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DATE: 27 July 2022

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Attention: Mr. Willem Coetzee

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Dear Sir

APPLICATION IN TERMS OF THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT ACT, 1998 (ACT NO. 107 OF 1998) ("NEMA") AND THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT ("EIA") REGULATIONS, 2014 (AS AMENDED) FOR THE PART 1 AMENDMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION ISSUED ON 29 SEPTEMBER 2017 (REFERENCE NO: 16/3/3/1/F3/3/3009/17): PROPOSED ESTABLISHMENT OF A CAMP SITE AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE ON ERVEN 332 AND 474, DORINGBAAI.

1. With reference to the above application, the Department hereby notifies you of its decision to grant the amended Environmental Authorisation, attached herewith, together with the reasons for the decision.
2. In terms of Regulation 4 of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended), you are instructed to ensure, within 14 days of the date of the Environmental Authorisation, that all registered Interested and Affected Parties ("I&APs") are provided with access to and reasons for the decision, and that all registered I&APs are notified of their right to appeal.
3. Your attention is drawn to Chapter 2 of the Appeal Regulations, 2014 (as amended), which prescribes the appeal procedure to be followed. This procedure is summarised in the attached Environmental Authorisation.

Yours faithfully

MR ZAAHIR TOEFY

DIRECTOR: DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT (REGION 1)

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AMENDED ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION

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With reference to your application for the abovementioned, find below the outcome with respect to this application.

A. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

1. An Environmental Authorisation ("EA") was issued by this Department on 29 September 2017 (Reference No: 16/3/3/1/F3/3/3009/17) for the authorised consolidation, subdivision and establishment of a camp site and associated infrastructure on Erven 332 and 474 in Doringbaai (attached hereto as Appendix A).
2. An application for amendment of the EA in terms of the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended) was received by this Department on 30 June 2022. The application is for an amendment of the validity period of the EA.

B. DECISION

By virtue of the powers conferred on it by the NEMA and the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended), this Department herewith **grants** the amendment of the EA issued on 29 September 2017.

The EA (Reference No: 16/3/3/1/F3/3/3009/17) is amended as set out below:

Condition 2 of Section E: CONDITIONS OF AUTHORISATION is amended to read as follows:

"2. This amended Environmental Authorisation is granted for-

2.1 A period of five (5) years, ending 18h00 on 28 September 2027, during which period the holder must commence with the authorised Listed Activities.

2.2 A period of ten (10) years, from the date the holder commenced with the authorised Listed Activities, during which period the authorised Listed Activities must be concluded."

C. REASONS FOR THE DECISION

In reaching its decision, the competent authority took, *inter alia*, the following into consideration:

1. The information contained in the application form for amendment dated and received by this Department via electronic correspondence on 30 June 2022.
2. The amendment applied for the non-substantive amendment of the EA and will not change the scope of the original EA issued on 29 September 2017 (Reference no.: 16/3/3/1/F3/3/3009/17).
3. The commencement of construction activities has been delayed due to financial constraints experienced by the applicant. Due to the onset of the global Covid-19 pandemic and subsequent economic degradation, the applicant was unable to commence with the development.
4. The environment and the rights and interests of interested and affected parties ("I&APs") will not be adversely affected by the decision to amend the EA.
5. All other conditions contained in the EA issued on 29 September 2017 (Attached as Annexure A), remain unchanged and in force.

