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Draft Basic Assessment Report

Proposed Hotel Development on Erf 5206, Springbok

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Basic Assessment Report in terms of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014, promulgated in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998), as amended.

Kindly note that:

- 1. This **basic assessment report** is a standard report that may be required by a competent authority in terms of the EIA Regulations, 2014 and is meant to streamline applications. Please make sure that it is the report used by the particular competent authority for the activity that is being applied for.
- 2. This report format is current as of **08 December 2014**. It is the responsibility of the applicant to ascertain whether subsequent versions of the form have been published or produced by the competent authority
- 3. The report must be typed within the spaces provided in the form. The size of the spaces provided is not necessarily indicative of the amount of information to be provided. The report is in the form of a table that can extend itself as each space is filled with typing.
- 4. Where applicable **tick** the boxes that are applicable in the report.
- 5. An incomplete report may be returned to the applicant for revision.
- 6. The use of "not applicable" in the report must be done with circumspection because if it is used in respect of material information that is required by the competent authority for assessing the application, it may result in the rejection of the application as provided for in the regulations.
- 7. This report must be handed in at offices of the relevant competent authority as determined by each authority.
- 8. No faxed or e-mailed reports will be accepted.
- 9. The signature of the EAP on the report must be an original signature.
- 10. The report must be compiled by an independent environmental assessment practitioner.
- 11. Unless protected by law, all information in the report will become public information on receipt by the competent authority. Any interested and affected party should be provided with the information contained in this report on request, during any stage of the application process.
- 12. A competent authority may require that for specified types of activities in defined situations only parts of this report need to be completed.
- 13. Should a specialist report or report on a specialised process be submitted at any stage for any part of this application, the terms of reference for such report must also be submitted.

SECTION A: ACTIVITY INFORMATION

Has a specialist been consulted to assist with the completion of this section? YES ✓ NO

If YES, please complete the form entitled "Details of specialist and declaration of interest" for the specialist appointed and attach in Appendix I.

1. ACTIVITY DESCRIPTION

a) Describe the project associated with the listed activities applied for

The proposed development consists of a hotel on Erf 5206, Springbok. The proposed hotel is planned to have approximately 100 rooms and conference facilities, which will be able to seat approximately 300 persons in total. Refer to Appendix C for the site plan.

The site is Erf 5206 Springbok, which is located on the south eastern outskirts of Springbok, east of the R355 road and adjacent to the Springbok Caravan Park.

The site measures 1.4237 ha and is located within a Critical Biodiversity Area 1 and within 10 km of the Goegap Nature Reserve.

The site is already zoned as "Resort Zone I" to allow for a hotel development.

Although additional development may be planned on surrounding erven in the future (a hospital, casino and businesses), only the proposed hotel development has been assessed in this Basic Assessment Report.

The proposed development is expected to link with Municipal service infrastructure. Any off-site bulk service infrastructure upgradings that may be required are not included in this Basic Assessment Report.

b) Provide a detailed description of the listed activities associated with the project as applied for

Listed activity as described in GN 734, 735 and 736	Description of project activity
Example: GN 734 Item xx xx): The construction of a bridge where such construction occurs within a watercourse or within 32 metres of a watercourse, measured from the edge of a watercourse, excluding where such construction will occur behind the development setback line.	A bridge measuring 5 m in height and 10m in length, no wider than 8 meters will be built over the Orange river
GN 327 (Listing Notice 1) Activity 27: The clearance of an area of 1 hectares or more, but less than 20 hectares of indigenous vegetation, except where such clearance of indigenous vegetation is required for –	The site for the proposed hotel development measures 1.4237 ha, which will need to be cleared.

(i) the undertaking f a linear activity; or	
(ii) maintenance purposes undertaken in	
accordance with a maintenance management	
plan.	
GN 324 (Listing Notice 3) Activity 4 g ii (ee):	A road intersection is planned to allow access to
The development of a road wider than 4 metres	the proposed development directly from the R355
with a reserve less than 13,5 metres, in the	road, which is located within a Critical
Northern Cape, outside urban areas and within	Biodiversity Area 1.
critical biodiversity areas as identified in	2.00.70.019 7.000 7.
systematic biodiversity plans adopted by the	
competent authority or in bioregional plans.	
	The read intersection to provide a new access to
GN 324 (Listing Notice 3) Activity 4 g ii (gg):	The road intersection to provide a new access to
The development of a road wider than 4 metres	the proposed development is located within 10km
with a reserve less than 13,5 metres, in the	from the the Goepap Nature Reserve.
Northern Cape, outside urban areas and within	
areas within 10 kilometres from national parks	
or world heritage sites or 5 kilometres from any	
other protected area identified in terms of	
NEMPAA or from the core area of a biosphere	
reserve, excluding disturbed areas.	
GN 324 (Listing Notice 3) Activity 6 g ii (ee):	The proposed development site is located within
The development of resorts, lodges, hotels,	a Critical Biodiversity Area 1 (refer to Appendix
tourism or hospitality facilities that sleeps 15	A).
people or more, in the Northern Cape, outside	. 4.
urban areas and within critical biodiversity	
areas as identified in systematic biodiversity	
plans adopted by the competent authority or in	
bioregional plans.	
	The proposed development site is located within
GN 324 (Listing Notice 3) Activity 6 g ii (gg):	• •
The development of resorts, lodges, hotels,	10 km from the Goegap Nature Reserve.
tourism or hospitality facilities that sleeps 15	
people or more, in the Northern Cape, outside	
urban areas and within areas within 10	
kilometres from national parks or world heritage	
sites or 5 kilometres from any other protected	
area identified in terms of NEMPAA or from the	
core area of a biosphere reserve.	
GN 324 (Listing Notice 3) Activity 12 g i: The	The site for the proposed hotel development
clearance of 300 square metres or more of	measures 1.4237 ha, which will need to be
indigenous vegetation except where such	cleared.
clearance of indigenous vegetation is required	
for maintenance purposes undertaken in	
accordance with a maintenance management	
plan, in the Northern Cape, within critical	
biodiversity areas identified in bioregional	
plans.	
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2. FEASIBLE AND REASONABLE ALTERNATIVES

"alternatives", in relation to a proposed activity, means 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) the technology to be used in the activity:
- (e) the operational aspects of the activity; and
- (f) the option of not implementing the activity.

