

Comments and Response Report

List of Acronyms

Acronym	Description
ВА	Basic Assessment
BID	Background Information Document
CRR	Comments and Responses Report
I&AP	Interested and Affected Parties

1. Introduction

This Comments and Response Report (CRR) is prepared as part of the Basic Assessment (BA) Process for the proposed Kayamandi Bulk Water Supply Pipe and Reservoir Project. The purpose of the CRR is to create a single document that fulfils the following objectives:

- To provide a formal record of all comments received from Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) during the public consultation process of the draft Basic Assessment (BA) Report;
- To provide a manageable and easy-to-read document to a wide audience that includes the Applicant, the Competent Authority and importantly Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs); and
- To provide a report that allows for checks and balances necessary to ensure that comments received from I&APs have been considered and where applicable, addressed by the BA Project Team.

Opportunities were afforded to I&APs to participated:

- During the initial review of the draft BA Report (Version 1) from 10 Dec 2020 to 1 Feb 2021; and
- During the review of the revised draft BA Report (Version 2) from 28 April to 27 May 2021.

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1.	Application Process / Invitation to Participate	,		,	
1.1.	Comment: Request to register the Ward Committee as an I&AP Response: Registration of Ward 11 Committee confirmed on 21-11-2019.	Janetta Giliomee (Ward Administrator: wards 8, 9 and 11)	Stellenbosch Local Municipality	E-mail	13-11-2019
1.2.	Comment: The ward committee want to express their deep concern with the intended placing of camp 2. We are of the opinion that: 1. The Loerie street park is a public open space used by the community. 2. This is a residential area that will not be able to cope with the increase traffic and noise pollution. 3. Unfortunately, crime is a reality. The entrance to the reserve is protected by an electrified fence, gate and monitored camera network. This security measurements set by the residents of Onder Papegaaiberg will make it impossible for you to obtain thoroughfare. We therefore kindly request you to reconsider the placing of camp 2 to a site more acceptable for the residents of ward 11. Response:	Janetta Giliomee (Ward Administrator: wards 8, 9 and 11)	Stellenbosch Local Municipality	E-mail	26-11-2019
	This camp site location was identified when it was still planned that the pump station would be built at the existing Kleinvallei Reservoir. We do not see the need for this site camp anymore.				
1.3.	 Comment: The ward committee want to express their deep concern with the intended placing of camp 3: Please note that the access to Camp 3 is also of concern as the access is via Distillery Road which already has a heavy load due to the present construction. We therefor kindly request you to reconsider the placing of camp 3 to a site more acceptable for the residents of Bosmans Crossing. Response: The Plankenbrug Sewer project camp site was located north of the proposed site camp for the past 2 years and the traffic in the area was not unduly affected (figure below). We therefore do not foresee a major traffic impact because of construction to and from the camp site at Papegaaiberg Nature Reserve. It is highly anticipated that the Plankenbrug Sewer construction project will be concluded 	Janetta Giliomee (Ward Administrator: wards 8, 9 and 11)	Stellenbosch Local Municipality	E-mail	26-11-2019



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	before the Kayamandi Water project is to start, therefore an overlap of construction traffic is not projected. It is however understood that there is currently construction being carried out next to Bosmans Crossing. It is to be noted that the camp site at Papegaaiberg Nature Reserve will likely only be a satellite camp, for the construction of the pump station and a section of the pipeline only. The main camp will likely be located at the proposed new reservoir location. Please also note that going further in the project the camp site at Papegaaiberg Nature Reserve, previously site camp site 3) will be referred to as camp site 2.				
2.	Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS)				
2.1.	Comment: The Department of Water and Sanitation has assessed your Pre Water Use Licence application enquiry. Please continue to apply for registration of water uses(s) authorized in terms of General	Vutlharhi Ngobeni (Assessor)	DWS	Letter via e- mail	2020-02-05



