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Dear Madam

APPLICATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION IN TERMS OF THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT ACT, 1998 (ACT 107 OF 1998) AND THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT REGULATIONS, 2014 (AS AMENDED): THE EXPANSION OF ASHTON CEMETERY ON THE REMAINDER OF PORTION 71 OF FARM NO. 158, ASHTON

1. With reference to the above application, the Department hereby notifies you of its decision to **grant** Environmental Authorisation, attached herewith, together with the reasons for the decision.
2. In terms of Regulation 4 of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014 (as amended), you are instructed to ensure, within 14 days of the date of the decision on the application, that all registered interested and affected parties ("I&APs") are provided with access to the decision 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, which prescribes the appeal procedure to be followed. This procedure is summarized in the attached Environmental Authorisation.

Yours faithfully

MR ZAAHIR TOEFY

DIRECTOR: DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT – REGION 1

DATE OF DECISION: 14/02/2020

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ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION

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

DECISION

By virtue of the powers conferred on it by the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) ("NEMA") and the Environmental Impact Assessment ("EIA") Regulations, 2014 (as amended), the Competent Authority herewith **grants Environmental Authorisation** to the applicant, to undertake the listed activities specified in Section B below with respect to Location Alternative 5 and Layout Alternative 2 as described in the Basic Assessment Report ("BAR") dated 10 October 2019.

The applicant for this Environmental Authorisation is required to comply with the conditions set out in Section E below.

A. DETAILS OF THE APPLICANT FOR THIS ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION

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The abovementioned applicant is the holder of this Environmental Authorisation and is hereinafter referred to as "**the holder**".

B. LIST OF ACTIVITIES AUTHORISED

Listed activities	Activity/Project Description
<p>Activity Number 19: The infilling or depositing of any material of more than 10 cubic metres into, or the dredging, excavation, removal or moving of soil, sand, shells, shell grit, pebbles or rock of more than 10 cubic metres from a watercourse;</p> <p>but excluding where such infilling, depositing, dredging, excavation, removal or moving—</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) will occur behind a development setback; (b) is for maintenance purposes undertaken in accordance with a maintenance management plan; (c) falls within the ambit of activity 21 in this Notice, in which case that activity applies; (d) occurs within existing ports or harbours that will not increase the development footprint of the port or harbour; or <p>where such development is related to the development of a port or harbour, in which case activity 26 in Listing Notice 2 of 2014 applies.</p>	<p>The expansion of the cemetery entails the infilling and depositing of more than 10m³ of material within a watercourse.</p>
<p>Activity Number 27: 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—</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) the undertaking of a linear activity; or (ii) maintenance purposes undertaken in accordance with a maintenance management plan. 	<p>An area of more than 1ha containing indigenous vegetation will be cleared as part of the development.</p>
<p>Activity Number 28: Residential, mixed, retail, commercial, industrial or institutional development where such land was used for agriculture, game farming, equestrian purposes or afforestation on or after 01 April 1998 and where such development:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) will occur inside an urban area, where the total land to be developed is bigger than 5 hectares; or; (ii) will occur outside an urban area, where the total land to be developed is bigger than 1 hectare 	<p>The development entails the expansion of a cemetery by approximately 6.7ha inside an urban area, on land previously used for agriculture activities (grazing).</p>

excluding where such land has already been developed for residential, mixed, retail, commercial, industrial or institutional purposes.	
Activity Number 44: The expansion of cemeteries by 2 500 square metres or more.	The expansion of the cemetery will be approximately 6.7ha.

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

The holder is herein authorised to undertake the following alternative:

The proposal entails the expansion of a public cemetery that will comprise the following:

- Approximately 10 000 grave sites;
- A parking area;
- A boundary fencing and entrance gate;
- Internal gravel roads with widths between 3m and 5m;
- Ablution facilities;
- Service Infrastructure;
- Sub-soil and cut off drains throughout the site; and
- Appropriate landscaping with indigenous trees and other applicable indigenous vegetation for shade and screening where appropriate.

C. SITE DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION

The listed activities will be undertaken on the Remainder of Portion 71 of Farm No. 158, Ashton, at the following co-ordinates:

Latitude (S)	Longitude (E)
33° 50' 28.85"	20° 04' 49.35"

The SG digit code is: C05000000000015800071

Refer to Annexure 1: Locality Map and Annexure 2: Site Development Plan.

The above is hereinafter referred to as "**the site**".

