

NOTIFICATION OF DECISION OF THE COMPETENT AUTHORITY ON THE AMENDMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION FOR THE AUTHORISED KOMMETJIE WIRELESS 2 RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT ON A PORTION OF THE REMAINDER OF PORTION 32 OF THE FARM NO. 1529, KOMMETJIE

DEA&DP AMENDED ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION REFERENCE NUMBER: 16/3/3/5/A6/45/2003/25 NEAS REFERENCE NUMBER: WCP/EIA/AMEND/0000909/2025

Date: 28TH of February 2025

Dear Registered Interested and Affected Party (I&AP),

You are hereby notified that on **25th of February 2025** the Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning (DEA&DP) **granted approval** (with conditions) for the amendment of the Environmental Authorisation issued on 27 October 2014 (reference no: E12/2/4/1-A5/268-2055/10), read together with the Appeal decision issued on 7 August 2017 (reference no: 14/3/1/A6/45/0078/15) and the Amended Environmental Authorisation issued on 23 May 2022 (reference no: 16/3/3/5/A6/45/2021/22), for the authorised Kommetjie Wireless 2 Residential Development on a Portion of the Remainder of Portion 32 of the Farm no. 1529, Kommetjie in terms of the National Environmental Management Act (No. 107 of 1998) (NEMA) and associated Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations of 2014 (as amended). The Amended Environmental Authorisation (EA) is also dated the **25th of February 2025**.

The decision has been uploaded to Chand's website and is available for download via this link: <u>https://www.chand.co.za/the-know-how-3-2/projects-under-review-2024/</u>

The original Environmental Authorisation is hereby amended, as set out below:

The Condition 15 of the original Environmental Authorisation (EA) reads, as follows:

"The line of Bluegum trees along the southern boundary of the property must be retained and maintained in accordance with a maintenance plan for the tree line and includes the planting of lower shrubs so that potential views through the lower part of the tree trunks are minimized."

The description of the authorised condition 15 included in the original EA is hereby amended to read, in the following manner:

"The line of 'living' trees along the southern boundary of the property must be retained and maintained as far as possible in accordance with a maintenance plan for the tree line and includes the planting of lower shrubs so that potential views through the lower part of the tree trunks are minimized."

The reasons motivating the DEA&DP's approval are summarised below:

- The information contained in the Amendment Application Form and the supporting documentation, received by this Directorate via electronic mail correspondence on 29 January 2025.
- The amendment is applied for in terms of Part 1 of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended). While it will change the scope of the original Environmental Authorisation issued on 27 October 2014 (Reference No: E12/2/4/1-A5/268-2055/10) read together with the Appeal Decision issued on 7 August 2017 (Reference No: 14/3/1/A6/45/0078/15) and the Amended Environmental

Authorisation issued on 23 May 2022 (Reference No: 16/3/3/5/A6/45/2021/22), it will not result in an increased level or nature of impacts, nor introduce any additional impacts.

- The amendment to the original Environmental Authorisation issued on 27 October 2014 (Reference No: E12/2/4/1-A5/268-2055/10), read together with the Appeal Decision issued on 7 August 2017 (Reference No: 14/3/1/A6/45/0078/15) and the Amended Environmental Authorisation issued on 23 May 2022 (Reference No: 16/3/3/5/A6/45/2021/22), is required and motivated for, as follows:
 - The treeline is required in order to maintain a visual barrier between the authorised development and Kommetjie Road;
 - The removal of the dead trees will ensure that the remaining Bluegum trees thrive;
 - Several non-invasive species, namely; Tarchonanthus camphoratus and Sideroxylon inerme, will be used to establish an enhanced treeline along the southern boundary.
 - Removing the dead and damaged trees will mitigate safety risk and ensure responsible land stewardship through safeguarding the well-being of occupants and visitors whilst maintaining environmental integrity.
- The environment and the rights and interests of relevant Interested and Affected Parties ("I&APs") are not are not likely to be affected, as a result of the proposed amendment to the original Environmental Authorisation.

Should you wish to appeal the decision, you must submit an appeal to the Appeal Administrator in accordance with Regulation 4 of the National Appeal Regulations 2014 (as amended), within 20 (twenty) calendar days of the date of this notice. Further note that a copy of the appeal must also be submitted to the holder of the decision, registered I&APs, Organs of State with interest in the matter, and the decision-maker i.e., the Competent Authority that issued the decision (these details may be obtained from Chand Consultants on request).

The holder of the decision (if not the appellant), the decision-maker that issued the decision, the registered I&AP and the Organ of State must submit their responding statements, if any, to the appeal authority and the appellant within 20 (twenty) calendar days from the date of receipt of the appeal submission.

A prescribed appeal form as well as assistance regarding the appeal processes is obtainable from the office of the appeal authority at:

Tel: (021) 483 3721; or E-mail: <u>DEADP.Appeals@westerncape.gov.za</u>; or URL: <u>http://www.westerncape.gov.za/eadp</u>

The appeal submission (and responding statement) must be submitted, in writing, to the Appeal Administrator by means of one of the following methods:

By post: Attention: Mr. Marius Venter Western Cape Ministry of Local Government, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning, Private Bag X9186 CAPE TOWN 8000; or

By facsimile: (021) 483 4174; or

- By hand: Attention: Mr. Marius Venter (Tel: 021 483 2659) Room 809, 8th floor Utilitas Building, 1 Dorp Street, Cape Town, 8001; or
- By email: <u>DEADP.Appeals@westerncape.gov.za</u>

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

The details of the holder of the Environmental Authorisation and Responsible Person are as follows:

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Kind regards,

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