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	Authorizatio	on.							
	Response: The Applica proceeding.	nt has been duly notified of this comment and the	ne eWULAAS application is						
3.	Eskom Dis	tribution							
3.1.	Comment: This applica	tion affects Eskompower line and services.		Shaun Swanepoel, Land Development	Eskom Distribution	Letter via e- mail	16-01-2020		
	Response: The Applicant has been duly notified of this information. (Brackenfell),								
3.2.		se on your application is valid for 12 months only, work has not yet commenced.	, after which reapplication must be	Shaun Swanepoel	Orlaari		Oridani	Letter via e- n mail	16-01-2020
	Response: Included in	Appendix H of the final EMPr.							
3.3.	Comment: The following must be ob	ng building and tree restriction on either side of ce served:	entre line of overhead power line	Shaun Swanepoel	Eskom Distribution	Letter via e- mail	16-01-2020		
	Voltage	Building restriction either side of centre line							
	11kV	9.0 m							
	66 kV	11.0 m							
	132 kV	15.5 m							
	Comment: Included in	Appendix H of the final EMPr.							
3.4.		ction work may be executed closer than 10 (ten) n upporting mechanism.	metres from any Eskom structure or	Shaun Swanepoel	Eskom Distribution	Letter via e- mail	16-01-2020		
	Response: Included in								



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3.5.	Comment: No workor	no machinery nearer than the following distances fro	om the conductors:	Shaun Swanepoel	Eskom Distribution	Letter via e- mail	16-01-2020
	Voltage	Not closer than:					
	11 kV	3.0 m					
	66 kV	3.2 m					
	132 kV	3.8 m					
	Comment: Included in	Appendix H of the final EMPr.					
3.6.	Comment: Natural gro	und level must be maintained within Eskom reserve a	areas and servitudes.	Shaun Swanepoel	Eskom Distribution	Letter via e- mail	16-01-2020
	Response: Included in	Appendix H of the final EMPr.					
3.7.	Comment: That a minir following cl	num ground clearance of the overhead power line m	nust be maintained to the	Shaun Swanepoel	Eskom Distribution	Letter via e- mail	16-01-2020
	Voltage	Safety clearance above road:					
	11kV	6.3 m					
	66 kV	6.9 m					
	132 kV	7.5 m					
	Response: Included in	Appendix H of the final EMPr.					
3.8.		g Eskompower lines and infrastructure are acknowled are on the properties and any rerouting or relocation of		Shaun Swanepoel	Eskom Distribution	Letter via e- mail	16-01-2020
	Response: Included in	Appendix H of the final EMPr.					



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3.9.	Comment: That Eskom rights or servitudes, including agreements with any of the landowners, obtained for the operation and maintenance of these existing power lines and infrastructure be acknowledged and honoured throughout its lifecycle which include, but are not limited to: i. Having 24-hour access to its infrastructure according to the rights mentioned in the tree restriction section above, ii. To perform maintenance (structural as well as servitude – vegetation management) on its infrastructure according to its maintenance programmes and schedules, iii. To upgrade or refurbish its existing power lines and infrastructure as determined by Eskom, iv. To perform any other activity not listed above to ensure the safe operation and maintenance of the Eskom power lines or infrastructure.	Shaun Swanepoel	Eskom Distribution	Letter via e- mail	16-01-2020	
	Response: Included in Appendix H of the final EMPr.					
3.10	Comment: Eskom shall not be liable for the death or injury of any person, or for loss of or damage to any property, whether as a result of the encroachment or use of the area where Eskom has its services, by the applicant, his/her agent, contractors, employees, successors in title and assignee.	Shaun Swanepoel	Oridan	Eskom Distribution	Letter via e- mail	16-01-2020
	Response: Included in Appendix H of the final EMPr.					
3.11	Comment: The applicant indemnifies Eskomagainst loss, claims or damages, including claims pertaining to interference with Eskom services, apparatus or otherwise.	Oridan =	Eskom Distribution	Letter via e- mail	16-01-2020	
	Response: Included in Appendix H of the final EMPr.					
3.12	Comment: Eskom shall at all times have unobstructed access to and egress from its services.	Shaun Swanepoel	Eskom Distribution	Letter via e- mail	16-01-2020	
	Response: Included in Appendix H of the final EMPr.					
3.13	Comment: Any development which necessitates the relocation of Eskom's services will be to the account of the developer.	Shaun Swanepoel	Eskom Distribution	Letter via e- mail	16-01-2020	



