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# **ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS**

Acronym / Abbreviation	Definition	
ВА	Basic Assessment	
BAR	Basic Assessment Report	
BBBEE	Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment	
B.Sc.	Bachelor of Science	
CA	Competent Authority	
CARA	Conservation of Agricultural Resources Act, 1983 (No. 43 of 1983)	
СВА	Critical Biodiversity Area	
CBD	Central Business District	
COD	Chemical Oxygen Demand	
CR	Critically Endangered	
DFFE	Department of Forestry, Fisheries and Environment (formerly Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA))	
DWS	Department of Water and Sanitation (formerly Department of Water Affairs (DWA))	
DM	District Municipality	
DMRE	Department of Mineral Resources and Energy (formerly Department of Mineral Resources (DMR))	
EA	Environmental Authorisation, i.t.o. NEMA	
EAP	Environmental Assessment Practitioner	
EAPASA	Environmental Assessment Practitioners Association of South Africa	
EC	Electrical Conductivity	
ECO	Environmental Control Officer	
EIA	Environmental Impact Assessment	
EIA Regulations, 2014	Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014 (GN R 982 of 2014, as amended by GN R 326 of 2017)	
EIAR	Environmental Impact Assessment Report	
EIS	Ecological Importance and Sensitivity	
EMPr	Environmental Management Programme	
En	Endangered	
ESA	Ecological Support Areas	
FEPA	Freshwater Ecosystem Priority Area	
GA	General Authorisation	
GDP	Gross Domestic Product	



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Acronym / Abbreviation	Definition
GHG	Greenhouse Gas
GN	Government Notice
HIA	Heritage Impact Assessment
I&AP	Interested and Affected Party
IDP	Integrated Development Plan
IFC	International Finance Corporation
IRP	Integrated Resource Plan
ISO	International Standards Organization
IUCN	International Union for Conservation of Nature
LC	Least Concern
LN	Listing Notice
LN 1, 2014	Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations Listing Notice 1, 2014 (GN R 983 of 2014, as amended by GN R 327 of 2017)
LN 2, 2014	Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations Listing Notice 2, 2014 (GN R 984 of 2014, as amended by GN R 325 of 2017)
LN 3, 2014	Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations Listing Notice 3, 2014 (GN R 985 of 2014, as amended by GN R 324 of 2017)
LoS	Level-of-Service
mamsl	Metres Above Mean Sea Level
MAP	Mean Annual Precipitation
MAR	Mean Annual Runoff
MEC	Member of the Executive Council
M.Sc.	Master of Science
NAAQS	National Ambient Air Quality Standard
NAEIS	National Atmospheric Emission Inventory System
NDCR	National Dust Control Regulations, 2013
NDP	National Development Plan
NEMA	National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (No. 107 of 1998)
NEM: AQA	National Environmental Management: Air Quality Act, 2004 (No. 57 of 2003)
NEM:BA	National Environmental Management: Biodiversity Act, 2004 (No. 10 of 2004)
NEM: PAA	National Environmental Management: Protected Areas Act, 2003 (No. 57 of 2003)
NEM: WA	National Environmental Management: Waste Act, 2008 (No. 59 of 2008)
NFEPA	National Freshwater Ecosystem Priority Areas, 2011
NHRA	National Heritage Resources Act, 1999 (No. 25 of 1999)





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# 1. INTRODUCTION

#### 1.1 PROJECT BACKGROUND

South Africa Mainstream Renewable Power Developments (Pty) Ltd (Mainstream) is proposing to develop, construct and operate four Solar Photovoltaic (PV) facilities, including Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) and associated infrastructure on a site located 19 km west of the town Sasolburg in the Free State Province (see Figure 1-1). The four projects are collectively referred to as the **Scafell Cluster**. The total generation capacity of the proposed four solar PV facilities would be up to 550 MW<sub>ac</sub>. The details of the four PV facilities, independent Power Producer (IPP) Substation, BESS and associated infrastructure is summarised in Table 1-1 below. The location of the four PV facilities are illustrated in Figure 1-1.

The proposed project requires Environmental Authorisation in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (No. 107 of 1998) (NEMA), as amended. SLR Consulting (South Africa) (Pty) Ltd (hereafter referred to as "SLR"), have been appointed as the independent environmental consultants to undertake the EIA for the proposed Scafell Cluster Project. This Construction Environmental Management Programme (EMPr) has been complied as part of the Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment (hereafter collectively referred to as "EIA") process in compliance with Appendix 4 of the EIA Regulations 2014 (as amended). Thus, this EMPr is compiled for the Ilikwa Solar PV Facility.

Figure 1-2 presents the location of the Ilikwa Solar PV Facility in relation to the other projects associated with the Scafell Cluster.

Table 1-1: Details for each of the projects included in the Scafell Cluster

Applicant	Project Name	Capacity (MW)	Affected Property
South Africa Mainstream Renewable Power Developments (Pty) Ltd	Damlaagte Solar PV Facility	150 MW <sub>ac</sub>	Remaining Extent of the Farm Damlaagte 229
Developments (1 ty) Eta	Scafell Solar PV Facility	150 MW <sub>ac</sub>	Portion 3 of the Farm Willow Grange 246
	Vlakfontein Solar PV Facility	150 MW <sub>ac</sub>	Portion 6 of the Farm Vlakfontein 161
	Ilikwa Solar PV Facility	100 MW <sub>ac</sub>	Portion 5 of the Farm Proceederfontein 100



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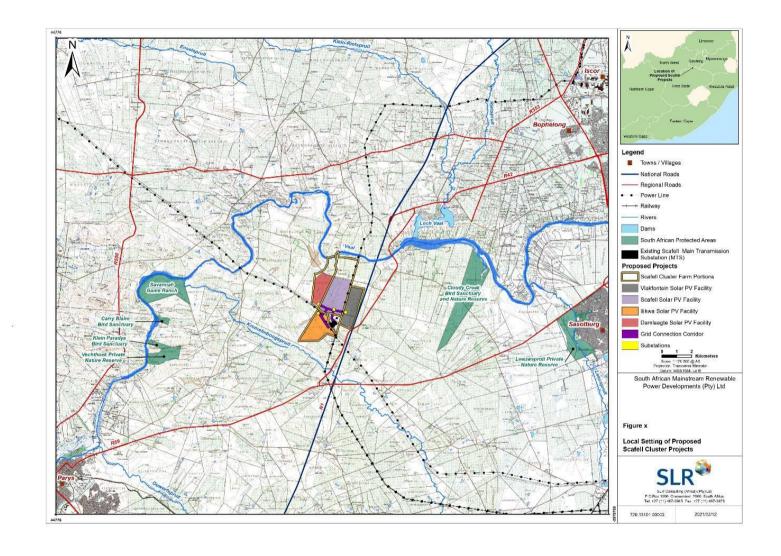


Figure 1-1: Locality Map of the project site for the Scafell Cluster Project



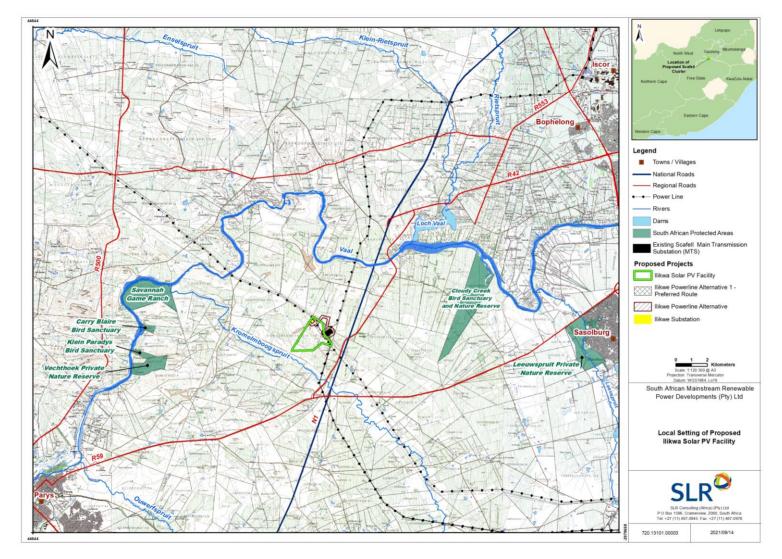


Figure 1-2: Locality Map showing boundaries of the project site for the Ilikwa Solar PV Facility

