











ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAMME

for

HOUSE COMBRINK

on

Portion 30 of Farm Misgunst aan de Gouritz River No. 257, Fransmanshoek Conservancy, Vleesbaai, Western Cape Province

In terms of the

National Environmental Management Act (Act No. 107 of 1998, as amended) & 2014 Environmental Impact Regulations

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ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAMME REQUIREMENTS

Appendix 4 of Regulation 982 of the 2014 EIA Regulations contains the required contents of an Environmental Management Programme (EMPr). The checklist below serves as a summary of how these requirements were incorporated into this EMPr.

Table 1: Checklist in terms of Appendix 4 of Regulation 982 of 2014 EIA Regulations

Requirement	Description
Details and expertise of the EAP who prepared the EMPr;	Ms Louise-Mari van Zyl
including curriculum vitae.	for Cape Environmental
	Assessment Practitioners.
	See Appendix 4.
A detailed description of the aspects of the activity that are	Section 1
covered by the EMPr as identified by the project	
description.	
A map at an appropriate scale which superimposes the	Appendix 1
proposed activity, its associated structures, and	
infrastructure on the environmental sensitivities of the	
preferred site, indicating any areas that must be avoided,	
including buffers	
A description of the impact management objectives,	Section 4 – Environmental
including management statements, identifying the impacts	Impacts & Mitigations
and risks that need to be avoided, managed and mitigated	Section 5 - Responsibilities
as identified through the environmental impact assessment	Section 6 – Pre-Construction
process for all the phases of the development including –	Design
(i) Planning and design;	Section 7 – Construction
(ii) Pre-construction activities;	Phase
(iii) Construction activities;	<u>Section 8</u> – Operation Phase
(iv) Rehabilitation of the environment after construction	
and where applicable post closure; and	
(v) Where relevant, operation activities.	
A description and identification of impact management	Section 4
outcomes required for the aspects contemplated above.	
A description of the proposed impact management actions,	Section 4
identifying the manner in which the impact management	Section 6
objectives and outcomes contemplated above will be	Section 7
achieved and must, where applicable include actions to –	Section 8
(i) Avoid, modify, remedy control or stop any action,	
activity or process which causes pollution or	
environmental degradation;	
(II) Comply with any prescribed environmental	
management standards or practises;	
(iii) Comply with any applicable provisions of the Act	
regarding closure, where applicable; and	
(IV) Comply with any provisions of the Act regarding	
inancial provisions for renabilitation, where	
applicable.	Conting 0
I ne method of monitoring the implementation of the impact	Section 9
management actions contemplated above.	Section 11
ine frequency of monitoring the implementation of the	Section 9
impact management actions contemplated above.	

Requirement	Description
An indication of the persons who will be responsible for the	Section 5
implementation of the impact management actions.	
The time periods within which the impact management	Not Applicable
actions must be implemented.	
The mechanism for monitoring compliance with the impact	Section 9
management actions.	
A program for reporting on compliance, taking into account	Section 9
the requirements as prescribed in the Regulations.	
An environmental awareness plan describing the manner	Section 5
in which –	Section 6
(i) The applicant intends to inform his or her employees	Section 7
of any environmental risk which may result from their	Section 8
work; and	Section 9
(ii) Risks must be dealt with in order to avoid pollution or	
the degradation of the environment.	
Any specific information that may be required by the	Not Applicable.
competent authority.	

ABBREVIATIONS AND ACRONYMS

- **BSP** Biodiversity Sector Plan to inform land use planning, environmental assessments, land and water use authorisations, as well as natural resource management, undertaken by a range of sectors whose policies and decisions impact on biodiversity.
- **CARA** Conservation of Agricultural Resources Act (Act 43 of 1983) provides for control over the utilization of the natural agricultural resources of the Republic in order to promote the conservation of the soil, the water sources and the vegetation and the combating of weeds and invader plants; and for matters connected therewith.
- **CBA** Critical Biodiversity Area areas required to meet biodiversity targets for ecosystems, species and ecological processes, as identified in a systematic biodiversity plan.
- **DFFE** National Department of Forestry, Fisheries & the Environment the national authority responsible for the sustainable environmental management and integrated planning.
- **DEA&DP** Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning the provincial authority for sustainable environmental management and integrated development planning. The competent authority is this case.
- **DWS** Department of Water & Sanitation Affairs National authority mandated to enforce the National Water Act (NWA).
- **EA** Environmental Authorisation Authorisation obtained on completion of an Environmental Impact Assessment in terms of the National Environmental Management Act (NEMA).
- **ECA** Environment Conservation Act, 1989 To provide for the effective protection and controlled utilization of the environment and for matters incidental thereto.
- **ECO** Ecological Control Officer independent site agent appointed to observe and enforce the implementation of environmental policies and principles on a development site.
- **EIA** Environmental Impact Assessment a process of evaluating the likely environmental impacts of a proposed project or development, taking into account inter-related socio-economic, cultural and human-health impacts, both beneficial and adverse.
- **EMPr** Environmental Management Programme an environmental management tool used to ensure that undue or reasonably avoidable adverse impacts of the construction, operation and decommissioning of a project are prevented and that positive benefits of the projects are enhanced.
- **GIS** Geographic Information System system designed to capture, store, manipulate, analyse, manage, and present all types of geographical data.
- **GPS** Global Positioning System a radio navigation system that allows land, sea, and airborne users to determine their exact location, velocity, and time 24 hours a day, in all weather conditions, anywhere in the world.
- **NEMA** National Environmental Management Act (Act 107 of 1998, as amended) national legislation that provides principles for decision-making on matters that affect the environment.

- **NEM:BA** National Environmental Management: Biodiversity Act (Act No.10 of 2004) provides for the management and conservation of South African biodiversity within the framework of NEMA.
- **NFA** National Forestry Act (Act No.84 of 1998) provides for the protection of forests, as well as specific tree species within South Africa.
- NSBA National Spatial Biodiversity Assessment aims to assess the state of South Africa's biodiversity based on best available science, with a view to understanding trends over time and informing policy and decision-making across a range of sectors.
- **NWA** National Water Act (Act No.36 of 1998) ensures that South Africa's water resources are protected, used and managed.

1. INTRODUCTION

Cape Environmental Assessment Practitioners (*Cape EAPrac***)** was appointed by the Applicant, <u>Comcor Invest (Pty) Ltd</u> to develop an Environmental Management Programme (EMPr) which will be used to promote and ensure environmental monitoring and control during all relevant phases (pre-con struction, construction, operational as well as maintenance) associated with the proposed activity. The Applicant intends to develop **one (1) dwelling** and **associated infrastructure** (access road, water reservoir, rainwater tanks, off-grid solar system, biogas digester, artificial wetland and services), as a **primary residence**, on a pre-identified portion of Portion 30 of Farm Misgunst aan de Gouritz River No. 257, Vleesbaai, Western Cape Province.

The property is located within the Fransmanshoek Conservancy area which is situated approximately 3km south-east of Vleesbaai (Figure 1). The Conservancy consists of numerous 'small holding' properties.

The property is ± 8.62 ha in size, zoned **Agriculture I** and accessible via the existing District Road 4979 from where an existing gravel road traverses the property (Figure 1).

The **Preferred Alternative** entails the following development components (Figure 1) (Figure 2):

- One (1) x Primary Dwelling
- One (1) x Access Road
- One (1) x Water Reservoir
- Ten (10) x 5000 litre Rainwater Tanks (totalling to 50 000l)
- One (1) x Off Grid Solar System
- One (1) x Artificial Wetland System as part of sewer
- Services: Water, Sewer and Tele-communication infrastructure



Figure 1: Locality map of Portion 30 of Farm Misgunst aan de Gouritz no. 257 (red polygon). The yellow polygon represents the approximate locality of the select site area displayed in the top right corner of the locality map.



Figure 2: Detailed site layout plan of the Preferred Design Alternative (source: Konka Studio).

The existing gravel **access road** extends from property's northern to southern boundary (Figure 1). It is proposed to construct a short link track, extending from this existing gravel access road to the proposed dwelling. The track itself will be less than 4m wide and will be in the form of a 2-spoor track with a road construction area varying from 3.5m - 6m (depending on the steepness of the slope for final design).

Preferred Services

- Water Supply: Existing Municipal Ø25mm water pipeline and Existing Borehole.
- Electrical Supply: Off Gride Solar System (Solar Panels & Batteries).
- Sewage: Biogas Digester (Black Water) and Artificial Wetland (Grey Water).
- Solid Waste: Delivered to the closest refuse collection point outside Boggoms Bay. Garden refuse will be managed on-site by the Applicant.

This activity requires an **Environmental Authorisation** in terms of the National Environmental Management Act (NEMA, Act 107 of 1998), before commencing, as well as for future maintenance and repairs of the structure.

This document provides part of a series of documents that is being circulated for public and stakeholder input as part of the Basic Assessment process, before being provided to the provincial competent authority, the provincial Department of Environmental Affairs & Development Planning (DEA&DP) for decision making.

This EMPr contains **management requirements** and **recommendations** made by *Cape EAPrac*, the appointed specialist as well as in terms of the regulations contained in the **National Environmental Management Act** (NEMA, Act 107 of 1998) and environmental best practice principles.