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	Response: Included in Appendix H of the final EMPr.				
3.14	Comment: Kobus Lamprecht, KRAAIFONTEIN CNC must be contacted on +27 83 390 4522 before working in close proximity to the overhead power lines.	Shaun Swanepoel	Eskom Distribution	Letter via e- mail	16-01-2020
3.15	Response: Included in Appendix H of the final EMPr.				
4.	Focus Group Meeting (FGM) (Enkanini) – gathered in the openair on the dust road through Enkanin	ni, 6 Aug 2020			
4.1.	Kindly refer to the Social Impact Assessment (SIA) which is appended to the draft BA (Appendix G).	Relocation affected stakeholders - Enkanini	Enkanini Residents	FGM	06-09-2020
5.	CapeNature				
5.1.	Comment: Papegaaiberg Nature Reserve managed by Stellenbosch Municipality as well as some other areas which still support natural vegetation. The vegetation that will be impacted by the project comprises Critically Endangered Swartland Shale Renosterveld and Endangered Swartland Granite Renosterveld (NBA 2018). It should be noted that although the status of Swartland Granite Renosterveld has changed from 2011 to 2018 this is due to the use of different criteria in the 2018 assessment. Both of these vegetation types remain well below their conservation targets and both have almost no formal protection and therefore any sites supporting these vegetation types are of high conservation importance.	Canham, Conservation Intelligence Manager –	CapeNature	Letter via e- mail	12-12-2020
	Response: The Applicant has been duly notified of this information. Statement mentioning that "these vegetation types are of high conservation importance" has been updated in the Final BAR (section 2.6) and EMPr (section 3.6 and 6.8).				
5.2.	Comment: Generally, CapeNature does not support any activities that will result in the loss of Critically Endangered or Endangered vegetation, Critical Biodiversity Areas and Nature Reserves. However, in this case the proposed infrastructure is considered essential, and there are no other	Alana Duffell- Canham	CapeNature	Letter via e- mail	12-12-2020



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	route alternatives. The main mitigation measures with regards to reducing the impact on natural habitat (terrestrial and wetland) to an acceptable level is to minimise the disturbance footprint and to fully rehabilitate areas that were disturbed as a result of construction activities. With regard to minimising the footprint, we note that existing roads will be used, however, a 20 m corridor does seem quite excessive – is it not possible to reduce the width of the required corridor? Site camps, pump stations and the new reservoir should be placed on previously disturbed areas.				
	Response: The specialist recommendation indicates that If the corridor to be cleared is 20 m wide and the existing road is 10 m wide then only clear 10 m on the direct side of the road to thereby include the existing road in the work corridor as opposed to clearing 20 m on the side of the road and essentially creating cleared area of 30 m. Keep clearing and disturbance of vegetation to a minimum by utilising these available areas. This has been updated in the Final BAR (section 7.2) and EMPr (section 11.6). Additionally, the requirement for the Municipality to provide the final route alignment to CapeNature and Stellenbosch Local Municipality's Environmental Planner for approval prior to starting construction has been included in the EMPr.	Alana Duffell- Canham	CapeNature	Letter via e- mail	12-12-2020
5.3.	With regard to rehabilitation, the DBAR and Environmental Management Plan (EMPr) contain very little detail with regards to rehabilitation. There is also no mention of wetland rehabilitation other than the statement that a rehabilitation plan must be drawn up. Although the EMPr lists a method statement for rehabilitation (Table 6.1) and has some requirements for vegetation management (Section 11.1 and Table 11.5), a detailed rehabilitation plan that has had input from both botanical and wetland specialists needs to be drawn up as part of this application process. Passive rehabilitation on its own is unlikely to be successful and the botanical specialist should consider active rehabilitation methods such as seeding, especially if the disturbed areas do not start to revegetate with indigenous vegetation within 3 months after construction is completed. Erosion control and alien clearing must occur concurrently with the construction activities and be monitored during the operational phase of the project.	Alana Duffell- Canham	CapeNature	Letter via e- mail	12-12-2020
	Response: Aquatic and Botanical Rehabilitation Plans have been compiled by botanical and aquatic specialists in response to this comment. Kindly refer to Draft EMPr Version 2, Appendix I for a				



