

CURRICULUM VITAE

JO-ANNE THOMAS

Profession : Environmental Consultant
Specialisation : Environmental Management; Strategic environmental advice; Environmental compliance advice & monitoring; Environmental Impact Assessments; Policy, strategy & guideline formulation; Project Management; General Ecology
Years experience : Seventeen (17) years in the environmental field

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

Provide technical input for projects in the environmental management field, specialising in Strategic Environmental Advice, Environmental Impact Assessment studies, environmental permitting, public participation, Environmental Management Plans and Programmes, environmental policy, strategy and guideline formulation, and integrated environmental management. Key focus on integration of the specialist environmental studies and findings into larger engineering-based projects, strategic assessment, and providing practical and achievable environmental management solutions and mitigation measures. Responsibilities for environmental studies include project management; review and manipulation of data; identification and assessment of potential negative environmental impacts and benefits; review of specialist studies; and the identification of mitigation measures. Compilation of the reports for environmental studies is in accordance with all relevant environmental legislation.

Undertaking of numerous environmental management studies has resulted in a good working knowledge of environmental legislation and policy requirements. Recent projects have been undertaken for both the public- and private-sector, including compliance advice and monitoring, electricity generation and transmission projects, various types of linear developments (such as National Road, local roads and power lines), waste management projects (landfills), mining rights and permits, policy, strategy and guideline development, as well as general environmental planning, development and management.

SKILLS BASE AND CORE COMPETENCIES

- Project management for a range of projects
- Identification and assessment of potential negative environmental impacts and benefits through the review and manipulation of data and specialist studies
- Identification of practical and achievable mitigation and management measures and the development of appropriate management plans
- Compilation of environmental reports in accordance with relevant environmental legislative requirements
- External and peer review of environmental reports & compliance advice and monitoring
- Formulation of environmental policies, strategies and guidelines
- Strategic and regional assessments; pre-feasibility & site selection
- Public participation processes for a variety of projects
- Strategic environmental advice to a wide variety of clients both in the public and private sectors
- Working knowledge of environmental planning processes, policies, regulatory frameworks and

EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL STATUS

Degrees:

B.Sc Earth Sciences, *University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg*, 1993

B.Sc Honours in Botany, *University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg*, 1994

M.Sc in Botany, *University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg*, 1996

Courses:

Environmental Impact Assessment, *Potchefstroom University*, 1998

Environmental Law, *Morgan University*, 2001

Professional Society Affiliations:

Professional Natural Scientist (Registration No 400024/00).

EMPLOYMENT

Current: Director of Savannah Environmental (Pty) Ltd. Independent specialist environmental consultant

October 1997-November 2005: Bohlweki Environmental (Pty) Ltd: Senior Environmental Scientist; Environmental Management and Project Management

January to July 1997: Junior Science Teacher, Sutherland High School, Pretoria

PROJECT EXPERIENCE

Compliance Advice and Due Diligence

- First annual Environmental and Social Monitoring Report for the Upington Airport 10MW PV Plant, Northern Cape Province
- Compliance advice for Financial Close of the Ilanga CSP Facility, Northern Cape Province
- Compliance advice for Financial Close of West Coast One Wind Energy Facility, Western Cape Province
- Compliance advice for Financial Close of Tsitsikamma Wind Energy Facility, Eastern Cape Province
- Compliance advice for Financial Close of Upington Solar Facility, Northern Cape Province
- Environmental Due Diligence of a wind energy facility in the Western Cape on behalf of EDPR Renewables
- Environmental Due Diligence of a wind energy facility on the West Coast of the Western Cape on behalf of ILF&S

Compliance Monitoring

- Project manager and auditor - ECO compliance monitoring for the construction of the De Hoop Dam and the deviation of the R555, Limpopo Province
- Project manager – ECO compliance at Kathu Solar Energy Facility, Northern Cape Province
- Project manager – ECO compliance at West Coast One Wind Energy Facility, Western Cape Province

- Project manager – ECO compliance at Sishen Solar Energy Facility, Northern Cape Province

