

Lynette Herbst

From: PPP
Sent: Wednesday, 01 June 2022 07:01
To: Bayo Bosman
Cc: Natanya Whitehorn; Thamuso Maneba
Subject: RE: Registration of I&AP in God's Window Skywalk project

Dear Mr Bosman,

Thank you for your email and for registering your organisation's interest in the project.

We will add your details into the project's stakeholder database, and you will be kept informed of all upcoming public participation processes and commenting periods.

Have a lovely day.

Kind regards,

Candice Durr *BSc (Hons): Environmental Management, BSc. Environmental Science*

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From: Bayo Bosman <
Sent: Tuesday, 31 May 2022 10:03
To: PPP <PPP@zutari.com>
Subject: Registration of I&AP in God's Window Skywalk project

To whom it may concern

I, Grant Bosman, am the chairman of the Graskop Conservancy and as such would like to register as a I&AP on behalf of our organisation.

My contact details are as follows:

Email: ;
Cell :

Kind regards
Grant Bosman

Lynette Herbst

From: PPP
Sent: Wednesday, 15 June 2022 04:50
To: Mark Chemaly
Cc: Candice Durr; Natanya Whitehorn; Lynette Herbst; Thamuso Maneba
Subject: RE: Gods Window Skywalk Project
Attachments: God's Window floorplan layout_conceptual.png; God's Window floorplan layout_legend.png

Dear Mark,

Thanks for your call yesterday. As requested, here is the drawing with the legend. I do need to add that this is by no means the final design, since our environmental impact assessment (EIA) process and specialist assessments will further inform the design.

Please do let us know if you have any further questions.

Have a lovely day!

Kind regards,

Candice Durr *BSc (Hons): Environmental Management, BSc. Environmental Science*

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From: Mark Chemaly
Sent: Saturday, 04 June 2022 14:27
To: PPP <PPP@zutari.com>
Subject: Gods Window Skywalk Project

Good Day,

Will you please be so kind as to forward me the Legend from No.1 – 38 so as to identify the areas on the hand out that was given to us at your presentation in Graskop. I also registered as a Interested and Affected Party.

Yours Sincerely

Mark.A.Chemaly

*e-Mail
Mobile*



1	Entrance	14	Gift shop	27	Cocktail bar
2	Gate house	15	Staff changerooms	28	Lecture rooms
3	Exit	16	Service base	29	Conference spill-out space
4	Service yard	17	Museum court	30	Conference court
5	Parking lots	18	Museum and interpretation centre	31	M auditorium
6	Taxi parking	19	Zero gravity room	32	Zorbing
7	Staff parking	20	Museum storage	33	Promenade
8	Bus parking	21	Ablutions	34	SkyNests
9	Arrival court	22	Family café	35	SkyBridge
10	Arrival foyer	23	Family restaurant	36	SkySwing
11	Ticket office	24	Main court	37	Rock climbing
12	Market court	25	Deck	38	SkyWalk
13	Market	26	Fine dining restaurant	39	Admin Offices

Lynette Herbst

From: WordPress <wordpress@zutari.com>
Sent: Friday, 19 August 2022 11:41
To: Lynette Herbst
Cc: Natanya Whitehorn; Frank Phoshoko
Subject: God's Window Skywalk Public Participation Form Submission:

Name

Barbara Coetzer

Address

Graskop

Phone Number

Email

CommentsOrQuestions

I would like to register as an I&AP to receive information.

This form submitted at: <https://www.zutari.com/gods-window/>

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Lynette Herbst

From: Lynette Herbst
Sent: Tuesday, 13 September 2022 08:59
To: Barbara Coetzer; PPP
Subject: RE: Notification of Application for an Environmental Authorisation and Water Use Licence for the proposed God's Window Skywalk Project in the Thaba Chweu Local Municipality, Mpumalanga Province

Dear Barbara

Thank you for your email and registration on the Zutari PPP web page.

You have been added to the I&AP database.

Kind regards,

Lynette Herbst *MSc (Environmental Management), Pr.Sci.Nat.*

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E Lynette.Herbst@zutari.com W zutari.com

From: Barbara Coetzer < o.za>
Sent: Saturday, 20 August 2022 11:02
To: PPP <PPP@zutari.com>
Subject: Re: Notification of Application for an Environmental Authorisation and Water Use Licence for the proposed God's Window Skywalk Project in the Thaba Chweu Local Municipality, Mpumalanga Province

Dear Ma'am / Sir

I would like to be registered as an I&AP, please can you assist.

