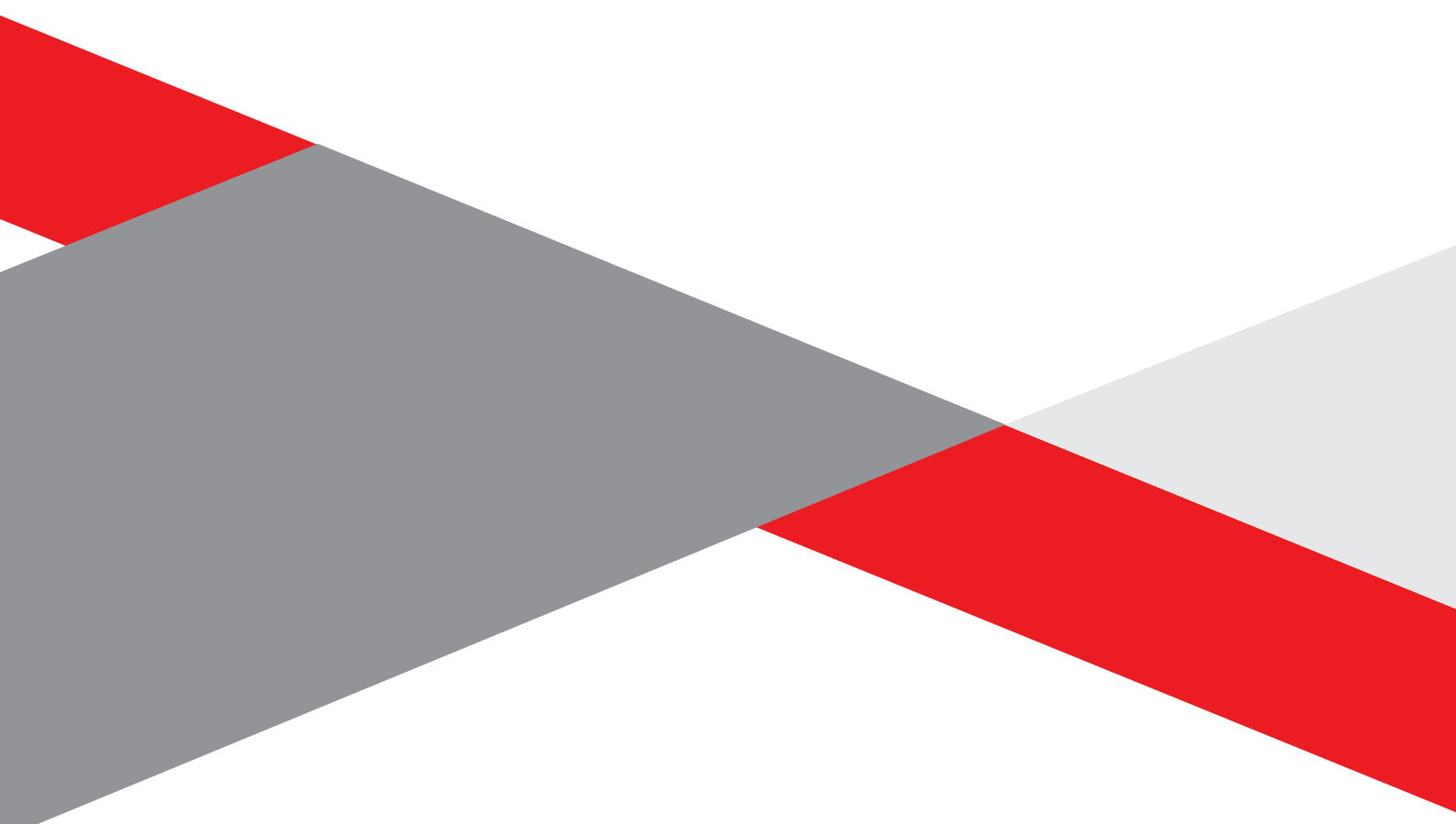


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Proof of site notice



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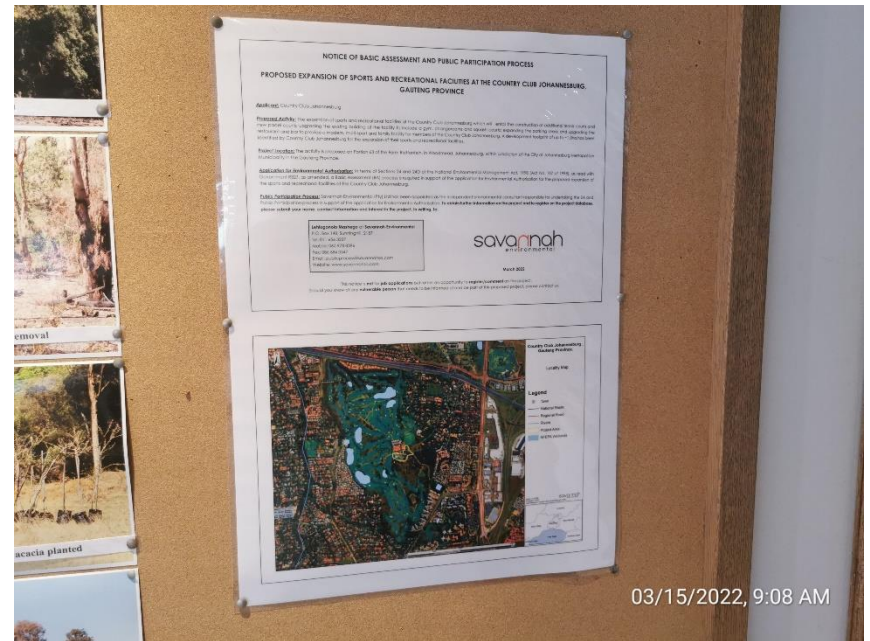
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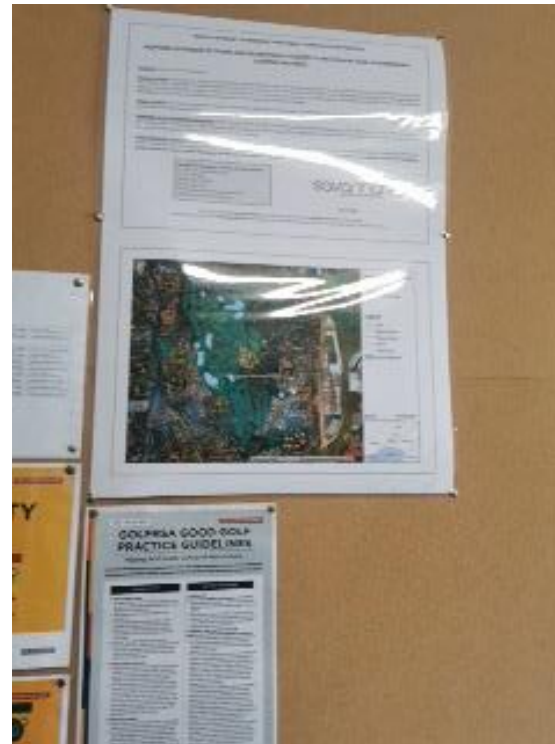
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NOTICE OF BASIC ASSESSMENT AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS

PROPOSED EXPANSION OF SPORTS AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES AT THE COUNTRY CLUB JOHANNESBURG, GAUTENG PROVINCE

Applicant: Country Club Johannesburg

Proposed Activity: The expansion of sports and recreational facilities at the Country Club Johannesburg which will entail the construction of additional tennis courts and new padel courts; upgrading the existing building at the facility to include a gym, changerooms and squash courts; expanding the parking area; and upgrading the restaurant and bar to provide a modern, multi-sport and family facility for members of the Country Club Johannesburg.

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Basic Assessment Process: In terms of Sections 24 and 24D of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No 107 of 1998), as read with Government R327, as amended, a Basic Assessment (BA) process is required in support of the application for Environmental Authorisation for the proposed expansion of the sports and recreational facilities at the Country Club Johannesburg. Savannah Environmental has been appointed as the independent environmental consultant responsible for undertaking the required BA and public participation process for the project.

Basic Assessment Report available for public review and comment: The BA Report and associated documentation will be made available for download, review, and comment on the Savannah Environmental website (<https://savannahsa.com/public-documents/other/>). The 30-day public review and commenting period of the BA Report will be from Monday, 06 June 2022 until Thursday, 07 July 2022. The final day to submit comment is Thursday, 07 July 2022.

To obtain further information and register on the project database, please submit your name, contact information and interest in the project to the contact person below:

Nondumiso Bulunga of Savannah Environmental

P.O. Box 148, Sunninghill, 2157
Tel: 011 656 3237
Mobile: 060 978 8396
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The tearsheet copy will be submitted with the
Final Basic Assessment Report.

