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To Whom it May Concern  
Interested & Affected Party

VIA EMAIL, POST AND LETTER DROPS

**RE: ENVIRONMENTAL BASIC ASSESSMENT FOR PROPOSED REHABILITATION OF AN ERODED PORTION OF THE MOLEN RIVER BANK ON REMAINDER OF FARM 464, ROSEMOOR SUBURB, GEORGE**

Cape EAPrac has been appointed as independent environmental consultants responsible for facilitating the environmental investigation and formal Basic Assessment process for the rehabilitation of an eroded portion of the Molen River bank on Remainder of Farm 464, Rosemoor suburb, George (Figure 1). The eroded area is located  $\pm 175\text{m}$  upstream/north from the Grens Street crossing (bridge) of the Molen River at  $33^{\circ}58'13.30''\text{S}/22^{\circ}28'29.04''\text{E}$  (Figures 2 & 3). Remainder of Farm 464 is located along the properties of Molen Close Street.

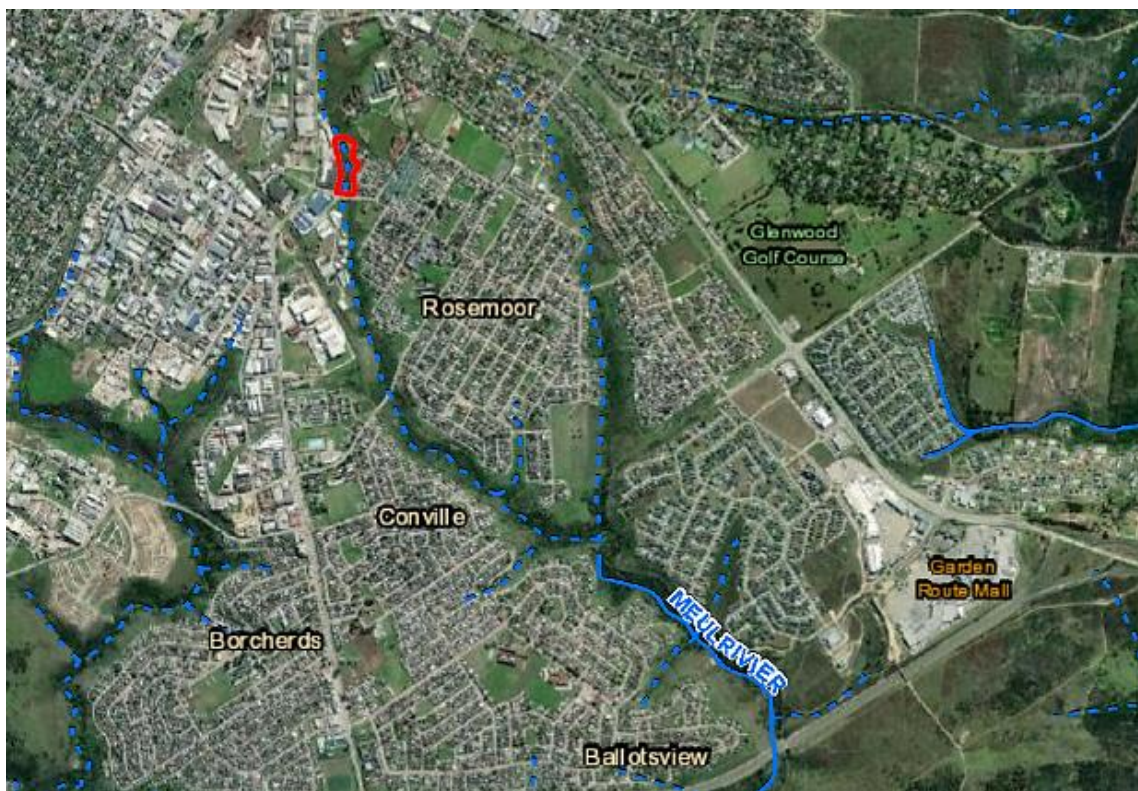


Figure 1: Locality of Remainder of Farm 464 along properties of Molen Close Street (red outlined property).



**Figure 2: The area of main concern is located along Erf 21150 & 21151.**

Erosion of the riverbank presents a risk to some residential properties located immediately adjacent to the watercourse (Figure 2). To stabilize the eroded embankment, gabions will be placed inside the watercourse along Erf 21150 & Erf 21151 (Figures 3 & 4). The following construction equipment will be used:

- Excavator
- Reno mattresses (new)
- Gabion baskets (new)
- Stormwater pipe (replace existing)
- Geofabrics (new)
- Rocks for filling the gabions (new)
- Compacting equipment
- Formwork, reinforcing steel, and the necessary tools for assembly
- Equipment for construction of foundations where required
- Equipment for construction of inlet and outlet end walls

Construction will be monitored by an Environmental Control Officer (ECO).