Describe alternatives that are considered in this application as required by Appendix 1 (3)(h), Regulation 2014. Alternatives should include a consideration of all possible means by which the purpose and need of the proposed activity (NOT PROJECT) could be accomplished in the specific instance taking account of the interest of the applicant in the activity. The no-go alternative must in all cases be included in the assessment phase as the baseline against which the impacts of the other alternatives are assessed.

The determination of whether site or activity (including different processes, etc.) or both is appropriate needs to be informed by the specific circumstances of the activity and its environment. After receipt of this report the, competent authority may also request the applicant to assess additional alternatives that could possibly accomplish the purpose and need of the proposed activity if it is clear that realistic alternatives have not been considered to a reasonable extent.

Indicate the position of the activity using the latitude and longitude of the centre point of the site for each alternative site. The co-ordinates should be in degrees, minutes and seconds. The projection that must be used in all cases is the WGS84 spheroid in a national or local projection.

a) Site alternatives

Alternative 1 (preferred alternative)		
Description	Lat (DDMMSS)	Long (DDMMSS)
Erf 5206 Springbok	29°40' 17.60" S	17° 53' 54.45" E
A	Iternative 2	
Description	Lat (DDMMSS)	Long (DDMMSS)
A	Iternative 3	
Description	Lat (DDMMSS)	Long (DDMMSS)

In the case of linear activities:

Alternative: Alternative S1 (preferred)	Latitude (S):	Longitude (E):	
Starting point of the activity			_
 Middle/Additional point of the activity 			
 End point of the activity 			

- Starting point of the activity
- Middle/Additional point of the activity
- End point of the activity

Alternative S3 (if any)

- Starting point of the activity
- Middle/Additional point of the activity
- End point of the activity

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For route alternatives that are longer than 500m, please provide an addendum with co-ordinates taken every 250 meters along the route for each alternative alignment.

In the case of an area being under application, please provide the co-ordinates of the corners of the site as indicated on the lay-out map provided in Appendix A of this form.

b) Lay-out alternatives

Alternative 1 (preferred alternative)				
Description Lat (DDMMSS) Long (DDMMSS				
Refer to Appendix C.				
Al	ternative 2			
Description	Lat (DDMMSS)	Long (DDMMSS)		
Al	ternative 3	•		
Description	Lat (DDMMSS)	Long (DDMMSS)		

c) Technology alternatives

	Alternative 1 (preferred alternative)	
Not applicable.		
	Alternative 2	
	Alternative 3	

d) Other alternatives (e.g. scheduling, demand, input, scale and design alternatives)

Alternative 1 (preferred alternative)
Refer to Appendix 3. The most viable design alternative was determined in the planning phase.
Alternative 2
Alternative 3

e) No-go alternative

The no-go alternative means leaving the site undeveloped. The site is however already zoned to allow for a hotel (Resort Zone I). The site is not considered sensitive, although within a critical biodiversity area. The vegetation on site is mostly disturbed and there are no environmental issues that justify conserving the site. The potential impacts identified are considered low and can be mitigated. Therefore, the no-go alternative is not the preferred alternative.

Paragraphs 3 – 13 below should be completed for each alternative.

- 3. PHYSICAL SIZE OF THE ACTIVITY
- a) Indicate the physical size of the preferred activity/technology as well as alternative activities/technologies (footprints):

Alternative:	Size of the activity:
Alternative A1 ¹ (preferred activity alternative)	14 237 m ²
Alternative A2 (if any)	m ²
Alternative A3 (if any)	m ²

or, for linear activities:

Alternative:	Length of the activity:
Alternative A1 (preferred activity alternative)	m
Alternative A2 (if any)	m
Alternative A3 (if any)	m

b) Indicate the size of the alternative sites or servitudes (within which the above footprints will occur):

Alternative:	Size of the site/servitude:
Alternative A1 (preferred activity alternative)	14 237 m ²
Alternative A2 (if any)	m ²
Alternative A3 (if any)	m ²

4. SITE ACCESS

Does ready access to the site exist?

If NO, what is the distance over which a new access road will be built

YES ✓ NO

Describe the type of access road planned:

Although access to the site does exist, a new access is planned by creating a new intersection with the R355. Refer to the Traffic Impact Assessment in Appendix D.

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¹ "Alternative A.." refer to activity, process, technology or other alternatives.

Include the position of the access road on the site plan and required map, as well as an indication of the road in relation to the site.

5. LOCALITY MAP

An A3 locality map must be attached to the back of this document, as Appendix A. The scale of the locality map must be relevant to the size of the development (at least 1:50 000. For linear activities of more than 25 kilometres, a smaller scale e.g. 1:250 000 can be used. The scale must be indicated on the map.). The map must indicate the following:

- an accurate indication of the project site position as well as the positions of the alternative sites, if any;
- indication of all the alternatives identified;
- closest town(s;)
- road access from all major roads in the area;
- road names or numbers of all major roads as well as the roads that provide access to the site(s);
- all roads within a 1km radius of the site or alternative sites; and
- a north arrow;
- a legend; and
- locality GPS co-ordinates (Indicate the position of the activity using the latitude and longitude of the
 centre point of the site for each alternative site. The co-ordinates should be in degrees and decimal
 minutes. The minutes should have at least three decimals to ensure adequate accuracy. The
 projection that must be used in all cases is the WGS84 spheroid in a national or local projection).

6. LAYOUT/ROUTE PLAN

A detailed site or route plan(s) must be prepared for each alternative site or alternative activity. It must be attached as Appendix A to this document.

The site or route plans must indicate the following:

- the property boundaries and numbers of all the properties within 50 metres of the site;
- the current land use as well as the land use zoning of the site;
- the current land use as well as the land use zoning each of the properties adjoining the site or sites;
- the exact position of each listed activity applied for (including alternatives);
- servitude(s) indicating the purpose of the servitude;
- a legend; and
- a north arrow.

7. SENSITIVITY MAP

The layout/route plan as indicated above must be overlain with a sensitivity map that indicates all the sensitive areas associated with the site, including, but not limited to:

- watercourses:
- the 1:100 year flood line (where available or where it is required by DWS);
- ridges;
- cultural and historical features:
- areas with indigenous vegetation (even if it is degraded or infested with alien species); and
- critical biodiversity areas.

