

Appendix E1: Public Participation Process

The public participation process (PPP) commenced on 21 January 2016 with the placement of a notice regarding the proposed project in the newspaper The Herald on 21 January 2016 (Appendix E2). On 22 January 2016, SRK Consulting distributed Background Information Documents (BIDs) to identified stakeholders and Interested and Affected Parties (IAPs). The BID invited the public to register as IAPs and to submit comments and raise issues and concerns around the development (Appendix E3). On 1 February 2016, two onsite posters were erected in accordance with the 2014 EIA Regulations (Appendix E2), to inform the public of the Basic Assessment process to be undertaken by the proponent. Ten comments were received in response to the newspaper notice, BID and onsite posters (see Appendix E9).

The Executive Summary of the Pre-Application Draft Basic Assessment Report (DBAR) was sent to the registered IAPs and stakeholders for the project. The complete Pre-Application DBAR was sent to organs of state having jurisdiction in respect of any aspect of the activity and a complete copy was also available for public viewing at the Walmer Public Library. Provision was made for a 30 day comment period on the Pre-Application DBAR (28 October – 28 November 2016). Two comments were received in response to the Pre-Application DBAR (see Appendix E10).

The comments received have been integrated into the Post-Application DBAR. The Executive Summary of the Post- Application Draft Basic Assessment Report (DBAR) was sent to the registered IAPs and stakeholders for the project. The complete Pre-Application DBAR was sent to organs of state having jurisdiction in respect of any aspect of the activity and a complete copy was made available for public viewing at the Walmer Public Library. The Post-Application DBAR was open for public review and comment for a 30 day period (07 January – 06 February 2017). One comment was received in response to the Post-Application DBAR (see Appendix E11).

The comment received has been integrated into the Final BAR (this report), submitted to DEDEAT for a decision. The Executive Summary of the Final BAR has been sent to the registered IAPs and stakeholders for the project. The complete Final BAR has been sent to organs of state having jurisdiction in respect of any aspect of the activity and a complete copy has been made available for public viewing at the Walmer Public Library.

The public participation process thus far is summarised in the table below

Table 2: Public Participation conducted to date

| Activity | Date |
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| Advertisement (in The Herald) to announce commencement of BA, register IAPs and availability of BID | 21 January 2016 |
| Distribution of BID | 22 January 2016 |
| 1st Public Comment Period | 22 January – 22 February 2016 |
| Onsite Poster | 1 February 2016 |
| Distribution of Pre-Application Draft BAR | 28 October 2016 |
| 2 nd Public Comment Period | 28 October – 28 November 2016 |
| Distribution of Post-Application Draft BAR | 06 January 2017 |
| 3 rd Public Comment Period | 07 January 2017-06 February 2017 |
| Submission and distribution of the Final BAR | 07 March 2017 |