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Comments and Response Report

PROPOSED WAREHOUSE AND STORAGE FACILITY ON PORTION 250 OF THE FARM 745, GOEDGELOOF, ST FRANCIS BAY, EASTERN CAPE

DEDEAT Ref. No: EC08/C/LN1&3/M/08-2024

APPROACH

The public participation process for the Project was undertaken with due reference to Section 39 of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended). Specifically, this comprised the following activities:

- A 30-day Public Participation Process of the Background Information Documents was undertaken from 15/01/2024 14/02/2024.
- A notice was published in the local newspaper, the Kouga Express, and two site signs erected near the entrance of Portion 250 of 745 (Annexure 1).
- Stakeholders and Interested and Affected Parties were notified via email (Annexure 2) and the Background Information Documents and Appendices made available via the Eco Route website. Emails sent to private individuals have been excluded from annexure 2 due to the POPI Act.
- A stakeholder and Interested and Affected Parties (I&AP) database was prepared for the project (Annexure 3).
- The preparation of an Issues Trail, listing the comments received throughout the public participation process to date and responses (Annexure 4).
- The Screening Tool Report and Site Sensitivity Verification Report was submitted with the NEMA Application to DEDEAT and registered on 07 March 2024 with reference number EC08/C/LN1&3/M/08-2024.
- Evidence of notifications sent to I&APs have been included in Annexure 5. Emails sent to private individuals have been excluded from annexure 5 due to the POPI Act.
- Evidence of comments received has been included in Annexure 6. Comments received from private individuals have been excluded from annexure 6 due to the POPI Act.

Annexure 1: Newspaper advertisement and Notice Boards

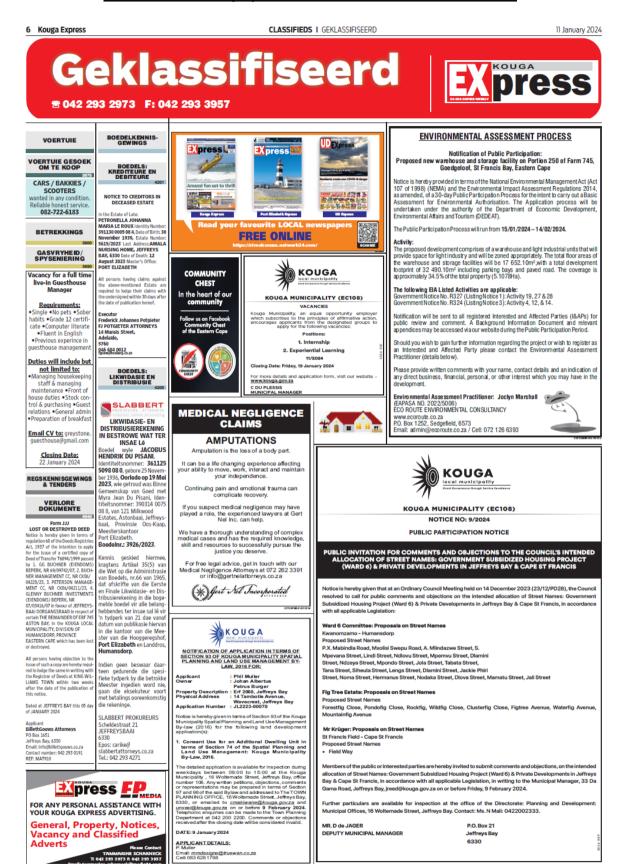


Figure 1: Advert placed in the Kouga Express on 11 January 2024.



Figure 2: Two site signs were erected near the entrance of Portion 250 of 745, coordinates 34°10'21.79"S, 24°49'4.65"E (left) and 34°10'20.87"S, 24°49'19.22"E (right)

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT PROCESS

Notification of Public Participation: Proposed new warehouse and storage facility on Portion 250 of Farm 745, Goedgeloof, St Francis Bay, Eastern Cape

Notice is hereby provided in terms of the National Environmental Management Act (Act 107 of 1998) (NEMA) and the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations 2014, as amended, of a 30-day Public Participation Process for the intent to carry out a Basic Assessment for Environmental Authorisation. The Application process will be undertaken under the authority of the Department of Economic Development, Environmental Affairs and Tourism (DEDEAT).

