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Our Reference:

2910 Mooiplaats West

Department Reference: 17/2/3/GS - 35

17 August 2011

The Chief Executive Officer
South African Heritage Resources Agency
P O Box 4637
Cape Town
8000

Email: dsibayi@sahra.org.za

**By Registered Post** 

Dear Sir.



FINAL BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORT FOR AN APPLICATION IN TERMS OF THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT ACT 1998 ("NEMA") AS AMENDED TO THE COMPETENT AUTHORITY FOR LISTED ACTIVITY 3 IN REGULATION 546: ESTABLISHMENT OF A CELL C (PTY) LTD TELECOMMUNICATION MAST ON PORTION 9 (REMAINING EXTENT) OF THE FARM MOOIPLAATS 290 IT.

Kindly receive the final Basic Assessment Report for the above mentioned application.

We request you to evaluate the attached report on the proposed project and provide the Mpumalanga Department of Economic Development, Environment and Tourism (MDEDET) with your written comments and/or inputs, if any, by faxing or e-mailing such to the department directly (contact below).

The final Basic Assessment Report was submitted to the MDEDET on 18 August 2011.

Should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact us.

Kind Regards,

Monica Niehof
For: Vukani IPS inc.

MDEDET - Gert Sibande District

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Basic assessment report in terms of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2010, promulgated in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998(Act No. 107 of 1998), as amended.

File Reference Number:	(For applicant / EAP to complete)
Project Title:	The establishment of a telecommunication mast – 2910 Mooiplaats West
Name of Responsible Official:	Bheki Mndawe
	(For official use only)
NEAS Reference Number: Date Received:	

#### Kindly note that:

- 1. Required information 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. Tables can be extended as each space is filled with typing.
- 2. Where applicable black out the boxes that are not applicable in the form.
- 3. An incomplete report may be returned to the applicant for revision.
- 4. 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.
- All reports (draft and final) must be submitted to the Department at the address of the relevant DISTRICT OFFICE given below or by delivery thereof to the relevant DISTRICT OFFICE. Should the reports not be submitted at the relevant district office, they will not be considered.
- 6. No faxed or e-mailed reports will be accepted.
- 7. One copy of the draft version of this report must be submitted to the relevant district office. The case officer may request more than one copy in certain circumstances.
- 8. Copies of the draft report must be submitted to the relevant State Departments / Organs of State for comment. In order to give effect to Regulation 56(7), proof of submission/delivery of the draft documents to the State Departments / Organs of State must be attached to the draft version of this report.
- 9. 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.
- 10. All specialist reports must be appended to this document, and all specialists must complete a declaration of independence, which is obtainable from the Department.



#### SECTION A: BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Project applicant:	Cell C (Pty) Ltd					
Trading name (if any):	Cell C (Pty) Ltd					
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Qualifications:	9 Years Environmental II	npact As	ssessment evaluations		
Professional affiliations (if any):	9				

# SECTION B: DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSED ACTIVITY

Describe the activity, which is being applied for, in detail. The description must include the size of the proposed activity (or in the case of linear activities, the length) and the size of the area that will be transformed by the activity.

Regulation 546 Activity 3: Construction of a 45m high unpainted (galvanised) lattice mast with antennae and a 144m² Cell C (Pty) Ltd telecommunication base station with equipment containers enclosed by a 2,4 m high steel palisade fence on Portion 9 (Remaining Extent) of the farm Mooiplaats 290 IT.

# **SECTION C: PROPERTY/SITE DESCRIPTION**

Provide a full description of the preferred site alternative (farm name and number, portion number, registration division, erf number etc.):

Portion 9 (Remaining Extent) of the farm Mooiplaats 290 IT

Indicate the position of the activity using the latitude and longitude of the centre point of the preferred site alternative. 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. The position of alternative sites must be indicated in Section B of this document.

Latitude	(S):	Longitud	e (E):
26°	39.242'	30°	05.947'

#### In the case of linear activities:

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

Latitude	(S):	Longitud	e (E):
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#### SITE OR ROUTE PLAN

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

The site or route plans must be at least A3 and must include the following:

- 6.1 a reference no / layout plan no., date, and a legend / land use table
- 6.2 the scale of the plan which must be at least a scale of 1:2000;
- 6.3 the current land use as well as the land use zoning of each of the properties adjoining the site or sites;
- 6.4 the exact position of each element of the application as well as any other structures on the site;
- 6.5 the position of services, including electricity supply cables (indicate above or underground), water supply pipelines, boreholes, street lights, sewage pipelines, storm water infrastructure and telecommunication infrastructure;
- 6.6 all indigenous trees taller than 1.8 metres and all vegetation of conservation concern (protected, endemic and/or red data species);
- 6.8 servitudes indicating the purpose of the servitude;
- 6.9 sensitive environmental elements within 100 metres of the site or sites including (but not limited thereto):
  - watercourses and wetlands;
  - the 1:100 year flood line;
  - ridges;
  - cultural and historical features:
- 6.9 10 metre contour intervals

#### 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 as an appendix to this form.

#### **FACILITY ILLUSTRATION**

A detailed illustration of the activity must be provided at a scale of 1:200 as an appendix 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.

# SECTION D: BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORT

Prepare a basic assessment report that complies with Regulation 22 of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2010. The basic assessment report must be attached to this form and must contain all the information that is necessary for the competent authority to consider the application and to reach a decision contemplated in Regulation 25, and must include:

(Checklist for official use only)

		use only)					
1.	A description of the environment that may be affected by the						
	proposed activity and the manner in which the geographical,						
	physical, biological, social, economic and cultural aspects of the						
	environment may be affected by the proposed activity.						
2.	An identification of all legislation and guidelines that have been						
	considered in the preparation of the basic assessment report.						
3.	Details of the public participation process conducted in terms of						
	Regulation 21(2)(a) in connection with the application, including –						
	(i) the steps that were taken to notify potentially interested and						
	affected parties of the proposed application;						
	(ii) proof that notice boards, advertisements and notices						
	notifying potentially interested and affected parties of the						
	proposed application have been displayed, placed or given;						
	(iii) a list of all persons, organisations and organs of state that						
	were registered in terms of regulation 55 as interested and						
	affected parties in relation to the application; and						
	(iv) a summary of the issues raised by interested and affected						
	parties, the date of receipt of and the response of the EAP to						
	those issues;						
4.	A description of the need and desirability of the proposed activity;	erandricer in analysis and particular straight high a shift or the graph direction (as a shift of the graph of					
5.	A description of any identified alternatives to the proposed activity						
Ο.	that are feasible and reasonable, including the advantages and						
	disadvantages that the proposed activity or alternatives will have						
	on the environment and on the community that may be affected by						
	the activity;						
6.	A description and assessment of the significance of any						
J.	environmental impacts, including—						
	(i) cumulative impacts, that may occur as a result of the						
	undertaking of the activity or identified alternatives or as a						
	result of any construction, erection or decommissioning						
	associated with the undertaking of the activity;						
	(ii) the nature of the impact;						
	(iii) the extent and duration of the impact;						
	(iv) the probability of the impact occurring;						
	(v) the degree to which the impact can be reversed;						
	(vi) the degree to which the impact may cause irreplaceable loss	-					
	of resources; and						
	(vii) the degree to which the impact can be mitigated;						
7.	Any environmental management and mitigation measures	***************************************					
١.	proposed by the EAP;						
	proposed by the total						
8.	Any inputs and recommendations made by specialists to the extent						
Ο.	that may be necessary;						
	that may be necessary,						
9.	A draft environmental management programme containing the						
Э.	aspects contemplated in regulation 33;						
10	A description of any assumptions, uncertainties and gaps in	and the state of t					
IV.	A description of any assumptions, uncertainties and gaps in						

	knowledge;	
	A reasoned opinion as to whether the activity should or should not be authorised, and if the opinion is that it should be authorised, any conditions that should be made in respect of that authorisation	
	Any representations, and comments received in connection with the application or the basic assessment report;	
13.	The minutes of any meetings held by the EAP with interested and affected parties and other role players which record the views of the participants;	
14.	Any responses by the EAP to those representations, comments and views;	
15.	Any specific information required by the competent authority; and	
16.	Any other matters required in terms of sections 24(4)(a) and (b) of the Act.	

# The basic assessment report must take into account -

- (a) any relevant guidelines; and
- (b) any departmental policies, environmental management instruments and other decision making instruments that have been developed or adopted by the competent authority in respect of the kind of activity which is the subject of the application.
- \* In terms of Regulation 22(4), the EAP managing the application must provide the competent authority with detailed, written proof of an investigation as required by section 24(4)(b)(i) of the Act and motivation if no reasonable or feasible alternatives, as contemplated in subregulation 22(2)(h), exist.

Have reasonable and feasible alternatives been identified, described and assessed?	YES	NO
If NO, the motivation and investigation required in terms of Regulation attached as an Appendix to this document	ion 22(4)	must be



#### 1. A DESCRIPTION OF THE ENVIRONMENT

This section describes the environment that may be affected by the proposed activity and the manner in which the geographical, physical, biological, social, economic and cultural aspects of the environment may be affected by the proposed activity in terms of Regulation 22 sub-regulation 2 (d) of the EIA Regulations, 2010.

#### PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT

#### Gradient of the Site

Indicate the general gradient of the site.

#### Alternative \$1:

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#### Location in landscape

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

- 2.1 Ridgeline
- 2.2 Plateau
- 2.3 Side slope of hill/mountain
- 2.4 Closed valley
- 2.5 Open valley
- 2.6 Plain
- 2.7 Undulating plain / low hills
- 2.8 Dune

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2.9 Seafront

# Groundwater, Soil and Geological stability of the site

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

	Alterna	ative	Alterna	ative S2	Alternative S3		
	S1:		(if any)	) <u>.</u>	(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%)
Any other unstable soil or geological feature
An area sensitive to erosion

YES	NO
YES	NO
YES	NO

YES	NO
YES	NO
YES	NO

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).

#### **BIOLOGICAL ENVIRONMENT**

#### 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).

Alt 1, 2 & 3

Natural veld good condition <sup>E</sup>	Natural vold with scattered aliens <sup>E</sup>	Natural veld with heavy alien infestation <sup>E</sup>	Veld dominated by alien species <sup>E</sup>	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.

#### SOCIAL AND ECONOMICAL ENVIRONMENT

Land use character of surrounding area - Alt 1, 2 & 3

Indicate land uses and/or prominent features that does 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:

- 5.1 Natural area
- 5.2 Low density residential
- 5.3 Medium density residential
- 5.4 High density residential
- 5.5 Informal residential<sup>A</sup>
- 5.6 Retail commercial & warehousing
- 5.7 Light industrial
- 5.8 Modium industrial AN
- 5.9 Heavy industrial AN
- 5.10 Power station



5.11 Office/consulting room

5.12 Military or police base/station/compound

5.13 Spoil heap or slimes dam<sup>A</sup>

5.14 Quarry, sand or borrow pit

5.15 Dam or reservoir

5.16 Hospital/medical centre

5.17 School

5.18 Tertiary education facility

5.19 Church

5.20 Old age home

5.21 Sewage treatment plant<sup>A</sup>

5.22 Train station or shunting yard N

5.23 Railway line<sup>-N</sup>

5.24 Major road (4 lanes or more)<sup>N</sup>

5.25 Airport<sup>N</sup>

5.26 Harbour

5.27 Sport facilities

5.28 Golf course

5.29 Polo fields

5.30 Filling station H

5.31 Landfill or waste treatment site

5.32 Plantation

5.33 Agriculture

5.34 River, stream or wetland

5.35 Nature conservation area

5.36 Mountain, koppie or ridge

5.37 Museum

5.38 Historical building

5.39 Protected Area

5.40 Graveyard

5.41 Archaeological site

5.42 Other land uses (describe) - Farmland, Colliery

If any of the boxes marked with an "N" "are ticked, how will this impact / be impacted upon by the proposed activity? No

If any of the boxes marked with an "An" are ticked, how will this impact / be impacted upon by the proposed activity? No If YES, specify and explain: If YES, specify:

If any of the boxes marked with an "H" are ticked, how will this impact / be impacted upon by the proposed activity. No If YES, specify and explain: If YES, specify:



(a) Solid wa	aste management				
		ruction wast	e during the	YES	NO
construction/in				2m <sup>3</sup> (6	
If yes, what est	timated quantity will be prod	aucea per mo	nin?	weeks	
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				period	
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	ered landfill site.	,	,		
	construction solid waste be	disposed of	(describe)?		
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Will the activity	produce solid waste during	g its operation	nal phase?	YES	NO
If yes, what est	timated quantity will be pro-	duced per mo	nth?	m <sup>3</sup>	
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	that is being applied for	a solid was	te handling or	YES	NO
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whether it is ne	ecessary to change to an ap	oplication for	scoping and El/	<b>4</b> .	
(b) Liquid e	ffluant				
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Will the activity	produce effluent, other that	an normal sev	wage, that will b	e YES	NO
	a municipal sewage system				
If yes, what est	timated quantity will be pro-	duced per mo	onth?	m <sup>3</sup>	and the state of t
Will the activ	ity produce any effluent	that will be	treated and/	or Yes	NO
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Emissions into the atmosphere

Will the activity release emissions into the atmosphere?

YES NO YES NO If yes, is it controlled by any legislation of any sphere of government?

If yes, the applicant should consult with the competent authority to determine whether it is necessary to change to an application for scoping and EIA.

If no, describe the emissions in terms of type and concentration:

Non-ionised electromagnetic fields with power density < 10W/m<sup>2</sup> (Department of Health Guidelines based on International Commission on Non-Ionising Radiation Protection (ICNIRP) and World Health Organisation (WHO) guidelines.

#### (d) Generation of noise

Will the activity generate noise?

If yes, is it controlled by any legislation of any sphere of government?

If yes, the applicant should consult with the competent authority to determine whether it is necessary to change to an application for scoping and EIA.

If no, describe the noise in terms of type and level:

Minimum noise generation will emanate from the installed air conditioners at a <60dB noise level. The level of noise generation is well within the acceptable norm and will not cause a disturbance to the surrounding environment.

#### (e) Water Use

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

municipal	water	groundwater	river,	stream,	other	the activity	will not
·	board		dam or I	ake		use water	

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 permit from the Department of Water Affairs?

litres YES NO

YES

YES

NO

NO

If yes, please submit the necessary application to the Department of Water Affairs and attach proof thereof to this application if it has been submitted.

#### (f)**Energy Efficiency**

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

High technological mobile telecommunication operating systems are in principle designed for minimum, cost effective energy consumption in order to preserve resources and to optimise the financial yield generated by the base station.

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

Alternative energy sources have not been taken into account in the design of the activity.



