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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

INTRODUCTION

Environmental Consultants International (Pty) Ltd (ECI) was appointed by Corner House Developments as environmental consultants for the establishment of a mixed-use development on Portion 0 the of Erf 700, Despatch, Nelson Mandela Bay Municipality, Eastern Cape.

The proposed development includes scheduled activities under the 2014 EIA Regulations in terms of National Environmental Management Act (Act 107 of 1998) [NEMA] resulting in the need for Environmental Authorisation (EA) from the Eastern Cape Department of Economic Development, Environmental Affairs and Tourism (DEDEAT).

A Scoping and Environmental Impact Reporting (S&EIR) process is followed in compliance with Sections 24(5) and 44 of the NEMA. The purpose of the Draft Scoping Report (DSR) is to identify alternatives as well as the potential environmental impacts that may arise as a result of the proposed development. The Terms of Reference for the EIA phase to follow is also outlined in this DSR.

GENERAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The proposed project involves the establishment of a mixed-use development with a footprint of approximately 47 hectares (ha), comprising of residential, business, institutional and open space land uses.

The residential component will include:

- Single residential units;
- A retirement village;
- Town houses; and
- Flats

The commercial component will include:

A shopping centre;

- A filling station;
- Office space;
- A private school; and
- A private hospital.

RISK AND KEY ISSUES

Risks and key issues will be identified and addressed in consultation with the Authorities and Interested and Affected Parties (I&AP's), and through an internal process based on similar developments.

Risks and key issues that could have an impact:

- Impact on Flora;
- Impact on Fauna;
- Groundwater contamination;
- Surface water contamination;
- Erosion;
- Noise impacts;
- Air Quality;
- Traffic impacts; and
- Visual impacts.

ALTERNATIVES

Due to the lack of any other suitable and available land, this report only considers the Proposed Activity and the No-Go Alternative. If the Application is rejected, the No-Go Alternative will be adopted

The Proposed Activity: This layout alternative is different from the Proposed Activity description with regards to the arrangement of structures and infrastructure, in this layout alternative single residential structures are lined up along the northern and north-eastern boundaries of the proposed development site, directly adjacent to the existing single residential units of Campher Park.

No-Go Alternative: this alternative relates to the status quo (i.e., what is likely to happen if the project is not authorised or does not proceed). The No-Go alternative provides the assessment with a baseline against which predicted impacts resulting from the proposed development may be compared.

CONCLUSION

In conclusion, the DSR establishes the scope of the proposed project throughout its phases, as well as its key impacts on the receiving environment. The project motivation has also been described. The DSR also sets out the proposed scope of the EIA phase to follow.

Comments and/or concerns raised by Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) during the review period of the DSR will be incorporated into the Final Scoping Report (FSR), by way of a detailed Comment and Response Report (CRR), for further investigation during the EIA phase. The FSR will be submitted to the DEDEAT for consideration, together with the Plan of Study for the EIA phase of the project and other relevant supporting information; concurrently to the registered I&APs for review and comment. All additional comments received on the FSR will be incorporated into the CRR for inclusion and discussion during the EIA phase.

The ability to mitigate any of the potential impacts identified in this DSR will also be investigated during the EIA phase and summarised into a working/ dynamic Environmental Management Programme (EMP) for consideration by registered I&APs and ultimately by the DEDEAT.

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ACRONYMS

CA Competent Authority DEA Department of Environmental Affairs DSR **Draft Scoping Report DWS** Department of Water and Sanitation EAP **Environmental Assessment Practitioner** ECI Environmental Consultants International (Pty) Ltd EIA **Environmental Impact Assessment** EIR Environmental Impact Report **EMF Environmental Management Framework EMPr Environmental Management Programme** EMZ **Environmental Management Zone** DEDEAT Department of Economic Development, Environmental Affairs and Tourism GNR Government Notice Regulation I&AP Interested and Affected Party NEMA National Environmental Management Act (Act No. 107 0f 1998) NEMBA National Environmental Management Biodiversity Act, 2004 (Act No. 10 of 2004) NHRA The National Heritage Resources Act, 1999 (Act No. 25 of 1999) NWA The National Water Act 1998 (Act No 36 of 1998) PoS Plan of Study PPP **Public Participation Process**

Spatial Development Framework

SDF

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 BACKGROUND TO THE STUDY

Environmental Consultants International (Pty) Ltd. (ECI) was appointed by Corner House Developments as environmental consultants for the establishment of a mixed-use development on Portion 0 of Erf 700, Despatch. The proposed development is approximately 47 ha in extent, and located within the urban edge of the Nelson Mandela Bay Municipality, Eastern Cape.

1.2 ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION IN SOUTH AFRICA

The purpose of an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) is to evaluate the impact of development on the receiving biophysical and social environment and to propose measures that can reduce these impacts once implemented in the planning, construction as well as the operational phases.

An EIA is intended to be a systematic and consultative process that gathers comprehensive and detailed information on the social, economic and environmental consequences of proposed developments. The relevant competent authority (in this case the Eastern Cape Department of Economic Development, Environmental Affairs and Tourism [DEDEAT]) uses this information to make an informed decision on development applications that maximises socio-economic outcomes, while ensuring the continuance or improvement of ecological function. The objective for an EIA, therefore, is to promote sustainable development through effective management of social, environmental and economic impacts, so that:

- Valuable environmental resources are safeguarded by avoiding negative irreversible changes;
- Human health and safety are protected; and
- The social and economic dimensions of the proposed development are enhanced.

Based on the available project information, the proposed development constitutes certain listed activities which fall within the scheduled activities under the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations 2014 as amended; promulgated under the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998), as amended (NEMA). These activities are identified as actions that may not commence without an **Environmental**

Authorisation (EA) from the DEDEAT. Hence, it is compulsory to investigate, assess and communicate the potential impacts of the identified activities in line with the NEMA EIA Regulations.

1.3 SCOPING PHASE

The Scoping phase is all available information concerning the intended project and the receiving environment is gathered and subjected to a preliminary risk and impact assessment.

Interested and Affected parties (I&APs) are informed about the proposed project and its alternatives, and their comments on issues of concern about these are invited. An important output from the information evaluation and consultation with I&APs will be a clear understanding of the key issues that must be further addressed in the EIA. A key issue is an unresolved question or concern about social, economic or environmental consequences. These determine the terms of reference for any specialist studies required in the next phase of the EIA.

1.4 SPECIALIST STUDIES

The following specialist studies will be conducted during the EIA phase with the aim of identifying the environmental constraints posed by the site and to adjust the project proposal to accommodate the constraints and maximise opportunities:

- Ecological Assessment
- Phase 1 Heritage Impact Assessment
- Traffic Impact Assessment

Additional specialist studies that may be required after consultation with the DEDEAT will be included in the EIA phase – which will follow the Scoping phase.

2. DETAILS AND EXPERTISE OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT PRACTITIONER

2.1 EXPERTISE OF THE COMPANY

The consultants of ECI have been providing environmental management services in the following areas since 1991:

- Strategic Assessment and Planning
- · Site selection and Due Diligence
- Landscape Architecture
- Land Management Plans
- Environmental and Social Impact Assessment
- Licensing Applications
- Biodiversity Assessments
- Monitoring and Auditing
- Public Consultation and Stakeholder Engagement
- Peer Reviews
- Environmental Advisory Services

2.2 EXPERTISE OF THE EAP

Mr Dave Rudolph (Project Leader)

Dave Rudolph has 29 years of experience in the field of environmental management and resource planning. The experience relates to large scale spatial planning and assessment initiatives at a National, Provincial and Local level. He has managed numerous large-scale Environmental Assessment both Nationally and Internationally.

Ms Hanlie Van Greunen (EAP)

Hanlie Van Greunen has a BSc degree in Landscape Architecture and a BSc Honours degree in Environmental Monitoring and Modelling and is a member of the International Association for Impact Assessment of South Africa (IAIAsa Member 6022). With 14 years' experience in the environmental industry her key performance areas include Environmental Licensing (Basic Assessment, Scoping and EIA, Water Use License Application, Waste Management

Application, Air Emission License Application), Environmental Compliance Auditing, Visual Impact Assessment and Project Management.

Refer to **Annexure D** for the ECI's Company Profile as well as copies of the Project Team's CV's and Qualifications.

3. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

3.1 PROJECT LOCATION

The proposed mixed-use development on Portion 0 of Erf 700, Despatch, Nelson Mandela Bay Metropolitan Municipality (NMBMM), Eastern Cape Province. The property is located in the suburb of Campher Park, which occurs in the south-western part of Despatch, approximately 25 km from Port Elizabeth along the R75 provincial road.

The proposed site for the project is currently zoned as 'Undetermined'. The property will therefore need to be rezoned with NMBMM prior to the commencement of construction. Surround land uses include middle and low density residential, to the north, west and east. The R75 road forms the southern boundary of the property. Refer to **Figure 1: Location Map** (see **Annexure A** for A3 size map).

Photographs of the proposed site are included in Figure 2.

3.2 PROPOSED ACTIVITY

The proposed Despatch Park mixed-use development 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 Activity is outlined in **Figure 3** (see **Annexure B** for an A3 size plan).

