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## 1. INTRODUCTION

This Environmental Management Plan (EMP) serves as a guideline document for the construction phase of the proposed rezoning and subdivision of Erf 1446 in Vermont to create single residential erven. It outlines the procedures that control the way the Applicant, JP van Gemert Testamentary Trust, and contractors appointed for the construction phase activities proposed for the new residential development on Erf 1446, Vermont, Western Cape.

The EMP covers the spectrum of pre-construction, construction (including post-construction and rehabilitation), and incorporates the recommendations of the Basic Assessment Report (BAR) and specialist studies in respect of the various actions that need to be taken to avoid / minimise / mitigate potential adverse impacts and enhance potential beneficial impacts of the project.

This EMP describes mitigation measures and is prescriptive, identifying specific individuals or organisations responsible for undertaking specific tasks during the construction phase of the development with the aim to ensure that potential impacts on the environment during the construction phase, are minimised and / or avoided. The EMP is an open-ended document and may require updating from time to time and as the activities evolve on site. The construction EMP has been compiled as part of the Basic Assessment process and once approved by the Competent Authority, is legally binding. This EMP is to be read in conjunction with the Architectural and Landscape Guideline Document, as attached.

This EMP is drafted in line with the requirements outlined in Section 24N of the National Environmental Management Act (NEMA) (Act 107 of 1998).

## 2. ACTIVITY

The Applicant, JP van Gemert Testamentary Trust, wishes to establish residential erven on Erf 1446 situated in Vermont within the Overstrand Municipality. The subject property is currently zoned as Residential Zone 1: Single Residential and has been identified as a suitable densification development area. The site is undeveloped and consists of natural vegetation, it is therefore considered as a greenfield site.

Refer to the locality map attached as Figure 1 to this report. The property details are as follows:

- 19 single residential erven
- 14 General Residential Erven Street:
- 1 Open Space: Private
- 1 Public Road

ERVEN	ZONING	TYPE OF DEVELOPMENT	SIZE IN (m <sup>2</sup> ) of each erven
Erf 1-19	Residential Zone 1	Single Residential	600 m <sup>2</sup> – 700 m <sup>2</sup>
Erf 20-33	General Residential Zone 1	Town Housing	350 m <sup>2</sup> – 490 m <sup>2</sup>
Erf 34	Open Space Zone 2	Private Open Space	1081 m <sup>2</sup>
Erf 35	Transport Zone 2	Road and Parking	3660 m <sup>2</sup>
<b>Total</b>	21 578 m <sup>2</sup>		

The primary activities expected during the construction phase include:

- Clearance of vegetation for erven and road development
- Earthworks and installation of civils
- Delivery of construction materials
- Storage and / or stockpiling of construction materials
- Mixing and preparation of construction materials
- Extension of services to the site

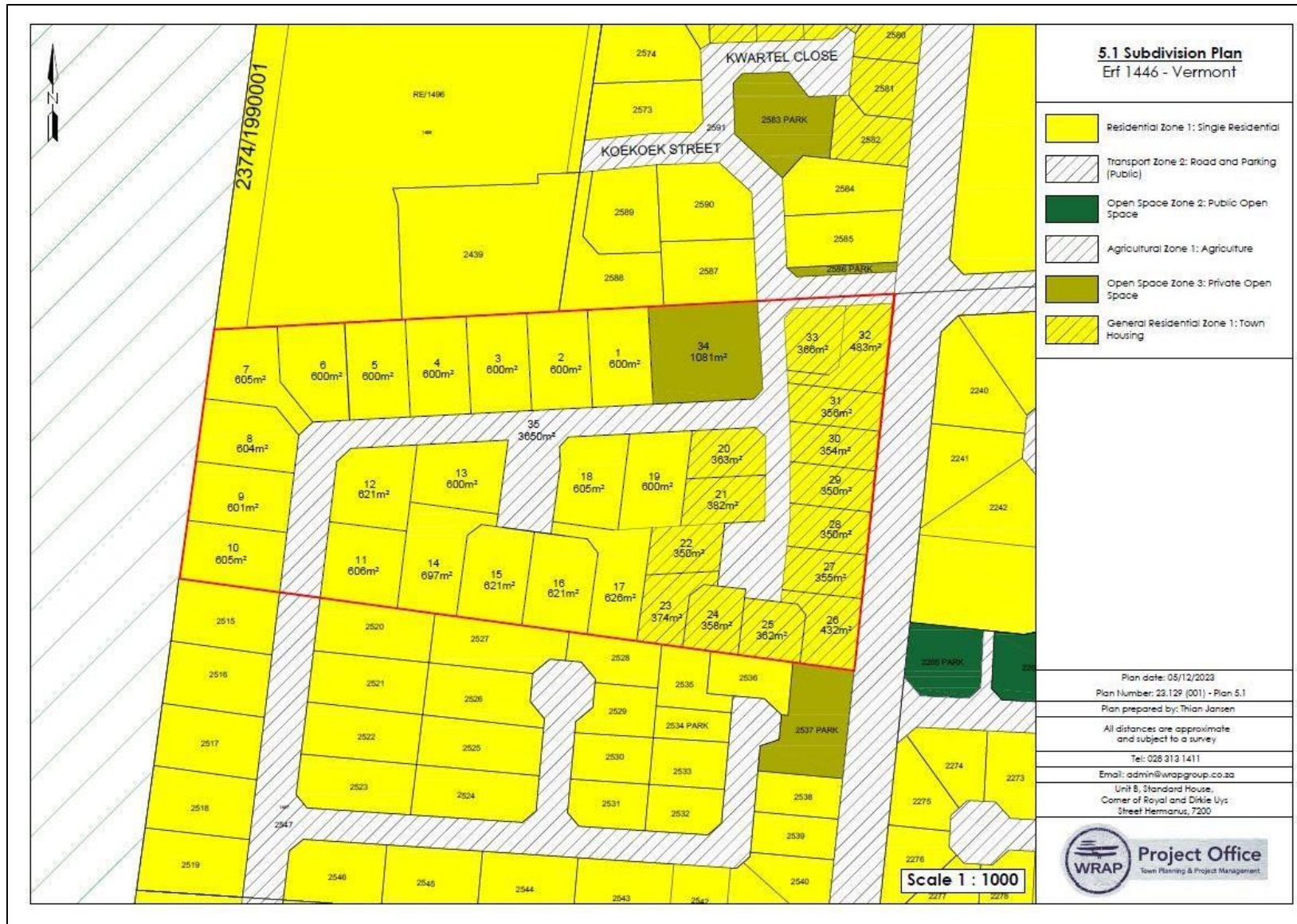


Figure 1. Preferred alternative.