# **CULTURAL ENVIRONMENT**

# Cultural/Historical Features - Alt 1, 2 & 3

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	YES	NO
Archaeological or palaeontological sites, on or close (within 20m)	Uncertai	n
to the site?		
If YES, -		
explain:		
If uncertain, conduct a specialist investigation by a recognised specialist		ne field to
establish whether there is such a feature(s) present on or close to t	ne site.	
Briefly -		
explain the		•
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specialist:		Y
Will any building or structure older than 60 years be affected in	YES	NO
any way?		
Is it necessary to apply for a permit in terms of the National	YES	NO
Heritage Resources Act, 1999 (Act 25 of 1999)?		
If yes, please submit or, make sure that the applicant or a spe-		
necessary application to SAHRA or the relevant provincial her		ency and
attach proof thereof to this application if such application has been	made.	

# 2. APPLICABLE LEGISLATION, POLICIES AND/OR GUIDELINES – IN TERMS OF Regulation 22 sub-regulation 2 (e) of the EIA Regulations, 2010

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:	Administering authority:	Date:
National Environmental Managment Act (NEMA) No. 107 of 1998 & related regulations & guidelines	Mpumalanga Province Department of Economic Development, Environment and Tourism	27/11/1998
Civil Aviation Act, 2009 (Act No. 13 of 2009)	South African Civil Aviation Authority	2009
Approval in terms of town planning schemes and/or National Buidling Regulations	Gert Sibande District Municipality (Msukaligwa Local Municipality	Unknown
Occupational Health and Safety Act (No. 85 of 1993)	Department of Labour	1993
National Veld and Forest Fire Act (No. 101 of 1998)	Department of Water and Environmental Affairs	1998
National Heritage Resources Act (No. 25 of 1999)	South African Heritage Resources Agency	1999



# 3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – IN TERMS OF Regulation 22 sub-regulation 2 (f) of the EIA Regulations, 2010

The person conducting a public participation process must take into account any guidelines applicable to public participation as contemplated in section 24J of the Act and must give notice to all potential interested and affected parties of the application which is subjected to public participation by—

- (a) fixing a notice board (of a size at least 60cm by 42cm; and must display the required information in lettering and in a format as may be determined by the competent authority) at a place conspicuous to the public at the boundary or on the fence of—
  - (i) the site where the activity to which the application relates is or is to be undertaken; and
  - (ii) any alternative site mentioned in the application;
- (b) giving written notice to
  - the owner or person in control of that land if the applicant is not the owner or person in control of the land;
  - (ii) the occupiers of the site where the activity is or is to be undertaken or to any alternative site where the activity is to be undertaken;
  - owners and occupiers of land adjacent to the site where the activity is or is to be undertaken or to any alternative site where the activity is to be undertaken:
  - (iv) the municipal councillor of the ward in which the site or alternative site is situated and any organisation of ratepayers that represent the community in the area;
  - (v) the municipality which has jurisdiction in the area;
  - (vi) any organ of state having jurisdiction in respect of any aspect of the activity; and
  - (vii) any other party as required by the competent authority;
- (c) placing an advertisement in-
  - (i) one local newspaper; or
  - (ii) any official Gazette that is published specifically for the purpose of providing public notice of applications or other submissions made in terms of these Regulations;
- (d) placing an advertisement in at least one provincial newspaper or national newspaper, if the activity has or may have an impact that extends beyond the boundaries of the metropolitan or local municipality in which it is or will be undertaken: Provided that this paragraph need not be complied with if an advertisement has been placed in an official *Gazette* referred to in subregulation 54(c)(ii); and
- (e) using reasonable alternative methods, as agreed to by the competent authority, in those instances where a person is desiring of but unable to participate in the process due to—
  - (i) illiteracy;
  - (ii) disability; or
  - (iii) any other disadvantage.

#### **Content of Advertisements and Notices**

A notice board, advertisement or notices must:



- (a) indicate the details of the application which is subjected to public participation; and
- (b) state-
  - (i) that the application has been submitted to the competent authority in terms of these Regulations, as the case may be;
  - (ii) whether basic assessment or scoping procedures are beingapplied to the application, in the case of an application for environmental authorisation;
  - (iii) the nature and location of the activity to which the application relates;
  - (iv) where further information on the application or activity can be obtained; and
  - (iv) the manner in which and the person to whom representations in respect of the application may be made.

#### **Placement of Advertisements and Notices**

Where the proposed activity may have impacts that extend beyond the municipal area where it is located, a notice must be placed in at least one provincial newspaper or national newspaper, indicating that an application will be submitted to the competent authority in terms of these regulations, the nature and location of the activity, where further information on the proposed activity can be obtained and the manner in which representations in respect of the application can be made, unless a notice has been placed in any *Gazette* that is published specifically for the purpose of providing notice to the public of applications made in terms of the EIA regulations.

Advertisements and notices must make provision for all alternatives.

# **Determination of Appropriate Measures**

The practitioner must ensure that the public participation is adequate and must determine whether a public meeting or any other additional measure is appropriate or not based on the particular nature of each case. Special attention should be given to the involvement of local community structures such as Ward Committees, ratepayers associations and traditional authorities where appropriate. Please note that public concerns that emerge at a later stage that should have been addressed may cause the competent authority to withdraw any authorisation it may have issued if it becomes apparent that the public participation process was inadequate.

#### Comments and response report

The practitioner must record all comments and respond to each comment of the public before the application 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 this application. The comments and response report must be attached under Appendix E.

# **Authority Participation**

Please note that a complete list of all organs of state and or any other applicable authority with their contact details must be appended to the basic assessment report or scoping report, whichever is applicable.

Authorities are key interested and affected parties in each application and no decision on any application will be made before the relevant local authority is provided with the opportunity to give input.



List of authorities informed:  Mpumalanga Tourism and Parks Board (MTPA)	
South African Heritage Resources Agency	
Eskom	
Msukaligwa Local Municipality	
Gert Sibande District Municipality	
NAME OF THE PROPERTY OF THE PR	
List of authorities from whom comments have been received:	

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#### Consultation with other Stakeholders

Note that, for linear activities, or where deviation from the public participation requirements may be appropriate, the person conducting the public participation process may deviate from the requirements of that subregulation 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.

Has any comment been received from stakeholders?

YES NO

If "YES", briefly describe the feedback below (also attach copies of any

correspondence to and from the stakeholders to this application):

Mpumalanga Tourism and Parks Agency – Commented that the proposed activity occurs in an area of high sensitivity in terms of biodiversity and requested that a biodiversity specialist study be conducted. The EAP answered that the footprint of the activity is very small and that the area is disturbed and surrounded by disturbed vegetation and therefore did not recommend the biodiversity specialist study.

The Agency did not answer this comment and it is assumed that they agree.

4. NEED AND DESIRABILITY—IN TERMS OF Regulation 22 sub-regulation 2 (g) of the EIA Regulations, 2010

# **ACTIVITY MOTIVATION**

Socio-economic value of the activity R 500 000 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 Unknown result of the activity? YES NO Will the activity contribute to service infrastructure? YES NO Is the activity a public amenity? How many new employment opportunities will be created in the 0 development phase of the activity? RO What is the expected value of the employment opportunities during the development phase? What percentage of this will accrue to previously disadvantaged 0% individuals? How many permanent new employment opportunities will be created 0 during the operational phase of the activity? RO What is the expected current value of the employment opportunities during the first 10 years? 0% What percentage of this will accrue to previously disadvantaged individuals?



# (b) Need and desirability of the activity

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

NE	ED:		~~~
1.	Was the relevant provincial planning department involved in the application?	YES	NO
2.	Does the proposed land use fall within the relevant provincial planning framework?	YES	NO
3.	If the answer to questions 1 and / or 2 was NO, please provide furthexplanation:  Cellular telecommunication technology is an integral part of mo		
	and licensed cellular telecommunication service operators have in terms of their license agreements, as stipulated by national g provide the services throughout South Africa within the allocate spectrum. The cellular telecommunication user base is still increased (quantitative growth) and users must be enabled to choose the rendered by any of the licensed operators anywhere in South Africa and availability). The expansion of service types and content (contect technology growth) furthermore requires continuous equipment fine-tuning, upgrades and expansion. The user base also expect quality service to be provided and therefore network capacity and are under constant review to maintain or improve quality coveragrowth).  Cell C (Pty) Ltd network and radio planners have identified an extending the proliferation in this area. Cell C (Pty) Ltd is committed the planned base station in this area. Cell C (Pty) Ltd is committed to the infrastructure by other telecommunication installations of the infrastructure by other telecommunication service provides wherever possible and existing structures will be utilized if such is suitable for the establishment of a required base station.	overnment bandveasing services frica (cheontent & and new las a consider of the service of the s	ent, to vidth oice twork tinuous oilities litative sharing

DESIR	RABILITY:		·•		
1.	Does the proposed land use / development fit the surrounding area?	YES	NO		
2.	Does the proposed land use / development conform to the relevant structure plans, SDF and planning visions for the area?	YES	NO		
3.	Will the benefits of the proposed land use / development outweigh the negative impacts of it?	YES	NO		
4.	If the answer to any of the questions 1-3 was NO, please provide furnitivation / explanation:	ırther			
5.	Will the proposed land use / development impact on the sense of place?	YES	NO		
6.	Will the proposed land use / development set a precedent?	YES	NO		
7.	Will any person's rights be affected by the proposed land use / development?	YES	NO		
8.	Will the proposed land use / development compromise the "urban edge"?	YES	NO		
9.	If the answer to any of the question 5-8 was YES, please provide further motivation / explanation.				
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5. ALTERNATIVES—IN TERMS OF Regulation 22 sub-regulation 2 (h) of the EIA Regulations, 2010

FEASIBLE AND REASONABLE ALTERNATIVES — The application was originally for a red and white mast as masts of 45 m or higher are usually required to be painted red and white by the CAA for aircraft safety. However in this instance the SACAA did not require a red and white mast due to local circumstances and a third alternative (unpainted (galvanised) mast was added which is now the proposal.

"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. Alternatives should include a consideration of all possible means by which the purpose and need of the proposed activity 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.

#### **ACTIVITY POSITION**

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.

List alternative sites, if applicable.

#### Alternative:

Alternative S1<sup>1</sup> (preferred or only site alternative)

Alternative S2 (if any)

Alternative S3 (if any)

In the case of linear activities:

Latitude (S): Longitude (E):

26°	39.242'	30°	05.947'
26°	39.242'	30°	05.947'
26°	39.242'	30°	05.947'

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> "Alternative S.." refer to site alternatives.



Alternative: Alternative S1 (preferred or only route	Latitude	· (S):	Longitu	de (E):
alternative) ■ Starting point of the activity	0	ſ	0	ſ
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	0	1	0	\$
<ul> <li>End point of the activity</li> <li>Alternative S2 (if any)</li> </ul>				
<ul> <li>Starting point of the activity</li> </ul>	0	ſ	0	ſ
<ul> <li>Middle/Additional point of the activity</li> </ul>	0	1	0	ť
	0	1	0	
<ul> <li>End point of the activity</li> <li>Alternative S3 (if any)</li> </ul>				
<ul> <li>Starting point of the activity</li> </ul>	0	1	0	1
<ul> <li>Middle/Additional point of the activity</li> </ul>	O	1	0	•
<ul> <li>End point of the activity</li> </ul>	0		0	
co-ordinates taken every 250 meters along  A. PHYSICAL SIZE OF THE ACTIVIT	Y			
Indicate the physical size of the preferred activities/technologies (footprints):  Alternative:  Alternative A1 <sup>2</sup> (preferred activity alternative)	i activity/t	ecnnology		ne activity:
Alternative A2 (if any)			144m <sup>2</sup>	
Alternative A3 (if any)			144m <sup>2</sup>	
or, for linear activities:			Length activity:	of the
Alternative: Alternative A1 (preferred activity alternative)			m	
Alternative A2 (if any)			m	
Alternative A3 (if any)			m	
Indicate the size of the alternative sites footprints will occur):	s or serv	itudes (wit		
A.I.			Size	of the
Alternative:			site/serv	3.3176 Ha
Alternative A1 (preferred activity alternative)			1.5 f.	3.3170 na
Alternative A2 (if any)			42	3.3176 Ha
Alternative A3 (if any)			42	3.3176 Ha
B. SITE ACCESS – ALT 1, 2 & 3				
Does ready access to the site exist? If NO, what is the distance over which a ne	w access	road will be	*****	YES NO
Describe the type of access road planned:				

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> "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.

#### C. SITE OR 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:

- 6.1 the scale of the plan which must be at least a scale of 1:500;
- 6.2 the property boundaries and numbers of all the properties within 50 metres of the site:
- 6.3 the current land use as well as the land use zoning of each of the properties adjoining the site or sites;
- 6.4 the exact position of each element of the application as well as any other structures on the site;
- 6.5 the position of services, including electricity supply cables (indicate above or underground), water supply pipelines, boreholes, street lights, sewage pipelines, storm water infrastructure and telecommunication infrastructure;
- 6.6 all trees and shrubs taller than 1.8 metres;
- 6.7 walls and fencing including details of the height and construction material;
- 6.8 servitudes indicating the purpose of the servitude;
- 6.9 sensitive environmental elements within 100 metres of the site or sites including (but not limited thereto):
  - rivers:
  - the 1:100 year flood line (where available or where it is required by DWA);
  - ridges;
  - cultural and historical features;
  - areas with indigenous vegetation (even if it is degraded or invested with alien species);
- 6.10 for gentle slopes the 1 metre contour intervals must be indicated on the plan and whenever the slope of the site exceeds 1:10, the 500mm contours must be indicated on the plan; and
- 6.11 the positions from where photographs of the site were taken.

#### D. 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 form. It must be supplemented with additional photographs of relevant features on the site, if applicable.

# E. FACILITY ILLUSTRATION

A detailed illustration of the activity must be provided at a scale of 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.

# F. ADVANTAGES AND DISADVANTAGES OF THE PROPOSAL AND ALTERNATIVES

ADVANTAGES:				
1.	Will the land use / development have any benefits for society in	YES	NO	
	general?			



2.	Explain:	land de little of de les comments de les les comments de les comments de les comments de les comments de les c	anned with the title proper discusses herei			
	The immediate benefits of the activity to society in general can be summarized as follows:					
	<ul> <li>Increased and improved national Cell C coverage footprint users to communicate on the Cell C network where ever the</li> </ul>					
	<ul> <li>Additional fulfillment of one of government's objectives to ensure the establishment of national communication network grids and services as part of a sustainable economic growth pattern.</li> </ul>					
3.	Will the land use / development have any benefits for the local communities where it will be located?	YES	NO			
4.	Explain:					
	The motivation and benefits to society in general above apply to the local community directly. It will furthermore ensure that the communication capability and capacity of the local community will keep pace with the ever growing and availability of communication facilities nationwide.					
DISAL	DVANTAGES:					
1.	Will the land use / development have any disadvantages for society in general?	YES	NO			
2.	Explain: The area has a very low population density and the prowill also be located on a road that is not used by many motorists, to possible negative impacts such health concerns and visual impact significance for society in general and in the EAP's opinion is not a to them.	heretore have no	the O			
3.	Will the land use / development have any disadvantages for the local communities where it will be located?	YES	NO			
4.	Explain: The area has a very low population density and the proposed activity will also be located on a road that is not used by many motorists, therefore the possible negative impacts such health concerns and visual impact have a very low significance for local communities and in the EAP's opinion is not a disadvantage to them.					
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# 8 7. IMPACT ASSESSMENT— IN TERMS OF Regulation 22 sub-regulation 2 (i) – (j) of the EIA Regulations, 2010

The assessment of impacts must adhere to the minimum requirements in the EIA Regulations, 2010, 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.