This EMPr must be updated to include any conditions of the **Environmental Authorisation** (EA) as issued.

1.1 PURPOSE OF THE EMPR

The purpose of this EMPr is to ensure that the environmental impacts and management of the various phases, of the proposed activity, on the receiving environment are managed, mitigated and kept to a minimum (ie. the **outcome** of implementing the EMPr). The EMPr must provide easily understood and clearly defined **actions** that must be implemented during each phase of the proposed activity. The EMPr is a dynamic document that is flexible and responsive to new and changing circumstances.

The document is binding on the Applicant, all contractors and sub-contractors to the site.

It must be included as part of any documents / agreements, as well as contractual documents between the Applicant and any contractors.

Copies of this EMPr must be kept on site and all **senior personnel** are expected to familiarise themselves with the content of this EMPr.

Any changes or deviations to this EMPr must be authorised by the competent authority in the event that any environmental outcomes are amended.

1.2 STATUS OF THE EMPR

It is of utmost importance that this EMPr be read in conjunction with any legally obtained authorisations such as an Environmental Authorisation (EA). This EMPr is viewed as a dynamic document that must be reviewed and updated on a continual basis.

The EMPr is valid for the duration of the project (construction & rehabilitation phase) with each applicable phase corresponding to the identified requirements.

2 EMPR PHASING

2.1 PRE-CONSTRUCTION PHASE

The pre-construction phase refers to the design phase of the project. This will ensure that any requirements and best practise mechanisms are built into the planning / design phase to be developed in the construction and operational phase. In term of this application, the pre-construction can be considered as the site selection and engineering designs and mitigations.

2.2 CONSTRUCTION PHASE

The construction phase refers to the actual construction of the development on the property and includes all earthworks. In terms of this application, this phase relates to the construction of the internal access road and primary dwelling including the installation of services.

2.3 OPERATIONAL PHASE

The Operation Phase of this project relates to the ongoing management and maintenance required to ensure sustainable development. In terms of this application, this refers to all activities that are undertaken once construction is completed including ongoing alien management.

The Applicant must ensure that the Operational Phase maintains the underpinning principles 'Dutyof-Care-to-the-Environment' and ideals of sustainable development.

2.4 CLOSURE AND DECOMMISSIONING PHASE

Decommissioning refers to the process of removing the operating assets of any development after completion of the operating life cycle.

Should the need arise in future to remove the structure wholly, the Applicant must consult with the Competent Authority to ensure compliance with legislation applicable at the time.

3 LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS

The project Applicant is required to comply with all necessary legislation and policies applicable to development and management of the development. These include but are not limited to:

3.1 NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT ACT (NEMA, ACT 107 OF 1998)

The National Environmental Management Act (**NEMA**, Act 107 of 1998, as amended), makes provision for the identification and assessment of **activities** that are potentially detrimental to the environment and which require authorisation from the competent authority (in this case, the provincial Department of Environmental Affairs & Development Planning (DEA&DP)) based on the findings of an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA).

NEMA embraces the notion of sustainable development as contained in the Constitution of South Africa (Act 106 of 1996) in that everyone has the right:

- to an environment that is not harmful to their health or wellbeing; and
- to have the environment protected for the benefit of present and future generations through reasonable legislative and other measures.

NEMA aims to provide for cooperative environmental governance by establishing principles for decision-making on all matters relating to the environment and by means of Environmental Implementation Plans (EIP) and Environmental Management Plans/Programmes (EMPr), of which this EMPr is one.

Principles contained in Section 2 of the NEMA, amongst other things, prescribe that environmental management must:

- In order of priority aim to: avoid, minimise or remedy disturbance of ecosystems and loss of biodiversity;
- Avoid degradation of the environment and avoid jeopardising ecosystem integrity;
- Pursue the best practicable environmental option by means of integrated environmental management;
- Protect the environment as the people's common heritage;
- Control and minimise environmental damage; and
- Pay specific attention to management and planning procedures pertaining to sensitive, vulnerable, highly dynamic or stressed ecosystems.

It is incumbent upon the landowner, to ensure that the abovementioned principles, entrenched in this EMPr are upheld and complied with.

3.2 ENVIRONMENT CONSERVATION ACT, 1989 (ECA)

The EIA regulations contained in the Environmental Conservation Act (ECA) have been replaced by NEMA. However, property owners must comply with the draft regulations pertaining to noise as published in the province of Western Cape Provincial Extraordinary Gazette as provision made in section 25 of the ECA), as well as Section 24 of the ECA regarding waste management and Section 20 of the ECA dealing with waste management under Part IV, Control of Environmental Pollution.

3.3 <u>NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT: BIODIVERSITY ACT (NEM:BA)</u> (ACT 10 OF 2004)

This Act controls the management and conservation of South African biodiversity within the framework of NEMA. Amongst others, it deals with the protection of species and ecosystems that warrant national protection, as well as the sustainable use of indigenous biological resources. Sections 52 & 53 of this Act specifically make provision for the protection of critically endangered, endangered, vulnerable and protected ecosystems that have undergone, or have a risk of undergoing, significant degradation of ecological structure, function or composition as a result of human intervention through threatening processes.

The National List of Threatened Ecosystems (Notice 1477 of 2009, Government Gazette No. 32689, 6 November 2009) was gazetted in 2014. The list of threatened terrestrial ecosystems supersedes the information regarding terrestrial ecosystem status in the National Spatial Biodiversity Assessment (NSBA) 2004 & 2011.

3.4 NATIONAL WASTE MANAGEMENT STRATEGY

The National Waste Management Strategy presents the South African government's strategy for integrated waste management for South Africa.

It deals among others with: Integrated Waste Management Planning, Waste Information Systems, Waste Minimisation, Recycling, Waste Collection and Transportation, Waste Treatment, Waste Disposal and Implementing Instruments.

It is advisable that an integrated waste management system be adopted, which includes waste minimisation, waste recycling and the proper storage and disposal of waste, which does not impact of the health of the environment and human health.

All waste must be collected and disposed of at a waste facility. No waste material may be left on site once construction/maintenance is completed.

3.5 NATIONAL WATER ACT (NWA, ACT 36 OF 1998)

The National Water Act (NWA) gives effect to the constitutional right of access to water. The Act's overall purpose is to ensure that South Africa's water resources are protected, used and managed in ways which take into account a number of factors, including inter-generational equity, equitable access, redressing the results of past racial and gender discrimination, promoting sustainable and beneficial use, facilitating social and economic development, and providing for water quality and environmental protection.

The NWA makes persons who own, control, occupy or use land responsible for taking measures to prevent pollution of water resources, and empowers Government authorities to take measures to enforce this obligation.

Not applicable to this application.

3.6 NATIONAL FOREST ACT (ACT 84 OF 1998)

The NFA provides for the **protection of forests**, as well as **specific tree species**, quoting directly from the Act: "no person may cut, disturb, damage or destroy any protected tree or possess, collect, remove, transport, export, purchase, sell, donate or in any other manner acquire or dispose of any protected tree or any forest product derived from a protected tree, except under a licence or exemption granted by the Minister to an applicant and subject to such period and conditions as may be stipulated". The Department of Agriculture, Forestry & Fisheries (DAFF) is responsible for the implementation and enforcement of the NFA, which includes **prohibition of damage to indigenous trees in any natural forest without a licence** (Section 7 of the NFA), as well as the prohibition of the cutting, disturbing, damaging destroying or removing **protected trees** without a licence (Section 15 of the NFA).

The purpose of the National Veld and Forest Fire Act is to **prevent and combat veld**, **forest and mountain fires** throughout the RSA and to provide institutions, methods and practices for achieving this purpose. Institutions include the formations of such bodies as **Fire Protection Associations** (FPA's) and **Working on Fire**. The Act provides the guidelines and constitution for the implementation of these institutions as well as their functions and requirements.

3.7 NATIONAL HERITAGE RESOURCES ACT (ACT 25 OF 1999)

The purpose of the National Heritage Resources Act is to:

- Introduce an integrated and interactive system for the management of the national heritage resources;
- Promote good government at all levels,
- Empower civil society to nurture and conserve their heritage resources so that they may be bequeathed to future generations;
- To lay down general principles for governing heritage resources management throughout South Africa;
- To introduce an integrated system for the identification, assessment and management of the heritage resources of South Africa;
- To establish the South African Heritage Resources Agency together with its Council to coordinate and promote the management of heritage resources at national level;
- To set norms and maintain essential national standards for the management of heritage resources in South Africa and to protect heritage resources of national significance;
- To control the export of nationally significant heritage objects and the import into South Africa of cultural property illegally exported from foreign countries;
- To enable the provinces to establish heritage authorities which must adopt powers to protect and manage certain categories of heritage resources;
- To provide for the protection and management of conservation-worthy places and areas by local authorities; and
- To provide for matters connected therewith.

3.8 OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY ACT (ACT 85 OF 1993)

The Act provides for the health and safety of persons at work and for the health and safety of persons in connection with the use of plant and machinery; the protection of persons other than persons at work against hazards to health and safety arising out of or in connection with the activities of persons at work.

In terms of this Act, a Health and Safety Officer and Protocol must be implemented on any sites. The appointment of a Health and Safety Officer is the responsibility of the proponent and contractor and is included in this report to ensure due diligence on construction sites. It is the responsibility of the appointed to HSO to conduct any required audits and as such only the appointment of an HSO will be auditable in terms of this document.

