

Registration and Comments Sheet

**PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF A HIGH SPEED PROVING GROUND FOR VEHICLE TESTING
BY MERCEDES BENZ SOUTH AFRICA, UPINGTON, NORTHERN CAPE**

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None.

Please list your interest in the project and comments below:

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SUBJECT:	Registration as Commenting Authority (WSP Ref: 46693)
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MESSAGE:	<p>Dear Ms. Dendy</p> <p>Thank you very much for notifying the Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (Branch: Forestry) of the proposed high speed testing facility for Mercedes Benz in Uppington. Attached please find a letter for your attention.</p> <p>Please note the preferred method of communication is via e-mail, but our Department is currently experiencing technical problems with e-mails.</p> <p>Kind Regards, Jacoline Mans Chief Forester: NFA Regulation</p>
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Enquiries: J Mans
E-mail: JacolineMa@daff.gov.za
Date: 16 July 2015
Ref: F13/11/2/315

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ATTENTION: Claire Dendy (Claire.Dendy@wspgroup.co.za)

RE: REGISTRATION AS COMMENTING AUTHORITY AND COMMENTS ON PROPOSED SCOPING AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT PROCESS FOR THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF A HIGH SPEED PROVING GROUND FOR VEHICLE TESTING BY MERCEDES BENZ SOUTH AFRICA, UPINGTON NORTHERN CAPE (WSP REF: 46693)

1. DEPARTMENTAL MANDATE

1.1 The Branch: **Forestry** and Natural Resource Management in the **Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF)** is responsible for implementation of the **National Forests Act, Act 84 of 1998 (NFA)** and the **National Veld and Forest Fires Act, Act 101 of 1998** as amended. The proposed developer should take note of the following sections of the NFA:

- 1.1.1 Section 12(1)(d): "The Minister may declare-
- (a) A particular tree,
 - (b) A particular group of trees,
 - (c) A particular woodland; or
 - (d) Trees belonging to a particular species, to be a protected tree, group of trees, woodland or species."
- 1.1.2 Section 15(1): "No person may-
- (a) Cut, disturb, damage or destroy any protected tree; or
 - (b) Possess, collect, remove, transport, export, purchase, sell, donate or in any other manner acquire or dispose of any protected tree, or any forest product derived from a protected tree, except-
 - (i) under a license granted by the Minister; or

(ii) in terms of an exemption from the provision of this subsection published by the Minister in the Gazette on the advice of the Council.”


- 1.1.3 Section 62(2)(c): “Any person who contravenes the prohibition on-
- (i) The cutting, disturbance, damage or destruction of temporarily protected trees or groups of trees referred to in section 14(2) or protected trees referred to in section 15(1)(a); or
 - (ii) The possession, collection, removal, transport, export, purchase or sale of temporarily protected trees or groups of trees referred to in section 14(2) or protected trees referred to in section 15(1)(b), or any forest product derived from a temporarily protected tree, group of trees or protected tree, is guilty of a first category offence.
- 1.1.4 Section 58 (1): “Any person who is guilty of a first category offence referred to in sections 62 and 63 may be sentenced to a fine or imprisonment for a period of up to three years, or to both a fine and such imprisonment.”

2. GENERAL COMMENTS

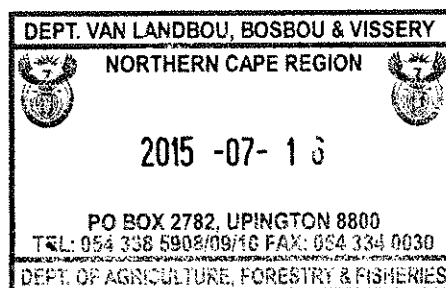
- 2.1 Please register this office as a commenting authority and provide us with copies of the relevant documentation.
- 2.2 Protected trees such as *Acacia (Vachellia) erioloba* (Camel thorn) and *Boscia albitrunca* (Shepherd’s Tree) are known to occur in the vicinity of Upington. These species are extremely slow-growing and long-lived. Impacts should be avoided as far as possible by placing the facility in an area where it will have the minimum impacts on protected trees.
- 2.3 Kindly ensure that you assess the impact on NFA listed protected tree species by providing an accurate estimation of the number, sizes and tree species to be destroyed during construction of the facility. Also indicate the size of the development footprint (i.e. width and length of roads and any other associated infrastructure) which may result in clearance of vegetation.
- 2.4 Sensitive areas with high densities of protected trees should be avoided as far as possible, especially for placement of temporary infrastructure during construction.
- 2.5 The developer should also consider the potential impacts on provincially protected plant species under the Northern Cape Nature Conservation Act, Act 9 of 2009 (NCNCA), which may not be disturbed or destroyed without a valid Flora Permit from the provincial Department of Environment and Nature Conservation (DENC) in Kimberley.

