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ATTENTION: Mrs M. Roos

Dear Madam

PERMIT ISSUED IN TERMS OF SECTION 6 OF THE REGULATIONS UNDER SECTION 21(1) OF THE ENVIRONMENT CONSERVATION ACT, 1989 (ACT 73 OF 1989) REGARDING IDENTIFIED ACTIVITIES CONCERNING THE OUTENIQUA SENSITIVE COASTAL AREA EXTENSION (GOVERNMENT NOTICE R.1528 DATED 27 NOVEMBER 1998) ON ERF 222 BUFFALO BAY.

Permit No: 222 Buffalo Bay –P1

The Outeniqua Sensitive Coastal Area Extension Regulations (OSCAER) Permit Application submitted for proposed activities on Erf 222, Buffalo Bay, dated 29 September 2017 and received by the Knysna Municipality on 13 October 2017,

A permit is hereby issued in terms of the above regulations, for the construction of a new dwelling, subject to the following conditions.

1. As specified in the OSCAER Permit application, the activities shall be limited to:
 - a) The disturbance of vegetation to a maximum of 602m²
 - b) Excavation to a maximum depth of approximately 3.0m below NGL
 - c) Excavation to a volume of approximately 570.0m³
2. The General Principles of "Duty of Care to the Environment" must be observed due to the sensitive and dynamic nature of the Coastal Environment;
3. No blasting shall be authorised unless and until an environmental impact report in that regard has been approved in terms of these regulations.
4. Adequate anti-erosion and pollution measures must be put in place to prevent the movement of silt laden and/or polluted storm water from the construction site into the adjacent coastal environment;
5. Construction typically involves disturbance of vegetation and excavation, erosion of the disturbed areas must be prevented. This is particularly important upon a sloped erf. The steeper the erf the more significant the erosion. This erosion prevention must be put, as minimum, into place in 3 (three) different situations and these are described below:
 - a) Surface runoff from higher areas runs down slope onto the site. The erosion prevention measures must divert / deflect all upslope flow to one or both sides of disturbed / excavated areas on site and be responsibly discharged down slope;
 - b) Erosion from areas which are disturbed during the construction process must be prevented; and;
Exposed areas which are awaiting construction activities or upon which work has been completed and are in the process of being rehabilitated. These must be particularly upon sloped sites.

In all three of the above mentioned situations the measures put in place must remain in place and **MUST** be maintained throughout the period of disturbance until the site is considered to be environmentally stable. The erosion control measures are varied and are best considered, recommendations made and installation done by a person or a team with adequate practical expertise in the field.

6. The movement of sand/soil as a result of wind must be reduced on site by either covering stockpiled material or the placement of silt screens of adequate height so as to prevent such movement;
7. The construction must provide adequate storm water management measures for the structure to minimise the potential for ongoing erosion. In addition, it is highly recommended that runoff collection storage facilities are put in place above or below ground to provide a water resource to be used as 'grey water' and / or for garden irrigation;
8. Excess spoil material shall be disposed of in an authorised disposal site;
9. Vegetation outside of the demarcated disturbance area must not be removed or disturbed;
10. The trampling of the adjacent coastal vegetation must be avoided by the demarcation of this area as NO-GO.
11. Natural vegetation must be retained and rehabilitated where possible;
12. After completion of dwelling, the adjacent area of ERF 210, approved under the Environment Agreement with Knysna Municipality, must be rehabilitated with locally occurring indigenous vegetation;
13. No animals shall be handled, removed, killed or interfered with during the activities;
14. You are reminded of your obligation under the Conservation of Agricultural Resources Act (Act no 43 of 1983) to eradicate and control the spread of numerous declared weeds and invader plants. All category 1 species must be controlled or eradicated in accordance to Regulation 15 of the Act;
15. No listed alien species should be planted or be allowed to establish on site;
16. Alien vegetation shall be disposed of in a manner to prevent the propagation of such vegetation elsewhere;
17. Chipping must be done on site before being disposed of at a licensed green waste site. If it is more than two (2) tonnes permission must be granted by the municipal Solid Waste Manger (contact Ramona Loxton 044 302 6405; rloxtton@knysna.gov.za);
18. This property may contain conservation-worthy plants and if so, as per the statement in your permit application, such species will need to be rescued. The rescue process, which involves the extraction, temporary potting and replanting of rescued plants onto the property, should be done under the supervision and involvement of an adequately experienced specialist.
19. Please note disturbance of protected tree species is not included in this permit and should such pruning or removal of protected species be desired it will require a National Forest Act (Act No. 84 of 1998) Permit as issued by the Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries.

In the event of the applicant failing to comply with any of the above conditions, the Municipality reserves the right to halt construction activities and require that appropriate remedial measures be undertaken to its satisfaction prior to construction recommencing. Such remediation and any associated costs are to be covered in their entirety by the applicant;

This permit is valid for twenty-four (24) months from date of issue, and a copy must be kept on-site for inspection for the duration of the authorised activity / activities.

For any further queries, kindly contact the Senior Environmental Officer at the Environmental Management Department, Tel: 044 302 6375 or Email: jfearon@knysna.gov.za during office hours.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K Chetty', with a stylized flourish above the name.

K CHETTY
MUNICIPAL MANAGER

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cc: Director: Corporate Services
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