4 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS & MITIGATIONS

The following specialist impact assessments / studies were undertaken for the proposal:

- Botanical/Biodiversity Impact Assessment
- Agricultural Compliance Statement
- Animal Compliance Statement
- Aquatic Compliance Statement

The following environmental impacts of the proposed activity were identified and considered during the environmental process, based on which the associated mitigation measures were recommended for implementation (to reduce negative impacts & enhance positive ones):

Botanical/Biodiversity Impacts

- Permanent loss of Terrestrial Biodiversity.
- Permanent loss of Populations of Important Plan Species
- Landscaping effects on Habitats and Plant Species

4.1 MITIGATIONS

Table 2: List of Mitigation Measures & Associated Management Requirements

Mitigation	on of Approval	d in EMPr	stion	nal Phase	sioning
	Conditi	Include	Construc Phase	Dperatio)ecomis hase
Mitigations / Recommendations			0 -	0	
Applicant must appoint an ECO to oversee construction.	✓	~	~		
Prior to construction: The disturbance footprint should be clearly defined and demarcated to prevent unnecessary damage to the surrounding environment.		✓	~		
Prior to construction: With the aid of the ECO with botanical experience, install protective barriers around protected <i>, Sideroxylon inerme inerme</i> and other significant stands of SCC to prevent damage from construction activities.		✓	*		
During construction: Protection and re-use of topsoil.		~	✓		
Prior to construction: A plant search and rescue must be conducted by ECO with botanical experience.		~	~		
During construction: Materials used during construction must be sourced and transported responsibly to minimise the risk new invasive plants.		~	~		
During construction: Staff, if suspected may be checked when they leave to ensure no plants have been poached from the natural surrounding environment. Staff should also be told that plants may not be collected outside of the search and rescue operation.		√	*		
Post construction: Undertake revegetation of the disturbance envelope outside of the permanent disturbance footprint.		~	✓		
If more plants are required for successful coverage of disturbed areas, augmentation with sourced plants can be done.		~	~		
The rehabilitation of the 2m disturbance footprint with topsoil and plants rescued on the site, must occur as soon as possible after the conclusion of construction.		~	~	~	
If gardens need to be considered, they can be designed to be water wise (avoid erosion) and friendly to wildlife and the greater natural habitat.		~	~		
A forestry permit for trimming, altering or removing of protected tree species may need to be obtained from DFFE for the River Node should any trees to be trimmed or cut for the proposed project.		✓	×	✓	
Removal of IAPs, particularly in the thicket vegetation.		✓	~		
Chemical toilets (1 toilet / 10 persons).		✓	~		
Waste from chemical toilets must be disposed of regularly by a registered waste contractor.		~	~		
Instruct workers & contractors properly of the environment (environmental inductions).		✓	~	✓	
All waste generated on-site must be adequately managed.		✓	\checkmark		

Mitigation	Condition of Approval	Included in EMPr	Construction Phase	Operational Phase	Decomissioning Phase
Separation and recycling of different waste materials should be supported.		~	✓		
If any human remains or significant archaeological materials are exposed during development activities, then the find should be protected from further disturbance and work in the immediate area should be halted and Heritage Western Cape must be notified immediately. These heritage resources are protected by Section 36(3)(a) and Section 35(4) of the NHRA (Act 25 of 1999) respectively and may not be damaged or disturbed in any way without a permit from the heritage authorities. Any work in mitigation, if deemed appropriate, should be commissioned, and completed before construction continues in the affected area and will be at the expense of the developer.		×	✓ 		
The Fossil Chance Find Protocol is recommended.		~	~		
Fire-proof hedges (Esler et al., 2014) can be made with indigenous species to reduce fire risk around the built environment.		~	✓		
Clearly delineate maintenance zones and employ low-impact maintenance technique.		~	~	✓	
Best Practise					
Construction work must take place during normal work hours.		\checkmark	~	\checkmark	

5 **RESPONSIBILITIES**

This section deals with the responsibilities of various parties during the Construction Phase of any development.



5.1 HOLDER OF THE EA

The holder of the EA / property owner is the overseeing entity responsible for ensuring that all activities undertaken on the property comply with the Environmental Authorisation (EA) and associated Environmental Management Programme (EMPr) (& any other approval / licence / permit), as well as the management and maintenance of the open space areas and river habitat.

The responsibilities of the holder of the EA / property owner include, but are not limited to the following:

- Ensure that **all tender documentation** include reference to, and the need for compliance with, the EA and EMPr as well as any other legally binding documentation, which include and are not limited to Approval/s.
- Be conversant with, and ensure that all Contractors, Sub-contractors, Engineers (and future senior site managers / personnel) are made aware of, and understand the conditions and recommendations, contained in the abovementioned documentation;
- Ensure that all Contractors, Sub-contractors and Engineers (during construction activities) are made aware of their 'Duty of Care to the Environment' and that any damage or degradation of the natural environmental within the bounds of the property will be not be tolerated and must be dealt with / remedied at the cost of the perpetrator;
- Take remedial and/or disciplinary action in circumstances where persons are found to be in contravention of the abovementioned legally binding documentation.

5.2 ENGINEERS AND CONTRACTORS

The Engineers and Contractors are often the parties responsible for physically carrying out the activities for which majority of the recommendations in this EMPr are intended. Service providers and Contractors include: services, building contractors, 'handy-men' and engineers overseeing the installation and maintenance of services etc. The responsibilities indicated here are also relevant to Sub-Contractors.

The responsibilities of these parties include but are not limited to the following:

- Be conversant and compliant with the EA, the EMPr, and any relevant License, Permit or any legally binding documentation relevant to their operations;
- Have a responsibility to adhering to any conditions and recommendations laid out in above mentioned documentation;
- Prevent actions that may cause harm to the environment;
- Be responsible for any remedial activities in response to an environmental incident within their scope of influence;
- Liaise with the holder of the EA in complying with the EMPr, and in the event that any industry regulated standards are in contradiction with the EMPr or any other authorisations.
- Review and amend to any construction activities to align with the EMPr and Best Practice Principles;
- Ensure compliance of all site personnel and / or visitors to the EMPr and any other authorisations.

5.3 ECOLOGICAL CONTROL OFFICER (ECO)

It is recommended that a suitably qualified Environmental Control Officer (ECO) be appointed to oversee all activities for the duration of the construction phase (i.e. construction activities, rehabilitation) as well as any maintenance work that must be undertaken that will involve

earthworks or machine works. The ECO must have at least 3 years' experience and proven competency as an ECO.

The responsibilities of the ECO include but are not limited to the following:

- Provide environmental induction training to Contractors on site prior to construction activities commencing
- Provide maintenance, update and review of the EMPr if necessary;
- Liaison between the Project Holder of the EA, Contractors, Authorities and other lead stakeholders on all environmental concerns, including the implementation of the EMPr;
- Compilation of Environmental Control Reports (ECR) to ensure compliance with the EA, EMPr and duty of care requirements, where necessary;
- Compilation of the Environmental Audit Report or Environmental Completion Statement, after completion of construction (or as otherwise defined in the Environmental Authorisation), where necessary;
- Ensuring / guiding and monitoring compliance with the EA and EMPr and any legally binding documentation;
- Facilitating consultation with relevant environmental authorities (e.g. DEA&DP, DFFE, CapeNature or Municipality);
- Facilitating the application for any required amendment of the EA/EMPr;
- Provide guidance and interpretation of the EA and EMPr where necessary;
- Issuing site instructions to the contractor for corrective actions required;
- The ECO is required to conduct regular site visits for the duration of the construction period, in order to ensure the Contractor receives the necessary induction and that all procedures are in place. Additional visits may be undertaken in the event of any unforeseen environmental accidents;
- The duration and frequency of these visits may be increased or decreased at the discretion of the ECO;
- Attendance of site meetings if required;
- Maintain a record of environmental incidents (e.g. spills, impacts, legal transgressions etc.) as well as corrective and preventative measures taken. This information must also be included in the ECR;
- Maintain a public complaints register in which all complaints and action taken must be recorded. This information must also be included in the ECR.

5.4 ECO SITE VISIT FREQUENCY

The following site frequency for ECO site visits has been determined:

- Daily during site clearance and demarcation.
- Every week during the construction of the access road and primary dwelling.

Ad hoc site visits may be undertaken in the event of any incidents or specific requests from the project holder of the EA or project team.

5.5 ENVIRONMENTAL INDUCTION & TRAINING

The holder of the EA in consultation with the Contractor shall ensure that adequate environmental awareness training of senior site personnel takes place and that all construction workers receive an induction presentation on the importance and implications of the EA and EMPr. The presentation

shall be conducted, as far as is possible, in the employees' language of choice. The Contractor must provide a translator from their staff for the purpose of translating, if this is deemed necessary.

As a minimum, training must include:

- Explanation of the importance of complying with the EA and EMPr and the employees accountability;
- Discussion of the potential environmental impacts of construction activities;
- The benefits of improved personal performance;
- Employees' roles and responsibilities, including emergency preparedness ;
- Explanation of the mitigation measures that must be implemented when carrying out their activities;
- Explanation of the specifics of this EMPr and its specification (no-go areas, etc.);
- Explanation of the management structure of individuals responsible for matters pertaining to the EMPr.

