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#### **DEFINITIONS**

Auditing: A systematic and objective assessment of an organization's activities and

services conducted and documented on a periodic basis based to a (e.g.

ISO 19011:2003) standard.

Biodiversity: The variety of life in an area, including the number of different species,

the genetic wealth within each species, and the natural areas where they

are found.

Contractor: An employer, as defined in section 1 of the Occupational Health and Safety

Act 85 of 1993, who performs construction work and includes principal

contractors.

Environment: A place where living, non-living and man-made features interact, and

where life and diversity is sustained over time.

Evaporation: The change by which any substance (e.g. water) is converted from a liquid

state into and carried off as vapour.

Developer: One who builds on land or alters the use of an existing building for some

new purpose.

Independent: Is independent and has no interest in any business related to the

development site, nor will receive any payment or benefit other than fair

remuneration for the task undertaken.

Groundwater: Subsurface water in the zone in which permeable rocks, and often the

overlaying soil, are saturated under pressure equal to or greater than

atmospheric.

Landowner: Holder of the estate in land with considerable rights of ownership or, simply

put, an owner of land.

Monitoring: A systematic and objective observation of an organisation's activities and

services conducted and reported on regularly.

Natural vegetation: All existing vegetation species, indigenous or otherwise, of trees, shrubs,

groundcover, grasses and all other plants found growing on a site.

Pollution: The result of the release into air, water or soil from any process or of any

substance, which is capable of causing harm to man or other living

organisms supported by the environment.

Protected Plants: Plant species officially listed under the Threatened or Protected Species

regulations as well as on the Protected Plants List (each province has such a list), and which may not be removed or transported without a permit to

do so from the relevant provincial authority.

Red Data Species: Plant and animal species officially listed in the Red Data Lists as being

rare, endangered or threatened.

Rehabilitation: Making the land useful again after a disturbance. It involves the recovery

of ecosystem functions and processes in a degraded habitat. Rehabilitation does not necessarily re-establish the pre-disturbance condition, but does involve establishing geological and hydro logically

stable landscapes that support the natural ecosystem mosaic.

Site: Property(s) or area where the proposed development will take place.

# **ACRONYMS**

EDTEA: Department of Economic Development, Tourism, Environment

and Affairs

DWS: Department of Water and Sanitation

ECO: Environmental Control Officer

EA: Environmental Authorisation

EIA: Environmental Impact Assessment

EM: Environmental Manager

EMP: Environmental Management Programme

EO: Environmental Officer

ER: Engineer's Representative

I&AP: Interested and Affected Party

IEM: Integrated Environmental Management

PM: Project Manager

SANS: South African National Standards

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#### **DEVELOPER'S COMMITMENT**

The Bluewave Piggery has committed itself to a set of values that include the maintenance of good relations and transparent communications with all stakeholders, and the dynamic engagement of the larger community.

The piggery undertakes to implement suitable management systems for all the areas and aspects of this operation. This will ensure that development itself and management of the project will comply withlegal, technical, environmental and transformation policies and standards.

The piggery, in drafting this EMP for implementation, intends to enable continuous improvement in legal compliance and the sustainable operation of the site.

The EMP intends to change the way in which the owners, the construction process they have commissioned and the contractor plan for and manage resources to achieve sustainability.

The satisfactory implementation of the EMP on site will require both the full support and commitment of all personnel.

#### **CHAPTER 1**

### 1.1. Executive Summary

The Bluewave Food Enterprise (PTY) Ltd is a small scale commercial farming enterprise that was established in 2019. This enterprise comprises of 2 members who are proposing the expansion of a commercial pig production facility on Portion of farm Nooitgedacht 356-HT, Vryheid, KwaZulu-Natal. The farm currently is operating as a small scale pig farm and cattle herding facility with maize also being cultivated. There is a slurry dam next to the proposed site which is currently not being used. There are ruins from a dairy production plant which have no historical significance. The proposed development footprint is 23 hectares and will consist of pig production facilities (production house, farrowing house, living quarters, silo and office) and an abbators. The proposed facility will house 2000 to 4000 pigs with an estimated throughput of 4000 pigs per annual cycle. The abbatoirs will have a capapcity to slaughter up to 80 animals a day.

18Phando Environmental Consultants (PTY) Ltd was appointed by the applicant Bluewave Food Trading (trading as Bluewave Piggery) to facilitate the legally required Environmental Impact Assessment process in terms of the NEMA, Act 107 of 1998).

The proposed development triggers listed activities in terms of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, Government Regulations (GNR) 324,325 and 327 (as amended) of 07 April 2017 promulgated under the National Environmental Management Act (Act no 107 of 1998) (NEMA). The proposed development also triggers listed activities in terms of the National Environmental Management: Waste Act (Act no 59 of 2008) (NEMWA). In terms of these Regulations, a BA needs to be undertaken and must include an application for a Waste Management Licence.

In terms of the NEMA EIA Regulations published in GNR 324, 325 and 327 (as amended) of 07 April 2017 in Government Gazette Number 40772, a BA process is required as the project triggers listed activities.

The proposed site is located in the outskirts of Vryheid Town estimated 30 km south-east of Vryheid towards Melmoth Town. The proposed site falls within the Abaqulusi Local Municipality which forms part of the Zululand District Municipality in the KwaZulu-Natal Province. The site is located at the following geographical co-ordinates 27°58'42.26"S 30°59'13.87"E.

This application is to obtain Environmental Authorisation to commence with the expansion of the existing piggery production facility and includes the establishment of an abattoirs. The proposed project will

increase the company's supply to the local market by adding 2000 to 4000 pigs (sows and boars) with an annual through put of roughly 4000 pigs of mixed ages.

The layout plan of the preferred alternative has been developed based on the outcome of the specialist studies and sensitivity mapping undertaken as part of this assessment. The proposed development footprint totals 23 ha. This will consist of the following:

- Abattoirs,
- pig houses,
- feeding mill.

The pig facilities will have a mixture of both slated and concrete floors. The pig waste will fall through the slated flooring and will be stored there temporarily before being washed via a closed gutter to the slurry dam. The slurry dam will have water covering the solid waste that will settle at the bottom for odour control. The water that will overflow will be disinfected and reused to clean the piggery. After the slurry digestion process; where the pig waste is broken down and integrated with the water to form a slurry, the waste will be pumped out of the dam and used as fertilizer on the maize crops.

One specialist studies were conducted as part of the BA Process, i.e. a Desktop Ecological study. The Heritage Impact Assessment Specialist was consulted, however indicated that the site harbours no aspects of Heritage significance. Seen below:

Potential Ecological Impacts	Significance Rating Without Mitigation	Significance Rating With Mitigation
Construction Phase		
Loss or degradation of local wetland areas	Moderate	Low
Loss of terrestrial vegetation and faunal habitat	Moderate	Low
Loss of Conservation Important (CI) or medicinal flora	Moderate	Low
Loss of CI fauna	Moderate	Low
Introduction and proliferation of alien species	Moderate	Low
Increased dust and erosion	Moderate	Low
Sensory disturbance of fauna	Low	Low
Operational Phase		
Loss or degradation of local wetland areas	Moderate	Low
Environmental contamination (including odours)	High	Low
Poor / Inappropriate control of vertebrate pests	Moderate	Low
Disease transmission	Moderate	Low
Introduction and proliferation of alien species	Moderate	Low
Loss of CI or medicinal flora	Moderate	Low
Loss of CI fauna	Moderate	Low
Sensory disturbance of fauna	Low	Low
Decommissioning Phase		
Loss or degradation of local wetland areas	Moderate	Low
Introduction and proliferation of alien species	Moderate	Low
Increased dust and erosion	Moderate	Low
Sensory disturbance of fauna	Low	Low
Potential Heritage Impacts	Significance Rating Without Mitigation	Significance Rating With Mitigation
Construction Phase		
Destruction of archaeological artefacts	Very Low	Very Low

Operational Phase		
Existence of new structure on the landscape	Very Low	Very Low
Cumulative Impacts		
Impacts to heritage resources	Very Low	Very Low

This BA Report has investigated and assessed the significance of the predicted, potential positive and negative, direct and indirect as well as cumulative impacts associated with the proposed development. Based on the findings of this BA process, it is the opinion of the Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) that no potential negative impacts have been identified within this BA that are to be considered "fatal flaws" from an environmental perspective, and thereby necessitate substantial re-design or termination of the project.

Section 24 of the Constitution states that "everyone has the right to an environment that is not harmful to their health or well-being and to have the environment protected, for the benefit of present and future generations, through reasonable legislative and other measures, that prevents pollution and ecological degradation; promotes conservation; and secures ecologically sustainable development and use of natural resources while promoting justifiable economic and social development." Based on this, this BA was undertaken to ensure that these principles are met through the inclusion of appropriate management programme and mitigation measures and monitoring requirements. These measures will be implemented to promote conservation by avoiding the sensitive environmental features present on site.

Based on the findings of the BA process undertaken, it is the opinion of the EAP that the project benefits outweigh the negative environmental impacts, and that the project will make a positive contribution towards skills development, black empowerment and economic growth in the Zululand District Municipality.

An Environmental Management Programme (EMPr) has been compiled for the proposed project and is included as Appendix H of the BAR. This Draft EMPr includes the potential impacts associated with each project phase as well as the mitigation measures to avoid or reduce the potential impacts. The Draft EMPr is a dynamic document that should be updated regularly and provides clear and implementable measures for the establishment and operation of the proposed piggery and abattoirs.

Concluding statement from EAP: Provided that the specified mitigation measures in the Draft BAR and Draft EMPr are implemented effectively, it is proposed that the project receives Environmental Authorisation in terms of the EIA Regulations promulgated under the NEMA.