D. CONDITIONS

1. The holder must in writing, within 14 (fourteen) calendar days of the date of this decision–
 - 1.1. notify all registered Interested and Affected Parties of –
 - 1.1.1. the outcome of the application;
 - 1.1.2. the reasons for the decision as included in Section B;
 - 1.1.3. the date of the decision; and
 - 1.1.4. the date when the decision was issued.
 - 1.2. draw the attention of all registered I&APs to the fact that an appeal may be lodged against the decision in terms of the National Appeal Regulations, 2014 (as amended) detailed in Section D below;
 - 1.3. draw the attention of all registered Interested and Affected Parties to the manner in which they may access the decision;
 - 1.4. provide the registered I&APs with:
 - 1.4.1. the name of the holder (entity) of this Environmental Authorisation;
 - 1.4.2. name of the responsible person for this Environmental Authorisation;
 - 1.4.3. postal address of the holder;
 - 1.4.4. telephonic and fax details of the holder;
 - 1.4.5. e-mail address, if any, of the holder; and
 - 1.4.6. the contact details (postal and/or physical address, contact number, facsimile and e-mail address) of the decision-maker and all registered Interested and Affected Parties in the event that an appeal is lodged in terms of the National Appeal Regulations, 2014 (as amended).

E. APPEALS

Appeals must comply with the provisions contained in the National Appeal Regulations, 2014 (as amended).

1. An appellant (if the holder of the decision) must, within 20 (twenty) calendar days from the date the notification of the decision was sent to the holder by the Competent Authority –
 - 1.1. Submit an appeal in accordance with Regulation 4 of the National Appeal Regulations, 2014 (as amended) to the Appeal Administrator; and
 - 1.2. Submit a copy of the appeal to any registered I&APs, any Organ of State with interest in the matter and the decision-maker i.e. the Competent Authority that issued the decision.
2. An appellant (if NOT the holder of the decision) must, within 20 (twenty) calendar days from the date the holder of the decision sent notification of the decision to the registered I&APs–
 - 2.1. Submit an appeal in accordance with Regulation 4 of the National Appeal Regulations, 2014 (as amended) to the Appeal Administrator; and
 - 2.2. Submit a copy of the appeal to the holder of the decision, any registered I&AP, any Organ of State with interest in the matter and the decision-maker i.e. the Competent Authority that issued the decision.
3. The holder of the decision (if not the appellant), the decision-maker that issued the decision, the registered I&AP and the Organ of State must submit their responding statements, if any, to the appeal authority and the appellant within 20 (twenty) calendar days from the date of receipt of the appeal submission.
4. The appeal and the responding statement must be submitted to the address listed below:

By post: Western Cape Ministry of Local Government, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning
Private Bag X9186
CAPE TOWN
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By facsimile: (021) 483 4174; or

By hand: Attention: Mr Marius Venter (Tel: 021 483 3721)
Room 809
8th Floor Utilitas Building, 1 Dorp Street, Cape Town, 8001

By e-mail: DEADP.Appeals@westerncape.gov.za
5. An electronic copy (word document format) of the appeal and supporting documents must also be submitted.
6. A prescribed appeal form as well as assistance regarding the appeal processes is obtainable from Appeal Authority at: Tel. (021) 483 3721, E-mail DEADP.Appeals@westerncape.gov.za or URL <http://www.westerncape.gov.za/eadp>.

F. DISCLAIMER

The Western Cape Government, the Local Authority, committees or any other public authority or organisation appointed in terms of the conditions of this amended EA shall not be responsible for any damages or losses suffered by the holder, developer or his/her successor in any instance where construction or operation subsequent to construction is temporarily or permanently stopped for reasons of non-compliance with the conditions as set out herein or any other subsequent document or legal action emanating from this decision.

Your interest in the future of our environment is greatly appreciated.

Yours faithfully

MR ZAAHIR TOEFY
DIRECTOR: DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT (REGION 1)

DATE OF DECISION: 27 JULY 2022

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APPENDIX A: COPY OF ORIGINAL ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION ISSUED ON
29 SEPTEMBER 2017



DIRECTORATE: DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT
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EIA REFERENCE NUMBER: 16/3/3/1/F3/3/3009/17
ENQUIRIES: Ms. M. Schippers
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ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION IN TERMS OF THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT ACT, 1998 (ACT NO. 107 OF 1998) AND THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT REGULATIONS, 2014 (AS AMENDED) FOR THE PROPOSED ESTABLISHMENT OF A CAMP SITE AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE ON ERVEN 332 AND 474, DORINGBAAI.

