

**APPENDIX E: COPIES OF CORRESPONDENCE
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Prior to the Release of the Draft Scoping Report Comment Forms

REGISTRATION AND COMMENT FORM

Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment
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Complete all Relevant Sections Below and Return By: 12 March 2012

Please provide your full contact details:

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Would you like to register as an interested and affected party? (please tick the appropriate box)

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES
<input type="checkbox"/> NO

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES
<input type="checkbox"/> NO

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1. LEASE PARCEL IN QUESTION
2. THE PROPOSED PROPERTY LIES IN CONCERNANCE.
3. CHANGE FACTOR IN THE AREA AFTER DEVELOPMENTS.
4. THE BUSH VALLEY IS A VERY SENSITIVE AREA.
5. THE DEVELOPMENT WILL HAVE A NEGATIVE IMPACT ON THE BUSH.
6. THE SAN MIGUEL FRUITS SA (PTY) LTD HAVE OTHER LAND TO DEVELOP WHICH WILL HAVE A BETTER IMPACT.

E-mail Correspondence

From: Sandy Wren [sandy@publicprocess.co.za]

Sent: 13 February 2012 09:53 AM

To: 'pdhcull@iafrica.com'

Subject: RE: San Miguel Fruits

Attachments: River Bend Citrus - BID - Final - 8Feb2012.pdf; Riverbend - Let1 - Pre Scoping - final for merging - 8Feb2012.pdf

Hi Patrick,

Keeping well and trust you are to. I will ensure you are placed on the database. Attached is information available on the project at this stage of the process.

Regards

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-----Original Message-----

From: Patrick Cull [<mailto:pdhcull@iafrica.com>]

Sent: 10 February 2012 05:56 PM

To: sandy@publicprocess.co.za

Subject: San Miguel Fruits

Hello Sandy

Trust you are well.

Would you be so kind as to register me as an interested party for the above.

Many Thanks

Patrick Cull

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From: Sandy Wren [sandy@publicprocess.co.za]

Sent: **24 February 2012 09:21 AM**

To: 'Trevor Hayter'

Subject: RE: Your letter dated 10 Feb re Expansion of River Bend farm refers

Hi Trevor,

Your comment is noted, thank you for your input.

Regards

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From: Trevor Hayter [mailto:thayter@engeli.co.za]

Sent: **24 February 2012 08:55 AM**

To: sandy@publicprocess.co.za

Subject: Your letter dated 10 Feb re Expansion of River Bend farm refers

Dear Sandy

I have no objections to the proposed expansion.

Kind Regards

Trevor Hayter



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Correspondence to Simon Barkhuizen regarding comments

From: Paul Steyn [paul@publicprocess.co.za]
Sent: 02 April 2012 01:31 PM
To: znb@vodamail.co.za
Cc: sandy@publicprocess.co.za; marisa@publicprocess.co.za
Subject: FW: River Bend Citrus EIA - Additional Comment / Issues
Attachments: Simon Barkhuizen.jpg

Mr Barkhuizen

Re.: River Bend Citrus EIA - Additional Comment / Issues

Our telephonic discussion of the morning of 2 April 2012 regarding potential additional issues / comments with regards to the EIA for the proposed expansion of citrus cultivation on River Bend Citrus Farm refers. Based on our telephonic conversation I would like to confirm the following:

- The comments regarding the project, which you submitted per faxed comment form remain valid (attached).
- There are no additional issues relating to the project which you would like to raise at this time.
- Your comments as submitted will be reflected in Draft Scoping Report for the project.
- You will be notified in writing of the release of the Draft Scoping Report for public review; when you will have an opportunity to comment on the report.

I trust that the above is an accurate reflection of our discussion. Please notify us should you not be in agreement with the above.