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	copy of the rehabilitation plans.				
6.	Cape Winelands District Municipality				
6.1.	Comment: In view of the fact that the approved Stellenbosch IDP, SDF and Bulk Services/Infrastructure provide for this process, the Cape Winelands District Municipality has no further input to this matter.	Dr H. von Schlicht, Mayor	Cape Winelands District Municipality	E-mail	21-01-2021
	Response: Comment has been recorded and the client has been duly notified.				
7.	Public Review of the Draft BA Report				
7.1.	Comment: The residents at Azania destroy the dam and helps themselves there (to building materials). This dam supplies water to Kayamandi.	Mfundiso Gxumisa, Nkanini, Enkanini	Resident – directly affected	WhatsApp	25-01-2021
	Response: The nature of the comment does not fall within the influence of the proposed Project; however, the comment has been recorded.				
8.	Vodacom/Dark Fibre Africa (Pty) Ltd (DFA)				
8.1.	Comment: This approval is in effect from 2019/11/04 and expires on 2020/05/02. (6 months only). Your proposed work affects the Dark Fibre Africa Optical Fibre Infrastructure and because of that, listed below are the terms and conditions to consider and adhere to:	DFA	DFA	Letter via e- mail	04-11-2019
	Response: The Applicant has been duly notified of the conditions and status of the application.				
8.2.	Comment: DFA has approved your planned work from the documents received and reference above.	DFA	DFA	Letter via e- mail	04-11-2019
	Response: The Applicant has been duly notified of this requirement.				
8.3.	Comment: The DFA Fibre Optical route is indicated on the attached drawing provided by our wayleave administrator. The "exact-position" of the route cannot be guaranteed.	DFA	DFA	Letter via e- mail	04-11-2019
	Response:				



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	The Applicant has been duly notified of this requirement.					
8.4.	Comment: If your planned work exceeds the boundaries of the demarcated portion of the map / drawing provided; you will be required to submit a supplementary application to DFA in order to identify existing DFA infrastructure outside this area.	DFA	DFA	DFA	Letter via e- mail	04-11-2019
	Response: The Applicant has been duly notified of this requirement.					
8.5.	Comment: Should DFA suffer damage and/or loss as a result of your works, DFA shall hold you liable for such damage and/or loss.	DFA	DFA	Letter via e- mail	04-11-2019	
	Response: The Applicant has been duly notified of this requirement.					
8.6.	Comment: Please note that the DFA network is live and caries traffic for a number of subscribers. If you damage the network, the subscribers will have a claim against DFA for which you will also be held liable.	DFA	DFA	Letter via e- mail	04-11-2019	
	Response: The Applicant has been duly notified of this requirement.					
8.7.	Comment: The applicant or employed contractor must contact the relevant DFA Preventative Maintenance at least 5 working days prior to commencement of work to arrange a site/kick of meeting.	DFA	DFA	Letter via e- mail	04-11-2019	
	Response: The Applicant has been duly notified of this requirement.					
8.8.	Comment: Damaged Infrastructure must immediately be reported in writing to Judy Phalane, judy.phalane@dfafrica.co.za. For immediate assistance call +27 11 202 4700 for all damages caused to DFA infrastructure.	DFA	DFA	Letter via e- mail	04-11-2019	
	Response: The Applicant has been duly notified of this requirement	1				
8.9.	Comment: Cable Protection Slabs, which are precast concrete slabs used for the protection of DFA's	DFA	DFA	Letter via e-	04-11-2019	