- Project manager – ECO compliance monitoring for the expansion of Waterval WCW, Gauteng Province
- Project manager - ECO compliance monitoring for the Mine Water Recovery Project at Duvha Power Station, Mpumalanga Province
- Project manager – ECO compliance at Dorper Wind Energy Facility, Eastern Cape Province
- Project manager – ECO compliance monitoring for the !Khi CSP Facility near Upington, Northern Cape
- Project manager – ECO compliance at Gouda Energy Facility, West Coast Province
- Project manager – ECO compliance monitoring for the KaXu! CSP facility near Pofadder, Northern Cape
- Project manager – ECO compliance monitoring for the Upington Airport PV facility at Upington, Northern Cape Province
- Project manager – ECO compliance at RustMo1 Solar Energy Facility, North West Province
- Project manager – Environmental Officers for Gamma-Kappa 765kV power line between Laingsburg and Beaufort West, Western Cape
- Project manager – ECO compliance monitoring for the rehabilitation of Blaauwpan Dam, Gauteng Province

Electricity Sector Projects: Coal-fired Power Stations

- Project manager for the EIA undertaken in support of a NEMA authorisation and waste management license for the proposed Independent power Producer (IPP) Coal-fired Power Station and associated infrastructure near Lephalale within the Waterberg District Municipality of the Limpopo Province
- Project manager for the EIA undertaken in support of a NEMA authorisation and waste management license for the proposed Umbani Coal-fired Power Station and associated infrastructure near Kriel, Mpumalanga Province
- Project manager for the EIA undertaken in support of a NEMA authorisation and waste management license for the proposed Transalloys Coal-fired Power Station and associated infrastructure, Mpumalanga Province

Electricity Sector Projects: Wind Energy

- Project manager for the EIA undertaken for the proposed EXXARO West Coast wind energy facility and associated infrastructure at a site within the Western Cape (for EXXARO Resources)
- Project manager for the EIA undertaken for the proposed Oyster Bay wind energy facility, Eastern Cape Province (for Renewable Energy Resources Southern Africa)
- Project manager for the EIA undertaken for the proposed Spitskop Bay wind energy facility, Eastern Cape Province (for Renewable Energy Resources Southern Africa)
- EIA and EMP for the proposed wind energy facility and associated infrastructure at a site within the Western Cape (for Eskom Generation)
- EIA and EMP for the proposed wind energy facility and associated infrastructure at a site near Hopefield, Western Cape Province (for Umoya Energy)
- Project manager for the proposed Klipheuwel/Dassiesfontein wind energy facility and associated infrastructure at a site within the Overberg area of the Western Cape (for BioTherm Energy)
- Project manager for the proposed Suurplaat wind energy facility and associated infrastructure at a site within the Western Cape (for Moyeng Energy)

- Project manager for the proposed West Coast One wind energy facility and associated infrastructure at a site within the Western Cape (for Moyeng Energy)
- Project manager for the proposed Rheboksfontein wind energy facility and associated infrastructure at a site within the Western Cape (for Moyeng Energy)

- Basic Assessment for proposed wind monitoring masts on a site north of Koekenaap, Western Cape Province (for EXXARO Resources)
- Basic Assessment for proposed wind monitoring masts on a site in the Overberg area, Western Cape Province (for BioTherm Energy)
- Basic Assessment for proposed wind monitoring masts on a site near Beaufort West, Western Cape Province (for Umoya Energy)
- Basic Assessment for proposed wind monitoring masts on a site near Laingsburg, Western Cape Province (for Umoya Energy)