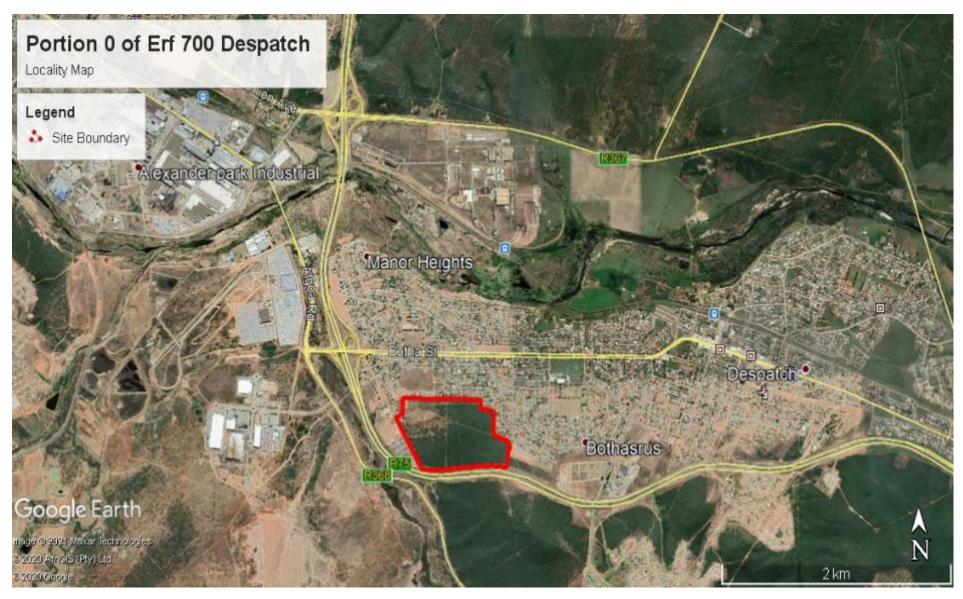


Figure 1: Location Map

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Figure 2: Site Photographs



Figure 3: Proposed Activity – Despatch Park Mixed-use Development

3.3 BULK SERVICES

3.3.1 ACCESS

According to the preliminary Traffic Impact Assessment, the proposed development will escalate traffic by 3% per annum.

Primary access to the proposed development will be gained from Botha Street via the existing roads, namely Orange Road (from Creswell Street and Jansen Street), Gen Smuts Avenue and Willem Olckers Street (from President Fouche Street and Grobler Street).

The proposed access positions comply with the access arrangement requirement for class 3 roads in TRH 26 South African Roads Classification and Access Management Manual requirements.

3.3.2 WATER

The area within which the proposed development site is located, is supplied from both the End Street Reservoir via an existing 150mm pipeline and the Voortrekker reservoir via a 200mm pipeline which runs within existing and the proposed road reserve of the site and surrounding areas.

3.3.3 SEWAGE

The proposed Despatch mixed-use development is located within the Despatch drainage area. All sewers within the proposed development drain to the Despatch Wastewater Treatment Works (WWTW). The capacity of the Despatch WWTW is 12.4Ml/day and considering the proposed development and existing developments up to current date, the capacity required should be 11.98 Ml/day, which means no upgrades to the Despatch treatment works is necessary.

3.3.4 ELECTRICITY

The electrical supply for the proposed development, will be supplied by the Municipality. Phase 1 of the proposed development will demand 2.0 MVA. This demand can be readily supplied

from the existing 11 kV infrastructure located adjacent to the development site. This will be achieved either by feeding from existing substations or by cutting into existing medium voltage ring-mains. Supply of the additional 6 MVA required for the balance of the development will require augmentation of the medium voltage infrastructure in the area.

4. POLICY AND LEGISLATIVE CONTEXT

4.1 RELEVANT LEGISLATION

4.1.1 CONSTITUTION OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA ACT, 1996 (ACT NO 108 OF 1996)

Section 24 of the Constitution of South Africa No. 108 of 1996 states that "...everyone has the right (a) to an environment that is not harmful to their health or well-being; and (b) to have the environment protected, for the benefit of present and future generations through reasonable legislative and other measures that (c) secure ecologically sustainable development and use of natural resources while promoting justifiable economic and social development." This protection encompasses preventing pollution and promoting conservation and environmentally sustainable development. The proposed project will ensure of such rights.

4.1.2 NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT ACT (ACT NO. 107 OF 1998) [NEMA]

The National Environmental Management Act (Act No. 107 of 1998) (NEMA) provides for cooperative environmental governance by establishing principles for decision-making on matters affecting the environment, institutions that will promote co-operative governance and procedures for co-ordinating environmental functions exercised by organs of the State, as well as to provide for matters connected therewith.

Section 2 of NEMA establishes a set of principles that apply to the activities of all organs of state that may significantly affect the environment. These include the following:

- Development must be sustainable;
- Pollution must be avoided or minimised and remedied;
- Waste must be avoided or minimised, reused or recycled;
- · Negative impacts must be minimised; and

 Responsibility for the environmental health and safety consequences of a policy, project, product or service exists throughout its life cycle.

Section 28(1) states that: "Every person who causes, has caused or may cause significant pollution or degradation of the environment must take reasonable measures to prevent such pollution or degradation from occurring, continuing or recurring." If such degradation/pollution cannot be prevented, then appropriate measures must be taken to minimise or rectify such pollution. These measures may include:

- Assessing the impact on the environment;
- Informing and educating employees about the environmental risks of their work and ways of minimising these risks;
- Ceasing, modifying or controlling actions which cause pollution/degradation;
- Containing pollutants or preventing movement of pollutants;
- · Eliminating the source of pollution; and
- Remedying the effects of the pollution.

The proposed development includes activities that fall within the scheduled activities under the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations 2014 in Listing Notices 1, 2, 3 and published in Government Notices No. R. 327, R.325 and R.324. of the 2014 NEMA EIA Regulations (as amended April 2017). Activities included in Listing Notice 2 require a full Scoping and Environmental Impact Reporting (S&EIR) process. The listed activities that have been applied for are provided in **Table 1** below.

Table 1: Listed activities that may be applicable to the proposed development

Listing Activity Notices Number		Activity Description & Project Relevance		
Listing	9	The development of infrastructure exceeding 1 000 metres in		
Notice 1		length for the bulk transportation of water or storm water—		
GNR 327		(i) with an internal diameter of 0,36 metres or more; or		
		(ii) with a peak throughput of 120 litres per second or more;		
		excluding where—		
	(a) such infrastructure is for bulk transportation of water			
		water or storm water drainage inside a road reserve or railway line		
		reserve; or		

Listing Activity Notices Number		Activity Description & Project Relevance		
		(b) where such development will occur within an urban area.		
Listing	10	The development and related operation of infrastructure exceeding		
Notice 1		1 000 metres in length for the bulk transportation of sewage,		
GNR 327		effluent, process water, waste water, return water, industrial		
		discharge or slimes –		
		(i) with an internal diameter of 0,36 metres or more; or		
		(ii) with a peak throughput of 120 litres per second or more;		
		excluding where—		
		(a) such infrastructure is for the bulk transportation of sewage,		
		effluent, process water, waste water, return water, industrial		
		discharge or slimes inside a road reserve or railway line reserve;		
		or		
		(b) where such development will occur within an urban area.		
Listing	11	The development of facilities or infrastructure for the transmission		
Notice 1		and distribution of electricity—		
GNR 327 (i) outside urban areas or indus		(i) outside urban areas or industrial complexes with a capacity of		
		more than 33 but less than 275 kilovolts; or		
		(ii) inside urban areas or industrial complexes with a capacity of		
		275 kilovolts or more; excluding the development of bypass		
		infrastructure for the transmission and distribution of electricity		
		where such bypass infrastructure is —		
		(a) temporarily required to allow for maintenance of existing		
		infrastructure;		
		(b) 2 kilometres or shorter in length;		
		(c) within an existing transmission line servitude; and		
		(d) will be removed within 18 months of the commencement of		
		development.		
Listing	14	The development and related operation of facilities or		
Notice 1 infrastructure, for the storage, or for the storage		infrastructure, for the storage, or for the storage and handling, of a		
GNR 327	dangerous good, where such storage occurs in cont			
		combined capacity of 80 cubic metres or more but not exceeding		
	500 cubic metres.			

Listing	Activity	Activity Description & Project Relevance			
Notices	Number				
Listing 15 The clearance of an area of 20		The clearance of an area of 20 hectares or more of indigenous			
Notice 2		vegetation, excluding where such clearance of indigenous			
GNR 325		vegetation is required for—			
		(i) the undertaking of a linear activity; or			
		(ii) maintenance purposes undertaken in accordance with a			
		maintenance management plan.			
Listing	ng 4 The development of a road wider than 4 metres with a				
Notice 3		than13,5 metres.			
GNR 324					
Listing 12 The clearance of an area of 300 square		The clearance of an area of 300 square metres or more of			
Notice 3 indigenous		indigenous			
GNR 324		Vegetation, except where such clearance of indigenous vegetation			
		is required for maintenance purposes undertaken in accordance			
		with a maintenance management plan. In the Eastern Cape, within			
		any critically endangered or endangered ecosystem listed in terms			
		of Section 52 of the NEMBA or prior to the publication of such a			
		list, within an area that has been identified as critically endangered			
		in the National Spatial Biodiversity Assessment, 2004.			

4.1.3 THE NATIONAL WATER ACT 1998 (ACT NO 36 OF 1998) [NWA]

The National Water Act, 1998 (Act No. 36 of 1998) [NWA] aims to provide management of the national water resources to achieve sustainable use of water for the benefit of all water users. Section 19 of the NWA, which states that an owner of land, a person in control of land or a person who occupies or uses the land which thereby causes, has caused or is likely to cause pollution of a water resource must take all reasonable measures to prevent any such pollution from occurring, continuing or recurring and must therefore comply with any prescribed waste standard or management practices.

No wetlands or drainage could be identified on site. The site is however within 500m of a watercourse and a Section 21 (c) and (i) Water Use Registration process will therefore be followed.