Where staff turnover is high and with additional appointment of sub-contractors, it may be necessary to undertake additional induction training sessions. The Contractor must keep records of all environmental training sessions, including names, dates and the information presented.

6 PRE-CONSTRUCTION DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS

It is recommended that sustainable design considerations are implemented during the planning phase to ensure that the impacts associated with the development are avoided, minimised or managed before construction commences.

6.1 ENERGY RESOURCE PROTECTION							
Management Statement Impacts & Risks Avoided							
To minimise the use of energy resources by improving consumption methods Excessive and unnecessary energy consumption							
	Management Actions						
a Incorp	oorate energy effici	ency into the desig	n of the facility				
Method of monitoring implementationFrequency of MonitoringResponsible 							
Site Plans	Once off	Architect / Engineer	Prior to construction	Audit	Once off		

Solar heating water systems

Solar heated water systems are an innovative way of producing hot water without putting additional pressure on gas or municipal power supply. There are many different types available on the market, and homeowners should consider all their requirements (number of people using facility, location of house, angles of roof) before making a choice.

Energy Efficient Lighting

In terms of Best Practice, it is required that energy saving lighting fixtures be used throughout the entire development. It is therefore specified that Light Emitting Diode (LED) or Compact Fluorescent (CF) lighting be used as opposed to incandescent lighting. This is required for all internal and external lighting, including street lighting. Proximity switches should be used in areas where lighting for pedestrians is required.

NO external High-Pressure Sodium (HPS) or Metal Halide (MH) spot or floodlights should be installed.

CF lighting uses quantities of mercury in the bulbs and tubes which pose serious environmental hazards. The mercury from one CF bulb can pollute many thousand litres of water if not treated correctly (Eden District Municipality, 2011). CF lighting (energy saving bulbs and tubes) must be correctly disposed of at registered Hazardous waste sites. Companies like Pick n Pay and Woolworths offer facilities to collect CF bulbs for recycling and disposal. The following should be considered when handling CF bulbs (eHow Home, 2011):

Energy Efficient Appliances

Energy efficient appliances are becoming widely available. Follow the Energy Guide labels on appliances to help selection of correct models. Any appliance that has to heat up water or air will use more energy, as will an appliance that boasts additional extras such as ice making, dispensing and auto defrosting on fridges or heat drying on dishwashers.

Solar Cooling Systems

Where required by homeowners, the home owner should consider the use of solar cooling systems such as absorption or adsorption chillers as opposed to conventional air conditioning units.

Evaporative Cooling Systems

Consideration should be given to evaporative cooling systems as these cut down considerably on energy usage for appliances such as air conditioners. Furthermore, the system ensures that fresh air circulates within housing units, which improves on environmental health risks.

Fresh air is drawn from outside the house (the hotter the better) and passes through moistened pads which cools it down and filters it before flowing through outlets in the house.

There are certain parameters required for evaporative cooling systems, which should be thoroughly investigated prior to installation.

Geyser and pipe insulation

Apart from the savings in terms of energy as detailed below, insulating geysers and pipes save water, as shorter periods of running the tap to get hot water are required.

All structures should have insulation on geysers and all hot water pipes.

6.2 DEMARCATION OF WORK AND NO-GO AREAS

Management Statement	Impacts & Risks Avoided
To clearly define the work area and avoid impacting on non-works areas.	Negative construction impacts on natural and rehabilitated areas

Management Actions

a. Clearly identify and demarcate the development area, area of works and spoiling areas.

Method of monitoring implementation	Frequency of Monitoring	Responsible Party for implementing management action	Time period	Mechanism for monitoring Compliance	Programme for reporting on Compliance
Method Statement	Once off	Developer / contractor	Pre implementation	Audit	Once off
b. Fuel ar	nd chemicals may o	only be stored in a	designated work a	rea.	
Method of monitoring implementation	Frequency of Monitoring	Responsible Party for implementing management action	Time period	Mechanism for monitoring Compliance	Programme for reporting on Compliance
Method Statement	Once off	Developer / contractor	Pre implementation	Audit	Once off
c. Provide	on-site sanitation	and rest areas for	personnel.		
Method of monitoring implementation	Frequency of Monitoring	Responsible Party for implementing management action	Time period	Mechanism for monitoring Compliance	Programme for reporting on Compliance
Method Statement	Once off	Developer / contractor	Pre implementation	Audit	Once off

7 CONSTRUCTION CONSIDERATIONS

These Construction Phase requirements are aimed at using Best Practise Principles and / or specialist recommendations to manage the impacts on the environment during the construction of the development.

7.1 STORMWATER MANAGEMENT	
Management Statement/Outcome	Impacts & Risks Avoided
To minimise the generation of contaminated stormwater.	Minimise sedimentation, erosion and / or undercutting

Management Actions

- a. Reduce transport of sediment through use of silt fences and biodegradable coir logs.
- b. Revegetate exposed areas once construction has been completed.

Method of monitoring implementation	Frequency of Monitoring	Responsible Party for implementing management action	Time period	Mechanism for monitoring Compliance	Programme for reporting on Compliance
Method Statement	Once off	Contractor	Pre implementation	Audit	Once off

Any areas that are identified by the ECO as being prone to erosion must be suitably protected. During construction, the contractor shall protect all areas susceptible to erosion by installing temporary works (e.g., sandbags) and by taking any other measures necessary to prevent stormwater from concentrating in streams and scouring slopes, banks, etc.

In areas where construction activities have been completed and where no further disturbance would take place, rehabilitation and re-vegetation should commence as soon as possible. A suitable rehabilitation method statement must be submitted to the ECO for approval.

7.2 DUST CONTROL

Manageme	nt Statement/Ou	tcome	Impacts & Risks Avoided		
To ensure there is no health risk or loss of amenity due to emission of dust to the environment.		Ensure land coverage with biomass chips / vegetation / damping to minimise dust			
Management Actions					
a. Implement a dust prevention strategy, developed at the project planning stage					
Method of monitoring implementation	Frequency of Monitoring	Responsible Party for implementing management action	Time period	Mechanism for monitoring Compliance	Programme for reporting on Compliance
Method Statement	Once off	Developer / contractor	Pre implementation	Audit	Once off
The strategy should include the following amongst others:					
 Speed control to minimise dust on site. Exposed stockpile materials must be adequately protected against wind (covered) and should be 					

- sited taking into consideration the prevailing wind conditions.
 Trucks bringing in materials must be covered to prevent dust and small particles escaping and
- I rucks bringing in materials must be covered to prevent dust and small particles escaping and potentially causing damage to people and property.

7.3 <u>NOISE</u>						
Manageme	nt Statement/Ou	tcome	Impac	cts & Risks Avoi	ded	
To ensure nuisance f occur.	rom noise and vibra	ation does not	Nuisance impac	ts to neighbours an	d visitors.	
	Management Actions					
a. Fit and mai	ntain appropriate m	nufflers on earth-	moving and other	vehicles on the site	e.	
Method of monitoring implementation	Frequency of Monitoring	Responsible Party for implementing management action	Time period	Mechanism for monitoring Compliance	Programme for reporting on Compliance	
As required	Initially when vehicle or machinery is introduced to the site and thereafter monthly. As required if complaints registered.	Contractor	During construction and operation	Audit	As required	
b. Enclose not	isy equipment such	as generators a	ind pumps.			
Method of monitoring implementation	Frequency of Monitoring	Responsible Party for implementing management action	Time period	Mechanism for monitoring Compliance	Programme for reporting on Compliance	
As required	Initially when vehicle or machinery is introduced to the site and thereafter monthly. As required if complaints registered.	Contractor	During construction	Audit	As required	
c. Provide noi	se attenuation scre	ens, where appr	opriate.			
Method of monitoring implementation	Frequency of Monitoring	Responsible Party for implementing management action	Time period	Mechanism for monitoring Compliance	Programme for reporting on Compliance	

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As required	Initially when	Contractor	During	Audit	As required
	vehicle or		construction		
	machinery is				
	introduced to				
	the site and				
	thereafter				
	monthly.				
	As required if				
	complaints				
	registered.				
d. Where an a	ctivity is likely to ca	ause a noise nuis	sance to nearby re	sidents, restrict op	erating hours
to between	7 am and 6 pm we	ekdays and 7 an	n to 1 pm Saturda	y, except where, fo	r practical
reasons, the	e activity is unavoid	lable.			
Method of monitoring implementation	Frequency of Monitoring	Responsible Party for implementing management action	Time period	Mechanism for monitoring Compliance	Programme for reporting on Compliance
As required	As required if complaints registered.	Contractor	During construction	Audit	As required

7.4 TRAFFIC CONTROL

Management Statement/Outcome	Impacts & Risks Avoided		
To manage and minimise the nuisance effect created by construction traffic.	Nuisance Impacts & Risks		
Menerement Actions			

Management Actions

a. Implement a traffic management strategy during construction.