The sensitivity map must also cover areas within 100m of the site and must be attached in Appendix A.

8. SITE PHOTOGRAPHS

Colour photographs from the centre of the site must be taken in at least the eight major compass directions with a description of each photograph. Photographs must be attached under Appendix B to this report. It must be supplemented with additional photographs of relevant features on the site, if applicable.

9. FACILITY ILLUSTRATION

A detailed illustration of the activity must be provided at a scale of at least 1:200 as Appendix C for activities that include structures. The illustrations must be to scale and must represent a realistic image of the planned activity. The illustration must give a representative view of the activity.

10. ACTIVITY MOTIVATION

Motivate and explain the need and desirability of the activity (including demand for the activity):

1. Is the activity permitted in terms of the property's existing land use rights?	YES ✓	NO	Please explain	
The property is zoned "Resort Zone I", which allows for the development of a hotel.				
2. Will the activity be in line with the following?				
(a) Provincial Spatial Development Framework (PSDF)	YES✓	NO	Please explain	
The proposed development promotes tourism of the area.				
(b) Urban edge / Edge of Built environment for the area	YES ✓	NO	Please explain	
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(c) Integrated Development Plan (IDP) and Spatial Development Framework (SDF) of the Local Municipality (e.g. would the approval of this application compromise the integrity of the existing approved and credible municipal IDP and SDF?).	YES✓	NO	Please explain	
(d) Approved Structure Plan of the Municipality	YES✓	NO	Please explain	
The site and surrounding erven have already been surveyed and zoned				
development.				
(e) An Environmental Management Framework (EMF) adopted by the Department (e.g. Would the approval of this application compromise the integrity of the existing environmental management priorities for the area and if so, can it be justified in terms of sustainability considerations?)	YES	NO ✓	Please explain	
Although the site falls within a Critical Biodiversity Area, the extent of the the development of a hotel is not expected to compromise this biodivers			elopment and	
(f) Any other Plans (e.g. Guide Plan)	YES	NO ✓	Please explain	
3. Is the land use (associated with the activity being applied for) considered within the timeframe intended by the existing approved SDF agreed to by the relevant environmental authority (i.e. is the proposed development in line with the projects and programmes identified as priorities within the credible IDP)?	YES✓	NO	Please explain	
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4. Does the community/area need the activity and the associated land use concerned (is it a societal priority)? (This refers to the strategic as well as local level (e.g. development is a national priority, but within a specific local context it could be inappropriate.)	YES✓	NO	Please explain	
As the proposed development of a hotel is expected to boost the tourism industry in the area, it can be considered that the community / area needs the activity.				
5. Are the necessary services with adequate capacity currently available (at the time of application), or must additional capacity be created to cater for the development? (Confirmation by the relevant Municipality in this regard must be attached to the final Basic Assessment Report as Appendix I.)	YES	NO	Please explain	
Unsure at present. The proposed hotel development will link up with Muservices may be available at present, upgradings to provide additional cuthe proposed development may be required.	•		•	

6. Is this development provided for in the infrastructure planning of the municipality, and if not what will the implication be on the infrastructure planning of the municipality (priority and placement of services and opportunity costs)? (Comment by the relevant Municipality in this regard must be attached to the final Basic Assessment Report as Appendix I.)	YES✓	NO	Please explain	
Refer to Appendix I for correspondence regarding electrical infrastructur	e. Comn	nent fro	om the	
Municipality regarding water and sanitation infrastructure is required.	T	T		
7. Is this project part of a national programme to address an issue of national concern or importance?	YES	NO ✓	Please explain	
8. Do location factors favour this land use (associated with the activity applied for) at this place? (This relates to the contextualisation of the proposed land use on this site within its broader context.)	YES✓	NO	Please explain	
The site is easily accessible from the R355 road and is located adjacent Park.	to the Sp	oringbo	k Caravan	
9. Is the development the best practicable environmental option for this land/site?	YES ✓	NO	Please explain	
The site is not considered sensitive and is already zoned to allow for a h	otel deve	lopme	nt.	
10. Will the benefits of the proposed land use/development outweigh the negative impacts of it?	YES ✓	NO	Please explain	
Due to the favourable location of the site, low sensitivity and positive socio-economic impact anticipated through increase in tourism and employment opportunities, the benefits can be considered to outweigh the negative impacts.				
11. Will the proposed land use/development set a precedent for similar activities in the area (local municipality)?	YES ✓	NO	Please explain	
Development of the surrounding erven is being planned.				
12. Will any person's rights be negatively affected by the proposed activity/ies?	YES	NO ✓	Please explain	
No issues raised to date.				
13. Will the proposed activity/ies compromise the "urban edge" as defined by the local municipality?	YES	NO	Please explain	
Unsure. Although the site is not located within the built environment of Soutskirts, erven have been surveyed and zoned and location is ideally stactivities.		•		
14. Will the proposed activity/ies contribute to any of the 17 Strategic Integrated Projects (SIPS)?	YES	NO ✓	Please explain	

15. What will the benefits be to society in general and to the local communities?

Please explain

Employment opportunities during the construction (1000 anticipated) and operational (100 anticipated) phases of the proposed development.

16. Any other need and desirability considerations related to the proposed activity?

Please explain

Springbok is located on the N7 national road connecting the Cape with Namibia. It is therefore a popular stop-over for tourists travelling to Namibia. Tourism related activities are therefore vital for the town's existence. The site for the proposed hotel is also ideally located adjacent to main roads and the Springbok Caravan Park, as well as in close proximity to the Goegap Nature Reserve. There are also large copper mine operations in the area, which may also complement the development of a hotel.

17. How does the project fit into the National Development Plan for 2030?

Please explain

Although tourism is not one of the primary challenges of the National Development Plan for 2030, it directly creates employment, which is an enabling milestone.

18. Please describe how the general objectives of Integrated Environmental Management as set out in section 23 of NEMA have been taken into account.

The proposed development has, through this Basic Assessment Process, identified, predicted and evaluated actual and potential impacts on the environment. Public participation has also taken place and best suited modes of environmental management have been employed as far as possible.