### 3. KEY TERMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

BAR	Basic Assessment Report
CARA	Conservation of Agricultural Resources Act (Act No. 43 of 1983)
DEA&DP	Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning (Western Cape)
EA	Environmental Authorisation
ECA	Environment Conservation Act (Act No. 73 of 1989)
ECO	Environmental Control Officer
EIA	Environmental Impact Assessment
EMP	Environmental Management Plan
EMPr	Environmental Management Programme
NEMA	National Environmental Management Act (Act No. 107 of 1998)
NEM:BA	National Environmental Management Biodiversity Act (Act No. 10 of 2004)
NEM:WA	National Environmental Management Waste Act (Act No. 59 of 2008)
PPE	Personal Protective Equipment
SDS	Safety Data Sheets
SHE	Safety Health and Environmental

*Basic Assessment* - Process followed to receive Environmental Authorisation from the Competent Authority, necessitated by NEMA. The Basic Assessment Report (BAR) is drafted in line with the legislation.

*Competent authority* - The Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning (DEA&DP)

*Contractor* - the main or specialised contractors as appointed by the developer / applicant for the execution of the works, including all sub-contractors

*Developer / Applicant* – JP van Gemert Testamentary Trust

*Environmental Control Officer (ECO)* - a suitably qualified person to be appointed by the Developer / Applicant, to oversee the implementation of the EMP and environmental agreement until the completion of works on the site

*Environmental Management Plan / Programme (EMP/r)* - this document, approved by the competent authority, to control the implementation of the works on the site in such a way as to ensure that they do not result in undue or reasonably adverse impacts on the environment.

*General waste* - Waste that does not pose an immediate hazard or threat to health or to the environment, and includes domestic waste, building and demolition waste, business waste and inert waste

*Hazardous waste* - Any waste that contains organic or inorganic elements or compounds that may, owing to the inherent physical, chemical or toxicological characteristics of that waste, have a detrimental impact on health and the environment.

*Project manager* - Overall responsible and accountable person for the site during the construction, operation and decommissioning of the facility.

*Project Management team* - The responsibility of the EMP implementation resides with this team. This team includes a Project Manager and appointed contractors and consultants.

*Safety, Health and Environmental Officer (SHE Representative)* – Applicant / developer will appoint one Safety Health and Environmental Officer, assisting the construction manager on Safety, Health and Environmental aspects of the project on the construction site.

*Site Manager* – the employee of the main contractor responsible for the day to day control of all activities and operation on site.

*Sub-contractor and Contractor* - Any provider of services, goods or people to the Applicant / Developer, for the construction, operation or decommissioning.

#### 4. ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL ON SITE

##### 4.1. Approach

The Table below illustrates the various approaches to be undertaken to manage potential scenarios as a result of the activity on site:

**Table 1:** Impact management

Avoidance	Avoiding activities that could result in adverse impacts and/or resources or areas considered sensitive.
Prevention	Preventing the occurrence of negative environmental impacts and/or preventing such an occurrence having negative impacts.
Preservation	Preventing any future actions that might adversely affect an environmental resource.
Minimisation	Limiting or reducing the degree, extent, magnitude or duration of adverse impacts through scaling down, relocating, redesigning and/or realigning elements of the project.
Mitigation	Measures taken to minimise adverse impacts on the environment.
Enhancement	Magnifying and/or improving the positive effects or benefits of a project.
Rehabilitation	Repairing affected resources, such as natural habitats or water resources.
Restoration	Restoring affected resources to an earlier (possibly more stable and productive) state, typically, 'background' or 'pristine' condition. These resources may include soils and biodiversity
Compensation	Compensating for lost resources, and where possible, the creation, enhancement or protection of the same type of resource at another suitable and acceptable location.

##### 4.2. Organisational Structure and Responsibilities

The Applicant and their appointed contractors will be responsible for the construction phase of each house, internal and access roads and associated infrastructure. All construction related staff are to be briefed on the

requirements of the EA and EMP and copies of these documents are to be kept on site during all phases of construction.

#### *Environmental Control Officer*

Due to the sensitivity of the site, it is recommended that an ECO be appointed for the construction phase of the development. ECO site visits should take place for the duration of the construction phase as per the conditions of the Environmental Authorisation. This will ensure that the additional conditions contained in the EA, EMP and BAR are implemented.

The responsibilities of the ECO during the construction phase of the project, will include, but not be limited to, the following:

- To environmentally educate and raise the awareness of the Contractors and their staff and to target responsible individuals as key players for environmental education and to facilitate the spread of the correct environmental attitude during the contract work
- To review method statements and to determine the most environmentally sensitive options
- To oversee the implementation of environmental procedures set out in this document
- To attend site contractor's meetings, as required and report on environmental issues
- To receive notices and minutes of all site meetings
- To maintain an open and direct channel of communication with the construction team and site manager
- To take immediate action on site where clearly defined no-go areas are violated, or in danger of being violated, and to inform the site manager immediately, of the documents and the action taken
- To keep an up to date record of works on site, as they relate to environmental issues in the site diary.
- To be contactable by the public regarding matters of environmental concern during the construction phase.

#### *Project Manager.*

In addition to the ECO, the Project Manager will be responsible for the following:

- All activities relating to the construction phase
- Delegate activities in accordance with the EMP
- Communicate design changes and technical issues to the team timeously
- Ensure that all contractors are managing their team adequately and abiding by the conditions of the EMP and EA
- Ensuring that the Contractors are aware of the conditions of the EMP and EA

#### *Contractor*

The Contractor (including sub-contractors) will be responsible for:

- Familiarising themselves with the EIA and EMP
- Complying with the EMP and EA commitments and any other legislative requirements as applicable
- Adhering to any instructions issued by the Project Manager or the Safety, Health and Environmental (SHE) Officer, if applicable
- Submitting an environmental report at designated site meetings on the environmental incidents that have occurred, if applicable
- Arranging that all employees and those of the subcontractors receive appropriate training prior to the commencement of construction, taking cognisance of this EMP and EA

### 4.3. Site documentation and reporting

#### *Site logbook*

A logbook should be kept on a construction site for the purposes of recording on-site instructions and as a general record of environmental issues. The logbook should be kept for a minimum of two years after the activity is completed for the relevant authority to review if deemed necessary. A photographic record of before and after construction should also be kept for visual reference purposes. The logbook should also contain the following sections:

- *Environmental Site Instruction*

The Environmental Site Instruction section will be used for the recording of general site instructions relating to the protection of environmentally sensitive or potentially impacted areas or features on the site as applicable, by the ECO / site manager / construction team.

- *Site Diary*

The purpose of this section will be to record the comments of the ECO / site manager / contractor etc., as they relate to activities on the site. The diary should also hold the complaints register, received from onsite personnel and the general public, Environmental Incident Register, disposal certificates for waste and sewage, non-conformance information, and written corrective active instructions.