Kind regards
Barbara Coetzer

On 19 Aug 2022, at 14:41, Lynette Herbst <Lynette.Herbst@zutari.com> wrote:

Dear Sir/Madam

Notice is hereby given in terms of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2014 (amended April 2017), under the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (No.107 of 1998) ("NEMA"), that **Mapulana Canyon (Pty) Ltd** (henceforth Mapulana Canyon) proposes the development of the **God's Window Skywalk** at God's Window near Graskop in the Thaba Chweu Local Municipality in the Mpumalanga Province.

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- **Email:** PPP@zutari.com
- **Phone:** +27 12 427 2235
- **Post:** PO Box 74381, Lynnwood Ridge, Pretoria, 0040

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Kind regards,

Lynette Herbst *MSc (Environmental Management), Pr.Sci.Nat.*

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<Proposed God's Window Skywalk project - Background Information Document_English.pdf><Proposed God's Window Skywalk project - Notification of draft BAR for comment_English.pdf>

Lynette Herbst

From: Motlatse Holdings Pty Ltd <[redacted]@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, 13 September 2022 12:46
To: Lynette Herbst
Subject: Re: FW: God's Window Skywalk Public Participation Form Submission:

Thanks for contacting Motlatse Holdings (pty) Ltd. One of our Project Coordinators will get back to you as soon as possible. Alternatively you can call our office number 0608015632 to talk to our consultants or send a whatsapp message on the same number.

Lynette Herbst

From: Lynette Herbst
Sent: Tuesday, 13 September 2022 12:46
To:
Cc: Natanya Whitehorn; Zinzi Portia Xakayi
Subject: FW: God's Window Skywalk Public Participation Form Submission:

Tracking:	Recipient	Read
	gs@gmail.com	
	Natanya Whitehorn	Read: 2022/09/13 13:41
	Zinzi Portia Xakayi	Read: 2022/09/13 13:05

Dear Rodney

Thank you for submitting an enquiry on the Zutari public participation web page for the proposed God's Window Skywalk project.

You have been registered as an Interested and Affected Party and your comment is noted.

Kind regards,

Lynette Herbst *MSc (Environmental Management), Pr.Sci.Nat.*

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E Lynette.Herbst@zutari.com W zutari.com

From: WordPress <wordpress@zutari.com>
Sent: Thursday, 25 August 2022 08:19
To: Lynette Herbst <Lynette.Herbst@zutari.com>
Cc: Natanya Whitehorn <Natanya.Whitehorn@zutari.com>; Frank Phoshoko <Frank.Phoshoko@zutari.com>
Subject: God's Window Skywalk Public Participation Form Submission:

Name

Rodney

Organization

Motlatse Holdings

Role

Director

Address

Stand no 111,Leroro, ratanang section, 1273.

Phone Number

Email

[@gmail.com](#)

CommentsOrQuestions

Motlatse Holdings would like to request Zutari as the appointed EAPs to allow us to participate as apprenticed or volunteers for the EIA process for the purpose of skills development. We are an environmental consulting company that is looking to learn from other companies in the same field.

This form submitted at: <https://www.zutari.com/gods-window/>

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From: Clara Bontle <[redacted]@mail.com>
Sent: Thursday, 01 September 2022 11:40
To: Lynette Herbst
Cc: PPP
Subject: Re: Proposed God's Window Skywalk project: links to the draft BAR and appendices

Good day
Trust all is well

I sincerely appreciate the assistance.

Kind regards
Ms Mashile

On Thu, 01 Sep 2022 at 11:28, Lynette Herbst <Lynette.Herbst@zutari.com> wrote:

Dear Ms Mashile

Thank you for your call.

