



**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
REPORT FOR THE
PROPOSED NEW FUEL
STATION AND ITS
ASSOCIATED FACILITIES
AND FAST FOOD OUTLET
ON ERF 1058, GRAAFF-
REINETE, EASTERN CAPE**

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1 Glossary of terms and acronyms

BAR	Basic Assessment Report
DM	District Municipality
DEDEAT	Department of Economic Development Environmental Affairs and Tourism
DWS	Department of Water and Sanitation
EA	Environmental Authorisation
EAP	Environmental Assessment Practitioner
EIA	Environmental Impact Assessment
EMPr	Environmental Management Programme
Environmental impact	Any change to the environment, whether adverse or beneficial, wholly, or partially resulting from a development and or the operation thereof.
GNR	Government Notice Regulation
I&AP	Interested and affected party
NEMA	National Environmental Management Act No. 107 of 1998
NWA	National Water Act No. 36 of 1998
PPP	Public Participation Process
SAHRA	South African Heritage Resources Agency
LM	Local Municipality

2 Introduction

According to Appendix 3, Section 3 (1), of the 2014 EIA Regulations (as amended in 2017), an Environmental Impact Assessment Report must include *“(h) a full description of the process followed to reach the proposed development footprint within the approved site as contemplated in the accepted scoping report, including:*

- (ii). details of the public participation process undertaken in terms of regulation 41 of the Regulations, including copies of the supporting documents and inputs;*
- (iii). a summary of the issues raised by interested and affected parties, and an indication of the manner in which the issues were incorporated, or the reasons for not including them.”*

Public Participation Process (PPP) forms an integral part of the application process. It provides people with the opportunity to raise their issues and concerns about the proposed development. The public participation process to which this **BAR** process is subjected to must *“give all potential or registered interested and affected parties, including the competent authority, a period of at least 30 days to submit comments.”* In addition, the public participation process *“must provide access to all information that reasonably has or may have the potential to influence any decision with regard to an application.”*

Public participation must include *“consultation with—*

- a) the competent authority.*
- b) every State department that administers a law relating to a matter affecting the environment relevant to an application for an environmental authorisation.*
- c) all organs of state which have jurisdiction in respect of the activity to which the application relates; and*
- d) all potential stakeholders, landowners, land users, where relevant, registered interested and affected parties.”*

In terms of the NEMA, public participation process provides people who may be affected by the proposed development with an opportunity to provide comment and to raise issues of concern about the project, or to make suggestions that may result in enhanced benefits for the project. Comments and issues raised during the PPP will be captured, evaluated, and included in a comments and responses register. The issues will be addressed and included in the final version of the report, submitted to the decision-making authority, **DEDEAT**.

2.1 Development locality

The development will take place in Graaff-Reinet on Erf 1058 Graaff-Reinet, Eastern Cape, which falls under the *Dr Beyers Naudé Local Municipality* in the Eastern Cape Province.

2.2 Project description

Environmental Management Group is applying for Environmental Authorization (EA) on behalf of Chargo Fuels (Pty) Ltd, (the applicant), for the above-mentioned development. The proposed development is set to be in the southern parts of Graaff Reinet. The proposed development falls within the jurisdiction of Dr Beyers Naudé Local Municipality, which ranks as the third-largest local municipality in the country. The municipality itself operates under the governance of Sarah Baartman District Municipality, situated in the Eastern Cape region of South Africa.

The proposed development will be located on Erven 1058 Graaff-Reinet, in the southern parts of the town, across the N9 route from Middleburg. It holds a strategic location, positioned approximately 154km away from Cradock via the well-connected N9 and N10 routes.

The proposed development entails the demolition of an existing, non-operational fuel station within the site boundary. In its place, the applicant plans to construct a newly upgraded fuel station, complete with all the necessary accompanying infrastructure. This revitalization effort aims to breathe new life into the area, offering a modern and efficient facility to serve the needs of both locals and travellers passing through. By replacing the outdated infrastructure with a new fuel station, the proposed development will not only enhance the visual appeal of the site but also improve its functionality, providing a convenient and reliable fuelling option. The proposed fuel station development is also accompanied by the placement of an on-site fast-food outlet and convenience store.

Beyond the immediate benefits generated by the proposed development, significant potential to contribute to the key features of the surrounding area, particularly its infrastructure and services will be met. By amplifying the effectiveness of the existing infrastructure, the project will complement and augment the overall development in the region. Furthermore, it is envisioned that the development will have a positive impact on the adjacent communities. By providing improved infrastructure and essential services such as fuel accessibility. Additionally, the creation of both temporary and permanent job opportunities will bolster the local economy, supporting socio-economic growth and providing individuals in the vicinity with valuable employment prospects.

According to the architectural designs and site plans from the designers of the proposed development. The proposed development will incorporate spaces such as:

- 📍 Canopy covered forecourt with 10 vehicle refuelling bays,
- 📍 Pump island (above-ground fuel pumps and hose dispensers),
- 📍 Total belowground storage volume of approximately 120,000 litres of fuel,
- 📍 Convenience store (including fast food outlet),
- 📍 ATM,
- 📍 Delivery parking areas,
- 📍 Two access roads,
- 📍 Landscaped area and,
- 📍 Delivery bay (loading and unloading goods)

The proposed filling station design features a forecourt steel canopy and refuelling bays in the eastern portion of the site, providing a covered area for vehicles to park and refuel. In the western portion, a new tank farm will be constructed with five underground tanks and the necessary infrastructure. These tanks will store a total volume of approximately 120,000 litres of fuel, including diesel, 95 unleaded petrol, and 93 unleaded petrol. The layout plan, illustrated in figure two (2), offers a conceptual overview of the filling station's arrangement, showcasing the exact locations of associated infrastructure and fuel monitoring systems within the site boundary. Meanwhile, the convenience stores and parking bays will be conveniently situated in the south-western part of the site, allowing easy access for customers.