Please see **Annexure 1** of this report for the Site Development Plans and Biodiversity overlay map.

#### **CHAPTER 2**

This section of the report is included in compliance with Section 24N (2) (e) of the National Environmental Management Act 107 of 1998.

It deals with issues relating to the implementation of the EMPr.

#### 2.1 Organizational Structure

The organizational structure identifies and defines the responsibilities and authority of the various persons and organizations involved in the project. All instructions and official communications regarding environmental matters must follow the organizational structure.

The Environmental Official (EO), to whom the Engineer's Representative (ER) and/or Environmental Control Officer (ECO) must report and interact, must be the responsible client representative.

The EMP must be an agenda item at the monthly site and operations meetings and the responsible client representative(s) may attend these meetings in order to provide input with respect to compliance with the EMP.

# 2.2 Responsibilities and Functions of the Environmental Control Officer

The ECO will be responsible for monitoring, reviewing and verifying compliance with the EMP and/or EA by all contractors and site management during site visits.

### The ECO duties in this regard will include the following:

With the assistance, where necessary of the ER, to ensure all necessary environmental authorizations and permits have been obtained and are available and visible on site at the ER offices.

- monitor and verify that the EMP and/or EA is adhered to at all times and by taking action if thespecifications are not followed;
- monitor and verify that environmental impacts are kept to a minimum;
- review and approve construction method statements, with input as appropriate from the ER;
- assist the contractor in finding environmentally responsible solutions to problems;
- report on the environmental issues at the site meetings and other meetings that may be called regarding environmental matters, if requested by ER;
- inspect the site and surrounding areas regularly with regard to compliance with the EMP and/or FA:
- monitor the environmental awareness training for all personnel coming onto site;
- advise management on the removal of person(s) and/or equipment not complying with the specifications, after collaboration with the ER. Recommendations must be recorded by the ER in a Site Instruction Book;
- ensure that activities on site comply with known legislation of relevance to the environment;
- recommend the issuing of penalties via the developer for contraventions of the EMP and/or EA;

- keep a photographic record of progress on site from an environmental perspective; and
- undertake a continual internal review of the EMP and/or EA and submit a report to the developer and the responsible EDTEA Environmental Official according to EA conditions.

#### 2.3 Agreed Work Plan and Site Visit Schedule of ECO

After initial construction start-up site visit it is recommended that an ECO site visit be conducted once a month during construction.

Information recording activity on site, and any guidelines or instructions emanating from there will be routinely made available electronically to the developer and applicable contractors and a copy of the report must be available at the site office.

Clearly matters of urgency or immediate action may be channeled appropriately on an urgent basis.

### 2.4 Site Manager

The site manager will have the following environmental control responsibilities:

- In conjunction with the ECO will present the environmental education programs to all persons employed on site.
- Consult with the ECO, landowner, developer and any contractor to resolve all environmental issues.
- Issue any instructions from the ECO to the management team via a formal site instruction book orappropriate management tool used for the purpose.
- Take responsibility for the penalty system. The ECO and developer recommendations must be considered when deciding whether or not to impose a penalty.
- The engineer will, via the ECO actions, be accountable for the overall implementation of the Environmental Management Programme.
- Keep a site diary and complaints register.

#### 2.5 Contractors

As part of any tender, the tendering contractor must submit a first draft of a contractor's programme, to the developer which must include the environmental considerations to be followed prior to appointment.

The appointed Contractor's representative will have the following responsibilities:

- Ensure that all staff is familiar with the Environmental Management Programme, which explains the environmental policy for the project.
- Allow for sufficient time between surveying the exact locations where services will be intended
  and actual construction, for the ECO to facilitate and instruct for the removal of plants, seeds and
  cuttings if necessary.
- The contractor must keep his personnel fully aware of environmental issues and ensure they show adequate consideration to all environmental aspects.
- Establish environmental signs to be erected on the construction site at locations identified by the ECO and approved by the engineer.
- Be responsible for the cost of the restoration of any damage caused, in environmentally sensitive
  areas, as a result of contractor responsibility regarding negligence. This must be done in
  accordance with the engineer / ECO's specifications.
- Take responsibility and active steps to avoid any increase in the fire hazard.
- The contractor must take responsibility for implementing all the relevant provisions of the EMP, or if he encounters difficulties with the specifications, he must discuss alternative approaches with the ECO and engineer prior to proceeding.

Failure to comply with the EMP may result in the application of fines as set out, and any reported non-

compliance may result in the suspension of work or termination of a contract.

# 2.6 Record keeping of activities, inclusive of recording of non-compliances and corrective actions

The site must keep a record of all activities relating to environmental matters on site, including:

- meetings attended;
- method statements received and approved;
- issues arising on site;
- cases of non-compliance with the EMP;
- corrective actions taken and penalties issued.

This information will be recorded in an appropriate manner in a site diary, registers, issues/warning book, etc.

# 2.7 Compliance with other legislation

It is important that all on site staff are aware of other relevant legislation that may relate to the activities taking place on site, especially local authority required compliances.

#### **CHAPTER 3**

#### **Applicable Legislation, Policy and Environmental Principles**

#### 3.1 Applicable Legislation Identified

- 1. CONSERVATION OF AGRICULTURAL RESOURCES ACT, 43 OF 1983
- 2. CONSTITUTION OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA, 1996
- 3. ENVIRONMENT CONSERVATION ACT, 73 OF 1989
- 4. NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT ACT, 107 OF 1998
- 5. NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT: AIR QUALITY ACT, 39 OF 2004
- 6. NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT: BIODIVERSITY ACT, 10 OF 2004
- 7. NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT: WASTE ACT, 59 OF 2008
- 8. NATIONAL FORESTS ACT, 84 OF 1998
- 9. NATIONAL HEALTH ACT 61 OF 2003
- 10. NATIONAL HERITAGE RESOURCES ACT, 25 OF 1999
- 11. NATIONAL VELD AND FOREST FIRE ACT, 101 OF 1998
- 12. NATIONAL WATER ACT, 36 OF 1998
- 13. OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY ACT, 85 OF 1993

#### **CHAPTER 4**

This section of the report is included in compliance with Section 24N (2) (e) of the National Environmental Management Act, 107 of 1998.

#### **COMPLIANCE**

# 4.1 Monitoring and Auditing

#### 4.1.1 Introduction

In keeping with current environmental and associated legislation, all environmental management procedures and actions must be reviewed and refined on an ongoing basis.

This is in accordance with the dynamic nature of environmental management and allows for the timeous identification and mitigation of issues as they come to light.

The process of review and refinement, built into the requirements of the EMP, is known as monitoring and auditing.

# 4.1.2. Roles and responsibilities

Efficient implementation of the performance specifications, effective monitoring and auditing, as well as clear responsibility and accountability allocation requires that various role-players be defined for the construction implementation project.

Depending on the nature and scale of a project, implementing teams could be composed of any number of role-players, each with their own specified responsibilities.

Therefore, for the purpose of this document, the following role-players are defined, based purely on responsibility and accountability allocation. The actual designation of role-players may vary, but the responsibilities will largely remain as stated.

# 4.1.2.1. Developer/landowner or custodian of the land

The developer/landowner or custodian of the land is the person or organization with decision making capacity for the land in question, and thus ultimately accountable for what takes place on that land.

#### 4.1.2.2. Contractor

Contractors are appointed to undertake the works as specified in the contract. It is the responsibility of the contractor to do whatever is necessary from their side to ensure that he or an appointed advisor is well versed in environmental studies, so that they may accurately and efficiently carry out the requirements of the environmental specification.

The contractor is liable for any and all remedial work required in terms of the environmental specification, resulting from his environmental negligence, mismanagement and / or non-compliance.

# 4.1.2.3. Environmental Control Officer

An environmental control officer will manage and undertake monthly environmental inspections for theduration of the construction phase of the project as required.

The contractors or line management are answerable to the ECO for non-compliance. Issues of non-

compliance raised by the ECO/EO must be taken up by the project manager, and resolved as per the conditions of his contract.

Decisions regarding environmental procedures, specifications and requirements which have a cost implication (i.e. those that are deemed to be a variation and not allowed for in the performance specification) must be endorsed by the project manager.

# **4.2** The Monitoring Procedure

Environmental monitoring is the continuous evaluation of the status and condition of environmental elements. Its purpose is to detect change that takes place in the environment over time and involves the measuring and recording of physical, social and economic variables associated with development impacts.

Many techniques for environmental monitoring have been proposed, each detailing a specific protocol. Regardless of which technique is used, the ultimate aim is that each environmental management specification be checked by means of a system in which a score may be allocated for:

- to state compliance,
- partial compliance and
- non-compliance

Completed monitoring reports will be submitted to the project engineer, developer/landowner and the contractor, who will attend to issues. These reports must be kept on file and be made available upon request by any environmental authority requesting such.

All persons employed, the contractor or his sub-contractors, must abide by the requirements of these performance specifications as they apply to the works. Any employees, the contractor or his sub-contractors found to be in breach of any of the environmental specifications, may be ordered tovacate the site forthwith and/or be subject to a disciplinary process.

The order may be given orally or in writing by the ECO. Confirmation of an oral order will be given as soon as practicable, but lack of confirmation in writing must not be a cause for the offender to remain on site, or not be subject to a disciplinary process. Supervisory staff, the contractor or his subcontractor may not direct any person to undertake any activities which would place such person in contravention of the EMP, legislation and specifications.

The contractor and staff are deemed not to have complied with the performance specifications if:

- There is evidence of wilful or accidental contravention of any specification included in thespecification;
- There is evidence of the contractor carrying out activities not permitted in terms of the EMP,contract and / or the specification;
- There is evidence of environmental negligence and / or mismanagement resulting in negativeimpacts on the environment;
- Has failed to meet with the requirements of the approved schedule.