## 1.2 GENERAL PROJECT INFORMATION

## 1.2.1 Applicant Details

Component	Description
Company Name	South Africa Mainstream Renewable Power Developments (Pty) Ltd
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## 1.2.2 Site-specific Details

Table 1-2 includes a summary of the site-specific and technical information for the Ilikwa Solar PV Facility, and Figure 1-3 presents the indicative layout for the proposed project, and Figure 1-4 illustrates the development footprint of the proposed project with the superimposed environmental sensitivities.

Table 1-2: Site-specific and Technical information of the Ilikwa Solar PV Facility

Component	Ilikwa Solar PV Facility
Property Information	
Farm name & portion number:	Proceederfontein 100 Portion 5
Surveyor General 21-digit code:	F025000000010000005
Name of Landowner:	Alfred Murray Smit Trust
Property size:	276.85 ha
Study area size:	195 ha
Development footprint size:	180 ha
Centre coordinates of site:	26°48'52.65"S 27°37'38.70"E
Technical Details – Solar PV Facility	
Capacity	Up to 100 MW <sub>ac</sub>
Installed PV panel height	Up to 3 m



Component	Ilikwa Solar PV Facility
Number of PV panels	Up to 154 440
Mounting structures	Single Axis Tracking, Dual Axis Tracking or Fixed Axis Mounting System Technology
Inverters	Centralised or String Inverter Stations and Power Transformers
Cabling	Underground Direct Current (DC) and Alternating Current (AC) cables of up to 33 kVS
Electrical Infrastructure	
IPP Substation capacity	33 / 132 kV
IPP Substation footprint	2.5 ha
Cabling	Underground and overhead transmission lines (up to 132 kV)
Grid Connection corridor length & width	Up to 2.3 km long and 150 m wide
Grid Connection <sup>1</sup>	<ul> <li>Alternative 1 (Preferred) - This corridor is 150 m wide and is approximately 2.3 km in length. The proposed grid connection is from the on-site substation (Switching Station) of the proposed Ilikwa Solar Facility located on Procedeerfontein 5 /100 and extends for about 0.3 km in a south-easterly direction before moving north-easterly for 0.7 km across Willow Grange 3/246, then turning east for 0.4 km then directly south for 0.6km crossing Scafell RE/448, then a further 0.3 km in a south easterly direction, before terminating at the ESKOM Scafell MTS.</li> <li>Alternative 2 - This corridor is 150 m wide and is approximately 1.4 km in length. The proposed grid connection is from the on-site substation (Switching Station) of the proposed Ilikwa Solar Facility located on Procedeerfontein 5/100 and extends for about 1.2 km in a south-easterly direction before at 90° northeast for 0.2 km into the ESKOM Scafell MTS located on Scafell RE/448.</li> </ul>
Building Infrastructure	
BESS footprint	Up to 2 ha
BESS technology	Solid State or Redox Flow Batteries
Buildings	<ul> <li>Operational Control Centre</li> <li>Operation and Maintenance Area / Warehouse / Workshop / Control Centre and Office</li> <li>Ablution Facilities</li> <li>Substation Building</li> </ul>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The grid connection for the Ilikwa Solar PV Facility will be subject to a separate Environmental Authorisation process and will require a Basic Assessment (BA) process in support of the application for Environmental Authorisation.



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ration	Water for Domestic Use - 225 m <sup>3</sup> / month
	Water for PV module cleaning - 18 000 m <sup>3</sup> / annum Water for Domestic Use - 20 m <sup>3</sup> / month Water for Dust Suppression - 15ℓ / m <sup>2</sup>
struction	General Waste would be managed on site in accordance with the principles of the waste management hierarchy. In terms of specific waste streams, the major sources include:  Carboard waste from the panels –Approximately 250 tons of cardboard (per 100 MW). A compactor would be used on site to compress the cardboard boxes in which the PVs are stored in order to reduce the space required for the temporary storage of this waste.  Rubber caps placed on all eight corners of the PV panels (total volumes are uncertain).  Wooden pallets on which the PV boxes arrive.  Plastic wrap.  Hazardous Waste may be generated on site depending on the design / type of panel procured. Hazardous waste will be disposed of at a registered facility.
eration	Effluent would be managed by means of conservancy tanks (16 000 L in capacity which are cleaned once a month and disposed of at the nearest municipal facility).  Effluent would be managed using septic Tanks (16 000 L in capacity which are cleaned 2/3 times a week) or a Clarus Fusion System (16 000 L capacity which are cleaned once every six months), or similar, which utilises a chemical process to
	recycle water from the Operations and Maintenance Buildings as well as Sub-Station Buildings. This treated water can then be used to water vegetation.  It is expected that there will be approximately 2 000 trucks in total over the 12-18-month construction phase, approximately 10-20 trucks per day.
er	ration



Component	Ilikwa Solar PV Facility
Construction Phase	<ul> <li>At least 230 people however the number of people employed at one time may vary as different contracts and subcontracts on the project are completed at a time onsite.</li> </ul>
Operation Phase	<ul> <li>At least 17 people and this is due to the fact that the staff will mainly be responsible for the daily operations and maintenance activities of the project.</li> </ul>

Recruitment for the duration of the project lifecycle will be undertaken in collaboration with local authorities, community leadership structures and agencies and no labourers will be hired onsite. Mainstream will therefore implement mitigation and management measures to ensure that no employee or job applicant is discriminated against on the basis of race, gender, nationality, age, religion, or sexual orientation.