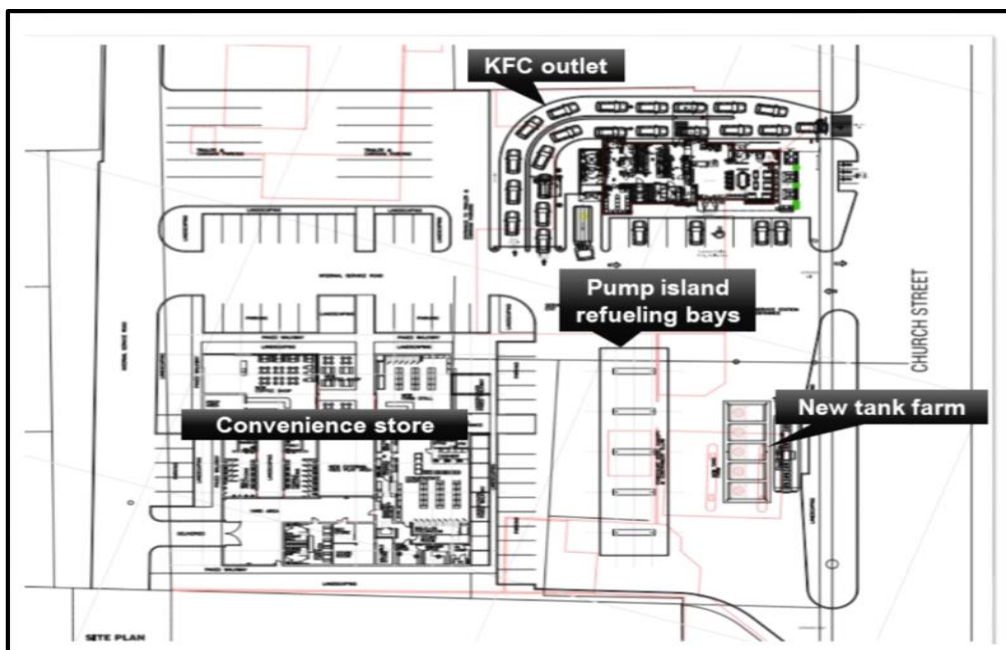


Figure 1 Layout Plan

Sewer reticulation: In pursuit of sustainable development and compliance with regulations set by the competent authority, the applicant will work closely with the De Beyers Naude Local Municipality. A key aspect of this connection will involve responsibly managing the waste generated by the proposed development by working together with the municipality, the applicant aims to minimize the environmental impacts of the proposed development and promote the well-being of the local community. Based on the information provided to the EAP, the facility's sewage needs will be met by an existing connection with the municipal infrastructure. This commitment to sustainable waste disposal reflects the applicant's dedication to ensuring a harmonious co-existence between the proposed development and its surroundings. Furthermore, any additional information related to the sewer reticulation will be thoughtfully incorporated into the Final BAR, further reinforcing the applicant's commitment to transparency and comprehensive assessment of the developments impact.

Water: The applicant plans to obtain its water supply for the proposed development in connection to the existing water distribution network through the local municipality of Graaff-Reinet. Based on the current understanding, it is anticipated that the De Beyers Naude Local Municipality will have an adequate water supply to meet the needs of the proposed development.

The proposed development will encompass comprehensive infrastructure provisions to ensure seamless connectivity and functionality. The developer will be responsible for establishing the necessary link services, including roads and electricity, as well as internal reticulation such as sewer systems, streets, and street lighting. These vital components will be meticulously executed, meeting the high standards set by the De Beyers Naude local municipality. With this commitment, the development aims to create a well-integrated and harmonious environment, delivering convenience and satisfaction to its future residents and stakeholders.


3 Environmental authorisation process:

The Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2014 (as amended) promulgated in terms of Chapter 5 of NEMA, provides for the control of certain listed activities. Such activities are prohibited from commencing until written authorisation is obtained from the competent authority. The listed activities are indicated in three (2) Listing Notices:

 Listing Notice 1 (GNR. 327, 07 APRIL 2017)

Any development which triggers activities in Listing Notice (LN) 1 and 3 are subject to a Basic Assessment Report Environmental Authorisation Process.

As per the EIA regulations, 2014 (as amended) the following listing notice activities are triggered:

Listed activity nr.	Listed activity description	Relevance to the project
Listing Notice 1 (GN R 327, 07 April 2017)		
Activity 14	 The development and related operation of facilities or infrastructure, for the storage, or for the storage and handling, of a dangerous good, where such storage occurs in containers with a combined capacity of 80 cubic metres or more but not exceeding 500 cubic metres.	The proposed development comprises a fuel station, its associated infrastructure, and a fast-food KFC outlet, incorporating fuel tank facilities capable of handling a maximum of 120 cubic meters of fuel.