Thank you very much for notifying the Department of Forestry of the proposed development.

Kind Regards,


Jacoline Mans

Chief Forester: NFA Regulation





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Please list your interest in the project and comments below:

See attached

Signature J Mans

Date 17/07/2015

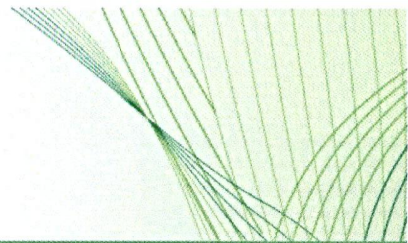
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Attention : C. Dendy

HIGH SPEED PROVING GROUND for VEHICLE TESTING

The proposed project involves the development of a High Speed Proving for vehicle testing for the Mercedes Benz Research and Development Team on Steenkamps Pan Farm 419/06 in the Northern Cape province.

The Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development is guided by Act 43 of 1983.
With the development of the abovementioned activities the developer must take care of the following:

Article 7.(3)b of Regulation 9238: CONSERVATION OF AGRICULTURE RESOURCES, 1983 (Act 43 of 1983)
Utilisation and protection of vlies, marshes, water sponges and water courses

7.(1) "..... no land user shall utilize the vegetation in a vlei, marsh or water sponge or within the flood area of a water course or within 10 meters horizontally outside such flood area in a manner that causes or may cause the deterioration of or damage to the natural agriculture resources."

(3)(b) "cultivate any land on his farm unit within the flood area of a water course or within 10 meters horizontally outside the flood area of a water course"

Take also care of the following: who is the current landowner, will it be a subdivision of land or a lease contract between the developer and the landowner?

Rezoning will also be applicable because the land use will change from the current agricultural status.

The Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development foreseen no problems in the development as mentioned above as long as the developer adheres to the articles of Act 43 of 1983

Please contact the undersigned if any additional information is required.

Thank you

N.J. Toerien
SRM CONTROL TECHNICIAN
DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE, LANDREFORM AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

Dendy, Claire

From: Nico Toerien <ntoerien1@gmail.com>
Sent: 17 August 2015 01:39 PM
To: Dendy, Claire
Subject: WSP REF NUMBER 46693

Hi Claire

On behalf of Department Agriculture I have to respond on your company letter about the development of a high speed testing area that the Mercedes-Benz company wants to build on a farm near Upington.

Is it possible for you to give me the title deed description of the farm and the size of the area that will be effected to construct the above mentioned activity?

Thank you

Nico Toerien

Dendy, Claire

From: Jaco Strauss <jaco@it5.co.za>
Sent: 22 July 2015 11:40 AM
To: Dendy, Claire
Subject: Register as stakeholder

Dear Claire

Please register our company as a stakeholder for the – PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF A HIGH SPEED PROVING GROUND FOR VEHICLES TESTING BY MERCEDES BENZ SOUTH AFRICA,UPINGTON, NORTHERN CAPE

Regards

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Dendy, Claire

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Sent: 20 July 2015 09:21 AM
To: Dendy, Claire
Subject: Re: THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF A HIGH SPEED PROVING GROUND FOR VEHICLE TESTING BY MERCEDES BENZ SOUTH AFRICA, UPINGTON NORTHERN CAPE.

Dear Claire

As Town Planning Department, we hereby wish to register as IAP.

Regards

Jeremy du Plessis
Manager Land Use Management
Khara Hais Municipality
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----- Original Message -----

From: [Dendy, Claire](#)
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Sent: Wednesday, July 15, 2015 2:11 PM
Subject: THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF A HIGH SPEED PROVING GROUND FOR VEHICLE TESTING BY MERCEDES BENZ SOUTH AFRICA, UPINGTON NORTHERN CAPE.

Dear Stakeholder,

Please find the attached notification letter that serves to inform all stakeholders with regards to The Proposed Development of a High Speed Proving Ground for Vehicle Testing by Mercedes Benz South Africa, Upington Northern Cape.

WSP Environmental (Pty) Ltd and General Planner IngenAix GmbH invites stakeholders to register as an interested and/or affected party.

If you have any questions please contact the undersigned.

Kind Regards,

Claire Dendy
Assistant Consultant



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