Method of monitoring implementation	Frequency of Monitoring	Responsible Party for implementing management action	Time period	Mechanism for monitoring Compliance	Programme for reporting on Compliance
Method Statement	Daily	Contractor	During	Audit	As required
			construction		
			oonoraoton		
Constructio	n related activities	should be timed	where possible to	avoid peak periods	S.
No constru	ction workers, apa	art from security	personnel, sho	uld be allowed to	stav on site
overnight	,		,,		
overnigrit.					
 Contractors 	appointed by the c	leveloper must e	nsure that workers	s are transported to	and from the
site daily.					

Construction related activities should comply with all relevant building regulations. In this regard activities on site should be restricted to between 07h00 and 18h00 during weekdays and 08h00 and 13h00 on Saturdays. No work should be permitted after 13h00 on Saturdays and on Sundays.
 Temporary access to be rehabilitated once construction is complete.

7.5 WASTE MANAGEMENT					
Manageme	nt Statement/Ou	itcome	Impa	cts & Risks Avoi	ded
To minimise the wast environment.	te load discharged	to the	Improve wa Reduce wa	aste disposal metho construction. aste volumes to lan	ds during dfill sites
		Management	Actions		
a. Reduce wa	stes by selecting, i	n order of prefere	ence, avoidance,	reduction, reuse an	d recycling.
Method of monitoring implementation	Frequency of Monitoring	Responsible Party for implementing management action	Time period	Mechanism for monitoring Compliance	Programme for reporting on Compliance
Record of volumes of material removed	As required	Contractor	As required	Audit	Records
b. Maintain a washed or	b. Maintain a high quality of housekeeping and ensure that materials are not left where they can be washed or blown away to become litter.				
Method of monitoring implementation	Frequency of Monitoring	Responsible Party for implementing management action	Time period	Mechanism for monitoring Compliance	Programme for reporting on Compliance
Photographic	Weekly	Contractor	As required	Audit	Records
c. Provide bin	s for construction v	vorkers and staff	at locations wher	e they consume for	od.
Method of monitoring implementation	Frequency of Monitoring	Responsible Party for implementing management action	Time period	Mechanism for monitoring Compliance	Programme for reporting on Compliance
Photographic	Weekly	Contractor	As required	Audit	Records
d. Conduct or	d. Conduct ongoing awareness with staff of the need to avoid littering.				
Method of monitoring implementation	Frequency of Monitoring	Responsible Party for implementing management action	Time period	Mechanism for monitoring Compliance	Programme for reporting on Compliance

Induction	Once off	Contractor	As required	Audit	Attendance register	
7.6 STOCKPILE / TOPSOIL MANAGEMENT						
a. Keep topso	il and underburder	n stockpiles separa	ite. Topsoil mus	t be clearly labelle	d.	
Method of monitoring implementation	Frequency of Monitoring	Responsible Party for implementing management action	Time period	Mechanism for monitoring Compliance	Programme for reporting on Compliance	
Visual inspection of stockpiles	Daily when stripping topsoil	Contractor	Continuously during construction	Audit	Records	
b. Ensure th (horizontal/	at stockpiles an vertical).	d batters are o	lesigned with	slopes no grea	ter than 2:1	
Method of monitoring implementation	Frequency of Monitoring	Responsible Party for implementing management action	Time period	Mechanism for monitoring Compliance	Programme for reporting on Compliance	
Visual inspection of stockpiles	As required	Contractor	Continuously during construction	Audit	Monthly	
c. Stabilise sto or anchored	ockpiles and batter d fabrics or seeding	s that will remain b g with sterile grass	are for more tha	n 28 days by cover	ing with mulch	
Method of monitoring implementation	Frequency of Monitoring	Responsible Party for implementing management action	Time period	Mechanism for monitoring Compliance	Programme for reporting on Compliance	
Visual inspection of stockpiles	As required	Contractor	Continuously during construction	Audit	Monthly	
d. Establish s	ediment controls a	round unstabilised	stockpiles and b	patters.		
Method of monitoring implementation	Frequency of Monitoring	Responsible Party for implementing management action	Time period	Mechanism for monitoring Compliance	Programme for reporting on Compliance	

Visual inspection of stockpiles	As required	Contractor	Continuously during construction	Audit	Monthly
e. Suppress c	lust on stockpiles a	and batters, as circ	cumstances dem	and.	
Method of monitoring implementation	Frequency of Monitoring	Responsible Party for implementing management action	Time period	Mechanism for monitoring Compliance	Programme for reporting on Compliance
Visual inspection of stockpiles	As required	Contractor	Continuously during construction	Audit	Monthly
 g. The topsoil will be vital for the success of rehabilitation of fynbos-thicket vegetation following construction processes and must therefore be treated with care. h. Topsoil from fynbos-thicket vegetation on the site (excluding topsoil under dense stands of invasive plants) in new excavation areas must be stripped to a depth of ca. 30cm and kept in designated piles. i. Topsoil piles must be suitably covered and bunded (e.g., with sandbags). This will prevent the material from washing away and contaminating the substrate of the site which likely still contains useful seeds and soil organisms. j. If the SDP of a proposed development does not have enough space for the storage and protection of topsoil within the disturbance envelope, then the Contractor must identify a non-preferred temporary stockpile area that is already transformed and where it can easily be retrieved for post-construction rehabilitation. k. The topsoil piles must be clearly labelled so that it does not mix with subsoils excavated or any other construction material for the site. l. During construction: New roads need to be either dirt roads or must be made using the same / 					
Method of monitoring implementation	Frequency of Monitoring	Responsible Party for implementing management action	Time period	Mechanism for monitoring Compliance	Programme for reporting on Compliance
Visual inspection of stockpiles	As required	Contractor	Continuously during construction	Audit	Monthly
7.7 STORING FUELS & CHEMICALS					
Manageme	nt Statement/Ou	utcome	Impacts & Risks Avoided		
To ensure that fuel and chemical storage is safe, and that any materials that escape do not cause environmental damage.			Avoid hydrocarbon pollution to soil and watercourses / coastal environments		

Management Actions					
a. Minimise fu	els and chemicals s	stored onsite.			
Method of monitoring implementation	Frequency of Monitoring	Responsible Party for implementing management action	Time period	Mechanism for monitoring Compliance	Programme for reporting on Compliance
Method statement	As required	Contractor	As required	Audit	Method statement records
b. Install bunds and take other precautions to reduce the risk of spills.					
Method of monitoring implementation	Frequency of Monitoring	Responsible Party for implementing management action	Time period	Mechanism for monitoring Compliance	Programme for reporting on Compliance
Method statement	As required	Contractor	As required	Audit	Method statement records
c. Implement a	a contingency plan	to handle spills,	so that environme	ental damage is ave	bided.
Method of monitoring implementation	Frequency of Monitoring	Responsible Party for implementing management action	Time period	Mechanism for monitoring Compliance	Programme for reporting on Compliance
Method statement	As required	Contractor	As required	Audit	Method statement records
d. Vehicle refue be on hand ir	ling areas must be a case of fuel spills.	located as far fro	m the watercours	e as possible, and	a spill kit must
Method of monitoring implementation	Frequency of Monitoring	Responsible Party for implementing management action	Time period	Mechanism for monitoring Compliance	Programme for reporting on Compliance
Method statement	As required	Contractor	As required	Audit	Method statement records
7.8 <u>MINIMISING EROSION</u>					
Managemei	nt Statement/Out	tcome	Impac	cts & Risks Avoi	ded

To minimise the quantity of soil lost during construction due to land-clearing.			 Avoid overland flow by capture and store water from roof Avoid siltation by installing silt traps 		
		Management	Actions		
d. Schedule m disturbance	neasures to avoid a in the planning an	ind reduce erosio d design stage.	on by phasing the	e work program to	minimise land
Method of monitoring implementation	Frequency of Monitoring	Responsible Party for implementing management action	Time period	Mechanism for monitoring Compliance	Programme for reporting on Compliance
Method statement	As required	Contractor	As required	Audit	Method statement records
e. Keep the ar	eas of land cleared	d to a minimum, a	and the period a	reas remain cleare	d to a minimum
Method of monitoring implementation	Frequency of Monitoring	Responsible Party for implementing management action	Time period	Mechanism for monitoring Compliance	Programme for reporting on Compliance
Method statement	As required	Contractor	As required	Audit	Method statement records
f. Base contro particular at	bl measures to mar ttention to protectin	nage erosion on t ng slopes.	the vulnerability	of cleared land to s	oil loss, paying
Method of monitoring implementation	Frequency of Monitoring	Responsible Party for implementing management action	Time period	Mechanism for monitoring Compliance	Programme for reporting on Compliance
Method statement	As required	Contractor	As required	Audit	Method statement records
g. Mulch, roug than 28 day	hen and seed clea	red slopes and s ses.	tockpiles where	no works are planr	ned for more
Method of monitoring implementation	Frequency of Monitoring	Responsible Party for implementing management action	Time period	Mechanism for monitoring Compliance	Programme for reporting on Compliance