D. DETAILS OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT PRACTITIONER

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E. CONDITIONS OF AUTHORISATION

Scope of authorisation

1. The holder is authorised to undertake the listed activities specified in Section B above in accordance with, and restricted to Location Alternative 5 and Layout Alternative 2, as described in the BAR dated 10 October 2019 at the site as described in Section C above.
2. The holder must commence with the listed activities on site within a period of **five (5) years** from the date of issue of this Environmental Authorisation.
3. The development must be concluded within **ten (10) years** from the date of commencement of the first listed activity.
4. The holder shall be responsible for ensuring compliance with the conditions by any person acting on his/her behalf, including an agent, sub-contractor, employee or any person rendering a service to the holder.
5. Any changes to, or deviations from the scope of the alternative described in Section B above must be accepted or approved, in writing, by the Competent Authority before such changes or deviations may be implemented. In assessing whether to grant such acceptance/approval or not, the Competent Authority may request information, in order 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.

Written notice to the Competent Authority

6. Seven calendar days' notice, in writing, must be given to the Competent Authority before commencement of construction activities. The notice must:
 - 6.1 make clear reference to the site details and EIA Reference number given above; and
 - 6.2 include proof of compliance with the following conditions described herein:

Conditions: 7, 8 and 11

Notification and administration of appeal

7. The holder must in writing, within 14 (fourteen) calendar days of the date of this decision–
 - 7.1 notify all registered Interested and Affected Parties ("I&APs") of –
 - 7.1.1 the outcome of the application;
 - 7.1.2 the reasons for the decision as included in Annexure 3;
 - 7.1.3 the date of the decision; and
 - 7.1.4 the date when the decision was issued.

- 7.2 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 Appeals Regulations, 2014 (as amended) detailed in Section G below;
- 7.3 draw the attention of all registered I&APs to the manner in which they may access the decision; and
- 7.4 provide the registered I&APs with:
 - 7.4.1 the name of the holder (entity) of this Environmental Authorisation;
 - 7.4.2 name of the responsible person for this Environmental Authorisation;
 - 7.4.3 postal address of the holder;
 - 7.4.4 telephonic and fax details of the holder;
 - 7.4.5 e-mail address, if any, of the holder; and
 - 7.4.6 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 (as amended).
8. The listed activities, including site preparation, must not commence within 20 (twenty) calendar days from the date the applicant notifies the registered I&APs of this decision. In the event that an appeal is lodged with the Appeal Authority, the effect of this Environmental Authorisation is suspended until the appeal is decided i.e. the listed activities, including site preparation, must not commence until the appeal is decided.

Management of activity

9. The draft Environmental Management Programme ("EMPr") submitted as part of the application for Environmental Authorisation is hereby approved and must be implemented.
10. The EMPr must be included in all contract documentation for all phases of implementation.

Monitoring

11. The holder must appoint a suitably experienced environmental control officer ("ECO"), before commencement of any land clearing or construction activities to ensure compliance with the EMPr and the conditions contained herein.
12. The ECO must conduct fortnightly compliance monitoring inspections during the construction phase. Monthly Environmental Compliance Reports must be compiled and quarterly Environmental Compliance Reports must be submitted to the Competent Authority for the duration of the construction phase. The final Environmental Compliance Report must be submitted to the Competent Authority six months after construction has been completed.
13. A copy of the Environmental Authorisation, EMPr and compliance monitoring reports must be kept at the site of the authorised activity.
14. Access to the site referred to in Section C must be granted, and the Environmental Compliance Reports mentioned above 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.

Auditing

15. The holder must ensure that environmental auditing is undertaken in accordance with Regulation 34 in terms of the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended) to determine compliance with the conditions of the Environmental Authorisation and the EMPr. The Environmental Audit Reports must be submitted to the Competent Authority every six (6) months during the construction phase. The Environmental Audit Report must be prepared by an independent person and must contain all the information required in Appendix 7 of the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended).

The holder must, within 7 days of the submission of an environmental audit report to the Competent Authority, notify all potential and registered I&APs of the submission and make the report immediately available to anyone on request and on a publicly accessible website (where the holder has such a website).

Specific Conditions

16. Should any heritage remains be exposed during excavations or any other actions on the site, these must immediately be reported to the Provincial Heritage Resources Authority of the Western Cape, Heritage Western Cape. 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: meteorites, archaeological and/or paleontological remains (including fossil shells and trace fossils); coins; indigenous and/or colonial ceramics; any articles of value or antiquity; marine shell heaps; stone artefacts and bone remains; structures and other built features with heritage significance; rock art and rock engravings; and/or graves or unmarked human burials including grave goods and/or associated burial material.

17. A qualified archaeologist and/or palaeontologist must be contracted where necessary (at the expense of the holder) to remove any heritage remains. Heritage remains can only be disturbed by a suitably qualified heritage specialist working under a directive from the relevant heritage resources authority.