Regards
Paul Steyn

Dr Paul-Pierre Steyn (PhD)
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During the Draft Scoping Report Review Period

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CELL:	EMAIL: MALCOLM.RUTHERFORD@TYNESDALE

Would you like to register as an interested and affected party? (please tick the appropriate box) 10.39

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YES
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO

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E-mail Correspondence

From: Erica Smythe [erica.smythe@telkomsa.net]
Sent: 23 April 2012 02:23 PM
To: 'Sandy Wren'
Subject: RE: Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment - River Bend Citrus Farm near Addo

Thank you Sandy

Please could you make a note to copy me on any future email correspondence – this way I can ensure documents are submitted timeously!

Kind regards

Erica

Erica Smythe
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From: Sandy Wren [<mailto:sandy@publicprocess.co.za>]
Sent: 23 April 2012 02:09 PM
To: 'Erica Smythe'
Subject: RE: Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment - River Bend Citrus Farm near Addo

Hi Erica, we will ensure that Malcolm remains on the database for the project.

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From: Erica Smythe [<mailto:erica.smythe@telkomsa.net>]
Sent: 23 April 2012 02:02 PM
To: sandy@publicprocess.co.za
Subject: Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment - River Bend Citrus Farm near Addo

Dear Sandy

Apologies for the delay in submitting the attached document.

Kind regards
Erica

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Attention Ms. S Wren

PROPOSED EXPANSION OF AGRICULTURE ON THE RIVER BEND CITRUS FARM, NEAR ADDO, SUNDAYS RIVER VALLEY MUNICIPALITY.

This office acknowledges the receipt of the Background Information Document (BID) for the abovementioned development from Public Process Consulting.

In order for this office to make an informed decision about the proposed expansion of the citrus farm, the following information should be submitted:

- A clear and detailed 1:50 000 map indicating the watercourses in the vicinity of the proposed expansion site.
- Watercourses (if any) in the vicinity of the proposed citrus farm must be delineated to indicate the 1:100 year floodline or riparian zone, whichever is the greatest.
- The proposed expansion should not affect any wetlands. If wetlands are present and will be affected, wetland delineation must be conducted and a technical report reflecting wetland studies should be submitted to this office.

Please note that any activities that fall within 500 meter radius from the boundary of any wetland constitute a water use authorisation in terms of section 21 (c) and (i) of the National Water Act.

Yours Faithfully

Acting CHIEF DIRECTOR: EASTERN CAPE

Date: 05/04/2012

Consultation with SANParks

From: Sandy Wren [sandy@publicprocess.co.za]
Sent: 09 May 2012 01:26 PM
To: Mike Knight (m.knight@nmmu.ac.za); 'Paul Steyn'; 'marisa@publicprocess.co.za'
Subject: Expansion of Agriculture Production on Riverbend Citrus (SAN Miguel Fruits)
Attachments: River Bend Citrus - BID - Final - 8Feb2012.pdf; River Bend Project Overview Map.jpg

Hi Mike

As per our telephonic discussion of today, we are busy with Scoping and EIA process for the expansion of agricultural activities on the Farm Riverbend (San Miguel Fruits). The area to be affected by the expansion (approximately 300 ha) is west of the Zuurberg road, on Remainder of Farm 82 Wolve Kop (~908 ha), Portion 1 of Farm 77 Wellshaven (~22ha) and Portion 3 of Farm 77 Honeyvale (~128ha); approximately 1058 hectares in combined extent.

As discussed the concession agreement signed between SANParks and San Miguel Fruits (see extract below), confirms that the original citrus farming area is not incorporated into Addo Elephant National Park (section 3.1.3 last sentence). Attached is our BID and another map which indicates the proposed area for expansion in relation to River Bend Lodge and AENP. The map further indicates (dotted green), the area proposed for expansion, subject to the outcome of our specialist studies.

Can you confirm that as per the concession agreement the expansion of agricultural activities on the farm Riverbend (west of the Zuurberg Road) is in line with the concession agreement reached.