4.1.4 NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT BIODIVERSITY ACT, 2004 (ACT NO. 10 OF 2004) [NEMBA]

The purpose of NEMBA is to provide for the management and conservation of South Africa's biodiversity within the framework of the NEMA and the protection of species and ecosystems that warrant national protection. As part of its implementation strategy, the National Spatial Biodiversity Assessment was developed.

The fauna and flora prevailing in the study area will be handled in terms or respect of the NEMBA as amended, including all the pieces of legislation published in terms of this act.

4.1.5 THE NATIONAL HERITAGE RESOURCES ACT, 1999 (ACT NO. 25 OF 1999) (NHRA)

The NHRA legislates the necessity for Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) in areas earmarked for development, which exceed 0.5 hectares (ha) and where linear developments (including roads) exceed 300 metres in length. The Act makes provision for the potential destruction to existing sites, pending the archaeologist's recommendations through permitting procedures. Permits are administered by the Eastern Cape Provincial Heritage Resource Authority (ECPHRA).

A Phase 1 Heritage Impact Assessment (including Palaeontology) must be conducted and the report must outline the correct procedures to be followed should features, sites or artefacts of cultural significance that could be impacted on by the proposed development be identified during construction.

4.1.6 CONSERVATION OF AGRICULTURAL RESOURCES ACT, 1983 (ACT 43 OF 1983) (CARA)

The CARA aims to provide for the protection and control of utilisation of the country's agricultural resources in order to promote conservation of soils, water and natural vegetation as well as the combatting of weeds and invader plants. Sustainable utilisation is a key objective. CARA was therefore used for determining the agricultural significance, value and subsequently the adequate management of the proposed project area.

In the Eastern Cape Province, the implementation of this Act is overseen by both the National

Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development (DALRRD), as well as the Provincial Department of Rural Development and Agrarian reform (DRDAR). Both these Departments will be invited to provide comments and recommendations on the proposed development.

4.2 POLICIES AND GUIDELINES

4.2.1 DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS INTEGRATED ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT GUIDELINES

Integrated Environmental Management (IEM) is a philosophy, which prescribes a code of practice for ensuring that environmental considerations are fully integrated into all stages of the development process. This philosophy aims to achieve a desirable balance between conservation and development. IEM is a philosophy, which prescribes a code of practice for ensuring that environmental considerations are fully integrated into all stages of the development process. This philosophy aims to achieve a desirable balance between conservation and development (Department of Environmental Affairs: DEAT, 2004). The IEM guidelines intend endearing a pro-active approach to sourcing, collating and presenting information at a level that can be interpreted at all levels.

4.2.2 NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN – 2030 (NDP)

The executive summary of the National Development Plan (NDP) commences with the following paragraph. "The National Development Plan aims to eliminate poverty and reduce inequality by 2030. South Africa can realise these goals by drawing on the energies of its people, growing an inclusive economy, building capabilities, enhancing the capacity of the state, and promoting leadership and partnerships throughout society".

Chapter 8 of the NDP specifically discusses the role and importance of transforming human settlement in the success of the country's economy and reaching the objectives of the NDP. The chapter discusses the recognition of urban inefficiencies and the addressing issues of spatial development as key to systematically responding to entrenched spatial patterns across all geographic scales, that exacerbate social inequality and economic inefficiency. The chapter furthermore states that in addressing these patterns, we must take account of the unique needs and potentials of different rural and urban areas in the context of emerging development corridors. The proposed mixed-use development will therefore contribute, at a local level, to

the achievement of goals or objectives described with regards to human settlements in the NDP.

4.2.3 SPATIAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK

The property proposed for development falls within the urban edge of the NMBM and is therefore included in the Municipal Spatial Development Framework (SDF), 2015. According to this plan, the proposed development site falls within an area identified for future residential expansion.

The proposed development site is, furthermore, located in an area where mixed-use developments are encouraged: being within a 10-km radius from the CBD and other employment areas. The proposed development site, being located within the defined urban edge, is located in an area identified by the Municipality's Housing Sector Plan as an area of intensity where densities should be higher due to proximity to various opportunities.

The NMBM SDF forms a core component of the IDP, and outlines the desired spatial development of the metropolitan area, setting out basic guidelines for a land-use management system and highlighting priority investment and development areas, with the purpose of achieving radical restructuring of the city, to make it more equitable, integrated and efficient. The SDF is intended as a decision-making support tool within the context of the IDP and the city-wide Development Strategy. The SDF notes that most urban areas in South Africa are characterised by urban sprawl, resulting in the majority of people spending a lot of time and money travelling long distances to work, shops, schools and social facilities. It also means that local authorities must spend large amounts on providing and maintaining excessive amounts of infrastructure. For this reason, the SDF, in alignment with the IDP, advocates for:

- Nodal developments in places of high accessibility, characterised by intense concentrations of mixed-use activities such as retail, office, entertainment, community facilities and residential components; and
- Consolidation and densification, promoting more compact urban development, especially in those areas which are well-serviced, thereby ensuring more efficient use of the existing infrastructure.

The SDF, utilising geographical information, translates the municipal spatial development vision contained in the IDP into a graphical representation / map which can be utilised as a

tool to guide future development of the municipality. According to the SDF map, the proposed development site is identified for housing development (Refer to **Figure 4**).



Figure 4: Extract from the NMBM SDF (2015)

4.2.4 SPATIAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN

The Eastern Cape Provincial Spatial Development Plan (ECPSDP) was formulated in 2010 to meet the requirements of the Municipal Systems Act, 2000 (Act 32 of 2000). Prepared in accordance with a bioregional planning approach adapted to suit the site-specific requirements of the Eastern Cape, the ECPSDP is intended as a guide to inform about where development should be encouraged within the province. The Plan includes the following aims as part of its development philosophy on Social and Human Settlements:

- The need to formalise and consolidate settlement regions, to avoid un-coordinated and inefficient spatial development. In line with the recommendations of the National Spatial Development Plan,
- the ECPSDP proposes that development must be organised into clusters of opportunities, in nodes and development corridors, to allow for the achievement of shared impacts;
- The need to manage spatial development to invest in areas of development potential;
- Integrated and comprehensive infrastructure planning, then implementation and monitoring amongst all spheres of government;

- Densification of existing development areas, and integrated land use; together with the
 prioritisation of higher density accommodation and social housing, linked to economic
 development clusters along transport routes;
- Environmental integrity and sustainability, and the safeguarding of valuable natural resources;
- Achieving a balance between society, the ecology and economic development;
- Emphasis on "brownfield" development before adoption of "greenfield" development.
- Participatory, community-based planning;
- The proposed project has been designed and will be developed in line with this development philosophy.

4.2.5 BIOREGIONAL PLAN

The purpose of the Bioregional Plan is to provide a map of biodiversity priorities and accompanying guidelines to inform land use planning, environmental assessment and authorisations, and natural resource management by a range of sectors whose policies and decisions impact on biodiversity. The Bioregional Plan is a spatial plan that shows terrestrial and aquatic features that are critical for conserving biodiversity and maintaining ecosystem functioning. These areas are referred to as Critical Biodiversity Areas (CBA's) and Ecological Support Areas (ESA's) in addition, the Bioregional Plan outlines measures for the effective management of biodiversity.

According to the NMBM Bioregional Plan, the proposed development site does not support any CBAs or ESAs (Refer to **Figure 5**). As such, the management recommendations contained in this document are not of relevance in the planning of the proposed development.

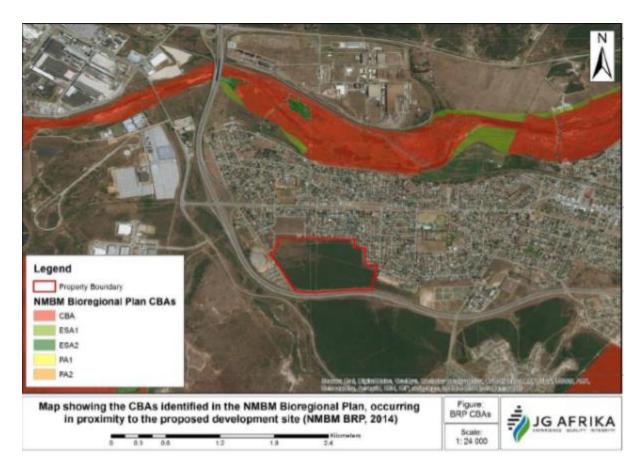


Figure 5: Map showing the CBAs and ESAs identified in the NMBM Bioregional Plan (source: JG Afrika)

5. NEED AND DESIRABILITY

As stated in the DEA Need and Desirability guideline (GNR 891 of 2014), it is essential that growth in the economy addresses national policies and strategies. The implementation of these policies (social and economic) need to take into consideration concerns such as climate change, food security and the status of ecosystem services. To achieve a better quality of life for all, society needs to improve the efficiency and responsibility with which resources are used. The proposed activity was considered under the following two strategic goals:

5.1 PROMOTING JUSTIFIABLE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

With the current economic situation in South Africa, job creation is of utmost importance. The proposed project comprises of various developments and thus a large number of jobs could be created. The statistics indicate the Nelson Mandela Bay Municipality has an unemployment rate of 21,02% (http://www.statssa.gov.za). According to these statistics new job creation is needed to stem the rising unemployment rate.

5.2 SECURING ECOLOGICAL SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND USE OF NATURAL RESOURCES

This goal aims to improve the efficiency and responsibility with which resources are used. Thus, while there is a need for economic and social development, all of the impacts have to be taken into consideration in order to ensure long-term sustainable development.

The Proposed Activity seeks to deliver a housing and commercial services to residents of the NMBM without compromising the biophysical environment. A number of mitigation measures will be implemented during the construction as well as the operational phases to ensure that the impact on the environment is as low as possible.