F. GENERAL MATTERS

1. Notwithstanding this Environmental Authorisation, the holder must comply with any other statutory requirements that may be applicable when undertaking the listed activities.
2. Non-compliance with a condition of this Environmental Authorisation or EMPr may render the holder liable to criminal prosecution.
3. If the holder does not commence with the listed activities within the period referred to in Condition 2, this Environmental Authorisation shall lapse for that activity, and a new application for Environmental Authorisation must be submitted to the Competent Authority. If the holder wishes to extend the validity period of the Environmental Authorisation, an

application for amendment in this regard must be made to the Competent Authority prior to the expiry date of the Environmental Authorisation.

4. The holder must submit an application for amendment of the Environmental Authorisation to the Competent Authority where any detail with respect to the Environmental Authorisation must be amended, added, substituted, corrected, removed or updated. If a new holder is proposed, an application for Amendment in terms of Part 1 of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended) must be submitted.

Please note that an amendment is not required if there is a change in the contact details of the holder. In this case, the Competent Authority must only be notified of such changes.

5. The manner and frequency for updating the EMPr is as follows:
Amendments to the EMPr must be done in accordance with Regulations 35 to 37 of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended) or any relevant legislation that may be applicable at the time.

G. 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 on which 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 on which 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 Organs 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 Organs 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
8000; or

By facsimile: (021) 483 4174; or

By hand: Attention: Mr Marius Venter (Tel: 021 483 2659)
Room 809
8th Floor Utilitas Building, 1 Dorp Street, Cape Town, 8001

Note: For purposes of electronic database management, you are also requested to submit electronic copies (Microsoft Word format) of the appeal, responding statement and any supporting documents to the Appeal Authority to the address listed above and/ or via e-mail to DEADP.Appeals@westerncape.gov.za

5. A prescribed appeal form as well as assistance regarding the appeal processes is obtainable from at: Tel. (021) 483 2659, E-mail DEADP.Appeals@westerncape.gov.za or URL <http://www.westerncape.gov.za/eadp>.

H. 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 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 appreciated.

Yours faithfully



MR. ZAAHIR TOEFY

DIRECTOR: DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT (REGION 1)

