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To Whom it May Concern
Interested & Affected Party

VIA EMAIL

RE: ENVIRONMENTAL BASIC ASSESSMENT FOR KIBOKO LANDING STRIP ON PORTION 1 OF FARM 172, HONIG KLIPS KLOOF, HERBERTSDALE, MOSSEL BAY MUNICIPAL DISTRICT

Cape EAPrac has been appointed as independent environmental consultants responsible for facilitating the environmental investigation and formal Basic Assessment process for the proposed private Kiboko landing strip on Portion 1 of Farm 172, near Herbertsdale (Figure 1).

Portion 1 of Farm 172 Honig Klips Kloof is located approximately 15km east of the town Herbertsdale (Figure 1). The property is directly north of the Gondwana Private Game Reserve and is accessed from the gravel road, traversing the Game Reserve.



Figure 1: Locality map of Portion 1 of Farm 172 (grey outlined area). The red strip represents the locality of the proposed landing strip.

The project entails the development of a private, vegetated landing strip ($\pm 1.1\text{km} \times 20\text{m}$), and associated infrastructure including one (1) hangar ($20\text{m} \times 20\text{m}$) with apron/parking ($60\text{m} \times 50\text{m}$), turning circle ($\pm 1427\text{m}^2$), taxiway ($20\text{m} \times 100\text{m}$) and a small water reservoir (33m^2) (Figure 2). A 50m safe zone will be brushcut around the landing strip to observe any obstacles such as animals that might be moving towards the runway when flights are expected ($\pm 12.2\text{ha}$) (Figure 2).

The facility will be used by the owner and also caters for regional firefighting and anti-poaching operations. The landing strip is registered for daylight operations only. The expected number of aircraft movements are 4 – 8 per month at maximum excluding anti-poaching / firefighting emergency operations. The water reservoir will be used to refill fire bomber aircraft as and when required. The hangar resembles a typical farm shed structure for small aircraft storage. The hangar will contain one toilet, basin, shower and kitchen sink.

The site is not connected to any municipal services. The hangar will be fitted with rooftop solar panels with batteries. Rainwater tanks will provide potable water. Untreated water will be trucked in from municipal supply to fill the reservoir as needed. Sewage will be linked to a conservancy tank that will be emptied when required with a private tanker truck and disposed of at an approved municipal facility.

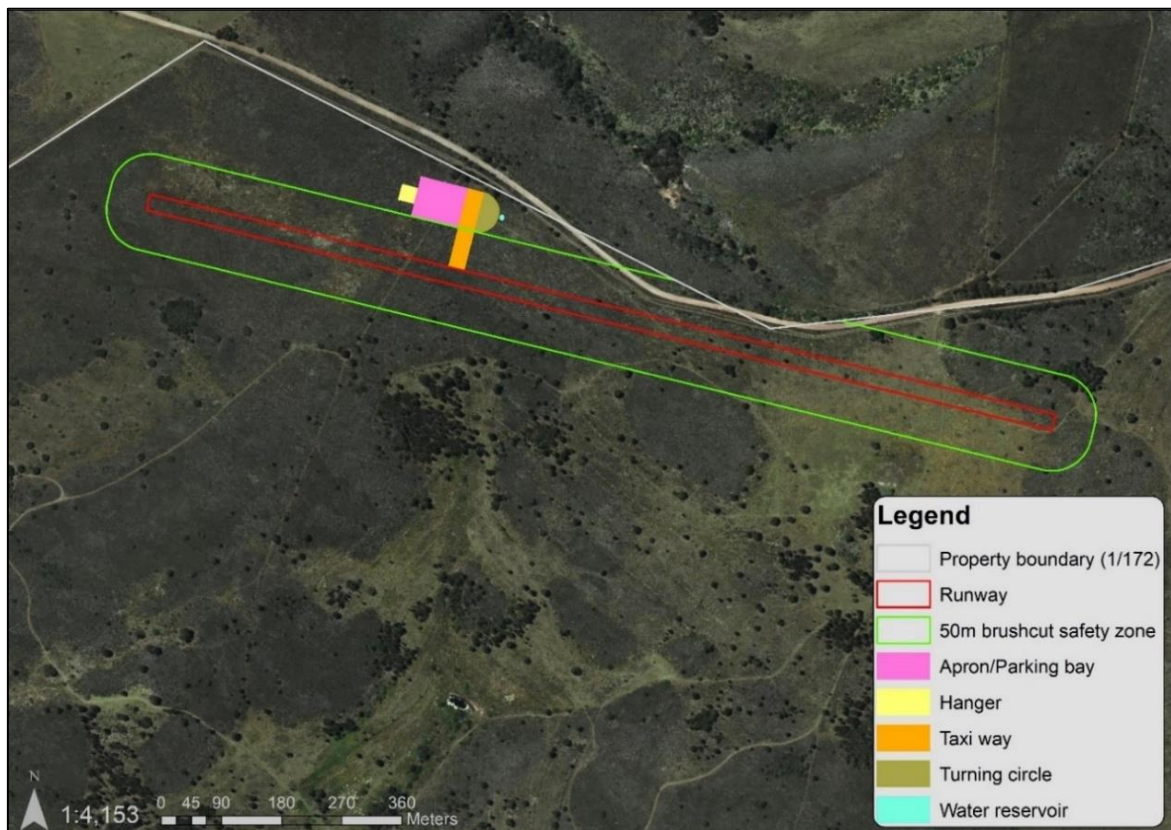


Figure 2: Site Plan for proposed runway on Portion 1 of Farm 172.

Listing Notice 3 (Activity 7 and Activity 12) applies for which a Basic Assessment process is required.

The property is currently zoned Agriculture Zone I which allows for a private landing strip as a Consent Use.

Potential I&APs and mandated Authorities/Organs of State are invited to **review and submit comment** on the Draft Basic Assessment Report (DBAR), which will be available for a **30-day commenting period**.

The 30-day commenting period extends from **Tuesday, 13 June 2023 to Thursday, 13 July 2023**. All comments must be submitted **before / on** 13 July 2023 to Mariska Byleveld (see below address).

The DBAR can be accessed, from **Tuesday 13 June 2023**, via the *Cape EAPrac* website (www.cape-eaprac.co.za under 'Active Projects' – the project is listed as "Kiboko Landing Strip"). 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 flash drive with the complete report you can request such in writing.

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

Parties registering with *Cape EAPrac*, or submitting formal comments, will be formally 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.

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

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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