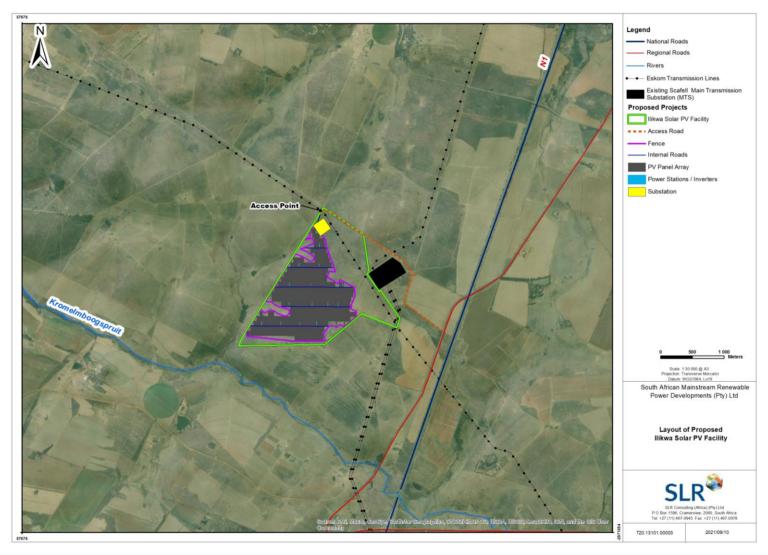


Figure 1-3: Indicative layout map of the Ilikwa Solar PV Facility



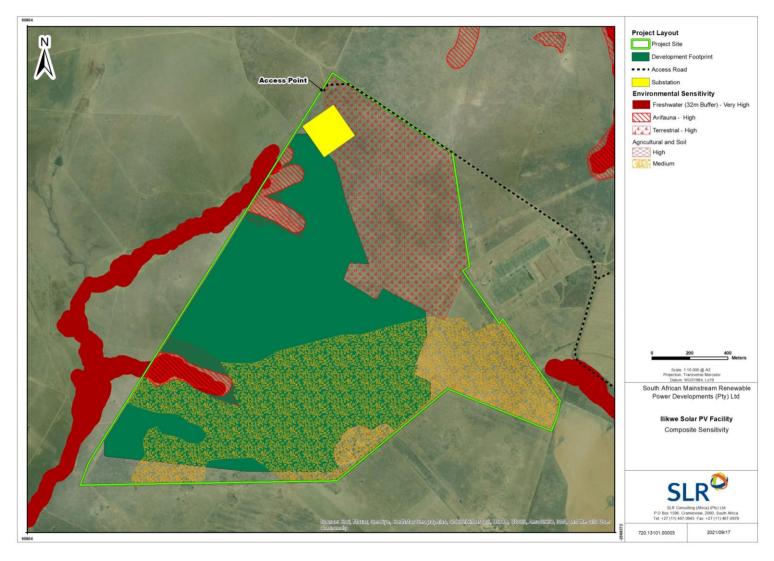


Figure 1-4: Composite Environmental Sensitivity Map of the project site



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#### 1.3 AIM OF THIS DOCUMENT

The purpose of this EMPr is to ensure that impacts associated with the construction phase(s) are avoided and, where they cannot be avoided, are kept to a minimum and rehabilitated. The EMPr, which has as its basis the mitigation measures listed in the EIA Report, sets environmental targets for the Contractor (or selected subcontractors) and reasonable standards against which the Contractor's performance can be measured during the construction phase.

This document will form the basis for the environmental specifications that the Contractor, in terms of the construction contract, will be obliged to adhere to during construction. This document will be included in the contract documentation for the construction phase and will thus form a binding agreement between the Contractor and the Applicant (Mainstream).

#### 1.4 STATUS OF THIS DOCUMENT

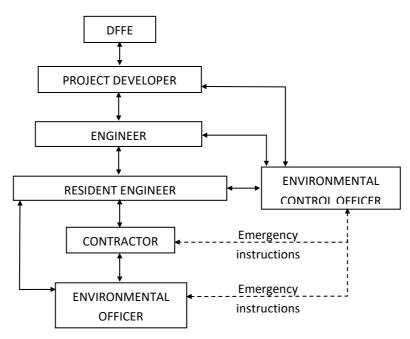
The development and implementation of environmental specifications is an on-going process that is iterative in nature. Any significant revisions to the EMPr document must be approved by the Department of Forestry, Fisheries, and the Environment (DFFE) before the EMPr is revised.



## 2. ADMINISTRATION AND REGULATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL OBLIGATIONS

#### 2.1 ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE

Details of the management structure for this EMPr are presented below. All official communication and reporting lines including instructions, directives and information shall be channelled according to the management structure presented below.



#### 2.2 ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The implementation of this EMPr requires the involvement of several stakeholders, each fulfilling a different but vital role to ensure sound environmental management during the construction phase.

#### 2.2.1 Department of Forestry, Fisheries, and the Environment

DFFE is the designated authority responsible for authorising this EMPr and has overall responsibility for ensuring that the Project Developer complies with this EMPr, and any conditions listed in the Environmental Authorisation. DFFE shall also be responsible for approving any significant amendments that may be required to the EMPr. DFFE may further perform random site inspections to check compliance with the Construction EMPr.

## 2.2.2 Project Developer

The Project Developer, Mainstream, is ultimately responsible for the implementation of the EMPr and the financial cost of all environmental control measures. Mainstream must ensure that any person acting on its behalf complies with the conditions / specifications contained in this EMPr. Mainstream is responsible for the appointment of an Engineer, Contractor and Environmental Control Officer (ECO). Once appointed, the name and contact details of the ECO must be submitted to the DFFE's Director for Compliance Monitoring.

Mainstream shall address any site problems pertaining to the environment at the request of the DFFE, Engineer and / or the ECO.



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### 2.2.3 Engineer

The Engineer shall oversee the planning, design, and construction phases of the project.

The Engineer shall appoint a Resident Engineer (RE) to act as Mainstream's on-site implementing agent. The Engineer shall address any site problems pertaining to the environment at the request of the RE and / or the ECO. The Engineer shall also be responsible for issuing penalties for contravention of the EMPr.

## 2.2.4 Resident Engineer

The RE shall act as Mainstream's on-site implementing agent and has the responsibility to ensure that their obligations are executed in compliance with the EMPr. Any on-site decisions regarding environmental management are ultimately the responsibility of the RE. The RE shall assist the ECO where necessary and shall have the following responsibilities in terms of the implementation of this EMPr:

- Reviewing and approving the Contractor's Method Statements with input from the ECO where necessary;
- The day-to-day monitoring and verifying that the EMPr and Method Statements are adhered to at all times and taking action if specifications are not followed;
- Keeping a photographic record of construction activities on site;
- Assisting the Contractor in finding environmentally responsible solutions to problems with input from the ECO where necessary;
- Ordering the removal of person(s) and/or equipment not complying with the EMPr specifications;
- Issuing fines for transgressions of site rules and penalties for contravention of the EMPr;
- Delaying any construction activity if he/she believes the environment has been or is likely to be seriously harmed / impacted;
- Providing input into the ECO's ongoing review of the EMPr; and
- Communicating environmental issues to the Environmental Officer.

#### 2.2.5 Contractor

The Contractor shall have the following responsibilities:

- To implement all provisions of the EMPr. If the Contractor encounters difficulties with specifications, he / she must discuss alternative approaches with the RE and / or the ECO prior to proceeding;
- To ensure that all staff, including Sub-contractors, are familiar with the EMPr;
- Monitoring and verifying that the environmental impacts are kept to a minimum;
- To make personnel aware of environmental issues and to ensure they show adequate consideration of the environmental aspects of the project;
- To prepare the required Method Statements (see Section 2.6);
- To report any incidents of non-compliance with the EMPr to the RE and / or the ECO; and
- To rehabilitate any sensitive environments damaged due to his / her negligence. This shall be done in accordance with the RE's specifications.
- Failure to comply with the EMPr may result in fines (see Section 2.11) and reported non-compliance may result in the suspension of work or termination of the contract by the Engineer.
- The Contractor shall appoint, at his / her own cost, a competent individual as the on-site Environmental Officer (EO) or Site Agent. The EO must be appropriately trained in environmental management and must



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possess the skills necessary to impart environmental management to all personnel involved in the

#### 2.2.6 Environmental Control Officer

ECO's duties shall include, inter alia, the following:

- Reviewing Method Statements;
- Advising the Contractor and / or the RE on environmental issues within defined construction areas;
- Undertaking regular site visits to ensure compliance with the EMPr and verifying that environmental impacts are kept to a minimum throughout the contract;
- Completing environmental checklists during site visits;
- Keeping a photographic record of progress on site from an environmental perspective;
- Assisting the Contractor, EO and / or the RE in finding environmentally acceptable solutions to construction problems;
- Recommending additional environmental protection measures should this be necessary;
- Assisting the RE in ensuring that the necessary environmental authorisations and permits have been obtained;
- Presenting the initial environmental awareness training course to the Contractor's site management staff;
- Ensuring that DFFE is informed of work progress on site;
- Reporting any incidents that may or have caused damage to the environment or breaches of the EMPr to DFFE;
- Recommending the issuing of fines for transgressions of site rules and penalties for contraventions of the EMPr (via the RE);
- Advising on the removal of person(s) and / or equipment not complying with the specifications (via the RE); and
- Compiling a final environmental audit report at the conclusion of the construction phase for submission to DFFE and Engineer within 30 days of site handover.
- The ECO shall visit the site monthly per development phases, or more frequently as required during the initial stages of construction.
- The ECO shall communicate directly with the RE. Should problems arise on site that cannot be resolved between the ECO and the RE, the ECO shall take the matter up with the Engineer and / or Mainstream. If Mainstream does not respond the ECO shall take the matter up with DFFE.