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	underground cables and other services, must be used when installing services near DFA.			mail	
	Response: The Applicant has been duly notified of this requirement.				
8.10	Comment : The standard cable protection slab is 900 mm x 200 mm x 75 thick. The slab will be reinforced with 3.55 mm high tensile wires at 100 mm centre in both directions	DFA	DFA	Letter via e- mail	04-11-2019
	Response: The Applicant has been duly notified of this requirement.				
8.11	Comment: Minimum depth of DFA cable cannot be guaranteed and may differ from descriptions on municipality wayleave conditions. The position can vary from a minimum of 300 mm to 1200 mm in depth in municipal road reserves. This depth may be less in the road carriage way. The DFA Preventative Maintenance department must be contacted 48 hours prior to excavation in these locations.	DFA	DFA DFA	Letter via e- mail	04-11-2019
	Response: The Applicant has been duly notified of this requirement.				
8.12	Comment: In some locations, a warning plastic marker tape has been placed as an indication that DFA network is in the vicinity. Should this marker be removed for construction purposes, DFA preventative maintenance must be contacted in order to arrange new warning tape to be installed by your contractor in accordance with DFA specifications.	DFA	DFA	Letter via e- mail	04-11-2019
	Response: The Applicant has been duly notified of this requirement.				
8.13	Comment: Any excavations by means of self-propelled mechanical machinery, including equipment used for drilling/boring, demolishing and or compaction of soil be executed closer than 500 mm from buried DFA optical cables, must be authorized by a DFA official during an on-site meeting before such excavation is to take place. Such excavations may not be executed directly above the DFA infrastructure at any time unless prior written approval is obtained.	avations by means of self-propelled mechanical machinery, including equipment used for pring, demolishing and or compaction of soil be executed closer than 500 mm from FA optical cables, must be authorized by a DFA official during an on-site meeting before eavation is to take place. Such excavations may not be executed directly above the DFA octure at any time unless prior written approval is obtained.	DFA	Letter via e- mail	04-11-2019
	Response: The Applicant has been duly notified of this requirement.				
8.14	Comment:	DFA	DFA	Letter via e-	04-11-2019



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	No blasting may be executed near the proximity of DFA optical fibre infrastructure without supervision of a DFA preventative Maintenance Officer.			mail	
	Response: The Applicant has been duly notified of this requirement.				
8.15	Comment: This approval letter is valid for 6 months from date of issue. The applicant must re-apply to DFA wayleave administration at services@dfafrica.co.za in Gauteng/ Pretoria, services@dfafrica.co.za in Kwa Zulu Natal, serviceswr@dfafrica.co.za in Western Region, after the expiration thereof. If a contactor works under an expired DFA wayleave, DFA officials shall serve a stop work order to the contractor until the conditions are rectified.	DFA DFA	DFA	Letter via e- mail	04-11-2019
	Response: The Applicant has been duly notified of this requirement. Application process will be undertaken during the construction planning phase.				
8.16	Comment: The applicant, or employed contractor responsible for the projector maintenance work as stated in the applicant's letter must at all times have on their person or on site: a. The Services Affected letter. b. Call Before you Dig Letter; and c. Drawing / Map supplied by DFA. Should the documentation not be available on request DFA officials may order the contractor to cease all works liaise with the local authorities / municipality for penalties until such approvals are made available and presented to the officer.	DFA	DFA	DFA Letter via e-mail	04-11-2019
	Response: The Applicant has been duly notified of this requirement.				
8.17	Comment: This approval shall be withdrawn and of no effect should: The applicant does not comply with any of the conditions set out above in rows 8.2 to 8.16 above.	DFA	DFA	Letter via e- mail	04-11-2019
	Response: The Applicant has been duly notified of this requirement.				
8.18	Comment: If you require Dark Fibre Africa Services to be relocated to a new position to accommodate your	DFA	DFA	Letter via e-	04-11-2019