Appendix E3
Communication to & from I&APs



Nicolene Venter

From: Savannah Environmental Public Process <publicprocess@savannahsa.com>
Sent: Monday, 06 June 2022 15:26
To: Portia Makitla
Cc: Nicolene Venter
Subject: SE3092 EXPANSION OF SPORTS AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES AT THE COUNTRY CLUB JOHANNESBURG
Attachments: SE3092_-_CCJ_Background_Information_Letter_16.05.2022_Final.pdf; SE3092_-_CCJ_-_Comment_Form.pdf

**PROPOSED EXPANSION OF SPORTS AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES AT THE COUNTRY CLUB JOHANNESBURG,
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PROPOSED EXPANSION OF SPORTS AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES AT THE COUNTRY CLUB JOHANNESBURG, GAUTENG PROVINCE

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Fax: 086 684 0547
Email: publicprocess@savannahsa.com

Kind regards,

NONDUMISO BULUNGA

Lead Consultant: Social, Stakeholder Engagement & GIS

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ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS

PROPOSED EXPANSION OF SPORTS AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES AT THE COUNTRY CLUB JOHANNESBURG
GAUTENG PROVINCE

Registration & Comment Form

June 2022

Return completed registration and comment form to: **Nondumiso Bulunga** of **Savannah Environmental**

Phone: 011 656 3237 / **Mobile (incl. 'please call me'):** 060 978 8396 / **Fax:** 086 684 0547

E-mail: publicprocess@savannahsa.com **Postal Address:** PO Box 148, Sunninghill, 2157

Your registration as an interested and/or affected party will be applicable for this project only and your contact details provided are protected by the POPI Act of 2013

Please provide your complete contact details:

Name & Surname:		
Organisation:		
Designation:		
Postal Address:		
Telephone:		Fax:
Mobile:		
E-mail:		

In terms of EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended, Regulation 43(1), you are required to register as an I&AP to receive further correspondence regarding the EIA process for the projects and to disclose any direct business, financial, personal or other interest which you may have in the approval or refusal of the application (add additional pages if necessary):

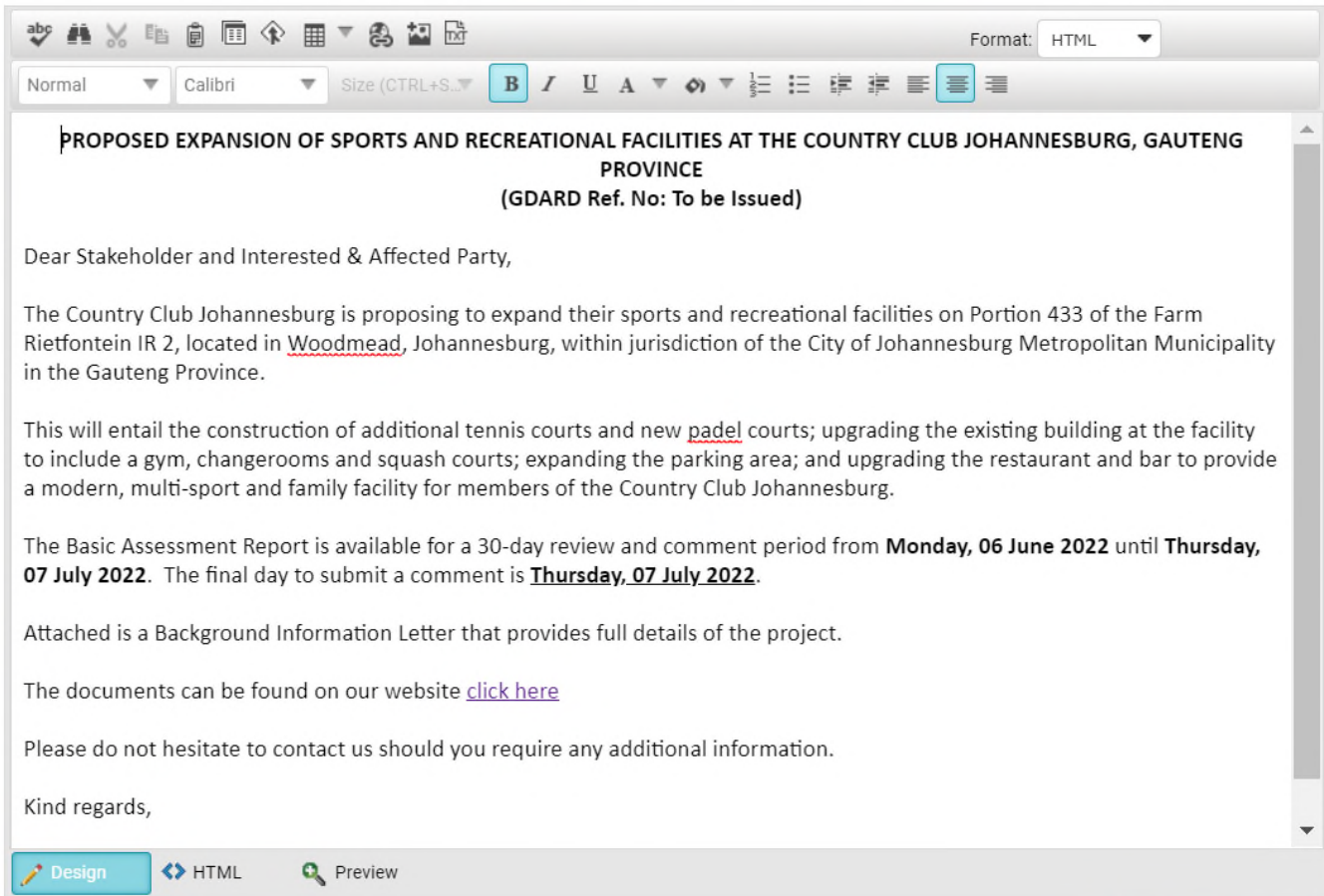
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Please list your comments regarding your project selection above (add additional pages if necessary):

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Please provide contact details of any other persons who you regard as a potential interested or affected party:

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Telephone:	
Mobile:	
E-mail:	



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Kind regards,

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Monday, 06
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Time: 15:31

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City of Johannesburg	Maapea	Teboho	
City of Johannesburg	Santana	Christopher	
Country Club Estate - Woodmead	Van der Westhuizen	Ashley	
Country Club Johannesburg - Woodmead	Klug-Price	Charmaine	
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Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment	Buthlezi	Thoko	
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Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment	Makitla	Portia	
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Nondumiso Bulunga

From: Savannah Public Process <publicprocess@savannahsa.com>
Sent: Thursday, 30 June 2022 11:42
To: Thoko Buthelezi
Cc: Nondumiso Bulunga
Subject: SE3092 EXPANSION OF SPORTS AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES AT THE COUNTRY CLUB JOHANNESBURG - REMINDER FOR COMMENTING PERIOD AND REVIEW

**REMINDER NOTICE REGARDING THE PROPOSED EXPANSION OF SPORTS AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES AT THE COUNTRY CLUB JOHANNESBURG, GAUTENG PROVINCE
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With reference to our email dated **06 June 2022**, informing you that the review and comment period for the Country Club Johannesburg Basic Assessment (BA) was made available from **Friday, 03 June 2022** until **Thursday, 07 July 2022**, has reference.

This email hereby serves to remind you that the review and comment period of the Reports is ending **Thursday, 07 July 2022**.

We would like to further take this opportunity to thank those Stakeholders and I&APs who submitted their written comments on the Reports and kindly urge those who have not yet submitted their written comments on the BA report to do so before or on Thursday, **07 July 2022**.

For those that have not been able to access the report, kindly be reminded that the Report may be accessed for download from our public participation platform [click here](#).