#### 2.2.7 Environmental Officer

The EO shall be responsible for monitoring, reviewing, and verifying the Contractor's compliance with the EMPr during the construction phase. The EO's duties in this regard shall include, *inter alia*, the following:

- Monitoring and verifying that the EMPr and Method Statements are adhered to at all times and taking action if specifications are not followed;
- Monitoring and verifying that environmental impacts are kept to a minimum;
- Inspecting the site on a daily basis with regard to compliance with the EMPr;
- Keeping accurate and detailed records of these inspections;
- Completing weekly checklists;



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- Assisting the RE and ECO in finding environmentally responsible solutions to problems;
- Supervision of work where environmental management is a key aspect (e.g., in sensitive areas, with high environmental risk, etc.);
- Keeping a record of on-site incidents and accidents and how these were dealt with;
- Reporting any incidents of non-compliance with the EMPr to the RE and / or the ECO; and
- Keeping a register of complaints on site and recording community comments and issues, and the actions taken in response to these complaints.

#### 2.3 EMPR ADMINISTRATION

Copies of the EMPr shall be made available to the Engineer, RE, Contractor, EO and the ECO.

Copies of this EMPr shall be kept at the site office(s) and shall be distributed to all senior contract personnel. All senior personnel shall be required to familiarise themselves with the contents of this document.

The EMPr must be updated where the findings of the environmental audit reports indicate insufficient mitigation of environmental impacts associated with the proposed project, or insufficient levels of compliance with the EMPr

Any significant revisions to the EMPr document must be approved by DFFE before the EMPr is revised. The ECO shall be responsible for the implementation and distribution of any "approved" revisions to the EMPr.

#### 2.4 NOTIFICATION OF COMMENCEMENT OF CONSTRUCTION

The ECO shall give DFFE at least two week's (or as specified in the Environmental Authorisation) written notice to the DFFE prior to the commencement of construction. A general notification letter shall also be sent to neighbouring residents and other relevant stakeholders listed on the EIA the EIA database.

#### 2.5 INFORMATION BOARD(S)

The Contractor shall be responsible for erecting information boards on site. The number and locations of these boards shall be agreed upon by the Engineer.

The contents of the information board shall be provided by the Engineer and will essentially be to advise the public of the construction operation and the prohibition on entering certain areas. The information board shall also provide the name and contact number of the RE, EO and ECO.

#### 2.6 METHOD STATEMENTS

The Contractor shall submit written Method Statements to the RE and ECO for all environmentally sensitive aspects of the work. A Method Statement Control Sheet, signed by the Contractor, must accompany each Method Statement. Method Statements shall cover applicable details with regard to:

- Construction procedures;
- Materials and equipment to be used;
- Getting equipment to and from site;
- How the equipment / material will be moved while on site;



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- How and where material will be stored;
- The containment (or action to be taken if containment is not possible) of leaks or spills of any liquid or material that may occur;
- Timing and location of activities;
- Compliance / non-compliance with the Specifications; and
- Any other information deemed necessary by the Engineer, RE or ECO.

Method Statements shall be submitted to the RE and ECO at least five (5) days prior to the commencement of operations. It should be noted that Method Statements must contain sufficient information and detail to enable the RE and ECO to apply their minds to the potential impacts of the works on the environment. The Contractor will also need to thoroughly understand what is required of him / her in order to undertake the works.

Work shall not commence until Method Statements have been approved by the RE. Failure to submit Method Statements may cause the RE to order the Contractor to suspend part or all of the works concerned until a Method Statement has been submitted and approved. Failure to submit Method Statements at least five days prior to commencing the relevant activity may also result in a fine. Any damage caused to the surrounding environment by work done without prior approval shall be rehabilitated at the Contractor's cost.

Based on the specifications in this EMPr, the following Method Statements are required as a minimum:

**MS1:** Construction camp location and layout (Section 3.1);

**MS2:** Site clearing (Section 3.3);

**MS3:** Hazardous substances (Section 3.7.1);

**MS4:** Solid waste management (Section 3.7.2);

**MS5**: Wastewater (Section 3.7.3);

**MS6:** Erosion and sediment control (Section 3.8);

**MS7**: Cement and concrete batching (Section 3.17);

**MS8:** Fire control (Section 3.11);

MS9: Dust control programme (Section 3.12);

MS10: Alien Plant Control and Management Plan (Section 3.20); and

**MS11:** Vegetation Rehabilitation Plan (Section 3.19).

The RE and / or the ECO shall specify any additional Method Statements that may be required. Where relevant the Method Statements indicated above can be combined on agreement with the RE or ECO.

## 2.7 ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS PLAN AND TRAINING

Before the commencement of any work on site, the Contractor's site management staff shall attend an environmental awareness-training course presented by the ECO. The Contractor shall liaise with the ECO prior to the commencement date of construction to fix a date and venue for the course.

The information presented at the course shall be communicated by the Contractor to the rest of his Employees on the site, to any new Employees coming onto site after the initial training course and to his / her suppliers. The presentation shall be conducted, as far as is possible, in the Employees' language of choice. As a minimum, training shall include:

Explanation of the importance of complying with the EMPr;



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- Discussion of the potential environmental impacts of construction activities;
- Explanation of the management structure of individuals responsible for matters pertaining to the EMPr;
- Employees' roles and responsibilities, including emergency preparedness;
- Explanation of the mitigation measures that must be implemented when carrying out their activities;
- Explanation of the specifics of the EMPr and its specification; and
- Explanation of the Environmental Do's and Don'ts (see Appendix A).

In addition, prior to the commencement of any work on site, the ECO and EO shall attend a briefing session by an archaeologist / palaeontologist. The briefing should provide for the following:

- The importance of archaeological / palaeontological resources;
- Legislation governing heritage / palaeontology resources;
- Site / artefact / fossil identification;
- Sampling / data collection and management; and
- Permit requirements and application process.

The Contractor shall keep records of all environmental training sessions, including names of attendees, dates of their attendance and the information presented to them. Records of environmental training sessions shall be submitted to the ECO.

#### 2.8 MEETINGS

Mainstream, Engineer, Contractor, RE, EO and ECO shall attend scheduled construction site meetings on a monthly basis throughout the contract period.

## 2.9 INSPECTION PROCEDURES

The day-to-day monitoring and verification that the EMPr is being adhered to shall be undertaken by the RE and the EO.

The ECO shall be permanently based on site until the completion of the construction and rehabilitation activities or visit and inspect the site once a month to ensure that correct operational procedures are being implemented and that the Contractor is complying with the environmental specifications in the EMPr. Additional site inspections by the ECO may be needed during the initial and final stages of the project.

The ECO shall address any queries to the RE. If the queries cannot be resolved at this level, they shall be referred to the Engineer and, if necessary, to Mainstream.