Method statement	As required	Contractor	As required	Audit	Method statement records
h. Keep vehicles to well-defined haul roads.					
Method of monitoring implementation	Frequency of Monitoring	Responsible Party for implementing management action	Time period	Mechanism for monitoring Compliance	Programme for reporting on Compliance
Site plan	As required	Contractor	As required	Audit	Final site plan
i. Rehabilitate	e cleared areas pro	omptly.			
Method of monitoring implementation	Frequency of Monitoring	Responsible Party for implementing management action	Time period	Mechanism for monitoring Compliance	Programme for reporting on Compliance
Visual / photographic	As required	Contractor	Continuously during construction	Audit	Final Rehabilitation statement
7.9 BOTANICAL & BIODIVERSITY MANAGEMENT					
Management Statement/Outcome Impacts & Risks Avoided				ided	
To ensure that degradation to existing botanical components are minimised and that any rehabilitation is undertaken with conservation orientated approach.			To minimise the disturbance to existing flora To minimise the introduction and/or spread of weed species		

Management Actions

- a. Ensure disturbance is limited largely to the SDP, and does not extend beyond the PAOI
- b. The proposed development must have a maximum disturbance envelope of 2m around the proposed development. The 2m disturbance envelope is meant for roads and infrastructure and is not applicable to gardens and lawns.
- c. Construction netting and fencing must be used to clearly indicate construction areas. Shade cloth used as fencing should be hammered into the ground using wooden pegs.
- d. Clear signs for "no-go" areas for vehicles and personnel to be placed strategically on the site. Nogo areas (for the purposes of CONSTRUCTION phase) are anywhere outside of the direct area of influence of the construction phase.
- e. A turning and parking area for construction and delivery vehicles may only take place in areas that are already cleared or part of the permanent disturbance footprint of the development plan
- f. A plant search and rescue must be conducted for geophytes in the defined PAOI (with a botanist / ecologist on the site to provide guidance on best practice).

g. Staff, if suspected may be checked when they leave to ensure no plants have been poached from the natural surrounding environment. Staff should also be told that plants may not be collected outside of the search and rescue operation. Responsible Programme Method of Party for Mechanism for Frequency of for reporting implementing Time period monitoring monitoring Monitoring on implementation management Compliance Compliance action Method statement As required Holder / Continuously Audit Visual / Contractor photographic 7.10 FAUNA MANAGEMENT **Management Statement/Outcome** Impacts & Risks Avoided To ensure that impacts to native faunal species is To minimise the impact to fauna minimised and / or avoided. **Management Actions** Prevent unnecessary mortalities of indigenous fauna. a. b. An ECO must walk the site prior to vegetation removal / construction to ensure no animals are present in the area. No removal of AIPs beyond the development footprint. C. d. Proper hoarding used to cordon off natural vegetation outside the development footprint. Responsible Programme Method of Party for Mechanism for Frequency of for reporting monitoring implementing Time period monitoring Monitoring on implementation management Compliance Compliance action Ad hoc Audit Visual / As required Contractor Continuously photographic 7.11 SOCIAL REQUIREMENTS Management Statement/Outcome **Impacts & Risks Avoided** To ensure equitable, fair and safe social interaction on Loss of employment opportunities to the region construction sites

Management Actions

a. It is strongly construction	a. It is strongly recommended that the Contractor make use of local labour as far as possible for the construction phase of the project.				
Method of monitoring implementation	Frequency of Monitoring	Responsible Party for implementing management action	Time period	Mechanism for monitoring Compliance	Programme for reporting on Compliance
Employment records	Ad hoc	Contractor	Ad hoc	Audit	Once off
b. Theft and o residents, b	ther crime associat ut also the Develop	ed with construc per and the Cont	tion sites is not or ractor.	nly a concern for su	rrounding
Method of monitoring implementation	Frequency of Monitoring	Responsible Party for implementing management action	Time period	Mechanism for monitoring Compliance	Programme for reporting on Compliance
Site records	Ad hoc	Contractor	Ad hoc	Audit	Once off

Targets

- The contractor should endeavour to source local suppliers.
- The contractor must ensure that suitable procurement policies are in place that supports local economic growth.
- Locally manufactured products must be used as far as possible.

Site Security

Theft and other crime associated with construction sites is not only a concern for surrounding residents, but also the developer and the contractor.

Considering this, contractors need to be proactive in order to curtail theft and crime on and resulting from the construction site. It is recommended that the contractor develop a jobsite security plan prior to commencement of construction. This jobsite security plan should take into account protection of the construction site from both internal and external crime elements as well as the protection of surrounding communities from internal crime elements. All incidents of theft or other crime should be reported to the South African Police Service, no matter how seemingly insignificant.

7.12 METHOD STATEMENTS

Management Statement/Outcome	Impacts & Risks Avoided			
To ensure efficient communication mechanisms in the implementation of environmental performance requirements	Prevention of potential impacts are avoided during construction by means of correct communication			
Management Actions				

Management Actions

a. Method statements are written submissions by the Contractor to the ECO in response to the requirements of this EMPr or to a request by the ECO. The Contractor shall be required to prepare method statements for several specific construction activities and/or environmental management aspects.

Method of monitoring implementation	Frequency of Monitoring	Responsible Party for implementing management action	Time period	Mechanism for monitoring Compliance	Programme for reporting on Compliance
Method statement	Ad hoc	Contractor	As required	Audit	Once off

Based on the specifications in this EMPr, the following method statements are required as a minimum (more method statements may be requested as required at any time under the direction of the ECO):

- Demarcation of No-Go areas
- Site clearing
- Hazardous substances and their storage.
- Materials requirements & Sourcing.
- Solid waste control system.
- Fire control and emergency procedures
- Petroleum, chemical, harmful and hazardous materials storage, if any.
- Stormwater Management and Water Quality Control.
- Erosion Control.

8 OPERATIONAL/MAINTENANCE PHASE ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT REQUIREMENTS

The Operational/Maintenance Phase of this EMPr refers to the day to day management activities that are required to ensure sustainability and the achievement of the principles and objectives of the development. The requirements are applicable to the proponent, any HOA that is put in place, all employees and all visitors to the property.

8.1 STORMWATER MANAGEMENT					
Managen	nent Statement/	Outcome	Impa	icts & Risks Ave	bided
To ensure management of stormwater during operation phase		To prevent erosion due to stormwater impact			
		Manageme	ent Actions		
a. No stor	a. No stormwater runoff should be allowed to concentrate onto open spaces and roadways.				
Method of monitoring implementation	Frequency of Monitoring	Responsible Party for implementing management action	Time period	Mechanism for monitoring Compliance	Programme for reporting on Compliance
Ensure soft landscaping	Ongoing	Developer / HOA	As required	Audit	Audit
 Concentration of stormwater runoff will be minimised through the application of landscaping techniques, i.e. by creating grass lined swales, undulations and depressions, vegetation. 					
8.2 BOTANICAL / LANDSCAPING					

Management Statement/Outcome	Impacts & Risks Avoided			
To ensure that indigenous vegetation is encouraged within urban areas.	 Ongoing spread of alien invasive species. Ensure protected species are taken into consideration. 			
Management Actions				

- a. If gardens need to be considered, they can be designed to be water wise (avoid erosion) and friendly to wildlife and the greater natural habitat. Fynbos Life in Cape Town is an inspirational indigenous landscaping project with very useful tips allowing a garden to add biodiversity value, instead of detract value.
- b. Fire-proof hedges (Esler et al., 2014) can be made with indigenous species to reduce fire risk around the built environment.
- c. Clearly delineate maintenance zones and employ low-impact maintenance technique.

- d. No garden waste may be dumped in any remaining natural area and must be disposed of in a responsible manner.
- e. Make sure not to plant NEMBA listed invasive plants (e.g., kikuyu grass) in your garden.
- f. Select locally indigenous plants for gardens, making use of as many of the rescued plant species as possible. Avoid plants that are hybrids and cultivars.
- g. Plant during the rainy season (early winter May/June) and add a 10cm thick layer of wood chip to keep in moisture.
- h. Reduce or replace lawns with water-wise groundcovers or enlarging shrub beds.
- i. Ensure soft landscaping is used as opposed to hard landscaping.

Method of monitoring implementation	Frequency of Monitoring	Responsible Party for implementing management action	Time period	Mechanism for monitoring Compliance	Programme for reporting on Compliance
Visual / photographic	Ongoing	Owner	As required	Audit	Audit

- Rehabilitate with appropriate indigenous vegetation to promote soft landscaping.
- Replace vegetation if it dies off.

8.3 ALIEN VEGETATION MANAGEMENT

Management Statement/Outcome	Impacts & Risks Avoided
To enhance ecosystems. To reduce fire risk.	 Ongoing spread of alien invasive species. Ensure protected species are taken into consideration. Wildfires

Management Actions

a. Continue to control the spread of invasive species.

Method of monitoring implementation	Frequency of Monitoring	Responsible Party for implementing management action	Time period	Mechanism for monitoring Compliance	Programme for reporting on Compliance
Visual / photographic	Ongoing	Owner	As required	Audit	Audit
Rehabilitate with appropriate indigenous vegetation to promote soft landscaping.					
Replace vegetation if it dies off.					

9 MONITORING

9.1 MONITORING

Monitoring is an important tool in determining the effectiveness of management actions by measuring changes in the environment. These could be in the form of fixed-point photography where an area is photographed on a regular / seasonal basis to ascertain changes, monitoring of a particular aspect such as landscape integrity parameters, recordings of animal movement from fixed point etc. The most important aspect of any monitoring programme is **consistency and continuity**. This will ensure a level of scientific accuracy to determine baselines / thresholds and measure changes / deviations, which then drive management reactions.

