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COMMENTS ON INITIAL PUBLIC PARTICIPATION			
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1.	<p>Dept. of Agriculture, Forestry & Fisheries Letter dated 16 January 2017 <u>2. Comments on Final Scoping Report</u></p> <p>2.1: Page 13 of the Final Scoping Report (FSR), number 2.6 refers to the NFA. It states in the second paragraph that a license must be applied for under Section 1591 of the NFA. Kindly note there is no S1591 in the NFA. Page 29 of the FSR refers to the list of protected tree species and mentioned GN908 of 21 Nov. 2014. The list of protected tree species is published annually. Please see number 1 above for applicable section of the NFA and the most recent list of protected tree species and amend reports accordingly. See also page 9 of the biodiversity and botanical scan report.</p> <p>2.2: Page 15 mentioned that upgrades will be made at the water abstraction point, but it is not clear what the impact will be on the riparian vegetation. It should be noted that <i>Euclea pseudobenus</i> are often found in the endangered Lower Gariep Alluvial Vegetation type (riparian vegetation), which is one of the protected tree species that may not be destroyed or disturbed without a valid Forest Act Licence.</p> <p>2.3: Page 21 stated that the proposed development site is located within the proposed Critical Biodiversity Area (CBA 1 and CBA 2) and the unprotected Eastern Gariep Rocky Desert vegetation type, thus comments should be obtained from Nature Conservation in Springbok, contact person Mr. Peter Cloete.</p> <p><u>3. Comments on Biodiversity and Botanical Scan</u></p> <p>3.1 The Biodiversity and Botanical scan report confirmed that 16 <i>Boscia albitrunca</i> trees are present in the larger study site, of which 7</p>	<p>2.1: Noted and corrected. Please note that at the time of the Botanical scan, the applicable list of species was still the 2014 version. However, this will be updated.</p> <p>2.2: Noted. A number of <i>Euclea pseudobenus</i> trees were observed along the Henkries – Goodhouse road, as one decent from Henkries towards the Orange River, but none will be affected as part of this development (which is further west).</p> <p>2.3: Noted and appreciated. DENC, Dept. of Nature Conservation (Mr. Peter Cloete) was added to the list of State organisations for comment.</p> <p>3.1: Noted and supported.</p> <p>3.2: Noted and supported.</p>	

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	<p>are within the proposed footprint. All possible efforts should be made to minimise impacts on these slow growing protected tree species. Where individuals cannot be avoided, a license must be applied for and obtained prior to any disturbance.</p> <p>3.2 Page 23 refers to the endemic small tree, <i>Ozoroa namaquensis</i> associated with the affected Eastern Gariep Rocky Desert vegetation type. It should be noted that this species is one of the NFA listed protected tree species. If found on site in the development footprint, it must be included in the NFA Licence application.</p>		
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