

BASIC ASSESSMENTS (BA) FOR THE PROPOSED UPGRADE AND CONSTRUCTION OF COASTAL INFRASTRUCTURE WITHIN THE KING SABATA DALINDYEBO LOCAL MUNICIPALITY (KSDLM), EASTERN CAPE: COFFEE BAY AND HOLE IN THE WALL

Proponent: Department of Environment, Forestry and Fisheries (DEFF)

DEFF, Planning and Monitoring of Infrastructure Projects – Working for the Coast (Eastern Cape), aims at improving and developing infrastructure along South African coastline. Part of this involves the upgrade and construction of tourist facilities within the KSDLM, Eastern Cape.

Environmental Authorization Process

In terms of the amended EIA Regulations (April 2017) published under the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) (NEMA), as amended, the proposed upgrade and construction of tourist facilities within the KSDLM, Eastern Cape, Coffee Bay and Hole in the Wall, trigger several listed activities in Listing Notices 1 (No. R. 984) and 3 (No. R. 985) as amended 2017, in terms of sections 24(2) and 24D of NEMA, which require environmental authorisation via the undertaking of a Basic Assessment (BA). The Eastern Cape Department of Economic Development, Environmental Affairs and Tourism (DEDEAT) is the competent authority for the issuing of environmental authorisation for this proposed development. Following discussions with the DEDEAT it has been agreed that a single application will be submitted with two separate Basic Assessment Reports, one each for Coffee Bay and Hole in the Wall. Should a Water Use License be required, an application will be submitted to the Department of Human Settlements, Water and Sanitation (DHSWS) in terms of Chapter 4 of the National Water Act, 1998 (Act No 36 of 1998), particularly Section 40(4).

ACER will fulfil the role and responsibilities of Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) to undertake the BA's and the associated public participation process, and to submit the required applications and supporting documentation to the Eastern Cape DEDEAT for consideration and decision-making. Furthermore, the national Department of Environment, Forestry and Fisheries (DEFF) will be included as a commenting authority

Invitation to Participate

To register as an Interested and/or Affected Party and to obtain further information related to the proposed projects, please contact the Public Participation Office:

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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 BA reports