- *Monitoring Section*

The purpose of this section will be to record the comments of the ECO / site manager / contractor, during construction, relating to the implementation of the mitigation measures as well as waste, recycling, landscaping and renewable energy measures used during the construction. The findings of all inspections and internal audits should be structured into instructive reporting, providing information to all responsible personnel. Corrective actions must be clearly defined where required. Within the reporting function a structured review component will be enforced. This review function will assist in prescribing necessary corrective actions. During construction, the ECO / Project management team, will be responsible for onsite monitoring to ensure that the contractor abides by the conditions of the EA and EMP.

The Environmental Authorisation (EA) as well as a copy of the approved Environmental Management Plan (EMP) for Construction, should also be accessible on site at all times.

## 5. ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS

It is important to ensure that the contractors and employees associated with the proposed activity receive the appropriate level of training and awareness to ensure that continual environmental due diligence and conservation is applied at all levels of work carried out on site. Employees, contractors and sub-contractors must be made aware of their responsibilities in terms of relevant legislation, guidelines, as well as this EMP and EA.

The environmental conditions should be included in the contracts issued to the contractors, making them aware of the potential environmental impacts and risks associated with the proposed development as well as what measures are expected of them whilst conducting work on site. The importance of implementing the conditions in the EMP and the necessity of good housekeeping practices, will be made known to the contractors and employees.

### **5.1. Aim of the Environmental Awareness Plan**

- Promote environmental education and conservation on site.
- Inform employees and contractors on the applicable environmental procedures and plans.

### **5.2. Environmental Awareness Training and content**

- All personnel should undergo induction, which as a minimum should include Safety, Health and Environmental awareness.
- All attendees should sign an acknowledgement register upon receiving and understanding the induction
- Construction and operational staff should be trained on the implementation of emergency procedures where applicable
- Definitions as used in this EMP should be provided
- How and why environmental protection is necessary, should be explained
- Management measures required to prevent environmental impacts should be outlined
- Emergency and spills response procedures should be outlined

Environmental conditions in the induction should focus on the following:

- Good house-keeping practices
- Air quality (Dust)
- Waste Management
- Odour/vermin Control
- Proper use of sanitation facilities; and
- Chemicals and materials storage, use and handling.

Environmental training should be implemented at the onset of the construction and can be done verbally or in written format. Proof of training should be kept on record.

## **6. LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS**

A Basic Environmental Assessment process was applicable in terms of the National Environmental Management Act (Act No. 107 of 1998) (NEMA) and the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) regulations (2014) (as amended). Appendix 4 of the NEMA EIA Regulations (GN. R982) sets out the minimum requirements for the drafting of an Environmental Management Plan (EMP). This EMP has been created in fulfilment of these prescribed requirements for the construction phase of the activity. The implementation of this EMP will be a condition of approval of the Environmental Authorisation (EA). Failure by the applicant, to comply with this EMP, will therefore constitute an offence, and the applicant and / or the appointed contractors can be held liable for penalties and / or legal action. It is therefore important that a copy of this EMP be issued to each contractor, preferably at the appointment stage, in order to allow for the costs of implementing the EMP, to be included in cost proposals. This will also ensure that the contractor is aware of his responsibilities prior to appointment and commencement. Each appointed contractor involved in the project, as well as the project manager (as applicable), will be required to sign for and thereby acknowledge contents of, the approved EMP and therefore abide by the specifications of the document and any amendments thereto.

### ***Other applicable legislation***

#### **The Constitution of The Republic of South Africa (Act 108 of 1996)**

The Constitution of the Republic of South Africa states that everyone has a right to a non-threatening environment and that reasonable measures are applied to protect the environment. This includes preventing pollution and promoting conservation and environmentally sustainable development, while promoting justifiable social and economic development.

#### **National Environmental Management Act (Act 107 of 1998)**

The National Environmental Management Act (NEMA), as amended, makes provision for the identification and assessment of activities that are potentially detrimental to the environment and which require authorisation from the relevant competent authorities. NEMA is a National Act, which is enforced by the Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA). These powers are delegated in the Western Cape to the Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning (DEA&DP).

#### **National Environmental Management: Biodiversity Act (Act 10 of 2004)**

Chapter 4 of the National Environmental Management: Biodiversity Act, 2004 (NEMBA) deals with threatened and protected ecosystems and species. The need to protect listed ecosystems is addressed (Section 54). Section 73 deals with Duty of Care relating to invasive species, while Section 76(2) calls for development of invasive species monitoring, control and eradication plans by all organs of state in all spheres of government, as part of environmental management plans required in terms of Section 11 of NEMA.

#### **National Environmental Management: Waste Act (Act No. 59 of 2008)**

The National Environmental Management: Waste Act (NEM:WA) provides for specific waste management measures (disposal and storage) and the remediation of contaminated land.

#### **National Environmental Management: Air Quality Act (Act No. 39 of 2004)**

Section 32 provides provision for the control of dust, section 34 provides provision for the control of noise and section 35 provides provision for the control of offensive odours, all which may be experienced during the construction or operation of an applicable development.

#### **Environment Conservation Act (Act No. 73 of 1989)**

The Environment Conservation Act (ECA), provides provision for the prevention of littering by employees and subcontractors during construction and the maintenance phases of development.

#### **Occupational Health and Safety Act (Act No. 85 of 1993)**

Section 8 outlines the general duties of employers to their employees and section 9 outlines the general duties of employers and self-employed persons, to persons other than their employees.

#### **Hazardous Substances Act (Act No. 5 of 1973)**

This Act provides for the definition, classification, use, operation, modification, disposal or dumping of hazardous substances.

## **7. CONSTRUCTION PHASE IMPACTS AND MITIGATIONS**

### **7.1. Ecological and Botanical Impacts**

It can safely be assumed that the primary construction phase ecological impact of the proposed subdivision and development would be permanent loss of all or most of the existing natural and partly natural vegetation and faunal habitat in the development footprints (most of it gazetted as an Endangered vegetation type). One plant Species of Conservation Concern was recorded within the site (*Diosma subulata*, Vulnerable; non-viable population in absence of fire) and no others are likely. No threatened fauna is likely to use the site, with the exception of the Cape Dwarf Chameleon (*Bradypodion pumilum*), which is listed as Vulnerable, and may occur on site.

Direct loss of animals will also occur during the clearing and early development stage. Animals most impacted will be those that are slow or reluctant to move, including Breviceps frogs (if present), Angulate Tortoise, dune snails (*Trigonephrus*) and the fossorial animals (including invertebrates).

The overall ecological significance of this direct vegetation and faunal habitat loss on site is Low - Medium negative before mitigation. No clear mitigation seems possible in this case other than faunal Search and Rescue, Search and Rescue for some of the bulbs on site (*Haemanthus*, *Chasmanthe*), and avoidance of some of the larger milkwoods (*Sideroxylon inerme*) and as many as possible of the other mapped trees shown in Figure 1b. It is likely that only about 25% of the mapped trees may survive the initial road and service development of the site, plus subsequent private house development. If this is done the direct impacts could be very slightly reduced but would still best be assessed as Low -Medium negative impact.