# ISSUES RAISED BY INTERESTED AND AFFECTED PARTIES

List the main issues raised by interested and affected parties.

Mpumalanga Tourism and Parks Agency commented that the area is situated in a highly significant biodiversity area. This specific area however is not sensitive and the activity will therefore not have a significant impact on the biodiversity.



Response from the practitioner to the issues raised by the interested and affected parties (A full response must be given in the Comments and Response Report that must be attached to this report as Annexure E):

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

List the potential direct, indirect and cumulative property/activity/design/technology/operational alternative related impacts (as appropriate) 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.

# IMPACTS THAT MAY RESULT FROM THE PLANNING AND DESIGN PHASE

List the potential site alternative related impacts (as appropriate) that are likely to occur as a result of the planning and design phase, including impacts relating to the choice of site alternatives.

#### **Alternative S1:**

# Direct impacts:

#### PHYSICAL:

- 1. Safety aspects: The following safety aspects were taken into consideration in planning the base station:
  - Position & height in terms of official airports, helipads and air traffic routes as determined by SACAA. Mitigated in terms of the SACAA prescribing day & night markings.
  - General installation safety for the general public, owners, technicians etc.: Engineering services incorporated in the design of the mast, foundations and other design and construction safety aspects of the base station;
  - Base station to be surrounded with a 2.4m high galvanised steel palisade fence to prevent unauthorised access to the base station area and mast.
- 2. Visual impact: Evaluation of structure type, height & position, taking into consideration the purpose and objective of the planned activity in terms of mobile telecommunication coverage area and quality of coverage. New base station with 45m lattice telecommunication mast painted red and white selected as appropriate based on:
  - Investigation of sharing existing infrastructure:

The specific site requirements needed by Cell C are:

- > Physical space for two sets of antennae, two microwave dishes and 14 feeder cables;
- > Wind load capacity for above mentioned equipment;
- > Minimum height of 45m; and
- > Space and load capacity for future upgrading or advances in technology.

No existing facility or infrastructure within range that can fulfil the required capacity in terms of the coverage objectives.

 45m height required to achieve maximum coverage objectives in the specific environment and therefore reducing the need for additional base stations to achieve/maintain the same coverage within the coverage target area;



- Facility sharing capacity incorporated in design to make provision for and promote the sharing of infrastructure in order to prevent the proliferation of masts;
- Lattice type structure most suitable to fulfil the coverage objectives of the base station due to the coverage range required and the high flexibility of utilising the mast height for varying antennae installation configurations due to the specific characteristics of the area;
- Lattice design mast painted red & white provides maximum mitigation with maximum visibility from the air to prevent aircraft accidents (day & night markings prescribed by the SACAA for masts above 45m height). Red & white lattice mast provides low mitigation of the visual impact on the short range viewpoints from the ground. Red & white lattice mast provides high mitigation of the medium to long range visual impact from the ground due to the blending capability of the more transparent type mast against the sky background.
- 2.4m high galvanised steel palisade fence to provide maximum mitigation of the short to long range visual impact of the telecommunication base station due to the blending capability with the surrounding environment and against the sky background.

#### **BIOLOGICAL:**

No expected or proven biological impacts will result from the proposed development. The base station is situated in an area that is already disturbed by human activity. No endangered plants or tall trees will need to be removed from the 144m<sup>2</sup> footprint site.

#### SOCIO-ECONOMIC:

Site position has been determined based on the requirement to deliver mobile telecommunication signal coverage and availability within the target area enabling the residents, business entities and the general public within the area to select and maintain quality telecommunication services and connectivity via the Cell C mobile telecommunication network. Cell C (Pty) Ltd is obliged to fulfil their licence terms and conditions, as determined by government, in providing mobile telephony and related services on a reliable national network grid.

#### Indirect impacts:

The property coverage and development potential has been taken into consideration in selecting the position of the activity. The exact position of the activity on the property was determined, in consultation with the property owner, to minimise the possible impact on existing operations and future development plans or phases. Therefore the commercial value of the property is maintained.

Electricity will be supplied from the existing electricity grid. Minimum usage due to economical and energy efficient design.

#### Cumulative impacts:

No cumulative impacts relating to the design and planning phases are applicable.

#### Alternative S2

#### Direct impacts:

#### PHYSICAL:

- 1. Safety aspects: The following safety aspects were taken into consideration in planning the base station:
  - Position & height in terms of official airports, helipads and air traffic



routes as determined by SACAA. Mitigated in terms of the SACAA prescribing day & night markings.

- General installation safety for the general public, owners, technicians etc.: Engineering services incorporated in the design of the mast, foundations and other design and construction safety aspects of the base station:
- Base station to be surrounded with a 2.4m high galvanised steel palisade fence to prevent unauthorised access to the base station area and mast.
- 2. Visual impact: Evaluation of structure type, height & position, taking into consideration the purpose and objective of the planned activity in terms of mobile telecommunication coverage area and quality of coverage. New base station with 45m monopole telecommunication mast painted red and white selected as appropriate based on:
  - Investigation of sharing existing infrastructure:

The specific site requirements needed by Cell C are:

- Physical space for two sets of antennae, two microwave dishes and 14 feeder cables;
- > Wind load capacity for above mentioned equipment;
- > Minimum height of 45m; and
- > Space and load capacity for future upgrading or advances in technology.

No existing facility or infrastructure within range that can fulfil the required capacity in terms of the coverage objectives.

- 45m height required to achieve maximum coverage objectives in the specific environment and therefore reducing the need for additional base stations to achieve/maintain the same coverage within the coverage target area;
- Facility sharing capacity incorporated in design to make provision for and promote the sharing of infrastructure in order to prevent the proliferation of masts:
- Monopole type structure suitable to fulfil the coverage objectives of the base station due to the coverage range required and the flexibility of utilising the mast height for varying antennae installation configurations due to the specific characteristics of the area;
- Monopole design mast painted red & white provides maximum mitigation with maximum visibility from the air to prevent aircraft accidents (day & night markings prescribed by the SACAA for masts above 45m height). Red & white monopole mast provides low mitigation of the visual impact on the short range viewpoints from the ground, due to the red and white colour and the solid type mast. Although it will be visible from a long distance, the red & white monopole mast provides medium mitigation of the medium to long range visual impact from the ground due to the less technical appearance of the mast.
- 2.4m high galvanised steel palisade fence to provide maximum mitigation of the short to long range visual impact of the telecommunication base station due to the blending capability with the surrounding environment and against the sky background.

#### **BIOLOGICAL:**

No expected or proven biological impacts will result from the proposed development. The base station is situated in an area that is already disturbed by human activity. No endangered plants or tall trees will need to be removed from the 144m<sup>2</sup> footprint site.

#### SOCIO-ECONOMIC:

Site position has been determined based on the requirement to deliver mobile telecommunication signal coverage and availability within the target area enabling the residents, business entities and the general public within the area to select and maintain quality telecommunication services and connectivity via the Cell C mobile telecommunication network. Cell C (Pty) Ltd is obliged to fulfil their licence terms and conditions, as determined by government, in providing mobile telephony and related services on a reliable national network grid.

#### Indirect impacts:

The property coverage and development potential has been taken into consideration in selecting the position of the activity. The exact position of the activity on the property was determined, in consultation with the property owner, to minimise the possible impact on existing operations and future development plans or phases. Therefore the commercial value of the property is maintained.

Electricity will be supplied from the existing electricity grid. Minimum usage due to economical and energy efficient design.

# Cumulative impacts:

No cumulative impacts relating to the design and planning phases are applicable.

#### **Alternative S3**

#### Direct impacts:

#### PHYSICAL:

- 1. Safety aspects: The following safety aspects were taken into consideration in planning the base station:
  - Position & height in terms of official airports, helipads and air traffic routes as determined by SACAA. Mitigated in terms of the SACAA prescribing night markings.
  - General installation safety for the general public, owners, technicians etc.: Engineering services incorporated in the design of the mast, foundations and other design and construction safety aspects of the base station:
  - Base station to be surrounded with a 2.4m high galvanised steel palisade fence to prevent unauthorised access to the base station area and mast.
- 2. Visual impact: Evaluation of structure type, height & position, taking into consideration the purpose and objective of the planned activity in terms of mobile telecommunication coverage area and quality of coverage. New base station with 45m unpainted (galvanised) lattice telecommunication mast selected as most appropriate based on:
  - Investigation of sharing existing infrastructure:

The specific site requirements needed by Cell C are:

- Physical space for two sets of antennae, two microwave dishes and 14 feeder cables;
- > Wind load capacity for above mentioned equipment;
- > Minimum height of 45m; and
- > Space and load capacity for future upgrading or advances in technology.

No existing facility or infrastructure within range that can fulfil the required capacity in terms of the coverage objectives.

- 45m height required to achieve maximum coverage objectives in the specific environment and therefore reducing the need for additional base stations to achieve/maintain the same coverage within the coverage target area;
- Facility sharing capacity incorporated in design to make provision for and promote the sharing of infrastructure in order to prevent the proliferation of masts;



- Lattice type structure most suitable to fulfil the coverage objectives of the base station due to the coverage range required and the high flexibility of utilising the mast height for varying antennae installation configurations due to the specific characteristics of the area;
- Unpainted (galvanised) lattice design mast provides maximum mitigation of the visual impact on the short range viewpoints due to being transparent and the unpainted colour blending with the surrounding vegetation. Unpainted (galvanised) lattice design mast provides maximum mitigation of the medium to long range visual impact due to the blending capability of the more transparent type mast and colour against the sky background.
- 2.4m high galvanised steel palisade fence to provide maximum mitigation of the short to long range visual impact of the telecommunication base station due to the blending capability with the surrounding environment and against the sky background.

#### BIOLOGICAL:

No expected or proven biological impacts will result from the proposed development. The base station is situated in an area that is already disturbed by human activity. No endangered plants or tall trees will need to be removed from the 144m<sup>2</sup> footprint site.

#### SOCIO-ECONOMIC:

Site position has been determined based on the requirement to deliver mobile telecommunication signal coverage and availability within the target area enabling the residents, business entities and the general public within the area to select and maintain quality telecommunication services and connectivity via the Cell C mobile telecommunication network. Cell C (Pty) Ltd is obliged to fulfil their licence terms and conditions, as determined by government, in providing mobile telephony and related services on a reliable national network grid.

#### Indirect impacts:

The property coverage and development potential has been taken into consideration in selecting the position of the activity. The exact position of the activity on the property was determined, in consultation with the property owner, to minimise the possible impact on existing operations and future development plans or phases. Therefore the commercial value of the property is maintained.

Electricity will be supplied from the existing electricity grid. Minimum usage due to economical and energy efficient design.

#### Cumulative impacts:

No cumulative impacts relating to the design and planning phases are applicable.

# No-go alternative (compulsory)

# Direct impacts:

- Status quo: Unacceptable mobile telecommunication coverage and quality standards on the Cell C (Pty) Ltd network within the target area;
- Status quo: Limitations in terms of mobile telecommunication network choice for residents, businesses and the general public;
- No visual impact on the base station, specifically the mast structure, on the short, medium and long distance visual impact.

#### Indirect impacts:

 Non performance in terms of the Cell C (Pty) Ltd license conditions as prescribed by government.



 Potential loss of income for businesses and individuals in the area currently contracted on the Cell C (Pty) Ltd network as well as potential losses on commercial opportunities, clients etc. for the network operator.

#### Cumulative impacts:

- Potential negative economical impact on the mobile telecommunication coverage target area.
- Cell C (Pty) Ltd not fulfilling the applicable required license conditions.
- Incomplete Cell C (Pty) Ltd mobile telecommunication network.

Indicate mitigation measures that may eliminate or reduce the potential impacts listed above:

Alternative S1		Iternative S2	 Iternative S3
1. Prescribed	<i>y</i> 1		Prescribed SACAA
& night ma	rkings.	day & night markings.	night markings.
2. Transparer	t lattice 2.	Monopole type mast	Transparent unpainted
type mast pand white.	painted red	less technical look painted red and white.	(galvanised) lattice mast.
3. Galvanised palisade fe		Galvanised steel palisade fence	Galvanised steel palisade fence
enclosure.		enclosure.	enclosure.
4. Provision f	or 4.	Provision for	Provision for
infrastructu	ire sharing.	infrastructure sharing.	infrastructure sharing.

List the potential activity/technology alternative related impacts (as appropriate) that are likely to occur as a result of the planning and design phase:

#### Alternative A1

#### Direct impacts:

There are no activity or technology alternatives for the establishment of mobile telecommunication base stations.

Indirect impacts:

Cumulative impacts:

# Alternative A2

#### Direct impacts:

There are no activity or technology alternatives for the establishment of mobile telecommunication base stations.

Indirect impacts:

Cumulative impacts:

#### Alternative A3

#### Direct impacts:

There are no activity or technology alternatives for the establishment of mobile telecommunication base stations.

Indirect impacts:

Cumulative impacts:

No-go alternative (compulsory)

Direct impacts:

Status quo

Indirect impacts:

Status quo



# Cumulative impacts: Status quo Indicate mitigation measures that may eliminate or reduce the potential impacts listed

Indicate mitigation measures that may eliminate or reduce the potential impacts listed above:

Alternative A1:	Alternative A2:	Alternative A3:
There are no activity or	There are no activity or	There are no activity or
technology alternatives	technology alternatives	technology alternatives
for the establishment of	for the establishment of	for the establishment of
mobile	mobile	mobile
telecommunication base	telecommunication base	telecommunication base
stations.	stations.	stations.

# IMPACTS THAT MAY RESULT FROM THE CONSTRUCTION PHASE

List the potential site alternative related impacts (as appropriate) that are likely to occur as a result of the construction phase:

#### Alternative S1

#### Direct impacts:

Construction of the telecommunication base station will extend over a period of approximately 6 weeks only;

- 1. Increased activity and traffic at the property including material delivery and work team movements.
- 2. Minimum disruption of operations within the vicinity as the base station is located in an area with low activity.
- 3. Increased workplace accident risk due to the mere occurrence of the activity.
- 4. Creation of dust and disturbance of specific soil layers due to earthwork activities.
- 5. Erosion and contamination of topsoil.
- 6. Generation of standard building rubble & the transportation thereof to the appropriate licensed landfill site.
- 7. Generation of construction noise created by earthwork machinery and other applicable tooling used for the establishment of the base station.

