



Comments and Response Report

AMENDMENT REPORT FOR THE APPLICATION OF A SUBSTANTIVE AMENDMENT TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION ISSUED FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF PORTION 7 OF THE FARM BRAKKLOOF NO.443 IN THE WESTERN CAPE, PLETTENBERG BAY MUNICIPAL AREA.

COMMENTS	RESPONSE
STATE DEPARTMENTS	
1. Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries – Melanie Koen (17 September 2019)	
<p>DRAFT AMENDMENT REPORT FOR THE APPLICATION OF A SUBSTANTIVE AMENDMENT TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION ISSUED FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF PORTION 7 OF THE FARM BRAKKLOOF NO.443 IN THE WESTERN CAPE, PLETTENBERG BAY MUNICIPAL AREA.</p> <p>1. The Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF) is responsible for the implementation and the enforcement of the National Forest Act (NFA), Act 84 of 1998 as amended and the National Veld and Forest Fire Act, Act 101 of 1998 as amended (NVFFA).</p> <p>2. Section 15 of the National Forest Act (NFA) (Act No. 84 of 1998) as amended prohibits the cutting, disturbing, damaging or destroying of protected tree species without a license. Section 7 of the NFA, provides for the prohibition of the destruction of indigenous trees in any natural forest without a license.</p> <p>3. According to the above report DAFF’s mandate according to the NFA is not affected.</p>	<p>This is noted.</p> <p>No protected trees will be cut or disturbed during the construction phase.</p> <p>Noted.</p>

4. DAFF suggests that the landowner become a member of the Southern Cape Fire Protection Association – contact Fire Advisor Paul Gerber (044 302 6920; PaulGe@daff.gov.za) regarding this.

5. DAFF reserves the right to revise initial comment based on any additional information that may be received.

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3. Steven Davey – 19 August 2019

Dear Janet,

Proposed Amendment of the EA for the Raphaeli Waldorf School on Portion 7 of the farm Brakkloof 443, Plettenberg Bay

Please register Robberg Quarry (Pty) Ltd as an interested and affected party for this application.

Their contact details are as follows:

Quarry Manager: Rickus Julyan
Tel no: 044 533 3476
Fax no: 044 533 0902
E-mail address: rickus@robbergquarry.co.za
and: safety@robbergquarry.co.za

Postal address: PO Box 3021, Knysna, 6570
Physical address: Airport Road, Plettenberg Bay
Name of property: Portion 10 of the farm Brakkloof 443, Plettenberg Bay (see attached map).

Robberg Quarry understands that the Raphaeli Waldorf School has acquired Portion 7 of the farm Brakkloof 443 for the proposed expansion and procurement of land use rights for the existing school.

Robberg Quarry is located on Portion 10 of the farm Brakkloof 443, some 400

Thank you. Robberg Quarry (Pty) Ltd has been included as an I&AP.

metres to the south-east of Portion 7 (see map) .

Robberg Quarry is a hard rock quarry that has been operating in the area for many years and provides stone aggregate and ready-mix concrete essential for construction activities in the Garden Route area.

The operations at the quarry site involve drilling and blasting, crushing of rock, the preparation of ready mix concrete, the manufacturing of concrete bricks and blocks and the associated movement of trucks in and out of the quarry site.

Robberg Quarry maintains good relations with the surrounding land owners and would like this to include the Raphaeli Waldorf School as well.

Robberg Quarry is concerned that the expansion of the school might create a situation where parents or teachers start complaining about the activities taking place at Robberg Quarry.

It is therefore requested that the Raphaeli Waldorf School acknowledges that the Robberg Quarry is an existing activity in the area and takes this into account in the amendment application.

It is also requested that the Raphaeli Waldorf School should provide an indication of the additional anticipated traffic volume that is anticipated on the Airport Road for the proposed expansion of the school.

In terms of the Mine Health and Safety Regulations (attached); no blasting is allowed within 500 metres from any public buildings or places where people congregate unless a risk assessment has been undertaken and has been approved by the Principal Inspector of Mines at the Department of Mineral Resources (DMR). The Raphaeli Waldorf School should ensure that a risk assessment is undertaken and approved by the Principal Inspector before any buildings are constructed. The Principal Inspector of Mines should also be registered as an Interested and Affected Party.

His contact details are:
Mr L J A Bezuidenhout
Principal Inspector

Please see below response from the Raphaeli Waldorf School:

Dear Janet

Robberg Quarry

We are aware of the activities of Robberg Quarry, and will not object to it.

Please forward our traffic study to them. We believe in having a good relationship with our neighbours, and we wish them well. We also want to thank them for their considerations.

Kind Regards,

Deonette van der Westhuizen

Administrator

Raphaeli Waldorf School

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This has been included. Please refer to Appendix C for a Traffic Impact Assessment conducted.

Thank you. Mr Bezuidenhout has been included as an I&AP.

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Yours faithfully,

Stephen Davey

(For and on behalf of Robberg Quarry)