

Megan Smith

From: Megan Smith
Sent: Thursday, 27 May 2021 15:02
To: Mpho Masemola
Subject: RE: THE PROPOSED RESTORATION AND MAINTENANCE OF THE BLUE STONE QUARRY WALL, ROB BEN ISLAND, WESTERN CAPE PROVINCE.

Dear Mpho,

I trust that you are well.

To answer your questions, please see the replies in **red** below:

But who appointment your company?

Robben Island Museum (RIM) have appointed Enviroworks to compile and submit a Maintenance Management Plan for the restoration and maintenance of the Blue Stone Quarry wall. RIM are currently responsible for maintaining structures on Robben Island especially those that have significant heritage value. As part of this responsibility, RIM propose to maintain the Blue Stone Quarry and outstanding heritage value by restoring the breached section of the wall.

When and why are you so interested in our heritage?

Enviroworks were appointed in October 2020 to compile and submit a Maintenance Management Plan on behalf of RIM.

Who told you that we don't have any capacity to restore our heritage?

An analysis of who has the capacity to restore the wall is beyond the scope of Enviroworks appointment. We are only appointed to compile and submit the Maintenance Management Plan on behalf of RIM.

Please note that second commenting period on the Maintenance Management Plan opened on 25 May 2021. You should have received an email from me with the documents attached. If not, please do indicate so. You are welcome to submit a formal comment on the plan by 24 June 2021.

I trust that you will find the above mentioned in order, but please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any queries.

Kind regards/vriendelike groete
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From: Mpho Masemola <eppaassociation@gmail.com>

Sent: Wednesday, 26 May 2021 07:31

To: Megan Smith <meagan.smith@enviroworks.co.za>

Subject: Re: THE PROPOSED RESTORATION AND MAINTENANCE OF THE BLUE STONE QUARRY WALL, ROBBEN ISLAND, WESTERN CAPE PROVINCE.

Noted with thanks. But who appointment your company? When and why are you so interested in our heritage? Who told you that we don't have any capacity to restore our heritage?

Thanks

On Tue, May 25, 2021, 14:49 Megan Smith <meagan.smith@enviroworks.co.za> wrote:

Hi Mpho,

The comment has been noted and will be relayed to Robben Island Musuem.

Kind regards/vriendelike groete

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From: Mpho Masemola <eppaassociation@gmail.com>

Sent: Friday, 29 January 2021 07:22

To: Megan Smith <meagan.smith@enviroworks.co.za>

Cc: Elana Mostert <elana@enviroworks.co.za>

Subject: Re: THE PROPOSED RESTORATION AND MAINTENANCE OF THE BLUE STONE QUARRY WALL, ROBBEN ISLAND, WESTERN CAPE PROVINCE.

Received, thank you. The EPPA/DAC/RIM is currently engaging on all heritage matters that will be finalized in the work shop, currently the EPPA has called on the Minister to halt any infrastructure development at RIM without consulting the main stakeholders, EPPA. The narrative, interpretation of the site must be designed according to the contribution of those prisoner's who worked there during the years of incarceration. We urge all those interested to benefit from our sweat and suffering to be patient until this matter is resolved amicably by RIM. Thanks

EPPA secretary General

Mpho Masemola

On Thu, Jan 28, 2021, 19:47 Megan Smith <meagan.smith@enviroworks.co.za> wrote:

Dear Interested and Affected Party and Organ of State

RE: THE PROPOSED RESTORATION AND MAINTENANCE OF THE BLUE STONE QUARRY WALL, ROBBEN ISLAND, WESTERN CAPE PROVINCE.

As part of preserving the historical significance of the Blue Stone Quarry (BSQ), the Applicant/Developer (Robben Island Museum) proposes the restoration and maintenance of the Robben Island BSQ Wall and limestone pathway that runs along the top of the wall. The restoration and/or maintenance of the BSQ Wall includes conserving the dry-stone walls by:

- Reinstating the breached section of the BSQ Wall (approximately 77 m long).
- Repairing damaged sections of the walls that are currently standing.
- Repairing the Quarry Revetment ring walls.
- Repairing any future damages within the next five years to walls and associated infrastructure.

Robben Island Museum aim to maintain the historical integrity of the BSQ Wall and thus, will be reinstating the breached section and other damaged areas using restoration methodologies recommended in international conservation charters such as the Burra Charter (1999) for places of Cultural significance. Suitable debris from the collapsed wall will be recycled while new material will be added to strengthen the wall. No concrete or heavy machinery will be used as part of the reinstatement.

Hereby you are informed that the **Draft Maintenance Management Plan** for the abovementioned development is now available (please see attached document) and the report will be open for public review for a period starting **29 January 2021** and will end on **1 March 2021**. Attached is also the Background Information Document. Please fill it in and return to me if you would like to be registered as an Interested and Affected Party. You are encouraged to please stipulate how you would further like to receive notifications and reports (fax, email, registered post, normal post etc.)

Please find a link below to the access the supporting documentation of the Draft Maintenance Management Plan:

<https://we.tl/t-CviyeJsp3J>

Please note that the above mentioned link does expire within a few days after which the files can be downloaded here:

<http://enviroworks.co.za/public-participation/>

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