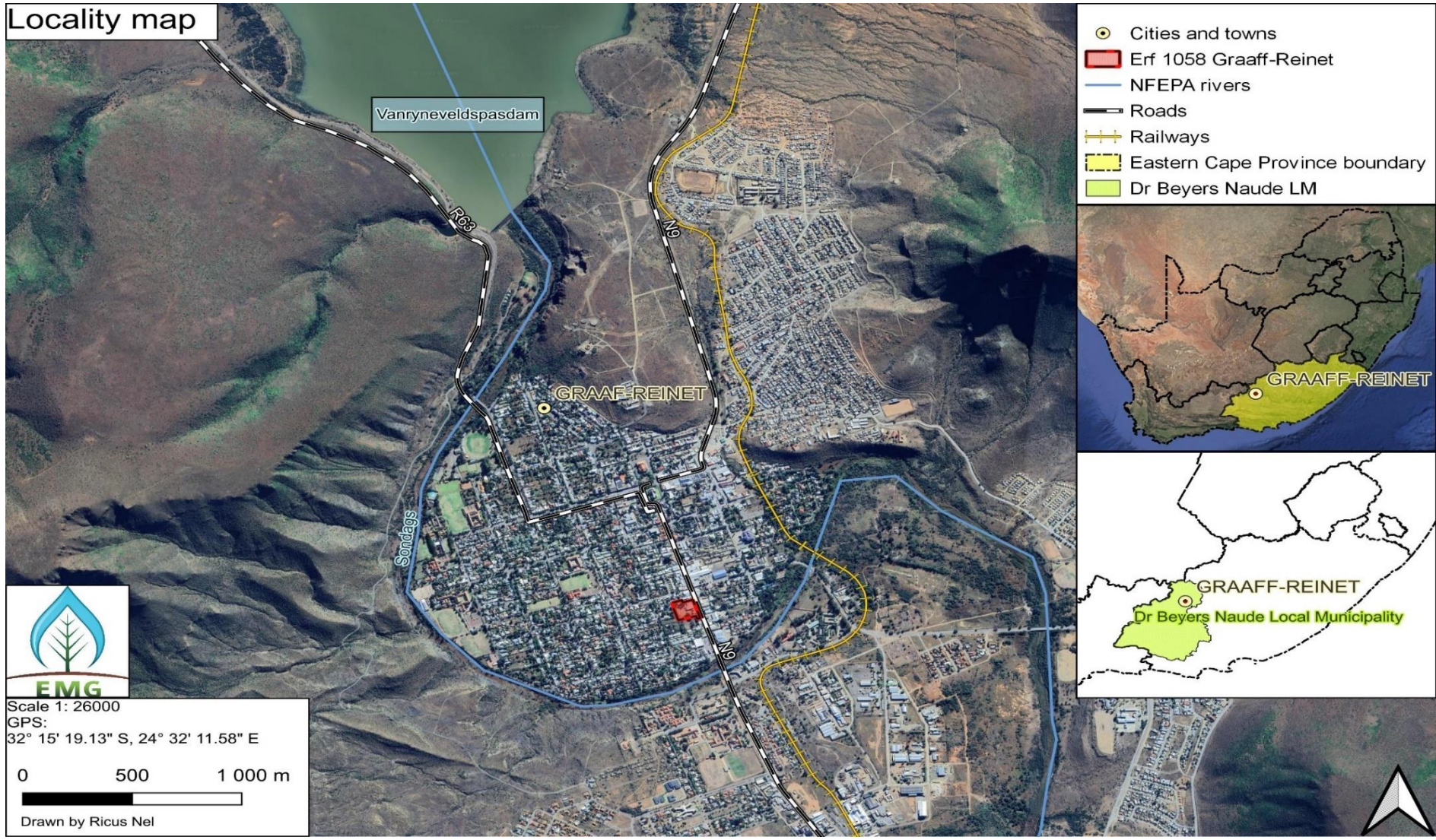
4 Timeframes

4.1 Basic Assessment Report timeframe

Process steps (in accordance with chapter 6 of gn326)	responsible party	timeframe
Initial communication to clarify the application with the Authorising Department.	EAP	1 day
EAP to conduct a site investigation	EAP	1 day
EAP to submit Application for Environmental Authorisation to the competent authority.	EAP	1 day
Competent authority Accepts Application.	Competent authority	14 day
EAP to compile a Basic Assessment Report subjected to 30 days Public Participation Process.	EAP	90 day
EAP to submit Final Basic Assessment Report inclusive of comments to competent authority.	EAP	1 day
Competent authority to grant or decline Approval for Environmental Authorisation.	Competent authority	107 day
Environmental Authorisation subject to 20-day appeal process.	EAP	20 day
Final Approval of Environmental Authorisation.	Competent authority	1 day




5 Maps

Locality map



6 Approach and methodology

The Public Participation Process was conducted as per GNR326 Chapter 6 Sections 39-44 of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations 2014 (as amended 07 April 2017) and the Public Participation Guidelines, 2017 were considered. Steps, which were taken to inform the identified I&APs and surrounding community of the proposed development included:

-  Newspaper advertisement.
-  Site notices
-  Distribution of background information document

6.1 Newspaper advertisement

Application advertised in the local newspaper of the Graaff Reinet advertiser on the 20th of July 2023 (see next page for the advert template).



The image shows a newspaper classifieds page with the title 'CLASSIFIEDS' and the tagline 'WE EMPOWER BUSINESSES'. The page is divided into several sections, including 'LOCAL MATTER & DEADLINE', 'INDEX', 'WHITE ELEPHANT', 'LEGAL NOTICES', and 'MUNICIPAL NOTICES'. A red arrow points to a specific notice titled 'NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR BASIC ASSESSMENT' located in the 'MUNICIPAL NOTICES' section.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR BASIC ASSESSMENT

Notice is hereby given in terms of Chapter 6 of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014, as amended, that an application for a Basic Assessment process will be lodged with the Eastern Cape Department of Economic Development, Environmental Affairs and Tourism as per the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act nr. 107 of 1998), as amended.

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NEMA: Listing Notice 1 (NO. 327, 07 APRIL 2017)

14 The development and related operation of facilities or infrastructure, for the storage, or for the storage and handling, of a dangerous good, where such storage occurs in containers with a combined capacity of 60 cubic metres or more but not exceeding 500 cubic metres

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DATE: 12 July 2023

In order to ensure that you are identified as an interested and/or affected party, please submit your name, contact information and interest in the matter to the consultant given above. A Background Information Document (BID) will be available at the Graaff-Reinet Public Library, 24 Parsonage str, Graaff-Reinet or on request.

Thirty days are allowed for your comments to reach us as per NEMA (Act 107, 1998, amended 7 April 2017), GNR 326.