Electricity Sector Projects: Solar Energy

- Project manager for the EIA and EMP for two PV sites within the Western and Northern Cape Provinces (for INCA Energy)
- Project manager for the Basic Assessment and EMP for PV site within the Northern Cape Province (for INCA Energy)
- Project manager for the Basic Assessment and EMP for a PV site near Rustenburg, North-West Province (for Momentous Energy)Project manager for the EIA and EMP for the proposed Project Ilanga (125MW CSP facility) near Upington, Northern Cape Province (for Ilangethu Energy)
- Project manager for the EIA and EMP for two PV sites within the Northern Cape Province (for MedEnergy Global)
- Project manager for the Basic Assessment and EMP for PV sites within 4 ACSA airports within South Africa (for ACSA PV)
- Project manager for the EIA and EMP for the proposed Waterberg PV plant, Limpopo Province (for Thupela Energy)

Electricity Sector Projects: Eskom

- Project manager for the EIA and EMP for the proposed Mokopane Integration Project, Limpopo Province (for Eskom Transmission)
- Project manager for the proposed transmission lines from the Koeberg-2 Nuclear Power Station site, Western Cape Province (for Eskom Transmission)
- Project manager for the proposed Tshwane strengthening project, Phase 1, Gauteng Province (for Eskom Transmission)
- Project manager for the EIA and EMP for the proposed Kyalami Strengthening Project, Gauteng Province (for Eskom Transmission)
- Project manager for the EIA and EMP for the proposed Steelpoort Integration Project, Limpopo Province (for Eskom Transmission)
- Project manager for the EIA and EMP for the proposed conversion of the existing Open Cycle Gas Turbine (OCGT) Ankerlig Power Station (located in Atlantis Industria) to a Combined Cycle Gas Turbine (CCGT) power station, and the associated 400 kV transmission power line between Ankerlig Power Station and the Omega Substation (for Eskom Generation)
- Project manager for the EIA and EMP for the proposed conversion of the existing Open Cycle Gas Turbine (OCGT) Gourikwa Power Station (located near Mossel Bay) to a Combined Cycle Gas Turbine (CCGT) power station, and the associated 400 kV transmission power line between Gourikwa Power Station and the Proteus Substation (for Eskom Generation)

Infrastructure Projects

- Project manager for the EIA and EMP for the proposed bridge across the Ngotwane River located on the border of South Africa and Botswana

Strategic and Regional Assessments

- Strategic Assessment for the location of wind energy facilities within the Western Cape Province (for Western Cape Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning)
- Regional Assessment for wind energy developments within an identified area on the West Coast of the Western Cape Province (for Investec Bank Limited)
- Regional Assessment for wind energy developments within an identified area on the West Coast of the Western Cape Province (for Eskom Holdings Limited)
- Regional Assessments for wind energy developments within identified areas in the Overberg Area of the Western Cape Province (for BioTherm Energy)
- Regional Assessment for wind energy developments within an identified area in the Sutherland Area of the Northern and Western Cape Province (for Investec Bank Limited)

Environmental Management Tools

- Review the effectiveness and efficiency of the environmental impact management (EIA) system in South Africa on behalf of the Department of Environmental Affairs and Tourism
- Development of a comprehensive site-specific EMP for the construction and operation of the Eskom Braamhoek Integration Project, Free State and KwaZulu-Natal Provinces
- Compilation of Provincial Guidelines for off-road routes within the Western Cape Province
- Environmental Risk Analysis for Salbro Property Holdings, Gauteng Province
- Water use permit applications for water use at Tiffindell Ski Resort, Eastern Cape Province
- Water use permit applications for various properties within the Olifants West Game Reserve, Limpopo Province
- Project integration and compilation of a Strategy for Sustainable Development for Gauteng Province
- Advice regarding environmental compliance of existing and future development at Tiffindell Ski, Eastern Cape Province
- Advice regarding environmental compliance at Salberg factory, Gauteng Province

Peer Review

- Review of EIAs submitted in terms of the ECA for the Northern Cape Department of Tourism, Environment and Conservation, including:
 - * EIA for a new wastewater treatment works in Warrenton
 - * EIA for chicken layer houses in Kimberley
 - * EIAs for the upgrading of petrol stations in Kimberley
 - * EIA for a new up-market residential development in Kathu
 - * EIA for residential development in Kimberley
- Review of EIA and EMP for the proposed Waterfall Wedge development, Gauteng Province