### **7.2. Activity specific impacts and mitigations**

During the Basic Environmental Process for the construction phase, the following activity-specific impacts were identified, along with corresponding mitigations:

- Ecological Impact
- Botanical Impact

**Table 2.** Activity specific impacts and mitigations

IMPACT	DESCRIPTION	MITIGATION	RESPONSIBILITY
Ecological Impact	<p>The clearance of vegetation for construction on the erven.</p> <p>The proposed subdivision and development would be permanent loss of all or most of the existing natural and partly natural vegetation and faunal habitat in the development footprints (most of it gazetted as an Endangered vegetation type)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All milkwoods (<i>Sideroxylon inerme</i>) above 1m and many of the other indigenous trees on site taller than 1m have been surveyed and shown in Figure 1b of the terrestrial biodiversity assessment. It is understood that some (maybe 35%) of these will be lost to road and bulk service development, but the others should remain and survive within designated erven, although another 50% may be lost during house development. The applicant must obtain the relevant permits if any milkwoods (a Protected Species) are to be damaged or lost during the site development process, and subsequently by new erf owners if during the construction phase.</li> <li>• Search and Rescue must be undertaken for all reptiles and any other fauna, notably tortoises, frogs, skinks and chameleons, during the site preparation, and especially when any earthworks and trenches are being dug or left open. This should be undertaken by an appointed ECO on a daily basis, until the site has been cleared (apart from the milkwoods and other designated trees) and the services are installed. Rescued animals should be released inside the adjacent Hoek van der Berg Nature Reserve (with relevant permission).</li> <li>• Search and Rescue for all translocatable geophytes should be undertaken prior to site development. Suitable candidates include about 500 <i>Chasmanthe aethiopica</i> (cobraflower) bulbs, and about ten</li> </ul>	Project Manager / Contractor / ECO / developer



		<p><i>Haemanthus coccineus</i> (poeierkwas). These should be translocated to similar habitat in the adjacent Hoek van de Berg NR, after permission has been obtained to do so, and should be undertaken by someone with experience in plant translocations.</p>	
Botanical	<p>One plant Species of Conservation Concern was recorded within the site (<i>Diosma subulata</i>, Vulnerable; non-viable population in absence of fire) and no others are likely.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All milkwoods (<i>Sideroxylon inerme</i>) above 1m and many of the other indigenous trees on site taller than 1m have been surveyed and shown in Figure 1b of the terrestrial biodiversity assessment. It is understood that some (maybe 35%) of these will be lost to road and bulk service development, but the others should remain and survive within designated erven, although another 50% may be lost during house development. The applicant must obtain the relevant permits if any milkwoods (a Protected Species) are to be damaged or lost during the site development process, and subsequently by new erf owners if during the construction phase.</li> <li>Search and Rescue must be undertaken for all reptiles and any other fauna, notably tortoises, frogs, skinks and chameleons, during the site preparation, and especially when any earthworks and trenches are being dug or left open. This should be undertaken by an appointed ECO on a daily basis, until the site has been cleared (apart from the milkwoods and other designated trees) and the services are installed. Rescued animals should be released inside the adjacent Hoek van der Berg Nature Reserve (with relevant permission).</li> <li>Search and Rescue for all translocatable geophytes should be undertaken prior to site development. Suitable candidates include about 500 <i>Chasmanthe aethiopica</i> (cobrafower) bulbs, and about ten <i>Haemanthus coccineus</i> (poeierkwas). These should be translocated to similar habitat in the adjacent Hoek van de Berg NR, after permission</li> </ul>	<p>Project Manager/ Contractor/ Site Agent/ Developer</p>

		<p>has been obtained to do so, and should be undertaken by someone with experience in plant translocations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>	
Dust	<p>Minimise dust pollution during the construction phase of the project</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Any stored building material from which dust could be generated, such as stockpiled building sand, should be covered or kept moist during windy periods to prevent dust from being generated.</li> <li>• The excavation, handling and transport of erodible materials must be avoided under high wind conditions</li> <li>• Staff may only be allowed to smoke within demarcated areas. Cigarette butts must be disposed of in the lidded waste bins provided.</li> <li>• Use dust suppression techniques (e.g., spraying bare surfaces with non-potable water and limiting driving speeds).</li> </ul>	<p>Project Manager/Contractor/ECO/Site Agent</p>
Noise	<p>Typical Noise impacts associated with the construction phase</p> <p>Risk – disturbance to surrounding landowners and employees</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensure construction takes place during acceptable work hours</li> <li>• Ensure silencers are fitted to noisy machinery</li> <li>• Machinery to be kept in good working order</li> <li>• Construction teams to be made aware of surrounding neighbours and potential noise impact</li> <li>• Any complaints regarding noise must be investigated, sources identified, and mitigation measures implemented. Feedback on resolution of the issue must be provided to the complainant and the noise control officer of the Local Authority</li> </ul>	<p>Project Manager / Contractor / ECO / developer</p>
Visual	<p>Typical Visual impacts associated with the construction phase</p> <p>Risk – visual impact of construction and related activities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensure construction materials are stored in a predetermined area (contractors camp) on the site, to prevent sprawl across the site</li> <li>• Ensure the site is kept neat and tidy during construction</li> <li>• Ensure that the site is cleared of all construction materials and machinery once construction is complete</li> <li>• Ensure all public roads are kept clean and any spills to be cleaned immediately</li> </ul>	<p>Project Manager / Contractor / ECO / developer</p>
Socio-Economic	<p>Job creation and skills transfer during the construction phase</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensure labour and contractors are sourced locally as far as possible</li> <li>• Aim to share skill sets during construction</li> </ul>	<p>Project Manager / Contractor / ECO / new erf owner</p>

	<p>Investment in the area</p> <p>Increased strain on resources, including services</p> <p>Risk – labour not sourced locally, therefore local benefit is limited, strain on services and other local resources</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Encourage the use of water wise, indigenous landscaping, installation of rainwater tanks, reuse of grey water etc to reduce pressure on resources</li></ul>	
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## **7.4. General construction phase impacts and requirements**