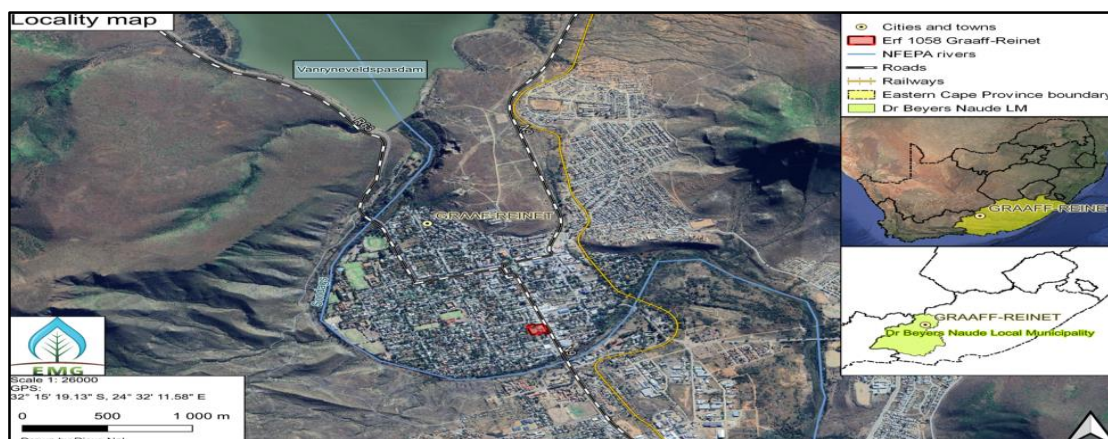
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APPLICATION FOR THE PROPOSED NEW FUEL STATION AND ASSOCIATED FACILITIES ON ERF 1058, CHURCH STREET, GRAAFF-REINET, EASTERN CAPE.

NEMA: Listing Notice 1 (NO. 327, 07 APRIL 2017)

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6.2 Site notices



Site notice 1:

Placed at:
S 32° 15' 18.57"
E 24° 32' 12.73"



Site notice 2:

Placed at:
S 32° 14' 48.67"
E 24° 32' 18.65"

7 List of I&APs

List of Stakeholders and I&AP's					
Department / Organisation	Contact Person	E-Mail Address	Address	Contact Nr	
Sarah Baartman District Municipality MM	Ms Unati Daniels	npeterson@sbdm.co.za	32 Govan Mbeki Avenue, Port Elizabeth	041 508 7111	
Sarah Baartman District Municipality Executive Mayor	Mr Deon de Vos	ddevos@sbdm.co.za	32 Govan Mbeki Avenue, Port Elizabeth	041 508 7111	
Head of Department: Economic Affairs Eastern Cape	M Mama, Ms	Mickeymama@gmail.com	Indwe House, 2nd and 3rd Floors, Bisho	043 605 7004 0780037598	
MEC for Health Eastern Cape HOD	<u>Nomakhosazana Meth, Ms</u> Dr Rolene Wagner	 Rolene.wagner@ehealth.gov.za	Office of the MEC for Health, Dukumbana Building, Independence Avenue, Bisho	040 608 1114 Dr Wagner 083 378 9136	
HOD: Rural Development and Agrarian Reform Eastern Cape	Ms Siphokazi Ndundane	Siphokazi.Ndundane@drdar.gov.za	Dukumbana Building, 10th Floor, Independence Avenue, Bisho	072 802 1673	
Head of Communications Eastern Cape	MS Soga Phiwe	PhiwokuhleS@ecdhs.gov.za	Steve Tshwete Building, 31 / 33 Phillip Frame Road, Chiselhurst, East London	043 711 9679 076 804 4292	
HOD Social Development: Eastern Cape	Mr Machemba Mzimkhulu	Mzimkhulu.Machemba@ecdscd.gov.za	Office of the MEC for Social Development, Dukumbana Building, 1st Floor, Independent Avenue, Bisho	043 605 5012 082 444 4245	
Dr Beyer Naude Local Municipality - MM	<i>EM Rankwana</i>	mmoffice@bnlm.gov.za	Church Square, Graaff Reinet	049 807 5778	
Head of Department: Roads and Public Works Eastern Cape	Mr Thandolwethu Manda	Thandolwethu.Manda@ecdpw.gov.za	Tyamzashe Building, Room 2188, Civic Square, Phalo Avenue, Bisho	040 639 4331	
Dr Beyers Naude Local Municipality – Mayor	Mr Ewald Look	mayorsec@bnlm.gov.za	Church Square, Graaff Reinet	049 807 5700	
Leopards Valley Guest House	Dave	dave@leopardsvalley.co.za	79 Bourke Str, Graaff Reinet	076 617 9215	
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RJP KEMP Family Trust	Courtney Shell Candidate Attorney DEREK LIGHT ATTORNEYS & CONVEYANCERS	courtney@dereklight.co.za	26 Church Square, Graaff Reiniet	+27 49 891 0183

8 Proof of notification to relevant authorities and I&APs

From: Dorét Du Toit <Accounts@envmgrp.com>

Sent: Monday, July 24, 2023 11:28 AM

To: 'npeterson@sbdm.co.za' <npeterson@sbdm.co.za>; 'ddevos@sbdm.co.za' <ddevos@sbdm.co.za>; 'Mickeymama@gmail.com' <Mickeymama@gmail.com>; 'Rolene.wagner@echealth.gov.za' <Rolene.wagner@echealth.gov.za>; 'Siphokazi.Ndundane@drdar.gov.za' <Siphokazi.Ndundane@drdar.gov.za>; 'PhiwokuhleS@ecdhs.gov.za' <PhiwokuhleS@ecdhs.gov.za>; 'Mzimkhulu.Machemba@ecdsd.gov.za' <Mzimkhulu.Machemba@ecdsd.gov.za>; 'mmoffice@bnlm.gov.za' <mmoffice@bnlm.gov.za>; 'Thandolwethu.Manda@ecdpw.gov.za' <Thandolwethu.Manda@ecdpw.gov.za>; 'mayorsec@bnlm.gov.za' <mayorsec@bnlm.gov.za>; 'dave@leopardsvalley.co.za' <dave@leopardsvalley.co.za>; 'graaffreinetadmin@supaquick.co.za' <graaffreinetadmin@supaquick.co.za>; 'marius@xtt.co.za' <marius@xtt.co.za>; 'gemgarage@gmail.com' <gemgarage@gmail.com>; 'Marinoslagtery1@gmail.com' Marinoslagtery1@gmail.com

Subject: APPLICATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION FOR THE PROPOSED PROPOSED NEW FUEL STATION AND ASSOCIATED FACILITIES ON ERF 1058, GRAAFF- REINET, EASTERN CAPE

Dear Sir/Madam

Re: APPLICATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION FOR THE PROPOSED PROPOSED NEW FUEL STATION AND ASSOCIATED FACILITIES ON ERF 1058, GRAAFF- REINET, EASTERN CAPE

We have been appointed by Chargo Fuel (Pty) Ltd regarding the application for Environmental Authorisation for the proposed new fuel station and associated facilities on Erf 1058, Graaff- Reinet, Eastern Cape.