The contractor and developer/landowner will be informed via ECO monthly reports, as well as by means of direct instruction (if necessary) as to what corrective actions are required in terms of environmental compliance.

Disregard for an instruction, and failure to respond adequately to complaints from the public will be construed as non-compliance. Non-compliance may lead to parties being penalised.

In more serious cases, the ECO may give notice, and halt operations until such a time that the corrective action is taken and the site complies with the performance specifications.

In cases of persistent non-compliance, the contractor or staff may be evicted from site after disciplinary process is followed. Only the developer/landowner may issue such instruction, retaining any costs required to remedy situations perpetuated by environmental negligence, mismanagement and / or non-compliance.

# 4.3 The Auditing Procedure

Environmental auditing is the process of comparing the impacts predicted with those which have actually occurred during implementation.

An environmental performance audit examines and assesses practices and procedures which, in the event of failure, would cause an environmental impact or result in an environmental risk. During each of the lifecycle phases, various issues will be monitored. The performance audit will ensure that the monitoring was correctly undertaken and that compliance was best achieved.

To these ends the project will be audited versus this EMP for effectiveness. ISO/SANS 19011:2011 auditing standards will be applied.

Audits will be undertaken at completion of the construction phases. Audit reports will be submitted to management, who will attend to all noted issues.

Construction activities must be audited by the ECO on a monthly basis against the relevant conditions of the Waste Management Licence with a summary thereof (i.e. indicating the partial and non-compliance and relevant mitigation measures) submitted to the Department on a monthly basis.

These reports must be kept on record and be made available upon request by the developer/landowner/custodian of the land and any environmental authority or I&AP requesting such.

### 4.4 Retentions and Penalties

It is recommended that a penalty retention system be combined with the penalty system to both motivate and compel the contractor to adhere to the EMP for the duration of the contract.

In this way incentives may be created to perform (i.e. in the form of the retention amounts that will only be paid to the contractor at the end of the contract), without creating the misunderstanding that adherence to the EMP is optional.

Persistent non-compliance will not only result in the contractor forfeiting any retention amount, but he will also be fined.

Of importance is that the contract specifies exactly how the penalty and retention system will operate, as well as how any funds resultant from retentions and penalties will be utilized.

All such funds must be used to improve environmental conditions on the site in general.

# **4.4.1.** The Retention System

For this system, a percentage value for each of the sections priced for in the environmental bill of quantities is retained until the full completion of the contract works.

If the monitoring process reveals persistent and/or wilful non-compliance with any aspect of the environmental performance specifications, then the full retention associated with that particular item will be withheld.

The project may then apply these retained funds to rectify the problem on site possibly making use of other or alternate resources at his disposal.

At the end of the contract or action, all remaining environmental retention amounts will be paid out to the contractor or staff pending approval by the ECO, after having confirmed full compliance with the relevant performance and rehabilitation specifications.

# 4.4.2. Penalty System

A system of penalties will be introduced to reinforce environmentally sensitive and prudent behaviour. The maximum penalties that will be fined per incident that may be enforced are listed below. The penalty amount will be determined (inter alia) by the severity of the offence.

Non-compliance	R 5 000.00 (ex VAT) per
	non-compliant act, per
	dayuntil compliance is
	achieved
Casual Litter on site resulting from operation	R250 / offence / day
Disposal of any litter or construction material in non-specified area	R5000 / m <sup>3</sup> / per day
orby non-compliant means	
Dumping of cement, concrete, fuel or oil in an area or other than	R10 000 per offence / day
thatauthorised and suitable	
Failure to use portable / toilets	R100 / observed
	incidentor evidence of
	human excrement on
	site

In addition to the above, all costs incurred by the client / developer to remedy any damage will be the responsibility of the offender.

Should the monitoring process reveal acts of persistent and / or wilful non-compliance with the environmental performance specifications, then the contractor or staff member will be fined according to the specified value of that item.

### 4.5 Method Statements

Contractors must provide written statements for discussion with the ECO on environmentally sensitive aspects of the contract. Environmentally sensitive aspects include by example excavations, work close to sensitive areas, collection and storage of top soil and vegetation, erosion control, wash water control, waste control, etc.

# **CHAPTER 5**

This section of the report is included in compliance with Section 24N (2) (e) of the National Environmental Management Act 107 of 1998.

# 5.1. Good Housekeeping

The developer/landowner will ensure the maintenance of "good housekeeping" practices during operations.

This will help avoid several disputes regarding responsibility and will allow for the smooth running of the operation as a whole.

Good housekeeping extends beyond the environmentally sensitive construction methods to include the care for and preservation of the surrounding environment.

### 5.2 Record Keeping

The developer/landowner will ensure that a filing system, identifying all documentation related to the EMP, is established.

A list of reports likely to be generated during the project is set out below.

All applicable documentation must be included in the environmental filing system catalogue or document retrieval index.

- Approved EMPr, authorizations, licenses or permits;
- Final design documents and diagrams issued;
- All communications detailing changes of design/scope that may have environmental implications;
- Daily, weekly and monthly site monitoring reports;
- Complaints register;
- Environmental training manual;
- Environmental training attendance registers;
- Incident and accident reports;
- Emergency preparedness and response plans;
- Copies of all relevant environmental legislation;
- Permits and legal documents as part of emergency preparedness teams e.g. fire teams, etc.;
- Material data sheets of all chemicals utilised on site;
- Crisis communication manual;
- Disciplinary procedures;
- Monthly site meeting minutes during construction;
- All relevant permits;
- All method statements for all phases of the project;
- All Standard Operating Procedures developed for implementation during all phases of the project.

All registers and records should be kept on site and must be made available to the department on request.

#### **5.3 Document Control**

The developer/landowner will be responsible for establishing a procedure for document control.

The document control procedure must comply with the following requirements:

Documents must be identifiable by organisation, division, function, activity and contact person; Every document must identify the person and their positions, responsible for drafting and compiling the document, for reviewing and recommending approval, and final approval of the document for distribution;

All documents must be dated, provided with a version number and reference number, filed systematically, and retained for a specified period.

The owner will ensure that documents are periodically reviewed and revised where necessary, and that current versions are available at all locations where operations essential to the functioning of the EMP are performed. All documents will be made available to the external auditor.

# 5.4 Reporting Requirements

All advice and recommendations made by the ECO must with the project engineer/engineers compliance be recorded on site in the site instruction book/ suitable register for his attention.

All spills will need to be documented and reported to DWS and other relevant authorities.

#### **CHAPTER 6**

#### **6.1. Public Communication Protocols**

This section of the report is included in compliance with Section 24N (2) (e) of the National Environmental Management Act, 107 of 1998.

The developer/landowner must be responsible for regulating public access to information and compliance reporting.

The developer/landowner must respond to third party or public queries and complaints.

The developer/landowner must also be responsible for maintaining the compliance register to record complaints received and action taken. All complaints received by the facility must be documented.

# **CHAPTER 7**

This section of the report is included in compliance with Section 24 N 2 (d - g) and 3 (a - b) of the National Environmental Management Act, 107 of 1998.

# **Goal for Planning and Design (PD)**

**Overall Goal for Planning and Design:** Undertake the planning and design phase of the facility in away that:

- Ensures that the design of the facility responds to the identified environmental constraints and opportunities.
- Ensures that pre-construction activities are undertaken in accordance with all relevant legislative requirements.
- Ensures that adequate regard has been taken of any landowner concerns and that these are appropriately addressed through design and planning (where appropriate).
- Ensures that the best environmental options are selected for the project.
- In order to meet this goal, the following objectives have been identified, together with necessary actions and monitoring requirements.

#### **OBJECTIVE PD1: PRE-CONDITIONS**

The following pre-conditions must be fully met before any construction activities commence.

A site meeting between the contractors and the representatives of the developer must take place at least 5 days prior to commencement of construction work to:

- Demarcate micro construction sites, services routes, access routes, working boundaries and nogo areas;
- Discuss methods of stockpiling (vegetation, topsoil, sub-soil, shell-grit, etc);
- Check required toilets and fire-fighting facilities to be in place;
- Discuss and agree restricted access to construction site;
- Sign the Declaration of Understanding (Contractors);
- Discuss and agree communication channels including contact details;
- Discuss and agree areas of responsibility;
- Discuss and agree the demarcation and control of construction and pipeline route.

Minutes of this site meeting must be kept, and are to be distributed to all parties.

The following equipment must be on every micro or sub site before any construction work is due to start:

- Sufficient and suitable chemical toilet facilities.
- Sufficient refuse bins, which are weather and wind proof, with proper lids.
- 1 x type ABC (all purpose) 12.5 kg fire extinguisher

This will be monitored by the ECO during site visits and recorded, reported and proof included in the audit report to be submitted once construction is completed.

#### **OBJECTIVE PD2: LAYOUT PLAN CONTROLS**

The contractor must ensure that a copy of the signed approved layout plan is available at the office onsite at all times for inspection by the developer or his representative(s). Any variation to the approved layout plan must be submitted to the developer for signed approval and may only be implemented once the approved variation is available to the contractor and available on site at the office. The variation of changes to the layout must be approved by the competent authority as per the EA conditions.

This will be monitored by the ECO during site visits and recorded, reported and proof included in the audit report to be submitted once construction is completed.

#### **OBJECTIVE PD3: ADVERTISING**

The contractors may place no advertising material on the property unless prior formal written permission has been obtained from the landowner. Any advertising placed on the development site must comply with the relevant local authority legislation.

This will be monitored by the ECO during site visits and recorded, reported and proof included in the audit report to be submitted once construction is completed.