## 2.10 RECORD OF ACTIVITIES

The RE, ECO and EO shall keep a record of activities on site, including but not limited to meetings attended, Method Statements received and approved, issues arising on site, cases of non-compliance with the EMPr, penalties / fines issued, and corrective action taken to solve problems that arise. In addition, the Contractor shall keep a record of complaints from I&APs.



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The RE and EO shall undertake photographic monitoring of the contract. This shall include a photographic record of all areas that will be impacted by the construction activities prior to construction activities commencing. The ECO shall monitor all sensitive work environments, which may also include photographic monitoring.

#### **2.11 FINES**

A system of fines shall be implemented to ensure compliance with the EMPr (see Appendix B). Where the Contractor inflicts non-repairable damage upon the environment or fails to comply with any of the environmental specifications of the EMPr this would constitute a breach of Contract for which the Contractor may be liable to pay a fine. The Contractor is deemed not to have complied with the EMPr if:

- There is evidence of contravention of the EMPr specifications, including any non-compliance with an approved Method Statement;
- Construction activities take place outside the defined boundaries of the site;
- Environmental damage ensues due to negligence;
- The Contractor fails to comply with corrective or other instructions issued by the Engineer within a specific time period; and/or
- The Contractor fails to respond adequately to complaints from the public.

If excessive infringement with regard to any of the above (as determined by the Engineer) is registered, then I&J reserves the right to terminate the Contractor's contract.

The system of fines shall be implemented in the following way:

- Fines shall be issued per incident at the discretion of the Engineer;
- Fines shall be issued in addition to any remedial costs incurred as a result of non-compliance with the environmental specifications;
- The Engineer shall inform the Contractor of the contravention and the amount of the fine, and will deduct the amount from the Contractor's monthly Payment Certificates; and
- Fines, including but not limited to those activities presented in Appendix 3, shall be imposed by the Engineer on the Contractor, his staff and / or the Sub-contractors' staff for contravention of the environmental specifications. Where there are ranges, the amount shall depend on the severity and extent of the damage done to the environment.

Failure by any Employee of the Contractor or their sub-contractors to show adequate consideration to the environmental aspects of the contract shall be considered sufficient cause for the RE or ECO to recommend to the Engineer to have that Employee removed from the site. The RE or ECO may, through the Engineer, also order the removal of equipment that is causing continual environmental damage.

#### 2.12 INTERNAL REVIEW AND AUDITING

The Contractor and EO shall establish an internal review procedure to monitor the progress and implementation of the EMPr.

Where necessary, and upon the recommendation of the RE and / or the ECO, procedures that require modification shall be changed to improve the efficiency of the EMPr. Any significant revisions to the EMPr



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document must be approved by DFFE and recorded in the revised EMPr. Any non-significant changes or adjustments to the EMPr shall be registered in the daily records of the RE. Adjustment and update of the original EMPr document is not required when these ad hoc changes are made.

At the conclusion of construction (including rehabilitation) phase, an environmental audit report shall be compiled and submitted to DFFE. This report shall be compiled by the ECO, in collaboration with the RE, EO and the Contractor. It shall, as a minimum, outline the implementation of the EMPr, and highlight any problems and issues that arose during the construction period to report, on a formal basis, the lessons learned from this project.

#### 2.13 PERMITS AND LICENCES

#### 2.13.1 Site Clearance

Mainstream shall apply for the following permits / authorisations prior to construction:

- A floral permit from the Free State Department of Economic, Small Business Development, Tourism and Environmental Affairs (DESTEA) for the translocation / removal of provincially protected species such as Aloe dayvana, Crinum bulbispermum Helichrysum chionosphaerum, Helichrysum acutatum and Boophone disticha species following the undertaking of a walk-down survey with an ecological specialist;
- Permits from DFFE or any other relevant authority for the relocation / removal of Red Data-listed species;
   and
- Water Use Authorisation (i.e., General Authorisation, or Water Use License) from the Regional Head of Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) prior to construction.

The ECO should submit all licenses and permits to the DFFE for their records.

#### 2.13.2 Archaeological Permit

An archaeologist shall inspect the site for surface archaeological resources once vegetation clearing operations have been completed, but prior to the commencement of bulk earthworks. If surface archaeological resources are visible, these might need to shovel be tested if specified by the archaeologist, under permit, to determine the potential significance of the deposits. Thus, if necessary, it is recommended that the ECO or an appointed archaeologist apply to the South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA), or any other relevant authority for a collection (disturbance) permit prior to shovel testing.



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## 3. ENVIRONMENTAL SPECIFICATIONS

Ref #	Project activity/aspect	Environmental Outcome	Management Action	Responsibility	Timing	Records/Indicators	Monitoring Requirements
3.1	Camps	Damage to the environment is avoided or minimised	<ul> <li>The construction camp(s) shall be located at an easily accessible point(s) and within an area of low environmental sensitivity;</li> <li>No camp establishment shall be allowed within 32 m of any watercourse or drainage channel, or in any area that could cause nuisance or safety hazards to the surrounding landowners, businesses, or the general public. Construction material stockpiles shall be established in disturbed areas;</li> <li>The RE and ECO shall approve the final location of all camp(s) prior to its establishment;</li> <li>The area outside the construction camp(s) fence is considered to be a 'No-Go' area; and</li> <li>The Contractor shall submit a MS indicating the location, preparation, and layout of the construction camp(s). The plan shall include the location and layout of waste storage and treatment facilities, ablution facilities, stockpiling and spoil areas and hazardous material storage area. The demolition and removal of these facilities on completion of construction works shall also be detailed.</li> </ul>	Contractor	Prior to construction	Approved MS indicating the location, preparation and layout of the construction camps and laydown areas.  Map / plan of construction camps and laydown areas.  RE approval for the final location of construction camps and laydown areas.	Site Inspections and Audits.

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 Toilets must be easily accessible and shall be secured in order to prevent

them from blowing over;



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			<ul> <li>Toilets shall not be more than 50 m away from where construction activities are being undertaken;</li> <li>Toilets shall not be sited within 32 m of drainage channels or areas of sensitive natural vegetation;</li> <li>The Contractor shall be responsible for ensuring that all ablution facilities are maintained in a clean and sanitary condition to the satisfaction of the RE or ECO;</li> <li>The Contractor shall provide toilet paper;</li> <li>The Contractor shall appoint a suitable Sub-contractor to empty toilets on a regular basis;</li> <li>The Sub-contractor shall ensure that there is no spillage when the chemical toilets are cleaned and that the</li> </ul>				
			<ul> <li>contents are properly removed from site;</li> <li>The Contractor shall be responsible for enforcing the use of these facilities; and</li> </ul>				
			<ul> <li>Performing ablutions outside of established toilet facilities is strictly prohibited.</li> </ul>				

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			<ul> <li>Toilet/s shall be located within the construction camp and in construction areas where there will be a concentration of labour. The siting of toilets shall be done in consultation with the RE or ECO to ensure that they are easily accessible for employees.</li> </ul>	Contractor, RE and/or ECO			
		Effective housekeeping	<ul> <li>The Contractor shall provide adequate refuse bins with lids at all eating areas to the satisfaction of the RE and shall ensure that all eating areas are cleaned up on a daily basis;</li> <li>Any cooking of food on site shall be done using gas cookers; and</li> <li>No surface water sources shall be used for washing of pots, plates, clothing, etc.</li> </ul>	Contractor	Prior to and during construction	RE approval.  Clean eating areas.	Site Inspections and Audits.
			<ul> <li>The Contractor shall establish eating areas, as agreed with the RE. These areas shall provide adequate temporary shade to ensure that employees do not move off-site to eat; and</li> <li>Collected waste shall be stored in a central waste area within the construction camp that has been approved by the RE and ECO;</li> </ul>	Contractor, RE and/or ECO			





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outside of the defined work spaces as determined during the tender process;

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			<ul> <li>The RE may declare No-Go areas at any time during the construction phase as deemed necessary and / or at the request of the ECO;</li> </ul>				
			<ul> <li>Areas required for construction purposes shall also be demarcated, in consultation with the ECO and / or RE, prior to the commencement of site clearing activities;</li> </ul>				
			<ul> <li>No-Go areas shall be demarcated by fencing of at least three strands of wire, the position of which will be agreed by the RE and ECO, and appropriate signage;</li> </ul>				
			<ul> <li>Entry into these areas without the ECO's permission will result in a penalty; and</li> </ul>				
			<ul> <li>The Contractor shall be responsible for any clean-up and / or rehabilitation of all areas impacted outside the site.</li> </ul>				













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disposed of, etc.