#### Indirect impacts:

Additional waste at appropriately certified dumping site.

#### Cumulative impacts:

Construction activity.

#### **Alternative S2**

#### Direct impacts:

Construction of the telecommunication base station will extend over a period of approximately 6 weeks only;

Increased activity and traffic at the property including material delivery and work team movements.

- 1. Minimum disruption of operations within the vicinity as the base station is located in an area with low activity.
- 2. Increased workplace accident risk due to the mere occurrence of the activity.
- 3. Creation of dust and disturbance of specific soil layers due to earthwork activities.
- 4. Erosion and contamination of topsoil.
- 5. Generation of standard building rubble & the transportation thereof to the appropriate licensed landfill site.
- 6. Generation of construction noise created by earthwork machinery and other applicable tooling used for the establishment of the base station.



Indirect impacts:

Additional waste at appropriately certified dumping site.

Cumulative impacts:

Construction activity.

#### Alternative S3

#### Direct impacts:

Construction of the telecommunication base station will extend over a period of approximately 6 weeks only;

Increased activity and traffic at the property including material delivery and work team movements.

- 1. Minimum disruption of operations within the vicinity as the base station is located in an area with low activity.
- 2. Increased workplace accident risk due to the mere occurrence of the activity.
- 3. Creation of dust and disturbance of specific soil layers due to earthwork activities.
- 4. Erosion and contamination of topsoil.
- 5. Generation of standard building rubble & the transportation thereof to the appropriate licensed landfill site.
- 6. Generation of construction noise created by earthwork machinery and other applicable tooling used for the establishment of the base station.

Indirect impacts:

Additional waste at appropriately certified dumping site.

Cumulative impacts:

Construction activity.

# No-go alternative (compulsory)

Direct impacts:

Status quo

Indirect impacts:

Status quo

Cumulative impacts:

Status quo

Indicate mitigation measures that may eliminate or reduce the potential impacts listed above:

#### Alternative S1

# 1. &2. Specific arrangements with property owner to minimise disruption of normal activities.

- 3. Implement & maintain specific construction site safety measures in accordance with the applicable clauses of the OHS Act.
- 4. Implement specific construction measures to prevent dust e.g. regular sprinkling bare areas with water as needed.

#### **Alternative S2**

- 1. &2. Specific arrangements with property owner to minimise disruption of normal activities.
- 3. Implement & maintain specific construction site safety measures in accordance with the applicable clauses of the OHS Act.
- 4. Implement specific construction measures to prevent dust e.g. regular sprinkling bare areas with water as needed.

# Alternative S3

- 1. &2. Specific arrangements with property owner to minimise disruption of normal activities.
- 3. Implement & maintain specific construction site safety measures in accordance with the applicable clauses of the OHS Act.
- 4. Implement specific construction measures to prevent dust e.g. regular sprinkling bare areas with water as needed.



- Prevent and minimise construction waste generation. Transport construction waste on a regular basis to the appropriate landfill site.
- 6. Store topsoil separately for appropriate landscaping distribution on completion of construction. Prevent pollution and contamination and erosion of topsoil by covering it with water proof covering when experiencing rainy or windy conditions. Service construction vehicles and machinery before construction to ensure that no oil or fuel will leak onto soil.
- 7. Minimise noise generation to absolute minimum. Service vehicles and machinery before start of construction to ensure proper working condition.
  Construction activities should not be allowed outside normal working hours or on Sundays and Public Holidays.

- 5. Prevent and minimise construction waste generation. Transport construction waste on a regular basis to the appropriate landfill site.
- 6. Store topsoil separately for appropriate landscaping distribution on completion of construction. Prevent pollution and contamination and erosion of topsoil by covering it with water proof covering when experiencing rainy or windy conditions. Service construction vehicles and machinery before construction to ensure that no oil or fuel will leak onto soil.
- 7. Minimise noise generation to absolute minimum. Service vehicles and machinery before start of construction to ensure proper working condition. Construction activities should not be allowed outside normal working hours or on Sundays and Public Holidays.

- 5. Prevent and minimise construction waste generation. Transport construction waste on a regular basis to the appropriate landfill site.
- 6. Store topsoil separately for appropriate landscaping distribution on completion of construction. Prevent pollution and contamination and erosion of topsoil by covering it with water proof covering when experiencing rainy or windy conditions. Service construction vehicles and machinery before construction to ensure that no oil or fuel will leak onto soil.
- 7. Minimise noise generation to absolute minimum. Service vehicles and machinery before start of construction to ensure proper working condition. Construction activities should not be allowed outside normal working hours or on Sundays and Public Holidays.

List the potential activity/technology alternative related impacts (as appropriate) that are likely to occur as a result of the construction phase:

#### Alternative A1

## Direct impacts:

There are no activity or technology alternatives for the establishment of mobile telecommunication base stations.

Indirect impacts:

Cumulative impacts:

#### Alternative A2

#### Direct impacts:

There are no activity or technology alternatives for the establishment of mobile telecommunication base stations.

Indirect impacts:	
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Cumulative impacts:	
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#### **Alternative A3**

#### Direct impacts:

There are no activity or technology alternatives for the establishment of mobile telecommunication base stations.

Indirect impacts:

Cumulative impacts:

No-go alternative (compulsory)

Direct impacts:

Status quo.

Indirect impacts:

Status quo.

Cumulative impacts:

Status quo.

Indicate mitigation measures that may eliminate or reduce the potential impacts listed above:

Alternative A1:	Alternative A2:	Alternative A3:
There are no activity or technology alternatives for the establishment of mobile	There are no activity or technology alternatives for the establishment of mobile	There are no activity or technology alternatives for the establishment of mobile
telecommunication base	telecommunication base stations.	telecommunication base stations.

# IMPACTS THAT MAY RESULT FROM THE OPERATIONAL PHASE

List the potential site alternative related impacts (as appropriate) that are likely to occur as a result of the operational phase:

# **Alternative S1**

# Direct impacts:

- 1. Increased electricity consumption on the existing supply grid.
- 2. Noise generation by air conditioning units and by backup generator if electricity supply fails.
- 3. Non-ionised electromagnetic fields emissions on allocated frequency.
- 4. Increase in potential air traffic obstacles.
- 5. Visual impact of the 45m lattice mast painted red and white on short, medium and long distance observation.
- 6. Increased mobile telecommunication network capacity.

# Indirect impacts:

- 1. Minute increase in electricity generation base material usage.
- 2. Increased use of quality telecommunication services with the appropriate revenue increase and potential increased economic activity and financial returns.

#### Cumulative impacts:

1. Increased telecommunication infrastructure availability and quality.



# Alternative S2

#### Direct impacts:

- 1. Increased electricity consumption on the existing supply grid.
- 2. Noise generation by air conditioning units and by backup generator if electricity supply fails.
- 3. Non-ionised electromagnetic fields emissions on allocated frequency.
- 4. Increase in potential air traffic obstacles.
- 5. Visual impact of the 45m monopole mast painted red and white on short, medium and long distance observation.
- 6. Increased mobile telecommunication network capacity.

#### Indirect impacts:

- 1. Minute increase in electricity generation base material usage.
- 2. Increased use of quality telecommunication services with the appropriate revenue increase and potential increased economic activity and financial returns.

#### Cumulative impacts:

1. Increased telecommunication infrastructure availability and quality.

#### Alternative S3

# Direct impacts:

- 1. Increased electricity consumption on the existing supply grid.
- 2. Noise generation by air conditioning units and by backup generator if electricity supply fails.
- 3. Non-ionised electromagnetic fields emissions on allocated frequency.
- 4. Increase in potential air traffic obstacles.
- 5. Visual impact of the 45m lattice unpainted (galvanised) mast on short, medium and long distance observation.
- 6. Increased mobile telecommunication network capacity.

#### Indirect impacts:

- 1. Minute increase in electricity generation base material usage.
- 2. Increased use of quality telecommunication services with the appropriate revenue increase and potential increased economic activity and financial returns.

#### Cumulative impacts:

1. Increased telecommunication infrastructure availability and quality.

No-go alternative (compulsory)

Direct impacts:

Status quo.

Indirect impacts:

Status quo.

Cumulative impacts:

Status quo.

Indicate mitigation measures that may eliminate or reduce the potential impacts listed above:

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- electromagnetic field emissions within International Commission on Non-Ionising Radiation Protection (ICNIRP) & World Health Organisation (WHO) guidelines.
- 4. Installation/application and maintenance of day & night markings as prescribed by SACAA to reduce potential air traffic safety impact. Civil Aviation Association approval obtained (Refer to Appendix G3).
- 5. Lattice design mast painted red & white provides maximum mitigation with maximum visibility from the air to prevent aircraft accidents (day & night markings prescribed by the **SACAA** for masts above 45m height). Red & white lattice mast provides low mitigation of the visual impact on the short range viewpoints from the ground. Red & white lattice mast provides high mitigation of the medium to long range visual impact from the around due to the blending capability of the more transparent type mast against the sky background.
- 6. 2.4m high galvanised steel palisade fence to provide maximum mitigation of the short to long range visual impact of the telecommunication base station due to the blending capability with the surrounding environment and

- electromagnetic field emissions within International Commission on Non-Ionising Radiation Protection (ICNIRP) & World Health Organisation (WHO) guidelines.
- 4. Installation/application and maintenance of day & night markings as prescribed by SACAA to reduce potential air traffic safety impact. Civil Aviation Association approval obtained (Refer to Appendix G3).
- 5. Monopole design mast painted red & white provides maximum mitigation with maximum visibility from the air to prevent aircraft accidents (day & night markings prescribed by the **SACAA** for masts above 45m height). Red & white monopole mast provides low mitigation of the visual impact on the short range viewpoints from the ground. Red & white monopole mast provides medium mitigation of the medium to long range visual impact from the ground due to the less technical appearance of a monopole mast. 6. 2.4m high galvanised
- 6. 2.4m high galvanised steel palisade fence to provide maximum mitigation of the short to long range visual impact of the telecommunication base station due to the blending capability with the surrounding environment and against the sky background.

- electromagnetic field emissions within International Commission on Non-Ionising Radiation Protection (ICNIRP) & World Health Organisation (WHO) guidelines.
- Unpainted (galvanised) lattice design mast provides maximum mitigation of the visual impact on the short range viewpoints due to being transparent and the unpainted colour blending with the surrounding vegetation. Unpainted (galvanised) lattice design mast provides maximum mitigation of the medium to long range visual impact due to the blending capability of the more transparent type mast and colour against the sky background.
- 5. 2.4m high galvanised steel palisade fence to provide maximum mitigation of the short to long range visual impact of the telecommunication base station due to the blending capability with the surrounding environment and against the sky background.



against the sky background.

List the potential activity/technology alternative related impacts (as appropriate) that are likely to occur as a result of the operational phase:

#### Alternative A1

#### Direct impacts:

There are no activity or technology alternatives for the establishment of mobile telecommunication base stations.

Indirect impacts:

Cumulative impacts:

Cumulative impacts

#### Alternative A2

#### Direct impacts:

There are no activity or technology alternatives for the establishment of mobile telecommunication base stations.

Indirect impacts:

Cumulative impacts:

#### Alternative A3

#### Direct impacts:

There are no activity or technology alternatives for the establishment of mobile telecommunication base stations.

Indirect impacts:

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Cumulative impacts:

No-go alternative (compulsory)

Direct impacts:

Status quo.

Indirect impacts:

Status quo.

Cumulative impacts:

Status quo.

Indicate mitigation measures that may eliminate or reduce the potential impacts listed above:

Alternative A1	Alternative A2	Alternative A3
There are no activity or	There are no activity or	There are no activity or
technology alternatives	technology alternatives	technology alternatives
for the establishment of	for the establishment of	for the establishment of
mobile	mobile	mobile
telecommunication base	telecommunication base	telecommunication base
stations.	stations.	stations.

# IMPACTS THAT MAY RESULT FROM THE DECOMMISSIONING AND CLOSURE PHASE

List the potential site alternative related impacts (as appropriate) that are likely to occur as a result of the decommissioning or closure phase:

#### **Alternative S1**

# Direct impacts:

1. Establishment of new mobile telecommunication infrastructure elsewhere



to fill the network coverage gap caused by decommissioning.

- 2. Creation of waste due to decommissioning.
- 3. Disturbed area.

Indirect impacts:

Potential waste of resources.

Cumulative impacts:

None

#### Alternative S2

#### Direct impacts:

- 1. Establishment of new mobile telecommunication infrastructure elsewhere to fill the network coverage gap caused by decommissioning.
- 2. Creation of waste due to decommissioning.
- 3. Disturbed area.

#### Indirect impacts:

Potential waste of resources.

Cumulative impacts:

None

#### Alternative S3

#### Direct impacts:

- 1. Establishment of new mobile telecommunication infrastructure elsewhere to fill the network coverage gap caused by decommissioning.
- 2. Creation of waste due to decommissioning.
- 3. Disturbed area.

#### Indirect impacts:

Potential waste of resources.

Cumulative impacts:

None

No-go alternative (compulsory)

Direct impacts:

Status quo.

Indirect impacts:

Status quo.

Cumulative impacts:

Status quo.

Indicate mitigation measures that may eliminate or reduce the potential impacts listed above:

#### Alternative S1

#### Alternative S2

#### **Alternative S3**

1. Ensure planned base 1. Ensure planned base station fulfils planned and required network parameters i.e. prevent decommissioning. 2. If decommissioning is |2|. If decommissioning is |2|. If decommissioning is required the site area must be rehabilitated

to its original state.

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- 1. Ensure planned base station fulfils planned and required network parameters i.e. prevent decommissioning.
- required the site area must be rehabilitated to its original state.

List the potential activity/technology alternative related impacts (as appropriate) that are likely to occur as a result of the decommissioning and closure phase:

to its original state.

#### **Alternative A1**

There are no activity or technology alternatives for the establishment of mobile telecommunication base stations.



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	Cumulative impacts:
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#### Alternative A2

There are no activity or technology alternatives for the establishment of mobile telecommunication base stations.

Direct impacts:

Indirect impacts:

Cumulative impacts:

#### Alternative A3

There are no activity or technology alternatives for the establishment of mobile telecommunication base stations.

Direct impacts:

Indirect impacts:

Cumulative impacts:

No-go alternative (compulsory)

Direct impacts:

Status quo.

Indirect impacts:

Status quo.

Cumulative impacts:

Status quo.

Indicate mitigation measures that may eliminate or reduce the potential impacts listed above:

Alternative A1

Alternative A3

Alternative A1	Alternative AZ	Alternative A3
There are no activity or	There are no activity or	There are no activity or
technology alternatives	technology alternatives	technology alternatives
for the establishment of	for the establishment of	for the establishment of
mobile	mobile	mobile
telecommunication base	telecommunication base	telecommunication base
stations.	stations.	stations.