With reference to your application for the abovementioned, find below the outcome with respect to this application.

ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION

DECISION

By virtue of the powers conferred on it by the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998), and the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014 as amended on 07 April 2017 ("NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014") the competent authority herewith **grants environmental authorisation** to the applicant to undertake the listed activities specified in section B below with respect to the preferred alternative described in the Final Basic Assessment Report ("BAR") dated 26 June 2017.

The granting of this environmental authorisation is subject to compliance with the conditions set out in section E below.

A. DETAILS OF THE APPLICANT FOR THIS ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION

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The abovementioned company is the holder of this environmental authorisation and is hereinafter referred to as "the applicant".

B. LISTED ACTIVITIES AUTHORISED

Listing Notice 1 of the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014:

Activity number: 27
Activity Description:

The clearance of an area of 1 hectares or more, but less than 20 hectares of indigenous vegetation, except where such clearance of indigenous vegetation is required for—

- (i) the undertaking of a linear activity; or*
- (ii) maintenance purposes undertaken in accordance with a maintenance management plan.*

Listing Notice 3 of the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014:

Activity number: 4
Activity Description:

The development of a road wider than 4 metres, with a road reserve less than 13.5metres.

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- i. Areas zoned for use as public open space or equivalent zoning;*
- ii. All areas outside urban areas:*
 - (aa) Areas containing indigenous vegetation;*
 - (bb) Areas on the estuary side of the development setback line or in an estuarine functional zone where no such setback line has been determined; or*
- iii. Inside urban areas:*
 - (aa) Areas zoned for conservation use; or*
 - (bb) Areas designated for conservation use in Spatial Development Frameworks adopted by the competent authority.*

The abovementioned is hereinafter referred to as "the listed activities".

The proposed development will entail the consolidation of Erven 474 and 332, Doringbaai and the removal of indigenous vegetation for the establishment of a caravan park and associated infrastructure.

The proposed development will include the following:

- Approximately 58 plots, (each with a building consisting of a bathroom, toilet and kitchen) with a total footprint of approximately 9728m²;
- A residence for a caretaker and storage area of approximately 869m²;
- A communal ablution facility of approximately 467m²;
- Internal roads wider than 4m and approximately 100m in length with a footprint of approximately 3295m²;
- A stormwater pipeline with a length of approximately 90m and a diameter of 400mm;
- Public open spaces with a footprint of approximately 2006m²; and
- Associated infrastructure.

Access to the site will be obtained from an existing road.

C. PROPERTY DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION

The listed activities will take place on Erven 474 and 332, Doringbaai.

The SG 21 digit codes are:

Erf 474: C07800110000047400000
Erf 332: C07800110000033200000

Co-ordinates for Erf 474

33° 48' 53.46" South
18° 14' 17.07" East

Co-ordinates for Erf 332

33° 48' 57.00" South
18° 14' 16.56" East

hereinafter referred to as "the site".

D. DETAILS OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT PRACTITIONER

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E. CONDITIONS OF AUTHORISATION