Kind regards,

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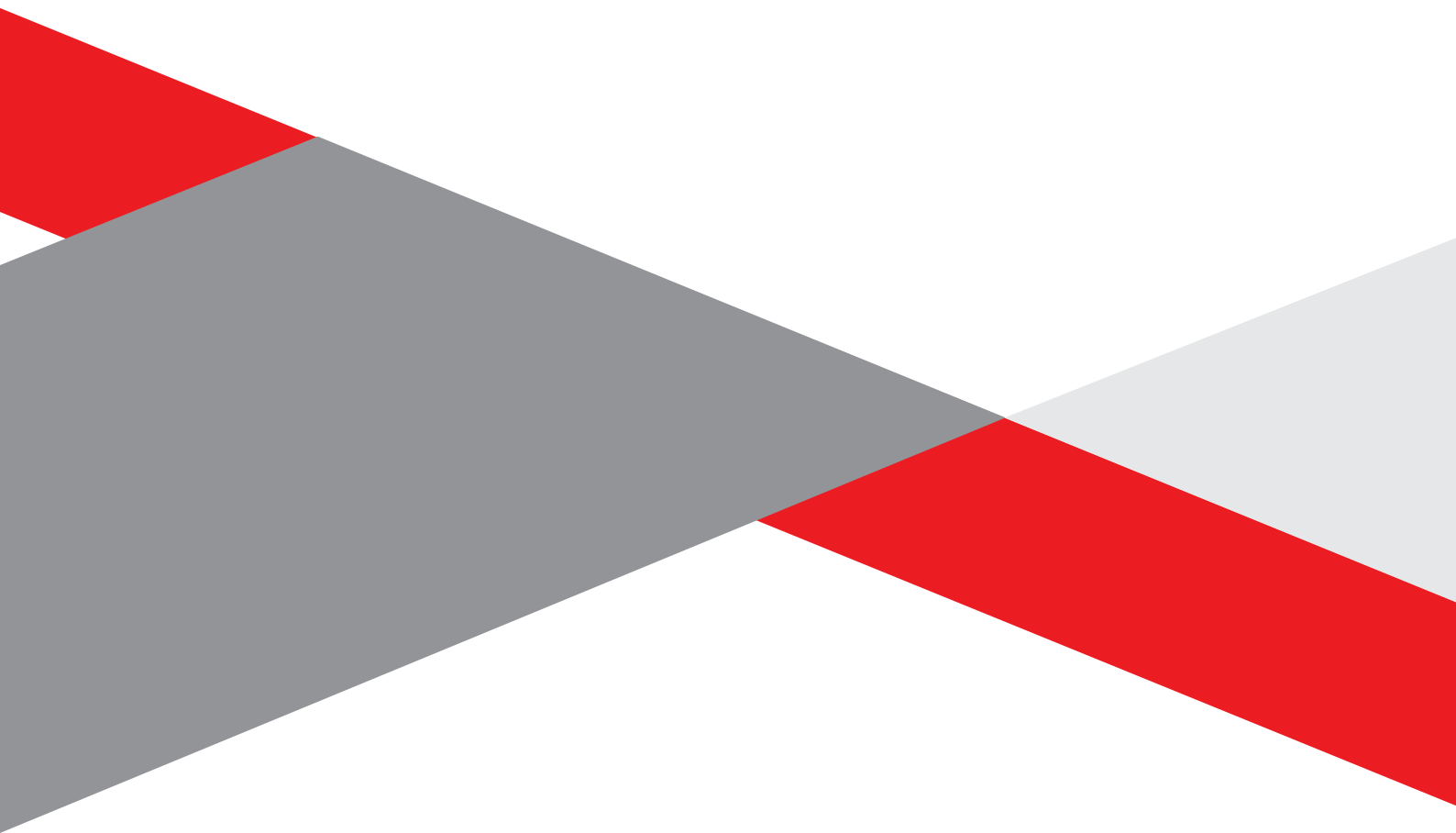
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Written notices required by regulation



06 June 2022

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Savannah Environmental
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Kind regards,

NONDUMISO BULUNGA

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ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS

PROPOSED EXPANSION OF SPORTS AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES AT THE COUNTRY CLUB JOHANNESBURG
GAUTENG PROVINCE

Registration & Comment Form

June 2022

Return completed registration and comment form to: **Nondumiso Bulunga** of **Savannah Environmental**

Phone: 011 656 3237 / **Mobile (incl. 'please call me'):** 060 978 8396 / **Fax:** 086 684 0547

E-mail: publicprocess@savannahsa.com **Postal Address:** PO Box 148, Sunninghill, 2157

Your registration as an interested and/or affected party will be applicable for this project only and your contact details provided are protected by the POPI Act of 2013

Please provide your complete contact details:

Name & Surname:		
Organisation:		
Designation:		
Postal Address:		
Telephone:		Fax:
Mobile:		
E-mail:		

In terms of EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended, Regulation 43(1), you are required to register as an I&AP to receive further correspondence regarding the EIA process for the projects and to disclose any direct business, financial, personal or other interest which you may have in the approval or refusal of the application (add additional pages if necessary):

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Please list your comments regarding your project selection above (add additional pages if necessary):

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Please provide contact details of any other persons who you regard as a potential interested or affected party:

Name & Surname:	
Postal Address:	
Telephone:	
Mobile:	
E-mail:	

14 July 2022

Dear Stakeholder and Interested & Affected Party,

**PROPOSED EXPANSION OF SPORTS AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES AT THE COUNTRY CLUB
JOHANNESBURG
GATEUNG PROVINCE
(GDARD Ref. No: 002/22-23/E3247)**

The correspondence regarding the availability of the Basic Assessment Report (BAR) for the Country Club Johannesburg distributed on **06 June 2022**, with a 30-day review and comment period starting from **Monday, 06 June 2022** until **Thursday, 07 July 2022** has reference.

This letter serves to inform you, as a registered Interested and Affected Party (I&AP), that the BAR has been updated to include an Activity 15 of Listing Notice 5, and that the application for the Environmental Authorisation (EA), has been amended to consider the inclusion of this additional activity.

The revised BAR is available for an additional 30-day public participation period from **Thursday, 14 July 2022 – Monday, 15 August 2022** on the Savannah Environmental website - (<https://savannahsa.com/public-documents/other/>) you, as a registered I&AP, are notified of the availability thereof.

Please do not hesitate to contact us should you require additional information and/or clarification regarding the project.

Kind regards

Nondumiso Bulunga

Lead Consultant

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Appendix E5
Minutes of any public meetings

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EXPANSION OF SPORTS AND RECREATION FACILITIES AT THE COUNTRY CLUB JOHANNESBURG, GAUTENG PROVINCE

**MEETING NOTES OF THE FOCUS GROUP MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY, 04 JULY 2022 AT 13H00
VENUE: MICROSOFT TEAMS, VIRTUAL MEETING**

Notes for the Record prepared by:

Nondumiso Bulunga

Savannah Environmental (Pty) Ltd
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Please address any comments to Savannah Environmental at the above address

MEETING ATTENDEES

Name	Organisation	Position
Portia Makitla	Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE)	Control Biodiversity Officer
Vedhant Maharaj	Rebelbase Camp	Architect
Steven Nicholson	Country Club Johannesburg - Woodmead	General Manager
Charmaine Klug Price	Country Club Johannesburg - Woodmead	Club Manager
Wendy Robertson	Woodmead Khyber Rock Residents Association	Director
Mmakoena Mmola	Savannah Environmental	Environmental Assessment Practitioner
Nondumiso Bulunga	Savannah Environmental	Lead Consultant

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

Nondumiso Bulunga welcomed the attendees at the Focus Group Meeting (FGM) for the proposed Expansion of Sports and Recreation Facilities at the Country Club Johannesburg - Woodmead.

The agenda was provided, and the purpose of the meeting was presented by **Nondumiso Bulunga**.

APOLOGIES

Steven Mukhola - Gauteng Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (GDARD).

BACKGROUND & TECHNICAL ASPECTS REGARDING THE PROPOSED PROJECT

Mmakoena Mmola provided an overview of the proposed project relating to the Expansion of Sports and Recreation Facilities at the Country Club Johannesburg in Woodmead, Gauteng Province, as well as a summary of the findings of the Basic Assessment (BA) being undertaken in support an application for Environmental Authorisation (EA) for the project. **Mmakoena Mmola** presented the following key information:

- overview of the project relating to the Expansion of Sports and Recreation Facilities at the Country Club Johannesburg - Woodmead;
- overview of the BA Process;
- key findings and aspects to be noted as presented in the BA Report; and
- summary of the environmental impacts identified.

A copy of the virtual participants' attendance is attached as **Appendix A** and the presentation is attached as **Appendix B** to the meeting notes.

DISCUSSION SESSION

Raised by	Question / Comment	Response
Portia Makitla	This application is submitted to GDARD and the project applicant is a private entity.	Mmakoena Mmola confirmed that GDARD is the Competent Authority (CA) and the applicant is a private entity.
	If GDARD is the CA, then we as DFFE will not comment on the project since we are not the CA and GDARD has their own Biodiversity and Conservation department which should comment and we do not want to cause any confusions.	Nondumiso Bulunga acknowledged the statement, and no further response was required.
Wendy Robertson	At this moment no comments but I will follow up with an email.	Nondumiso Bulunga acknowledged the statement, and no further response was required.

WAY FORWARD AND CLOSURE

Further project information will be relayed accordingly. It was noted by all attendees that no further comments needed to be raised at this time.

Nondumiso Bulunga thanked the participants for making time available to attend FGM and for their valuable input into the process.

The meeting was closed at 13h26.

LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS AND ACRONYMS

BA	Basic Assessment	CA	Competent Authority
DFFE	Department of Forestry, Fisheries, and the Environment	FGM	Focus Group Meeting
GDARD	Gauteng Department of Agriculture and Rural Development		

Meeting Summary

Total Number of Participants

Meeting Title Invitation to Meeting for Proposed Expansion of Sports and recreational Facility at the Country Club Johannesburg
Meeting Start Time 7/4/2022, 12:56:02 PM
Meeting End Time 7/4/2022, 1:26:32 PM
Meeting Id 84a8c70d-971e-44f5-aaaa-ae00b1d84568

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Full Name	Join Time
Nondumiso Bulunga	7/4/2022, 12:56:02 PM
Charmaine Klug Price	7/4/2022, 12:57:22 PM
Mmakoena Mmola	7/4/2022, 12:59:59 PM
Portia Makitla	7/4/2022, 1:02:12 PM
Vedhant Maharaj	7/4/2022, 1:07:33 PM
Wendy Robertson (Guest)	7/4/2022, 1:10:41 PM
Steven Nicholson	7/4/2022, 1:24:47 PM

Leave Time	Duration	Email	Role	Participant ID (UPN)
7/4/2022, 1:26:28 PM	30m 25s	Nondumiso@savannahsa.com	Organizer	Nondumiso@savannahsa.com
7/4/2022, 1:26:27 PM	29m 4s	Charmainek@ccj.co.za	Attendee	Charmainek@ccj.co.za
7/4/2022, 1:26:32 PM	26m 32s	Mmakoena@savannahsa.com	Presenter	Mmakoena@savannahsa.com
7/4/2022, 1:26:21 PM	24m 8s	PMakitla@dffe.gov.za	Attendee	pmakitla@environment.gov.za
7/4/2022, 1:26:28 PM	18m 55s	vedhant.maharaj@rebelbase.camp	Attendee	vedhant.maharaj@rebelbase.camp
7/4/2022, 1:26:25 PM	15m 43s		Attendee	
7/4/2022, 1:26:28 PM	1m 40s	stevenn@ccj.co.za	Attendee	stevenn@ccj.co.za




Proposed Expansion of Sports and Recreation Facilities at the Country Club Johannesburg, Gauteng Province

**Focus Group Meeting
Monday, 04 July 2022**

AGENDA

- Welcome and Introduction
- Meeting Conduct
- Purpose of the Meeting
- Project Overview
- Basic Assessment Process
- Key Environmental Findings
- Way Forward
- Discussions

MEETING CONDUCT

- Recording of meeting
- Please stay on mute during the presentation 
- Register attendance on Chat  function (name, surname & affiliation)
- Please raise your hand  to indicate comment or to raise a question
- Questions and comments can be submitted on the chat function during the presentation – team will respond after presentation
- Equal opportunity for input and queries
- Please hold all verbal questions until after the presentation

PURPOSE OF THE MEETING

- Provide stakeholders and I&APs with an overview of the proposed project
- Summary of the **Basic Assessment Process & Public Participation** being undertaken
- Present a summary of the key environmental findings as documented in the **Basic Assessment Report**
- Provide stakeholders the opportunity to seek clarity regarding the project and environmental studies, as well as the opportunity to provide valuable input into/to inform the Basic Assessment Process
- Obtain and record comments for inclusion in the submission to the Gauteng Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (GDARD)

PROJECT OVERVIEW

(Mmakoena Mmola)

LOCALITY MAP



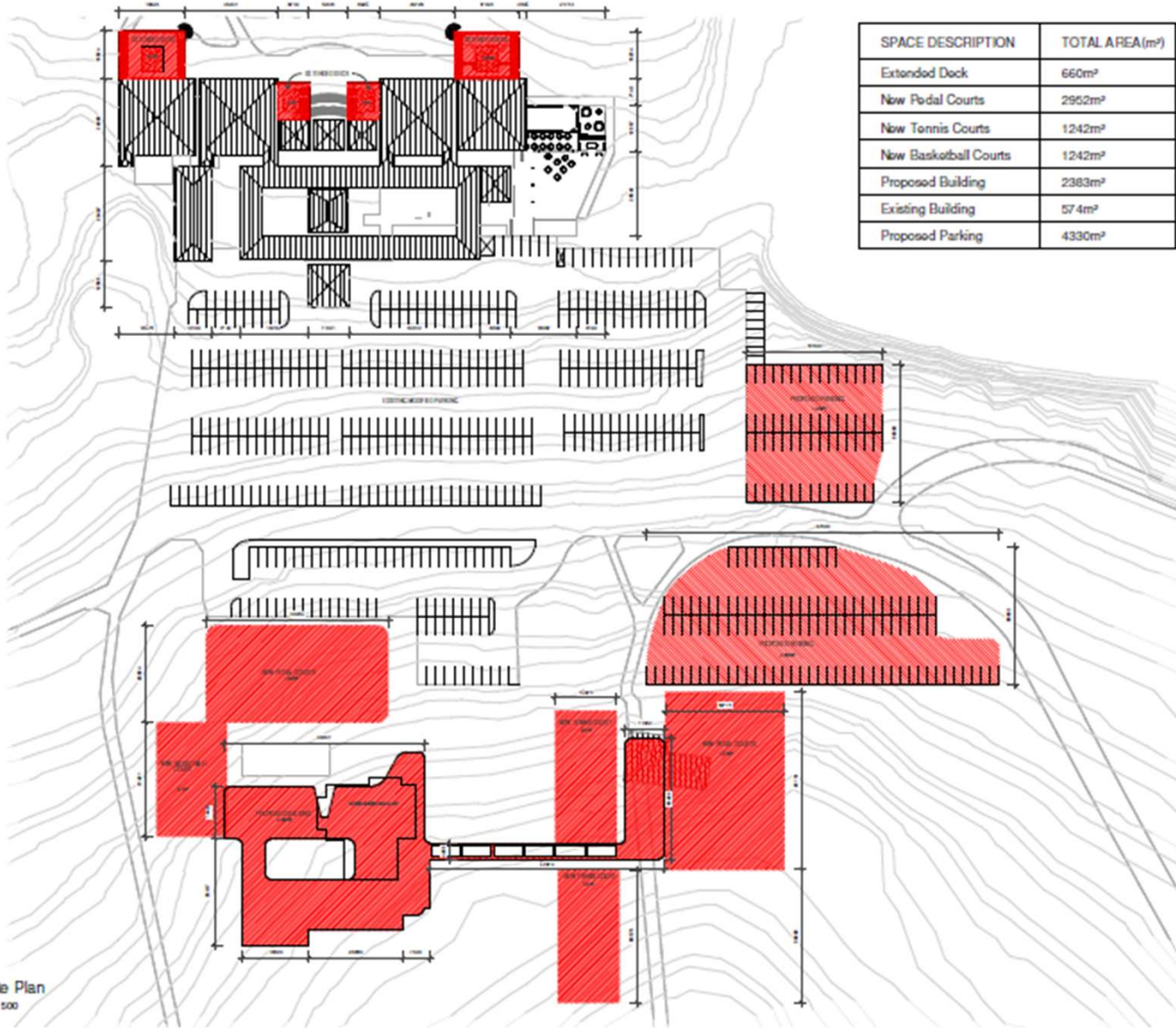
- **Applicant** – Country Club Johannesburg – Woodmead
- **Location** – Portion 433 of the Farm Rietfontein IR 2, located in Woodmead, Johannesburg, within jurisdiction of the City of Johannesburg Metropolitan Municipality in the Gauteng Province

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

■ Project Proposal:

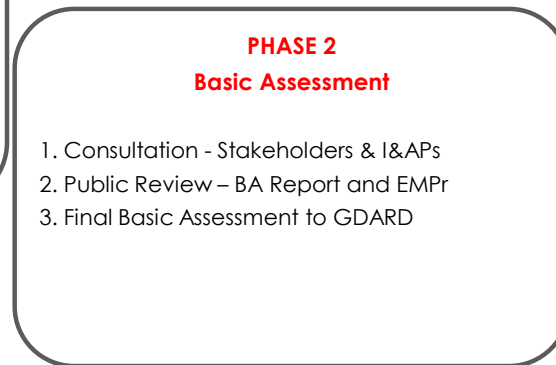
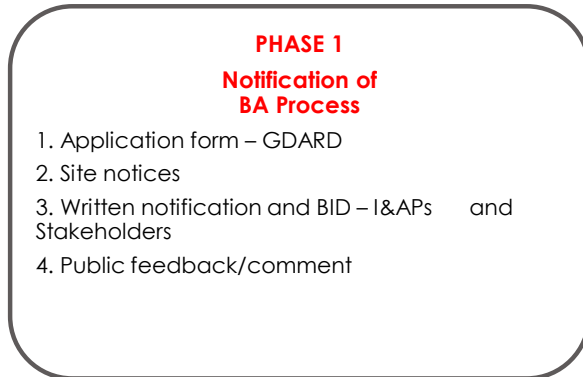
- The expansion of sports and recreational facilities –
 - This will entail the construction of additional tennis courts and new padel courts; upgrading the existing building at the facility to include a gym, changerooms and squash courts; expanding the parking area; and upgrading the restaurant and bar to provide a modern, multi-sport and family facility for members of the Country Club Johannesburg.
 - A development footprint of up to ~1.3ha has been identified by Country Club Johannesburg for the expansion of their sports and recreational facilities.