6. PROJECT ALTERNATIVES

One of the objectives of an EIA is to investigate alternatives to the proposed project. The EIA Regulations 2014 define alternatives as:

"different means of meeting the general purpose and requirements of the activity, which may include alternatives to; -

- a) the property on which or location where it is proposed to undertake the activity;
- b) the type of activity to be undertaken;
- c) the design or layout of the activity;
- d) technology to be used in the activity; or
- e) operational aspects of the activity"

All proposed alternatives must be both reasonable and feasible.

This report considered the Proposed Activity Proposed Activity as well as the No-Go Alternative:

6.1 PROPOSED ACTIVITY

The Proposed Activity consist of single residential structures are proposed along the northern and north-eastern boundaries of the proposed development site, directly adjacent to the existing single residential units of Campher Park. The proposed shopping centre and filling station are clustered together in the north-western corner of the site. The shopping centre will be accessible to residents of the development from the east (by car or by foot), via Gen Smuts Ave, and to non-residents of the development, from the west, via Jansen Street.

The filling station, will be accessed via Jansen Street. The shopping centre and the filling station will share a service road, leading off Jansen Street. The private school and the private hospital have also been clustered together, in the western part of the site. As with the shopping centre, the intention is that these will be accessible to residents of the development from the east (by car or by foot), and will be accessible to non-residents of the site from the west, via Jansen Street. Refer to **Figure 3: Layout Plan** (see **Annexure B** for an A3 size plan).

6.2 NO-GO ALTERNATIVE

This alternative relates to the status quo (i.e., what is likely to happen if the project is not authorised or does not proceed). The No-Go alternative provides the assessment with a baseline against which predicted impacts resulting from the proposed development may be compared.

The no-development option would result in a lost opportunity in terms of the employment opportunities associated with the construction and operational phases as well as the benefits

associated with the provision of more than 2 100 houses, a school, a hospital and other much needed social amenities. A high negative socio-economic impact significance would occur if the proposed development is not constructed.

The socio-economic benefits of this project largely outweigh the environmental biophysical impacts in an area which is partly degraded, fragmented from any other natural areas, is completely enclosed by development, and which supports vegetation with a low conservation threat status.

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6.3 EVALUATION OF ALTERNATIVES

In summary, in **Table 2** below presents an evaluation of all the alternatives that have been considered during the DSR.

Table 2: Evaluation of Alternatives

Alternative	Advantages	Disadvantages	Reasonable & Feasible	Further Assessment
Proposed	The project will provide affordable	Vegetation clearance in open space areas.	Yes	Yes
Activity	housing in an area that experiences a	Socio-economic impacts such as increase in		
Mixed-Use	housing shortage.	traffic, dust and noise.		
Development	 The project will also provide jobs during 	A change of the landscape character form		
Located on	die construction as well as the	open space to built-up area.		
Portion 0 of Erf	operational phases.			
700, Despatch	The project will stimulate the local			
	economy of the Despatch Uitenhage			
	area.			
No-Go	Open space areas will remain	Possible jobs and business opportunities that	Yes	Yes
Alternative	undisturbed.	could have been created during the		
The status quo		construction and operational phases will be		
remains		lost.		
		The affordable housing shortage in the area		
		will not be alleviated.		

7. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Public consultation is a legal requirement throughout the EIA process. EIA documents must be made available for public review and comment by the proponent, these include the Scoping Report and Terms of Reference for the EIA, the draft and final EIA reports and the decision of the Competent Authority.

7.1 NOTIFICATION OF INTERESTED AND AFFECTED PARTIES

The proposed project was advertised in the **UD Express** on **17 February 2021.** The advertisement provided an overview of the details of the proposed development and provided Interested & Affected Parties (I&APs) with the information on how and where to register their interest or provide comment. In addition to the advert the following actions were undertaken:

- Four site notices were placed at visible locations; and
- Notification letters were sent to Adjacent Landowners, State Department and Parastatals.

Copies of the above notifications can be found in **Annexure C** of this DSR.

7.2 ISSUES AND COMMENTS RAISED

All comments and responses will be captured in the Comments and Responses Report (CRR) and circulated with the Final Scoping Report to all registered I&APs.

8. DESCRIPTION OF THE RECEIVING ENVIRONMENT

8.1 BIOPHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT

8.1.1 CURRENT LAND USE

The proposed development site is currently undeveloped and is therefore covered by indigenous vegetation. It was noted during a site visit however, that portions of the indigenous vegetation on the site have become degraded as a result of previous disturbances, including excavation, clearing, dumping of building material (sand and cobbles), garden refuse and building rubble. The site has also become invaded by alien succulents and garden escapees.

8.1.2 CLIMATE

The Despatch area has a prevailing local steppe climate, receiving approximately 334 mm of rain per year, with highest average rainfall occurring in October, and lowest average rainfall in June, although rain is received all year round. The average maximum temperatures for Despatch range from 19.9°C in July to 26.6 (http://www.saexplorer.co.za/south-africa/climate/despatch climate.asp).

8.1.3 TOPOGRAPHY

The site has its highest point, at approximately 93 masl in the south-eastern corner of the property, sloping downwards towards its lowest point of 51 masl in the north-western corner of the property. A local high point is located to the south-east of the property, measuring 155 masl at its highest point. An area of uneven topography occurs in the north-western portion of the property, where material has been illegally dumped on the property.

8.1.4 GEOLOGY AND SOILS

According to Mucina and Rutherford (2006) the soils of the proposed development site can be described as deep, red, loamy to clayey soils derived from the Sundays River and Kirkwood Formations (Mesozoic Uitenhage Group). Nearer to the Swartkops River, in the floodplain areas located to the north of the proposed development site, one would expect to find alluvial deposits of various textures, usually with a high clay content.

8.1.5 ECOLOGY

Mucina and Rutherford (2006) have described and mapped the vegetation of the proposed development site as a combination of Albany Alluvial Vegetation and Sundays Thicket. Refer to **Figure 6** and a description of each vegetation type below.



Figure 6: Vegetation occurring on and in proximity to the proposed development site (Mucina and Rutherford, 2006) (source: JG Afrika)

Albany Alluvial Vegetation Type:

Albany Alluvial Vegetation is described as riverine thicket, occurring in narrow floodplain zones. This vegetation type is listed as Endangered in terms of both the NSBA and the NEMBA. The conservation target for Albany Alluvial Vegetation is 31%. At present, it is estimated that only 6% of this vegetation type is statutorily conserved, within the Greater Addo Elephant National Park, the Baviaanskloof Wilderness Area, Loerie Dam, Springs, Swartkops Valley and Yellowwoods Nature reserves, as well as the Double Drift Reserve Complex. Approximately 2% of this vegetation type is protected within private conservation areas. it is estimated that more than half of this vegetation type has been lost to transformation for

cultivation, urban development, road construction and plantations It was noted during a site visit by the EAP that portions of the vegetation on the site have become degraded as a result of historical disturbance (infilling during development of neighbouring residential areas and the R75) as well as ongoing disturbance (illegal dumping of waste).

Sundays Thicket Vegetation Type:

Sundays Thicket is described as tall, dense thicket, where trees, shrubs and succulents are common, with many spinescent species. This vegetation type is described, in terms of the National Spatial Biodiversity Assessment, 2004 (NSBA) as Least Threatened, and is not listed as a Threatened Ecosystem in terms of Section 52 of the National Environmental Management Biodiversity Act, 2004 (Act 10 of 2004) (NEMBA). The conservation target set for this vegetation type is 19%. Sundays Thicket is currently well protected, receiving statutory protection in the Greater Addo Elephant National Park, the Groendal Wilderness Area, as well as in the Swartkops Valley and Springs Nature Reserve. Numerous private conservation areas also contribute to the conservation of this vegetation type. It is estimated that approximately 6% of Sundays Thicket has been lost to transformation, primarily through cultivation and urban development. This vegetation type has also been significantly degraded by grazing activities.

8.1.6 SURFACE WATER FEATURES

The proposed development site is located to the south of the Swartkops River and to the east of the Brak River (which drains into the Swartkops River). A number of smaller, non-perennial drainage lines, and associated wetlands, drain from the surrounding areas into the Swartkops River, as shown in **Figure 7**. No watercourses or wetlands occur on the proposed development site.



Figure 7: Map showing the location of the proposed development site in proximity to surrounding watercourses and wetlands (source: JG Afrika)

8.1.7 EASTERN CAPE BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION PLAN, 2007 – TERRESTRIAL CBAS

The Eastern Cape Biodiversity Conservation Plan, 2007 (ECBCP) is a systematic biodiversity conservation plan that shows terrestrial and aquatic features that are critical for conserving biodiversity and maintaining ecosystem functioning. These areas are referred to as Critical Biodiversity Areas (CBAs) and are, in effect, representative samples of biodiversity that are located where they can persist over the long term. In the case of the proposed development site, as a portion of the vegetation of the site is predicted to comprise an Endangered vegetation type, which requires a level of protection and conservation, the site is identified as a Terrestrial CBA2 (Refer to **Figure 8**).