- 3.1.2 that the definition of River Bend Farms, accidentally omitted to include the land defined herein as the Remaining Extent of Portion 1 of Farm 82 Wolwekop, which is owned by RBC, and the Original Agreement must be amended to include that definition and that RBC must be joined as a party to the Original Agreement; and
- 3.1.3 that the Original Agreement provides that at the end of the 50 (fifty) year initial period, all of the land defined as River Bend Farms will be transferred to SANParks for the consideration of R100 (one hundred rand), including the Citrus Farming Area. It was never intended by the Original Parties that the Citrus Farming Area should be incorporated into the Addo Elephant National Park and the Original Parties' intention must be correctly reflected in the Original Agreement.

I look forward to your response.

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From: Bradshaw, Peter (Dr) (Summerstrand Campus South)
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Sent: 14 May 2012 01:31 PM
To: sandy@publicprocess.co.za
Cc: Holness, S (Dr) (Summerstrand Campus South)
Subject: SANParks initial response to proposed expansion of River Bend Citrus Farming operations
Attachments: SANParks initial response to River Bend Cirus Farming_2012_05_14.pdf

Dear Sandy

Please find attached SANParks initial response to proposed expansion of River Bend Citrus Farming operations.

Kind regards
Peter

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Friday, 04 May 2012

Sandy Wren
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Dear Sandy

**SANParks initial response to proposed expansion of River Bend
Citrus Farming operations**

This letter serves as an initial formal SANParks response to the application by San Miguel Fruits SA (Pty) Ltd to expand their citrus cultivation on Farm 82 Wolwe Kop and to Portion 1 of Farm 77 Wellshaven and Portion 3 of Farm 77 Honeyvale.

SANParks is concerned about more intensive landuse in the areas earmarked, as they fall within the park's Priority Natural Areas¹ of the buffer zone of the park (Figure 1), and have been identified as Critical Biodiversity Area One² by the Eastern Cape Biodiversity Conservation Plan (ECBCP, 2007) (Figure 2).

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mountain zebra
namaqua
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While in principal, SANParks is opposed to development in Park buffer zones, on the basis that any land scale transformation of agricultural land to a more intensive land use in buffer areas around National Parks will inevitably have a negative impact on the reserve, SANParks does acknowledge that this development is on the periphery of the buffer zone in an already transformed area. While still concerned about development in the Park buffer zone, and harbouring a number of reservations, SANParks will not in principal oppose the extension of existing agricultural activities on the transformed areas of the three cadastres under consideration, namely Farm 82 Wolwe Kop, Portion 1 of Farm 77 Wellshaven and Portion 3 of Farm 77 Honeyvale, provided the following steps for mitigating negative impacts on the park are employed:

- Transformation and development is contained within the existing high disturbance footprint, avoiding the less disturbed vegetation on the hills and slopes to the north, east and northeast on Portion 1 of Farm 77 Wellshaven and Portion 3 of Farm 77 Honeyvale
- As the potential development lies within the identified viewshed protection area³ of the park, we request that infrastructure development and potential wind breaks are sensitive of this fact, particularly with regards to height. Further, that there is a buffer allowed between the planting of citrus and the park boundary to offset the visual impact
- A buffer between the planting of citrus and the park boundary would also serve to reduce potential spray drift from agricultural activities entering and impacting on the park

Yours sincerely



Dr Peter Bradshaw
Park Planning and Development
SANParks

Glossary of Terms

¹Priority Natural Areas

This zone aims to ensure the long term persistence of biodiversity, within and around the park, by identifying the key areas on which the long term survival of the park depends. This includes areas important to both biodiversity pattern (especially reasonably intact high priority natural habitats) and processes (ecological linkages, catchments, intact hydrological systems, etc.). This does not imply any loss of existing rights (e.g. current agricultural activities or legal extractive biodiversity use such as fishing), but rather aims to ensure the parks survival in a living landscape (as per Addo Elephant National Park Management Plan).

²Critical Biodiversity Areas

Critical Biodiversity Areas (CBAs) are terrestrial and aquatic features in the landscape that are critical for conserving biodiversity and maintaining ecosystem functioning Eastern Cape Biodiversity Conservation Plan (ECBCP, 2007).

³Viewshed Protection Areas

These are areas where developments could impact on the aesthetic quality of a visitors experience in a park. This zone is particularly concerned with visual impacts (both day and night), but could also include sound pollution (as per Addo Elephant National Park Management Plan).