1. The holder must commence with the listed activities within the stipulated validity period which this Environmental Authorisation is granted for, or this Environmental Authorisation shall lapse and a new application for Environmental Authorisation must be submitted to the competent authority.
2. This Environmental Authorisation is granted for–
 - 2.1. A period of five (5) years, from the date of issue, during which period the holder must commence with the authorised listed activities; and
 - 2.2. A period of ten (10) years, from the date the holder commenced with the authorised listed activities, during which period the authorised listed activities for the development phase, must be concluded.
3. The listed activities, including site preparation, may not commence within 20 (twenty) calendar days of the date the applicant notifies the registered interested and Affected Parties ("I&APs") of this decision. In the event that an appeal notice and subsequent appeal is lodged with the competent authority, the effect of this environmental authorisation is suspended until such time as the appeal is decided (i.e. the listed activities, including site preparation, must not commence until the appeal is decided).
4. The applicant must in writing, within 14 (fourteen) calendar days of the date of this decision and in accordance with Regulation 4 (2) –
 - 4.1. Notify all registered interested and affected parties of –
 - 4.1.1. the outcome of the application;
 - 4.1.2. the reasons for the decision as included in Annexure 1;
 - 4.1.3. the date of the decision; and
 - 4.1.4. the date of issue of the decision;
 - 4.2. Draw the attention of all registered interested and affected parties to the fact that an appeal may be lodged against the decision in terms of the National Appeal Regulations, 2014 detailed in section F below;
 - 4.3. Draw the attention of all registered interested and affected parties to the manner in which they may access the decision;
 - 4.4. Provide the registered interested and Affected Parties with–
 - 4.4.1. the name of the holder (entity) of this environmental authorisation;
 - 4.4.2. the name of the responsible person for this environmental authorisation;
 - 4.4.3. the postal address of the holder;
 - 4.4.4. the telephonic and fax details of the holder;
 - 4.4.5. the e-mail address if any; and
 - 4.4.6. the contact details (postal and/or physical address, contact number, facsimile and e-mail address) of the decision-maker and all registered I&APs in the event that an appeal is lodged in terms of the 2014 National Appeals Regulations.
5. A minimum of seven calendar days notice, in writing, must be given to the competent authority before commencement of the development phase.
 - 5.1. The notice must make clear reference to the site details and EIA Reference number given above.

5.2. The notice must also include proof of compliance with the following conditions described herein:

Conditions: 4, 15, 16, 17 and 18.

on his/her behalf, including an agent, sub-contractor, employee or any person rendering a service to the holder.

7. Any changes to, or deviations from the scope of the description set out in section B above must be accepted or approved, in writing, by the competent authority before such acceptance/approval or not, the competent authority may request such information as it deems necessary to evaluate the significance and impacts of such changes or deviations and it may be necessary for the holder to apply for further authorisation in terms of the applicable legislation.
8. The draft Environmental Management Programme ("EMPr") submitted as part of the application for environmental authorisation is hereby approved and must be implemented.
 - 9.1. An application for amendment to the EMPr must be submitted to the competent authority if any amendments are to be made to the EMPr, and this may only be implemented once the amended EMPr has been authorised by the competent authority.
 - 9.2. The EMPr must be included in all contract documentation for all phases of implementation.
10. A copy of the environmental authorisation and the EMPr must be kept at the site where the listed activities will be undertaken whereafter it must be kept at the offices of the applicant. Access to the site referred to in section C above must be granted and the environmental authorisation and EMPr must be produced to any authorised official representing the competent authority who requests to see it for the purposes of assessing and/or monitoring compliance with the conditions contained herein. The environmental authorisation and EMPr must also be made available for inspection by any employee or agent of the applicant who works or undertakes work at the site.
11. The applicant must submit an application for amendment in terms of Chapter 5 of the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014 of the environmental authorisation to the competent authority where any detail or scope with respect to the environmental authorisation must be amended, added, substituted, corrected, removed or updated.
12. Non-compliance with a condition of this environmental authorisation or EMPr may result in suspension of this environmental authorisation and may render the holder liable for criminal prosecution.
13. An integrated waste management approach, which is based on waste minimisation and incorporates reduction, recycling, re-use and disposal, where appropriate, must be employed. Any solid waste must be disposed of at a landfill licensed in terms of the applicable legislation.
14. Should any heritage remains be exposed during excavations or any actions on the site, these must immediately be reported to the Provincial Heritage Resources Authority of the

Western Cape, Heritage Western Cape (in accordance with the applicable legislation). Heritage remains uncovered or disturbed during earthworks must not be further disturbed until the necessary approval has been obtained from Heritage Western Cape. Heritage remains include: archaeological remains (including fossil bones and fossil shells); coins; indigenous and/or colonial ceramics; any articles of value or antiquity; marine shell heaps; stone artifacts and bone remains; structures and other built features; rock art and rock engravings and graves or unmarked human burials.