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	project please be advised that Relocation of Dark Fibre Africa's established infrastructure may take up to a minimum of 12 weeks for completion (commencing after settlement of the relocation costs have been received in full) unless prior arrangements and/or written agreements are conveyed and authorized by DFA officials for specialized projects and/or emergency relocations. Please note: Costs for re-positioning of DFA infrastructure may be for your firm's account. Please call 012 443 1000 to arrange a site meeting. DFA will not be held liable for any delays to your project caused by DFA relocation projects whatsoever.			mail	
	Response: The Applicant has been duly notified of this requirement				
8.19	Comment: DFA Important Contact Information: Network Operating Centre: 0800 628 662 Wayleave Administrator: Donna Michaels Email: donna.michaels@dfafrica.co.za	DFA	DFA	Letter via e- mail	04-11-2019
	Response: The Applicant has been duly notified of this requirement.				
8.20	Comment: PLEASE CALL BEFORE YOU DIG! Site meeting requests contact the following: Jurgens Erasmus – 079 514 0217 Cape Town / West Coast / George / Mossel Bay / Knysna Reporting damages to infrastructure only (No Site Meetings): Judy Phalane 011 202 4700 email: Judy.phalane@dfafrica.co.za 1. The DFA Fibre Optical route is indicated on the attached drawings provided by our wayleave administrator. The "exact-position" of the route cannot be guaranteed. 2. DFA has approved your planned work from the documents received and reference above. 3. If your planned work exceeds the boundaries of the demarcated portion of the map / drawing provided; you will be required to submit a supplementary application to DFA in order to	DFA	DFA	Letter via e- mail	04-11-2019
	 identify existing DFA infrastructure outside this area. DFA SERVICES MAY BE AFFECTED OUTSIDE THE DEMARCATED AREA SHOWN ON THE DIAGRAM! 4. Should DFA suffer damage and/or loss as a result of your works, DFA shall hold you liable for such damage and/or loss. You are requested to contact Dark Fibre Africa in the event of: 				



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	 Damages to DFA telecoms Infrastructure, immediately contact Judy Phalane 011 202 4700 or alternatively by email: judy.phalane@dfafrica.co.za 				
	II. Upon receiving this form to set up a site meeting with a Preventative Maintenance Officer.				
	III. Should the project involve excavation near DFA services, DFA Preventative Maintenance must be contacted, to dispatch a kick off site meeting prior to commencement of such work, via electronic mail.				
	Response: The Applicant has been duly notified of this requirement.				
9.	Department of Agriculture - Provincial Government of the Western Cape, Land Use Management	(WCDoA:LUM)			
9.1.	Comment: Please ensure that this office receives a hard copy. We do not have an electronic filing system and cannot print applications.	Cor van der Walt, Land Use Management	WCDoA:LUM	E-mail	28-01-2021
	Response: A hard copy of the draft BA Report was delivered to WCDoA:LUM on 19-02-2021.				
9.2.	Comment: The Western Cape Department of Agriculture: Land Use Management has no objection against the proposed application.			Letter viamail	12-04-2021
	Response: Noted				
10.	Stellenbosch Local Municipality: Infrastructure Services (Waste Services)				
10.1	Comment: We (Devon Valley Landfill) will be able accept the 10 tons of waste every two weeks.	Clayton Hendricks, Senior Manager: Waste	Stellenbosch Municipality: Waste Services	E-mail	15-02-2021
	Please ensure that the builder's rubble is kept clean by separating it from the other waste. During the construction phase, other waste management alternatives must be explored and implemented with disposal as the last option.	Management Infrastructure Services			
	Response: Recommendation has been included the Draft EMPr Version 2.				
11.	Stellenbosch Local Municipality: Community & Protection Services (Environmental Department)				