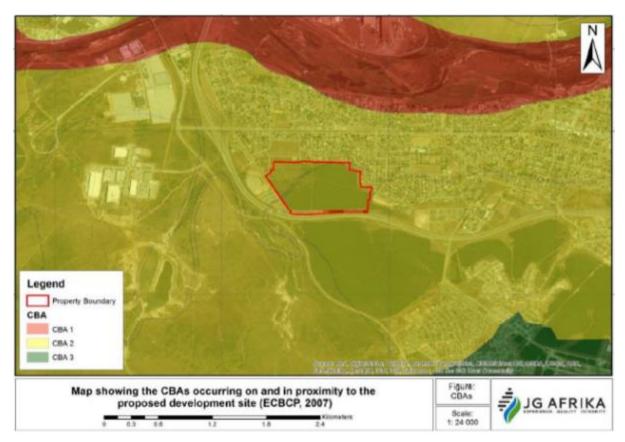


Figure 8: Critical Biodiversity Areas (source: JG Afrika)

8.2 SOCIAL ENVIRONMENT

8.2.1 SURROUNDING LAND USES

The property is located in the suburb of Campher Park, which occurs in the south-western part of Despatch, which itself is located in the northern part of the NMBM. The development site is currently undeveloped and is therefore covered by indigenous vegetation. The site is located in an area where mixed-use developments are encouraged: being within a 10-km radius from the CBD and other employment areas. The site is located within a defined urban edge and is identified in the Municipality's Housing sector Plan as an area of intensity where densities should be higher due to proximity of various opportunities.

8.2.2 GOVERNMENT

The proposed project falls within the Nelson Mandela Bay Municipality, Eastern Cape Province. Nelson Mandela Bay comprises an area of 1,959 km², 60 wards, and has 60 councillors and about 1 271 776 million residents.

8.2.3 POPULATION

The current population of Nelson Mandela Bay is 1 271 776 (Stats SA), with a growth rate of 1.36 %, which is lower than that of other metropolitan areas, such as Ekurhuleni (2.47%) and Tshwane (3.1%). Demographic trends between 2001 and 2011, together with projections going forward, indicate that the population of the City is steadily increasing. Such increase can be attributed to migration patterns, increasing birth rates and decreasing mortality rates. The Metro is characterised by a youthful population, with the age group of 5 to 14 years dominating. The most densely populated areas of the City are: Ibhayi (New Brighton, Zwide and KwaZakhele); Uitenhage – KwaNobuhle; the Northern Areas; and Motherwell. These areas constitute more than 40% of the total population of the City. The highest number of people with a low income or low education, the unemployed and low health standards is concentrated in these areas.

The Despatch area has a population of about 20 656, which is relatively low as the area is mostly undeveloped and covered by indigenous vegetation.

8.2.4 INCOME AND POVERTY LEVELS

Approximately 44.3 % of the population falls within the "No Income" category, whilst 0.08% of the population falls within the highest income category of R204 404 per month or more. The "No Income", "Unspecified" and "Not Applicable" categories depicted in **(Figure 9)** include those outside the working age-group of 15 – 65 years.

The statistics indicate that the area still has level of unemployment and the project would be a much-needed economic boost to the region.

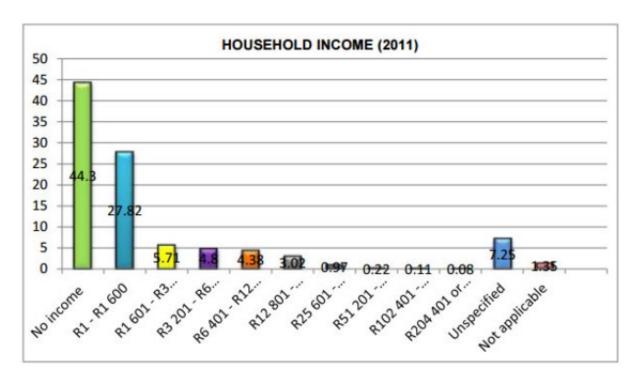


Figure 9: Household Income Levels

8.2.5 EMPLOYMENT

Nelson Mandela Bay faces high levels of unemployment, which may be attributed to a decline in economic growth and activities. According to Statistics South Africa the Nelson Mandela Bay Municipality has an unemployment rate of 21,02%, while youth unemployment is 13,68%.

9. POTENTIAL IMPACTS

The environmental and social impacts that have been identified during the Scoping phase of the proposed development are provided in the tables below.

Table 3: Impacts identified in the design and construction phase of the proposed development

Issue	Impact	Significance	Assessment
Loss of vegetation	Clearance of certain	High	EIA Phase /
	areas for		Ecological Specialist
	construction		
	purposes.		

Issue	Impact	Significance	Assessment
Loss of faunal	The movement of	High	EIA Phase /
habitat	vehicles, vegetation		Ecological Specialist
	clearance and		
	infrastructure		
	development		
Groundwater	Construction	Medium	EIA Phase / EAP
quantity	activities could result		
	in the spill of		
	contaminants such		
	as hydrocarbon		
	fuels or lubricants		
	from construction		
	vehicles		
Increased erosion	Increased hard	Medium	EIA Phase / EAP
and run-off	surfaces, vegetation		
	clearance, site		
	establishment		
Noise and dust	Construction	High	EIA Phase / EAP
	activities could result		
	in an increase in		
	ambient noise levels		
	on site and		
	surrounding		
	properties.		
Traffic	Construction	Medium	EIA Phase / Traffic
	activities will lead to		Engineer
	an increase in		
	construction traffic in		
	the area		
Impacts on aesthetic	Vegetation	High	EIA Phase / EAP
quality	clearance, road		
	construction,		
	construction waste.		

Table 4: Impacts identified in the operational phase of the proposed development

Issue	Impact	Significance	Assessment
Loss of vegetation	Gradual	Medium	EIA Phase /
	encroachment of		Ecological Specialist
	development into		
	open space areas		
Loss of faunal	Gradual	Medium	EIA Phase /
habitat	encroachment of		Ecological Specialist
	development into		
	open space areas		
Groundwater quality	The spill of	Medium	EIA Phase / EAP
	contaminants such		
	as hydrocarbon		
	fuels or lubricants		
	from vehicles		
Increased erosion	Increased hard	Medium	EIA Phase / EAP
and run-off	surfaces, vegetation		
	clearance, site		
	establishment		
Traffic	New land uses will	High	EIA Phase / Traffic
	cause an increase in		Engineer
	traffic in the area		
Impacts on aesthetic	A permanent	High	EIA Phase / EAP
quality	change in the		
	landscape character		

10. PLAN OF STUDY FOR THE EIA PHASE

10.1 PREPARATION OF THE EIA REPORT

The main purpose of this report is to gather and evaluate environmental information, to provide sufficient supporting arguments to evaluate overall impacts, consider mitigation measures and

alternative options, and make a valued judgement in choosing the best development alternative.

10.2 ALTERNATIVES TO BE ASSESSED

Based on the initial assessment of alternatives included in the Scoping Report, the following alternatives will be assessed in the EIA phase:

- Proposed Activity
- No-Go Alternative

10.3 SPECIALIST STUDIES

The specialist studies include the assessments attached to the Scoping Report and any additional studies required by the authorities. This requires the appointment of specialists to gather baseline information in their fields of expertise, and to assess the possible impacts and make recommendations to mitigate negative impacts and optimise benefits.

The following specialist studies will be undertaken as part of the EIA phase:

- Ecological Assessment
- Phase 1 Heritage Impact Assessment
- Traffic Impact Assessment

10.4 IMPACT ASSESSMENT METHODOLOGY

In order to assess the impacts effectively, the project will be divided into three phases: Preconstruction, Construction and Operational phases. The assessments will be conducted as stated below:

- Identification of key issues;
- Analysis of the activities relating to the proposed development;
- Assessment of the potential impacts arising from the activities, without mitigation
- Investigation of the relevant mitigation measures, as well as an assessment of their effectiveness in alleviating impacts.

10.5 MITIGATION AND MANAGEMENT

Mitigation measures should be recommended in order to enhance benefits and minimise negative impacts. The following should be addressed:

- Mitigation objectives
- Recommended mitigation measures
- Effectiveness of mitigations measures
- · Recommended monitoring and evaluation programme

10.6 ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAMME (EMPR)

The EMPr informs the client and the technical team of the guidelines which will need to be followed during construction to ensure that there are no lasting or cumulative negative impacts of the construction process on the environment. This includes:

- The standards and guidelines that must be achieved in terms of environmental legislation.
- Mitigation measures and environmental specifications which must be implemented for all phases of the project to minimise the extent of environmental impacts, to manage environmental impacts and where possible to improve the condition of the environment.
- Guidance through method statements that are required to be implemented to achieve the environmental specifications.
- Corrective actions that must be taken in the event of non-compliance with the specifications of the EMPr.
- Measures to prevent long-term or permanent environmental degradation.

10.7 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS DURING THE EIA PHASE

10.7.1 Public Review of The Environmental Impact Report (EIR)

All registered I&APs will be notified in writing of the availability of the Draft and Final EIR public review. The notification letter will provide details of the 30-day public comment period, details

of the venue and website where the report can be viewed, the contact details of the consultant and how written comments on the DEIR should be submitted.

10.7.2 Notification of Environmental Authorisation (EA)

Advertisements announcing the Environmental Authorisation will be sent to all registered I&AP's. It will also include details on where the decision can be accessed, their right to appeal the decision and the appeal procedures.