# OBJECTIVE PD4: ENSURE THE DESIGN AND LAYOUT RESPONDS TO THE IDENTIFIEDENVIRONMENTAL CONSTRAINTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

Project Component/s	Facilities;	
	Access.	
Potential Impact	Design fails to respond optimally to the environmental consideration.	
Activities/Risk	Poor consideration of the natural landscape features.	
Sources		
Mitigation:	Clearly demarcated laydown area and access roads.	
Target/Objectiv	Clearly demarcated no-go areas.	
e	Clearly defined site development plan.	

Mitigation: Action/Control	Responsibility	Timeframe
Plan and conduct pre-construction activities in an	Developer	Pre-construction
environmentally acceptable manner.		
Access roads to be carefully planned to minimise the	Developer	Design phase
impacted area and prevent unnecessary over compaction		
of soil.		
As far as possible, existing roads must be used.	Developer	Design phase
Clearly designed storm water cut-off channels and	Developer	Design Phase
collection dams with alignment for storm water run-off		
from composting site.		
Develop a site specific waste management plan for	Developer	Pre-construction
the construction phase.		
The holder of an environmental authorisation has the	Developer	Pre-construction
responsibility to notify the competent authority of any		
alienation, transfer and, change of ownership rights in		
theproperty on which the activity is to take place.		
Fourteen (14) days written notice must be given to the	Developer	Pre-construction
competent authority that the activity will commence. The		
notification must include a date on which the activity will		
commence as well as the reference number.		

ECO to be appointed prior to the commencement of	Developer	Pre-construction
anyauthorized activities. Once appointed the name		
and contact details of the ECO must be submitted to the		
competent authority.		

Performance indicator	Design meets objectives and does not degrade the environment.
	Design responds to the mitigation measures and recommendations
	inthe specialist studies and the BA report. Minimal impact on the surrounding land uses.
Monitoring	Ensure that the design implemented meets the objectives and
	mitigation measures in the specialist studies and BA report through
	review of the design by the Project Manager, Developer and the
	Contract or prior to the commencement of construction.

# OBJECTIVE PD5: ENSURE EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION MECHANISMS WITH THE VARIOUS STAKEHOLDERS

On-going communication with affected and surrounding landowners and key departments is important to maintain during the construction and operational phases of the development. Any issues and concerns raised should be addressed as far as possible in as short a timeframe as possible.

Project Component/s	Access roads;
	Damage to existing infrastructure or private
	property;Nuisance;
	Congestion / obstruction of roads.
Potential Impact	Impacts on affected and surrounding landowners and land uses.
Activities/Risk	Construction activities;
Sources	Delivery of materials to
	site.
Mitigation:	Effective communication with affected and surrounding landowners;
Target/Objectiv	Addressing of any issues and concerns raised as far as possible in as
e	short a timeframe as possible.

Mitigation: Action/Control		Responsibility	Timeframe
Compile and implement a grievance mechanism		Developer	Pre-construction,
procedure for the public to both	be implemented during		construction and
the construction and operat	tional phases of the facility.		operational phase
This procedure should inclu	ude details of the contact		
person who will be receiving	g issues raised by interested		
and affected parties, and the	process that will be followed		
to address issues.			
Performance indicator	Effective communication pro	cedures in place.	
Monitoring	An incident must be reported the ECO.	ed in the site book a	and monitored by

# CONSTRUCTION AND REHABILITATION PHASE CIVIL CONTRACTOR

### **Goal for Construction Phase**

# **Overall Goal for Construction (C):**

Undertake construction of the development infrastructure in a way that:

- ensures that construction activities are properly managed in respect of environmental aspects and impacts;
- enables construction activities to be undertaken without significant disruption to other land uses inthe area, in particular concerning noise impacts, dust, farming practices, traffic and road use, and effects on local residents;
- minimises the impact on the surrounding area;
- minimises impacts on avifauna and other fauna and flora using the site; and
- minimises the impact on the heritage and historical value of the site
- minimise possible health impacts.

# **Objectives**

In order to meet this goal, the following objectives have been identified, together with the necessary actions and monitoring requirements.

# **OBJECTIVE C1: WORKING HOURS**

Civil & Construction Sites		
Mondays to Fridays	08h00 - 17h00	
Saturdays & Public Holidays	08h00 - 15h00	

Project Component/s	Development site;Access
	roads.
Potential Impact	Surrounding landowners and residents are exposed to noise; potentialtraffic congestion; and dust generated from the development site.
Activities/Risk Sources	Nuisance.
Mitigation: Target/Objective	<ul> <li>Effective communication with affected and surrounding landowners; addressing of any issues and concerns raised as far as possible in as short a timeframe as possible.</li> <li>Construction activities should be restricted to weekday working hours.</li> <li>Machinery and vehicles should be regularly maintained to prevent excessive noise.</li> <li>All machinery and work activities must adhere to the requirements of the noise regulations.</li> <li>Implement dust suppression if and when required.</li> <li>Ensure delivery vehicles do not cause obstructions or delays to other road users through effective scheduling.</li> </ul>

Mitigation: Action/Control	Responsibility	Timeframe
Contractors may only be present on the site during	Developer and	Construction
thepublic time hours.	contractor.	phase.

Performance indicator	Effective communication and procedures in place.	
Monitoring	This will be monitored by the ECO during site visits and	
	recorded,reported and proof included in the audit report to be	
	submitted once construction is completed.	

# **OBJECTIVE C2: SAFETY**

Project Component/s	Development
	site;Access
	roads;
	Adjacent landowners / users.
Potential Impact	Increased activity in the area may result in safety risks.
Activities/Risk	The proposed development may result in an increase in crime levels.
Sources	
Mitigation:	To protect all involved from incidents, injury or death.
Target/Objective	

Mitigation: Action/Control	Responsibility	Timeframe
Telephone numbers of emergency services, including the	Contractor	Construction
local fire-fighting services, must be posted conspicuously		phase
in the contractor's office and near the telephone. No		
firearms are permitted on the construction site, other than		
those authorised by the developer for the property		
security service provider if needed. Notices should be		
displayed atall public entrances to the property, warning		
visitors that they are entering a construction site.		

Performance indicator	Effective communication and procedures in place.
Monitoring	This will be monitored by the ECO during site visits and recorded, reported and proof included in the audit report to be submitted once construction is completed.

# **OBJECTIVE C3: TRAFFIC / CONGESTION**

Project Component/s	Development
	site;
	Access roads;
	Adjacent landowners / users.
Potential Impact	The construction machinery will only have a traffic impact on delivery to, and collection from the development site and are therefore regarded as negligible.
Activities/Risk	The minor increase in traffic volumes at certain times of day will add to
Sources	the existing traffic volumes. Deterioration of existing road as a result of heavy use by construction vehicles.
Mitigation: Target/Objective	<ul> <li>Avoid peak traffic hours (07h00 – 08h00 and 17h00 – 18h00) as faras possible;</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Implementation of strict traffic safety measures and speed limits forall construction / delivery vehicles;</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Road condition be monitored and, if need be, repaired to its originalcondition should any damage occur as a result of the development.</li> </ul>

Mitigation: Action/Control	Responsibility	Timeframe
Implementation of strict traffic safety measures and speed	Contractor	Construction
limits for all construction / delivery vehicles. For security		phase
and safety reasons the speed limit on the property for all		
contractors' vehicles is 30 km per hour. The contractor is		
responsible for ensuring that all his employees, sub-		
contractors and delivery vehicles adhere to this rule.		

Performance indicator	Effective communication and procedures in place.
Monitoring	This will be monitored by the ECO during site visits and recorded, reported and proof included in the audit report to be submitted once construction is completed.

# **OBJECTIVE C4: CONTRACTOR'S CAMP**

Project Component/s	Laydown		
	area;Access		
	roads.		
Potential Impact	Degradation of the natural elaydownarea.	•	
Activities/Risk Sources	Setting up and operation of th	e contractor's camp	
Mitigation:	Construction camp must be neatly fenced and construction site must		
Target/Objective	beneat and tidy.		
Mitigation: Action/Control		Responsibility	Timeframe
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The contractor's camp w	ill be indicated by and to	Developer /	Construction
The contractor's camp w	ill be indicated by and to nd the ECO on the site. The	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	

Performance indicator	ECO in conjunction with the landowner will approve construction
	camp area.
Monitoring	This will be monitored by the ECO during site visits and recorded, reported and proof included in the audit report to be submitted once
	construction is completed.

# **OBJECTIVE C5: WASTE MANAGEMENT**

Project Component/s	Development site.	
Potential Impact	General construction waste will be generated during the construction	
	phase. Poor waste management practices on site may lead to dumping	
	and windblown litter creating a negative visual impact and nuisance for	
	adjacent landowners / users as well as impacting the natural	
	environment.	
Activities/Risk Sources	Dumping;	
	Windblown litter causing nuisance;	
	Pollution / degradation of the natural environment.	
Mitigation:	All waste generated, that is not recycled or re-used, on site shall	
Target/Objective	becollected and disposed of at a registered landfill facility;	
	All safe disposal certificates and waste manifests from service	
	providers to be kept and maintained;	
	All staff to receive training on correct waste management practices.	

Mitigation: Action/Control	Responsibility	Timeframe
A contractor appointed by the developer and engineer	Contractor	Construction
shall be tasked to ensure that waste management on		phase
site is conducted in accordance with NEMWA and		
applicable Regulations.		
No on-site burying, dumping or stockpiling of any		
weeds and aliens or invasive species shall occur. Such		
should be removed from the site to a suitable dumping		
site from which seed cannot escape.		
• The disposal of waste should be considered as a last		
resort after having considered the re-use and		
recycling of waste during the construction phase.		
Waste minimisation should be implemented, such as		
the avoidance, reduction, re-use and recycling of		
waste during construction, before considering the		
disposal of such waste.		