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<u>Annexure 3: Interested and Affected Parties Database</u>

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Eastern Cape Department of Economic Development, Environmental Affairs and Tourism	Lindelwa Twala (case officer)	Private Bag X5001, Greenacres, Port Elizabeth, 6057	Lindelwa.xipu@dedea.gov.za
Eastern Cape Department of Economic Development, Environmental Affairs and Tourism	Andries Struwig	Private Bag X5001, Greenacres, Port Elizabeth, 6057	Andries.Struwig@dedea.gov.za
Department of Environmental Affairs: Oceans and Coasts	Tabisile Mhlana	Private Bag X4390, Cape Town, 8000	OCEIA@dffe.gov.za / tmhlana@dffe.gov.za
Eastern Cape Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries	Babalwa Layini		Blayini@dffe.gov.za
Department of Water and Sanitation Eastern Cape	Ngcobo Siyabonga Brilliant	140 Govan Mbeki Ave, 7 th Floor Starport Building Port Elizabeth, 6000	Ngcobo\$@dws.gov.za

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ORGANS OF STATE Contact Person Postal Address Name Email Eastern Cape Parks and Tourism Shanè October 17-25 Oxford Street, East London info@ecpta.co.za CBD, 5201 Agency Corner Scholl and Amalinda Eastern Cape Provincial Heritage Sello Mokhanya smokhanya@ecphra.org.za Resources Authority Drive, East London, 5247 **MUNICIPALITIES** Postal Address **Contact Person** Name Email Sarah Baartman District PO Box 318, Port Elizabeth, 6000 cmabindla@sbdm.co.za Ms Unati Daniels Municipality: **Municipal Manager** Kouga Municipality: Mr Charl du Plessis PO Box 21, Jeffreys Bay, 6330 ireed@kouaa.aov.za **Municipal Manager** Mr Eddie Oosthuizen PO Box 21, Jeffreys Bay, 6330 ljeggels@kouga.gov.za Kouga Municipality: Infrastructure, Planning and **Development** Fezeka Faith Mabusela PO Box 93, St Francis Bay 6312. aswart@kouga.gov.za Kouga Municipality:

Planning, Development & Tourism

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Ward 1 Councillor			
Kouga Municipality	Cllr Lorraine Maree	082 892 4664	lmaree@kouga.gov.za
Ward 12 Councillor			
PUBLIC			
Erf No.	Contact Person	Postal Address	Email
Erf 180/745	David Hill		
Erf 250/745			
Erf 626	Kouga Municipality		
Erf 745/172, 745/102	(C du Plessis – Municipal		
Erf 746/72	Manager)		
Erf 531	Kirsten Doyle		
Erf 534, 1344	Mr PJ & J Crawford		
Erf 1295	Greg West		

Annexure 4: Issues and Response Register

COMMENTS COMMENTS RECEIVED IN RESPONSE TO PRE-APPLICATION BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORT DATED

Department: Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE) – Ms Makwarela Mnwana – 19/02/2024

The Department of Forestry, Fisheries, and the Environment (DFFE); Branch Oceans & Coasts (O&C) appreciates the opportunity granted to provide comments on the Pre-Application Basic Assessment Report for the Proposal of a New Warehouse and Storage Facility on Portion 250 of Farm 745, Goedgeloof, St Francis Bay, Eastern Cape. The Branch will provide comments as per the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998), ("NEMA") and the National Environmental Management: Integrated Coastal Management Act, 2008 (Act No. 24 of 2008) ("ICM Act").

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Guided by the principles of integrated coastal management, this Branch promotes developments that promote socially justified sharing of benefits derived from a resource-rich coastal area and strives to ensure that the principles of sustainable development are upheld.

Based on the submitted Pre-Application BAR with associated reports and the site inspection conducted on the 8 th of February 2024, the proposed development is not within the coastal zone, no coastal

- 1. The 10m buffer forms part of the preferred layout and will be implemented.
- 2. All no-go areas will be demarcated with appropriate signage before works commences.
- 3. Municipal confirmation on service capacity will be included in the final BAR submission.
- 4. The volume of water for use during construction will be determined by the appointed contractor, and appropriate sources utilized. Rainwater tanks will be installed.
- 5. This will be taken into consideration throughout the construction and operational phase of the development.
- 6. Noted.

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activities are triggered, and the artificial wetlands are not characterized as coastal wetlands.

- 1. This Branch is in support of the proposed 10m buffer zone around the artificial wetland to avoid encroachment, stressing/threatening the wetland's functioning during the development phase.
- 2. Access to sensitive areas outside the intended footprint must be controlled using signage during construction. Considering that this area is a CBA 1 and CBA 2 and is required to meet the conservation targets of the vegetation type and threatened species, the appointed Environmental Control Officer should ensure that all No-Go areas are demarcated.
- 3. The report indicates that support services, including road access, water, and electricity supply are existing, and municipal confirmation on capacity to accommodate the proposed development.
- 4. Considering that Kouga Municipality has a water shortage challenge this Branch cautions that water use during the construction and operation should consider the drought and not exacerbate the situation. Therefore, water use for construction should be estimated during this process to ensure that such water volumes will be provided, or measures are put in place to source the required amount of water. Rainwater harvesting as proposed in the report is encouraged once the first phase of development is completed to be utilized for daily operations.
- 5. The applicant is reminded of the Duty of Care and the remediation of environmental damage, in terms of Section 28(1) of NEMA, which, specifically states that: "...Every person who causes, has caused or may cause significant pollution or degradation of the environment must take reasonable measures to prevent such pollution or degradation from

occurring, continuing, or recurring, or, in so far as such harm to the environment is authorized by law or cannot reasonably be avoided or stopped, to minimize and rectify such pollution or degradation of the environment...".