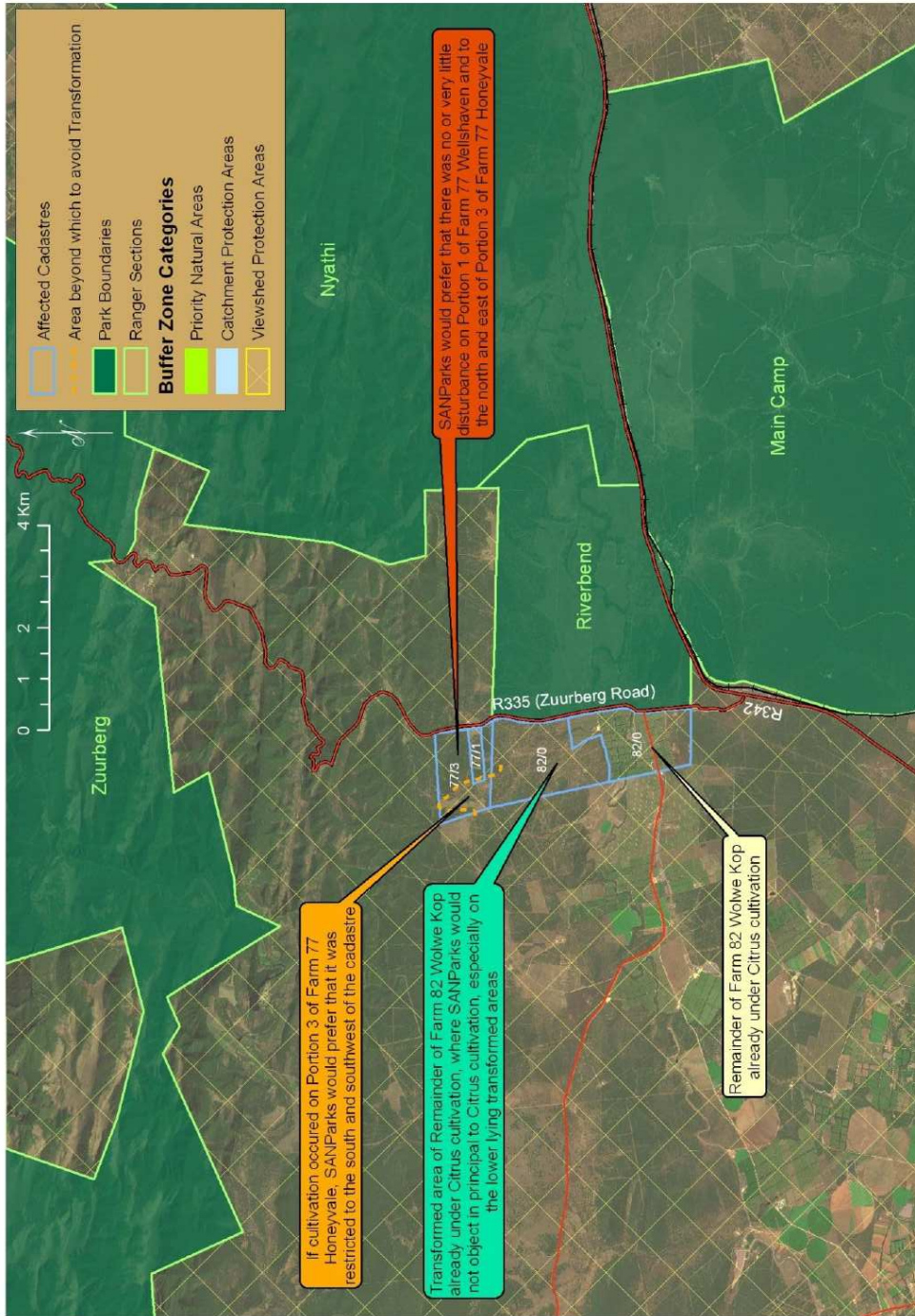


Figure 1: SANParks buffer zones as per Addo Elephant National Park Management Plan