Performance indicator	Waste management conducted in accordance with NEM:WA and applicable Regulations.  Adherence to the National Norms and Standards for the Storage of Waste in terms of Government Notice (GN) No. 926 of 29 November2013.
Monitoring	This will be monitored by the ECO during site visits and recorded, reported and proof included in the audit report to be submitted once construction is completed.

# **OBJECTIVE C6: ARCHAEOLOGY AND PALAEONTOLOGY MANAGEMENT**

Project Component/s	Development site.
Potential Impact	The loss of cultural or heritage resources.
Activities/Risk Sources	Destruction of cultural-historical features at the site will contribute to the loss of such features in the general area due to other non-related activities. This can at all times be mitigated to prevent/ minimise the loss of such features.
Mitigation:	To protect and mitigate the potential loss of cultural and heritage
Target/Objective	resources.

Mitigation: Action/Control	Responsibility	Timeframe
Should any heritage or fossil remains be exposed during any excavation or related activities, these must immediately be reported to the provincial heritage resource authority of the KwaZulu-Natal,	Contractor	Construction phase
in terms of the National Heritage Resources Act, 1999 (Act No.25 of 1999) via the ECO.		
Heritage remains uncovered or disturbed during earthworks must not be disturbed until inspection and verified by the professional.		

Performance indicator	Protection of heritage resources.
Monitoring	This will be monitored by the ECO during site visits and recorded, reported and proof included in the audit report to be submitted once construction is completed.

# **OBJECTIVE C7: FIRES**

Project Component/s	Development site; Laydown / contractors camp.
Potential Impact	Uncontrolled fire on/off site, resulting in damage to the environment, property, injuries/death to personnel on site, or injuries/death to the public.
Activities/Risk Sources	Activities associated with facility construction / contractors camp.
Mitigation: Target/Objective	To protect and mitigate the safety of people, property, and the environment on and off site.

Mitigation: Action/Control	Responsibility	Timeframe
No open fires will be allowed on site and adequate fire	Contractor	Construction
fighting equipment should be available on site in good working order at all times as prescribed by the fire		phase
management protocols.		

Performance indicator	No fire occurred to damage the surrounding environment and landuses and management actions are in place should a fire occur.
Monitoring	This will be monitored by the ECO during site visits and recorded, reported and proof included in the audit report to be submitted once
	construction is completed.

OBJECTIVE C8: AN EFFECTIVE MONITORING SYSTEM TO DETECT ANY LEAKAGE OR SPILLAGE OF ALL HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES DURING THEIR TRANSPORT, HANDLING USAGE AND STORAGE. THIS MUST INCLUDE PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES TO LIMIT THE POSSIBILITY OF OIL AND OTHER TOXIC LIQUIDS FROM ENTERING THE SOIL OR STORM WATER SYSTEMS

Project Component/s	Development
	site;Access
	roads.
Potential Impact	Contamination of soil, storm water and ground water resources by
	hazardous substances.
Activities/Risk Sources	The handling, storage and use of hazardous substances.
Mitigation:	Prevention and mitigation of the environment contaminated as a
Target/Objective	resultof exposure to hazardous substances.

Mitigation: Action/Control	Responsibility	Timeframe
The EA holder, Land Owner, Site Environmental Officer	Contractor	Construction
and Environmental Control officer will do daily, weekly and		phase
monthly inspections and report and monitor		
compliance		
with the management actions included in the EMPr and		
EA conditions. These monitoring and reporting		
requirements are recorded in several sections of the		
EMPr. Monitoring will focus on signs of spillages and		
procedures during handling and storage of dangerous		
goods as described in the EMPr. The section on storage		
and handling of dangerous goods in the EMPr will be		
enforced.		

Performance indicator	Impacts on hydrological features minimized and mitigated
Monitoring	This will be monitored by the ECO during site visits and
	recorded,reported and proof included in the audit report to be
	submitted once construction is completed.

# **OBJECTIVE C9: DIESEL FUEL AND LUBRICANT HANDLING PROGRAMME**

Project Component/s	Development
	site;
	Access roads.
Potential Impact	Contamination of soil, storm and ground water resources as a result
	ofan oil/diesel/lubricant spill/leak.
Activities/Risk	Activities associated with site
Sources	construction;Activities associated with
	site operation.
Mitigation:	To protect and mitigate impacts of contaminants on the
Target/Objective	environmentand hydrological features.

Mitigation: Action/Control	Responsibility	Timeframe
Servicing of construction vehicles and machinery to take place of site. All vehicles must be in a good condition with no leakages leading to possible contamination of soil or water supplies. The following conditions related to the temporary fuel tanks must be implemented:	Contractor	Construction phase
The fuel tanks must be designed and installed in accordance with relevant Oil Industry standards and SANS codes where applicable for the aboveground storage tanks. The tanks must be located within a bund (110 % of the tanks capacity) in order to contain potential spills.		
During fuel tanker delivery, the tanker driver must be present at all times during product offloading. Should an incident occur the supply vehicle emergency cut-off switch must be activated to immediately stop fuel delivery. Flexible hoses with dry-break couplings and emergency isolation must be used. All spillage incidences and actions taken consequent thereto must be reported to the ECO and recorded in the site register.		
All fuel and flammable liquids should be stored under secure and fenced conditions and in a bunded site with the volume of the bunding capable of holding 110% of the liquid.		
The applicant must ensure that effective stock inventory monitoring and regular auditing take place for the early identification of possible leaks.		
he requirements of the Occupational Health and Safety Act, 1993 (Act No. 85 of 1993), must be adhered to. Within three months of the tanks ceasing to be used the tanks must be removed at the expense of the applicant, and the site, including all associated infrastructure must be rehabilitated tothe satisfaction of the relevant authority.		
Refueling: Refueling of equipment must be conducted from the bunded fuel tank and pump at the contractor's camp. Fuel tanks must be bunded and supplied with a concrete apron. The concreted refueling apron will be constructed with a drain along its extremities to collect any diesel contaminated runoff and channel it to the oil trap where separated oil will be		

collected and disposed of in the oil recycling container and process. Any spills on the concrete apron of floor below the tank are to be treated with OT8 or Spill solve or equivalent as per the product instructions.

A 500 liter drawn trailer to convey diesel to the equipment for re-fuelling may also be used. Such trailer will be drawn by a specified vehicle and driver, with alternate nominated as approved by the Project Engineer. Such tow vehicle may travel at 20kms per hour maximum at any time, be clearly identifiable as such, and may only tow the diesel cart should the pre requisite drip trays and emergency equipment be on the vehicle at the time. In situ refueling activity may only take place during a standard specified daily time slot as displayed in the construction office, unless specific per day permission has been given to refuel at any other time by the ECO. This must be pre-recorded in the site record book. Staff will require instruction in the identification of diesel and oil leaks and the use of spill solve (or equivalent) products.

### **On-Site emergency repairs:**

Only small mobile plant and emergency repairs are to take place on site. These will require the provision of drip trays and funnels to ensure that no oil or fuel leakages occur onto the ground. Should such spill take place, then the oil saturated soil is to be placed in suitable containers and disposed of at a hazardous waste disposal site. Any contamination of soil is to be treated with spill solve or similar product. Contaminated water as a result of an oil or fuel spillage on the area should similarly be treated in appropriate way, and the polluted water should not be specifically removed and not allowed to merge with run-off water collected in the trap collecting all run offs from the slab.

### Collection of contaminated spares and waste oils:

Contaminated spares, oil filters, gaskets, water, etc. will becollected in separate holders at the designated storage facility for disposal at a licensed site.

Staff will require instruction in:

- Deleterious effects of oil / fuel on the environment
- Identification of oil leaks
- Handling of oil / fuel leaks into soil
- Location and method in storage of contaminated spares
- Fire prevention and emergency drills in case of an accident

Performance indicator	Ensure that no spillages occur and if it does occur that it is handledand cleaned up accordingly.
	Handiedand cleaned up accordingly.
Monitoring	This will be monitored by the ECO during site visits and recorded,
	reported and proof included in the audit report to be submitted
	onceconstruction is completed.

# OBJECTIVE C10: APPROPRIATE HANDLING AND STORAGE OF CHEMICALS, HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES AND WASTE (WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN)

The construction phase may involve the storage and handling of a variety of chemicals including adhesives, abrasives, oils and lubricants, paints and solvents. The main wastes expected to be generated by the construction of the pipeline will include will include predominantly general solid waste in minimal amounts and potentially liquid waste, which may include hazardous waste.

Project Component/s	Access roads;	
	Construction camp / Laydown	
	area;Storage areas.	
Potential Impact	<ul> <li>Release of contaminated water from contact with spilled chemicals.</li> <li>Generation of contaminated wastes from used chemical containers.</li> <li>Inefficient use of resources resulting in excessive waste generation.</li> <li>Litter or contamination of the site or water through poor waste management practices.</li> <li>Pollution of water and soil resources.</li> </ul>	
Activities/Risk	Vehicles associated with site preparation and earthworks.	
Sources	Packaging and other construction wastes.	
304.003	Hydrocarbon use and storage.	
	Spoil material from excavation, earthworks and site preparation.	
Mitigation:	To ensure that the storage and handling of chemicals and	
Target/Objective	hydrocarbons on-site does not cause pollution to the environment orharm to persons.	
	To ensure that the storage and maintenance of machinery on-site	
	does not cause pollution of the environment or harm to persons.	
	To comply with waste management guidelines.	
	To minimise production of waste.	
	To ensure appropriate waste storage and disposal.	
	To avoid environmental harm from waste disposal.	