A qualified archaeologist must be contracted where necessary (at the expense of the applicant and in consultation with the relevant authority) to remove any human remains in accordance with the requirements of the relevant authority.

15. The holder must appoint a suitably experienced Environmental Control Officer ("ECO"), or site agent where appropriate to ensure compliance with the EMPr and the conditions contained herein.
16. Development areas must be clearly demarcated before development commences and any areas outside the development areas must be demarcated as 'no-go' areas.
17. A search and rescue programme for plant species of conservation concern must be carried out by a qualified botanical specialist and must be implemented prior to the commencement of land clearing activities.
18. Search and rescue must be conducted between July and early September (as per CapeNature's comment dated 13 December 2016). Should species of conservation concern be found, translocation options must be discussed with CapeNature.
19. The following conditions regarding the temporary storage of fuel on site during the development phase must be complied with:
 - 19.1. No storage of fuel must take place within 100m of a watercourse. All fuel storage must be below 80m²;
 - 19.2. Any fuel storage tanks must be bunded (110% of the tank capacity) to contain any possible spills and to prevent any infiltration of fuels into the ground; and
 - 19.3. Drip trays must be used for all vehicles, construction equipment and generators that may require re-fuelling to avoid the possible spillage of fuel/oil.
20. All noise and sounds generated during the development phase must comply with the relevant SANS codes and standards.
21. Employment opportunities must be afforded to the local community (as far as possible) during the development phase of the proposed development.
22. 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 audit reports to the Competent Authority.
 - 22.1. The audit reports 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).
 - 22.2. An audit report must be submitted to the Competent Authority within three (3) months of the commencement of the development phase.

- 22.3. A final audit report must be submitted to the competent authority on completion of the development phase;
- 22.4. The audit reports must indicate compliance with the conditions of this environmental authorisation, EMPr and recommendations for improved environmental management;
- 22.5. The holder must, within 7 days of the submission of the report to the Competent Authority, notify all potential and registered I&APs of the submission and make the report available to anyone on request; and
- 22.6. If the audit reports are not submitted, the competent authority may give 30 days written notice and may have such an audit undertaken at the expense of the applicant and may authorise any person to take such measures necessary for this purpose.

F. APPEALS

Appeals must comply with the provisions contained in the National Appeal Regulations, 2014.

1. An appellant (if the holder) must –
 - 1.1. Submit an appeal in accordance with Regulation 4 to the Appeal Administrator and a copy of the appeal to any registered I&APs, any Organ of State with interest in the matter and the decision maker within 20 (twenty) calendar days from the date the holder was notified by the Competent Authority of this decision;
2. An appellant (if NOT the holder) must –
 - 2.1. Submit an appeal in accordance with Regulation 4 to the Appeal Administrator, and a copy of the appeal to the holder, any registered I&AP, any Organ of State with interest in the matter and the decision maker within 20 (twenty) calendar days from the date the holder notified the registered I&APs of the this decision;
3. The holder (if not the appellant), the decision-maker, I&AP and Organ of State must submit their responding statements, if any, to the appeal authority and the appellant within 20 (twenty) calendar days from the date of receipt of the appeal submission.
4. This appeal and responding statement must be submitted to the address listed below:

By post: Western Cape Ministry of Local Government, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning
Private Bag X9186
CAPE TOWN
8000

By facsimile: (021) 483 4174; or

By hand: Attention: Mr Jaap de Villiers (Tel: 021 483 3721)
Room 809,8th Floor Utilitas Building, 1 Dorp Street, Cape Town, 8001

Note: You are also requested to submit an electronic copy (Microsoft Word format) of the appeal and any supporting documents to the Appeal Administrator to the address listed above and/ or via e-mail to Jaap.DeVilliers@westerncape.gov.za.