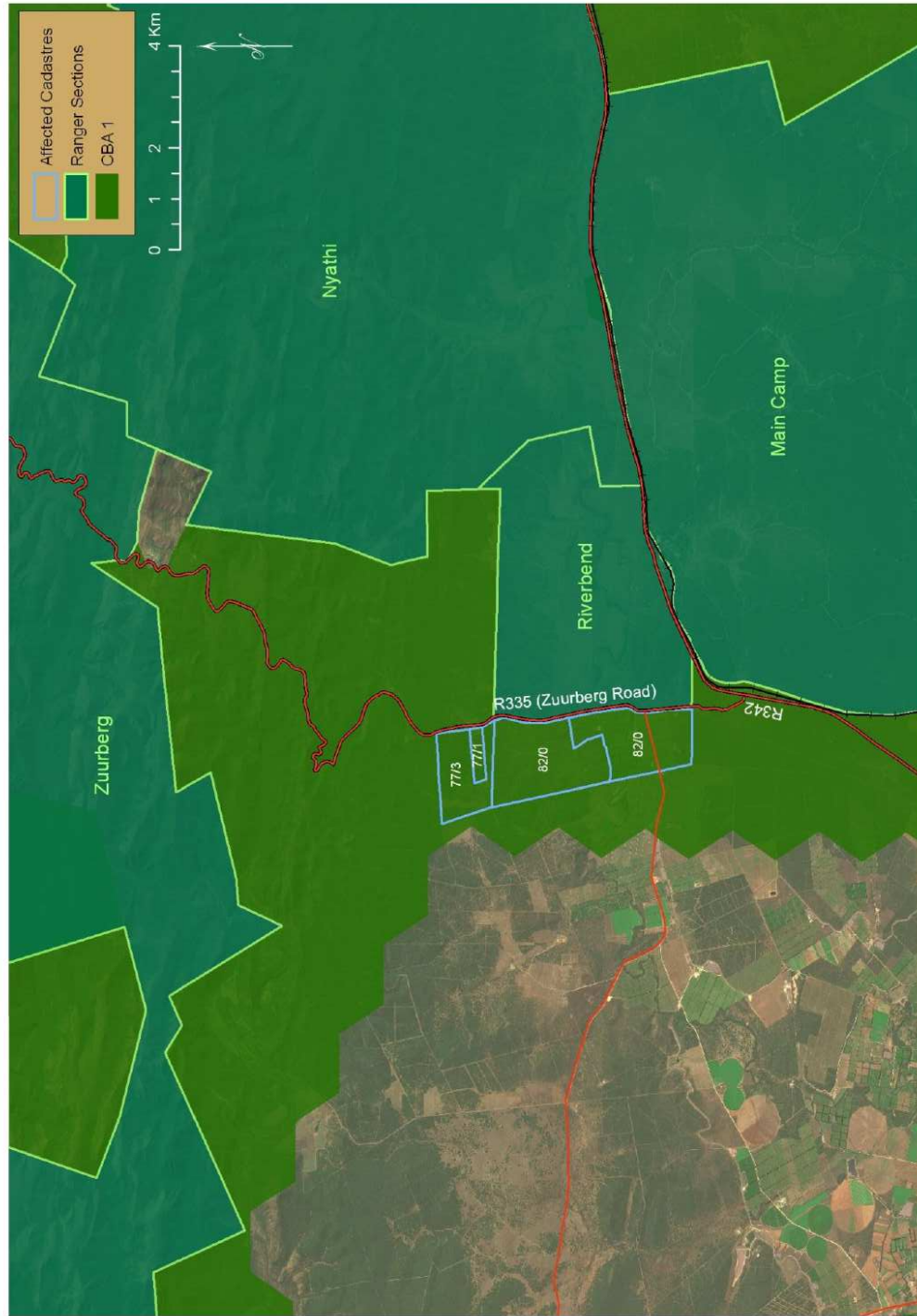


Figure 2: East Cape Biodiversity Conservation Plan (ECBCP, 2007)