### *7.4.1. Contractors camp*

Responsibility – Contractor / ECO / owner

The contractor shall comply with all relevant laws and regulations concerning water provision, sanitation, wastewater discharge and liquid and solid waste handling and disposal during the construction phase. The contractor is referred to the requirements of the NEMA and the NEM:WA and related regulations. The contractor shall not locate the camp, or sanitation facilities, in any areas that can cause nuisance or safety hazards to surrounding land users, inhabitants or the general public. Suitable temporary toilet facilities should be provided to the construction team. These facilities should be emptied and cleaned on a regular basis by a registered contractor and the waste is to be removed by contractor to a registered facility. The contractor shall at all times carefully consider the machinery required for the desired task while minimizing the extent of environmental damage. The contractor shall keep construction campsites clean and tidy at all times. The contractor shall not leave domestic waste uncontained, and temporary storage shall be enclosed to keep out people and animals. No permanent domestic waste disposal shall be permitted. All domestic refuse is to be removed to an existing licensed landfill site. The contractor shall take specific measures to prevent the spread of veld fires, which may be caused by activities at the camp. These measures may include appropriate instruction of employees about the fire risks and the construction of firebreaks around the site perimeter, as required. The contractor shall prevent accelerated erosion from the construction campsite and shall not discharge polluted runoff into the environment. Adequate firefighting equipment shall be made available and maintained on site. The contractor's camp should be located in area proposed for development, in order to reduce impacting undisturbed areas. No overnighting will be permitted at the contractor's camp, unless specifically arranged or required. Decommissioning of the campsite will involve removal of all compacted platforms, equipment machinery, tools, waste, etc.

### *7.4.2. Health and Safety*

Responsibility - Project Manager / Contractor / ECO / owner

Correct Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) must be worn at all times by the personnel on site. Personnel must be trained on the use of PPE. The applicant will appoint one safety officer for the activities. Suitable warning and information signage should be erected at the commencement of construction. The handling of hazardous materials should only be done by trained personnel. Safety Data Sheets (SDSs) must be readily available for all hazardous substances on site and employees should be aware of the risks associated with any hazardous materials used. All provisions of the Occupational Health and Safety Act (Act No. 85 of 1993) must be complied with. In the event of an emergency relating to a hazardous substance, procedures detailed in the SDSs should be immediately implemented.

### *7.4.3. Fire risk management*

Responsibility - Project Manager / Contractor / ECO / owner

The Applicant / Project manager / contractor should identify a Fire Officer who shall be responsible for ensuring immediate and appropriate actions in the event of a fire and shall ensure that employees are aware of the procedure to be followed. The Fire Officer shall ensure that there is basic fire-fighting equipment available on site at all times. Any fires should be reported to the fire officer immediately.

#### *7.4.4. Fuels and hazardous materials*

Responsibility - Project Manager / Contractor / owner

Fuels and flammable materials are to be suitably stored, inside the contractor's camp or as appropriate. Impervious materials are to be used in these storage areas to prevent contamination of the ground in the event of spillages or leaks. Quantities of fuels and hazardous materials stored on site should be appropriate to the requirement for these substances on site.

Bulk fuel depots, if required, should be placed within bunded areas to prevent soil contamination in the event of leaks or spills. Bunded areas are to have a holding capacity equal to 110% of the largest fuel container. The relevant Health and Safety requirements for the hazardous materials and fuels should be kept on site in the event of an emergency.

#### *7.4.5. Emergencies protocol*

Responsibility - Project Manager / Contractor / owner

Fire: The fire officer / suitable other person, should be notified of any fires. Employees should be aware of the procedure to be followed in the event of a fire.

Hydrocarbon (fuel & oil) leaks and spillages: Employees should be aware of the procedure to be followed for dealing with spills and leaks, which shall include notifying the project manager / contractor. All vehicles leaking fuel or other liquids should immediately be removed to the maintenance area and repaired. In the event of a hydrocarbon spillage, the soil must be excavated and treated and adequately disposed. The necessary materials and equipment for dealing with spills and leaks are present on site at all times. The clean-up of sewerage spills and any damage caused by the spill or leak shall be for the applicant's account. The applicant shall ensure that the Health and Safety officer is available for the duration of the construction period.

Raw Sewerage spills (from portable toilets): Employees are to be aware of the procedure to be followed for dealing with spills and leaks. All the necessary materials and equipment for dealing with spills and leaks are present on site at all times. The clean-up of sewerage spills and any damage caused by the spill or leak shall be for the Applicant's account or applicable contractor.

Sudden illness in member of team: emergency numbers should be readily available on site in case of a sudden illness or injury to a construction team member.

Snake bite: Emergency contact numbers must be kept on site in case of a snake sitting or snakebite.

#### *7.4.6. Site Demarcation*

Responsibility - Project Manager / Contractor / ECO / owner

Prior to any construction commencing, the high sensitivity botanical areas must be clearly demarcated and indicated as no go area for the entire duration of construction. Following this, all construction works, as well as the storage or preparation of any materials must be within the demarcated boundaries of the construction zone only and not in or within close proximity to No Go areas. No Go areas and the demarcation thereof must be checked on a regular basis.

#### *7.4.7. Stockpiles*

Responsibility - Project Manager / Contractor / ECO / owner

The contractor and / or project manager should identify sites for the stockpiling of building materials and excavated material. Stockpile sites should preferably be in areas with a gentle gradient. Stockpiles should be stabilised as required and monitored for dust blow and runoff / erosion.

#### *7.4.8. General Wastes*

Responsibility - Project Manager / Contractor / ECO / owner

Refuse refers to all construction debris (cement bags, rubble, timber, cans, nails, wire, spilt bitumen, glass, packaging, plastic, organic matter, etc.). Refuse generated during the construction phase should be stored in an appropriate area on site, should be watertight and wind proof, and removed on a regular basis for disposal at a permitted disposal site. Waste bins should be labelled for their designated use. No burning or burying of general refuse on site should be permitted. Recycling and sorting of waste, at the source, is encouraged. Disposal certificates should be kept.

#### *7.4.9. Recreational / Eating areas*

Responsibility - Project Manager / Contractor / ECO / owner

If construction workers are permitted to eat on the development site, other than within the contractor's camp, the Contractor shall provide adequate refuse bins at all such places and ensure that they are used. Bins are to be cleared on a daily basis. No rest areas are to be permitted in No Go areas.

#### *7.4.10. Construction water*

Responsibility - Project Manager / Contractor / ECO / owner

All cement effluent from mixer washings and run-off from batching areas, as well as other work areas, should be contained in suitable manner, these areas should be lined and allowed to dry from time to time in order to remove the solid materials. Care should be taken to prevent the runoff of construction water, to other areas on site or onto adjacent sites.

#### *7.4.11. Equipment maintenance*

Responsibility - Project Manager / Contractor / ECO / owner

All mechanical equipment and work vehicles which are present on-site during construction, are to be stored, serviced and refuelled only at designated areas or within the contractor's camp. Within these areas drip trays and other impervious materials, for example plastic or metal sheeting, must be used to prevent contamination of the ground. The project manager may order the removal of equipment that is causing continual environmental damage, until such equipment has been repaired.