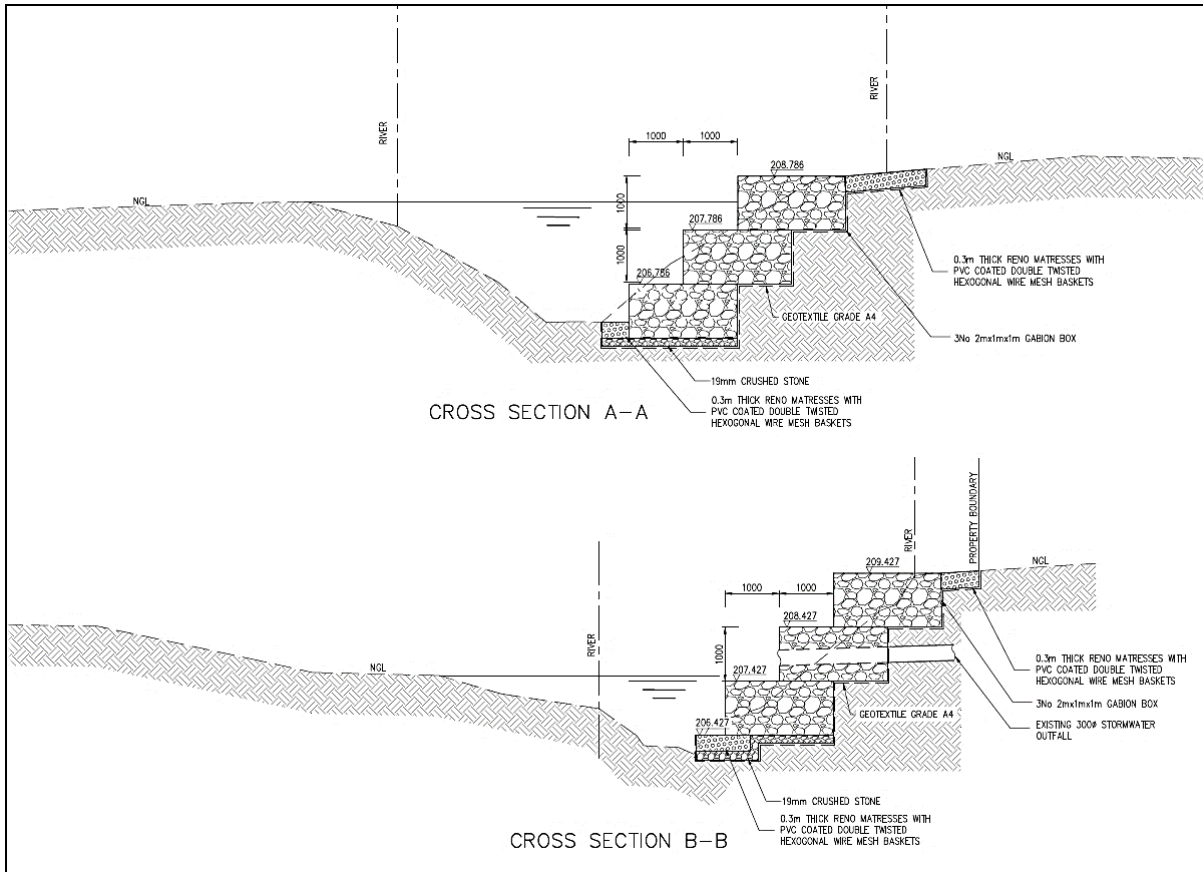
Access to the proposed activity will be via Grens Street along a temporary access between the bank of the river and the properties of Molen Close Street (Figure 3). The temporary access will be rehabilitated when works are completed.

Application for registration of water use(s) within the ambit of a General Authorisation in terms of Section 39 of the National Water Act, 1998 (Act 36 of 1998) is in process at BGCMA.





Figure 3: Site Plan (Nadeson Consulting Services, 2022).



**Figure 4: Schematic of how gabions/reno mattresses will be installed along the riverbank (Nadeson Consulting, 2022).**

Listing Activities 1 (19) and Listing Notice 3 (12) applies for which a Basic Assessment process is required. The property is owned by the Municipality and is zoned as Open Space I.

Potential I&APs and mandated Authorities/Organs of State are invited to review and submit comment on the Draft Basic Assessment Report (containing specialist, as well as technical studies, and the environmental management plan).

Parties registering with Cape EAPrac, or submitting formal comments, will be registered on the Stakeholder Register. Registered stakeholders will be kept informed throughout the remainder of the environmental application process, as well as be informed of the outcome of the application.

I&APs wanting to register must submit their full contact details to Cape EAPrac within the stipulated 30-day commenting period. Your motivation for, or interest in the outcome of the application, must be stipulated in your registration/submission. You are required to indicate your preferred method of communication as part of your registration/submission.

The 30-day comment period extends from **Friday, 21 October – Monday, 21 November 2022**. All submissions must be received on or before 21 November 2022 to below address.

Should you have any queries about the proposal or process you are most welcome to contact the undersigned directly.

A copy of the Draft Basic Assessment Report can be accessed on the Cape EAPrac website ([www.cape-eaprac.co.za](http://www.cape-eaprac.co.za) under Active Projects – the project is listed as Molen Close). You are also welcome to request electronic links, or alternatively we can send the reports via electronic platforms such as WeTransfer / OneDrive. Should you require a CD with the complete report you can request such in writing.

Input from stakeholders is very important to help inform the process, as well as decision-making and we kindly do request that those with an interest or mandate, please do take the time to review the report and provide us with your comment so that we can consider and respond thereto as part of the process. All submission will be incorporated into the Final Basic Assessment that will be presented to the Competent Authority for decision-making.

**Kind regards,**

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