As requested, the Draft BAR and its appendices are available at the following links:

Draft Basic Assessment Report:

<https://www.zutari.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/Gods-Window-Skywalk-DBAR-for-public-comment.pdf>

Annexure A: Details of the Environmental Assessment Practitioner

<https://www.zutari.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/Annexure-A-NW.pdf>

Annexure B: Authority correspondence

https://www.zutari.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/1001604_Compentent-Authority-Discussion-and-Presentation-meeting-minutes_15March2022.pdf

Annexure C: Public Participation Process Records

https://www.zutari.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/Annexure-C_PPP.zip

Annexure D: Specialist Reports

https://www.zutari.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/Annexure-D_Specialist-reports.zip

Annexure E: DFFE Screening Tool Report

<https://www.zutari.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/Annexure-E.pdf>

Annexure F: Impact Assessment Methodology

<https://www.zutari.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/Annexure-F-App-F-Impact-Assessment-Methodology-2.pdf>

Annexure G: Environmental Management Programme

<https://www.zutari.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/Annexure-G.zip>

Annexure H: Site Photos

<https://www.zutari.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/Annexure-H-Site-Photos.pdf>

Annexure I: Maps & facility illustrations

<https://www.zutari.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/Annexure%20I.zip>

Annexure J: Specialist declarations

<https://www.zutari.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/Annexure-J.pdf>

Please note that some of the larger appendices are saved as zip files, so they have to be downloaded and unzipped to be viewed.

Kind regards,

Lynette Herbst *MSc (Environmental Management), Pr.Sci.Nat.*

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From: Lynette Herbst
Sent: Wednesday, 14 September 2022 09:00
To: i@gmail.com
Cc: Natanya Whitehorn; Zinzi Portia Xakayi
Subject: RE: MAORABJANG CPA member

Tracking:	Recipient	Delivery
	i@gmail.com	
	Natanya Whitehorn	Delivered: 2022/09/14 09:00
	Zinzi Portia Xakayi	Delivered: 2022/09/14 09:00
	Thuli Phakathi	Delivered: 2022/09/14 09:00

Dear Delron

You have been registered as an Interested and Affected Party on our database.

Kind regards,

Lynette Herbst MSc (Environmental Management), Pr.Sci.Nat.

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E Lynette.Herbst@zutari.com W zutari.com

From: Delron Clifford <i@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, 14 September 2022 08:21
To: Lynette Herbst <Lynette.Herbst@zutari.com>
Cc: Natanya Whitehorn <Natanya.Whitehorn@zutari.com>; Zinzi Portia Xakayi <Zinzi.Xakayi@zutari.com>
Subject: Re: MAORABJANG CPA member

Thank you for your response. And keep my email address for any updates

On Wed, 14 Sep 2022, 07:04 Lynette Herbst, <Lynette.Herbst@zutari.com> wrote:

Dear Delron

Thank you for your email.

Your query will be forwarded to the relevant persons.

Kind regards,

Lynette Herbst MSc (Environmental Management), Pr.Sci.Nat.
Senior Consultant, Communication and Stakeholder Engagement, Zutari

-----Original Message-----

From: Delron Clifford <i@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, 08 September 2022 11:04
To: PPP <PPP@zutari.com>
Subject: MAORABJANG CPA member

Good day;

I'm writing this letter as one of the I&AP who attended the presentation on the 7th September 2022 in Bushbuckridge. And more important as a member of one the Communal Property Associates of the Blyde Valley 4-CPA we would like to pass a request that you assist our CPA- Executives to finalize the Confirmation & Assessment of the Family Tree that form the part of Beneficiaries in their respective database. As a member we are concerned because the Consultation with the Public Assessors is slow to assist in this matter, therefore it is in this regard that we bring the matter forward that perhaps you could assist this CPA's by allocating resource and nominate a Private Assessor to fast track this matter.

As this is a process that is vital to us as community and very crucial issue that will dominate the unfolding of Public Participation Processes, in accordance with Chapter 6 of the EIA regulations. I thank you.

Regards

Maluka Delron Clifford

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Lynette Herbst

From: Lynette Herbst
Sent: Tuesday, 13 September 2022 12:37
To: gmail.com
Cc: Natanya Whitehorn; Zinzi Portia Xakayi
Subject: RE: God's Window Skywalk-DBAR

Tracking:	Recipient	Delivery	Read
	@gmail.com		
	Natanya Whitehorn	Delivered: 2022/09/13 12:38	
	Zinzi Portia Xakayi	Delivered: 2022/09/13 12:38	Read: 2022/09/13 13:03

Dear Speaker Mahlake

Thank you for your email.