#### **FNVIRONMENTAL 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 after 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 1 (Not preferred)

The positive impact of the proposed activity will, taking into consideration the implementation of mitigating measures to minimise the negative impacts on the environment, have a positive overall impact.

Physical impacts:

1. The negative impacts during the construction phase, as indicated earlier in



the assessment report, are temporary and will not have a long term effect on the proposed development or immediate area. These impacts will last for a maximum of approximately 6 weeks only.

2. The planning & design of the telecommunication base station is considerate of operational and public demand needs and is done on the principle of

minimising any negative impacts on the receiving environment.

3. The permanent visual impact of the lattice mast painted red and white is the highest contributing negative impact of the proposed activity on the receiving environment. Lattice design mast painted red & white provides maximum mitigation with maximum visibility from the air to prevent aircraft accidents (day & night markings prescribed by the SACAA for masts above 45m height). Red & white lattice mast provides low mitigation of the visual impact on the short range viewpoints from the ground. Red & white lattice mast provides high mitigation of the medium to long range visual impact from the ground due to the blending capability of the more transparent type mast against the sky background.

4. 2.4m high galvanised steel palisade fence to provide maximum mitigation of the short to long range visual impact of the telecommunication base station due to the blending capability with the surrounding environment and against

the sky background.

5. The site is designed for use by additional telecommunication service providers. This mitigation measure will possibly prevent the establishment of additional base stations by other operators within the immediate area.

Biological impacts:

6. No expected or proven biological impacts will result from the proposed development. The base station is situated in an area that is already disturbed by human activity. No endangered plants or tall trees will need to be removed from the 144m<sup>2</sup> footprint site.

Socio-economic impacts:

The local electricity supply grid can accommodate the additional load required by the base station. The base station design requires a 3-phase electricity supply at a maximum demand of 80A.

Although the type of mast is preferred, the colour (red & white) is not preferred as the SACAA did not require a red and white mast for aircraft safety and the red and white colour has a high visual impact.

Alternative 2 (Not preferred)

The positive impact of the proposed activity will, taking into consideration the implementation of mitigating measures to minimise the negative impacts on the environment, have a positive overall impact.

Physical impacts:

1. The negative impacts during the construction phase, as indicated earlier in the assessment report, are temporary and will not have a long term effect on the proposed development or immediate area. These impacts will last for a maximum of approximately 6 weeks only.

2. The planning & design of the telecommunication base station is considerate of operational and public demand needs and is done on the principle of

minimising any negative impacts on the receiving environment.

3. The permanent visual impact of the monopole mast painted red and white is the highest contributing negative impact of the proposed activity on the receiving environment. Monopole design mast painted red & white provides maximum mitigation with maximum visibility from the air to prevent aircraft accidents (day & night markings prescribed by the SACAA for masts above



45m height). Red & white monopole mast provides low mitigation of the visual impact on the short range viewpoints from the ground. Red & white monopole mast provides medium mitigation of the medium to long range visual impact from the ground due to the less technical appearance of the mast design.

4. 2.4m high galvanised steel palisade fence to provide maximum mitigation of the short to long range visual impact of the telecommunication base station due to the blending capability with the surrounding environment and against

the sky background.

5. The site is designed for use by additional telecommunication service providers. This mitigation measure will possibly prevent the establishment of additional base stations by other operators within the immediate area.

Biological impacts:

6. No expected or proven biological impacts will result from the proposed development. The base station is situated in an area that is already disturbed by human activity. No endangered plants or tall trees will need to be removed from the 144m<sup>2</sup> footprint site.

### Socio-economic impacts:

7. The local electricity supply grid can accommodate the additional load required by the base station. The base station design requires a 3-phase electricity supply at a maximum demand of 80A.

The type of mast and the colour (red & white) is not preferred as the SACAA did not require a red and white mast for aircraft safety and the red and white colour and monopole type mast have a high visual impact.

Alternative 3 (preferred alternative)

The positive impact of the proposed activity will, taking into consideration the implementation of mitigating measures to minimise the negative impacts on the environment, have a positive overall impact.

Physical impacts:

1. The negative impacts during the construction phase, as indicated earlier in the assessment report, are temporary and will not have a long term effect on the proposed development or immediate area. These impacts will last for a maximum of approximately 6 weeks only.

2. The planning & design of the telecommunication base station is considerate of operational and public demand needs and is done on the principle of

minimising any negative impacts on the receiving environment.

3. The permanent visual impact of the unpainted (galvanised) lattice mast is the highest contributing negative impact of the proposed activity on the receiving environment. The unpainted (galvanised) lattice design mast provides maximum mitigation of the visual impact on the short to long range viewpoints due to the blending capability of the transparent type mast and unpainted colour with the surrounding vegetation and against the sky background.

4. 2.4m high galvanised steel palisade fence to provide maximum mitigation of the short to long range visual impact of the telecommunication base station due to the blending capability with the surrounding environment and against

the sky background.

5. The site is designed for use by additional telecommunication service providers. This mitigation measure will possibly prevent the establishment of additional base stations by other operators within the immediate area.



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Biological impacts:

6. No expected or proven biological impacts will result from the proposed development. The base station is situated in an area that is already disturbed by human activity. No endangered plants or tall trees will need to be removed from the 144m<sup>2</sup> footprint site.

Socio-economic impacts:

- 7. The local electricity supply grid can accommodate the additional load required by the base station. The base station design requires a 3-phase electricity supply at a maximum demand of 80A.
- 8. ANY INPUTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY SPECIALISTS TO THE EXTENT THAT MAY BE NECESSARY IN TERMS OF Regulation 22 sub-regulation 2 (k) of the EIA Regulations, 2010 Not in the scope of this application
- 9. THE EMPR IS ATTACHED AS APPENDIX F IN TERMS OF Regulation 22 sub-regulation 2 (I) of the EIA Regulations, 2010
- 10. ASSUMPTIONS, UNCERTAINTIES AND GAPS IN KNOWLEDGE IN TERMS OF Regulation 22 sub-regulation 2 (m) of the EIA Regulations, 2010

The nature of an impact study is always based on predicting the impacts of a proposed activity / development based on knowledge that can be substantiated and where there are gaps in knowledge, there are uncertainties and assumptions are also made.

There are no significant gaps in knowledge in this impact study. The only uncertainty due to a gap in knowledge in this impact study includes the health effects of non-ionised electromagnetic fields with power density <  $10W/m^2$  emitted from telecommunication antennae, but not the listed activity i.e. the mast. The EAP is not aware of any authenticated studies existing currently and therefore we refer to the Department of Health Guidelines based on the International Commission on Non-Ionising Radiation Protection (ICNIRP) and the World Health Organisation (WHO) guidelines. According to these guidelines the non-ionised electromagnetic fields emitted by antennae mounted on telecommunication masts are well below the recommended level and is therefore improbable to have harmful effects on the health of human beings.

The information in this report is sufficient for the purposes of providing the department with sufficient information to make an informed decision to grant approval for the mast or not.

11. A REASONED OPINION AS TO WHETHER THE ACTIVITY SHOULD OR SHOULD NOT BE AUTHORISED, AND IF THE OPINION IS THAT IT SHOULD BE AUTHORISED, ANY CONDITIONS THAT SHOULD BE MADE IN RESPECT OF THAT AUTHORISATION – IN TERMS OF Regulation 22 sub-regulation 2 (n) of the EIA Regulations, 2010

The Environmental Assessment Practitioner is of the opinion that the activity may be authorised due to:



- Should the activity not be authorised it will result in an incomplete network hampering and restricting communication quality and quantity on the network.
- The negative impacts on the surrounding environment are not significant.

Recommended conditions, including mitigation measures that should be considered for inclusion in any authorisation that may be granted by the competent authority in respect of the application:

- Telecommunication base station with a 45m unpainted (galvanised) lattice mast (Alternative 3) to be established on the proposed position indicated on attached plans due to having the lowest visual impact and greatest flexibility in terms of sharing.
- 2. Measures to be implemented for the duration of the construction period to prevent unauthorised access to the construction site.
- 3. Dust suppression measures to be implemented during earthworks.
- 4. Construction only to take place within normal daytime working hours.
- 5. Appropriate arrangements to be made with the property owner for the use of existing sanitation facilities by construction workers or otherwise the contractor must provide chemical toilets during the construction phase.
- 6. Telecommunication base station to be enclosed with a 2.4m high galvanised steel palisade fence.
- 7. Required electricity connection point to be established in consultation with the property owner and electricity supplier.
- 8. Topsoil to be stored separately for appropriate landscaping distribution on completion of construction.
- 9. All the prevention and mitigation measures described in this report and in the EMP must be implemented and monitored.

SECTION E: CONSULTATION WITH OTHER STATE DEPARTMENTS - IN TERMS OF Regulation 22 sub-regulation 2 (f) (iii) of the EIA Regulations, 2010

Provide a list of all State Departments / Organs of State that have been consulted and registered as interested and affected parties, and to whom draft reports have been submitted for comment. Proof of submission / delivery of the draft report to all State Department / Organs of State must be attached to this document.

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### **SECTION F: APPENDICES**

The following appendices must be attached to the basic assessment report as appropriate:

Appendix A: Site plan(s) – IN TERMS OF Regulation 22 sub-regulation 2 (c) of the EIA Regulations, 2010

Appendix B: Photographs - IN TERMS OF Regulation 22 sub-regulation 2 (c) of the EIA Regulations, 2010

Appendix C: Facility illustration(s) – IN TERMS OF Regulation 22 sub-regulation 2 (c) of the EIA Regulations, 2010

Appendix D: Specialist reports – IN TERMS OF Regulation 22 sub-regulation 2 (k) of the EIA Regulations, 2010 – No specialist input required

Appendix E: Comments and Response Report – IN TERMS OF Regulation 22 sub-regulation 2 (f) (iv) and 2 (o) and (q) of the EIA Regulations, 2010

Appendix F: Environmental Management Programme (EMPr) – IN TERMS OF Regulation 22 sub-regulation 2 (I) of the EIA Regulations, 2010

Appendix G: Other information

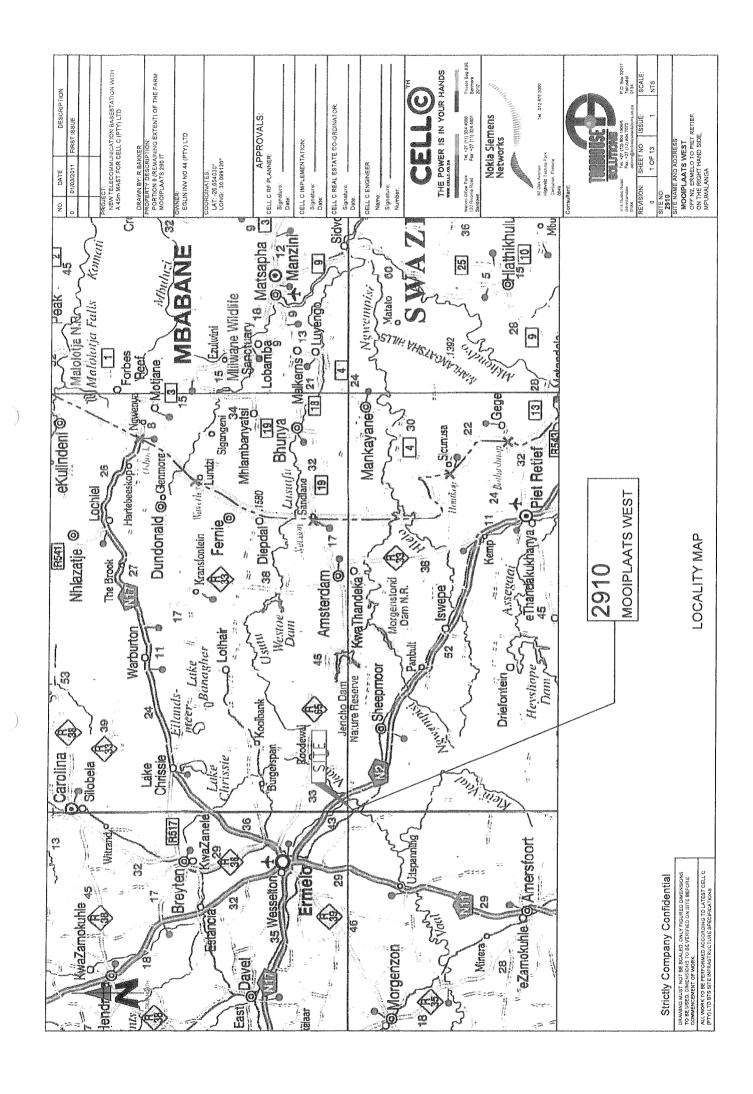
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G1 (a) – Public Participation - Proof of Site Notice