Mi	tigation: Action/Control	Responsibility	Timeframe
•	Implement a site specific waste management plan	Contractor	Construction
	during the construction phase.		phase
•	Spill kits must be made available on-site for the clean-		
	up of spills and leaks of contaminants.		
•	Corrective action must be undertaken immediately if		
	acomplaint is received, or potential/actual leak or		
	spill of polluting substance identified. This includes		
	stopping the contaminant from further escaping,		
	cleaning up the affected environment as much as		
	practically possible and implementing preventive		
	measures.		
•	Implement an effective monitoring system to detect		
	any leakage or spillage of all hazardous substances		
	during their transportation, handling, use and storage.		
	This must include precautionary measures to limit the		
	possibility of oil and other toxic liquids from entering		
	the soil or storm water systems.		
•	Leakage of fuels must be avoided at all times and if		
	spillage occurs, it must be remediated immediately.		
•	In the event of a major spill or leak of contaminants,		
	the relevant administering authority must be		
	immediately notified as per the notification of		
	emergencies/incidents.		

- Spilled cement, fly ash and concrete must be cleaned up as soon as possible and disposed of at a suitably licensed waste disposal site.
- Any contaminated/polluted soil removed from the site must be disposed of at a licensed hazardous waste disposal facility.
- All stored fuels to be maintained within a sealed bund and on a sealed surface. The bund must be at least 110% of the volume of the total containers.
- Adjacent fuelling areas situated around fuel tanks must be provided with an impervious layer or drip trays must be used during refueling.
- Areas around fuel tanks must be appropriately bunded or contained in an appropriate manner as per the requirements of SABS 089:1999 Part 1.
- Fuel storage areas must be inspected regularly to ensure bund stability, integrity, and function.
- Oily water from bunds at the substations must be removed from site by licensed contractors.
- The storage of flammable and combustible liquids such as oils will be in designated areas which are appropriately bunded, and stored in compliance with MSDS files.
- Any storage and disposal permits/approvals which may be required must be obtained, and the conditions attached to such permits and approvals will be compiled with and copies kept on site in the environmental file.
- Transport of all hazardous substances must be in accordance with the relevant legislation and regulations.
- Construction sub-contractors must provide specific detailed waste management plans to deal with all waste streams.
- Specific areas must be designated on-site for the temporary management of various waste streams, i.e. general refuse, construction waste (wood and metal scrap) and contaminated waste as required. Location of such areas must seek to minimise the potential for impact on the surrounding environment, including prevention of contaminated runoff, seepage and vermin control.
- Where practically possible, construction and general wastes on-site must be reused or recycled. Bins and skips must be available on-site for collection, separation, and storage of waste streams (such as wood, metals, general refuse etc.).
- Disposal of waste must be in accordance with relevant legislative requirements, including the use of licensed contractors and disposal at appropriately licensed waste disposal sites.
- Hydrocarbon waste must be contained and stored in sealed containers within an appropriately bunded area.

- Waste and surplus dangerous goods must be kept to a minimum and must be transported by approved waste transporters to sites designated for their disposal and copies of the safe disposal slips must be kept in the environment file on site.
  - Documentation (waste manifest) must be maintained detailing the quantity, nature, and fate of any regulated waste. Waste disposal records must be available for review at any time.
- An incident/complaints register must be established and maintained on-site.
- The sediment control and water quality structures used on-site must be monitored and maintained in a fully operational state at all times.
- An integrated waste management approach that is based on waste minimisation must be used and must incorporate reduction, recycling, re-use and disposal where appropriate
- Upon the completion of construction, the area must becleared of potentially polluting materials.
- Dispose of all solid waste collected at an appropriately registered waste disposal site. Waste disposal shall be in accordance with all relevant legislation and under no circumstances may waste be burnt on site.
- Where a registered waste site is not available close to the construction site, provide a method statement withregard to waste management.
- The storage of waste must comply with the National Environmental Management: Waste Act, (Act No. 59 of 2008) National Norms and Standards for Storage of
- Waste, 2013.

Performance indicator	<ul> <li>Limited chemical spills outside of designated storage areas;</li> <li>No water or soil contamination by spills;</li> <li>No complaints received regarding waste on site or indiscriminatedumping;</li> <li>Internal site audits ensuring that waste segregation, recycling andreuse is occurring appropriately;</li> <li>Provision of all appropriate waste manifests for all waste streams.</li> </ul>
Monitoring	<ul> <li>Observation and supervision of chemical storage and handling practices and vehicle maintenance throughout construction phase;</li> <li>A complaints register must be maintained, in which any complaints from the community will be logged;</li> <li>Observation and supervision of waste management practices throughout construction phase;</li> <li>Waste collection will be monitored on a regular basis;</li> <li>Waste documentation completed;</li> <li>A complaints register will be maintained, in which any complaints from the community will be logged;</li> <li>Complaints will be investigated and, if appropriate, acted upon;</li> <li>An incident reporting system will be used to record nonconformances to the EMPr;</li> <li>This will be monitored by the ECO during site visits and recorded, reported and proof included in the audit report to be submitted once construction is completed.</li> </ul>

# **OBJECTIVE C11: EFFECTIVE MANAGEMENT OF CONCRETE BATCHING AREA**

Project Component/s	Concrete batching area.	
Potential Impact	Dust emissions.	
	Release of contaminated water, pollution of ground water	
	resources.	
	Ground, soil pollution.	
	Generation of contaminated wastes from used chemical containers.	
	<ul> <li>Inefficient use of resources resulting in excessive waste generation.</li> </ul>	
Activities/Risk Sources	<ul> <li>Operation of the batching area.</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>Packaging and other construction wastes.</li> </ul>	
	Hydrocarbon use and storage.	
	Spoil material from excavation, earthworks and site preparation.	
Mitigation:	To ensure that the operation of the batching area does not cause	
Target/Objective	pollution to the environment or harm to persons.	

Mi	igation: Action/Control	Responsibility	Timeframe
•	Concrete batching areas to be sited such that impacts	Contractor	Construction
	on the environment or the amenity of the local	ECO	phase
	community from noise, odour or polluting emissions		
	are minimised;		
•	Access and exit routes for heavy transport vehicles		
	should be planned to minimise noise and dust impacts		
	on the environment;		
•	The concrete batching area should demonstrate good		
	maintenance practices, including regular sweeping to		
	prevent dust build-up;		
•	The prevailing wind direction should be considered to		
	ensure that bunkers and conveyors are sited in a		
	sheltered position to minimise the effects of the wind;		
•	Aggregate material should be delivered in a damp		
	condition, and water sprays or a dust suppression		
	agent should be correctly applied to reduce dust		
	emissions and reduce water usage;		
•	The site should be designed and constructed such that		
	clean storm water, including roof runoff, is diverted		
	away from contaminated areas and directed to the		
	storm water discharge system;		
•	Any liquids stored on site, including admixtures, fuels		
	and lubricants, should be stored in accordance with		
	applicable legislation;		
•	Contaminated storm water and process wastewater		
	should be captured and recycled where possible. A		
	wastewater collection and recycling system should be		
	designed to collect and filter contaminated water;		
•	Process waste water and contaminated storm water		
	collected from the entire site should be diverted to a		
	settling pond, or series of ponds, such that the water		
	can be reused in the concrete batching process. The		
	settling pond or series of ponds should be lined with		
	an impervious liner capable of containing all		
	contaminants found within the water they are		
	designed to collect;		
•	Areas where spills of oils and chemicals may occur		
	should be equipped with easily accessible spill control		
	kits to assist in prompt and effective spill control;		
•	Ensure that all practicable steps are taken to minimise		
	the adverse effect that noise emissions. This		
	responsibility includes not only the noise emitted from		
	the plant and equipment but also associated noise		
	sources, such as radios, loudspeakers and alarms;		
•	Where possible, waste concrete should be used for		
	construction purposes at the batching area or project		
	site;		
•	The batching area to be monitored by the ECO to		
	ensure that the plant is operating according to its		
	environmental objectives and within legislative		
	requirements.		

Performance indicator	<ul> <li>No complaints regarding dust or contamination;</li> <li>No water or soil contamination by chemical spills;</li> <li>No complaints received regarding waste on site or indiscriminatedumping.</li> </ul>
Monitoring	Observation and supervision of chemical storage and handling practices and vehicle maintenance throughout construction phase. A complaints register will be maintained, in which any complaints from the community will be logged. Complaints will be investigated and, if appropriate, acted upon.
	A complaints register will be maintained, in which any complaints from the community will be logged. Complaints will be investigated and, if appropriate, acted upon.
	An incident reporting system will be used to record non-conformances to the EMPr.
	Developer or appointed ECO must monitor indicators listed above to ensure that they have been met for the construction phase.

# **OBJECTIVE C12: DUST MANAGEMENT**

Project Component/s	General construction activities; Concrete batching
	area;
	Transport of materials to and from sites.
Potential Impact	Create a nuisance to property owners / users adjacent to the
	development.
Activities/Risk Sources	Windblown dust from stockpiles, excavated or cleared areas, and which vehicles may be entrained may affect property owners / users adjacent to the development.
Mitigation:	<ul> <li>Dust suppression by wetting / covering stockpiles;</li> </ul>
Target/Objective	Limit vehicle speeds for all vehicles.

Mit	igation: Action/Control	Responsibility	Timeframe
•	Dust suppression by wetting / covering stockpiles;	Contractor	Construction
•	Limit vehicle speeds for all vehicles.	ECO	phase
•	Ensure compliance with the provisions as set out in		
	the National Environmental Management: Air Qualify		
	Act (NEM:AQA), National Dust Control Regulations		
	(Notice 827 of 2013).		

Performance indicator	No complaints regarding dust.
Monitoring	A complaints register will be maintained, in which any complaints from the community will be logged. Complaints will be investigated and, if appropriate, acted upon.
	A complaints register will be maintained, in which any complaints from the community will be logged. Complaints will be investigated and, if appropriate, acted upon.
	Developer or appointed ECO must monitor indicators listed above to ensure that they have been met for the construction phase.