Mining Sector Projects

- Amendment of Environmental Management Programme for the Waterberg Colliery near Lephalale, Limpopo Province

- Amendment of EMPR for Grootegeluk Coal Mine near Lephalale, Limpopo Province, to include coal transportation infrastructure between the mine and Medupi Power Station
- Environmental Impact Assessment and Environmental Management Programme in terms of the MPRDA for the proposed Elitheni Coal Mine near Indwe, Eastern Cape Province
- Environmental Management Programmes for three borrow pits associated with the proposed Groot Letaba River Development Project, Limpopo Province

Water resources projects

- Project manager for the EIA and EMP for the proposed modification of the existing Hartebeestfontein Water Care Works, Gauteng Province (for ERWAT)
- Project manager for the EIA and EMP for the proposed expansion of the existing Welgedacht Water Care Works, Gauteng Province (for ERWAT)

Projects undertaken on behalf of Bohlweki Environmental include:

Specialist projects

- Development of an Environmental Policy for the Ekurhuleni Metropolitan Municipality
- Development of an Integrated Environmental Policy for the City of Tshwane Metropolitan Municipality Environmental Opportunities and Constraints Assessment for the Wonderboom Airport
- Review of the State of the Environment Report for the North West Province

Transport sector projects

- Environmental Impact Assessment for the proposed Platinum Highway from Warmbaths via Pretoria to Skilpadhek (on the South Africa-Botswana border), including obtaining all environmental permits required.
- Environmental input to the Ekurhuleni transportation corridors study
- Environmental input to the Denneboom Local Integrated Transport Plan
- Environmental Impact Assessment and Environmental Management Plan for the proposed N2 Wild Coast Toll Road between East London (Eastern Cape) and Durban (KwaZulu-Natal)
- Environmental Scoping Study and public participation process for the upgrading of Provincial Main Road 100 between the intersection with Main Road 521 and Ndwedwe
- Environmental Management Plan for repairs of portions of the N3 and N1, Gauteng
- Environmental Scoping Study and public participation process for the Kingsway Relief Road in Maseru, Lesotho

Electricity Sector projects

- Project manager for the undertaking of an EIA and compilation of an EMP for the proposed Open Cycle Gas Turbine (OCGT) Power Station and associated 400 kV Transmission lines and substation at Atlantis, Western Cape Province
- Environmental Scoping Study for a new coal-fired power station in the Lephalale area, Limpopo Province
- Project manager for the undertaking of Environmental Scoping Study and compilation of an Environmental Management Plan for various 132 kV Sub-Transmission lines and substations within the Mpumalanga Province
- Detailed Environmental Scoping Study and public participation for the proposed Capacity Increase Project at Arnot Power Station, Mpumalanga Province
- Project manager for the undertaking of an Environmental Scoping Study and EMP for the

proposed 132 kV sub-Transmission line between the GaRankuwa and Dinaledi substations, North West Province

- Project manager for the undertaking of an EIA for the proposed 765 kV Transmission line between the existing Hydra Substation (near De Aar) and the proposed Gamma Substation (near Victoria West), Northern Cape Province
- EIA & public participation for the proposed 3rd 400 kV Transmission line between the Poseidon and Grassridge Substations in the Eastern Cape Province
- EIA & public participation for the proposed new 400 kV Transmission line between Matimba Substation (near Lephalale) and Witkop Substation (near Polokwane), Limpopo Province
- EIA & public participation for the proposed new Ikaros Substation and associated 400 kV Transmission line infrastructure, North West Province
- Environmental Scoping Study public participation for the Establishment of Eskom Infrastructure for Power Supply to the C-Cut Development at Premier Mine, Cullinan, Gauteng Province
- Environmental Impact Study and public participation for the proposed 2nd 400 kV Transmission line between the Grassridge Substation and the Poseidon Substation in the Eastern Cape.
- Public Participation Process for the proposed Return-to-Service of the Camden Power Station, Mpumalanga Province
- Detailed Environmental Scoping Study and public participation for the Breyten Strengthening Project: proposed new Breyten Substation and associated 88 kV Distribution line, Mpumalanga Province
- Environmental Pre-Scoping Study for the proposed Concentrating Solar Plant, in the Northern Cape Province
- Environmental Impact Assessment public participation for the proposed new nine 132 kV power lines between the Grassridge Substation and the Coega Industrial Development Zone, Eastern Cape Province