SPACE DESCRIPTION	TOTAL AREA(m ²)
Extended Dock	660m ²
New Padel Courts	2952m ²
New Tennis Courts	1242m ²
New Basketball Courts	1242m ²
Proposed Building	2383m ²
Existing Building	574m ²
Proposed Parking	4330m ²

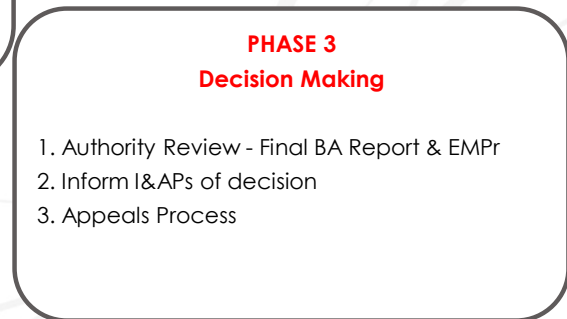


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BA PROCESS & PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT



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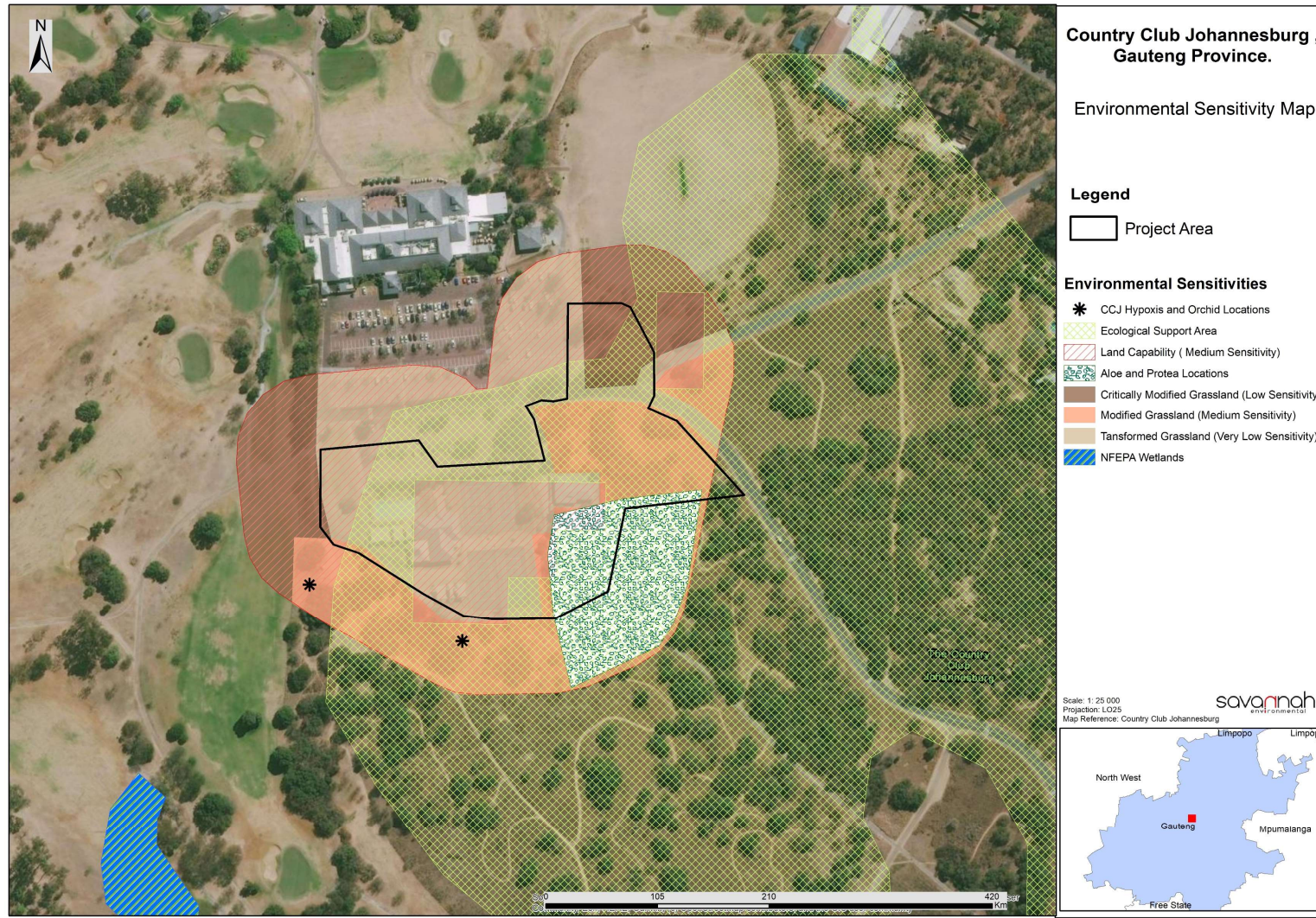
SPECIALIST STUDY FINDINGS

Impact Report Specialist Studies	Findings
<p data-bbox="65 410 562 475">Terrestrial Biodiversity Compliance Statement</p> <p data-bbox="65 516 562 613">Michael Schrenk and Andrew Husted of The Biodiversity Company</p>	<p data-bbox="562 410 2043 508">Based on the sensitivity of the development footprint, a compliance statement was undertaken and not a full impact assessment in accordance with the relevant specialist protocols published in Government Notice 320 of 20 March 2020 and Government Notice 1150 of 30 October 2022.</p> <ul data-bbox="562 548 2043 1295" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="562 548 2043 646">• The project area is situated within the Egoli Granite Grassland. The conservation status of this vegetation community was listed by Mucina and Rutherford (2006) as Endangered and is listed as Critically Endangered based on the National Biodiversity Assessment (NBA) (2018). <li data-bbox="562 654 2043 751">• According to the Gauteng Conservation Plan, portions of the project area overlap with an Ecological Support Area (ESA). The closest Critical Biodiversity Area (CBA) is the Sandspruit river greenbelt, located approximately 1 km west of the project area. <li data-bbox="562 760 2043 784">• Falls across a Critically Endangered ecosystem. <li data-bbox="562 792 2043 849">• Falls across three habitat units, namely, transformed habitat, critically modified grassland and modified grassland. <li data-bbox="562 857 2043 987">• Four provincially protected plant species: <i>Eulophia ovalis</i> var. <i>bainesii</i> (Cream courting harlequin orchid), <i>Aloe maculata</i> (Soap aloe), <i>Protea caffra</i> subsp. <i>caffra</i> (Common sugarbush), and <i>Cussonia paniculata</i> subsp. <i>sinuata</i> (Mountain cabbagetree) and one flora species of conservation concern was recorded, namely, <i>Hypoxis hemerocallidea</i> (Star-flower). <li data-bbox="562 995 2043 1125">• No mammal activity was recorded. Although signposts and discussions with staff revealed that <i>Atelerix frontalis</i> (Hedgehog) have historically been observed in the region. The Hedgehog is listed as 'Near Threatened' (NT) nationally and is considered protected game by both national and provincial legislation. <li data-bbox="562 1133 2043 1230">• One herpetofaunal species was observed, namely, <i>Stigmochelys pardalis</i> (Leopard tortoise), which is provincially protected and also listed under appendix II of CITES – affording the species international protection. <li data-bbox="562 1239 2043 1263">• The project area is near numerous wetlands and the Sandspruit River. <li data-bbox="562 1271 2043 1295">• There are no fatal flaws for this project.

SPECIALIST STUDY FINDINGS

Impact Report Specialist Studies	Findings
<p>Soils and Agricultural Potential Compliance Statement</p> <p>Michael Douglas and Andrew Husted of The Biodiversity Company</p>	<p>The project area is regarded as having a “Moderately low to Moderate” land capability and as such, an agricultural compliance statement has been prepared as opposed to a full impact assessment. Since an agricultural compliance statement was prepared as per Government Notice 320 dated 20 March 2020, an assessment of the identified potential impacts was not undertaken.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two soil forms were identified within the 50m regulated area of the project area, namely, Glenrosa and Avalon. Of these soil forms, the Avalon soil form is most sensitive. • The land capability of the Avalon soil has been determined to be class “II” (arable land) and the land capability of the Glenrosa soil has been determined to be class “VI” (grazing land). • Considering the nature of the proposed activities and the low sensitivity of the soil resources identified within the 50 m regulated area, it is the specialist’s opinion that no concernable loss of land capability is expected and that no segregation of high production agricultural land will occur.
<p>Heritage Impact Assessment</p> <p>Vedhant Maharaj of Rebel Base Collective</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is no significant heritage value to the property and the surrounds of the project area. The land was initially purchased in 1966 and has no heritage structures or signs of heritage landscape. • The bulk construction of the proposed construction is planned to be undertaken on already developed land. • All development of the property at the Country Club Johannesburg is less than 60 years of age and therefore holds no heritage value. • It is the specialist’s opinion that the proposed development proceed with no restrictions as there is no sites of heritage significance within the project area.

ENVIRONMENTAL SENSITIVITIES



CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMEMNDATIONS

- There are no identified environmental fatal flaws associated with the implementation of the project.
- Through assessment of the project within the project area, it can be concluded that the project is environmentally acceptable (subject to implementation of the recommended mitigation measures).