#### *7.4.12. Stormwater Management*

Responsibility - Project Manager / Contractor / ECO / owner

Due to the small-scale nature of the construction, a Stormwater Management Plan is not required. however, Stormwater should be monitored regularly to ensure no environmental risk or unmanageable load to the existing infrastructure. The contractor must take suitable measures to prevent erosion resulting from a diversion,

restriction or increase in flow of stormwater caused by construction. The open space erf will be used for stormwater retention.

#### *7.4.13. Topsoil Removal and Stockpiling*

Responsibility - Project Manager / Contractor / ECO / owner

Where services are to be extended or houses erected, topsoil is to be removed from the work areas, stockpiled separately from subsoil, and must be stabilised within a day of stockpiling. In general, stockpiles should be convex at the top to promote run-off, so that water is not able to accumulate and result in leaching of nutrients from the soil. Stockpiling areas should be determined in consultation with the ECO and only for short term.

#### *7.3.14. Erosion Control*

Responsibility - Project Manager / Contractor / ECO / owner

Action should be taken to prevent erosion of soils on the construction site. Should any erosion be detected on site, the cause of such erosion should be identified, and appropriate remedial action must be immediately implemented.

#### *7.4.15 Dust Control*

Responsibility - Project Manager / Contractor / ECO / owner

Appropriate action should be taken to minimise the generation of dust on the site. This can be done by applying appropriate stabilisation materials, such as straw or mulch or watering of exposed areas. Suppression methods not involving water, are preferred as far as possible.

#### *7.4.16. Construction Traffic Management*

Responsibility - Project Manager / Contractor / ECO / owner

All construction vehicles which carry construction materials, must use sheeting or a suitable cover, to prevent loss of load during travelling or due to wind or rain. Any spills should be cleaned immediately.

#### *7.4.17. Architecture / Design*

Responsibility - Project Manager / Contractor / ECO / owner

The architecture and design of the dwellings will be done in line with the general trend of the area. The houses should be designed to be in line with the surrounding architecture and cape vernacular style common to the area. Neutral colour palettes should be used which blend into the surrounds.

#### *7.4.18. Sustainable Building Guidelines and materials*

Responsibility - Project Manager / Contractor / ECO / owner

The houses should be designed in such a way as to create a sustainable living area. Ensure materials and orientation allow for an environmentally friendly design with lower operating costs, i.e natural ventilation, correct orientation, correct colours and roofing etc. Use recycled materials as far as possible.

Energy efficiency is also an important consideration, and the following actions should be considered:

- North orientation to ensure that as many well-used spaces face north as possible. Sun control is more difficult on East and West facing windows

- Use of good insulation in the roof and walls to keep the inside temperature warm in winter or cool in summer
- Solar water heaters to be included in the design phase
- Suitable roof overhangs to let in the lower winter sun but provide shade from the summer sun
- Suitable fenestration – let in the light and catch the winter sun, but not too much window area so that warmth or cool cannot be retained inside when needed. They can be combined with shading and reflecting devices - such as overhangs, screens, shutters, awnings, trees, planting and different glass types which will aid to control the amount, quality and time of daylight entering the building
- Suitable ventilation for fresh air and cool breezes
- Natural lighting through windows and light wells

Water conservation should be a priority in design of the dwelling. Rainwater tanks are recommended as far as possible. Optimally designed systems for grey water reuse should also be explored during the design phase in order to prevent the expense of retrofitting a system. Water wise and indigenous landscaping is recommended and will reduce the water costs associated with maintaining gardens. Permeable paving is to be used in areas where paving is required. Low flow shower and heads and dual flushing systems should be fitted. Aerators on taps should also be fitted to reduce overall water demand.

Construction activities such as watering, mixing and cleaning should avoid water wastage. Dry brushing and trigger spray nozzles should be used. Reuse of construction water should also be implemented.

#### *7.4.19. Site Clean Up and Rehabilitation*

Responsibility - Project Manager / Contractor / ECO/ owner

The following actions should be implemented once construction has concluded:

- The construction footprint should be restored to the natural contours of the ground and shall allow normal surface drainage, as far as possible
- No foreign matter such as rubble, waste or hazardous material will be mixed with the topsoil or used to backfill excavation.
- All temporary works within the construction footprint, including fences, access, roads etc. disturbed by construction, should be restored to their original condition, as far as practical.
- Compacted soils within the construction footprint should be loosened by means of a plough or scarified to aid revegetation
- Runoff and erosion, as a result of the construction phase, should be suitably managed to prevent long term impacts
- All structures, equipment, materials and facilities used or created on site for or during construction activities are removed once the project has been completed
- Vegetation cover (using species appropriate to the local area) in all areas disturbed by the works should be reintroduced, as required.

## **8. COMPLIANCE AND MONITORING**

### **8.1. Non-compliance**

The Environmental Authorisation (EA) stipulates that, *“Non-compliance with a condition of this Environmental Authorisation and the EMP may render the holder liable to criminal prosecution.”* It is therefore important that the conditions are adhered to as outlined in the EA and EMP. A Penalties scheme can be used during construction for transgressions.



Transgressions relate to actions by the contractor whereby damage or harm is inflicted upon the environment or any feature thereof and where any of the conditions or specifications of the EMP and EA have been infringed upon. In the instance of environmental damage, the damage is to be repaired and rehabilitated using appropriate measures, as far as possible and as directed by appropriate specialists, if required. These remedial actions are for the account of the contractor or other guilty party as identified by the Project Manager, applicant or ECO. Where non-repairable damage is inflicted upon the environment or non-compliance with any of the EMP / EA obligations is registered, then the Contractor may face a monetary penalty to an amount specified by the Project manager / ECO. The Project manager / ECO reserves the right to implement a first offence warning.

If excessive infringement with regard to any of the specifications is registered, the applicant / project manager / owner reserves the right to terminate the contractor's contract.

Table 3. Penalties Scheme – to be reviewed by ECO if required

Infringement	Description	Penalty
Hydrocarbon / fuel spill	Penalty to be issued when remediations not implemented timeously	R 5000 +
Disturbance beyond approved footprint	Disturbance to vegetation beyond approved areas or within identified high sensitivity areas	R 5000 +
Waste management	Inappropriate waste management	R 3000 dependent of extent +
Not adhering to conditions of EA	Not attending to specific EA conditions	R 3000 + per condition

## 8.2. Environmental Control Sheets

Environmental Control Sheets to be used by the ECO on a weekly basis to monitor construction activities to ensure compliance with recommendations. The ECO should familiarise themselves with the full set of recommendations for the site and reasons for these recommendations, as well as understand the site and constraints analysis and be able to identify the constraints / No Go areas.