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11.1	Comment: Schalk Van der Merwe (SM) indicted Stellenbosch Local Municipality (SLM) (Environment) have no objection to the proposed Project and that the only concern was that the proposed Project is not currently included in the existing Environmental Management Plan (EMP) for the Papegaaiberg Nature Reserve. SM further mentioned that the existing EMP for the Nature Reserve was drafted in collaboration with CapeNature and SLM (Environment) is satisfied with the comment from CapeNature on the Basic Assessment (BA) Report (i.e. the request for the preparation of the wetland and botanical rehabilitation plans). The Papegaaiberg EMP is updated every 5 years and is due for update in 2021 and will be revised to include the proposed infrastructure.	Schalk van der Merwe, Environmental Planner	Stellenbosch Municipality: Community & Protection Services	Meeting via MS Teams	14-04-2021
	SM confirmed that the offset area for Papegaaiberg has not been finalised yet. The offset located outside of the Papegaaiberg Nature Reserve and is mainly identified to offset other housing developments. Offset for the current bulk water project would not be required as the rehabilitation plans and the updating of the Papegaaiberg EMP would be acceptable.				
	SM recommended that the Draft Environmental Management Programme (EMPr) submitted as part of the BA indicates that it is important to stick to the existing road as far as possible. A suitably qualified Environmental Control Officer (ECO) should be appointed for the duration of the works in order to implement the EMPr (SM).				
	SM requested that a condition of the Basic Assessment should include that detailed method statements with accurate delineations (i.e the final route) of the pipelines be submitted to SLM (Environment) for review and approval prior to construction. SM further indicted that he is happy with the specialist recommendation to brush cut alongside the road, but would like to see this reflected in the method statements as well with an indication of the footprint that is required for activities that will affect vegetation at Papegaaiberg.				
	SM further requires that the final route that is presented to CapeNature and SLM (Environment), be included in the Construction EMPr and not deviated from.				
	Response:: The Applicant has been duly notified of this information.				
	A condition that the pipeline route in the Nature Reserve should stick to the existing road as much as possible, and the final route alignment must be sent to SLM Environmental Planning and				



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	CapeNature for approval, prior to the start of construction.				
12.	Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning (DEA&DP)				
12.1	Comment: The Department notes that a portion of project includes a section that traverses an unchanneled valley bottom wetland and the Papegaaiberg Nature Reserve. Comment from CapeNature with regards to the biodiversity related impacts of the proposed development and the findings of specialist studies must be obtained addressed in the BAR.	Andrea Thomas, Head of Component (Environmental Impact Management Serveries: Religion 1)	DEA&DP	Letter via E- mail	04-02-2021
	Response: Kindly refer to row 5 above for a detailed description of the response to comments received from CapeNature.				
12.2	Comment: In light of the fact that Activity 19 of Listing Notice 1 is triggered, it is recommended that a Maintenance Management Plan (MMP) forms a component of the Environmental Management Programme ("EMPr"). Should this Department agree to the MMP, future maintenance work specified within the MMP would not require an Environmental Authorisation prior to the undertaking of such future maintenance activities. The Department encourages the inclusion of a MMP for applications that involve work within watercourses.	Andrea Thomas	DEA&DP	Letter via E- mail	04-02-2021
	Response: A MMP has been prepared and included as Appendix H of the Draft BA Report Version 2.				
12.3	Comment: The electronic correspondence from the Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) dated 5 February 2020 confirms that an application for the registration of water uses authorised in terms of a General Authorisation can be submitted for the proposed development. Proof of submission of the aforementioned application to the DWS must be included in the BAR.	Andrea Thomas	DEA&DP	Letter via E- mail	04-02-2021
	Response: Noted. This will be provided in the Final (Revised) BA Report that will be submitted to DEADP after the conclusion of the 30-day review period.				
12.4	Comment: The Social Impact Assessment dated August 2020 and compiled by SRK Consulting recommends the implementation of a Resettlement Action Plan and a Livelihoods Restoration Plan to address the impacts associated with the displacement of households and the loss of assets due to the removal of other informal structures, a medicinal and food garden and market	Andrea Thomas	DEA&DP	Letter via E- mail	04-02-2021