WAY FORWARD

(Nondumiso Bulunga)

WAY FORWARD

- Basic Assessment Report review and comment period: **Monday, 06 June 2022 until Thursday, 07 July 2022** (the report can be downloaded from the Savannah Environmental website: (<https://www.savannahsa.com/public-documents/other/>))
- Our Public Participation team is available to answer any questions on the development and register you as an I&AP so that you can receive important project information as it becomes available
- Comments / queries will be captured and included in the Comments and Responses Report which will be submitted with the Final BA Report
- The Final BA Report will be submitted to GDARD for decision-making

WHO TO CONTACT FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

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Appendix E6
Comments & Responses Report



PROPOSED EXPANSION OF SPORTS AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES AT THE COUNTRY CLUB JOHANNESBURG, GAUTENG PROVINCE
(Reference.: GAUT 002/22-23/E3247)

COMMENTS AND RESPONSES REPORT

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The Basic Assessment (BA) process, in accordance with the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) regulations, 2014, as amended, for the Expansion of Sports and Recreational Facilities at the Country Club Johannesburg – Woodmead was initiated **Tuesday 15 March 2022** by placing site notices within the affected property. A notification letter was sent on **Monday, 06 June 2022** which served to invite Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) to register their interest in the project and to submit any comments / queries that they might have.

The Draft BA Report was made available for a 30-day review and comment period from **Monday, 06 June 2022** to **Thursday, 07 July 2022**, and all written comments received during the initial 30-day review and comment period have been included in the table below and included in **Appendix E6** of the BA Report.

Comment on the Draft BA Report was received from the Gauteng Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (GDARD) on **30 June 2022** where the Department advised that Activity 15 of Listing Notice 3, which among other activity components, includes institutional use, should be applied for in relation to the zoning of the site as well as the geographical areas existing on site. The Department further advised that registered I&APs be duly informed of the inclusion of this activity and that the application form be amended to consider the inclusion of this additional activity.

The Draft BA Report has therefore been revised and is made available for an additional 30-day public participation period from **Thursday, 14 July 2022 – Monday, 15 August 2022** on the Savannah Environmental website – (<https://savannahsa.com/public-documents/other/>). Comments received during the 30-

day review and comment period of the Revised Draft BA Report will be included, considered and addressed within the table below and included in **Appendix E6** of the Final BA Report to be submitted to the Competent Authority for consideration.

LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS / ACRONYMS

BA	Basic Assessment	GDARD	Gauteng Development Agriculture and Rural Development
EA	Environmental Authorisation	I&AP	Interested and Affected Party
EIA	Environmental Impact Assessment		
ESA	Ecological Support Area		
EMP	Environmental Management Programme		

1. COMMENTS SUBMITTED DURING THE INITIAL 30-DAY REVIEW AND COMMENT PERIOD OF THE DRAFT BA REPORT

1.1. Organs of State

No.	Comment	Raised by	Response
1.	<p>1. Description of the development</p> <p>The development entails the proposed expansion of sport and recreational facilities on Portion 433 of the Farm Rietfontein IR 2, Woodmead, City of Johannesburg Metropolitan Municipality</p> <p>1.1. The activity entails the construction of additional tennis courts and new padel courts, upgrading the existing building at the facility to include a gym, changerooms, squash courts, expanding the parking area, upgrading the restaurant and bar to make it a multi-sport and family facility for the members of the Country Club Johannesburg.</p> <p>1.2. The property size measures at approximately 2,47 hectares with a development footprint of 1,30 hectares.</p> <p>1.3. The project site is zoned Private Open Space.</p>	<p>Tjatja Mosia</p> <p>GDARD</p> <p>Letter dated:30 June 2022</p>	<p>This comment is noted, and no further action is required.</p>
	<p>2. Applicable legislation and policies</p> <p>The activity entails the proposed expansion of sports and recreational facilities situated on portion 433 of the Farm Rietfontein IR 2, Woodmead, City of Johannesburg Metropolitan Municipality has an impact in terms of:</p> <p>2.1. National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No 107 of 1998 as amended)</p> <p>2.2. National Environmental Management Biodiversity Act, 2004 (Act No.10 of 2004)</p> <p>2.3. Natural Heritage Resources Act,1999 (Act No.25 of 1999)</p> <p>2.4. All relevant Provincial Regulations, municipal by-laws and ordinances and the Gauteng Provincial</p>		<p>This comment is noted, and no further action is required.</p>

No.	Comment	Raised by	Response				
	Environmental Management Framework ,2015, with the latter identifying the proposed site as falling within the Environmental Management Zone 1 (Urban Development Zone). This zone aims to promote development infill, densification and concentration of urban development within the urban development zones.						
	<p>3. Description of the receiving environment</p> <p>The following environmental attributes and activities can be found on the site:</p> <p>3.1. The Gauteng Conservation Plan Version 3.3 indicated that portions of the project area overlap with an Ecological Support Area (ESA). Several depressions/pans an unchanneled valley bottom wetland, and a channeled valley bottom wetland (the Sandspruit River) located approximately 1km west of the project area.</p> <p>3.2. The project area is situated within the Egoli Granite Grassland of the Mesic Highveld Grassland Bioregion and is categorized as Critically Endangered.</p>		<p>This comment is noted, and no further action is required.</p>				
	<p>4. Listed activities applied for</p> <p>The following listed activities have been applied for</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="215 943 891 1364"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="215 943 555 1050">Activity No and description</th> <th data-bbox="566 943 891 1050">Description of the development related to the listed activity</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="215 1054 555 1364"> Listing Notice 3 Activity 12 The clearance of an area of 300 square meters or more of indigenous vegetation except where such clearance of indigenous vegetation is required for maintenance </td> <td data-bbox="566 1054 891 1364"> -1.3ha of indigenous vegetation will be cleared - the project area falls within an Ecological Support Area and Critical Biodiversity area. </td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Activity No and description	Description of the development related to the listed activity	Listing Notice 3 Activity 12 The clearance of an area of 300 square meters or more of indigenous vegetation except where such clearance of indigenous vegetation is required for maintenance	-1.3ha of indigenous vegetation will be cleared - the project area falls within an Ecological Support Area and Critical Biodiversity area.		<p>Activity 15 of Listing Notice 3 has been included in the revised application for Environmental Authorisation (EA) submitted to the Department on 14 July 2022. As per the Department's recommendation, the BA Report has also been revised and is made available for a 30-day public review and comment period from Thursday, 14 July 2022 – Monday, 15 August 2022 on the Savannah Environmental website - (https://savannahsa.com/public-documents/other/).</p> <p>Furthermore, a letter notifying registered I&APs of the inclusion of Activity 15 of Listing Notice 3 was distributed on 14 July 2022.</p>
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No.	Comment	Raised by	Response
	<p>purposed undertaken in accordance with a maintenance management plan</p>		
	<p>The Department would like you to consider if Activity 15 of Listing Notice 3, which among other activity components, include institutional use should be applied for in relation to the zoning of the site as well as the geographical areas existing on the site. The Department is of the view that such activity should be applied for and as such, necessary public process and amendment of the application form should be considered for the additional activity.</p>		
	<p>5. Specialist studies The heritage impact assessment was undertaken for the project and found that there is no significant heritage value to the property and the surrounds of the project area. The land was purchased in 1996 and classified as farmland, the property has no heritage structures or signs of heritage landscape. The property has since evolved into a recreational complex with two golf course and several other outdoor sporting facilities.</p> <p>The terrestrial Ecology Impact Assessment noted that the project contains numerous important floral and faunal specialist and is under threat from several alien invasive plants</p>		<p>This comment is noted, and no further action is required.</p>
	<p>6. Impacts Identification, Assessment and Mitigation The project area' biodiversity status is largely degraded and as such is assigned a sensitivity rating of 'very low' to 'medium'. The soil identified within he project area were found to have moderately low to moderate land</p>		<p>This comment is noted, and no further action is required.</p>

No.	Comment	Raised by	Response
	<p>capability. The portion of the property intended for development has largely been developed already.</p>		
	<p>7. Assessment of alternatives No property alternatives were considered, as the project area is located within the boundary of the Country Club Johannesburg. Furthermore, no alternative locations within the boundary of the Country Club Johannesburg were considered as the proposed development is an expansion of current facilities.</p> <p>No activity alternatives for the project area have been proposed by the applicant, due to the increase in people signing up to be members of the Country Club Johannesburg, there has been a strain on the current available facilities and such, the need for additional facilities has been identified.</p>		<p>This comment is noted, and no further action is required.</p>
	<p>8. Maps, layout plans, services route positioning The department notes the locality, layout and facility illustration project titled R14-RAJ_01(2021/11/15) maps in the report. They must still be attached in the final report. The minimum mapping rules must still apply as per GDARD requirements. There are existing tarred roads within the facility that will be utilised to provide direct access to the project area. The project site has electricity (Eskom) and there are already existing ablution facilities at the Country Club Johannesburg, which are connected to the municipality sewage line.</p>		<p>This comment is noted, and no further action is required.</p>
	<p>9. Public Participation Process The department notes that the drafted report circulated to the public for comments placement of sites notices within the project area in accordance with the requirements set in the EIA Regulations has been satisfactory positioned. A</p>		<p>It is acknowledged that the placement of the site notices has been satisfactory to the EIA Regulations.</p>