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING

DATE OF DECISION: 14/02/2020

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ANNEXURE 1: LOCALITY MAP

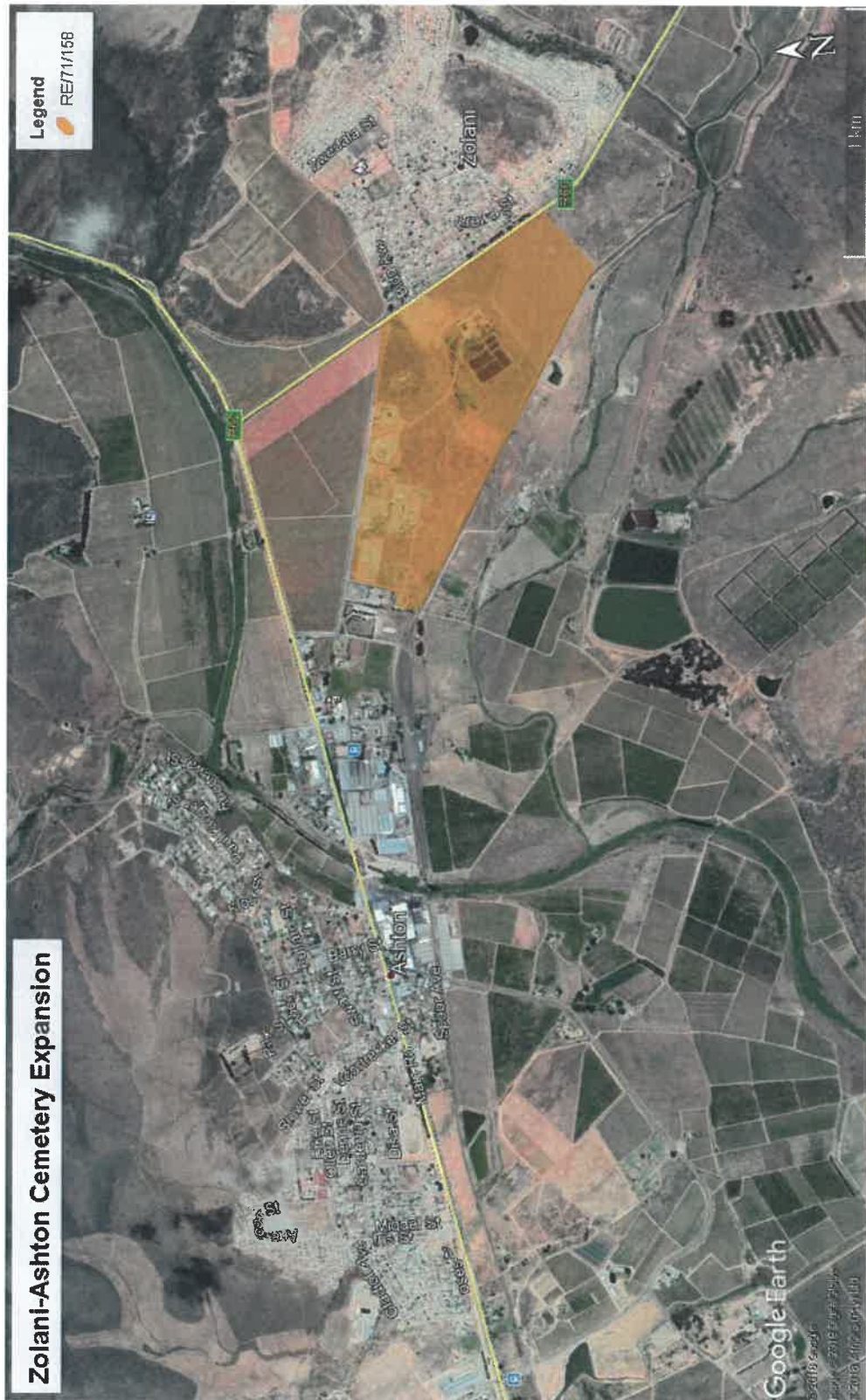


Figure 1: Location Alternative 5 (preferred and herewith authorised), highlighted in orange.

ANNEXURE 3: REASONS FOR THE DECISION

In reaching its decision, the Competent Authority considered, amongst others, the following:

- a) The information contained in the Application Form and draft BAR dated 12 July 2019, the final BAR dated 10 October 2019 and the EMPr submitted together with the final BAR;
- b) Relevant information contained in the Departmental information base, including the Guidelines on Public Participation and Alternatives (dated March 2013);
- c) The objectives and requirements of relevant legislation, policies and guidelines, including Section 2 of NEMA;
- d) The comments received from I&APs and responses to these, included in the BAR dated 10 October 2019; and
- e) The balancing of negative and positive impacts and proposed mitigation measures.

No site visits were conducted. The Competent Authority had sufficient information before it to make an informed decision without conducting a site visit.

All the concerns raised by I&APs were responded to and addressed during the public participation process. Specific management and mitigation measures have been considered in this Environmental Authorisation and EMPr, in order to address the concerns raised.

1. Public Participation

The public participation process included:

- identification of and engagement with I&APs;
- fixing a site notice at the entrance of the site where the listed activities are to be undertaken on 28 February 2019;
- the placing of a newspaper advertisement in the 'Breederivier Gazette' on 5 March 2019;
- giving written notice to the 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 on 12 July 2019 and 16 July 2019; and
- making the draft BAR available to I&APs for public review from 12 July 2019.

The Department is satisfied that the Public Participation Process 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 alternatives, management and mitigation measures have been considered in this Environmental Authorisation and EMPr to adequately address the concerns raised.

2. Alternatives

Location alternatives

Five location alternatives were assessed for the proposed cemetery expansion.

Location alternative 1

This alternative entails the expansion of the existing Ashton West Cemetery site located on RE/546, Erf No. 671 and Erf No. 672, Ashton. This location alternative is not preferred for the following reasons:

- The cemetery has reached its full capacity;
- The cemetery has limited expansion opportunities due to its proximity to surrounding residential and commercial developments.

Location alternative 2

This alternative entails the expansion of the existing Green Street Cemetery site located on Erf No. 341, Erf No. 309 and Erf No. 342, Ashton. This location alternative is not preferred for the following reasons:

- The site development plan has not taken the southern watercourse Ecological Support Area buffer into consideration; and
- The cemetery is located between the foothills of a mountain and residential areas which limits future expansion opportunities.

Location alternative 3

This alternative entails the expansion of the existing Zolani Cemetery site located on Erf No. 331 and Erf No. 1417, Ashton. This location alternative is not preferred for the following reasons:

- The cemetery has reached its full capacity; and
- The cemetery has limited expansion opportunities due to its proximity to surrounding residential and agricultural developments.

Location alternative 4

This alternative entails the construction of a new cemetery on Portion 17 of Farm No. 158, Ashton. This location alternative is not preferred for the following reason:

- The site is earmarked for a future low-income housing project and associated supporting land uses in terms of the Langeberg Spatial Development Framework ("SDF") and Integrated Development Plan ("IDP").

