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Green Point Telecommunication Mast

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PURPOSE OF THE BACKGROUND INFORMATION DOCUMENT

The purpose of this document is to introduce and describe the proposed construction of the Greenpoint Telecommunication Mast.

- It provides an overview of Basic Assessment (BA) Process and allows potential stakeholders to register as Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) regarding the development.
- It allows the EAP to obtain the initial comments and contributions from I&APs.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Transnet Freight Rail (TFR), Telecomm, Wireless (old Transtel) provides radio communications to the track side, between Durban and Port Shepstone. At present the equipment is located in the base of the Green point Lighthouse and the antennae are located on the lighthouse. Due to its current location, this site has been suitable for two reasons: firstly the location is ideal, secondly the property belongs to Transnet. TFR have in the past provided the communications, for the Light house department, (telephone and telemetering) at the site.

The location of the equipment inside the lighthouse is now not suitable for the following reasons:

1. The Light house is a national monument, and the presence of the Telecom equipment is not desirable.
2. The public access to this site, although limited, and resultant access to the Telecomm equipment, is a safety and security risk, for TFR as this may have an impact on train control.

The uncontrolled environment (i.e. temperature and humidity) inside the lighthouse is not ideal for the telecommunications equipment.

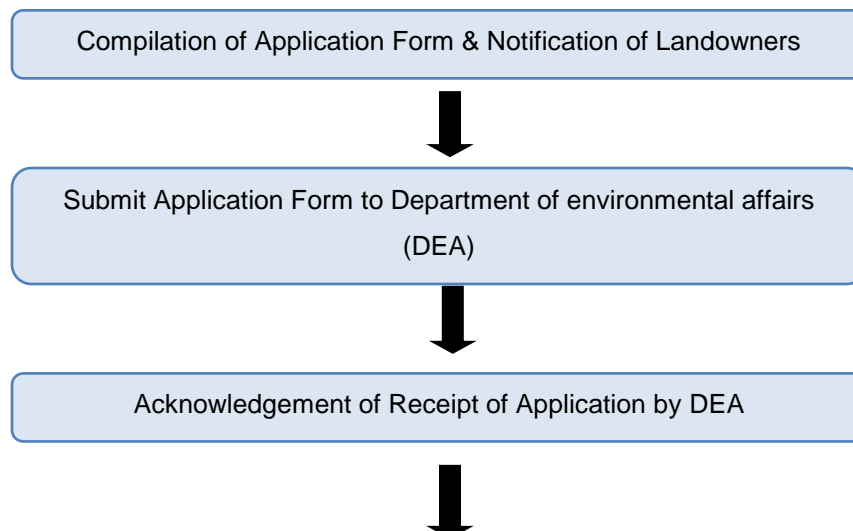


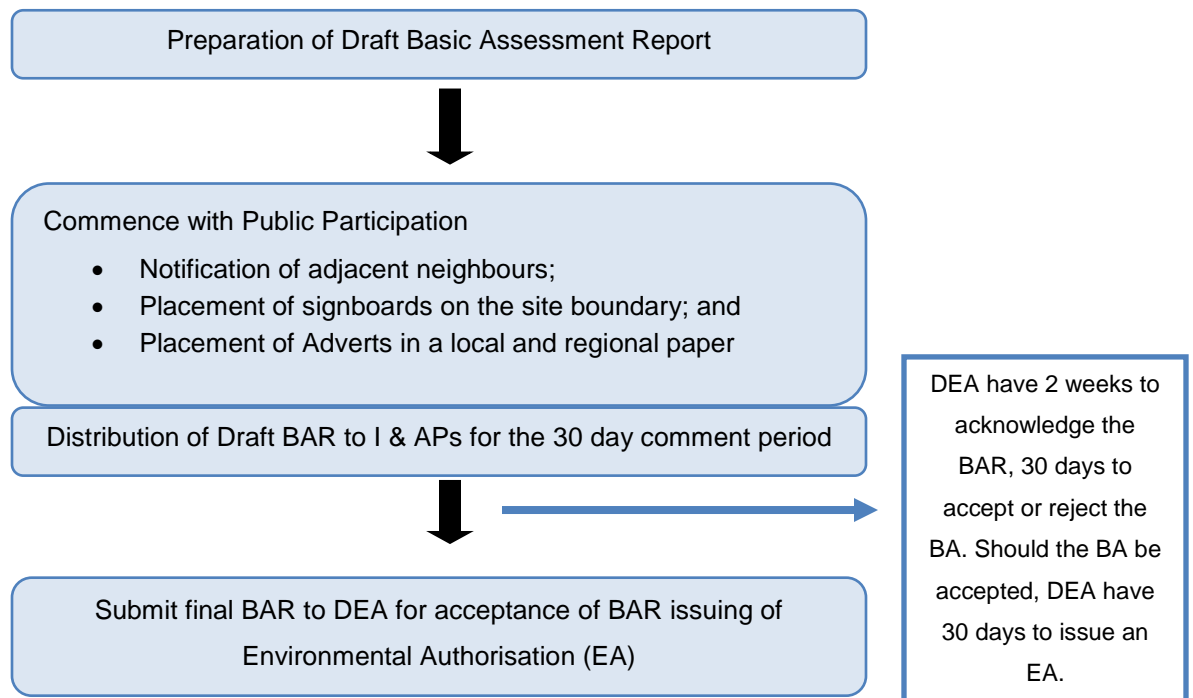
Figure 1: Map showing the location of the proposed communication mast

ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION PROCESS

The proposed project requires environmental authorisation in terms of the National Environmental Management Act (No. 107 of 1998), which will be undertaken in accordance with the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2010 (Government Notice No. R.543). Listed activities under Government Notice R.546 will be triggered by the proposed development and therefore a Basic Assessment (BA) needs to be performed. The EIA decision-making authority is the Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA).

Figure 2 below shows the Basic Assessment process. Currently, we are at the public participation and draft Basic Assessment Report (BAR) review which provides Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) with the opportunity to comment on the draft basic assessment report.





PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS

The role of Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) is critical to the success of the project. IAPs are encouraged to register with Nemai Consulting and to contribute to the process by raising issues/concerns that must be taken into account in the BAR, commenting on the environmental reports and contributing local and traditional knowledge. All parties wishing to receive any further information on the project must register with Nemai consulting by December 2013.

REGISTRATION AS AN I & AP

In order to ensure that you are registered as an I&AP, please submit your name, contact information and interest in the project by completing the attached Reply Form. You can also provide your comments on the Reply Form.



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Reply Form

Registration as an Interested and Affected Party

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