No.	Comment	Raised by	Response
	<p>newspaper advertisement was placed in the <i>Sandton Chronicles</i> on 06 June 2022. Any further comments and responses from key stakeholders including proof of consultation must be in the Final report. Kindly take note of the paragraph relating to the inclusion of Activity 15 of Listing Notice 3 and ensure that registered interested and affected parties are duly informed and its inclusion.</p>		<p>All comments received from key stakeholders, including proof of consultation, has been included in the Revised BA Report as Appendix E.</p> <p>Activity 15 of Listing Notice 3 has been included in the revised application for Environmental Authorisation (EA) submitted to the Department on 14 July 2022. As per the Department's recommendation, the BA Report has also been revised and is made available for a 30-day public review and comment period from Thursday, 14 July 2022 – Monday, 15 August 2022 on the Savannah Environmental website - (https://savannahsa.com/public-documents/other/).</p> <p>Furthermore, a letter notifying registered I&APs of the inclusion of Activity 15 of Listing Notice 3 was distributed on 14 July 2022.</p>
	<p>10. Environmental Management Programme (EMPr) The attached EMPr (Appendix H) is noted and appears addressing impacts that may arise as a result of the proposed activity; however, it must be included in the final report and must be practical, site specific and easily enforceable. An EMPr is a binding document and all the conditions in it should be enforceable, it is therefore important that words do not emphasize enforcements be avoided.</p> <p>If you have any queries regarding the contents of this letter, please contact the official of the Department using any of the above indicated contact details.</p>		<p>The EMPr is included within this Revised BA Report as Appendix H and will also be included within the final BA Report submitted to the Department for consideration.</p>

1.2. Key Stakeholders and I&APs

No comments have been received yet

Appendix E7
Comments from I&APs on BA Report





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Dear Mmakoena Mmola,

COMMENTS ON THE "DRAFT" BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORT: THE PROPOSED EXPANSION OF SPORTS AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES AT THE COUNTRY CLUB JOHANNESBURG, CITY OF JOHANNESBURG METROPOLITAN MUNICIPALITY

Regarding the above-mentioned Basic Assessment Report ("Draft") received by the Department on 07 June 2022, herewith receive the comments from the Department.

1. Description of the development

The development entails the proposed expansion of sport and recreational facilities on Portion 433 of the Farm Rietfontein IR 2, Woodmead, City of Johannesburg Metropolitan Municipality.

- 1.1 The activity entails the construction of additional tennis courts and new padel courts, upgrading the existing building at the facility to include a gym, changerooms, squash courts, expanding the parking area, upgrading the restaurant and bar to make it a multi-sport and family facility for the members of the Country Club Johannesburg.
- 1.2 The property size measures at approximately 2,47 hectares with a development footprint of 1,30 hectares.
- 1.3 The project site is zoned as Private Open Space.

2. Applicable legislation and policies

The activity entails the proposed expansion of sports and recreational facilities situated on portion 433 of the Farm Rietfontein IR 2, Woodmead, City of Johannesburg Metropolitan Municipality has an impact in terms of:

- 2.1 National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998 as amended).
- 2.2 National Environment Management Biodiversity Act, 2004 (Act No.10 of 2004).
- 2.3 Natural Heritage Resources Act ,1999 (Act No.25 of 1999).

2.4 All relevant Provincial Regulations, Municipal by-laws and ordinances and the Gauteng Provincial Environmental Management Framework, 2015, with the latter identifying the proposed site as falling within the Environmental Management Zone 1 (Urban Development Zone). This zone aims to promote development infill, densification and concentration of urban development within the urban development zones.

3. Description of the receiving environment

The following environmental attributes and activities can be found on the site:

- 3.1 The Gauteng Conservation Plan Version 3.3 indicates that portions of the project area overlap with an Ecological Support Area (ESA). Several depressions/pans, an unchanneled valley bottom wetland, and a channeled valley bottom wetland (the Sandspruit River) located approximately 1 km west of the project area.
- 3.2 The project area is situated within the Egoli Granite Grassland of the Mesic Highveld Grassland Bioregion and is categorized as Critically Endangered.

4. Listed activities applied for

The following listed activities have been applied for-

Activity No and description	Description of the development related to the listed activity
<p>Listing Notice 3 Activity 12</p> <p>The clearance of an area of 300 square metres or more of indigenous vegetation except where such clearance of indigenous vegetation is required for maintenance purposes undertaken in accordance with a maintenance management plan.</p>	<p>-1.3ha of indigenous vegetation will be cleared.</p> <p>-The project area falls within an Ecological Support Area and Critical Biodiversity Area.</p>

The Department would like you to consider if Activity 15 of Listing Notice 3, which among other activity components, include institutional use should be applied for in relation to the zoning of the site as well as the geographical areas existing on the site. The Department is of the view that such activity should be applied for and as such, necessary public participation process and amendment of the application form should be considered for that additional activity.

5. Specialist studies

The heritage impact assessment was undertaken for the project and found that there is no significant heritage value to the property and the surrounds of the project area. The land was purchased in 1966 and classified as farmland. The property has no heritage structures or signs of heritage landscape. The property has since evolved into a recreational complex with two golf courses and several other outdoor sporting facilities.

The Terrestrial Ecology Impact Assessment noted that the project area contains numerous important floral and faunal species and is under threat from several alien invasive plants.

6. Impacts Identification, Assessment and Mitigation

The project area's biodiversity status is largely degraded and as such is assigned a sensitivity rating of 'very low' to 'medium'. The soil identified within the project area were found to have moderately low to moderate land capability. The portion of the property intended for development has largely been developed already.

7. Assessment of alternatives

No property alternatives were considered, as the project area is located within the boundary of the Country Club Johannesburg. Furthermore, no alternative locations within the boundary of the Country Club Johannesburg were considered as the proposed development is an expansion of current facilities.

No activity alternatives for the project area have been proposed by the applicant, due to the increase in people signing up to be members of the Country Club Johannesburg, there has been a strain on the current available facilities and as such, the need for additional facilities has been identified.

8. Maps, layout plans, services route positioning

The department notes the locality, layout and facility illustration project titled R14-RAJ_01 (2021/11/15) maps in the report. They must still be attached in the final report. The minimum mapping rules must still apply as per GDARD requirements. There are existing tarred roads within the facility that will be utilised to provide direct access to the project area. The project site has electricity (Eskom) and there are already existing ablation facilities at the Country Club Johannesburg, which are connected to the municipality sewage line.

9. Public Participation Process

The department notes that the draft report has been circulated to the public for comments. Placement of site notices within the project area in accordance with the requirements set in the EIA Regulations has been satisfactorily positioned. A newspaper advertisement was placed in the *Sandton Chronicles* on 06 June 2022. Any further comments and responses from key stakeholders including proof of consultation must be in the Final report. **Kindly take note of the paragraph relating to the inclusion of Activity 15 of Listing Notice 3 and ensure that registered interested and affected parties are duly informed and its inclusion.**