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during offloading.

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3.10	Materials handling and storage: Storage of hazardous substances	Effective containment, handling, storage, and disposal of hazardous substances	<ul> <li>All fuel, oil, and other hazardous substances (i.e., bitumen, paint, etc.) shall be confined to demarcated, adequately bunded areas within the construction camp and stored in suitable containers. If more than 500 m³ is to be stored on site, EA is required from DFFE;</li> <li>The storage of any materials (e.g., cement, oil, fuel, etc.) shall not take place within 32 m of any surface water sources;</li> <li>Hazard signs indicating the nature of the stored materials shall be displayed on the storage facility or containment structure;</li> <li>The Contractor shall have a copy of the MSDS readily available and ensure that he / she or his / her employees who are required to use such substances are fully conversant with the safe handling precautions, protective equipment to be used and storage precautions to be taken;</li> <li>The following conditions related to the temporary storage of fuel must be implemented:         <ul> <li>Fuel shall be stored in steel tank(s) supplied and maintained by the fuel suppliers;</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Contractor	Daily, during construction	Approved MS for the containment, handling, storage, and disposal of hazardous substances.  DFFE approval (if applicable).  Suitable hazardous substances storage areas with suitable signage.  Adequate warning sign and fire-fighting equipment.  Emergency response plan (with evidence of municipality consultations)  MSDS for all hazardous substances on site.  Proof of safe disposal of hazardous substances.  Incident Reports.	Site Inspections and Audits.







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 The relevant Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS) for all hazardous chemical substances (as defined in the Regulations for Hazardous Chemical Substances) shall be submitted to the

 Areas for the temporary stockpiling of excavated material and other construction material shall be as agreed with the RE and ECO.

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			and other lubricants. All hazardous waste from maintenance activities shall be disposed of as specified in Section 3.7.1; and  The washing of equipment shall be restricted to urgent maintenance requirements only. All washing shall be undertaken in the maintenance area, and these areas must be equipped with suitable wastewater collection measures (see Section 3.7.3). The use of detergents for washing shall be restricted to low phosphate and nitrate containing, low sudsing-type detergents.			Proof of safe disposal of hazardous substances and redundant equipment.  No signs of washing of equipment/ vehicles in the field.  Incident Reports.  Photographs.	
			Where reasonably practical, maintenance activities shall only be undertaken in a demarcated maintenance area (as agreed to with the RE and ECO). No maintenance activities shall be allowed within 32 m of any surface water source or area of natural vegetation.	Contractor, RE and/or ECO			
3.14	Accidental leaks and spills	Contamination of the environment as a result of accidental leaks	<ul> <li>The Contractor shall ensure that his / her employees are aware of the procedure to be followed for dealing with spills and leaks;</li> </ul>	Contractor	Upon accidental leaks and spills	Approved MS is in place for handling accidental leaks and spills.	Site Inspections and Audits.











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			<ul> <li>The Contractor shall submit a Method Statement detailing a solid waste control and removal system (storage, provision of bins, site clean-up schedule, bin clean-out schedule, etc.) that is acceptable to the RE and ECO.</li> </ul>				
3.20	Waste Management: Wastewater	Contamination of the environment as a result of wastewater management is prevented	<ul> <li>Contaminated water (including contamination with chemicals, oils, fuels, cement, sewage, construction water, water carrying products, etc.) from the construction site(s) should be prevented from entering groundwater, or surface water bodies. Appropriate measures, as agreed with the RE, shall be taken to limit the volume of water entering the site and to improve the water quality before it leaves site (e.g., stormwater cut-off drains, straw bales or geofabric siltation barriers constructed across the site at specific points);</li> <li>Water from any kitchen, showers, sinks, etc. shall be discharged into a conservancy tank (or similar) for removal from the site;</li> <li>No stormwater outlets shall be allowed to flow directly into the sea;</li> <li>No wastewater or contaminated water shall be disposed of into the sea or stormwater drains; and</li> </ul>	Contractor	During construction	Approved MS is in place for management of wastewater.  Presence of conservancy tank to capture wastewater.  Records of collection and disposal of wastewater.  No signs of wastewater disposal to the environment.  Presence of stormwater cut-off drains upslope of the potential contamination sources.	Site Inspections and Audits.  Monthly wastewater reconciliation.



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the RE:

 The Contractor shall, as an ongoing exercise, provide sedimentation and

• During construction, the Contractor shall protect areas susceptible to

temporary and permanent drainage

works as soon as possible and by taking measures necessary to prevent

concentrated in streams and from scouring slopes, banks, or other areas;

• During construction, the Contractor

shall implement measures to prevent the migration of material (fines) from the works into any surface water

source, i.e., the unchanneled valley bottom wetland system, etc.

developed and submitted to the RE and ECO that indicates how the Contractor shall deal with erosion and

sedimentation issues.

Appropriate measures, as agreed with the RE, shall be taken to limit the volume of water entering the site and to improve the water quality before it leaves site (e.g., stormwater cut-off drains, straw bales or geofabric siltation barriers constructed across the site at specific points); and

• A Method Statement shall be

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satisfaction of the RE and ECO; and



permit issued by SAHRA, or the FSPH, destroy, damage, excavate, alter, deface, or otherwise disturb archaeological material.



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		Protection of palaeontological resources	<ul> <li>The Contractor shall undertake on-site monitoring for fossil material during excavation activities in accordance with fossil monitoring procedures. Any fossiliferous material (plants, insects, bone, coal) should be put aside in a suitably protected place;</li> <li>Photographs of similar fossils must be provided to the Contractor by the RE, or ECO to assist in recognizing the fossil plants, vertebrates, or trace fossils in the shales and mudstone rocks of the site. Photographs of the fossil plants, vertebrates, or trace fossils are included in Appendix E of this EMPr;</li> </ul>	Contractor, RE and/or ECO			
			<ul> <li>Photographs of putative fossils can be sent to a palaeontologist by the EO;</li> <li>If there is any possible fossil material encountered within the site, the ECO should contact a palaeontologist to inspect the selected material and check the dumps where feasible;</li> </ul>				





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3.23	Fire control	Effective fire prevention and control	<ul> <li>No open fires shall be allowed on site for the purpose of cooking or warmth. Bona fide braai fires (such braai fires shall be limited to the traditional "month end" braais and not individual daily cooking fires) may be lit within the construction camp;</li> <li>The Contractor shall take all reasonable steps to prevent the accidental occurrence or spread of fire;</li> <li>The Contractor shall ensure that all site personnel are aware of the procedure to be followed in the event of a fire;</li> <li>The Contractor shall ensure that there is basic fire-fighting equipment on site at all times. This equipment shall include fire extinguishers and beaters;</li> <li>The Contractor shall ensure that the telephone number of the local Fire and Emergency Service is displayed at the site offices;</li> <li>Smoking is not allowed on site, other than at designated smoking points. Cigarette butts shall not be discarded on the ground; and</li> </ul>	Contractor	Daily, during construction	Approved fire contingency MS for fire prevention and control.  Proof of consultation with local authorities.  No signs of open fires.  Fire-fighting team appointment and training records.  Adequate fire-fighting equipment, especially at hot work areas.  Shielded "hot work" areas.  Displayed telephone numbers of the local Fire and Emergency Service.	Site Inspections and Audits.