6. You are hereby reminded of Section 24F of the National Environmental Management Act, Act No. 107 of 1998, as amended, that no other additional activities outside the scope of this application may commence before an Environmental Authorization is granted by the relevant Competent Authority.

Kindly note that the Branch O&C reserves the right to revise its comments and request further information based on any additional information received. All correspondence, documentation, and/or requests (hard copy and a electronic copy) should be submitted to our office via email to OCEIA@dffe.gov.za / or Physical Address: Department of Forestry, Fisheries & the Environment (DFFE), Branch: Oceans and Coast, 2 East Pier Building, East Pier Road, Victoria and Alfred Waterfront, Cape Town, 8001.

PUBLIC

Lorraine Dreyer - 11/01/2024

As a resident of the Oyster Bay Road, St Francis Bay, could you please provide a map showing exactly where the proposed development is to take place?

There is already a development for boat storage which has commencing (with site clearance and structures being built) at the beginning of the Oyster Bay Road turnoff, so presumably it cannot be this site.

Your prompt reply would be appreciated, due to the timescale involved.

Ms Dreyer was provided with a location pin of the development via WhatsApp on 11 January 2024.

Ms Dreyer was added to the I&AP register.

Claire Scott - 11/01/2024

I would like to register as an interested party, as I live in the area.	Ms Scott was added to the I&AP register.
Please will you provide exact location of this ERF and provide the background information document you mention it the notice, with the relevant appendices.	Ms Scott was sent notification of the availability of the documents and where to access them.
Ana Maria Hay - 11/01/2024	
Please add me as an interested party. I live on Bay Farm, Erf 809, Portion 19, Humansdorp Road Goedgeloof and would like to understand where this development is in relation to where the oyster bay road and agricultural area is and how it will affect the surrounding area and its various habitats.	Ms Hay was added to the I&AP register. Ms Hay was sent notification of the availability of the documents and where to access them.
Janine Bryden – 11/01/2024	
I came across an Environmental Assessment notice for "proposed new warehouse and storage facility on portion 250 of farm 745, Goedgeloof, St Francis Bay, Eastern Cape"	Ms Bryden was added to the I&AP register. Ms Bryden was sent notification of the availability of the documents and where to access them.
I do not have any objections but would like to please be registered as an interested party.	
Please register me with the email address projects@l2b.co.za I follow building and construction related projects from conceptual / feasibility up until completion.	
Please can you email me a copy of the background information document or motivating memorandum or <u>any other documents</u> or reports for this project.	
Please can you also provide me with the below.	
- Client Company Name:?	
- EIA Company Name: Eco Route Environmental Consultancy	

- Town Planning Company Name:?	
- Developer Company Name:?	
Thank you.	
SJ Hardie – 11/01/2024	
Dear Sir/Madam,	Mrs Hardie was added to the I&AP register.
I write with concern for the proposed development of Portion 250 of Farm 745 Goed Geloof How is it that considerable earth moving & decimation of what we know as wetland has already taken place. Wetland is considered crucial to our sensitive water systems & therefore sacrosanct. How has this been allowed? I look forward to your urgent response. Yours faithfully (Mrs)S.J. Hardie	Mrs Hardie was sent notification of the availability of the documents and where to access them. No earth moving activities related to this development has commenced. The wetlands on the property have been identified as artificial wetlands. Nonetheless these will be conserved with a 10m buffer, while assisting with stormwater retention and infiltration.
Sasha Ramsumuj – 08/04/2024	
Good day, trust you are well. Please can you confirm the EIA phase for the following projects: - St Francis Bay Warehouse & Storage - Infrastructure; - St Francis Bay Warehouse & Storage - Block B to O; - St Francis Bay Warehouse & Storage - Block A. Thank you.	Ms Ramsumuj was added to the I&AP register. Ms Ramsumuj was informed by the EAP that the project is in the application phase.



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Acting Director: Coastal Development & Coordination Department of Forestry, Fisheries, and the Environment

Date: 19/02/2024