Your request will be forwarded to the relevant persons for consideration.

Kind regards,

Lynette Herbst *MSc (Environmental Management), Pr.Sci.Nat.*

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From: speaker mahlake <speaker.mahlake@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, 08 September 2022 18:27
To: Zutari Office Tshwane <Tshwane@zutari.com>
Subject: God's Window Skywalk-DBAR

Dear Madam/Sir

re: REQUEST FOR THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS

Greetings,

By the way of introduction, I am Speaker Mahlake under Moreipuso Land Claimants in Bushbuckridge. Our Community is part of Blyde/Skywalk project as such i request the following documents to compile a report for our community:-

- 1) Public Private Partnership agreement for the design, build, Finance Operate and Transfer of the God's Window Skywalk in the Blyderiver Canyon Nature Reserve-July 2021 MTPA.
- 2) Memorandum of Understanding and addendum to the MoU signed on 3 October 2017-THEBE Tourism (Pty) Ltd, Maorobjang, Mahubahuba A Bokone, Setlhare and Moletele CPAs.
- 3) Co-Management Agreement-Blyderiver Canyon Nature Reserve- December 2020 MTPA, Maorabjang, Mahubahuba A Bokone, Setlhare and Moletele CPAs.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Yours Sincerely
Mahlake Speaker

Lynette Herbst

From: Frans Krige <frans.krige@mpa.co.za>
Sent: Tuesday, 13 September 2022 15:57
To: Lynette Herbst; Johan Eksteen
Cc: Natanya Whitehorn; Frank Phoshoko; Zinzi Portia Xakayi; fphoshoko@gmail.com; PPP; frans.krige@mpa.co.za; Phumla Nkosi; Khumbelo Malele
Subject: RE: Notification of Application for an Environmental Authorization and Water Use License for the proposed God's Window Skywalk Project in the Thabo Chweu Local Municipality, Mpumalanga Province



Dear Lynette, yes thank you, Johan Eksteen has collected the DBAR and flash discs from the CEO's office last week. I have assessed it and wrote comments. I am waiting for Khumbelo and Frik to give me any inputs they might have. Will merge our comments and send it through for review and signature before the end of this week.

Kind Regards
Frans

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From: Lynette Herbst [mailto:Lynette.Herbst@zutari.com]
Sent: Tuesday, September 13, 2022 1:38 PM
To: Frans Krige <frans.krige@mpa.co.za>
Cc: Natanya Whitehorn <Natanya.Whitehorn@zutari.com>; Frank Phoshoko <Frank.Phoshoko@zutari.com>; Zinzi Portia Xakayi <Zinzi.Xakayi@zutari.com>; frikbronkhorst@gmail.com; PPP <PPP@zutari.com>; Phumla Nkosi <phumla.nkosi@mpa.co.za>; Khumbelo Malele <khumbelo.malele@mpa.co.za>

Subject: RE: Notification of Application for an Environmental Authorization and Water Use License for the proposed God's Window Skywalk Project in the Thabo Chweu Local Municipality, Mpumalanga Province

Dear Frans

We hope you are well.

Thank you for making time to attend the public meeting in Graskop last week.

Have you received the hardcopy documents from Mr Zwane since then?

Kind regards,

Lynette Herbst *MSc (Environmental Management), Pr.Sci.Nat.*

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From: Frans Krige <>

Sent: Wednesday, 24 August 2022 15:56

To: Lynette Herbst <Lynette.Herbst@zutari.com>; Phumla Nkosi <Phumla.Nkosi@mtpa.co.za>

Cc: Natanya Whitehorn <Natanya.Whitehorn@zutari.com>; Frank Phoshoko <Frank.Phoshoko@zutari.com>; Zinzi Portia Xakayi <Zinzi.Xakayi@zutari.com>; om; PPP <PPP@zutari.com>;

Subject: RE: Notification of Application for an Environmental Authorization and Water Use License for the proposed God's Window Skywalk Project in the Thabo Chweu Local Municipality, Mpumalanga Province



Dear Lynette

Thank you for this. A friendly reminder that all Development applications must be submitted to our MTPA Scientific Services office at Mbombela for registration purposes first before it will be delivered to the Land Use Advisor Scientists (Frans and Khumbelo) for their assessment and comments

Phumla Nkosi is kind heartedly receiving the EMPS on behalf of Thabile Mnisi who is on maternity leave.