You have been identified as an Interested and/or Affected Party (I&AP) who may want to be informed about the proposed development and may have comments which needs to be addressed in the application process.

The Background Information Document (BID) is attached for your attention, it can also be viewed at the Graaff- Reinet Public Library, 24 Parsonage str, Graaff- Reinet or on request.

Your comments on the project will be appreciated.

Should you have any project related queries, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Kind Regards / Vriendelike Groete
Doret du Toit



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9 Comment and response register

Person	I&AP comment	EAP response
Beyers Cronje	<p>25 July 2023 9:38</p> <p>Herewith my registration as an affected party Beyers Cronje</p> <p>Concerned about the pollution of ground water due to fuel spillage. Concern about security with increased human activity around the fast-food enterprise Concern about the stench of fast-food cooking that is blown by wind toward my residence. noise pollution due to taxis that visit the fuel station at night. subsequent devaluation of my property due to above concerns</p>	<p>25 July 2023 9:46</p> <p>Good day Mr Cronje</p> <p>Thank you for your e mail. Noted, you will be added to the I & AP list for future correspondence.</p> <p>See attached Background Information Document for your attention.</p> <p>Kind Regards Doret du Toit</p>
EYONA ENERGY	<p>25 July 2023 7:29</p> <p>Dear Sir,</p> <p>Please find herewith our document.</p> <p>Kind Regards</p> <p>Nicola van Heerden GM: SERVICE CENTRE AND COMPANY SECRETARY</p> <p>We are concern with this development as Graaf Reinnet retail volume has been steadily decreasing over the past few years. Further the town has very little infrastructure to support the present business and boreholes have been drilled for water and solar has to be installed to provide for electricity. The proposed development will only look to negatively impact on the present businesses in town and put a larger strain on the current infrastructure in place. There is absolutely no call for 120 000liters to be kept underground and is an environmental nightmare as you will need to bring largescale trucks into town which will just place larger strain on the road system.</p>	<p>25 July 2023 9:46</p> <p>Good day Nicola</p> <p>Thank you for your e-mail. Noted, you will be added as a I & AP for any future correspondence.</p> <p>See attached Background Information Document for your attention.</p> <p>Kind Regards Doret du Toit</p>

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Dawie Putter Supaquick	<p>26 July 2023 16:17</p> <p>I have no objections to the proposed fuel station. I endorse it.</p> <p>14 August 2023 17:19</p> <p>Doret</p> <p>I need to alert you to the unusual number of taxis travelling through Graaff-Reinet right throughout the year, in particular during the December and April peak seasons. In those periods the entire Church Street goes into gridlock right up to the entrance of the town. The main attraction is always KFC. Look at your design again and allow a lot more space for taxis with trailers behind then and allow a huge amount of parking space for taxis WITH a trailer on tow. This will be the most critical element of your design.</p>	<p>27 July 2023 8037</p> <p>Good day</p> <p>Thank you for your comment. Noted.</p> <p>Kind Regards Doret du Toit</p>
<p>Marius Van der Westhuizen</p> <p>Bodyfuel Express Graaff-Reinet</p>	<p>08 August 10:20</p> <p>Please Identify your Interest in the Proposed Project: Bodyfuel Express is a business that purifies water and provide it to the public of Graaff-Reinet and surrounding towns. The business is located on the proposed site for the new fuel station and will have to close down if the proposed development takes place. The business uses a borehole on the premises to purify water for the public and community of Graaff-Reinet and surrounding towns Please write your comments and questions here: We are residents of Graaff-Reinet for 26 years and want to protect our natural resource. Graaff-Reinet is a town like many others that have water problems due to drought, lack of maintenance and load shedding. Many residents of Graaff-Reinet are dependent on boreholes that they have</p>	<p>From: Dorét Du Toit <Accounts@envmgrp.com> Sent: Monday, August 14, 2023 10:24 AM To: 'npeterson@sbdm.co.za' <npeterson@sbdm.co.za>; 'ddevos@sbdm.co.za' <ddevos@sbdm.co.za>; 'Mickeymama@gmail.com' <Mickeymama@gmail.com>; 'Rolene.wagner@ehealth.gov.za' <Rolene.wagner@ehealth.gov.za>; 'Siphokazi.Ndundane@drdar.gov.za' <Siphokazi.Ndundane@drdar.gov.za>; 'PhiwokuhleS@ecdhs.gov.za' <PhiwokuhleS@ecdhs.gov.za>; 'Mzimkhulu.Machemba@ecdsd.gov.za' <Mzimkhulu.Machemba@ecdsd.gov.za>; 'mmoffice@bnlm.gov.za' <mmoffice@bnlm.gov.za>; 'Thandolwethu.Manda@ecdpcw.gov.za' <Thandolwethu.Manda@ecdpcw.gov.za>; 'mayorsec@bnlm.gov.za' <mayorsec@bnlm.gov.za>; 'dave@leopardsvalley.co.za' <dave@leopardsvalley.co.za>; 'graaffreinetadmin@supaquick.co.za' <graaffreinetadmin@supaquick.co.za>; 'marius@xtt.co.za' <marius@xtt.co.za>; 'gemgarage@gmail.com'</p>