# **OBJECTIVE C13: NOISE CONTROL**

Project Component/s	General construction	
	activities;Concrete batching	
	area;	
	Transport of materials to and from sites.	
Potential Impact	Create a nuisance to property owners / users adjacent to the	
	development.	
Activities/Risk Sources	Noise from construction vehicles and machinery during construction.	
Mitigation:	Ensure construction vehicles and machinery operates in compliance	
Target/Objective	With the Noise Control Regulations.	

Mitigation: Action/Control	Responsibility	Timeframe
Construction and deliveries may only be	Contractor	Construction
conductedduring working hours as defined in C1 above.		phase
<ul> <li>Ensure compliance with the provisions as set out inte Noise Control Regulations.</li> </ul>		

Performance indicator	No complaints regarding dust.
Monitoring	A complaints register will be maintained, in which any complaints from the community will be logged. Complaints will be investigated and, if appropriate, acted upon.
	A complaints register will be maintained, in which any complaints from the community will be logged. Complaints will be investigated and, if appropriate, acted upon.
	Developer or appointed ECO must monitor indicators listed above to ensure that they have been met for the construction phase.

# **OPERATIONAL PHASE**

This following section defines the management programme for each of the identified goals during the operational phase. The programme is presented in the form of a table, which includes the components described. This programme consists of the following components:

#### Goals

Over-arching environmental goals for the management phase.

# **Objectives**

The objectives are in place in order to meet these goals. These take into account the findings from existing studies and monitoring programmes.

# **Management Actions**

The actions needed to achieve the objectives, taking into consideration factors such as responsibility, methods, frequency, resources required and prioritization.

#### **Monitoring**

Key actions to verify that objectives are being achieved, taking into consideration responsibility, frequency, methods, and reporting.

# Criteria/ Targets

The criteria or targets indicate the efficacy of the management programme. The targets should be readily measurable, understandable to the layperson, cost-effective to monitor, and meet legal requirements.

#### **Remedial Actions**

Specifies actions needed to be taken if the targets are not met; or if there is an unforeseen event.

#### Goals

The following are specified goals:

**Goal 1:** Storm water management

Goal 2: Waste Management

Goal 3: Noise

Goal 4: Flies

Goal 5: Odour

**Goal 6:** Pesticides

Goal 7: Trucks

Goal 8: Site Hygiene

Goal 9: Monitoring and Control

**Goal 10**: Safety Measures and Emergency Procedures

Goal 11: Employment / Security

Goal 12: Water Pollution and Irrigation of biodegradable industrial wastewater to agricultural land

**Goal 1: Storm Water Management** 

Objectives	Risks	Actions	Monitoring	Criteria/Targets	Remedial Actions
Ensure effective storm	Infrastructure failure,	1. Regular inspection	Internal audit of the	Stormwater	Developer / Contractor/ECO
water management on	Pollution into the	and maintenance of	facility to ensure	management plan	<ul> <li>If pollution is detected as</li> </ul>
site.	receiving environment,	storm water	compliance with	in place and	a result of infrastructure
	offensive odours and	handling;	relevant legislation.	implemented.	failure immediate action
	health risks.	2. Infrastructure failure			must be taken to contain
		reported or			the pollution.
		identified to be fixed			• Within 24hours of
		as a priority.			detection the ECO must
					be informed of the
					incident, where afterECO
					will conduct a site visit
					and recommend further
					rehabilitation methods to
					beimplemented.
					Depending on the type
					and extent of pollution
					that occurred specialists
					may be contacted to
					provide specific recommendations.
					<ul> <li>An incident report to be compiled and sent to the</li> </ul>
					municipal and relevant
					governmental
					authorities.
					In the event of a pollution
					event / incident the
					Municipality should
					inform and provide
					awarenessto surrounding
					propertyowners / users.

**Goal 2: Waste Management** 

Objectives	Risks	Actions	Monitoring	Criteria/Targets	Remedial Actions
Waste management	Poor waste	The disposal of waste	Internal audit of the	On-site waste	Developer / Contractor/ECO
practices on site are	management can	should be considered as	facility to ensure	management	If pollution is detected as a
compliant in terms of	resultin the following:	a last resort after having	compliance in terms of	procedure for	result of infrastructure
relevant legislation.	Nuisance;	considered the re-use	relevant legislation.	non-recyclable	failure immediate action
	Windblown litter;	and recycling of waste		waste for	must be taken to contain
	Pollution of the	during the construction	Adherence to the	employees is in	thepollution.
	receivingenvironment.	phase.	National Norms and	place and	Within 24hours of detection
			Standards for the	implemented.	the ECO must be informed
		Waste minimization	Storage of Waste in		of the incident, where after
		should be implemented,	terms of Government		ECO will conduct a site visit
		such as the avoidance,	Notice (GN) No. 926 of		and recommend further
		reduction, re-use and	29 November 2013, if		rehabilitation methods to
		recycling of waste	the volumes of waste		be implemented.
		during operation, before	stored exceeds 80m <sup>3</sup> for		Depending on the type and
		considering the disposal	hazardous waste and/or		extent of pollution that
		of such waste. All	100m <sup>3</sup> for general		occurred specialists may be
		recyclable waste to be	waste.		contacted to provide
		composted.			specific recommendations.
			Compost facility to be		An incident report to be
		The composting area	operated in accordance		compiled and sent to the
		and waste storage area	with the <i>Draft National</i>		municipal and relevant
		shall be operated in	Standards for Organic		governmental authorities.
		such a manner that no	Waste Composting		In the event of a pollution
		health hazard or	(Notice 68 of 2014).		event / incident the
		nuisance conditions			Municipality should inform
		occur, such as noise,			and provide awareness to
		odour, vectors and			surrounding
		windblown litter.			propertyowners / users.

Development and implementation of an
on-site waste
management plan.
All other waste to be
collected in sealed bins
and removed to a
licenced waste disposal
facility weekly or as soon
as the bins are full.
Provide employees with
sound waste
management training.

Goal 3: Noise

Objectives	Risks	Actions	Monitoring	Criteria/Targets	Remedial Actions
Noise generated during	Nuisance - A	Ensure that noise generated	Internal audit to ensure	Manage and	Developer / contractor
the operation of the facility.	compost turner, front loader and tractor on site will contribute to noise,	by machinery used during the general operation of the facility is in accordance with the Noise Control	compliance with the Noise Control	control noise to be within the limits of the Noise Control	<ul> <li>Opening of a complaints register and addressing and investigating reported complaints;</li> </ul>
	but are all agricultural related implements that are associated with buffer areas. Operation of meat processing equipment and driving of abattoirs vehicle.	regularly serviced to reduce noise. Driving at night to be restricted since noise and vibrations travel further		Regulations.	<ul> <li>Monitoring and recording of processes to ensure consistency.</li> </ul>

Goal 4: Flies

Objectives	Risks	Actions	Monitoring	Criteria/Targets	Remedial Actions
To mitigate and control	Nuisance	All by-products should be	Will be monitored	Problems	Developer / ECO
the attraction of	Pests	covered immediately on	regularly. Problems	experienced/com	<ul> <li>Opening of a complaints</li> </ul>
excessive flies as a result	Health risks	delivery which reduces	experienced/complaints	plaints received	register and addressing
of the facility.		the numbers of flies to a	received will be	andrecorded in	and investigating reported
		large extent.	recorded in a complaints	the complits register	complaints;
		The composting process	register and addressed	must be	<ul> <li>Monitoring and recording</li> </ul>
		will control the spread of	whenrequired.	addressed.	of processes to ensure
		diseases through correct			consistency.
		management			
		oftemperature and ph.			
		In addition, the rows are			
		also treated with			
		chemicals such as			
		Neoprene from Coopers			
		which is aimed at killing			
		the eggs and larvae of			
		the flies.			
		Baycidal and Temprid			
		from Bayer should be			
		used to kill the flies and			
		larvae. Quik Bayt is dry			
		crystals which attracts			
		and kills flies on contact			
		and are placed atseveral			
		points around the site.			
		Ensure that meat and			
		meat products are kept			
		at correct cold storage			
		temperatures.			

Goal 5: Odour

Objectives	Risks	Actions	Monitoring	Criteria/Targets	Remedial Actions
The balance of PH, temperature, air, moisture are critical parameters to ensure correct fermentation/digestion without causing odour orany other problems inthe piggery facility.  Wastewater treatment system and handling of waste.  Odour from animal slaughtered, handling of meat and domestic waste	Nuisance Offensive odours Health risk	Therefore, the impact of the proposed piggery on air quality in the general area will be low, but that some nuisance due to odorous emissions can be caused in the area surrounding the piggery farm from time-to-time.  It is recommended that a row of trees on all sides of the sheds and on the upwind sides of the aeration dams, be plant that will diffuse pollutants emitted from the various sources, thus reducing the dispersion footprint.  Maintain facility cleanliness at all times to ensure that odour creating activities are always cleaned and in time.  Ensure meat and meat products are kept at correct cold storage temperatures. Manage wastewater efficiently through regular maintenance of wastewater systems	regularly. Problems experienced/complaints received will be recorded in a complaints register and addressed whenrequired.	Problems experienced/ complaints received and recorded in the complaints register must be addressed.	<ul> <li>Developer/Contractor/ECO</li> <li>Opening of a complaints register and addressing and investigating reported complaints;</li> <li>Monitoring and recording of processes to ensure consistency.</li> </ul>

## **Goal 6: Pesticides**

Objectives	Risks	Actions	Monitoring	Criteria/Targets	Remedial Actions
Treating the facilities	Water contamination	Pesticide application nearrivers,	Will be monitored	Problems	Developer
(Piggery and Abattoirs) with	Health risk	wetlands and otherfresh water	regularly. Problems	experienced/compl	<ul> <li>Opening of a complaints</li> </ul>
pesticides to eliminate		resources should be avoided and	experienced/complaints	aints received and	register and addressing and
bacteria, fungi, larva eggs		applicable types of pesticides	received will be recorded	recorded in the	investigating reported
etc.		(non- persistent) should be	in a complaints register	complaints register	complaints;
		applied.	andaddressed when	must beaddressed.	<ul> <li>Monitoring and recording of</li> </ul>
			required.		processes to ensure
		The following procedures will			consistency.
		assist in the environmentally			
		safe use of pesticides and			
		chemicals:			
		• Pesticide containers should be			
		stored in a weather-proof and			
		fire resistant building that is			
		maintained in good			
		condition. Pesticide containers			
		should be stored on an			
		impermeable base;			
		A sump to contain and decant			
		spills during pesticide			
		preparation would be			
		fortuitous;			
		Unused pesticide and			
		contaminated disposable			
		equipment should be			
		disposed of correctly toensure			
		reduce risk ofenvironmental			
		contamination			
		Empty pesticide containers			
		should not be burned or buried			
		as it could be a risk to human			
		health and may contaminate soil and groundwater			
		0			
		resources.			