Any required monitoring reports must be made available to the competent authority as required.

The type and frequency of monitoring must include:

- During construction photographs must be taken from pre identified fixed points and a comprehensive record maintained by the ECO;
- Incident Reports;
- Site meeting minutes.

9.2 MONITORING TIMEFRAMES SUMMARY

Table 3: Monitoring Timeframe Summary

MONITORING TIMEFRAMES					
Туре	Frequency	Criteria			
ECO visits	As per section 5.4	Site photographs / site diary			
Record keeping	Monthly	Site photographs, method statements, site meeting minutes (if applicable)			
	3 month post construction	Completion Statement			
Auditing	One year post construction	Compliance with the EA, EMPr, municipal permits. Note that GA compliance is the responsibility of the BGCMA.			

9.3 ENVIRONMENTAL AUDITS

A final construction phase Completion Statement must be submitted within 3 months of completion of construction / site handover.

This Completion Statement must include the monitoring results as above, where applicable to construction.

An independent Environmental Audit must be undertaken one (1) year post construction.

9.4 AUDIT REPORTS FREQUENCIES AND FORMAT

The table below provides a summary of the timeframes for the various Audit Reports specified in the EA.

Table 4: Audit Reports Timeframe Summary

ENVIRONMENTAL AUDIT TIMEFRAMES					
Туре	Frequency	Criteria			
Construction Audit	One year post construction	Audit on operational aspects of the EA and EMPr			
Future audits	Competent Authority to confirm	Compliance with the Environmental Regulations for Audits			

In terms of the 2014 EIA Regulations, Audit Reports must be submitted to the registered Interested & Affected Parties within 7 days of submission to the competent authority.

In order to comply with the 2014 EIA Regulations, any audits must be undertaken using the following format:

Table 5: Environmental Audit Requirements

Appendix 7 of Regulation 326 of the 2014 EIA Regulations, as amended contains the required contents of an Environmental Audit Report. The checklist below serves as a summary of how these objectives & requirements were incorporated into this Audit Report.

Objective	Description
The objective of the environmental audit report is to -	
(a) Report on –	
(i) the level of compliance with the conditions of the environmental authorisation and the EMPr, and where applicable, the closure plan; and	
(ii) the extent to which the avoidance, management and mitigation measures provided for in the EMPr, and where applicable, the closure plan achieve the objectives and outcomes of the EMPr, and closure plan.	
(b) Identify and assess any new impacts and risks as a result of undertaking the activity.	
(c) Evaluate the effectiveness of the EMPr, and where applicable, the closure plan.	
(d) Identify shortcomings in the EMPr, and where applicable, the closure plan.	
(e) Identify the need for any changes to the avoidance, management and mitigation measures provided for in the EMPr, and where applicable, the closure plan.	
Requirement	Description

Appendix 7 of Regulation 326 of the 2014 EIA Regulations, as amended contains the required contents of
an Environmental Audit Report. The checklist below serves as a summary of how these objectives &
requirements were incorporated into this Audit Report.ObjectiveDescription

Objective	Beschption
(1) An Environmental audit report prepared in terms of these Regulations must contain -	
(a) Details of –	
(i) The independent person who prepared the environmental audit report; and	
(ii) The expertise of independent person that compiled the environmental audit report.	
(b) A declaration that the independent auditor is independent in a form as may be specified by the competent authority.	
(c) An indication of the scope of, and the purpose for which, the environmental audit report was prepared.	
(d) A description of the methodology adopted in preparing the environmental audit report.	
(e) An indication of the ability of the EMPr, and where applicable the closure plan to –	
 (i) Sufficiently provide for the avoidance, management and mitigation of environmental impacts associated with the undertaking of the activity on an on- going basis; 	
 (ii) Sufficiently provide for the avoidance, management and mitigation of environmental impacts associated with the closure of the facility; and 	
(iii) Ensure compliance with the provisions of environmental authorisation, EMPr, and where applicable, the closure plan.	
(f) A description of any assumptions made, and any uncertainties or gaps in knowledge.	
(g) A description of an consultation process that was undertaken during the course of carrying out the environmental audit report.	
(h) A summary and copies of any comments that were received during any consultation process.	
 Any other information requested by the competent authority. 	

Any other requirements of the EA or any other authorisations must be incorporated into an Audit where necessary.

10 DECOMMISSIONING PHASE ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT REQUIREMENTS

Not Applicable.

11 NON-COMPLIANCE

Any person is liable on conviction of an offence in terms of regulation 49(a) of the National Environmental Laws Second Amendment Act (Act 30 of 2013) to imprisonment for a period not exceeding ten (10) years or to a fine not exceeding R10 million or an amount prescribed in terms of the Adjustment of Fines Act, 1991 (Act No. 101 of 1991).

It is the responsibility of the ECO to report matters of non-compliance to the Employer's Representative or the Holder of the EA if no representative is in place. It is the responsibility of the Holder of the EA, and not the ECO, to report such matters of non-compliance to the competent Authority.

11.1 PROCEDURES

The Holder of the EA shall comply with the environmental specifications and requirements of this EMPr, any Approval / License issued and Section 28 of NEMA, on an on-going basis and any failure on his part to do so will entitle the authorities to **impose a penalty**¹.

In the event of non-compliance the following recommended process shall be followed:

- The competent authority shall issue a **Notice of Non-compliance** to the Holder of the EA, stating the nature and magnitude of the contravention.
- The Holder of the EA shall **act to correct the transgression** within the period specified in by the authority.
- The Holder of the EA shall provide the competent authority with a **written statement** describing the actions to be taken to discontinue the non-conformance, the actions taken to mitigate its effects and the expected results of the actions.
- In the case of the Holder of the EA failing to remedy the situation within the predetermined time frame, the competent authority may recommend halting the activity.
- In the case of non-compliance giving rise to physical environmental damage or destruction, the competent authority shall be entitled to undertake or to cause to be undertaken such **remedial works** as may be required to make good such damage at the cost of the Project applicant.
- In the event of a dispute, difference of opinion, etc. between any parties in regard to or arising out of interpretation of the conditions of the EMPr, disagreement regarding the implementation or method of implementation of conditions of the EMPr, etc. any party shall be entitled to require that the issue be referred to **specialists and / or the competent authority** for determination.
- The competent authority shall at all times have the right to **stop work** and/or certain activities on site in the case of non-compliance or failure to implement remediation measure.

¹ A penalty may not necessarily be a monetary fine but could also be a stoppage in work time, additional mechanisms to prevent pollution or degradation at the cost of the proponent or even a directive to cease activities from the competent authority.

Appendix 1

Portion 30 of Farm Misgunst No. 257, Vleesbaai









Date created: 2023/11/28

 Map Center:
 Lon: 21°55'29.7"E

 Lat:
 34°17'49"S
 Scale: 1:19,334



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Locality Map 2



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 Map Center:
 Lon: 21°55'29.2"E

 Lat:
 34°18'S

 Scale:
 1:19,334

Date created: 2023/28/11



Locality Map



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Farm Portions

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Appendix 2



Erf 30/257 Agricultural Zone 1 MAIN DWELLING RESTRICTIONS total floor area of dwelling house including all ancillary buildings to the dwellinghouse, may not exceed 1500m² Building Lines if smaller than 10ha and not located routes 10m building lines will apply COVERAGE 1498m2 298m2 166m2 Existing desturbed ground, Rehabilitated

SACAP Registration number : 21831 PRARCH. PROFESSIONAL ARCHITECT JOHANNES PETRUS BUYS ourg) on 22 Nov 202 KONKA STUDIO hannesbuys@gmail.com New proposed dwelling for Mr. T, Combrink on Portion 30, of the farm Misgunst aan de Gouritz rivier, no. 257 SITE SERVICE

SYSTEMS & LOCALITY PLAN

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This document is the property of the architects and may not be reproduced, Issued or used for any purpose other than the specific purpose for which it was originally intended All materials and construction methods must comply with the National Building Regulations (act no. 103 of 1977) including all amendments as well as the by-laws of the applicable Local Authority.

All materials must be fixed and finished off in accordance with the specification of the manufacturer of such materials.

All dimensions must be checked on site. Any indistincness or discrepancies must be pointed out to the architect for rectification or clarification before w is taken into hand.

Never scale from this drawing.

Il building work must comply with the most up to date national building regulations SANS 10400 building material must be SABS approved or have an agreement certificate

umbing and water reti d a plumbing COC must be provided for the installation

ectrical installation must be done by a registered and certified electrici ust be provided for the in

A structural/clvII engineer must be appointed for the necessary design/specification/inspection of structural elements of; foundations, ground conditions, layer work, retaining walls, retaining structures, concrete work and structural roof works. Architectural drawings must be read in conjunction with engineers' drawings and specifications.

No buildings may be demoilshed prior to applying for permission and approval is obtained from the relevant governing bodies

All timber used in the building must be SABS approved, treated against termite and other. Timber must also be treated with preservative treatment.