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	<p>drilled for water and many of them are in close proximity of the proposed new fuel station.</p> <p>The removal and installation of fuel tanks poses a risk of contamination of these boreholes and underground water.</p> <p>Bodyfuel express uses one of these boreholes to purify water and provide it to the residents of Graaff-Reinet and surrounding towns.</p> <p>It is the only purification business in town that does not use municipal water to purify, in other words if the town is without water, it is the only business that can supply the residents with water if the municipality cannot as has happened many times the last couple of years.</p> <p>The Business have helped Gift of the Givers a couple of times to help people to have water when there were none. If the planned development takes place the community will be well informed that this could have an impact on their water resources.</p> <p>If the new development goes ahead the business will be forced to close down.</p> <p>The existing fuel station has been closed for more than a year and the other fuel stations. where able to service all the customers and spend a lot of money to upgrade their fuel stations.</p> <p>Graaff-Reinet does not need another fuel station and it only create risks.</p> <p>There is a fuel station across the road and this new development will only increase the traffic problems the town currently experience.</p> <p>This new development will not create new jobs as it will only takeaway business from the existing fuel stations. They will have to let people go if their sales drop.</p> <p>The proposed fast-food outlet will also not create new jobs as this is an existing outlet that will be moved across the road. This information has been left out of this document.</p> <p>Chargo fuels has created all the empty buildings by not renewing the tenants' leases and created an area where crime has increased.</p> <p>This document refers to the layout plan and a figure 2 that is not included in this document. Interested parties cannot comment on a plan that is not included.</p>	<p><gemgarage@gmail.com>; 'Marinoslagtery1@gmail.com' <Marinoslagtery1@gmail.com> Subject: RE: APPLICATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION FOR THE PROPOSED PROPOSED NEW FUEL STATION AND ASSOCIATED FACILITIES ON ERF 1058, GRAAFF- REINET, EASTERN CAPE</p> <p>Good day Sir/Madam</p> <p>Please see the design layout plan, as figure 2 in the project description of the Application and Draft BAR.</p> <p>Regards, Doret du Toit</p>

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<p>David Davenport LEOPARD'S VALLEY GUEST COTTAGES (OWNER)</p>	<p>Thu 17 Aug 2023 17:41</p> <p>Good day, Please find attached the registration and response form for Leopard's Valley Trust, 77 & 79 Bourke Street, Graaff-Reinet.</p> <p>Kindest regards,</p> <p>David Davenport LEOPARD'S VALLEY GUEST COTTAGES (OWNER)</p> <p>Concern about the pollution of groundwater due to fuel spillage. Concern about security with increased human activity around the fast-food enterprise. Concern about the stench of fast-food cooking that is blown by wind towards my guesthouse/residence. Noise pollution due to taxis visit fuel station at night. Subsequent devaluation of my property due to the above concern. Reputational damage and loss of income due to the above concerns. Minimum of 8 feet wall to be erected for security and sound proofing on boundary.</p>	<p>Friday 18 August 2032 9:36</p> <p>Received with thanks.</p> <p>Kind Regards Doret du Toit</p>
<p>Courtney Shell Candidate Attorney DEREK LIGHT ATTORNEYS & CONVEYANCERS</p> <p>On Behalf of</p> <p>RJP Kemp Family Trust</p>	<p>Monday 21 August 2023 11:59</p> <p>Dear Sir/Madam RE: EMG; BID; CHARGO FUELS (PTY)Ltd SITE: ERF 1058, GRAFF-REINET I&AP; GEM GARAGE</p> <p>The BID document submitted by you to our client on the 24th July 2023 has reference. We attached hereto our client's Registration and Response Form" and the Annexure thereto which contains out clients detailed comments and questions.</p> <p>We confirm that this is submitted on behalf of FJP Kemp Family Trust IT1721/95 which trades as Gem Garage, a licensed retail seller of petroleum products and the</p>	<p>Mon 21 Aug 2023 12:26</p> <p>Received with thanks.</p> <p>Kind Regards Doret du Toit</p>

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	<p>business which houses a fast food outlet and convenience store, directly opposite the intended development of Chargo on Erf 1058, Graaff Reinet.</p> <p>Kindly acknowledge receipt hereof and conform that you will submit all future communications to our client and this office including the BAR documentation and any specialist report, plans and drawings.</p> <p>Int the interim kindly acknowledge receipt hereof.</p> <p>Yours Faithfully DEREK LIGHT</p> <p>Good day Please see the attached correspondence and related attachments. Kind regards</p> <p>Attachment</p> <p>Introduction</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The I & AP is the owner of a licensed business, licensed to sell petroleum products under licence number R/2008/1718 and trades at Gem Garage at 101 Church Street. Graff-Reinet directly opposite the facilities it is now envisaged will be developed o erf 1058, Graaff- Reinet. 2. The Background Information Document (BID) transmitted by Environmental Management Group (Pty) LTD for or on behalf of Chargo Fuels (Pty) Ltd was received by the I & AP by email in 24th July 2023. 3. The BID document did not include, in the form is was transmitted to the I & AP the layout plan referred to as being illustrated in Figure 2., but did include a locality map, the full extent of the document being (8) pages the form for comment being page 9. 4. EMG is requested to make the layout plan offering a conceptual overview of the filing station arrangement available to the I & AP's. 	

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	<p data-bbox="432 190 959 253">CONCERNS AND CONTENT OF BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORT (BAR)</p> <p data-bbox="432 297 959 360">The I & AP's comments and concerns relate primarily to the following:</p> <p data-bbox="432 405 959 607">The potential environmental risk occasioned by spillages with the removal of existing petroleum and diesel storage facilities and related infrastructure and the replacement thereof by new storage and related infrastructure.</p> <p data-bbox="432 651 959 714">In the absence of detailed plan and report, the potential impact on traffic flow.</p> <p data-bbox="432 759 959 853">In the absence of access to proposed building plans, the potential impact on heritage in the historical centre of town.</p> <p data-bbox="432 898 959 965">The negative economic impacts on existing petroleum retail outlets and job losses.</p> <p data-bbox="432 1010 959 1727">There are 6 existing petroleum and diesel outlets of a nature similar to the proposed development in Graaff- Reinet, a large modern facility at the northern entrance of the town situates at Market Square, Graaff-Reinet, two of which are situate in very close proximity to the proposed development site and a large modern facility at the southern entrance to town in College Road, Graaff-Reinet. The sixth facility is in the CBD, situate in Caledon street, Graaf- Reinet, It is submitted that these facilities cater adequately for and provide potential services and fuel accessibility to the residence of Graaff- Reinet the surrounding areas and to passing traffic, travellers and road transport. The need for a further such facility in close proximity to others is questioned and may have a negative economic impact on existing business with resultant job losses which will offset any jobs gain in the community.</p> <p data-bbox="432 1771 959 1973">7. In absence of a detailed layout plan and road traffic assessment the true impact on traffic flow is unknown and should demand of Chargo to have a road traffic impact assessment done by a suitable qualified road engineer.</p>	