Location alternative 5 - (preferred herewith authorised)

This alternative entails the expansion of an existing cemetery located on the Remaining extent of Portion 71 of Farm No. 158, Ashton. This alternative is preferred for the following reason:

- This site is an extensive undeveloped area available for expansion of the cemetery.

Layout alternatives

Two layout alternatives have been assessed for the proposed expansion of the cemetery.

Layout Alternative 1

This alternative entails the expansion of the cemetery by 10ha (7ha grave area and a 3ha park area). This layout alternative is not preferred for the following reason:

- This layout encompasses the northern, southern and western borders of the wastewater treatment works ("WWTW") which will limit future opportunities for the expansion of the WWTW.

Layout Alternative 2 (preferred and herewith authorised)

This alternative entails the expansion of a cemetery by approximately 6.7ha and is comprised of the following:

- Approximately 10 000 grave sites;
- A parking area;
- A boundary fencing and entrance gate;
- Internal gravel roads with widths between 3m and 5m;
- Ablution facilities;
- Service Infrastructure;
- Sub-soil and cut off drains throughout the site; and
- Appropriate landscaping including indigenous trees and other applicable indigenous vegetation for shade and screening where appropriate.

This alternative is preferred for the following reasons:

- The layout considers planning restrictions in terms of the Langeberg SDF and IDP; and
- The expansion of the cemetery will not limit future opportunities for the expansion of the WWTW.

"No-Go" Alternative

The "no-go" option to not develop a public cemetery was considered. However, it is not preferred because it will not address the need for additional burial space within the Ashton area, which currently has very limited burial space at the existing cemeteries.

3. Impact Assessment and Mitigation measures

3.1 Activity Need and Desirability

There is currently a shortage of land within Langeberg Municipality for the development of public cemeteries. The existing public cemeteries within Langeberg Municipality are nearing maximum occupation and alternative land for public cemeteries is required. The proposed public cemetery will address the limited burial space within the municipality. The specialist studies conducted during the EIA process have informed the layout of the site to avoid and mitigate impacts and provide the best practicable environmental option.

3.2 Biodiversity and Biophysical Impacts

According to the Botanical Impact Assessment dated April 2019, compiled by Nicholas Hanekom of EcoImpact Legal Consulting, the site would have been historically comprised of critically endangered Muscadel Riviere (northwestern corner) and endangered Breede Alluvium Renosterveld (southern border), ecosystems categorised in terms of Section 52 of the National Environmental Management Biodiversity Act, 2004 (Act No. 10 of 2004) ("NEMBA"). However, according to the findings of the report, the site does not show characteristics of these vegetation types. It was found that the site is comprised of Breede Shale Renosterveld, categorised as *least threatened* in terms of Section 52 of the National Environmental Management: Biodiversity Act, 2008. The site is, however, significantly degraded with no species of conservation concern recorded. The Botanical Impact Assessment concluded that the proposed development would not have any significant impact on indigenous vegetation and the botanical sensitivity of the site was rated as low. Through the implementation of the EMPr (accepted in Section E, Condition 9), the botanical impact will be mitigated.

According to the Freshwater Assessment dated June 2019, compiled by Joshua Gericke of EnviroSwift, part of the development requires infilling within a watercourse. However, this watercourse was cut off historically from its catchment. According to the Freshwater Assessment, this augmentation from the WWTW will cease once the sewage works is upgraded. In terms of the

potential impact of leachate from the graves near Sarahsriver and its associated floodplain wetlands, the impact significance was found to be very low as the railway line between the river and the site forms a barrier to the subsurface flow of water. Through the implementation of the EMPr (accepted in Section E, Condition 9), the impact on the watercourses will be mitigated.

CapeNature has no objections and supports the Botanical Specialist and Freshwater Specialists findings and recommendation, which has been included in the EMPr (accepted in Section E, Condition 9).

The development will result in both negative and positive impacts.

Negative Impacts:

- There will be a minimal impact on the remaining indigenous vegetation.
- Impacts on groundwater are anticipated, however, adequate mitigation measures have been included in the EMPr.

Positive impacts:

- Additional land for burial will become available.
- Employment opportunities will be created during the construction and operational phases.

4. National Environmental Management Act Principles

The NEMA 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.

5. Conclusion

In view of the above, the NEMA principles, compliance with the conditions stipulated in this Environmental Authorisation, and compliance with the EMPr, 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 NEMA and that any potentially detrimental environmental impacts resulting from the listed activities can be mitigated to acceptable levels.

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