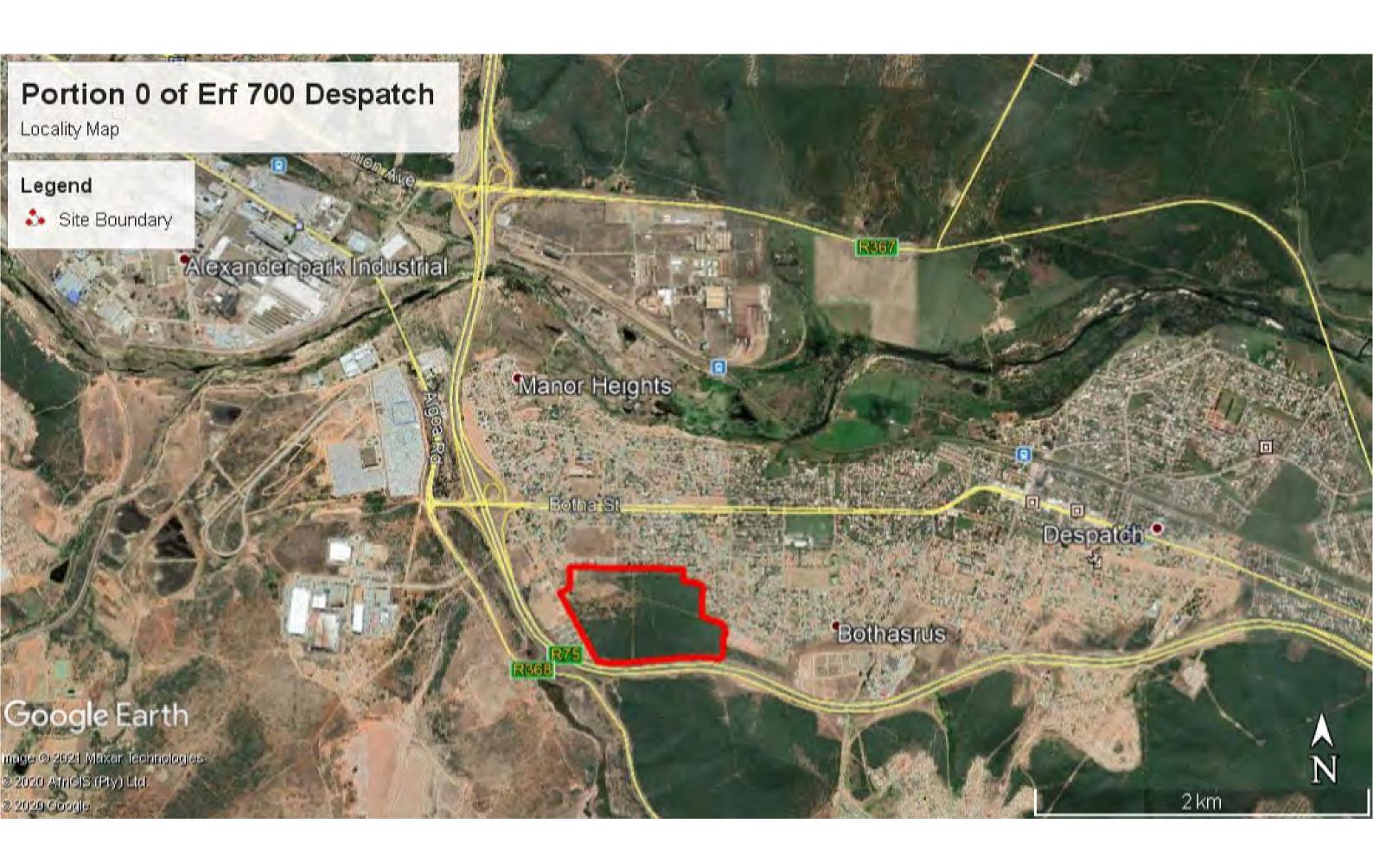
11. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

In conclusion, the DSR establishes the scope of the proposed project throughout its phases, as well as its key impacts on the receiving environment. The project motivation has also been described. The DSR also sets out the proposed scope of the EIA phase to follow.

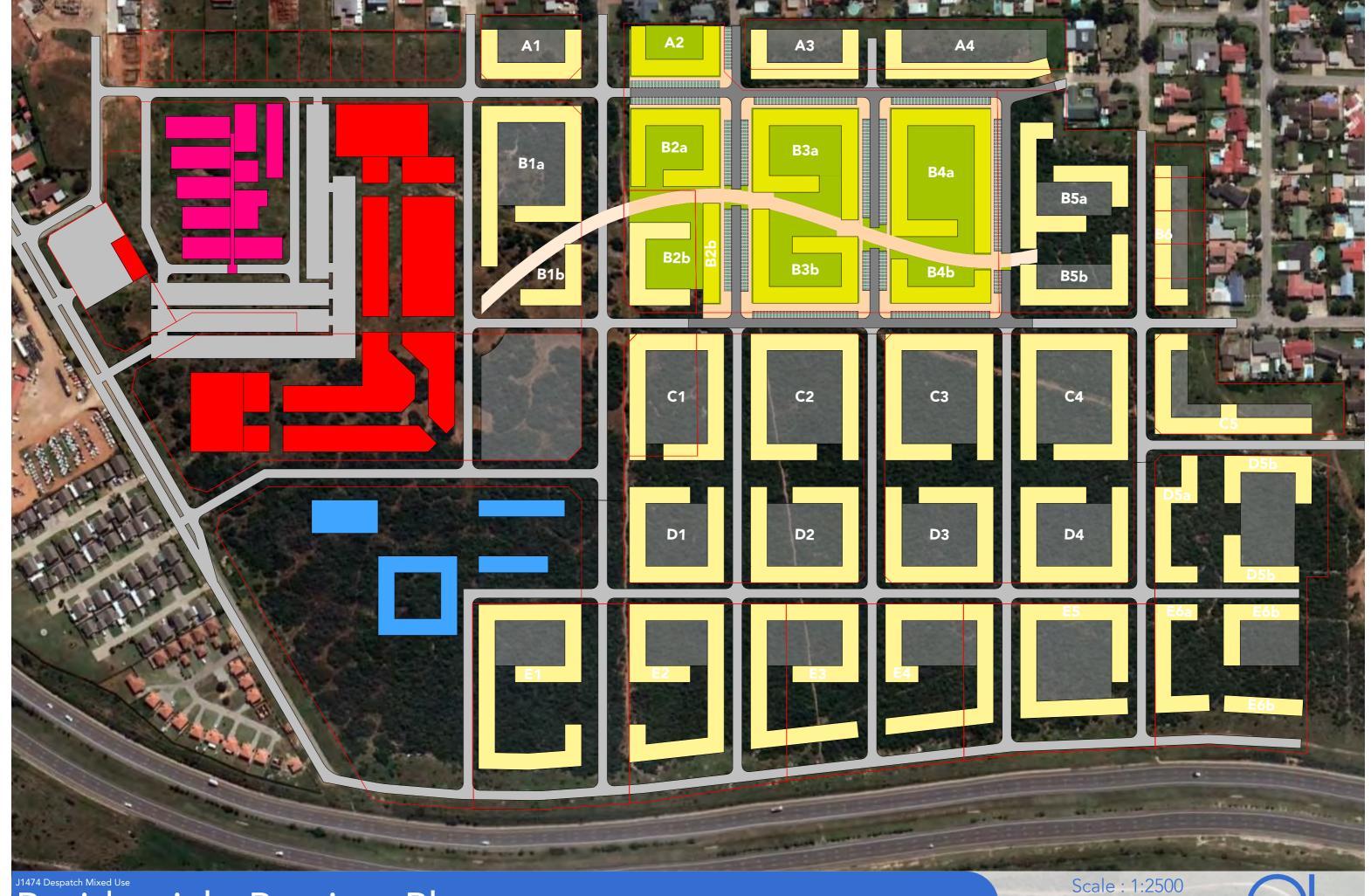
Comments and/or concerns raised by Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) during the review period of the DSR will be incorporated into the Final Scoping Report (FSR), by way of a detailed Comment and Response Report (CRR), for further investigation during the EIA phase. The FSR will be submitted to the DEDEAT for consideration, together with the Plan of Study for the EIA phase of the project and other relevant supporting information; concurrently to the registered I&APs for review and comment. All additional comments received on the FSR will be incorporated into the CRR for inclusion and discussion during the EIA phase.

The ability to mitigate any of the potential impacts identified in this DSR will also be investigated during the EIA phase and summarised into a working/ dynamic Environmental Management Programme (EMP) for consideration by registered I&APs and ultimately by the DEDEAT.

ANNEXURE A: LOCATION MAP



ANNEXURE B: LAYOUT PLAN



Residential - Precinct Plan

Date: 30 October 2020



ANNEXURE C: PUBLIC PARTICIPATION



10 February 2021

ECI Ref No.: A02019

Dear Stakeholder

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION AND AVAILABILITY OF THE DRAFT SCOPING 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 Assessment (S&EIA) process.

The S&EIA 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) have an opportunity to comment on the Draft 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.

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The Draft Scoping Report for the abovementioned project is available for public review and comment for a 30-day period (**from Wednesday, 17 February 2021 to Friday, 19 March 2021**) on ECI's website (www.ecinternational.net) under the "Public Documents" drop down heading.