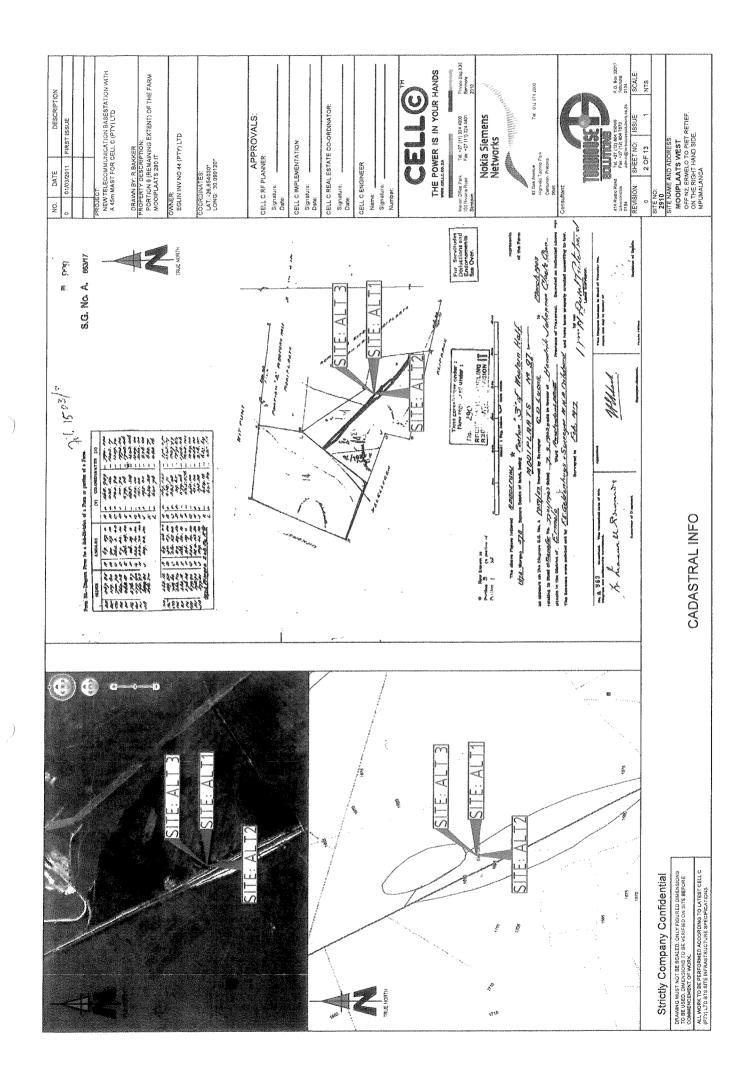


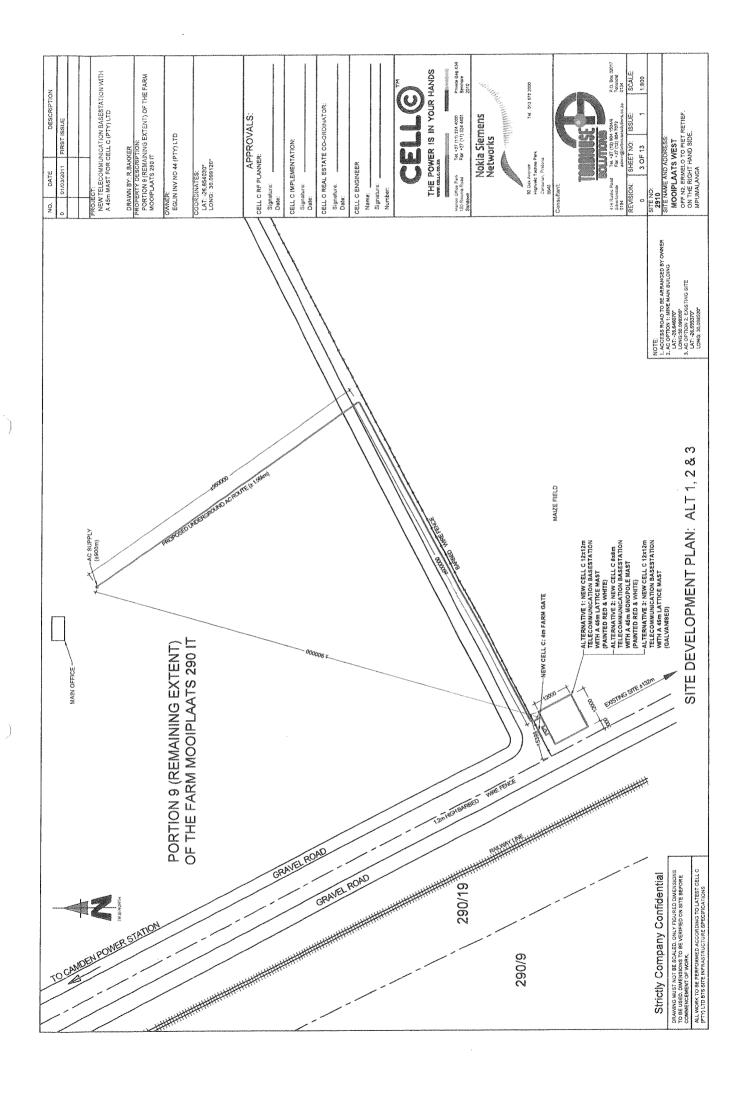
- G1 (b) Public Participation Written Notices to I&AP
- G1 (c) South African Civil Aviation Authority Approval
  G1 (d) Public Participation Proof of Newspaper Advertisement

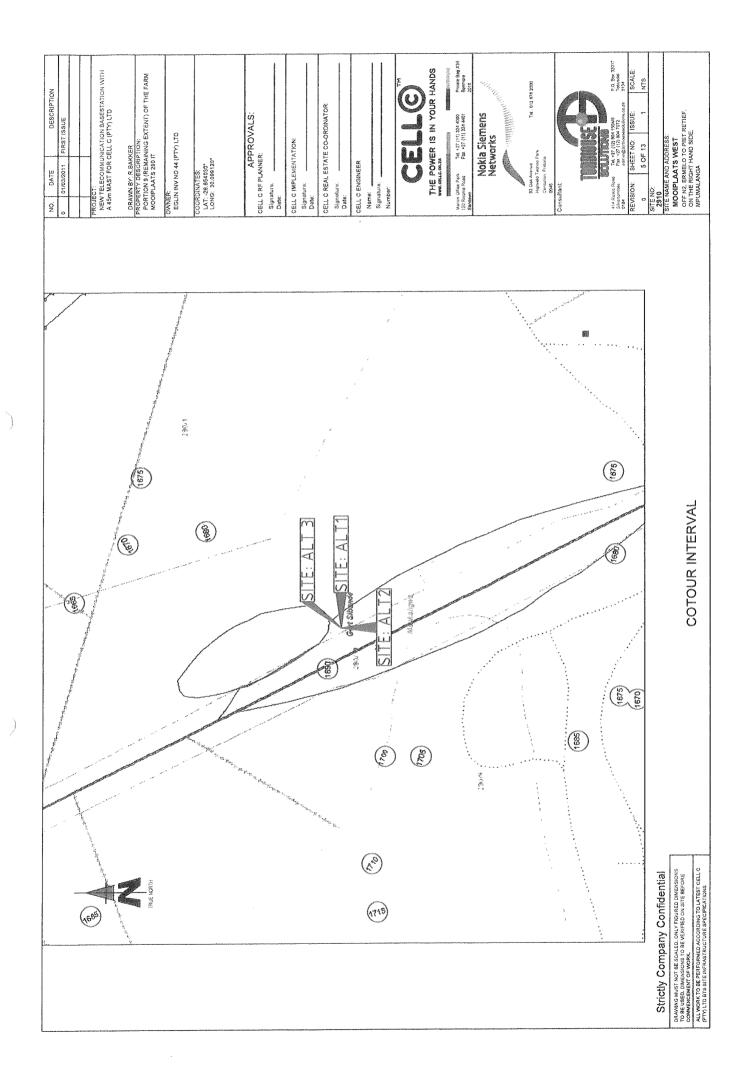


Appendix A: Site Plans





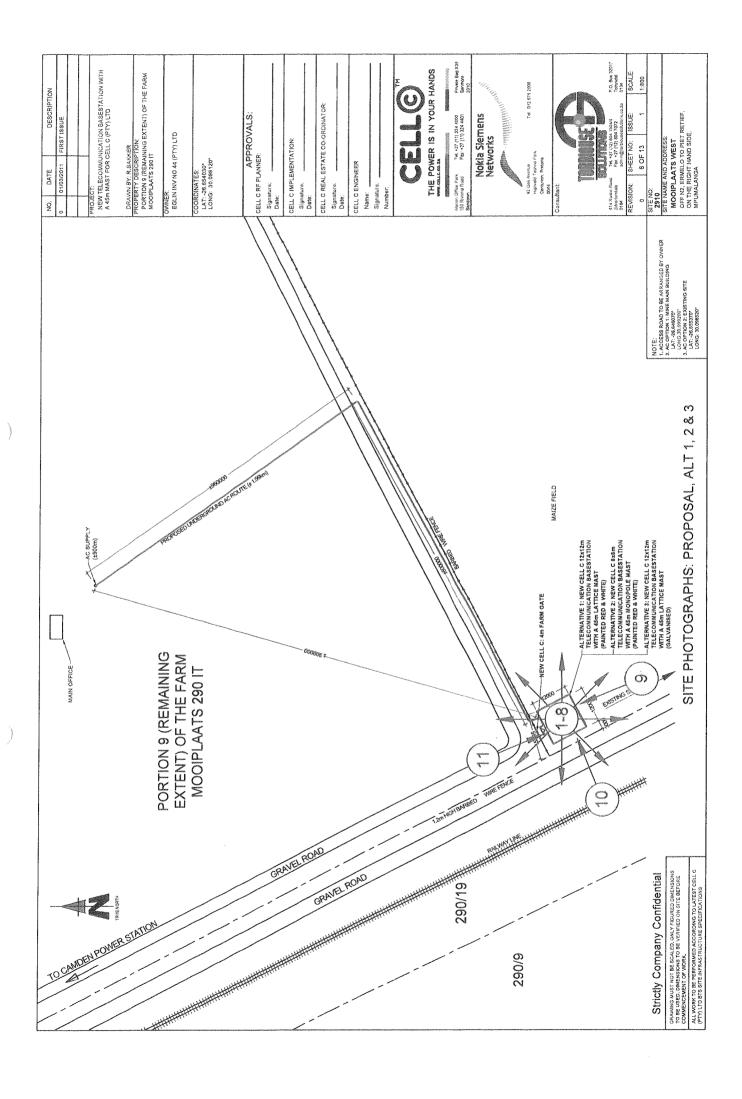


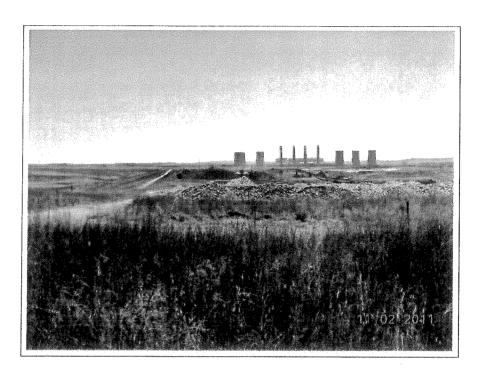


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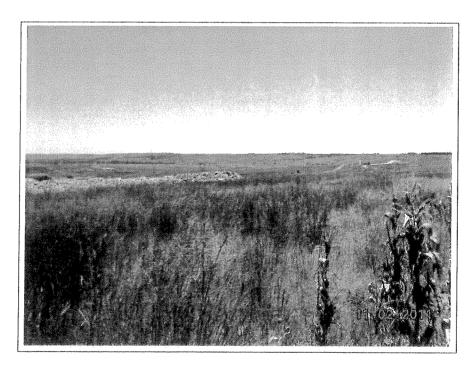
Appendix B: Site Photographs

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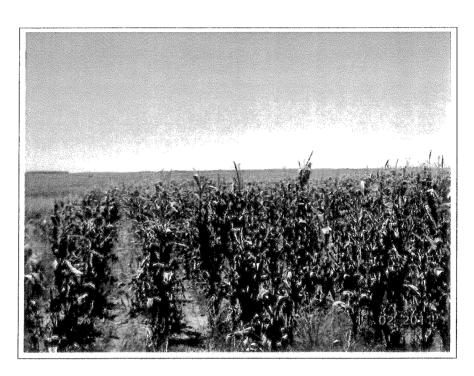




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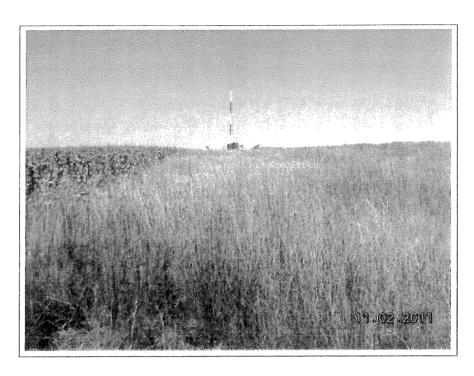
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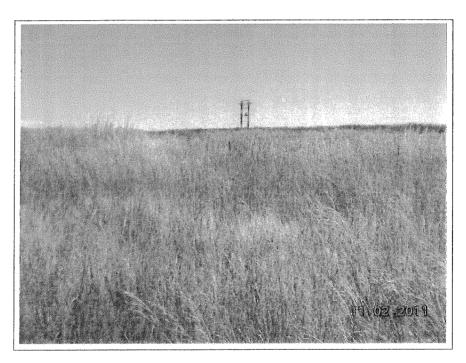
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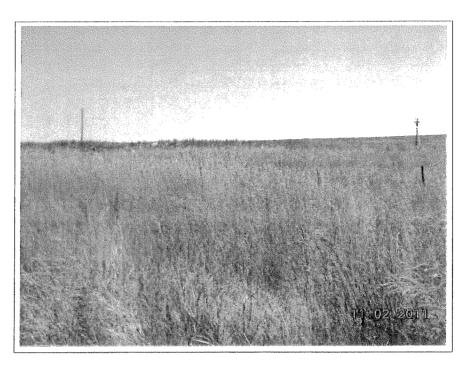
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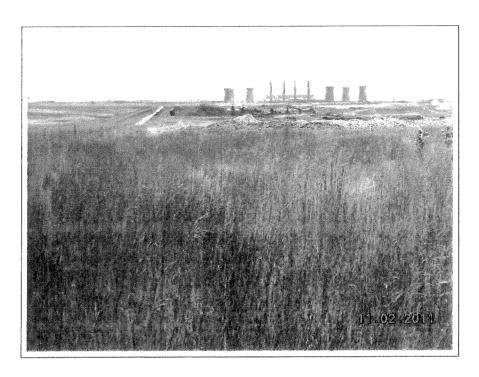
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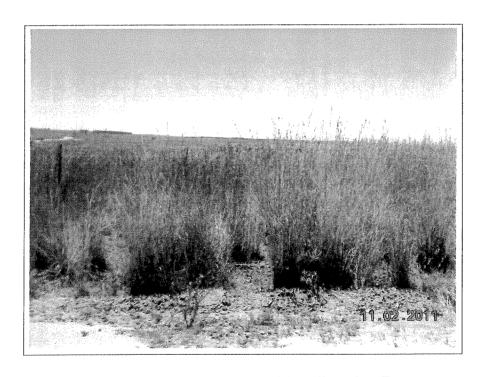
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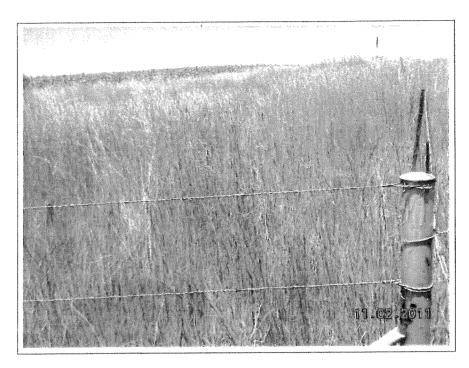
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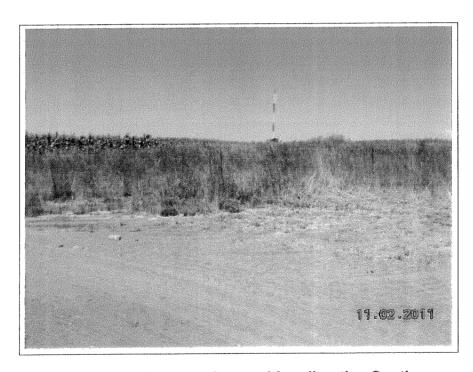
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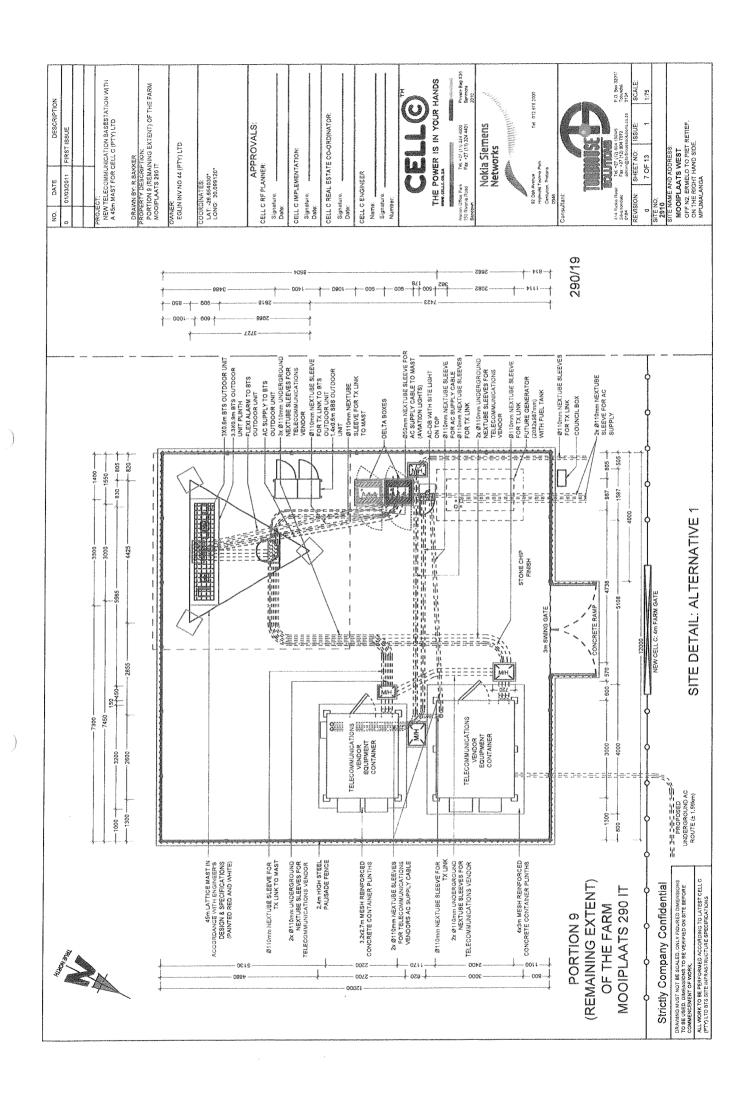