19. Please describe how the principles of environmental management as set out in section 2 of NEMA have been taken into account.

NEMA Section 2 (2) states that environmental management must place people and their needs at the forefront of its concern. Although the proposed hotel development may have impacts on the environment, although assessed to be minimal, sustainable development is the main aim and it would be safe to say that the factors applicable to sustainable development, namely (4)(a)(ii), (iii), (iv) and (viii) of NEMA Section 2 are most relevant to the proposed development and the EIA process followed. Social, economic and environmental impacts have been considered and evaluated allowing the DENC to make an informed decision.

11. APPLICABLE LEGISLATION, POLICIES AND/OR GUIDELINES

List all legislation, policies and/or guidelines of any sphere of government that are applicable to the application as contemplated in the EIA regulations, if applicable:

Title of legislation, policy or guideline	Applicability to the project	Administering authority	Date
National Environmental Management Act (Act 107 of 1998)	Legislation requiring Environmental Authorisation to be obtained for proposed development.	DENC	1998
National Environmental Management: Biodiversity Act (Act 10 of 2004): National list of	The site is vacant with indigenous vegetation and the proposed development involves the destruction thereof.	DENC	2004

ecosystems that are threatened and in need of protection	Protected tree species are also present on site.		
Northern Cape Nature Conservation Act (Act 9 of 2009).	Protected plant species on site as listed in this Act.	DENC	2009
National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999)	The proposed development is larger than 5 000m²and the activity will change the character of the site. Therefore Section 38(1) applies.	SAHRA	1999

12. WASTE, EFFLUENT, EMISSION AND NOISE MANAGEMENT

a) Solid waste management

Will the activity produce solid construction waste during the construction/initiation phase?

YES✓ NO ±50 m³

If YES, what estimated quantity will be produced per month?

How will the construction solid waste be disposed of (describe)?

The contractor will be responsible for the disposal of construction waste.

Where will the construction solid waste be disposed of (describe)?

The licensed landfill site in Springbok.

Will the activity produce solid waste during its operational phase? If YES, what estimated quantity will be produced per month?

YES✓	NO
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pres	ent m3

How will the solid waste be disposed of (describe)?

Solid waste will be collected and disposed of by the Nama Khoi Municipality.

If the solid waste will be disposed of into a municipal waste stream, indicate which registered landfill site will be used.

The registered landfill site in Springbok.

Where will the solid waste be disposed of if it does not feed into a municipal waste stream (describe)?

Not applicable

If the solid waste (construction or operational phases) will not be disposed of in a registered landfill site or be taken up in a municipal waste stream, then the applicant should consult with the competent authority to determine whether it is necessary to change to an application for scoping and EIA.

Can any part of the solid waste be classified as hazardous in terms of the NEM:WA? YES NOV

If YES, inform the competent authority and request a change to an application for scoping and EIA. An application for a waste permit in terms of the NEM:WA must also be submitted with this application.

Is the activity that is being applied for a solid waste handling or treatment facility?	YES	NO✓
If YES, then the applicant should consult with the competent authority to determine		
necessary to change to an application for scoping and EIA. An application for a waste p of the NEM:WA must also be submitted with this application.	ermit in	terms
of the NEM.WA must also be submitted with this application.		
b) Liquid effluent		
Will the activity produce effluent, other than normal sewage, that will be disposed of in a municipal sewage system?	YES	NO√
If YES, what estimated quantity will be produced per month?		m ³
Will the activity produce any effluent that will be treated and/or disposed of on site?	YES	NO√
If YES, the applicant should consult with the competent authority to determine whether to change to an application for scoping and EIA.	r it is ne	ecessary
Will the activity produce effluent that will be treated and/or disposed of at another facility?	YES	NO✓
If YES, provide the particulars of the facility:		
Facility name:		
Contact		
person:		
Postal		
address: Postal code:		
Telephone: Cell:		
E-mail: Fax:		
Describe the measures that will be taken to ensure the optimal reuse or recycling of wast	e water	r, if any:
Grey water will be used for gardening.		
c) Emissions into the atmosphere		
Will the activity release emissions into the atmosphere other that exhaust emissions and dust associated with construction phase activities?	ES	NO√
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If YES, the applicant must consult with the competent authority to determine whether it is		
change to an application for scoping and EIA.		·
If NO, describe the emissions in terms of type and concentration:		
Not applicable		
d) Waste permit		
Will any aspect of the activity produce waste that will require a waste permit in terms of the NEM:WA?	YES	NO✓

If YES, please submit evidence that an application for a waste permit has been submitted to the competent authority

e) Generation of noise

Will the activity generate noise? If YES, is it controlled by any legislation of any sphere of government?

YES✓	NO
YES	NO✓

Describe the noise in terms of type and level:

Noise during the construction phase is anticipated. This will be temporary of nature and limited to working hours. Should any blasting be required during the construction phase, necessary permits will be obtained, and safety measures adhered to.

There will be a degree of noise generated during the operational phase of the proposed hotel development due to day to day activities and increase in vehicular traffic. The site is currently vacant with minimal activity surrounding it and the area experiences minimal noise.

13. WATER USE

Please indicate the source(s) of water that will be used for the activity by ticking the appropriate box(es):

Municipal 🗸	Water board	Groundwater	River, stream, dam or lake	Other	The activity will not use water
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If water is to be extracted from groundwater, river, stream, dam, lake or any other natural feature, please indicate the volume that will be extracted per month:

Does the activity require a water use authorisation (general authorisation or water use license) from the Department of Water Affairs?

•		litres
•	YES	NO ✓
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If YES, please provide proof that the application has been submitted to the Department of Water Affairs

14. ENERGY EFFICIENCY

Describe the design measures, if any, which have been taken to ensure that the activity is energy efficient:

The proposed development aims to incorporate sustainable design principles and ensure that the building is designed to address the specific conditions of the local climate. Buildings will be orientated in such a way as to minimize the need for active temperature regulation and lighting systems, in so doing lowering the energy consumption of the building. This will be accomplished by adapting the building to varying sun angles throughout winter and summer, and also by designing the envelope of the building in such a way that will facilitate natural ventilation and prevent excessive heat gain/loss. Small reservoirs for water storage and use of grey water for gardening will also be implemented.

Describe how alternative energy sources have been taken into account or been built into the design of the activity, if any:

The use of renewable energy sources such as solar energy will be investigated during the design process. Additionally, equipment and infrastructure to be installed in the building will be evaluated in terms of its energy efficiency. Furthermore, materials will be sourced locally where possible, to minimize the energy cost associated with transport.

SECTION B: SITE/AREA/PROPERTY DESCRIPTION

Important note

1.	For linear activities (pipelines, etc) as well as activities that cover very large sites, it may be
	necessary to complete this section for each part of the site that has a significantly different
	environment. In such cases please complete copies of Section B and indicate the area, which is
	covered by each copy No. on the Site Plan.

SECTION D COPY NO. (E.g. A).	Section B Copy No. (e.g. A):	
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- 2. Paragraphs 1 6 below must be completed for each alternative.
- 3. Has a specialist been consulted to assist with the completion of this section? YES✓ NO
 If YES, please complete the form entitled "Details of specialist and declaration of interest" for each specialist thus appointed and attach it in Appendix I. All specialist reports must be contained in Appendix D.

Property description/physical address:

Province	Northern Cape
District	Namakwa District Municipality
Municipality	
Local Municipality	Nama-Khoi Local Municipality
Ward Number(s)	4
Farm name and	Erf 5206
number	
Portion number	0
SG Code	C05300110000520600000

Where a large number of properties are involved (e.g. linear activities), please attach a full list to this application including the same information as indicated above.

Current land-use zoning as per local municipality IDP/records:

Resort zone I			

In instances where there is more than one current land-use zoning, please attach a list of current land use zonings that also indicate which portions each use pertains to, to this application.

Is a change of land-use or a consent use application required?

1. GRADIENT OF THE SITE

Indicate the general gradient of the site.

Alternative S1:

	Flat	1:50 – 1:20	1:20 – 1:15 ✓	1:15 – 1:10	1:10 – 1:7,5	1:7,5 – 1:5	Steeper than 1:5
A	Iternative S2	(if any):					
	Flat	1:50 – 1:20	1:20 – 1:15	1:15 – 1:10	1:10 – 1:7,5	1:7,5 – 1:5	Steeper than 1:5
A	Iternative S3	(if any):					
	Flat	1:50 – 1:20	1:20 – 1:15	1:15 – 1:10	1:10 – 1:7,5	1:7,5 – 1:5	Steeper than 1:5

2. LOCATION IN LANDSCAPE

Indicate the landform(s) that best describes the site:

2.1 Ridgeline	√	2.4 Closed valley		2.7 Undulating plain / low hills	
2.2 Plateau		2.5 Open valley	✓	2.8 Dune	
2.3 Side slope of hill/mountain		2.6 Plain		2.9 Seafront	
2.10 At sea					

3. GROUNDWATER, SOIL AND GEOLOGICAL STABILITY OF THE SITE

Is the site(s) located on any of the following?

				Alternative S2 if any):			Alternative S3 (if any):		
Shallow water table (less than 1.5m deep)	YES	NO✓		YES	NO		YES	NO	
Dolomite, sinkhole or doline areas	YES	NO✓		YES	NO		YES	NO	
Seasonally wet soils (often close to water bodies)	YES	NO✓		YES	NO		YES	NO	
Unstable rocky slopes or steep slopes with loose soil	YES	NO✓		YES	NO		YES	NO	
Dispersive soils (soils that dissolve in water)	YES	NO✓		YES	NO		YES	NO	
Soils with high clay content (clay fraction more than 40%)	YES	NO✓		YES	NO		YES	NO	
Any other unstable soil or geological feature	YES	NO✓		YES	NO		YES	NO	
An area sensitive to erosion	YES	NO✓		YES	NO		YES	NO	

If you are unsure about any of the above or if you are concerned that any of the above aspects may be an issue of concern in the application, an appropriate specialist should be appointed to assist in the completion of this section. Information in respect of the above will often be available as part of the project information or at the planning sections of local authorities. Where it exists, the 1:50 000 scale Regional Geotechnical Maps prepared by the Council for Geo Science may also be consulted.

4. GROUNDCOVER

Indicate the types of groundcover present on the site. The location of all identified rare or endangered species or other elements should be accurately indicated on the site plan(s).

Natural veld - good condition ^E ✓	Natural veld with scattered aliens ^E	Natural veld with heavy alien infestation ^E	Veld dominated by alien species ^E	Gardens
Sport field	Cultivated land	Paved surface	Building or other structure	Bare soil

If any of the boxes marked with an "E "is ticked, please consult an appropriate specialist to assist in the completion of this section if the environmental assessment practitioner doesn't have the necessary expertise.

5. SURFACE WATER

Indicate the surface water present on and or adjacent to the site and alternative sites?

Perennial River	YES	NO ✓	UNSURE
Non-Perennial River	YES	NO ✓	UNSURE
Permanent Wetland	YES	NO ✓	UNSURE
Seasonal Wetland	YES	NO ✓	UNSURE
Artificial Wetland	YES	NO ✓	UNSURE
Estuarine / Lagoonal wetland	YES	NO ✓	UNSURE

If any of the boxes marked YES or UNSURE is ticked, please provide a description of the relevant watercourse.

Not applicable			

6. LAND USE CHARACTER OF SURROUNDING AREA

Indicate land uses and/or prominent features that currently occur within a 500m radius of the site and give description of how this influences the application or may be impacted upon by the application:

Natural area ✓	Dam or reservoir	Polo fields
Low density residential	Hospital/medical centre	Filling station ^H
Medium density residential	School	Landfill or waste treatment site
High density residential	Tertiary education facility	Plantation
Informal residential ^A	Church	Agriculture
Retail commercial & warehousing	Old age home	River, stream or wetland
Light industrial	Sewage treatment plant ^A	Nature conservation area
Medium industrial AN	Train station or shunting yard N	Mountain, koppie or ridge ✓

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Heavy industrial AN	Railway line N	Museum
Power station	Major road (4 lanes or more) N	Historical building
Office/consulting room	Airport N	Protected Area
Military or police base/station/compound	Harbour	Graveyard
Spoil heap or slimes dam ^A	Sport facilities	Archaeological site
Quarry, sand or borrow pit	Golf course	Other land uses (describe)

If any of the boxes marked with an "N" are ticked, how this impact will / be impacted upon by the proposed activity? Specify and explain:

Not applicable		
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If any of the boxes marked with an "An" are ticked, how will this impact / be impacted upon by the proposed activity? Specify and explain:

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Not applicable		
1 tot applicable		

If any of the boxes marked with an "H" are ticked, how will this impact / be impacted upon by the proposed activity? Specify and explain:

l Not applicable	
INOL Applicable	

Does the proposed site (including any alternative sites) fall within any of the following:

Critical Biodiversity Area (as per provincial conservation plan)	YES✓	NO
Core area of a protected area?	YES	NO ✓
Buffer area of a protected area?	YES	NO ✓
Planned expansion area of an existing protected area?	YES	NO ✓
Existing offset area associated with a previous Environmental Authorisation?	YES	NO ✓
Buffer area of the SKA?	YES	NO ✓

If the answer to any of these questions was YES, a map indicating the affected area must be included in Appendix A.

7. CULTURAL/HISTORICAL FEATURES

Are there any signs of culturally or historically significant elements, as defined in section 2 of the National Heritage Resources Act, 1999, (Act No. 25 of 1999), including Archaeological or paleontological sites, on or close (within 20m) to the site? If YES, explain:

YES	NO ✓	
Uncertain		

If uncertain, conduct a specialist investigation by a recognised specialist in the field (archaeology or palaeontology) to establish whether there is such a feature(s) present on or close to the site. Briefly explain the findings of the specialist:

The archaeological field assessment provided no above-ground evidence of prehistoric structures, building older than 60 years, graves or material of cultural significance or *in situ* archaeological sites within the study area. No mitigation is required, and the study area is assigned a site rating of Generally Protected C (GP.C). Refer to the Archaeological Impact Assessment in Appendix D.

In terms of palaeontology, the proposed development site is underlain by palaeontologically insignificant, metamorphic rocks, capped by equally insignificant, superficial deposits. Provided that all excavation activities are restricted within the boundaries of the development footprint, no further palaeontological assessments are necessary. Refer to the Palaeontological Impact Assessment in Appendix D.

Will any building or structure older than 60 years be affected in any way? Is it necessary to apply for a permit in terms of the National Heritage Resources Act, 1999 (Act 25 of 1999)?

YES	NO ✓
YES	NO ✓

If YES, please provide proof that this permit application has been submitted to SAHRA or the relevant provincial authority.

8. SOCIO-ECONOMIC CHARACTER

a) Local Municipality

Please provide details on the socio-economic character of the local municipality in which the proposed site(s) are situated.

Level of unemployment:

Nama Khoi Local Municipality	2014
Employed	13 025
Unemployed	4 011
Economically active	17 036
Not economically active	14 406
Working Age Population (15-64yrs)	31 441
Employed	76.5%
Unemployed	23.5%
Economically active	54.2%
Not economically active	45.8%
Working Age Population (15-64yrs)	100%

(Information from Namakwa District Municipality IDP 2017-2022)

Economic profile of local municipality:

The Nama Khoi Local Municipality is largest within the Namakwa District Municipality and comprises the communities of Springbok, Steinkopf, Okiep, Rooiwinkel, Concordia, Kamaggas, Buffelsrivier, Nababeep, Buffeltrap, Viooldrift, Goodhouse, Kleinzee and Carolusberg. It is the economic hub of the Namakwa District Municipality, contributing 41% of the GDP, with the mining and community services sectors being the main contributors.

The total population within the Kama Khoi Local Municipality is 47 041 (2011). 57.7% of households fall within the poverty level, which is lower than the Namakwa DM and the Northern Cape Province, while 3.2% of households earn a high-income salary, which is higher than the Namakwa DM, but lower than the rest of the Province.

(Information from the Nama Khoi Municipality IDP Third Revision 2015/2016 & the Namakwa District Municipality IDP 2017-2022)

Level of education:

Nama Khoi Local Municipality Education (aged 20+)	2016
No schooling	1.4%
Matric	23.6%
Higher Education	7.6%

(Taken from: www.municipalities.co.za)

b) Socio-economic value of the activity

What is the expected capital value of the activity on completion?

What is the expected yearly income that will be generated by or as a result of the activity?

Will the activity contribute to service infrastructure?

Is the activity a public amenity?

How many new employment opportunities will be created in the development and construction phase of the activity/ies?

What is the expected value of the employment opportunities during the development and construction phase?

What percentage of this will accrue to previously disadvantaged individuals? How many permanent new employment opportunities will be created during the operational phase of the activity?

What is the expected current value of the employment opportunities during the first 10 years?

What percentage of this will accrue to previously disadvantaged individuals?

R 210 million		
R 42 million		
YES	NO ✓	
YES ✓	NO	
± 900		
R 210 million		
70 %		
± 100		
R 120 million		
70 %		

9. BIODIVERSITY

Please note: The Department may request specialist input/studies depending on the nature of the biodiversity occurring on the site and potential impact(s) of the proposed activity/ies. To assist with the identification of the biodiversity occurring on site and the ecosystem status consult http://bgis.sanbi.org or BGIShelp@sanbi.org. Information is also available on compact disc (cd) from the Biodiversity-GIS Unit, Ph (021) 799 8698. This information may be updated from time to time and it is the applicant/ EAP's responsibility to ensure that the latest version is used. A map of the relevant biodiversity information (including an indication of the habitat conditions as per (b) below) and must be provided as an overlay map to the property/site plan as Appendix D to this report.

a) Indicate the applicable biodiversity planning categories of all areas on site and indicate the reason(s) provided in the biodiversity plan for the selection of the specific area as part of the specific category)

Systematic Biodiversity Planning Category			Category	If CBA or ESA, indicate the reason(s) for its selection in biodiversity plan
Critical Biodiversity Area (CBA)	Ecological Support Area (ESA)	Other Natural Area (ONA)	No Natural Area Remaining (NNR)	The area surrounding Springbok contains the most endemics per quarter degree square in the Succulent Karoo and therefore has a high conservation value.

b) Indicate and describe the habitat condition on site

Habitat Condition	Percentage of habitat condition class (adding up to 100%)	Description and additional Comments and Observations (including additional insight into condition, e.g. poor land management practises, presence of quarries, grazing, harvesting regimes etc).
Natural	90 %	The species composition and vegetation structure indicate that the site is still largely natural. The site contains a high amount of protected species as listed in the Northern Cape Nature Conservation Act (Act 9 of 2009). Refer to the Biodiversity and Ecological Assessment Report in Appendix D.
Near Natural (includes areas with low to moderate level of alien invasive plants)	%	
Degraded (includes areas heavily invaded by alien plants)	%	

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Transformed (includes cultivation, dams, urban, plantation, roads, etc)	10 %	A small amount of disturbance is noticeable (small portions of vegetation has been, especially along the borders of the site).
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c) Complete the table to indicate:

- (i) the type of vegetation, including its ecosystem status, present on the site; and
- (ii) whether an aquatic ecosystem is present on site.

Terrestrial Ecos	Aquatic Ecosystems							
Ecosystem threat	Critical	Wetland (including ri		•	•			
status as per the	Endangered					Estuary		tlino
National Environmental	Vulnerable	unchanneled wetlands, flats, seeps pans, and artificial			LSU			Coastline
Management:	Least	'	wetland					
Biodiversity Act (Act No. 10 of 2004)	Threatened ✓	YES	NO✓	UNSURE	YES	NO ✓	YES	NO ✓

d) Please provide a description of the vegetation type and/or aquatic ecosystem present on site, including any important biodiversity features/information identified on site (e.g. threatened species and special habitats)

The vegetation type on site is the Namaqualand Klipkoppe Shrubland. There are no wetlands, watercourses nor other related water source at or near the site. There are a number of protected plant species on site, which will require permits to be removed. It is recommended that a walkthrough of the site is undertaken prior to construction and protected plants species be transplanted and utilised in the landscaping of the development.

Refer to the Biodiversity and Ecological Assessment Report in Appendix D.

SECTION C: PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

1. ADVERTISEMENT AND NOTICE

Publication name	Die Namakwalander & Die Plattelander	
Date published	13 October 2017	
Site notice position	Latitude	Longitude
	29°40' 20.86" S	17° 53' 54.86" E
Date placed	4 October 2017	

Include proof of the placement of the relevant advertisements and notices in Appendix E1.

2. DETERMINATION OF APPROPRIATE MEASURES

Provide details of the measures taken to include all potential I&APs as required by Regulation 41(2)(e) and 41(6) of GN 733.

Key stakeholders (other than organs of state) identified in terms of Regulation 41(2)(b) of GN 733

Title, Name and Surname	Affiliation/ key stakeholder status	Contact details (tel number or e-mail address)
Goegap Nature Reserve	Nearby Nature Reserve	Tel: 027 7189906
		Email: goegap@outlook.com
Mr Rodney Kritzinger	Ward Councillor	Tel: 072 5889566
		Email:
		rodneykritzinger@yahoo.com
Springbok Caravan Park	Adjacent landowner	Tel: 027 7181584
		Email:
		info@springbokcaravanpark.co.za

Include proof that the key stakeholder received written notification of the proposed activities as Appendix E2. This proof may include any of the following:

- e-mail delivery reports;
- registered mail receipts;
- courier waybills;
- signed acknowledgements of receipt; and/or
- or any other proof as agreed upon by the competent authority.

3. ISSUES RAISED BY INTERESTED AND AFFECTED PARTIES

Summary of main issues raised by I&APs	Summary of response from EAP
None to date. The draft Basic Assessment	
Report is currently being circulated for comment.	

4. COMMENTS AND RESPONSE REPORT

The practitioner must record all comments received from I&APs and respond to each comment before the Draft BAR is submitted. The comments and responses must be captured in a comments and response report as prescribed in the EIA regulations and be attached to the Final BAR as Appendix E3.

5. AUTHORITY PARTICIPATION

Authorities and organs of state identified as key stakeholders:

Authority/Or gan of State	Contact person (Title, Name and Surname)	Tel No	Fax No	e-mail	Postal address
Nama-Khoi Municipality	Municipal Manager	027 7188100		info@namakhoi.gov.za	4 Namaqua Str Springbok 8240
SAHRA	Online submission				

Include proof that the Authorities and Organs of State received written notification of the proposed activities as appendix E4.

In the case of renewable energy projects, Eskom and the SKA Project Office must be included in the list of Organs of State.

6. CONSULTATION WITH OTHER STAKEHOLDERS

Note that, for any activities (linear or other) where deviation from the public participation requirements may be appropriate, the person conducting the public participation process may deviate from the requirements of that sub-regulation to the extent and in the manner as may be agreed to by the competent authority.

Proof of any such agreement must be provided, where applicable. Application for any deviation from the regulations relating to the public participation process must be submitted prior to the commencement of the public participation process.

A list of registered I&APs must be included as appendix E5.

Copies of any correspondence and minutes of any meetings held must be included in Appendix E6.

SECTION D: IMPACT ASSESSMENT

The assessment of impacts must adhere to the minimum requirements in the EIA Regulations, 2014 and should take applicable official guidelines into account. The issues raised by interested and affected parties should also be addressed in the assessment of impacts.

1. IMPACTS THAT MAY RESULT FROM THE PLANNING AND DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION, OPERATIONAL, DECOMMISSIONING AND CLOSURE PHASES AS WELL AS PROPOSED MANAGEMENT OF IDENTIFIED IMPACTS AND PROPOSED MITIGATION MEASURES

Provide a summary and anticipated significance of the potential direct, indirect and cumulative impacts that are likely to occur as a result of the planning and design phase, construction phase, operational phase, decommissioning and closure phase, including impacts relating to the choice of site/activity/technology alternatives as well as the mitigation measures that may eliminate or reduce the potential impacts listed. This impact assessment must be applied to all the identified alternatives to the activities identified in Section A(2) of this report.

Activity	Impact summary	Significance	Proposed mitigation
Alternative 1 (preferred alternative)		
Proposed hotel development on Erf 5206, Springbok.	Vegetation destruction (loss of vegetation)	Medium	 Planning Phase A walkthrough of the site needs to be done by a suitably qualified ecologist / botanist prior to construction to mark and map all protected plants on site. Permits need to be obtained to remove protected plants from site. The species, Othonna sp. nova, is scattered on the site and is a newly discovered species. It should be transplanted and incorporated into the landscaping of the development. The development should incorporate an adequate storm water system, which should manage any surface runoff on the site and release storm water into the natural drainage pattern.

Activity	Impact summary	Significance	Proposed mitigation
			 Construction Phase The hunting, capturing and trapping of fauna should be prevented. All human movement and activities must be contained within designated construction areas in order to prevent peripheral impacts on surrounding natural habitat. No fire-wood may be collected in the veld.
			 Post Construction Phase After construction has ceased, all construction materials should be removed from the area. Protected plant species and the species Othonna sp. nova, transplanted prior to construction, can be used in the landscaping of the hotel. Alien invaders occurring on site should be removed and monitored for reestablishment. Erosion should be prevented as far as possible.
	Visual Impact	Low	Planning phase • Aesthetically pleasing designs and visual integrity principles will be incorporated into the site development plan.
			 Construction phase Construction sites must be kept neat and tidy at all times. All human movement and activities must be contained within

Activity	Impact summary	Significance	Proposed mitigation
			designated construction areas. No dumping of construction debris is allowed, especially within the open space areas. Post Construction Phase A landscaping plan needs to be implemented.
	Socio-economic impact	High (positive)	• None
	Indirect impacts: Increase in traffic	Low	 Planning phase Parking provision needs to be negotiated with the Municipality. Public transport embayments need to be provided. It is proposed that the existing access along the R355, adjacent to the Springbok Caravan Park, as well as the existing access to the Caravan Park, be closed. A new access on the R355 is proposed 191m north to create a new priority-controlled intersection (new proposed Link Road / R355 intersection) with the R355 having priority. This intersection could also be signalized in future if adjacent developments are implemented and signalization is warranted. A north-south side street is further proposed intersecting with this new link road at 220m from the proposed R355 / Link Road intersection.

Activity	Impact summary	Significance	Proposed mitigation
-			Construction phaseNecessary safety precautions should be
			implemented.
			Post Construction phaseNot applicable.
	Cumulative impacts:		
	Direct impacts:		
	Indirect impacts:		
	Cumulative impacts:		
Alternative 2			<u> </u>
	Direct impacts:		
	Indirect impacts:		
	Cumulative impacts:		
	Direct impacts:		
	Indirect impacts:		
	Cumulative impacts:		
Alternative 3			
	Direct impacts:		
	Indirect impacts:		
	Cumulative impacts:		
	Direct impacts:		
	Indirect impacts:		
	Cumulative impacts:		
No-go option			
	Direct impacts:	l	
	No job creation	High	
	No tourism facility Indirect impacts:	Medium	
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Activity	Impact summary	Significance	Proposed mitigation
	Cumulative impacts:		

A complete impact assessment in terms of Regulation 19(3) of GN 733 must be included as Appendix F.

2. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Taking the assessment of potential impacts into account, please provide an environmental impact statement that summarises the impact that the proposed activity and its alternatives may have on the environment <u>after</u> the management and mitigation of impacts have been taken into account, with specific reference to types of impact, duration of impacts, likelihood of potential impacts actually occurring and the significance of impacts.

Alternative A (preferred alternative)

It can be considered that the benefits of proposed hotel development on Erf 5206, Springbok outweigh the negative impacts. The site is located within a Critical Biodiversity Area 1, the reason for this being that the area surrounding Springbok contains the most endemics per quarter degree square in the Succulent Karoo and therefore has a high conservation value. Despite this, the site itself is situated in the lower lying areas where the diversity is much lower and the conservation value not as high.

The nature of the activity, i.e. hotel development, is also expected to rather boost tourism in the area and not negatively impact the nearby Goegap Nature Reserve. The socio-economic benefits, in terms of job creation (construction and operational phase) and access for society to tourism facilities, are positive.

The site is already zoned to allow for a hotel and the site assessment found no reason for this site to be left undeveloped. It is however important that bulk services (water and sanitation) are available and that the proposed hotel development can link to Municipal infrastructure, as these were not assessed as part of this BAR.

An Environmental Management Programme (EMPr) has been compiled and is included in Appendix G and the mitigation measures proposed should ensure that potential impacts are kept to a minimum.

Alternative B

Alternative C

No-go alternative (compulsory)

The no-go alternative means leaving the site undeveloped. The site is however already zoned to allow for a hotel (Resort Zone I). The site is not considered sensitive, although within a critical biodiversity area. The vegetation on site is mostly disturbed and there are no environmental issues that justify conserving the site. The potential impacts identified are considered low and can be mitigated. Therefore, the no-go alternative is not the preferred alternative.

SECTION E. RECOMMENDATION OF PRACTITIONER

Is the information contained in this report and the sufficient to make a decision in respect of the active environmental assessment practitioner)?		YES✓	NO
If "NO", indicate the aspects that should be assesse a decision can be made (list the aspects that requir		EIA proce	ess before
If "YES", please list any recommended condition considered for inclusion in any authorisation that mof the application.			
 Permits need to be obtained to remove prote All negotiations / approvals from the Nama need to be in place. Parking provision needs to be negotiated wit 	Khoi Municipality regarding ser	vice infras	structure
Refer to the EMPr for mitigation measures for the	e construction phase.		
Is an EMPr attached?		YES✓	NO
The EMPr must be attached as Appendix G.			
The details of the EAP who compiled the BAR a Assessment process must be included as Appendix	•	perform	the Basic
If any specialist reports were used during the complete interest for each specialist in Appendix I.	pilation of this BAR, please attacl	n the decl	aration of
Any other information relevant to this application Appendix J.	and not previously included m	ust be at	tached in
NAME OF EAP			
SIGNATURE OF EAP	DATE		

SECTION F: APPENDIXES

The following appendixes must be attached:

Appendix A: Maps

Appendix B: Photographs

Appendix C: Facility illustration(s)

Appendix D: Specialist reports (including terms of reference)

Appendix E: Public Participation

Appendix F: Impact Assessment

Appendix G: Environmental Management Programme (EMPr)

Appendix H: Details of EAP and expertise

Appendix I: Specialist's declaration of interest

Appendix J: Additional Information