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deemed necessary by the RE; and

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			<ul> <li>Any work that requires the use of fire may only take place at that designated area and as approved by the RE. Fire- fighting equipment shall be available in these areas.</li> </ul>				
3.24	Air quality control	Dust generation is minimised	<ul> <li>The Contractor shall ensure that the generation of dust is minimised and shall implement a dust control programme to maintain a safe working environment and minimise nuisance for the surrounding landowners and businesses;</li> <li>The Contractor shall ensure that exposed soil and material stockpiles are adequately protected against the wind (e.g., water spray vehicles, covering of material stockpiles shall take into consideration the prevailing wind directions and locations of sensitive receptors;</li> <li>Construction vehicles shall comply with speed limits (speed limit for light vehicles is 40 km / hr and for heavy vehicles 20 km / hr) and haul distances shall be minimised. Material loads shall be suitably covered and secured during transportation;</li> </ul>	Contractor	Daily, during construction	Approved MS for the control of dust.  No excessive dust generation.  Adequately protected exposed areas and material stockpiles.  Procedure for recording and managing external grievance/complaints, and register.  Photographs.	Site Inspections and Audits.



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			<ul> <li>If required by the Ngwathe Local Municipality, additional dust control measures must be implemented to control dust generation; and</li> <li>The Contractor shall submit a Method Statement detailing the control of dust on site.</li> </ul>				
3.25	Noise control and working hours	Noise disturbance to neighbouring properties is avoided or minimised	<ul> <li>The Contractor shall be familiar with and adhere to, any local by-laws and regulations regarding the generation of noise and hours of operation. In addition, the provisions of SABS 1200A Sub clause 4.1 regarding "built-up areas" shall apply to all areas within audible distance of residents whether in urban, peri-urban, or rural areas;</li> <li>Construction activities should be limited to 08:00 and 17:00. This should be determined together with the local authorities;</li> <li>The Contractor shall negotiate for any permits requiring deviation from local by-laws and/or regulations with the Ngwathe Local Municipality. However, the Contractor shall advise the RE and ECO in writing of such intention prior to negotiating for these permits;</li> <li>The Contractor shall inform RE of any complaints received from the public or</li> </ul>	Contractor	Ad hoc	Procedure for recording and managing external grievance / complaints, and complaints register.  Noise monitoring results (as required).  Agreements with the Engineer and local authority (as required).	Site Inspections and Audits.  Noise monitoring in accordance with SANS 10103 (when noise-related complaints have been received).

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			<ul> <li>The Contractor shall be held responsible for any complaints received from the authority and/or public with respect to any contravention of the agreed conditions.</li> </ul>				
3.26	Lights	Disturbance to road traffic and surrounding community is avoided or minimised	<ul> <li>The Contractor should install light fixtures that provide precisely direct illumination to reduce light spillage beyond the immediate surrounds of the site, i.e., lights (specifically spotlights) are to be aimed away from the N1 and R59 roads and areas south and west of the site;</li> <li>The use of high pole top security lighting along the periphery of the site should be avoided. Only lights that are activated on illegal entry to the site should be used; and</li> <li>The Contractor shall ensure that any lighting installed on the site for his/her activities does not interfere with road traffic or cause a reasonably avoidable disturbance to the surrounding users, specifically the surrounding</li> </ul>	Contractor.	Ongoing	External Grievance/ Complaints procedure and register.	Site Inspections and Audits.

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existing roads within and surrounding

the site are maintained in a suitable

condition;



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than 220 litres) DFFE shall be notified;

personnel with their roles and responsibilities in emergency

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3.31	Alien vegetation control	Effective alien vegetation control	<ul> <li>Alien vegetation management shall be undertaken on the site for the operational lifespan of the project;</li> <li>Any alien vegetation removal shall be undertaken by a suitably qualified subcontractor; and</li> <li>No on-site burying, dumping, stockpiling, or burning of any weeds and alien plant species may occur. Such material shall be removed from the site and disposed of at a suitable municipal collection point or landfill site from where seed cannot escape.</li> </ul>	Contractor	Ongoing	Approved MS for alien vegetation control  No alien invasive plant species at rehabilitation areas.  Appointment of subcontractor.  No sign of on-site burying, dumping, stockpiling, or burning of alien vegetation.	Site Inspections and Audits.  Post construction audits and closure reports.
3.32	Socio- economic: Social project risks	Effective management of social risks and stakeholders	The Project Developer should develop a Social Impact Management Plan as soon as the project enters the public domain (outside of the EA process) and prior to construction. The Plan should be made available to the Contractor prior to construction.	Project Developer	Prior to construction	Social Impact Management Plan is developed.	Site Inspections and Audits.
			<ul> <li>The Contractor should appoint an appropriately qualified Community Liaison Officer (CLO) to deal with social aspects of the project throughout the life of the project; and</li> </ul>	Contractor	Prior to construction	A CLO is appointed.  A Community Relation Strategy is compiled.	N/A



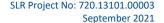


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		<ul> <li>Respect for farm infrastructure and agricultural activities;</li> <li>Prohibition of hunting and theft of livestock or products;</li> <li>Zero tolerance for working under the influence of alcohol or any other illegal substance, i.e., dagga; and</li> <li>A description of the disciplinary measures for the violation of the Code of Conduct.</li> <li>Stock theft should considered as a dismissible offence; and</li> <li>Compensation for loss of land, structures and infrastructure associated with the development shall occur in a timeous manner.</li> </ul>					
			The RE or Contractor shall take appropriate measures to ensure that the impacts on nearby business activities (e.g., dust, traffic, theft, etc.) as a result of the construction activities, are minimised.	Contractor and RE			



## **APPENDIX A: ENVIRONMENTAL DO'S AND DON'TS**







#### DO'S AND DON'T'S

Workers & equipment must stay inside the site boundaries at all times



Do not swim in or drink from streams

Do not throw oil, petrol, diesel, concrete or
rubbish in the stream

Do not work in the stream without direct instruction

Do not damage the banks or vegetation of the stream



Protect animals on the site

Ask your supervisor or Contract's Manager
to remove animals found on site



Do not damage or cut down any trees or plants without permission Do not pick flowers



Put cigarette butts in a rubbish bin Do not smoke near gas, paints or petrol Do not light any fires without permission Know the positions of fire fighting equipment Report all fires

Do not burn rubbish/ vegetation without permission



Work'with petrol, oil & diesel in marked areas Report any petrol, oil & diesel leaks or spills Use a drip tray under vehicles & machinery Empty drip trays after rain & throw away where instructed



Try to avoid producing dust - wet dry ground & soil



Do not make loud noises around the site, especially near schools and homes

Report or repair noisy vehicles



Use the toilets provided Report full or leaking toilets



Only eat in demarcated eating areas
Never eat near a river or stream
Put packaging & leftover food into rubbish
bins



Do not litter - put all rubbish (especially cement bags) into the bins provided Report full bins to your supervisor The responsible person should empty bins regularly



Always keep to the speed limit Drivers - check & report leaks Ensure loads are secure & do not spill



Know all the emergency phone numbers

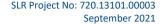


Spot fines of between R20 and R2000 Removal from site Construction may be stopped



Report any breaks, floods, fires, leaks and injuries to your supervisor Ask questions!