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	<p>8.The potential negative impacts occasioned by possible spillages when removing the existing below ground weir storage facilities and replacing same with new such facilities and related infrastructure may impact on soil and groundwater and a detailed Environmental Impact Assessment should be performed and a specialist report from a suitable qualified geo-hydrologist should be submitted with the application illustrating the level of risk and management to mitigate such risk.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Graaff-Reinet has suffered from water supply issues, is water constrained and with inadequate or aging infrastructure as assessment should be performed and submitted as toe the volumes of water required for the new development and the local authority's capacity to supply same. Similarly, the levels of effluent should be disclosed together with an assessment of the local authorities' existing infrastructure to accommodate same. 2. The supply of electricity in Graaff-Reinett has been erratic, exacerbated by national loadshedding and an aging and inadequate grid with limited available additional power supply. A detailed report should be submitted by Chargo supported by a report from the local authority relating to the availability of adequate power supply for the intended development, 3. In the absence of detailed building plans or schematic representation/ drawings of the proposed development it is not possible tp access the impact on heritage and sense of place in the historic town of Graaff-Reinet and these should be carefully described and considered. 4. The BID is superficial and lacks detail and is also retentive (see duplication on page 4 thereof). In the circumstances I & AP's do not have a clear, accurate and comprehensive understanding of the proposed development and the Draft Basic Assessment Report submitted to 	

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	<p>DEDEAT should be made available to I & AP's with adequate information to assess the potential impacts of the development.</p> <p>5. Chargo should disclose the detail of its retail license application for the sale of petroleum products submitted to the licensing authority, the relevant state department. The premises were previously licensed, but the facility has not been utilised for that licensed purpose for more than twelve (12) months and has fallen into disuse.</p>	

10 Conclusion

It is concluded that the methods incorporated in the public participation process to inform the surrounding landowners, organs of state and identified government authorities was adequate. All the identified I&APs were given an opportunity to give input regarding the proposed development and all comments are included in the comments register.

11 Appendices

11.1 DISTRIBUTION OF BACKGROUND INFORMATION DOCUMENT

For notification of Stakeholders / I&APs about the proposed project, a BID, shown below was compiled, and it was sent to the identified Stakeholders / I&APs.

Background Information Document for the proposed new fuel station and associated facilities on Erf 1058, Graaff- Reinet, Eastern Cape

July 2023

11.1.1 INTRODUCTION

Environmental Management Group (Pty) Ltd is the Professional Service Provider applying for environmental authorization through the Basic Assessment process on behalf of Chargo Fuels (Pty) Ltd for the proposed new fuel station and associated facilities in Graaff-Reinet.

11.1.2 LOCALITY

The development will take place in Graaff-Reinet on Erf 1058 Graaff-Reinet, Eastern Cape, which falls under the Dr Beyers Naudé Local Municipality in the Eastern Cape Province.

PURPOSE OF THIS DOCUMENT

EMG has prepared this document to inform you about:

The proposed project.
The current understanding of the baseline environmental and social conditions.
Possible environmental impacts and proposed specialist studies
How you can have input into the Environmental Authorization and Processes.

YOU'RE ROLE

You have been identified as an Interested and/or Affected Party (I&AP) who may want to be informed about the proposed development and have input into the processes and environmental reports.

You have an opportunity to review this document and provide your initial comments to us for incorporation in the process.

Comments will be recorded and included in the reports submitted to the relevant authorities for decision-making.

HOW TO RESPOND

If you are interested in receiving further information on the project, please register your details with the person listed below. Responses to this document can be submitted by means of the attached comments sheet and/or through communication with the persons listed below.

Doret du Toit
Tel: 051 412 6350
E-mail: accounts@envmgp.com

Environmental Authorisation

Prior to the commencement of the proposed facility development, Environmental Authorisation in terms of the National Environmental Management Act (NEMA), (Act No. 107 of 1998), Basic Assessment (BAR) Regulations as amended 7 April 2017 is required from the competent authority, the Department of Economic Development, Environmental Affairs and Tourism (DEDEAT).

According to the National Environmental Management Act (Act No. 107 of 1998) as amended 7 April 2017, Listing Notice 1 - R327 – the following activities are applicable to this proposed project:

Listing Notice 1 (GNR. 327, 07 APRIL 2017)



Activity 14 - The development and related operation of facilities or infrastructure, for the storage, or for the storage and handling, of a dangerous good, where such storage occurs in containers with a combined capacity of 80 cubic metres or more but not exceeding 500 cubic metres.

11.1.3 Project Description

Environmental Management Group is applying for Environmental Authorization on behalf of Chargo Fuels (Pty) Ltd, (the applicant), for the above-mentioned development. The proposed development is set to be in the southern parts of Graaff Reinet. The proposed development falls within the jurisdiction of Dr Beyers Naudé Local Municipality, which ranks as the third-largest local municipality in the country. The municipality itself operates under the governance of Sarah Baartman District Municipality, situated in the Eastern Cape region of South Africa. The proposed development will be located on Erven 1058 Graaff-Reinet, in the southern parts of the town, across the N9 route from Middleburg. It holds a strategic location, positioned approximately 154 kilometres away from Cradock via the well-connected N9 and N10 routes.

The proposed development entails the demolition of an existing, non-operational fuel station within the site boundary. In its place, the applicant plans to construct a newly upgraded fuel station, complete with all the necessary accompanying infrastructure. This revitalization effort aims to breathe new life into the area, offering a modern and efficient facility to serve the needs of both locals and travellers passing through. By replacing the outdated infrastructure with a new fuel station, the proposed development will not only enhance the visual appeal of the site but also improve its functionality, providing a convenient and reliable fuelling option. The proposed fuel station development is also accompanied by the placement of an on-site fast-food outlet and convenience store.