Pipelines

- Environmental Impact Assessment for the proposed Petronet New Multi-Products Pipeline (NMPP) between Durban and Gauteng Province
- Exemption application for the construction of a gas pipeline between Majuba Mine and Majuba Power Station, Mpumalanga Province.
- Exemption application for the construction of an emergency water supply pipeline from Mamelodi to Ekandustria via Cullinan, Gauteng Province.
- Environmental Scoping Study for the installation of a new water supply pipeline from Centurion to Diepsloot, Gauteng Province.

EIAs for Technology projects

- Environmental Impact Assessment for the proposed Alternative Fuels and Resources Project at Alpha's ULCO Plant near Kimberley in the Northern Cape Province
- Environmental Impact Assessment for the proposed Alternative Fuels and Resources Project at Dudfield Plant, North West Province
- Environmental Impact Assessment for the proposed Blending Platform to be established within the Gauteng Province
- Investigation of possible alternative Scrap tyre collection and disposal strategies in Gauteng, South Africa

Mining sector projects

- Environmental Management Programme Report (EMPR) for the proposed small-scale kaolin clay mine near Ndwedwe, KwaZulu-Natal Province
- Environmental Management Programme Report (EMPR) for prospecting activities within the Premier Mine Game Farm, Cullinan for De Beers Consolidated Mines Limited
- Environmental Management Plan for the Proposed C-Cut Development at Premier Mine, Cullinan
- Environmental Management Programme Report for the Proposed C-Cut Development at Premier Mine, Cullinan
- Environmental Impact Assessment and public participation process for the Proposed C-Cut Development at Premier Mine, Cullinan

Development projects

- A detailed Environmental Scoping Study and public participation process for the Thaba ya Batswana Development on portions of the Farm Rietvlei 101 IR, Gauteng
- Environmental Scoping Report and public participation process for the development of a Community Safety Centre in Khutsong-South, Carletonville

Water resources projects

- A detailed Environmental Impact Assessment of new regional water care infrastructure in the DD5A sub-drainage district in Eastern Gauteng (adjacent to the Blesbokspruit Ramsar Site) for the East Rand Water Care Company (ERWAT)

**CURRICULUM VITAE
DILONA SOMAI**

Profession : Environmental Consultant for Savannah Environmental (Pty) Ltd
Specialisation : Environmental Consulting
Years experience : 5 years

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

- Report writing and review;
- Public participation / stakeholder engagement;
- Project Administration; and
- Development of Proposals.

SKILLS BASE AND CORE COMPETENCIES

- Environmental Impact Assessments
- Water Use License Applications
- Public participation process
- Environmental and Social Risk Assessments
- Social and Environmental Due Diligence (SEDD)
- Compiling of Environmental Management Plans (EMPs)

EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL STATUS

Degrees:

- BSc. Hons. Environmental Management: University of South Africa (2013)
- BSc Geography: University of KZN (2010)

Professional Memberships:

- South African Council for Natural Scientific Professions (SACNASP) – Candidate Natural Scientist for Environmental Science (2015/2016) (Registration number: 100235/14)
- Golden Key International Honour Society (2009)

Courses:

- SAVCA Master Class (Calculating Non-financial ROE) (August, 2014)
- Climate Change and Carbon Management Course (October, 2014)