Erf 30/257				
Zoning		Agricultural Zone 1		
Erf Size		8,66 ha		
MAIN DWELLING RESTRICTIONS				
Coverage	total floor area of dwelling house including all ancillary buildings to the dwellinghouse, may not exceed 1500m ²			
Height restriction	8,5m max			
Building Lines	if smaller than 10ha and not located next to scenic routes 10m building lines will apply			
ADDITIONAL DWELLING RESTRICTIONS				
Max Units		<10ha 1 Unit >10ha 1 Unit per 10ha		
Coverage		TFA max 175m ²		
Height restriction		6,5m max		
Building Lines		"site specific"		

COVERAGE	
Main Dwelling including outside areas.	823 m2
Desturbed area (around dwelling)	117 m2
Main dwelling road (road + desturbed ground)	278 m2
SUB TOTAL	1218
Second Dwelling (max 175 m2)	175 m2
Desturbed area (max 200 m2 with dwelling footprint)	25 m2
Second dwelling road (road + desturbed ground)	44 m2
SUB TOTAL	244 m2
TOTAL (Footprint + desturbed ground) max.1500m2	1462 m2

this drawing must be read in conjunction with other drawings of this set.

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New proposed dwelling for Mr. T, Combrink on Portion 30, of the farm Misgunst aan de Gouritz rivier, no. 257

LOCALITY PLAN & SITE PLANS

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Appendix 3



Plate A: Showing a cross section of a typical method of demarcation of no-go areas.

Where demarcation is required on a down slope, it can be more cost effective to include the required silt protection mechanisms on the same support structure as the demarcation. This is detailed in **Plate B** below and must be read in conjunction with the details on erosion control included in the previous diagram.

GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS FOR DEMARCATION OF NO GOAREAS

• The demarcation must include all areas that are going to be disturbed in the total construction (including all service lines)

• The no -go areas may not be accessed by any person (including lunch, tea breaks etc.). Without the explicit written permission from te ECO.

• Maximum fines will be issued for any non compliance with regards to the no go policy.



Figure 1: Demarcation of No - Go Areas During Construction



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Demarcation of no-go Areas



Figure 2: Specifications for Silt Fences



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General Silt Fence Specifications



- The methodology referred to above is effective as a temporary measure to be used during construction and is in no way intended to replace the permanent measures that must be installed. These permanent measures must be constructed as per the engineers specifications.

- Stormwater systems should ideally be constructed during low rainfall periods in order to allow for permanent protection measures to be put in place before the rainy season.

- Consideration should be given to encase the outlet structure with a geo-fabric such as biddum. This should first be clarified with the site engineer to ensure compatibility with the stormwater system.





Outlet Protection

Stormwater outlet point (prior) to completion of final outlet structure Day-lighting of stormwater outlet 150mm - 200mm rock loosely packed (90% single layer) cover within sandbag enclosed area Sand Bags to be pegged with wooden or metal stakes to prevent movement Heavy duty (40kg) sand bags packed to enclose rock

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Key Environmental Considerations for Haul Roads

The most important environmental factor to be considered regarding access and haul roads, is the location thereof. Haul roads should be designed to make use of future permanent internal roads and access points.

The haul roads should never be construction in areas that will not be permanently transformed with the development. Nor should they be constructed in any sensitive area.

Another safety and environmental hazard caused by haul road surface is dust problems. Roads should be designed with enough fines to act as binders for the larger particles. However, an excess of fines will result in these particles being released to the atmosphere when repeated stress is applied by the equipment tires. All haul roads that do not have a "sealed" surface, will create dust. The dust problem is mainly dealt with by application of water.



Minimisation of Dust on Haul Roads

- Every effort to minimize dust pollution on the site must be undertaken.

- Construction vehicles must adhere to speed limits and minimization of haul roads must be implemented. During dry, dusty periods haul roads should be kept dampened to prevent excess dust.

- No potable water may be used for damping haul roads.

- As an alternative, products such as road environment dust suppressants (Reds) would be recommended in order to minimize the use of water for controlling dust pollution. This is to be determined by the ECO during construction as required.

Figure 4: Management of Haul and Access Control During Construction



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Cape EAPrac Company Profile

Cape Environmental Assessment Practitioners (Pty) Ltd was established in March 2008 by Directors Doug Jeffery (EAPASA Reg. No 2019/1746) and Louise-Mari van Zyl (EAPASA Reg. No. 2019/1444). The full time professional team includes: Dale Holder - Senior Environmental Practitioner (EAPASA Reg.No 2019/301), Siân Holder (Practitioner/ECO/Environmental Education), Mariska Byleveld - Cadidate Environmental Practitioner (EAPASA Reg. No 2023/6593), Francois Byleveld -Candidate Environmental Practitioner (EAPASA Reg.No 2023/6700), Onke Nandipha (EAPASA Reg.No 2023/6688) & Charmaine Mudau - Full Time On-Site ECOs and Carin Naudé - Business Administrator.

The firm implements legislation under the National Environmental Management Act (NEMA), National Environmental Management: Waste Act (NEM:WA) and the National Environmental Management: Air Quality Act (NEM:AQA).

Our main services include:

- Environmental Impact Assessments (EIA's & Basic Assessments)
- Environmental Management Policies & Plans (EMMP's)
- Environmental Control & Monitoring(ECO)
- Environmental Audits
- Environmental Education & Interpretation
- Environmental Constraints Analysis
- Public Participation & Stakeholder Engagement
- Outeniqua Sensitive Coastal Area Permits (OSCA)
- Forestry Applications (for removal/pruning of protected species)
- GIS & Mapping
- Retrospective Damage Assessment (Section 24G)
- Rehabilitation Plans
- Coastal Water Discharge Permits
- Air Quality Licence Applications (AEL's)
- Waste Management Licence Applications (Waste Licence)

PROJECT EXPERIENCE INCLUDES

Reverse Osmosis Desalination; Sensitive Environmental Management including National Parks/Conservation Areas & World Heritage Sites; Renewable Energy Projects (Solar & Wind); Waste Management License Applications for Waste Disposal Sites, Sewerage Plants & Abattoirs; Waste-to -Energy Projects including Biogas Facilities; Marine Aquaculture; Filling Stations; Air Emission Processes for Sawmills, Brick Works & Processing Plants; ECO responsibilities on Private & State Housing Developments, Provincial & Municipal Roads and Infrastructure, Private, Provincial & Municipal applications for development of infrastructure, housing & commercial components

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Doug Jeffery obtained a Bsc with majors in Botany and Zoology at the University of Cape Town (UCT) and went on to obtain his MSc in



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Dale graduated from the Technicon Pretoria in 1999 with a National Diploma in Nature Conservation. He worked as a Socio-Ecologist for SANParks and as Project Manager for the Department of Marine and Coastal Management. He started working as an environmental practitioner in 2002. His focus is currently on Renewable Energy Infrastructure Assessment, but is also involved with assessments in various other industries.

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Business Administrator



Carin obtained a BBA degree through UNISA. She gained extensive experience in business management and administration since 1988. She joined Cape EAPrac in June 2008 and is responsible for the day to day administrative functions of the business. Her acquired knowledge and leadership skills enables the rest of the team to function efficiently in their respective fields.

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Louise-Mari van Zyl holds a Masters degree in Geography & Environmental Sciences from the University of Stellenbosch. She worked as an Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) since 2002 on projects in the Eastern, Southern, Western & Northern Cape provinces. She is registered as and EAP with the Environmental Assessment Practitioners Association of South Africa.

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On-Site ECOs



We have three full-time, on-site ECOs, working on PV Solar construction sites in the Northern Cape:

- Onke Nandipha BSc in Environmental Sciences (2017) and a BSc Honours in Geography (2018) from Walter SisuluUniversity. He is registered as a Candidate EAP with EAPASA.
- Charmaine Mudau BA in Geography and Environmental Management from the University of the Free State (2014) and a BSc Honours in Geography from UNISA (2020).

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Appendix 5 Palaeontology: what is a fossil?

Fossils are the traces of ancient life (animal, plant or microbial) preserved within rocks and come in two forms:

- Body fossils preserve parts, casts or impressions of the original tissues of an organism (e.g. bones,
- teeth, wood, pollen grains); and • Trace fossils such as trackways and burrows
- record ancient animal behaviour.



How to report chance fossil finds: What should I do if I find a fossil during construction/mining?

If you think you have identified a fossil:

Immediately inform the ECO or Site Agent. He/she will then contact HWC and write a report and if necessary operations will stop in that specific area until the fossil is recovered

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Types of palaeontological finding - What does a fossil look like?

Fossils vary in size, from fossilised tree trunks and dinosaur bones down to very small animals or plants. Finds can be **individual fossils** (one isolated wood log or bone) or **clusters and beds** (several bones, teeth, animal or plant remains, trace fossils in close proximity or bones resembling part of a skeleton). A bed of fossils is a layer with many fossil remains.

Below there is a list of few examples of fossils which may be identified during excavations in the Western Cape.

Image	Description	Image	Description
	Leaves		Snail shells and other shells
	Fossil wood		Bones of larger animals
	The remains of fish and marine life (e.g. teeth, scales, starfish)		Large burrows made by moles and other animals
	Stromatolites	Tel big ils can gedine	Traces made by burrowing insects (ants, wasps, dung- beetles etc.).
	Animal footprints	Images provided by Dr John Almond Text by HWC's Archaeology, Palaeontology & Meteorites Comm	ttee June 2016