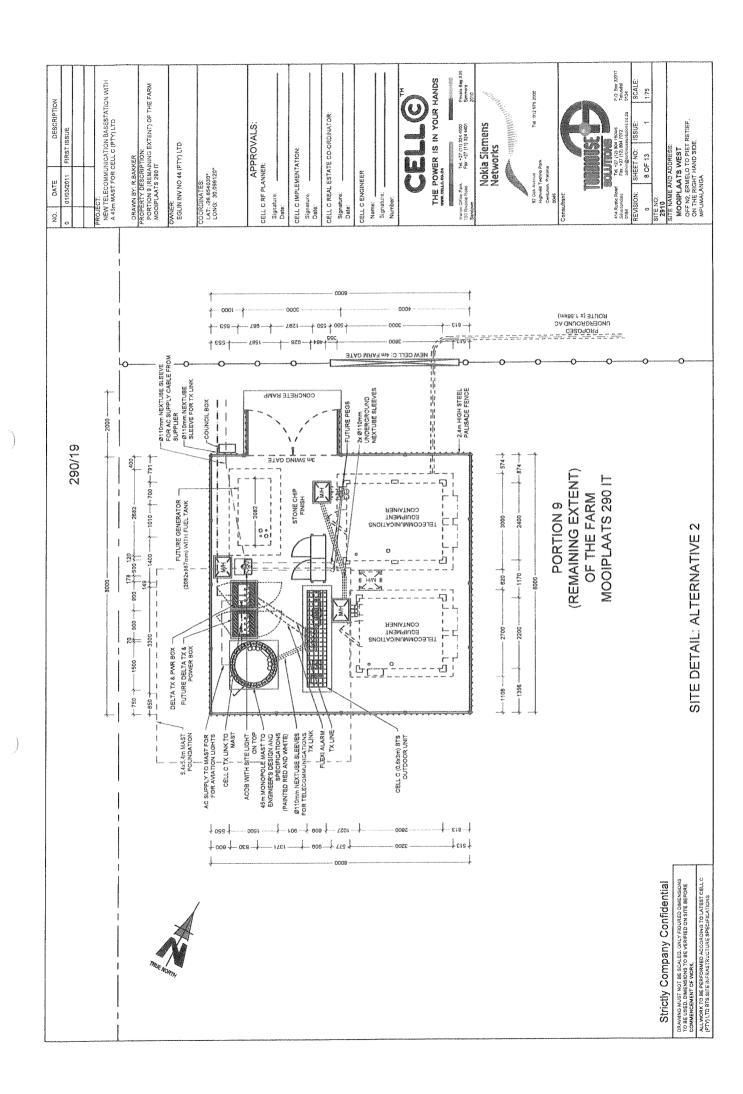
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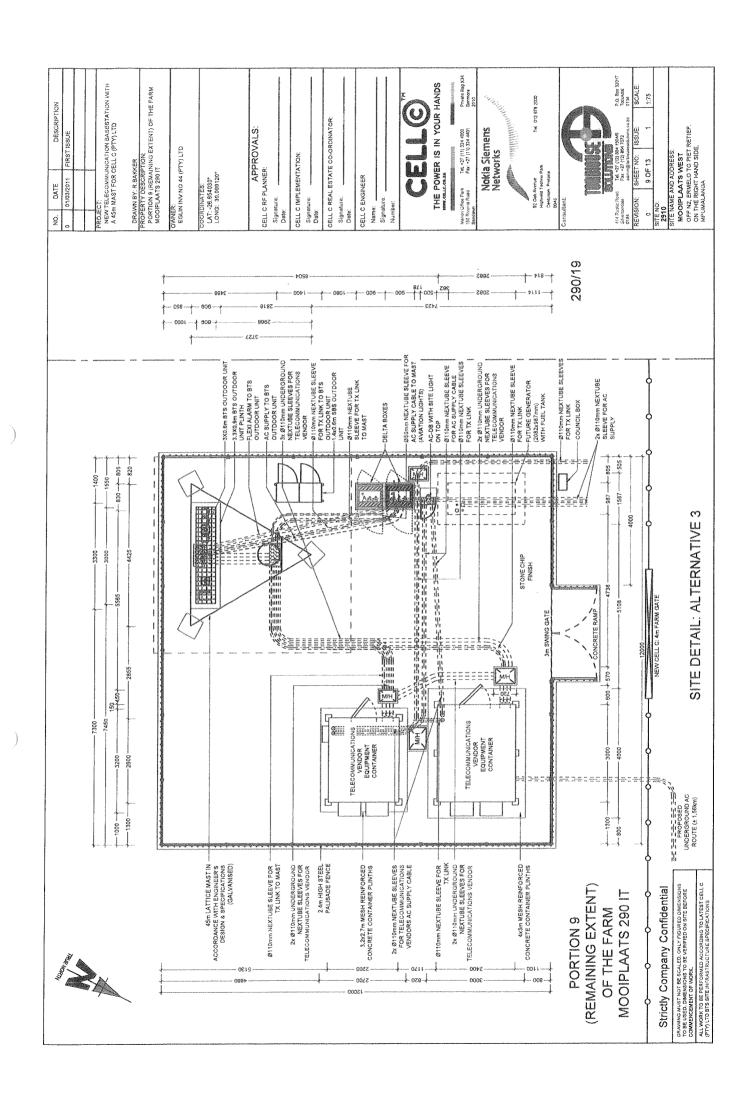


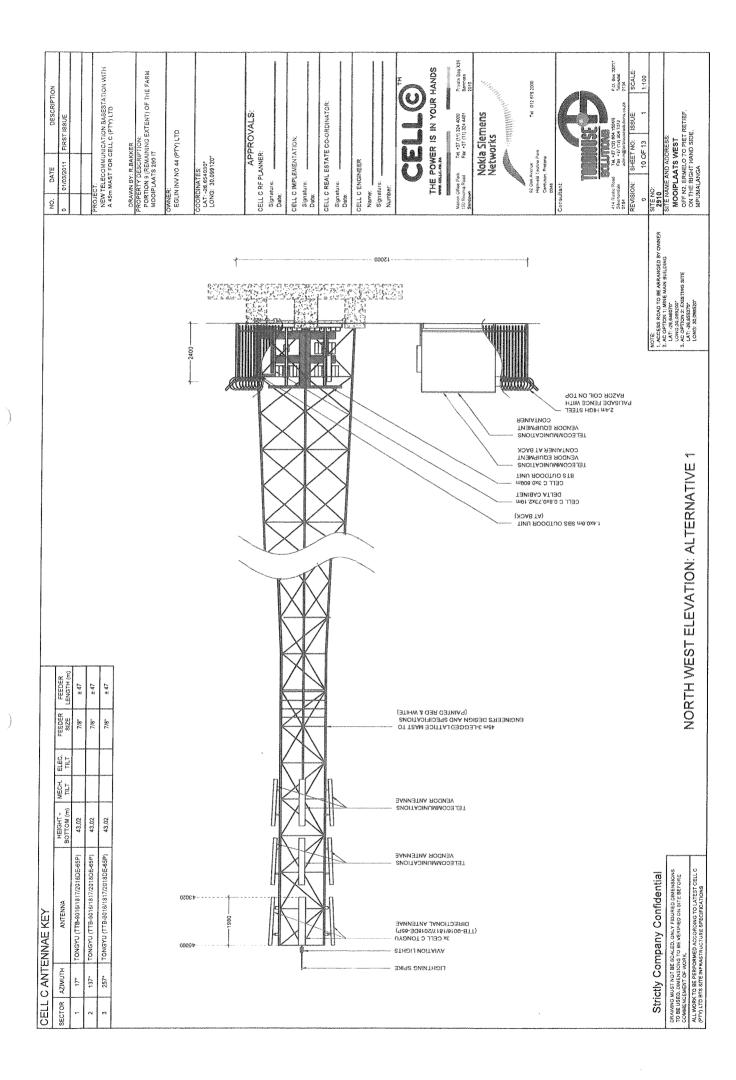
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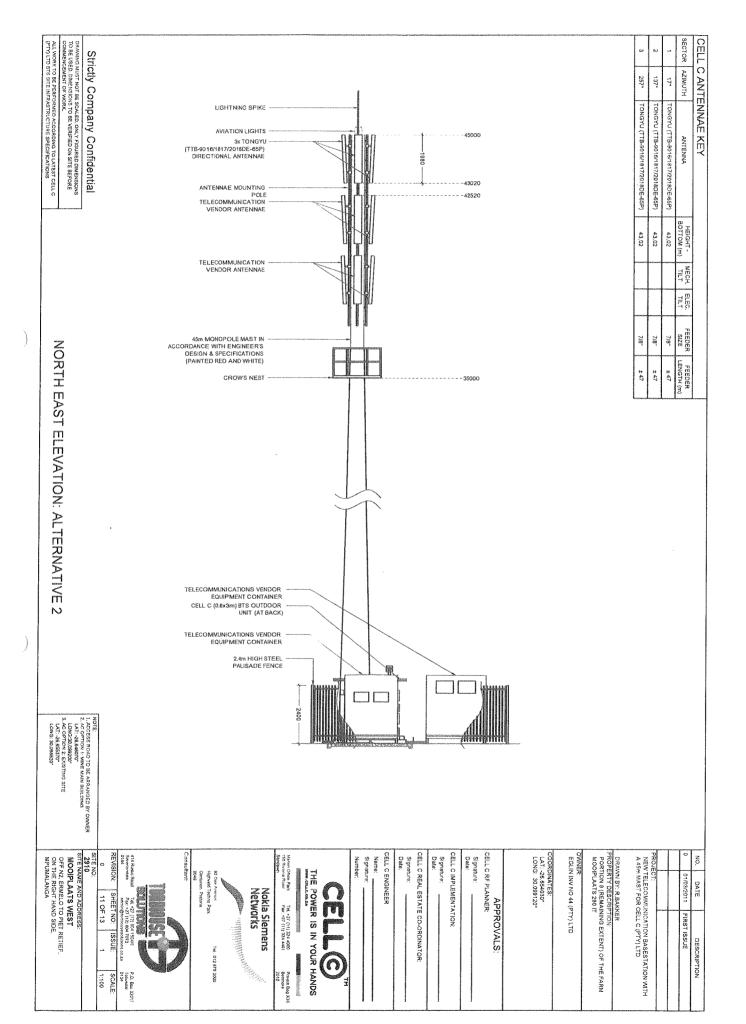
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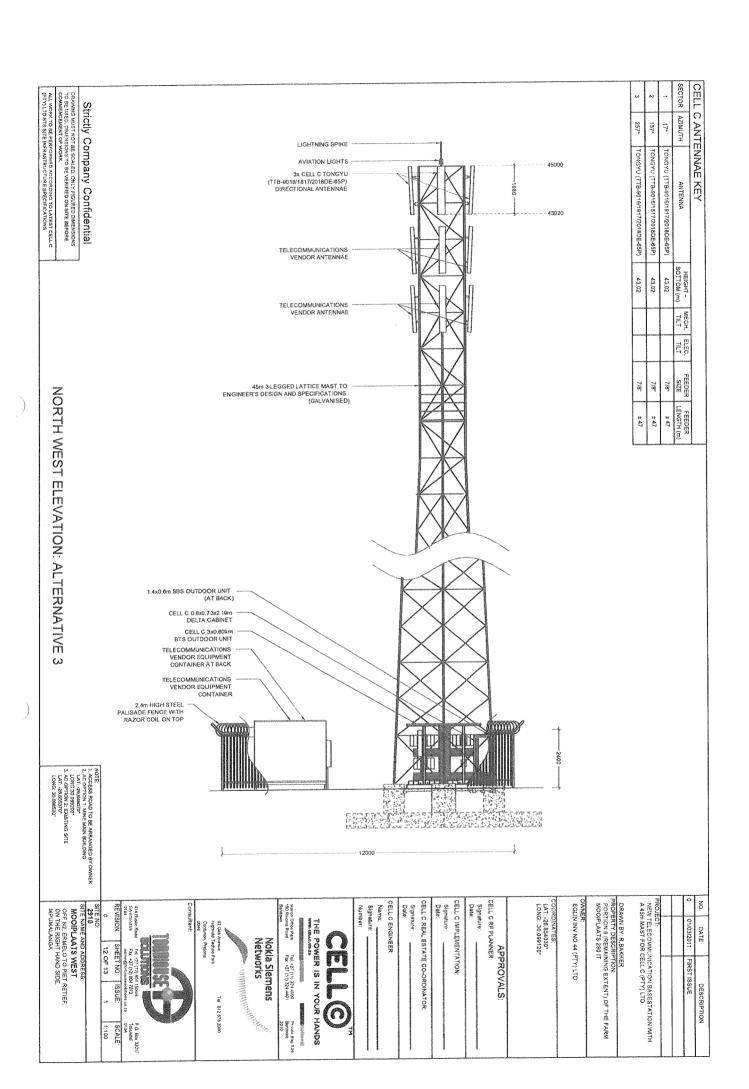