EMPLOYMENT

- *February 2015 – Current:* Savannah Environmental (Pty) Ltd: Environmental Consultant
- *June 2015 – January 2016:* DMT Kai Batla (Pty) Ltd: Environmental Consultant and Team Leader
- *October 2014 – May 2015:* EBS Advisory (Pty) Ltd: ESG Risk Consultant
- *January 2013 – September 2014:* Fourth Element Consulting (Pty) Ltd: Environmental Consultant
- *March 2012 – December 2012:* NMA Effective Social Strategists (Pty) Ltd: Project Coordinator
- *February 2011 – February 2012:* The KZN ScienCentre: National Youth Services Education Officer

PROJECT EXPERIENCE

Previous projects include:

- Environmental Assessment Practitioner for the OBP SOC Limited Basic Assessment and Water Use License Application, Gauteng: South Africa for the expansion of an animal vaccination facility.
- Environmental Assessment Practitioner for the Umgeni Water Basic Assessment and Water Use License Application, KwaZulu-Natal: South Africa for the proposed installation of a hydropower unit and associated infrastructure on the Mooi-Mgeni Transfer Scheme (MMTS).
- Project Management Officer for the Department of Water and Sanitation & CSIR Validation and Verification Project, KwaZulu-Natal: South Africa.
- Project Manager for the compilation / development of the Free State Hazardous Waste Management Inventory, Free State: South Africa.
- Project Manager for the compilation / development of the City of Johannesburg Alien and Invasive Control Plan, Gauteng: South Africa.
- Project Manager for the compilation / development of the City of Johannesburg River Rehabilitation and Management Plan, Gauteng: South Africa.
- Environmental Assessment Practitioner for the proposed West Rand Logistics Hub (Environmental and Social Desktop Study), Gauteng: South Africa.
- Environmental Assessment Practitioner for the IRL (Pty) Ltd Prospecting Right Applications, North West: South Africa. Compilation of the Environmental Management Plans for prospecting of Phosphate ore, Iron Ore, Titanium and Magnetite. Undertook the public participation process for EMP.
- Environmental Assessment Practitioner for the Barleda cc Prospecting Right Applications, North West: South Africa. Compilation of the Environmental Management Plan for prospecting of Copper, Rare Earths and Uranium. Undertook the public participation process for EMP.
- Environmental Assessment Practitioner for Auditing (Internal compliance auditing of a Hazardous Waste Treatment facility - compliance against the waste management license environmental management plan and environmental authorisation) Gauteng: South Africa.
- Environmental Assessment Practitioner for the Platinum Waste Resources (Pty) Ltd Klinkerstene Water Use License Application, Mpumalanga: South Africa.
- Environmental Assessment Practitioner for the PFG Water Use License Application, Gauteng: South Africa.
- Assistant Environmental Assessment Practitioner for the Platinum Waste Resources (Pty) Ltd Klinkerstene Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA), Mpumalanga: South Africa.
- Assistant Environmental Assessment Practitioner for the Tlou Energy Resources Coal Bed Methane Exploration, Botswana.
- Assistant Environmental Assessment Practitioner for the Magnum Gas and Power Coal Bed Methane Exploration, Botswana.
- Assistant Environmental Assessment Practitioner for the Eskom Basic Assessment for the Roodepoort Transmission Project, Gauteng: South Africa.
- Assistant Environmental Assessment Practitioner for the Baseline Risk Assessments for the following sites: Nojoli and Gibson Bay Wind Farms in the Eastern Cape, Tom Burke PV plant in Limpopo, Adams PV plant in the Northern Cape, Pulida PV plant in the Free State and the Paleisheuvel PV Plant in the Western Cape.
- Assistant Environmental Assessment Practitioner for the Preliminary Risk Appraisal for the Provision of a hybrid power supply solution for the Geita Mine, Tanzania.
- Project Coordinator for the Public Participation Process (PPP) for the Environmental Impact

Assessment for the Mooi-Mgeni Transfer System – Phase 2, Kwa-Zulu Natal: South Africa.

- Project Coordinator for the Public Participation Process (PPP) for the Heritage Impact Assessment for the Solomon Mahlangu Freedom Square Upgrade Project, Gauteng: South Africa.
- Project Coordinator for the Public Participation Process (PPP) for the Kliptown Public Environmental Upgrade, Gauteng: South Africa.
- Project Coordinator for the Public Participation Process (PPP) for the Westgate Public Environmental Upgrade, Gauteng: South Africa.

SOCIAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL DUE DILIGENCE (SEDDs) / OTHER

- ESG Risk Consultant for the SEDD for a pool chemicals and equipment company, Gauteng: South Africa.
- ESG Risk Consultant for the SEDD for food outlets / franchises, Nigeria.
- ESG Risk Consultant for the SEDD for a Livestock production and husbandry company, Western Cape: South Africa.
- ESG Risk Consultant for the SEDD for a Material Recovery Facility, Gauteng: South Africa.
- ESG Risk Consultant for the SEDD for a Paint Manufacturing Facility, Ghana.
- ESG Risk Consultant for nine companies (including agriculture – processing and packaging, distribution and warehousing, pharmaceuticals, water purification and bottling), Botswana.
- ESG Risk Consultant for Social and Environmental Management System for seven companies (including manufacturing and services companies) throughout South Africa.
- Consultant for grant fund applications from the Jobs Fund for the agricultural sector (Livestock, Raisin and Peach).
- Consultant for the African perceptions of Chinese National Image Survey. Development of questionnaire.



environmental affairs

Department:
Environmental Affairs
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DETAILS OF EAP AND DECLARATION OF INTEREST

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File Reference Number:	12/12/20/
NEAS Reference Number:	DEA/EIA/
Date Received:	

Application for authorisation in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998), as amended and the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014

PROJECT TITLE

GAS TO POWER PLANT ON A SITE WITHIN THE RICHARDS BAY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT ZONE, KWAZULU-NATAL PROVINCE

Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP): ¹	Jo-Anne Thomas		
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4.2 The Environmental Assessment Practitioner

I, Jo-Anne Thomas , declare that –

General declaration:

I act as the independent environmental practitioner in this application

I will perform the work relating to the application in an objective manner, even if this results in views and findings that are not favourable to the applicant

I declare that there are no circumstances that may compromise my objectivity in performing such work;

I have expertise in conducting environmental impact assessments, including knowledge of the Act, regulations and any guidelines that have relevance to the proposed activity;

I will comply with the Act, regulations and all other applicable legislation;

I will take into account, to the extent possible, the matters listed in regulation 8 of the regulations when preparing the application and any report relating to the application;

I have no, and will not engage in, conflicting interests in the undertaking of the activity;

I undertake to disclose to the applicant and the competent authority all material information in my possession that reasonably has or may have the potential of influencing - any decision to be taken with respect to the application by the competent authority; and - the objectivity of any report, plan or document to be prepared by myself for submission to the competent authority;

I will ensure that information containing all relevant facts in respect of the application is distributed or made available to interested and affected parties and the public and that participation by interested and affected parties is facilitated in such a manner that all interested and affected parties will be provided with a reasonable opportunity to participate and to provide comments on documents that are produced to support the application;

I will ensure that the comments of all interested and affected parties are considered and recorded in reports that are submitted to the competent authority in respect of the application, provided that comments that are made by interested and affected parties in respect of a final report that will be submitted to the competent authority may be attached to the report without further amendment to the report;

I will keep a register of all interested and affected parties that participated in a public participation process; and

I will provide the competent authority with access to all information at my disposal regarding the application, whether such information is favourable to the applicant or not

all the particulars furnished by me in this form are true and correct;

will perform all other obligations as expected from an environmental assessment practitioner in terms of the Regulations; and

I realise that a false declaration is an offence in terms of regulation 48 and is punishable in terms of section 24F of the Act.

Disclosure of Vested Interest (delete whichever is not applicable)

I do not have and will not have any vested interest (either business, financial, personal or other) in the proposed activity proceeding other than remuneration for work performed in terms of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014;

~~I have a vested interest in the proposed activity proceeding, such vested interest being:~~

Signature of the environmental assessment practitioner:

Savannah Environmental (Pty) Ltd

Name of company:

09 May 2016

Date: