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Dear «Title» «Surname»

**PROPOSED UPGRADE AND CONSTRUCTION OF COASTAL INFRASTRUCTURE WITHIN THE KING
SABATA DALINDYEBO LOCAL MUNICIPALITY (KSDLM), COFFEE BAY & HOLE IN THE WALL
EASTERN CAPE**

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION AND INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN AN ENVIRONMENTAL
AUTHORISATION PROCESS (BASIC ASSESSMENT)**

Project Background

MBB Consulting Services (Eastern Cape) (MBB) was appointed by the Department of Environment, Forestry and Fisheries (DEFF), Planning and Monitoring of Infrastructure Projects – Working for the Coast (Eastern Cape), to facilitate the upgrade and construction of coastal infrastructure at Coffee Bay and Hole in the Wall, Eastern Cape. ACER (Africa) Environmental Consultants (ACER) has been appointed as Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) responsible for obtaining the relevant Environmental Authorisations (EA) and Water Use Licenses (WUL) for the proposed developments.

Purpose

The purpose of the proposed construction and upgrade is to:

- Create and implement programmes to ensure sustainable and equitable maintenance of the coastal environments.
- Minimize the adverse impacts on the environment and promote public safety.
- Provide facilities that promote access to the coastal public property.
- Improve coastal infrastructure to enhance equitable and fair access to the coast.

Environmental Legislation

The current Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014 (as amended 2017), published in Government Notices R 982, R 983, R 984 and R 985 of December 2014 (as amended) under Section 24(5) read with Sections 24, 24D and 44 of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) (as amended) apply to this project.

Based on these regulations, the EAP) must complete a Basic Assessment (BA) within 197 days of acceptance of the Application for Authorisation by the competent authority, viz. DEFF.

The Eastern Cape Department of Economic Development, Environmental Affairs and Tourism (DEDEAT) is the competent authority for the issuing of environmental authorisation as the proposed upgrade and construction of coastal infrastructure at Coffee Bay and Hole in the Wall occur within their area of competence within the Eastern Cape.

As EAP, ACER will undertake the BA's, the associated public participation process, and submit the required application and supporting documentation to the Eastern Cape DEDEAT for decision making. Furthermore, DEFF will be included as a commenting authority.

The purpose of this letter is to invite you, as a potentially Interested & Affected Party to participate in the BA's. A Background Information Document (Appendix 1) and Comment Sheet (Separate Attachment) have been compiled and are provided herewith to facilitate your participation (these documents are also available at www.acer africa.co.za under the "Current Projects" link – Coffee Bay and Hole in the Wall.

Please note that the closing date for initial comments¹ during project announcement is **26 April 2021**.

Please contact the Public Participation Office to obtain further information:

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Your participation is valued and will be appreciated.

Yours sincerely,



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¹ Please note that consistent with GNR 326, 42(a), 44 (1) and 19(1)(a) (7 April 2017), all comments received will be captured in a Comments and Responses Report which will be made available to the competent authority and which will be placed in the public domain as part of the public review process of the Basic Assessment Report.