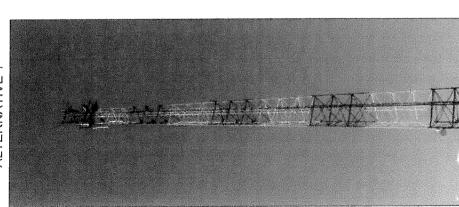




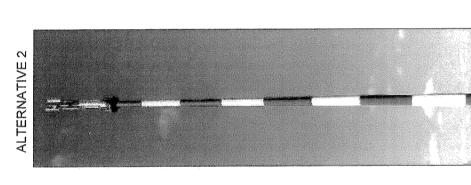
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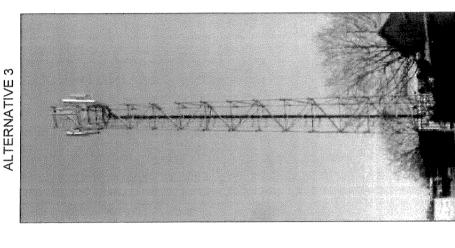
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Appendix D: Specialist Reports – Not Applicable

Appendix E: Comments and responses report

# Interested & Affected Parties Register / Comments and Responses Report

Site number: 2910 Site Name: Mooiplaats West EIA reference no.: 17/2/3/ GS-35

			Interested and Affected Parties	d Parties Register			Comments and Re	Comments and Responses Report
No.	Date	Name	Address	Contact detail	Reacted to:	Record of initial I&AP registration	Issues raised / Comments received	EAP Response
-	2011/05/24	The Municipal Manager, Mr. T Dlamini	PO Box 48, Ermelo, 2350	Tel: (017) 801 3504 Fax: (017) 801 3851	Auto I&AP		No comments received	No comments received
2	2011/05/24	The Ward Councillor, Cir BA Maseko Ward 11	PO Box 48, Ermelo, 2350	Tel: (017) 801 3504 Fax: (017) 801 3851	Auto I&AP	Auto I&AP	No comments received	No comments received
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4	2011/05/24	South African Heritage 2011/05/24 Resources Agency, The Chief Executive Officer, D. Sibayi	PO Box 4637, Cape Town, 8000		Auto I&AP	Auto I&AP	No comments received	No comments received
ю	2011/05/24	4 Mpumalanga Tourism and Parks Agency	2011/05/24 Mpumalanga Tourism and Parks Private Bag X9068, Ermelo, 2350	Tel: (017) 819 5346 Fax: 086 609 0238 Emall: vaino@vodamail.co.za	Auto i&AP	Auto I&AP	The Mpumalanga Tourism and Parks Agency have the following concern, the Terrestrial biodiversity of the farm are ITHE EAP acknowledge that this area's Terrestrial biodiversity of the farm are Ithely significant as indicated on a map From the Mpumalanga Biodiversity Significant/Innportant & Necessary areas are those where biodiversity has been are those where biodiversity the mast and base station area. The footprint of the base station area on which the mast and base trestored. (Lötter M.C. & Ferrar A.A  Decision on land use changes will are of the bite is also located in between the EIA.  Section on land use changes will gravel roads and maize fields, with a colliery close to the site. We therefore are of the opinion that there is no nee for a biodiversity specialist study as the colliery close to the site. We therefore are of the opinion mast is not already accounting in the present and base disturbed and very little natural region on land use changes will gravel roads and maize fields, with a colliery close to the site. We therefore are of the opinion mast is not already and the field.  The EIA.  The EIA acknowledge that this area's Highly significant we therefore area on which the mast and base station will be established is already disturbed and very little natural regions and around the site. The site is also located in between gravel roads and maize fields, with a colliery close to the site. We therefore are of the opinion that there is no nee for a biodiversity specialist study as the second of the beautifuling plans ne to be approved by the local council.	The EAP acknowledge that this area's terrestrial biodiversity is labelled as Highly significant according to the Mpumalanga C-Plan and we therefore applied for environmental authorisation, due to the activity being listed when occurring in a Highly significant area. The footprint of the base station of the mast is only 14 square metres. The area on which the mast and base station will be established is already disturbed and very little natural vegetation occurs on and around the site. The site is also located in between gravel roads and maize fields, with a colliery close to the site. We therefore are of the opinion that there is no need for a biodiversity specialist study as the telecommunication mast is not a land use change i.e. no rezoning application is required, only the building plans need to be approved by the local council.
က	2011/05/24	2011/05/24 Eskom Dave Lucas Environmental management	P O Box 1091, Johannesburg 2000	Tel:(011) 800 4514 Fax:086 662 9952	Auto I&AP	Auto I&AP	No comments received	No comments received

Appendix F: EMP

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## **COMPANY STANDARD**

# **Environmental Management Plan for the constrcution of a Base transciever station**

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### 1. SCOPE

### 1.1. PURPOSE

This Environmental Management Plan (EMP) aims to manage and mitigate the environmental impact of the Base Transceiver Station (BTS) construction, rehabilitation and decommissioning activities. This is a guideline and should be seen as the minimum requirement for any BTS construction activity.

Due to the activities surrounding the roll out of a mobile telecommunications network the EMP's main focus will be on the site construction and decommissioning phases. Other activities surrounding the roll out have been quantified and assigned an environmental rating according to Cell C's Aspects and Impacts Register. These are managed through various environmental operational controls.

Its aim is to ensure that the following are in place:

- there is a process to identify existing or to predict potential negative environmental impacts;
- objectives and targets are set to ensure negative impacts are mitigated and existing impacts rehabilitated:
- · actions are implemented to mitigate the identified negative environmental impacts; and
- monitoring programmes are developed to track the actions that have been implemented so as to ensure the effectiveness of the action.

The scope of this EMP is to give guidance to the Contractor regarding the care of the environment, by reducing the impacts that construction activities have on the surrounding environment.

### 1.2. APPLICABILITY

To mitigate the effect of BTS construction and decommissioning activities on the surrounding environment.

### 1.3. GOVERNING POLICY

Cell C's Safety, Health and Environmental Policy.

### 2. RESPONSIBILITIES

### 2.1. ROLLOUT CO-ORDINATOR

The project co-ordinator will be accountable for the co-ordinated implementation of the Environmental Management Programme(EMP) and will ensure that it forms part of the contract.



### PROCESS DESCRIPTION

### 3.1. Physical construction issues and their mitigating actions

For the purpose of this EMP the construction phases are grouped as follows:

- 1. Site clearing
- 2. Laying of the concrete casts
- 3. Preparing the foundation for the fence and construction thereof
- 4. Placing the Mast and Container
- 5. Connecting all relevant components e.g. electrical, antenna
- 6. Access Roads

# 3.1.1. Phases of construction activities and their associated environmental impacts

### **Site Clearing**

- The topsoil is to be stockpiled within the immediate vicinity and re-landscaped once construction is finished.
- All construction waste is to be stored in a designated area. It is recommended that a skip be used on site to store all waste. Waste rock generated during construction is to be sent to a permitted landfill.
- During excavations dust generated to be kept to a minimum by wetting the surface. A tanker of water may need to be brought on site if there is no water point available nearby.
- Ensure that all site clearing and excavations are done during standard working hours to limit the noise nuisance to the surrounding communities.

### Laying of the concrete casts

- Generally concrete mixing should be done offsite and brought to the site via a concrete mixing truck. However concrete may be mixed on site for whatever reasons, especially for snag repairs.
- For minimum impact on the environment with regards to laying of concrete, ready mix concrete will be delivered by truck during standard working hours. In the event that concrete is mixed on site it will be done in a controlled manner. Any area disturbed is to be rehabilitated. It is the responsibility of the Project Managers to ensure that the concrete mixing area is rehabilitated.
- All activities that can cause dust are to be controlled via wetting procedures. This
  includes the access road and the surrounding disturbed areas.



 All construction waste is to be stored in a designated area. It is recommended that a skip be used on site to store all waste

### Preparing the foundation for the fence and construction thereof

- The rock and rubble removed during this phase of construction is to be taken offsite and disposed at a registered waste disposal site.
- The contractor shall ensure that all work that could create noise is done during standard working hours.
- All activities that can cause dust are to be controlled via wetting of the land surface.
- All concrete mixed on site will be done in a designated area. Concrete bags are to be stored in a dry area. Runoff for the designated area is to be monitored for any concrete runoff. Any area disturbed is to be rehabilitated.

### Placing of the mast and container

- All painting activities are to be done within the designated area. The project manager is to ensure that all damage to the grass and surrounding vegetation is rehabilitated.
- Placing of the container to be done with a mechanical lifting machine during standard working hours to minimize any possible disturbance to the surrounding community. There must be adequate access to the site for turning of machines etc to prevent any damage to any natural surrounding vegetation. Machinery must be in good working order so that there are no oil leaks.

### Connecting all the relevant components

- The waste generated shall be disposed at a registered waste disposal site.
- In the event that a temporary power supply is used on site the generator will be is good working condition with the correct housing. The housing will contain the necessary drip trays. If any diesel spillage takes place it will be cleaned up immediately and logged in the site dairy. It is the project manager's responsibility to ensure that the diesel spillage is cleaned up in an environmental acceptable manner and to ensure that this information is captured in the site diary.
- The suppliers of the generators will be responsible to ensure that noise levels are kept within the SABS 0103 standard.

### Access Roads



- Due to the lack of access to BTS sites an access road might be needed. The
  development of an access road should be designed and developed in such a manner
  that it reduces the degradation of the surrounding environment.
- To ensue that sufficient erosion controls have been developed, especially slopes that are greater than 1 in 5.
- Follow the contours when planning a road on a slope.
- During the construction of the access road, ensure that dust is reduced via wetting the surface.

### 3.1.2. General conditions regarding the construction phases:

- All services, including maintenance, will be done via the access gate fencing closest to a road to minimize any unnecessary disturbances to the surrounding environments.
- The only atmospheric pollution will be noise and dust during construction. These will have minimal effects on the surrounding physical and biological environments.
- Littering or illegal dumping of any waste material is prohibited (no waste disposal holes are to be made on the site ground unless it is a registered waste disposal site).
- Standard working hours on site will be from 07:00 17:00.
- No construction workers will be on site after working hours. Unless written permission is obtained
- One chemical toilet will be used on site for workers during the construction phases.
- It is the responsibility of the Project Managers to comply with all relevant legislation will be enforced during construction.
- The site containing the mast and the equipment container to be fenced with a 2,3m high metal palisade fence. Access to the area to be strictly controlled through a locked gate.
- No servicing of any machinery or vehicle may take place on site
- Any area disturbed during construction, which falls outside the fenced area, to be rehabilitated
  to its original condition. The rehabilitation activities are to be coordinated by the Project
  Managers.
- The site to be inspected twice a year and be kept in a good condition. A record must be kept of
  each inspection, stating the condition of the site and any remedial work that may be necessary
  on the site.
- Any damage that is done to an existing access road during construction will be rehabilitated to its original state.
- Electricity supply cables to the site will be underground via a trench that is at lease 600 mm deep
- The mast colour is normally white or green, but is not limited to these two colours. Any
  paintwork must be inspected once a year and be kept in a good condition.



- On termination of use of the facility, all equipment to be dismantled and removed and the site restored to its original state.
- No herbicides or pesticides will be used on site unless administered by a pest control officer.
- The Contractor shall maintain a Site Diary and Instruction Book wherein daily reports of completed work, site visits, delays or inclement weather reports and details of plant and labour resources. Siemens will keep site instructions for scrutiny. Any delay incurred by the Contractor will be immediately reported to Siemens.
- It is the responsibility of the Project Managers to ensure that the environmental mitigating actions as stipulated in this Environmental Management Plan are adhered to.

### Monitoring of construction phase

Site inspections to take place during construction and/or once the sites are completed. Site inspections (audits) are controlled via environmental pre- and post-construction checklists that ensures that all minimum requirements. Refer to Annexure 1.

### 3.1.3. Interaction with the Surrounding Landowners

- The culture and lifestyles of the communities living in close proximity to the site and work sites must be respected.
- Removal (pilfering) of agricultural products (sugar cane, fruit, vegetables, stock, fire wood, poaching, etc.) is prohibited. Receipts must be obtained for any merchandise purchased or received from land owners.
- · All complaints must be reported, recorded and investigated.

### 3.1.4. Biological issues and their mitigating actions

### Fauna and Flora

Endangered and threatened flora must be identified and suitably demarcated to prevent damage. Permits must be obtained from the regional Department of Environment Affairs and Tourism for the felling of protected trees and shrubs.

The BTS site must be suitably fenced to prevent access by any animals.

### 4. DEFINITIONS

Definitions of specific or special terms used.

### 5. ABBREVIATIONS AND ACRONYMS

BTS: Base Transceiver Station

construction footprint: The area of the BTS site including a 2m radius around the site. The BTS site can rang from 8m squared to 12m squared.

environment: Surroundings in which an organization operates, including air, water, land, natural

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environmental issues (aspect): Elements of an organization's activities, products or services which can interact with the environment.

**environmental impact:** Any change to the environment, whether adverse or beneficial, wholly or partially resulting from an organization's activities, products or services.

**environmental impact assessment (EIA):** The process of collecting, organizing, analyzing, interpreting and communicating data that is relevant to some decision. It is aimed at identifying impacts that a proposal will have on the environment as well as the impact the environment will have on the project. The result of the EIA is a planning decision to accept the best balanced alternative for a project.

**environmental management programme (EMP)**: A programme that guarantees the desired end state of the environment and describes how activities, that could have a negative impact, will be managed and monitored and impacted areas rehabilitated.

**interested party:** Individuals or groups concerned with or affected by an activity and its consequences. These include the authorities, local communities, investors, work force, customers and consumers, environmental interested groups and the general public.

mitigate: The implementation of practical measures to reduce adverse impacts or enhance beneficial impacts of an action.

**monitoring:** An activity which ensures that the requirements of the Environmental Management Programme are met.

ROD: Record of Decision

site: The area which houses the BTS and the mast. Including a 2m radius around the fence.

standard working hours: From 07:00am to 17:00pm

TSS: Technical Site Survey



### 6. APPROVAL

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G1(a) – Public Participation - Proof of Site Notice
G1(b) – Public Participation – Written Notices to I&AP
G1(c) - South African Civil Aviation Authority Approval
G(d) – Public Participation – Proof of Newspaper Advertisement