Interested and/or affected parties (I&APs) who wish to participate on the project, or who would like to obtain more information, should please contact **Ms Hanlie van Greunen before Friday, 19 March 2021**:

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Kind regards,

Hanlie van Greunen

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Despatch Park

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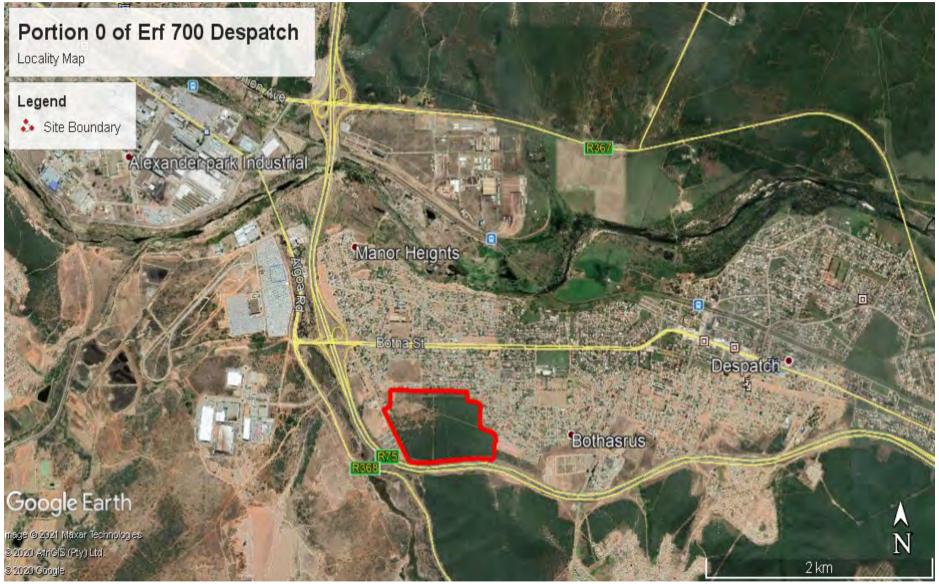


Figure 1: Locality Map

REGISTRATION AND COMMENTS SHEET

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Your contribution in this process is highly appreciated.



CARA-LEE DORFLING

SOOS baie graad 1-leerlinge op hul eerste skooldag, was hul ouers in die Nelson Mandelabaaimetro Maandag bykans ewe hartseer toe hulle reeds by die skoolhekke hul kinders se hande moes los.

Die tradisie van ouers wat hul gr. 1-kinders help dra aan die oorgroot skooltasse tot by hul skoolbanke, kon nie vanjaar gevolg word nie omdat skole uit voorsorg teen die verspreiding van die koronavirus, ouers toegang tot skoolgeboue verbied het.



Randall Mapoe, skoolhoof van die Laerskool Winterberg in Uitenhage, staan by die skool se ingang om self die leerlinge se hande te ontsmet. Hier spuit hy handreiniger en verwelkom hy vir Lelitha Botha (6), 'n gr.1-leerling, op haar eerste skooldag.

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"My hart is so seer om hier te moet staan en kyk hoe my kind wag voor sy klas, maar ek is tog so trots om te sien hoe netjies hulle almal in die nuwe skoolklere lyk," het Eunice Berrie Maandagoggend voor die Laerskool Winterberg in Uitenhage gesê terwyl sy deur die grensdraad na haar seun op sy eerste skooldag kyk.

By die ingang van dié skoolhek het Randall Mapoe, skoolhoof, met 'n spuitbottel vol handreiniger gestaan waarmee hy elke leerling op hul eerste skooldag verwelkom en aan ouers verduidelik het hoekom dit veiliger is dat slegs leerlinge toegelaat word.

"Dit help natuurlik dat hulle (die gr. 1-leerlinge) reeds vir oriëntasie hier was en vertroud is met die skool," sê Randall.

Ook by die Laerskool Innes in Uitenhage het die meeste van die nuwelinge geen probleem gehad om by hul gr. 1-juffrou voor die skool aan te meld nie sodat die juffrou hul koors kon meet en hul hande kon ontsmet voordat hulle sonder hartseergesiggies totsiens vir hul ouers gewuif het.

Koos Britz, skoolhoof van die Laerskool Innes, sê die dra van maskers is nou deel van die skoolreëls. Danksy skenkings is 'n masker aan elke gr. 1-leerling gegee.

"Die klasse is Vrydag ontsmet. Ons is gereed, ek glo die ouers is ook meer gerus, maar ons kan nie oorgerus raak nie."

Charl Basson, skoolhoof van die Laerskool Frans Conradie in Despatch, sê hulle het Maandag gesien dat heelwat meer leerlinge teruggekeer het skool toe as verlede jaar.

"Dit wys ouers het weer vertroue in die stelsel en aanvaar ons doen alles moontlik om leerlinge veilig te hou.

"Sover is ons geseënd met bitter min ouers en personeellede wat deur die virus geraak is." Omdat klaskamers hier te klein is om minstens 1 m tussen leerlinge te handhaaf, is klasse verdeel met leerlinge wat in twee verskillende groepe skool sal bywoon. Dié reël geld wel nie vir gr. 7's nie, wat elke dag in die spesiaal ingerigte skoolsaal onderrig ontvang.

By die Laerskool Susannah Fourie het André Crous, skoolhoof, gesê hulle probeer soveel moontlik doen om die veiligheid van hul leerlinge en onderwysers te verseker. Daarom is deursigtige skeidings tussen skoolbanke aangebring, terwyl leerlinge se hande met die aanvang van die skooldag ontsmet word, asook deur die loop van die dag en selfs by die uitgang van kleedkamers.

"Ons waag geen kanse nie, ons het reeds vanoggend (Maandag) 'n klompie leerlinge huis toe gestuur wat nie voldoende op die vrae (van siftingstoetse) kon antwoord nie."

Ondanks hul noukeurige siftingstoetse, gebeur dit soms dat leerlinge eers later bekendmaak hulle was in kontak met iemand wat die virus opgedoen het. Crous sê dit plaas geweldige druk op onderwysers en die skool om die nodige reëlings vir sanitasie te tref.

• Mali Mtima, woordvoerder van die Oos-Kaapse onderwysdepartement, het Maandagmiddag gesê hulle wag nog op verslae voordat hulle sal kan sê of alle skole wel Maandag hul deure geopen het.

"Oor die volgende twee weke sal verskeie afgevaardigdes moontlike probleemgebiede besoek sodat ons amptenare self die uitdagings sien en 'n oplossing hiervoor kan bespoedig," sê Mtima.

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AUTHORISATION AND AVAILABILITY OF THE DRAFT SCOPING
REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED DESPATCH PARK MIXED-USE
DEVELOPMENT LOCATED ON PORTION 0 OF ERF 700,
DESPATCH, NELSON MANDELA BAY MUNICIPALITY,
EASTERN CAPE PROVINCE
ECI REF NO.: A02019

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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 Assessment (S&EIA) Process.

The Draft Scoping Report for the abovementioned project is available for public review and comment for a 30-day period (from Wednesday, 17 February 2021 to Friday, 19 March 2021) on ECI's website (www.ecinternational.net) under the "Public Documents" drop down heading.

Interested and/or affected parties (I&APs) who wish to participate on the project, or who would like to obtain more information, should please contact Ms Hanlie van Greunen before Friday, 19 March 2021:

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LINKS: Josh Hermans, 'n gr. 8-leerling aan die Hoërskool Brandwag, ontvang van Steven Zietsman, die skoolhoof, 'n kers en 'n brosjure oor hoe om 'n Brandwagter te wees. Elke gr. 8-leerling kry 'n kers as 'n simbool van kennis en lig op hul pad gedurende hul hoërskooljare.

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REGS: By die Laerskool Susannah Fourie op Despatch is afskortings tussen leerlinge se skoolbanke aangebring om te help dat hulle nie in direkte kontak met mekaar is tydens die koronaviruspandemie nie. FOTO: CARA-LEE DORFLING



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seun Monré (6) voor

hy Maandag saam

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DORFLING

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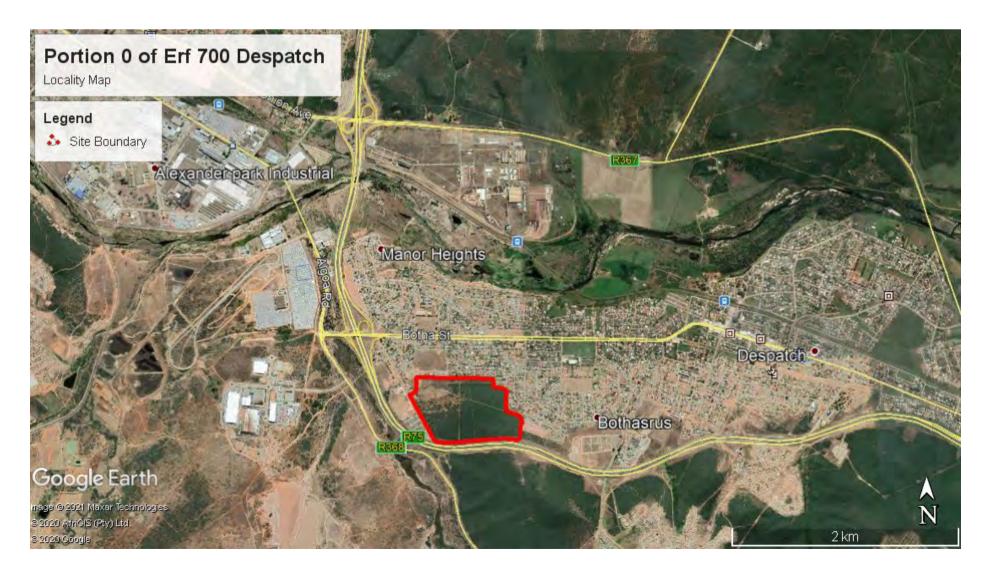
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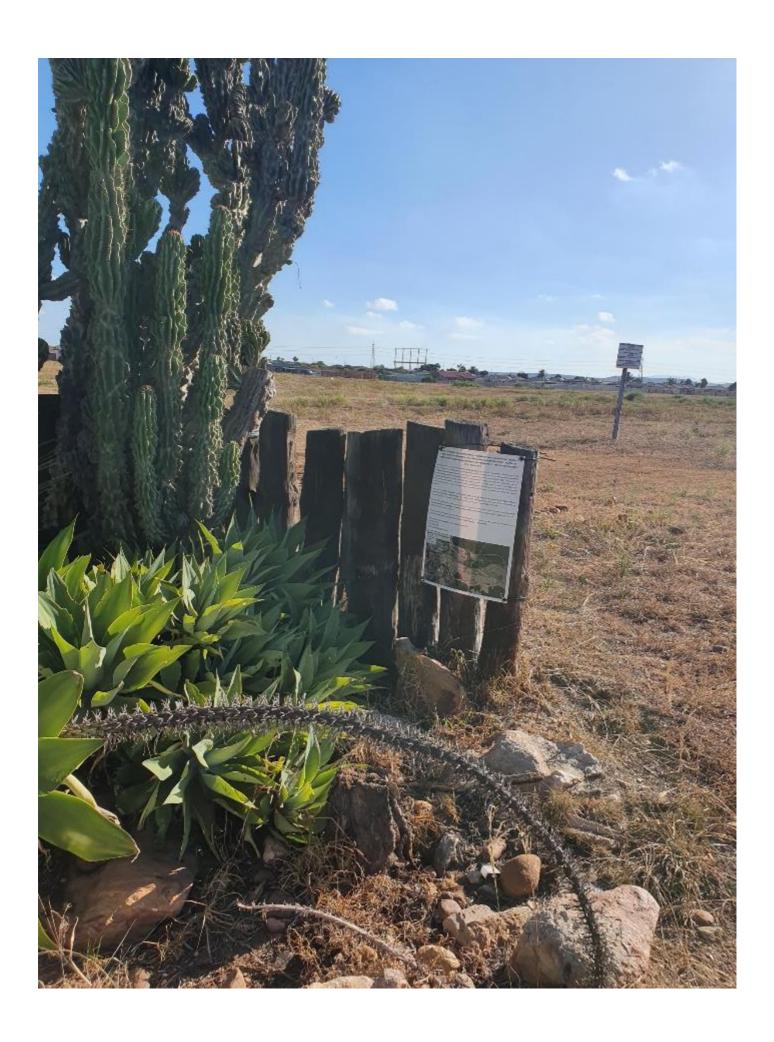
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Despatch Park - Registered Interested and Affected Parties Database					
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ANNEXURE D: CV'S AND QUALIFICATIONS