Surely Mr. Zwane will pass it on to her to speed up things.

Kind Regards

Frans

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From: Lynette Herbst [<mailto:Lynette.Herbst@zutari.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, August 24, 2022 10:55 AM
To: Phumla Nkosi <Phumla.Nkosi@mtpa.co.za>
Cc: Natanya Whitehorn <Natanya.Whitehorn@zutari.com>; Frank Phoshoko <Frank.Phoshoko@zutari.com>; Zinzi Portia Xakayi <Zinzi.Xakayi@zutari.com>; [@gmail.com](mailto: @gmail.com); Frans Krige < [@mtpa.co.za](mailto: @mtpa.co.za)>; PPP <PPP@zutari.com>; [.co.za](mailto: .co.za)
Subject: RE: Notification of Application for an Environmental Authorization and Water Use License for the proposed God's Window Skywalk Project in the Thabo Chweu Local Municipality, Mpumalanga Province

Dear Phumla

Thank you for your response.

My colleagues, Zinzi and Frank (in copy) have submitted a hardcopy and a USB flash drive of the DBAR to the MTPA offices last week on Friday the 19th of August, per instruction from Mr Frik Bronkhorst.

He indicated, telephonically, that we are to deliver only one hardcopy to the MTPA, and it will then be distributed to the relevant persons for their comment.

The transmittal note is attached. It was signed for by Mr Joshua Zwane, who indicated that he would give it to Mr Krige.

Please indicate if you still require another hardcopy.

Kind regards,

Lynette Herbst *MSc (Environmental Management), Pr.Sci.Nat.*

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From: Phumla Nkosi < [@mtpa.co.za](mailto: @mtpa.co.za)>
Sent: Wednesday, 24 August 2022 09:17
To: Lynette Herbst <Lynette.Herbst@zutari.com>
Subject: FW: Notification of Application for an Environmental Authorization and Water Use License for the proposed God's Window Skywalk Project in the Thabo Chew Local Municipality, Mpumalanga Province



Good Morning Lynette

May you please send the hard copy of the draft BAR to the MTPA.

Address: N4 Halls Gateway
Mataffin
1200
Att: Phumla Nkosi
Office G3D

Kind Regards
Phumla Nkosi

From: Lynette Herbst [<mailto:Lynette.Herbst@zutari.com>]

Sent: Friday, August 19, 2022 2:42 PM

Cc: PPP <PPP@zutari.com>

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Transmittal

To: Mpumalanga Tourism and Parks Agency (MTPA) **Date:** 2022-08-19
Attention: Frans Krige **Tel No:** +27
From: Natanya Whitehorn **Tel No:** +27
Signature: 

Project no: 1001604
Project description: God's Window Skywalk Project

Item no	Document / drawing description	Revision	Number of copies	Type
1	Proposed God's Window Skywalk project: draft Basic Assessment Report	0	4	A4 files
2	Proposed God's Window Skywalk project: draft Basic Assessment Report	0	2	USB flash drive

Received by: 
Signature: 
Date: 19/08/2022

Please return a signed copy to the sender.

Lynette Herbst

From: Roshantha Kolapen
Sent: Thursday, 22 September 2022 11:41
To: Thandi Dzhanggi
Cc: Lynette Herbst; Siphamandla Mzolo
Subject: Response to comments made for BAR: Gods Window Skywalk Project

Dear Ms Dzhanggi,

Hope you are doing well.

Thank you for the comments we have received.

As per the comments made by Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) in the letter dated 07 September 2022, below is a response