**Table 3. Environmental Control Sheets**

					RECORD OF PERFORMANCE		
TASK	ACTION REQUIRED / MITIGATION & METHOD FOR IMPLEMENTATION	FREQUENCY	TARGET / OUTCOME	RESPONSIBILITY	COMPLETED YES/ NO	DATE	COMMENT
<b>PRE-CONSTRUCTION</b>							
Procurement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- EA and EMP to be distributed to contractor at tender stage to include costing incurred due to compliance with EA and EMP</li> </ul> METHOD: Distribute with tender documents	As required	Contractors are aware of requirements in terms of NEMA and can budget accordingly	Developer Project Manager			
Environmental File	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- To include EA, EMP, site diary, public complaints section</li> <li>- To be updated on a regular basis</li> <li>- Public complaints register</li> <li>- Kept on site at all times</li> </ul> METHOD: Issue all applicable documents to site manager	As required	Construction team(s) and general public can access relevant information f and when required	ECO Project Manager			
Environmental Awareness training and induction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- All contractors to attend briefing prior to commencement of site works</li> <li>- Register to be signed as proof of attendance</li> </ul> METHOD: Briefing to be undertaken by project manager and / ECO	As required	Construction team(s) informed of all requirements in terms of EMP and EA	ECO Project Manager			

Method Statements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Contractors to submit MS seven working days prior to commencement on site</li> <li>- MS to contain clear methods for pollution control measures during construction including hazardous waste, run off, general waste etc.</li> </ul> <p>METHOD: Request for method statements to be contained in tender documents</p>	As required	ECO and project manager to be well informed in terms of methods for construction	Contractor			
Site definition and demarcation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Site survey and pegging</li> <li>- Site demarcation and fencing (mark construction areas – all other areas are No Go)</li> <li>- Access roads for construction vehicles to be clearly indicated, consideration to be given to turning circles</li> <li>- Review of specialist input to familiarise with mitigation measures</li> <li>- Buffer areas to be indicated and demarcated as No Go</li> </ul> <p>METHOD: Demarcation methods to be undertaken as outlined in EMP, suitable to the environment and semi-permanent to last as long as possible during construction phase, to be checked on a regular basis</p>	As required and to be repeated on a regular basis in the event that demarcations shift or disturbed by operators, weather etc.	A well demarcated site Well defined No Go areas Well defined construction zones	ECO Project Manager Contractor			
Construction traffic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- All construction vehicles carrying materials must use cover sheeting to prevent loss of loads due to wind or rain</li> <li>- Maximum speed to be enforced</li> </ul>	Duration of Construction	A safe working environment with minimal impact on No Go areas, minimal dust impact, minimal loss of load and minimal general public impact	Project Manager Contractor			

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Movement of construction vehicles must be limited to approved haul and access routes and existing tracks</li> </ul> <p>METHOD: To be monitored by ECO and project manager as well as construction team leaders</p>						
Emergencies protocol	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Staff to be aware of actions to be taken in the event of a natural or medical emergency</li> <li>- Applicable Health and Safety required in terms of OH&amp;S Act</li> </ul> <p>METHOD: OH&amp;S officer to be appointed, appropriate signage to be implemented</p>	Duration of Construction	A safe working environment with minimal incidences	Project Manager Contractor			
Fire	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Fire Management recommendations to be implemented</li> <li>- Required firefighting equipment is available on site, and in working order</li> <li>- No open fires are lit on site without approval of the ECO and Site Manager</li> </ul> <p>METHOD: To be checked by the ECO and project manager and implemented by the contractor</p>	Duration of Construction	<p>A safe working environment with minimal incidences</p> <p>Action plan in the event of a fire</p>	Project Manager Contractor			
Contractors camp	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Contractor's Camp is located at the most suitable site as identified by the ECO and Site Manager, preferably in areas to be developed or used (i.e roads or house footprints) or already transformed areas</li> </ul>	Duration of Construction	A well placed and functional contractors camp to minimise impacts on other areas on site	Project Manager Contractor			

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Contractor team to be briefed regarding Do's and Don'ts of camp and site in general</li> <li>- Suitable toilet facilities are provided for all staff</li> <li>- Ablutions are to be restricted to the facilities provided</li> <li>- Toilets are to be kept in a hygienic condition and emptied regularly</li> </ul> <p>METHOD: Site to be determined in conjunction with project manager and ECO, to be well demarcated with appropriate signage, serviced and cleaned on a regular basis, checked by ECO</p>						
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CONSTRUCTION							
TASK	ACTION REQUIRED / MITIGATION & METHOD FOR IMPLEMENTATION	FREQUENCY	TARGET / OUTCOME	RESPONSIBILITY	COMPLETED YES/ NO	DATE	COMMENT
Topsoil removal and stockpiling	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Replaced immediately after works where required</li> <li>- Topsoil which is required to be removed from direct work areas, should be stockpiled separately from subsoil and reused as far as possible</li> <li>- Stockpiles should be suitably shaped to prevent leaching of nutrients, and stabilized, or dispersal by wind or rain</li> <li>- Stockpiles to be monitored for dispersal by rain and wind</li> </ul> <p>METHOD: Implement conditions outlined in EMP for stockpiling and topsoil removal</p>	Duration of Construction	Reusable sand and soil stockpiles to facilitate rehabilitation of the site	Project Manager Contractor			
Earthworks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Works to be restricted construction area only</li> <li>- Bulldozer/ heavy machinery operators to be under constant supervision particularly at onset of works</li> <li>- Use and excessive movement of heavy machinery to be avoided in areas of environmental sensitivity or high erosion potential</li> <li>- Trenching to be undertaken in a phased manner</li> </ul>	Duration of Construction	Minimal disturbance to sensitive zones, minimal disturbance to vegetation	Project manager Contractor ECO			

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Fill material to be replaced in same work area from which it originated</li> <li>- Fill material to be compacted to its approximate original density</li> </ul> <p>METHOD: Construction zone to be clearly demarcated, instruction for stockpiling to be implemented, operators to be briefed prior to works</p>						
Material handling, dispatching and storage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Fuels and hazardous materials to be stored in suitably equipped storage areas in the Contractor's camp and approved by the ECO</li> <li>- Strict measures to be put in place for the use and storage of hazardous materials on site</li> <li>- Disposal to licenced facility only</li> <li>- These areas shall comply with fire safety requirements</li> <li>- Impervious materials are to be used to prevent contamination of the ground in the event of spillages or leaks</li> <li>- Construction materials spilled on public or private roads to be immediately cleaned</li> <li>- No storage other than contractor camp</li> </ul> <p>METHODS: Undertake regular inspections of areas and procedures</p>	Duration of Construction	Minimal disturbance to sensitive zones including dunes and beach Minimal incidences	Project Manager Contractor			
Stockpiles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Sites for stockpiling as identified by the Contractor are to be marked on a plan, and approved by the ECO and Site Manager</li> <li>- Stockpiles must be suitably stabilized where necessary</li> </ul>	Duration of Construction	Reusable sand and soil stockpiles to facilitate rehabilitation of the site	Project Manager Contractor ECO			