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	stalls located in the pipeline corridor. The progress with respect to the development and implementation of these plans must be reported on in the BAR.				
	Response: Since the SIA, the Stellenbosch Local Municipality has been engaging with the affected residents and has proposed a re-blocking plan, included Appendix F5 of the Draft BA Report Version 2. Re-blocking entails moving the affected residents and structures to other open spaces within the same area of in Enkanini. The EAP has however still included the condition that a Resettlement Action Plan and a Livelihoods Restoration Plan is conducted before any relocation occurs to guide the relocation process.				
12.5	Comment: The draft BAR does not refer to the amended Listing Notices and must be rectified throughout the report.	Andrea Thomas	DEA&DP	Letter via E- mail	04-02-2021
	Response: Reference to previous NEMA notices Government Notices No. R 983, R. 984 and R. 985 in the Government Gazette of 4 December 2014) has been updated to indicate "as amended" in order to refer to the most recent versions of the Listings.				
12.6	Comment: The specialist recommendations must be included within the relevant sections of the EMPr.	Andrea Thomas	DEA&DP	Letter via E- mail	04-02-2021
	Response: Specialist recommendations included in Section 11 of the EMPr.				
12.7	Comment: A comprehensive Comments and Response Report that includes all the comments received and the responses thereto must be included in the BAR. In addition, please ensure that copies of all the comments received are attached to the BAR.	Andrea Thomas	DEA&DP	Letter via E- mail	04-02-2021
	Response: A CRR has been provided with the final BAR and separate from the main report (this document). Comments received have been included in Appendix F7 of the Draft BA Report Version 2. This				



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	will be updated again before submission of the Final (Revised) BA Report to DEADP.					
12.8	Comment: Proof of compliance with all the public participation steps undertaken, as required in terms of the accepted Public Participation Plan and Regulation 41 of the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended) must be included in the BAR.	Andrea Thomas	Andrea Thomas	DEA&DP	Letter via E- mail	04-02-2021
	Response: Kindly refer to Appendix F of the final BA Report, a comprehensive Public Participation Report as well as accompanying evidence in include therein.					
12.9	Comment: In terms of Regulation 34 of the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended), the holder must conduct environmental audits to determine compliance with the conditions of the Environmental Authorisation and the EMPr and submit Environmental Audit Reports to the Competent Authority. The Audit Report must be prepared by an independent person and must contain all the information required in Appendix 7 of the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended). Please advise what the estimated duration of the construction phase will be. In addition, you are required to recommend and motivate the frequency at which the environmental audits must be conducted by an independent person.	<i>i</i> .	DEA&DP	Letter via E- mail	04-02-2021	
	Response: The construction phase is estimated to be over a 24-month period; approximately 80 weeks of construction. The Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) recommends that audits be undertaken and submitted to DEA&DP by and independent auditor as follows: • First audit three (3) months after commencement of the construction phase; • Second audit a twelve (12) months into the construction phase; • The last audit within six (6) months after completion of the construction period, and • Auditing of rehabilitation activities should be annually for three years from the completion of construction.					
12.1	Comment: Please be advised that an original signed and dated applicant declaration is required to be submitted with the BAR to this Department for decision-making. It is important to note that by signing this declaration, the applicant is confirming that they are aware and have taken cognisance of the contents of the report submitted for decision-making. Furthermore, through signing this declaration, the applicant is making a commitment that they are both willing and able to implement the necessary mitigation, management and monitoring measures recommended	Andrea Thomas	DEA&DP	Letter via E- mail	04-02-2021	



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	within the report with respect to this application.				
	Response: Original, signed and dated declarations will be submitted with the Final (Revised) BA Report when it is submitted to DEADP.:				
12.1	Comment: In addition to the above, please ensure that original signed and dated EAP and specialist declarations are also submitted with the BAR for decision-making.	Andrea Thomas	DEA&DP	Letter via E- mail	04-02-2021
	Response: Original, signed and dated declarations will be submitted with the Final (Revised) BA Report when it is submitted to DEADP.				
12.1	Comment: Please note that omission of any required information in terms of Appendices 1 & 4 of EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended) with respect to the final submission to the Department of the BAR and EMPr.	Andrea Thomas	DEA&DP	Letter via E- mail	04-02-2021
	Response: The Applicant has been duly notified of this requirement.	1			