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<p>5. From the report and identified activities, the possible water uses that will be triggered in terms of Section 21 of the Act are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Section 21 (a) - taking of water from the water resource for construction purposes. ii. Section 21 (c) - impeding or diverting the flow of water in a watercourse. iii. Section 21 (i) – altering the bed, banks, course or characteristics of a watercourse iv. Section 21 (f) – discharging of waste or water containing waste into a water resource through a pipe, canal, sewer, sea outfall or other conduit. 	<p>Noted. An application for the relevant water use has been made with the DWS. The water use license reference is: Mapulana Canyon (Pty) Ltd - God's Window Skywalk Project (WU24461)</p>
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7. Any pollution incidents originating from the proposed activity must be reported to the Responsible Authority within 24 hours.	Noted.
8. The Applicant is therefore advised to engage with IUCMA or DWS for the guidance on the requirements for water use authorisation process. In addition, water use applications can be lodged on-line via the e-WULAAS platform accessible at www.dws.gov.za.	<p>Noted. An application for the relevant water use has been made with the DWS. The water use license reference is: Mapulana Canyon (Pty) Ltd - God's Window Skywalk Project (WU24461).</p> <p>The applicant has already had a site visit and pre application meeting with DWS IUCMA and OWMA on the 31 August 2022.</p>

Should you have any further comments, feel free to contact Zutari.

Kind Regards,

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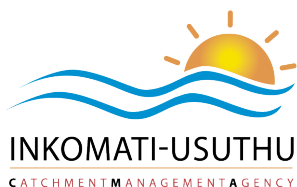
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Attention: Ms. N. Whitehorn

Dear Madam,

DRAFT BASIC ASSESMENT REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED GOD'S WINDOW SKYWALK PROJECT ON FARM DE HOUTBOSCH 503 KT AND PORTION 2 OF THE FARM LISBON 531 KT: THABA CHWEU LOCAL MUNICIPALITY.

Reference is made to the above-mentioned report received on 23 August 2022 with the reporting deadline of 23 September 2022.

The Inkomati-Usuthu Catchment Management Agency (IUCMA) assessed the report and has no objection towards the project. The following comments are made for noting and/or actioning:

1. **Page 49: Wastewater Treatment** – It is indicated in the report that there is no municipal sewer network in the vicinity, and it is proposed that a Wastewater Treatment Package Plant (WWTPP) be installed to manage wastewater from the development site. A 90kl containerized WWTPP (biological treatment plant) will be provided to treat wastewater to general discharge limits as required by DWS and the treated effluent will be discharged into the environment.

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Should you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the official indicated above

Yours faithfully,



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Attached, please find the MTPA comments on the application - Skywalk at Gods Window.
Regards
Johan

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Dear Ms. Whitehorn,

SUBJECT: THE MTPA COMMENTS REGARDING THE DRAFT BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORT FOR THE ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION PROCESS FOR THE PROPOSED NEW DESIGN SKYWALK TOURISM FACILITY AT GOD'S WINDOW ON THE FARMS DE HOUTBOSCH 503 KT AND PORTION 2 OF THE FARM LISBON 531 KT IN THE THABA CHWEU LM, MPUMALANGA PROVINCE. Ref: DFFE 14/12/16/3/3/88/AM3.

Your correspondence received in August 2022, have reference.

The MTPA as a partner with Mapulana Canyon (PTY) LTD has no objection to the proposed DBAR or EMP for the above mentioned proposal but has the following concerns with regards to certain knowledge gaps found in the planning and execution phase.

1. The development proposal should be registered with Robyn Luyt's office (DARDLEA) in Mbombela.
2. The MTPA has the following comments with regards to the complete Environmental Management plan that still needs to be tabled. Please note that the regional Ecologist Mr. Bronkhorst has made some valuable comments and suggestions in Appendix 1.