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#### MOETS EN MOENIES

Werkers en gereedskap moet ten alle tye binne die terreingrense bly.



Moenie van strome drink of daarin swem nie. Moenie olie, petrol, diesel, sement of rommel in strome gooi nie.

Moenie in strome werk sonder direkte instruksie nie.

Moenie stroomoewers en plantegroei beskadig nie.



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Weet waar brandbestrydingstoerusting gestoor word

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Meld alle petrol, olie en diesel lekkasies aan. Gebruik 'n drupbak onder voertuie en masjienerie. Maak drupbakke leeg na reën, maar nie in riviere nie



Probeer om nie stof te maak nie. Maak droë grond nat met water.



Moenie harde geluide maak op die terrein nie, veral naby skole en huise.

Meld raserige voertuie aan of herstel dit.



Gebruik die toilette wat voorsien is. Meld vol of lekkende toilette aan.



Eet slegs in gemerkte gebiede. Moenie naby riviere of strome eet nie. Gooi verpakking en orige kos in vullisblikke.



Moenie vullis rondstrooi nie – gooi alle vullis (veral sementsakke) in vullishouers.

Mel vol vullishouers aan by u toesighouer. Vullishouers moet gereeld leeggemaak word.



Moet nooit die spoedperk oorskry nie. Bestuurders – gaan voertuie na en meld lekkasies of rokerige voertuie aan. Maak seker dat alle vragte stewig is en nie mors nie.



Maak seker dat u alle nood telefoonnommers ken.



Boetes tussen R20 en R2000 Verwydering vanaf die konstruksieterrein. Konstruksie mag gestop word.



Meld alle brekasies, vure, vloede, lekkasises en beserings aan by u toesighouer. Vra vrae!





#### MOETS EN MOENIES



Werkers en gereedskap moet ten alle tye binne die terreingrense bly.



Moenie van strome drink of daarin swem nie. Moenie olie, petrol, diesel, sement of rommel in strome gooi nie.

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#### **APPENDIX B: LIST OF FINES**

## SCHEDULE OF FINES FOR ENVIRONMENTAL DAMAGE OR CONSTRUCTION EMP TRANSGRESSIONS

CEMP TRANSGRESSION OR RESULTANT ENVIRONMENTAL DAMAGE	MIN. FINE	MAX. FINE
Failure to report environmental damage or CEMP transgressions to the ECO or RE.	R 500	R 1 000
Failure to carry out instructions of the ECO or RE regarding the environment or the CEMP.	R 500	R 1 000
Failure to comply with prescriptions for supervision for loading and off-loading of delivery vehicles.	R 500	R 1 000
Failure to comply with prescriptions for securing of loads to ensure safe passage of delivery vehicles.	R 500	R 1 000
Failure to comply with prescriptions for the storage of imported materials within a designated contractor's yard.	R 500	R 1 000
Failure to comply with prescribed administration, storage or handling of hazardous substances.	R 500	R 1 000
Failure to comply with fuel storage, refuelling, or clean-up prescriptions.	R 500	R 1 000
Failure to comply with prescriptions for the use of ablution facilities.	R 500	R 1 000
Failure to comply with prescriptions for the use of designated eating areas, heating source for cooking or presence of fire extinguishers	R 500	R 1 000
Failure to comply with prescriptions regarding water provision	R 500	R 1 000
Failure to comply with prescriptions regarding fire control	R 500	R 5 000
Failure to comply with prescriptions for solid waste management (incl. paint chips, cement and concrete)	R 500	R 5 000
Failure to comply with prescriptions to prevent water pollution	R 500	R 1 000
Failure to comply with prescriptions regarding workshop equipment maintenance and storage	R 500	R 1 000
Failure to comply with prescriptions regarding noise levels of construction activities	R 500	R 5 000
Failure to comply with prescriptions regarding working hours	R 500	R 5 000
Failure to comply with prescriptions regarding lighting and aesthetics	R 500	R 1 000
Failure to comply with prescriptions regarding silt, debris and other obstruction removal	R 500	R 5 000
Failure to comply with prescriptions regarding water diversion and drainage	R 500	R 5 000
Failure to comply with prescriptions regarding erosion and scour protection	R 500	R 5 000
Failure to comply with prescriptions regarding traffic accommodation	R 500	R 5 000
Failure to comply with prescriptions regarding tree and vegetation removal / damage	R 5 000	R 20 000
Failure to comply with prescriptions regarding method statements	R 500	R 5 000
Failure to comply with prescriptions regarding environmental awareness training	R 500	R 5 000
Failure to comply with prescriptions regarding appointment of an Environmental Officer and monitoring of CEMP compliance	R 500	R 1 000
Failure to comply with prescriptions regarding site demarcation and erection of fences	R 500	R 5 000
Failure to comply with prescriptions regarding demarcation and enforcement of 'no go' areas	R 500	R 5 000
Failure to comply with prescriptions regarding control of vehicles and plant on access routes	R 500	R 1 000
Failure to comply with prescriptions regarding information posters	R 500	R 1 000
Failure to comply with prescriptions regarding procedures for emergencies	R 1 000	R 5 000



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Note: The maximum fine for any environmental damage will never be less than the cost of applicable environmental rehabilitation.					
Failure to comply with prescriptions posting of emergency numbers and contacting of the emergency call centre	R 500	R 5 000			
Failure to comply with prescriptions regarding information boards or a complaints register	R 500	R 1 000			
Failure to comply with prescriptions regarding protection of natural features	R 500	R 5 000			
Failure to comply with prescriptions regarding erosion and sedimentation control	R 500	R 5 000			



#### APPENDIX C: FOSSIL FINDS PROCEDURE

## Monitoring Programme for Palaeontology – to commence once the excavations / drilling activities begin.

- 1. The following procedure is only required if fossils are seen on the surface and when drilling/excavations commence.
- 2. When excavations begin the rocks and must be given a cursory inspection by the Environmental Control Officer (ECO) or designated person. Any fossiliferous material (plants, insects, bone, coal) should be put aside in a suitably protected place. This way the project activities will not be interrupted.
- 3. Photographs of similar fossils must be provided to the developer and contractor to assist in recognizing the fossil plants, vertebrates, invertebrates or trace fossils in the shales and mudstones (for example see Figure 3-1 and Figure 3-2). This information will be built into the EMP's training and awareness plan and procedures.
- 4. Photographs of the putative fossils can be sent to the palaeontologist for a preliminary assessment.
- 5. If there is any possible fossil material found by the developer/environmental control officer then a qualified palaeontologist to be sub-contracted for this project, should visit the site to inspect the selected material and check the dumps where feasible.
- 6. Fossil plants or vertebrates that are considered to be of good quality or scientific interest by the palaeontologist must be removed, catalogued, and housed in a suitable institution where they can be made available for further study. Before the fossils are removed from the site a SAHRA permit must be obtained. Annual reports must be submitted to SAHRA as required by the relevant permits.
- 7. If no good fossil material is recovered then no site inspections by the palaeontologist will be necessary. A final report by the palaeontologist must be sent to SAHRA once the project has been completed and only if there are fossils.
- 8. If no fossils are found and the excavations have finished then no further monitoring is required.





Figure 3-1: A surface view of a Stromatolite from the Malmani Subgroup



Figure 3-2: Photographs of a selection of fossil plants from the *Glossopteris* flora from the Vryheid Formation (Ecca Group, Karoo Supergroup)

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