5. A prescribed appeal form as well as assistance regarding the appeal processes is obtainable from the office of the Minister at: Tel. (021) 483 3721, E-mail Jaap_DeVilliers@westerncape.gov.za or URL <http://www.westerncape.gov.za/eadp>.

G. DISCLAIMER

The Western Cape Government, the Local Authority, committees or any other public authority or organisation appointed in terms of the conditions of this environmental authorisation shall not be responsible for any damages or losses suffered by the holder, developer or his/her successor in any instance where development or operation subsequent to development is temporarily or permanently stopped for reasons of non-compliance with the conditions as set out herein or any other subsequent document or legal action emanating from this decision.

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Yours faithfully



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DATE OF DECISION: 29/09/2017

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ANNEXURE 1: REASONS FOR THE DECISION

In reaching its decision, the competent authority, *inter alia*, considered the following:

- a) The information contained in the application form dated 02 February 2017 and received by the competent authority on 03 February 2017, the BAR received by the competent authority on 26 June 2017 and the EMPr submitted together with the BAR;
- b) The listed activities applicable in terms of the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended), and the assessment of the activities in the BAR received by the competent authority on 26 June 2017;
- c) Relevant information contained in the Departmental information base, including, the Guidelines on Public Participation, Alternatives and Exemptions (dated March 2013);
- d) The objectives and requirements of relevant legislation, policies and guidelines, including section 2 of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998);
- e) The comments received from interested and affected parties and the responses provided thereon, as included in the BAR received by the Department on 26 June 2017; and
- f) An official visit was not conducted to the area where the proposed development will occur. The competent authority had sufficient information before it to make an informed decision.

All information presented to the competent authority was taken into account in the consideration of the application for environmental authorisation. A summary of the issues which, according to the competent authority, were the most significant reasons for the decision, is set out below.

1. Public Participation

The public participation process ("PPP") included, *inter alia*, the following:

- Identification of and engagement with interested and affected parties;
- fixing a notice board at the site where the listed activities are to be undertaken;
- giving written notice to the owners of the land and owners and occupiers of land adjacent to the site where the listed activities are to be undertaken, the municipality and ward councillor, and the various organs of state having jurisdiction in respect of any aspect of the listed activities; and
- the placing of a newspaper advertisement in the 'Ons Kontrei' on 11 November 2016.

The Department is satisfied that the PPP that was followed met the minimum legal requirements and all the comments raised and responses thereto were included in the comments and response report.

Specific management and mitigation measures have been considered in this environmental authorisation and in the EMPr to adequately address significant concerns raised.

2. Alternatives

Preferred Alternative (herewith authorised)

This alternative entails the consolidation of Erven 474 and 332, Doringbaai and the removal of indigenous vegetation for the establishment of a caravan park and associated infrastructure.

The proposed development will include the following:

- Approximately 58 plots, (each with a building consisting of a bathroom, toilet and kitchen) with a total footprint of approximately 9728m²;
- A residence for a caretaker and storage area of approximately 869m²;

- A communal ablution facility of approximately 467m²;
- Internal roads wider than 4m and approximately 100m in length with a footprint of approximately 3295m²;
- Public open spaces with a footprint of approximately 2006m²; and
- Associated infrastructure.

Alternative layout

Alternatives with respect to the layout of the proposed developed were investigated. This included a residence for the caretaker with a smaller footprint (approximately 607m²), two communal ablution blocks with footprints of approximately 233m² and 234m² respectively and a storage area in close proximity to the public open space area. It was not preferred to have the storage area close to the public open space and away from the caretaker's residence.

"No-Go" Alternative

The "no-go" alternative will result in the status quo being maintained. The preferred alternative will not result in unacceptable environmental impacts, therefore the "no-go" alternative was not warranted.