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- More studies need to be done with regards to the phase one development of the Skybridge. The feasibility of this will depend on the stability of the rock cliff face wrt anchoring points and the effect of the construction of this on the surrounding sensitive vegetation. It is accepted that certain trees and shrub species over hanging branches will be clipped by a professional botanist.
- Vegetation on main tourism facilities roof. Management of ecological succession, species recruitment, new breeding habitat for rodents and birds, might need to be managed. Maintenance of plants on roof during operational phase.
Furthermore the orchid species that were not in flower during the field assessment need to be confirmed during their flowering season.
 - Species removed and relocated as part of the rehabilitation could decline due to transplantation shock or damage during replanting.
 - The removing and relocation of species must be done by a qualified botanist/ecologist.
 - The ECO should maintain a plant register. Names and numbers (where possible) of species that will be relocated should be kept on record so that like for like replacing is done during the rehabilitation phase.
- Regarding the safeguarding of the flying birds against the skywalk structure. The glass to be used for the skywalk must be treated to ensure that it will be visible to birds in the area in order to avoid avifauna mortalities. Mitigation in the form of bird deterrents.
- Fire management of ecological corridor within the 9 to 15-meter setback area. This is an important to note that a three year frequency of burning of this strip in front of the main building would be necessary to maintain species diversity and rejuvenation. This can easily be accomplished without posing a threat to facilities. Two 1 meter tracerlines by using of chemicals such as Roundup sprayed and burned on both sides of the ecological corridor will be sufficient to contain the strip burn. Firefighting equipment such as a pressure pump is essential. MTPA trained fire fighters can easily do this.
 - **In addition to the proposed fire sprinklers to prevent burning on the roof at least two fire taps need to be installed on site for refill of fire management trucks in the event of a huge fire threat.**
 - **An important management objective should be to remove the block of exotic plantation across the street. The section within the borders of the Protected Area, refer to MBSP terrestrial map figure 1 attached. This area can then be used for construction purposes or extra parking in the future. Needs to be negotiated with the forest company as well.**
 - **By removing the plantation in the PA will reduce the forest fire threat significantly by creating a buffer or fire break.**
 - **In the event of a fire threat to the facilities the use of a fire retardant called, Firefix, in the the water tanks for fire management will make the effort more affective and will save a lot of water. The use of Firefix within the sprinkler system is not recommended.**
- The new Electricity power lines that supply electricity from Graskop to the substation should be marked with bird flappers at appropriate places to prevent collusions. Nico van Rooyen from the EWT /Eskom partnership can advise.

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- Responsibilities to fulfill certain Services during the operational phase must be arranged
 - Regular maintenance of facilities;
 - Maintenance and care of surrounding vegetation and on the rooftop and ecological corridor- fuel loads reduced, fire management.
 - Waste water management.
 - Waste removal to registered waste landfill facility.
 - Ongoing Alien plant control.
 - Sustainable electricity supply. Alternatives such as renewable resources such as Wind or PV solar installations should be investigated.

3. The focus area of the proposed tourism facility within the protected area is indicated by a circle in figure 1. The plantation on the top left within the PA borders are not needed. The indigenous forest on the top right does not pose the same threat as an exotic tree plantation

