BACKGROUND INFORMATION DOCUMENT (BID) Basic Environmental Impact Assessment

Dated: Monday 23 January 2012

THE PROPOSED EXTENSION & UPGRADING OF A SINGLE RESIDENTIAL DWELLING – 46 RIVERTIDE SHAREBLOCK, PORTION 4 OF THE FARM OSBOSCH NO. 707, HUMANSDORP, KOUGA MUNICIPALITY, EASTERN CAPE

Reference number still to be assigned by the Department of Economic Development and Environmental Affairs (DEDEA), Eastern Cape

1. DESCRIPTION:

- The applicant, P. W. Talbot, intends to extend & upgrade the single residential dwelling at no. 46 Rivertide Shareblock, Portion 4 of the farm Osbosch No. 707, Kromme River, Kouga municipality, Eastern Cape. This river front property is located within 100m inland of the high-water mark of an estuary. The location of the shareblock is shown on **Fig 1**.
- To obtain environmental authorisation to proceed with the activities, a basic assessment needs to be conducted for, and approved by DEDEA. This study should be done in accordance with the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations of June 2010, as set out in terms of Chapter 5 of the National Environmental Management Act (NEMA), as amended, Act 107 of 1998.
- The proposed activity would involve the following Listed Activities (Government Notice R 544 and R 546 of June 2010) as identified in terms of Section 24 of the National Environmental Management Act (NEMA), 1998:

<u>R 544 Activity 16</u> – Construction or earth moving activities within a distance of 100 metres inland of the high-water mark of an estuary, in respect of – (v) buildings of 50 square metres or more; (iv) infrastructure covering 50 square metres or more. <u>R 544 Activity 18</u> – The infilling or depositing of any material of more than 5 cubic metres into, or the dredging, excavation, removal or moving of soil, sand, shells, shell grit, pebbles or rock from (iv) a distance of 100 metres inland of the high-water mark of an estuary.

<u>R 546 Activity 24</u> – The expansion of buildings where the buildings will be expanded by 10 square metres or more in size where such construction occurs within 32 metres of a watercourse.

2. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS

The public participation process serves to inform Interested & Affected Parties (IAPs) of the proposed development, and obtain any issues of concern. You are invited to register as an IAP and provide relevant input. If you know of any other interested and affected party that should be registered as an IAP with this proposed project, I would appreciate it if you could send the contact details to the Environmental Assessment Practitioner (contact details at the bottom of p 2).

The proposed development was advertised in the local Our Times of Friday 20 January 2012, and the regional Die Burger of Friday 20 January 2012.

You are invited to register as an IAP with this proposed development and provide your inputs, or raise any issues of concern that has reference to this specific project. The impact assessment study should address the impacts of the proposed activities on the environment and the community. It should cover geographical, physical, biological, social, economical and cultural aspects.

COMMENT SHEET : 46 Rivertide Shareblock, Kromme River, Kouga municipality, EC		
Name & Surname		
Company /		
Organisation		
Postal address		
Physical address		
Tel		
Cell		
Fax		
Email		
Prefer Afr / Eng?		
Please black out the	option that is not applicable:	
-	ain on the mailing list?	Yes / No
	vide input with regards to the proposed project?	Yes / No
If Yes, please add yo	our comments in the space provided and use addition	al pages if
necessary:		

Please forward the completed form to the Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP), to reach me by Tuesday 21 February 2012. Thank you for participating. Miriam Müller

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