## Goal 7: Trucks

Objectives	Risks	Actions	Monitoring	Criteria/Targets	Remedial Actions
Dust	Nuisance	Existing access roads should be used. The	Will be monitored	Problems	Developer / ECO
and		facility uses the gravel road to the farm	regularly. Problems	experienced/	<ul> <li>Opening of a complaints</li> </ul>
noise		for operational purposes. The expanded	experienced/complaints	complaints	register and addressing
obstruction of		facility will generate up to 1000 trips per	received will be	received and	and investigating reported
driving trucks		year in order to operate the facility. The	recorded in a complaints	recorded in the	complaints;
		existing access road is sufficient for the	register and addressed	complaints	<ul> <li>Monitoring and recording</li> </ul>
		proposed expansion and the applicant	whenrequired.	register must be	of processes to ensure
		will grade and maintain the road when		addressed.	consistency.
		required.			
		Dust on roads should be maintained by			
		splashing water on the roads during busy			
		operating hours.			

# Goal 8: Site Hygiene

Objectives	Risks	Actions	Monitoring	Criteria/Targets	Remedial Actions
Site hygiene at	Nuisance	Maintain cleanliness at the	Will be monitored	Problems	Developer
thefacility	Offensive odours	facilities at all times.	regularly. Problems	experienced/	<ul> <li>Opening of a complaints</li> </ul>
(piggery and abattoirs).	Pests		experienced/complaints	complaints	register and addressing
	Health risk		received will be	received and	and investigating reported
			recorded in a complaints	recorded in the	complaints;
			register and addressed	complaints	<ul> <li>Monitoring and recording</li> </ul>
			whenrequired.	register must be	of processes to ensure
				addressed.	consistency.

# **Goal 9: Monitoring and Control**

Objectives	Risks	Actions	Monitoring	Criteria/Targets	Remedial Actions
Monitoring and control	Nuisance	Managed in terms of	Will be monitored	Problems	Developer
of processes at the	Offensive odours	guidelines for pork and	regularly. Problems	experienced/	<ul> <li>Opening of a complaints</li> </ul>
facility to ensure that	Pests	abattoirs operations.	experienced/complaints	complaints	register and addressing
activities do not cause	Health risk		received will be	received and	and investigating reported
negative impacts.			recorded in a complaints	recorded in the	complaints;
			register and addressed	complaints	<ul> <li>Monitoring and recording</li> </ul>
			whenrequired.	register must be	of processes to ensure
				addressed.	consistency.

## **Goal 10: Safety Measures and Emergency Procedures**

Objectives	Risks	Actions	Monitoring	Criteria/Targets	Remedial Actions
Ensure that emergency protocol has been developed and is in place for the facility.	Fire; Disaster; Pollution; Death; Loss of Infrastructure.	Development and implementation of emergency procedures and plans to ensure the safety of employees, business.	Internal audit to ensure compliance with Procedures and applicable legislation.	Procedures developed, implemented and regularly updated.	By Developer  Development and implementation of Emergency Procedures in line with applicable legislation and standards.

Goal 11: Employment / Security

Objectives	Risks	Ac	tions	Monitoring	Criteria/Targets	Remedial Actions
Ensuring the safety of	Crime.	•	The application site	Internal audit to	Procedures	By Developer
workers and adjacent			has two controlled	ensurecompliance with	developed,	• Development and
landowners.			access gates andno	Procedures and	implemented and	implementation of
			unauthorized	applicable legislation.	regularly updated.	Emergency Procedures in line
			persons are allowed			with applicable legislation
			on site. A site access			and standards.
			register willbe kept			
			on site.			

Goal 12: Water Pollution and Irrigation of Biodegradable Industrial Wastewater to Agricultural Land

Objectives	Risks	Actions	Monitoring	Criteria/Targets	Remedial Actions
Ensuring that surface,	Pollution;	Install stormwater drainage	Will be monitored	Problems	Developer / Contractor/ECO
ground water resources,	Loss of resources;	on site to ensure that there is	regularly. Problems	experienced/	
and soil is not	Habitat	no erosion and siltation.	experienced/	complaints	
contaminated through	destruction.	All wastewater to be	complaints received will	received and	
run-off or leachate.	Contamination of	collected in safe bunds and	be recorded in a	recorded in the	
	surface water, soil	treated accordingly before	complaints register and	complaints register	
	and causing bad	used for watering agricultural	addressed when	must be	
	odour	lands or disposed into the	required.	addressed.	
	Outbreak of	environment			
	diseases	All relevant wastewater			
	associated with	disposal licences should be			
	poor sanitation	obtained from the relevant			
		competent authority and			
		licence conditions to be			
		strictly adhered to.			

Utilization of facilities	Sewerage waste should be	
ablutions	channeled into the exsiting	
	sewerage system and pipes	
	to be checked and	
	maintained on a regular	
	basis.	
	Ablution facilities to be	
	cleaned and maintained on a	
	regular basis.	
	All manholes should be	
	indicated with signs, and	
	those places on driveways	
	should be well constructed	
	with strong materials.	
	Appropriate personal	
	protective equipment to be	
	provided to employees	
	working on the sewerage	
	systems.	

#### **CHAPTER 8**

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL REPORTING**

In order to ensure that the necessary environmental issues are adequately addressed and recorded, the following environmental reporting shall be undertaken:

- Incident reporting; and
- Compliance reporting

#### **CHAPTER 9**

#### **DECOMMISSIONING PHASE**

As the final phase in the project cycle, decommissioning may present positive environmental opportunities associated with the return of the land for alternative use and the cessation of impacts associated with operational activities. However, depending on the nature of the operational activity, the need to manage risks and potential residual impacts may remain wellafter operations have ceased.

The decommissioning phase EMPr provides specific guidance with respect to the management of the environmental risks associated with the decommissioning stage of a project.

Closure and decommissioning impacts are likely to be similar to the construction phase impacts. The management actions and control under the construction phase EMP need to be implemented to mitigate the negative impacts on the environment and to restore the property to its natural state.

A decommissioning phase is where a structure is removed or otherwise modified to make it incapable for re-use for the original design purpose.

The results of environmental monitoring during the decommissioning phase will be used to assessthe impact of the decommissioning on the surrounding environment and demonstrate compliance with regulatory requirements.

The actual scope of the decommissioning environmental monitoring will be established following consultation with the regulatory authorities. The format of decommission management strategy will probably be similar to that of earlier development phases and consist of the following:

- Management Principles
  - Develop monitoring procedures in accordance with standard protocols and the requirements of the environmental legislation.
  - Undertake environmental monitoring during the decommissioning phase as shown below.

Environmental monitoring during the decommission phase will include terrestrial flora rehabilitation monitoring.

#### **CHAPTER 10**

#### REHABILITATION SPECIFICATIONS AND SITE CLEAN-UP

The contractors must ensure that all temporary structures, equipment, materials and facilities used or created on site for, or during construction activities, are removed once the project has been completed. The construction sites must be cleared, and cleaned to the satisfaction of the developer.

Stabilization and rehabilitation must take place immediately after construction operations have been completed. No vehicles or unauthorized personnel must be allowed onto areas that have been rehabilitated.

The areas impacted during construction must be stabilized and shaped according to the natural surrounding contours. If topsoil was removed during construction the topsoil must be used to stabilize the impacted areas.

If erosion occurred the ECO must be informed immediately who will then recommend erosion mitigation measures to be implemented.

Alien vegetation monitoring of the rehabilitated areas and surrounds must be conducted on an annual basis and if alien vegetation is detected the ECO must be informed immediately who will then recommend eradication methods.

#### **CHAPTER 12**

### **COMPLIANCE WITH THE ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION**

All conditions of the Environmental Authorisation must be adhered to onsite during the construction, operational-, decommissioning- and rehabilitation phases of the proposed project. A copy of the Environmental Authorisation must be available on site together with the EMPr and all contractors on site must sign the Declaration of Understanding as proof of awareness and understanding of all the conditions to be adhered to on site in terms of the EA and EMPr.

### **CHAPTER 13 UPDATING/ADAPTING**

#### **THE EMPr**

Although care has been taken to address all known relevant environmental issues for the development, it will become necessary to add or amend certain procedures or instructions to improve the efficiency of the EMPr. Only those additions to, or amendments of, this EMPr that will either improve environmental protection or can be proven not to have any negative effects would be considered to be included, and any amendments to the EMPr must first be approved by the ECO and competent authority i.e. KZN EDTEA.