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Dear Stakeholder

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED DESPATCH PARK MIXED-USE DEVELOPMENT LOCATED ON PORTION 0 OF ERF 700, DESPATCH, NELSON MANDELA BAY MUNICIPALITY, EASTERN CAPE PROVINCE

Environmental Consultants International (Pty) Ltd (ECI) was appointed by **Corner House Developments** as an independent Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) to undertake the required Environmental Authorisation application- and associated stakeholder engagement process for the proposed Despatch Park Mixed-use Development on Portion 0 of Erf 700 Despatch, Nelson Mandela Bay Municipality, Eastern Cape Province. Refer to **Figure 1: Locality Map**.

The proposed project will have a footprint of approximately 47 hectares and will comprise of residential, business, institutional and open space land uses and will include the establishment of single residential units, a retirement village, town houses and flats, as well as a shopping centre, filling station, office space, a private school and a private hospital, together with all necessary service infrastructure.

The proposed project triggers a number of listed activities in terms of the 2014 NEMA Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations (as amended April 2017) resulting in the need for Environmental Authorisation (EA) from the Eastern Cape Department of Economic Development, Environmental Affairs and Tourism (DEDEAT).

In terms of **GN R No. 327 (Listing Notice 1: Activities 9, 10, 11 and 14)**, **GN R No. 325 (Listing Notice 2: Activity 15)** and **GN R No. 324 (Listing Notice 3: Activities 4 and 12)** of the 2014 NEMA EIA Regulations (as amended April 2017) the proposed development requires EA by way of a Scoping and Environmental Impact Reporting (S&EIR) process.

The S&EIR process is being conducted to ensure that the environmental impacts that may be associated with the proposed project are taken into consideration. Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) had an opportunity to comment on the Scoping Report by providing comments, raising issues of concern and/or suggestions for enhanced benefits and/or alternatives and to ensure that the DEDEAT has sufficient information to make decisions. All comments received during the scoping process were captured and addressed in the Comment and Response Report - included in **Annexure D.5** of the Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR).

The Draft EIR for the abovementioned project is available for public review and comment for a 30-day period (from **Thursday, 6 January 2022 to Monday, 7 February 2022**) on ECI's website (www.ecinternational.net), under the "Public Documents" drop down heading.

Interested and/or affected parties (I&APs) who wish to submit comments on the Draft EIR should send comments to Ms Hanlie Van Greunen of ECI before or on **Monday, 7 February 2022**.

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If you are a State Department and would like a Hard Copy of the Final Scoping Report to be couriered to you, please send an e-mail to Hanlie with your relevant address and the number of copies that you require.

Kind regards,



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