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Yours faithfully,

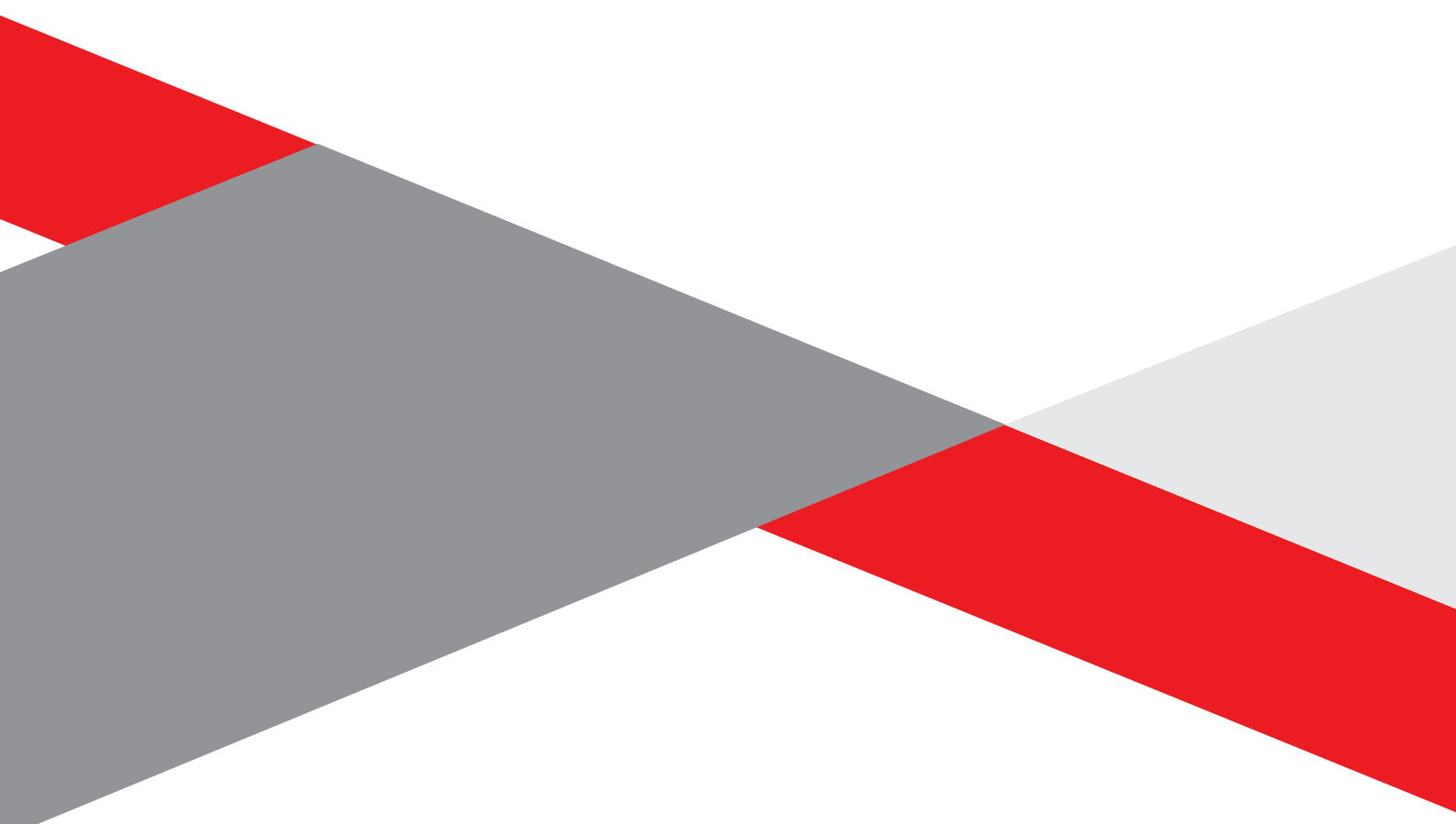


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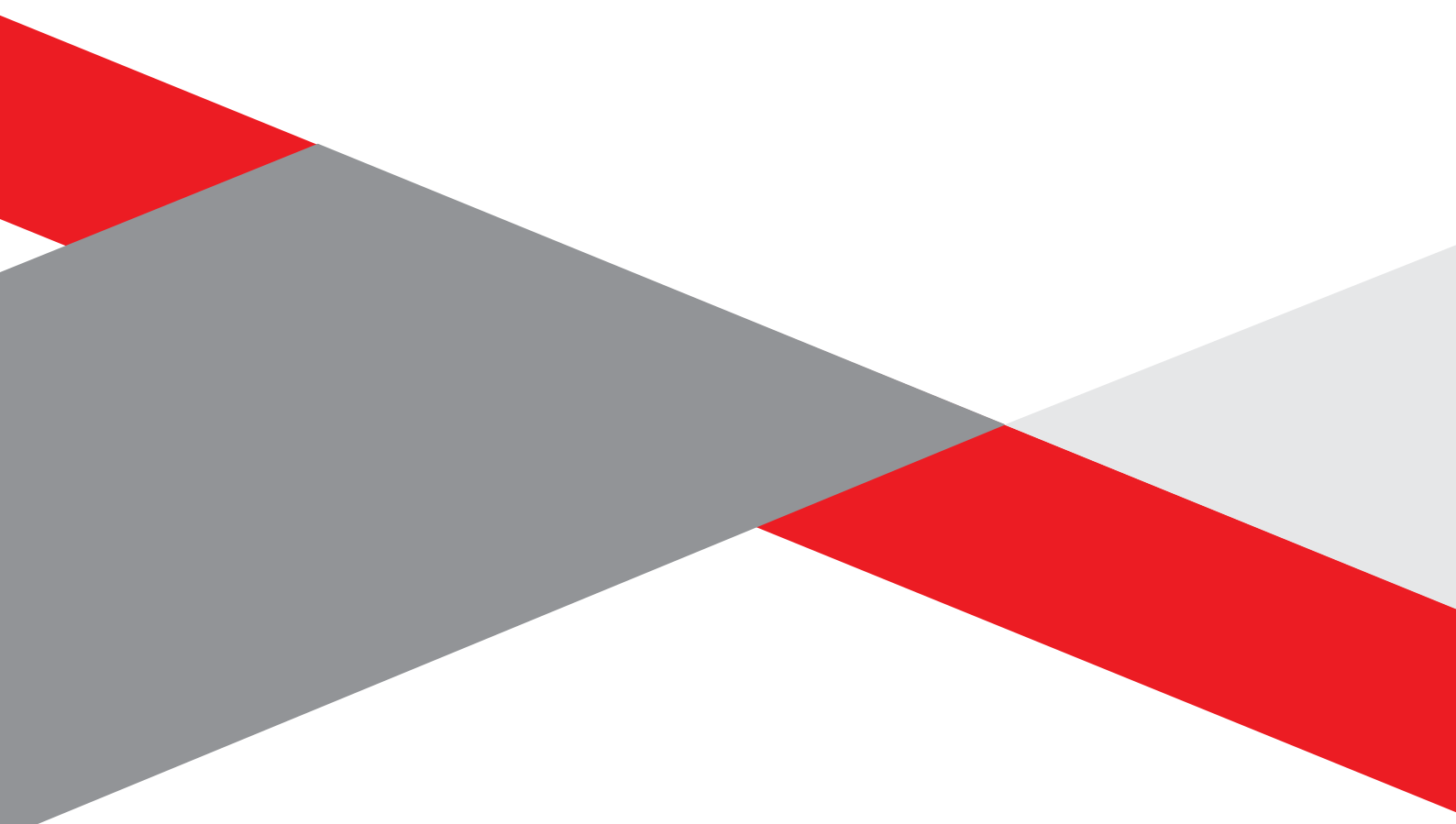
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Appendix E8
Comments on amendments of BA Report



No comments have been recieved to date.
All written comments will be included in the
Final Basic Assessment.

Appendix E9
Copy of the register of I&APs



EXPANSION OF SPORTS AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES AT THE COUNTRY CLUB JOHANNESBURG

DEPARTMENT / COMPANY / ORGANISATION	NAME	SURNAME	POSITION
Angor Property Management	Lefasa	Florina	Manager
Brydens Property Group	Dianne	Reid	Administrator
City of Johannesburg	Christopher	Santana	Councillor: Ward 106
City of Johannesburg	Teboho	Maapea	Adminitrator: Ward 106
Country Club Estate - Woodmead	Ashley	Van der Westhuizen	Broker
Country Club Johannesburg - Woodmead	Charmaine	Klug-Price	Club Manager
Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment	Aulicia	Maifo	
Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment	Coenrad	Agenbach	Control Environmental Officer
Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment	Obed	Baloyi	Chief Director: Chemical & Waste Management
Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment	Portia	Makitla	Biodiversity Officer
Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment	Seoka	Lekota	Deputy Director
Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment	Thoko	Buthelezi	Administration Clerk: National Office
Gauteng Department of Agriculture and Rural Development	Babsi	Sidzumo	
Gauteng Department of Agriculture and Rural Development	Caleb	Masangane	Manager
Gauteng Department of Agriculture and Rural Development	Dan	Motaung	
Gauteng Department of Agriculture and Rural Development	Erick	Moletsane	
Gauteng Department of Agriculture and Rural Development	Joshua	Mahada	
Gauteng Department of Agriculture and Rural Development	Justine	Chan	
Gauteng Department of Agriculture and Rural Development	Marc	Leroy	
Gauteng Department of Agriculture and Rural Development	Mpho	Kadi	Manager
Gauteng Department of Agriculture and Rural Development	Mpho	Kadi	Manager
Gauteng Department of Agriculture and Rural Development	Patrick	Duigan	
Gauteng Department of Agriculture and Rural Development	Phoka	Mathabo	
Gauteng Department of Agriculture and Rural Development	Steven	Mukhola	
Gauteng Department of Agriculture and Rural Development	Tendani	Rambuda	
Johannesburg Water	Derrick	Kgwale	Chief Operations Officer
Johannesburg Water	Nondumiso	Mabuza	Executive Manager: Stakeholder Relations & Communications
Johannesburg Water	Ntshavheni	Mukwevhu	Managing Director
Malawi Consulate General		Malawi Consul	
Paulshof Residents & Ratepayers Association		Chairman	Chairman
Paulshof Residents & Ratepayers Association		Environmental	Environmental Matters
Paulshof Residents & Ratepayers Association		Security	Security
Pinewood Office Park	Ashley	Van der Westhuizen	Broker: Anvil Property
Tasly SA		Director	
Woodmead Khyber Rock Residents Association NPC		Chairman	
ZTE Corporation South Africa	Li	Zixue	Chairman & Executive Director