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POSITION : SENIOR ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTANT

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(PTY) LTD

NAME OF STAFF : Hanlie Van Greunen

DATE OF BIRTH : 22.07.1981

NATIONALITY : South African

SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS:

Hanlie Van Greunen has a BSc degree in Landscape Architecture and a BSc Honours degree in Environmental Monitoring and Modelling. With 15 years' experience in the environmental industry her key performance areas include:

- Environmental Licensing (Basic Assessment, Scoping and EIA, Water Use License Application, Waste Management Application, Air Emission License Application)
- Mining related Licensing (Mining Right, Prospecting, Mine Closure and Rehabilitation)
- Environmental Compliance Auditing
- Management Planning
- Visual Impact Assessment
- Project management and co-ordination
- Development of terms of reference and project proposals

EDUCATION:

Institution:Qualification:Year Obtained:University of PretoriaBSc Landscape Architecture2003UNISABSc Honours Environmental Monitoring &2010

Modelling

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COUNTRIES OF WORK EXPERIENCE:

South Africa Mozambique United Kingdom

LANGUAGES:

Speaking:Reading:Writing:Afrikaans (1st Language)ExcellentExcellentExcellentEnglishExcellentExcellentExcellent

EMPLOYMENT RECORD:

From: Jul 2017 To: Current

Employer: Environmental Consultants International (Pty) Ltd

Position held: Senior Environmental Consultant

From: Aug 2016 **To:** Dec 2016

Employer: LEAP cc.

Position held: Environmental Manager

CURRICULUM VITAE HANLIE VAN GREUNEN

From: June 2015 **To:** Aug 2016

Employer:GIBB Engineering (Pty) LtdPosition held:Environmental Manager

From: March 2012 **To:** June 2015

Employer: Strategic Environmental Focus (Pty) Ltd

Position held: Environmental Manager

From: August 2010 To: March 2012

Employer: Cave Klapwijk Associates (Pty) Ltd

Position held: Landscape Architect / Environmental Consultant

From: April 2010 **To:** August 2010

Employer: Jacana Environmentals cc.
Position held: Environmental Consultant

From: Jan 2005 **To:** Dec 2008

Employer: Groundwork Caerphilly
Position held: Landscape Architect

From: April 2004 *To:* Dec 2005

Employer: James Blake Associates
Position held: Landscape Architect

TYPICAL TASKS UNDERTAKEN:

AUDITING, LICENCING AND AUTHORISAITONS

YEAR: From: 2010 To: Current LOCATION: Gauteng, North West Province, Mpumalanga, Limpopo

CLIENT: Various Clients

MAIN PROJECT ASPECT: Environmental Licensing for roads, housing estates, mines, energy projects,

industrial processes and general land use developments.

POSITIONS HELD: Environmental Manager

ACTIVITIES PERFORMED: - Dinokeng Section 24G Group Application (November 2019)

- Portion 78 and 81 Klipdrift 90 Basic Assessments (November 2019)
- Tshwane Fresh Produce Market Environmental Status Quo Report (April 2019)
- Egoli Gas Appeal (March 2019)
- Elandsfontein Abattoir Scoping, EIA and Waste Management License (January 2019)
- K14 Apies river crossing EA Amendment Application (August 2018)
- Rietvlei Lifestyle Estate: Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment (ongoing)
- Delmore Park Ext 8 Residential Development Mine Closure Application (ongoing)
- Rainbow Junction pipeline crossing Environmental Compliance Audits (April 2018 ongoing)
- Fourways Crossings and Attenuation Dam Environmental Compliance Audits (July 2017 ongoing)

CURRICULUM VITAE HANLIE VAN GREUNEN

- Olivedale Amsterdam Environmental Compliance Audits (July 2017 ongoing)
- Walkersons Intergrated Water Use License Application (July 2017 ongoing)
- Huddle Park Environmental Compliance Audits (July 2017 ongoing)
- Perth Solar PV Facilities: Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment (January 2016)
- Hazledean Boulevard Class 3 Road: Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment (January 2015)
- Hartenbos Heuwels Township Development: Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment Process (January 2015)
- Letaba Ranch Basic Assessment and Water Use License (April 2015)
- Finetown Proper and Ennerdale South Township Development: Basic Assessment (March 2014)
- Dullstroom Municipal Dam Water Treatment Works: Basic Assessment and Water Use License (October 2013)
- Vlakfontein East Block Open Cast Coal Mine: Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment (April 2013)
- Glencore Paardekop and Amersfoort Underground Coal mines: Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment (September 2012)
- N3 (National Highway Project): Keeversfontein to Warden (De Beers Pass Section) Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment (2011)

VISUAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT

From: 2010 To: Current

Gauteng, Mpumalanga, Eastern Cape

Various Clients

Undertaking Visual Impact Assessments for land development in pristine areas Visual Specialist

- God's Window Skywalk Visual Impact Assessment (January 2015)
- Aquarella Mining Right Application Visual Impact Assessment (November 2014)
- Mareetsane Batho-Batho Solar PV Facility Visual Impact Assessment (June 2013)
- Huddle Park Development Visual Impact Assessment (August 2012)
- Xstrata Paardekop and Amersfoort Visual Impact Assessment (September 2012)
- The Giant Flag Project Visual Impact Assessment (October 2012)

REHABILITATION AND MANAGEMENT PLANS

From: 2010 To: Current

Gauteng Various Clients

Compiled various rehabilitation

Environmental Manager

- Leopard Cave Safaris Management Plan, 2016
- Hazledean Rehabilitation Plan, 2016
- Hazledean Construction Management Plan, September 2012
- West End Rehabilitation and Monitoring Plan, October 2012
- Westlake View Integrated Management Plan, July 2012
- Highlands Wetland Rehabilitation Plan, July 2012

YEAR: LOCATION:

CLIENT:

MAIN PROJECT ASPECT: POSITIONS HELD:

ACTIVITIES PERFORMED:

YEAR:

LOCATION: CLIENT:

MAIN PROJECT ASPECT: POSITIONS HELD:

ACTIVITIES PERFORMED:

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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

YEAR: From: 2010 To: Current

LOCATION: South Africa CLIENT: Various

MAIN PROJECT ASPECT: Facilitate statutory Public Participation processes for various Environmental

Authorisation applications.

POSITIONS HELD: Environmental Manager

ACTIVITIES PERFORMED: - Facilitation of Public Participation processes including, notification, advertisements, public meetings, stakeholder engagement and the

compilation of statutory documentation for submission.

LANDSCAPE DESIGN

YEAR: From: 2004 To: 2012

LOCATION: United Kingdom and South Africa

CLIENT: Various

MAIN PROJECT ASPECT: Landscape design and project management for various landscape design

projects from inception to practical completion.

POSITIONS HELD: Landscape Architect

ACTIVITIES PERFORMED: - Johannesburg City Parks – Occupational Health and Safety compliance project (March 2013);

- Maunde Street Traffic Circle, June 2012;

- Oudtshoorn Township Regeneration Project, February 2011;

- Oddishoom rownship Regeneration Project, February

Goudrand Park Play Area, September 2011;

Orange Farm Entrance Sketch Plan, November 2011;

 The development, design, implementation and management of a series of community-led landscape projects in South Wales (UK) between 2005 and 2008, including:

- o Abertysswg Mining Memorial;
- o Crosskeys Canal Access Scheme;
- o Commin Road Regeneration Project;
- Markham Resource centre Sensory Garden;
- o Mountain View Estate Regeneration Project; and
- Wattsville Community Garden

Certification

I, the undersigned, certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief, this CV correctly describes myself, my qualifications and my experience.

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