PARTIES INVOLVED IN THE APPLICATION PROCESSES

IAPs

- ♣ Surrounding landowners, land users and communities
- ♣ Parastatals

KEY STAKEHOLDERS

- ♣ Department: Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development
- ♣ Department of Human Settlements
- ♣ Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS)
- ♣ Department of Transport
- ♣ Department of Health
- ♣ Department of Heritage (SAHRA)

LOCAL AUTHORITIES

- ♣ *Dr Beyers Naudé Local Municipality - Municipal Manager*
- ♣ *Dr Beyers Naudé Local Municipality - Executive Mayor*
- ♣ *Sarah Baartman District Municipality - Municipal Manager*
- ♣ *Sarah Baartman District Municipality - Executive Mayor*

Please let us know if there are any additional parties that should be involved.

Beyond the immediate benefits generated by the proposed development, significant potential to contribute to the key features of the surrounding area, particularly its infrastructure and services will be met. By amplifying the effectiveness of the existing infrastructure, the project will complement and augment the overall development in the region. Furthermore, it is envisioned that the development will have a positive impact on the adjacent communities. By providing improved infrastructure and essential services such as fuel accessibility. Additionally, the creation of both temporary and permanent job opportunities will bolster the local economy, supporting socio-economic growth and providing individuals in the vicinity with valuable employment prospects.

According to the architectural designs and site plans from the designers of the proposed development. The proposed development will incorporate spaces such as:

- 🔗 Canopy covered forecourt with 10 vehicle refuelling bays,
- 🔗 Pump island (above-ground fuel pumps and hose dispensers),
- 🔗 Total belowground storage volume of approximately 120,000 litres of fuel,
- 🔗 Convenience store (including fast food outlet),
- 🔗 ATM,
- 🔗 Delivery parking areas,
- 🔗 Two access roads,
- 🔗 Landscaped area and,
- 🔗 Delivery bay (loading and unloading goods)

The proposed filling station design features a forecourt steel canopy and refuelling bays in the eastern portion of the site, providing a covered area for vehicles to park and refuel. In the western portion, a new tank farm will be constructed with five underground tanks and the necessary infrastructure. These tanks will store a total volume of approximately 120,000 litres of fuel, including diesel, 95 unleaded petrol, and 93 unleaded petrol. The layout plan, illustrated in figure two (2), offers a conceptual overview of the filling station's arrangement, showcasing the exact locations of associated infrastructure and fuel monitoring systems within the site boundary. Meanwhile, the convenience stores and parking bays will be conveniently situated in the south-western part of the site, allowing easy access for customers.

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Sewer reticulation: In pursuit of sustainable development and compliance with regulations set by the competent authority, the applicant will work closely with the De Beyers Naude Local Municipality. A key aspect of this connection will involve responsibly managing the waste generated by the proposed development by working together with the municipality, the applicant aims to minimize the

environmental impacts of the proposed development and promote the well-being of the local community. Based on the information provided to the EAP, the facility's sewage needs will be met by an existing connection with the municipal infrastructure. This commitment to sustainable waste disposal reflects the applicant's dedication to ensuring a harmonious co-existence between the proposed development and its surroundings. Furthermore, any additional information related to the sewer reticulation will be thoughtfully incorporated into the Final BAR, further reinforcing the applicant's commitment to transparency and comprehensive assessment of the developments impact.








Water: The applicant plans to obtain its water supply for the proposed development in connection to the existing water distribution network through the local municipality of Graaff-Reinet. Based on the current understanding, it is anticipated that the De Beyers Naude Local Municipality will have an adequate water supply to meet the needs of the proposed development.

The proposed development will encompass comprehensive infrastructure provisions to ensure seamless connectivity and functionality. The developer will be responsible for establishing the necessary link services, including roads and electricity, as well as internal reticulation such as sewer systems, streets, and street lighting. These vital components will be meticulously executed, meeting the high standards set by the De Beyers Naude local municipality. With this commitment, the development aims to create a well-integrated and harmonious environment, delivering convenience and satisfaction to its future residents and stakeholders.

12 Public participation

The PPP forms a fundamental part of the application for environmental authorisation process. It aims to provide an opportunity for interested and affected parties (I&AP's) to obtain clear, accurate and comprehensive information about the BAR application.

In addition, inputs from the public, interested and affected groups are considered in the planned project development. As a result, a clear recording of issues raised, and comments made is maintained in a register of comments and responses. This register is updated as and when new comments and concerns are raised.

-  Public meeting with I&APs and regulatory authorities (if required)
-  Submit application to the DEDEAT (14 days)
-  Submit draft BAR to the DEDEAT
-  Public & authority review of draft BAR (30 calendar days) Update the draft BAR with comments received during the review period
-  Submit updated Final BAR to the DEDEAT
-  Review of the Final BAR by the DEDEAT (107 calendar days)
-  Circulate decision to I&APs on the project database

PROCESS STEPS (in accordance with GN326)	RESPONSIBLE PARTY	TIMEFRAME
1. Initial communication to clarify the application with the Authorising Department.	EAP	1 day
2. EAP to conduct a site investigation	EAP	1 day
3. EAP to submit Application for Environmental Authorisation to the competent authority.	EAP	1 day
4. Competent authority Accepts Application.	Competent authority	14 day
5. EAP to compile a Basic Assessment Report subjected to 30 days Public Participation Process.	EAP	90 day
6. EAP to submit Final Basic Assessment Report inclusive of comments to competent authority.	EAP	1 day
7. Competent authority to grant or decline Approval for Environmental Authorisation.	Competent authority	107 day
8. Environmental Authorisation subject to 20-day appeal process.	EAP	20 day
9. Final Approval of Environmental Authorisation.	Competent authority	1 day

Potential Environmental impacts

Below is a preliminary list of potential impacts identified at this stage of the process and will be investigated as part of the environmental assessment process. The list will be refined during the Basic Assessment Process.



Phase one Heritage Impact Assessment



Terrestrial Ecological Assessment



Geohydrological Impact Assessment

Maps