	METHODS: Undertake regular checks of stockpiles to ensure methods outlined in the EMP and Dune EMP are implemented						
Waste management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- All waste to be stored in an appropriate contained area on site, and protected against wind, rain and animal dispersal</li> <li>- Waste to be removed on a weekly basis for disposal at a permitted disposal site</li> <li>- No burning or burying of refuse on site is allowed</li> <li>- Eating areas must be demarcated and provided with suitable refuse collection areas</li> </ul> <p>METHOD: Waste areas to be designed correctly and be wind and weatherproof and emptied on a regular basis</p>	Duration of Construction	A clean waste collection point which is serviced on a regular basis	Project Manager Contractor ECO			
Construction wastewater	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Careful runoff management will be required particularly during construction. No contaminated water should be allowed to seep into the ground or runoff the construction site</li> <li>- All runoff from batching plants, work areas and mixer washings to be contained in sedimentation ponds, which are suitably lined</li> <li>- Ponds must be allowed to dry out regularly, and solid waste removed and disposed of at a site approved by the local authority.</li> </ul>	Duration of Construction	A clean site post construction	Project Manager Contractor ECO			

	METHOD: Wastewater areas to be suitably designed and inspected on a regular basis						
Maintenance of equipment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- All mechanical equipment and work vehicles to be stored, serviced and refuelled at designated areas in the contractor's camp</li> <li>- Major services to take place off site</li> <li>- Drip trays or impervious materials to be used to prevent contamination of ground</li> </ul> <p>METHOD: Regular inspections undertaken</p>	Duration of Construction	A clean site post construction	Project Manager Contractor ECO			
Stormwater	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Suitable measures must be in place to prevent erosion resulting from diversion, restriction or increase in stormwater runoff</li> <li>- Measures must be taken to prevent stormwater from flowing from excavated areas or stockpiles</li> <li>- Stormwater containing harmful substances to be contained, and removed from site</li> </ul> <p>METHOD: Regular inspections undertaken</p>	Duration of Construction	A clean site post construction, avoiding additional impact on surrounds	Project Manager Contractor ECO			
Erosion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Stormwater channels are to be kept clear from soil and debris</li> <li>- Erosion or stormwater damage resulting from Contractor's operations to be suitably repaired</li> <li>- Suitable stabilization measures are to be implemented wherever</li> </ul>	Duration of Construction	A clean site post construction, avoiding additional impact on surrounds	Project Manager Contractor ECO			

	<p>works are taking place as outlined in this document</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Where erosion is detected, suitable mitigation methods are to be employed as soon as possible</li> </ul> <p>METHOD: Regular visual inspections undertaken</p>						
Dust	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Sand stockpiles are to be covered with Hessian, shade cloth or DPC plastic</li> <li>- Stockpiles are to be located in sheltered areas and the useable face to be orientated away from the prevailing wind</li> <li>- Excavation and transporting erodible material during high wind conditions - water dampening measures or cessation of activities should be required</li> <li>- If necessary, certain components of the work should be stopped until conditions are more favourable</li> <li>- Vehicles must not exceed 40 km/h along gravel roads</li> <li>- If roads generate unacceptable levels of dust, suppression measures should be introduced</li> <li>- If water is used only the critical areas should be watered by cart or hand to avoid unnecessary run-off, erosion or misuse</li> </ul> <p>METHOD: Areas and activities of possible dust generation to be</p>	Duration of Construction	A clean site post construction, avoiding additional impact on surrounds, avoidance of impacts on general public	Project Manager Contractor ECO			

	inspected on a regular basis, as well as strategies to address dust						
Site clean-up and rehabilitation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- All structures, equipment materials and facilities are to be removed from site on completion of the project</li> <li>- Construction site shall be cleared and cleaned to the ECO's satisfaction</li> <li>- Site / Area Rehabilitation to be conducted in line with recommendations herein</li> <li>- Specialist advice to be sort where required</li> <li>- No waste or remaining materials to be buried on site</li> </ul> <p>METHOD: Inspected upon site closure / suspension of works, rehabilitation methods contained in EMP and Dune EMP to be implemented</p>	Duration of Construction	A functional ecosystem post construction, suitably rehabilitated as required	Project Manager Contractor ECO			

## **9. ENVIRONMENTAL AUDITS**

The purpose of auditing is to determine and monitor compliance with the EMP and EA, and measure its effectiveness in mitigating environmental impacts. In terms of Regulation 34 of the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014, the holder of the EA must conduct environmental audits in order to determine compliance with the conditions of the EA and EMP. Environmental Audit Reports should be submitted to the Competent Authority or as stipulated in the EA. The audit reports should be prepared by an independent person. The audit report should also provide recommendations regarding the need to amend the EMP.

The objective of the environmental audit report is to:

- Report on the level of compliance with the conditions of the EA and the EMP
- Report on the extent to which the avoidance, management and mitigation measures outlined in the EMP, achieve the objectives and outcomes of the EMP
- Identify and assess any new impacts and risks as a result of the activity
- Evaluate the effectiveness of the EMP
- Identify shortcomings in the EMP
- Identify the need for any changes to the avoidance, management and mitigation measures provided for in the EMP

An environmental audit report should contain the following:

- Details and expertise of the independent person who prepared the environmental audit report
- A declaration that the auditor is independent
- An indication of the scope of, and the purpose for which, the environmental audit report was prepared
- A description of the methodology adopted in preparing the environmental audit report
- An indication of the ability of the EMP to sufficiently provide for the avoidance, management and mitigation of environmental impacts associated with the undertaking of the activity as well as to ensure compliance with the provisions of environmental authorisation and EMP.
- A description of any assumptions made, and any uncertainties or gaps in knowledge
- A description of any consultation process that was undertaken during the course of carrying out the environmental audit report if required
- A summary and copies of any comments that were received during any consultation process
- Any other information requested by the competent authority.

Given the nature of the development proposed, environmental audits may be difficult to undertake, but should be done as far as reasonably and practically possible.

## **10. CONCLUSION**

An EMP has been developed as part of the Basic Assessment process to ensure that mitigation and management measures are enforced during the construction phase of the development, and that the conditions of the EA are upheld. The EMP should guide all phases of the project to minimize possible negative impacts and assign responsibility for environmental controls. The EMP provides a tool to recognise the needs of the environment and is intended to be utilised in conjunction with the Environmental Authorisation.

**11. DECLARATION OF CONTRACTOR'S ACCEPTANCE**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (name), representing  
\_\_\_\_\_ (company name), have read and  
understood the above Environmental Management Plan and hereby acknowledge its contents and requirements  
as a framework for my company's environmental performance during the applicable development.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_