3. Impacts, assessment and mitigation measures

3.1. Activity Need and Desirability

In terms of the Matzikama Spatial Development Framework ("SDF"), (2010) (approved by council in 2010 in terms of the Municipal Systems Act, 2000 (Act 32 of 2000)), the proposed site falls inside the medium term urban edge of Doringbaai. Doringbaai is a small fishing village that need facilities to attract tourists to the area. The proposed development will increase tourism related activities in the area.

The necessary services are currently available from the Local Authority (Matzikama Municipality) as confirmed in their letter dated 30 June 2017.

3.2. Biophysical Environment

According to CapeNature's comment (dated 13 December 2016), the proposed development is located in an area covered by Namaqualand Strandveld which is not classified as a critically endangered or endangered ecosystem in terms of the National Environmental Management: Biodiversity Act of 2004 ("NEM:BA"), List of Threatened Ecosystems in Need of Protection, December 2011. The comment further indicates that, the proposed site is not located within a Critical Biodiversity Area and two species of conservation concern occurs within the vicinity of the proposed site. However, the chances of finding these species on site are low to moderate.

With the implementation of the conditions of the EA and the EMPr, potential impacts on indigenous vegetation will be managed to acceptable levels.

3.3. Heritage/Archaeological Impacts

Heritage Western Cape in comment (dated 30 September 2016) indicated that there is no reason to believe that the proposed development will impact on heritage resources. However, mitigation measures have been included as a condition of this environmental authorisation and the EMPr should heritage resources be discovered.

3.4. Windblown sand and Noise Impacts

The impacts of windblown sand as a result of the development phase will be mitigated by the implementation of the EMPr.

All noise and sounds generated during the development phase of the proposed development will comply with the relevant SANS codes and standards. Furthermore, noise impacts will be mitigated by the implementation of the conditions in this environmental authorisation and the EMPr.

3.5. Impact Assessment and significance rating

- 3.5.1. The impacts on vegetation associated with the proposed development have been identified in the BAR as being of low negative significance after mitigation. The impacts will be minimised by the implementation of the conditions of the environmental authorisation and the EMPr.
- 3.5.2. The impacts on heritage resources during the development phase have been identified in the BAR as being of low negative significance after mitigation. Potential impacts will be minimised by the implementation of the conditions of this environmental authorisation and the EMPr.
- 3.5.3. Noise impacts as a result of the proposed development during the development phase have been identified in the BAR as being of low negative significance after mitigation. Potential noise impacts will be minimised by the implementation of the EMPr and conditions of this environmental authorisation.

National Environmental Management Act Principles

The National Environmental Management Act Principles (set out in section 2 of the NEMA, which apply to the actions of all organs of state, serve as guidelines by reference to which any organ of state must exercise any function when taking any decision, and which must guide the interpretation, administration and implementation of any other law concerned with the protection or management of the environment), *inter alia*, provides for:

- the effects of decisions on all aspects of the environment to be taken into account;
- the consideration, assessment and evaluation of the social, economic and environmental impacts of activities (disadvantages and benefits), and for decisions to be appropriate in the light of such consideration and assessment;
- the co-ordination and harmonisation of policies, legislation and actions relating to the environment;
- the resolving of actual or potential conflicts of interest between organs of state through conflict resolution procedures; and
- the selection of the best practicable environmental option.

The development will result in both negative and positive impacts.

Negative Impacts Include:

- Loss of some indigenous vegetation as a result of the proposed development; and
- Dust and noise impacts during the development phase.

Positive impacts Include:

- The proposed development will create some temporary and permanent employment opportunities;
- The proposed development will allow for additional tourism activities; and
- The proposed development will contribute to economic development.

In view of the above, the NEMA principles, compliance with the conditions stipulated in this environmental authorisation, and compliance with the EMP, the competent authority is satisfied that the proposed listed activities will not conflict with the general objectives of integrated environmental management stipulated in Chapter 5 of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) and that any potentially detrimental environmental impacts resulting from the listed activities can be mitigated to acceptable levels.

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