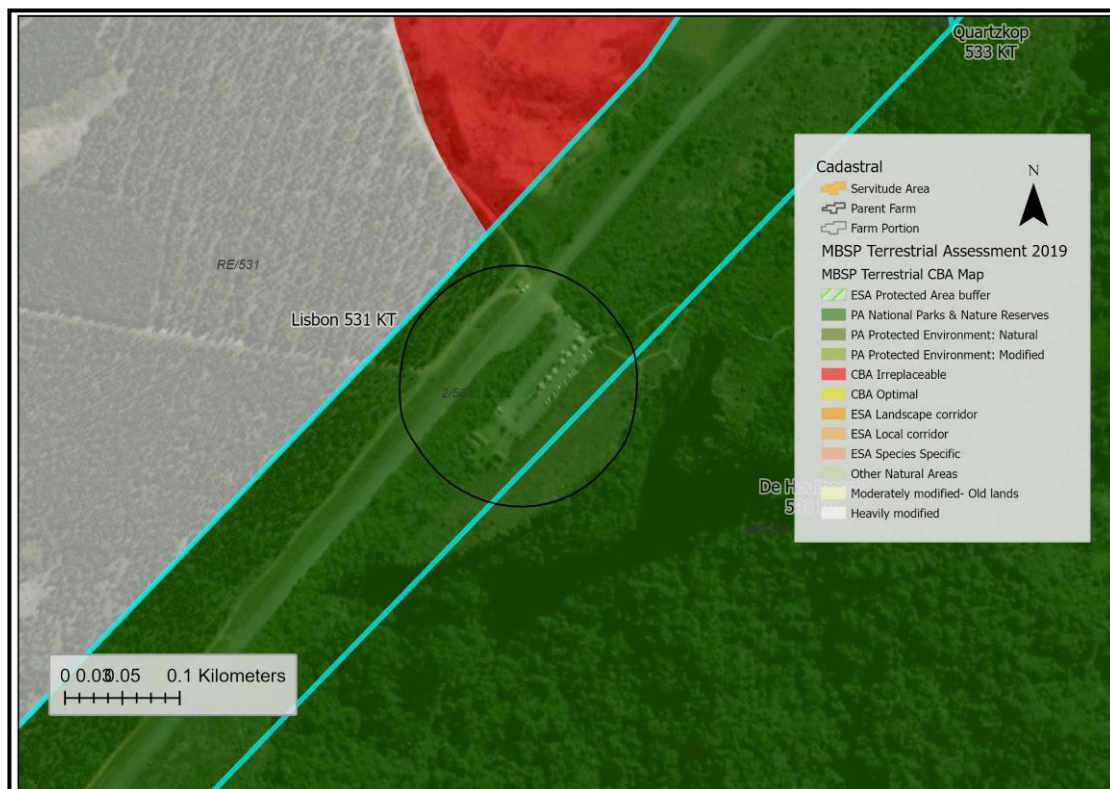


Figure 1: MBSP Terrestrial biodiversity assessment of the Skywalk development site.

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- Regarding the MBSP freshwater assessment map, figure 2, the whole area lies within a Strategic Water Source Area. The responsible use of water from a water quality and water quantity point of view is a high priority.

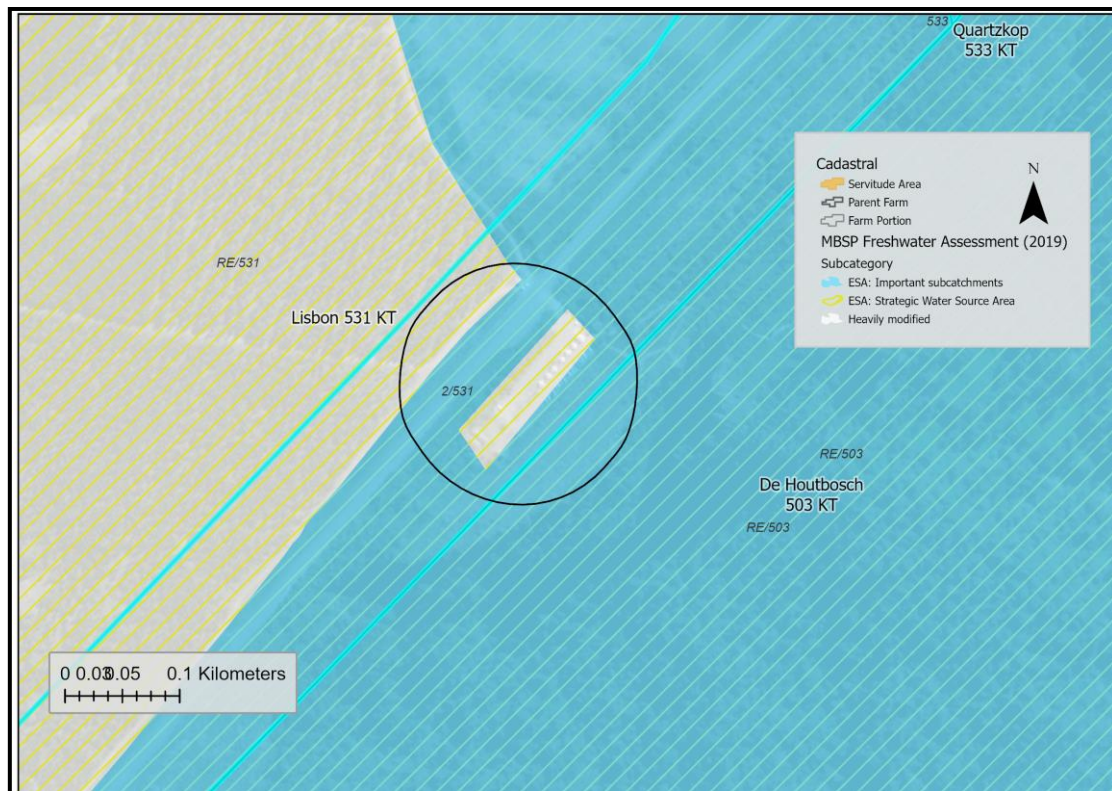


Figure 2: MBSP Freshwater assessment map of the Skywalk development site.

The MTPA thank Zutari for the comprehensive assessment reports.

Please do not hesitate to contact this office if there are any enquiries.



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