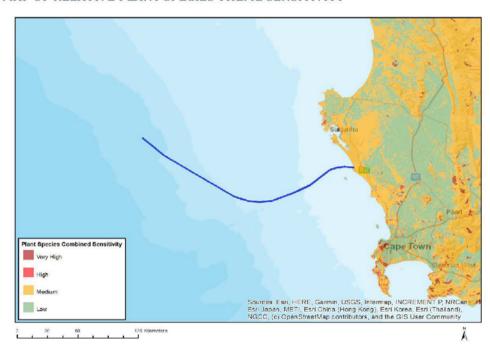
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Sensitivity Features:

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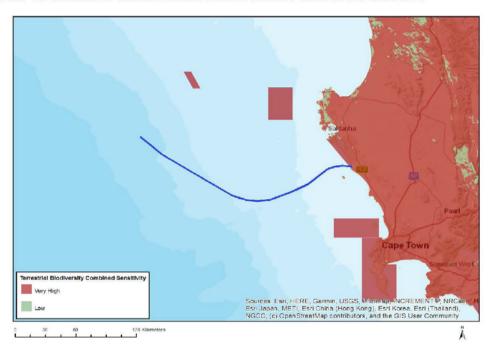
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MAP OF RELATIVE TERRESTRIAL BIODIVERSITY THEME SENSITIVITY



Very High sensitivity	High sensitivity	Medium sensitivity	Low sensitivity
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Sensitivity Features:

Sensitivity	Feature(s)
Low	Low Sensitivity
Very High	Ecological Support Area 1

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APPENDIX 12 UNDERTAKING UNDER OATH/ AFFIRMATION

Refer to Declaration of the EAP (Appendix 10).		