



1) What is the SCFPA and what is the area of jurisdiction?

The Southern Cape Fire Protection Association (SCFPA) established in 2006, is a section 21 Non-Profit Company (NPC), which operates in an area of 4 Million Ha covering the whole off Eden District Municipality including the Tsitsikamma, Langkloof and Baviaanskloof in the Eastern Cape.

The SCFPA is managed by an executive committee which is represented by role-players from various forms of land use practice within the Southern Cape namely: farming, organised forestry, conservation, together with various local government departments and parastats. Funds which are generated by the SCFPA through the collection of membership fees and fund raising are used specifically within the SCFPA domain. The SCFPA is not mandated to contribute any funds towards state institutions. Funds are audited annually by an independent auditor, statements of which are made available to the members.

**The SCFPA does / is not:**

- A fire fighting service although assistance at larger fires can be provided
- Fulfilling the role of fire brigade services
- Receiving any income from the collection of rates levies by municipalities neither does it pay over any funds towards municipalities
- Involved in structural fire fighting or related issues
- Enforce membership to the organisation. Membership is voluntary other than for state organisations which own land or manage land for which membership is compulsory

2) What are the SCFPA's primary objectives?

The organisations primary objectives are to (a) empower local communities to become more aware of the risks of fire, (b) capacitate them to act proactively to reduce the hazards and vulnerability of assets, (c) allow them to act as a first response to fire emergencies, (d) initiate integrated fire management in the most cost effective way possible, and (e) ensure that members comply to legislation.

In so doing, communities become safer and are more prepared in the event of a fire emergency. Through the creation of an enabling framework and greater awareness, fewer ignitions will result in less spread and easier suppression of veld fires.

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3) What is the SCFPA's primary goal in the landscape?

The SCFPA's primary goal is to establish Fire Management Units (FMU's) in priority areas as identified by an Integrated Fire Management Plan. The SCFPA seeks to facilitate the establishment of FMU's, in areas which have been identified according to their fire risk, which are bordered by fire breaks, either natural or man-made, and manage fire in an ecologically sound manner.

4) What are some of the details involved in setting up a FMU?

- The setting up of FMU institutional arrangements;
- A risk assessment of hazards, assets and resource levels;
- The development of fire management plans. Assimilation of the spatial data in terms of Fire-breaks and fuel hazard reduction measures which are to be supplied to Eden Risk Department to capture into a central database;
- Fire fighting team recruitment, training and equipping;
- Awareness and training of residents in terms of fuel reduction (including Invasive Alien Plant control) ; "fire-scaping", fire boss, etc
- Identification of access and escape routes;

**Direct (tangible) benefits of SCFPA membership:**

- Shared resources between members with regards to fire fighting equipment which results in Fire Management Unit's being better equipped and resulting in a cost saving for individual members.
- Firebreaks are not needed on the cadastral boundaries. Realignment can be negotiated between landowners and exemptions can be applied for by members of the FMU's resulting in a more practical and usable firebreak system. This will result in a cost saving for members by not having to prepare firebreaks on all the cadastral boundaries.
- Increase in the conservation benefit within the landscape due to the minimization of the number of firebreaks. This will reduce potential accelerated erosion and disturbance to natural veld and forest.
- Access to the Fire Danger Index on a daily basis
- Increased awareness and management of Social, Environmental and Economic risks
- Increased coordination in the event of a fire
- Reduction of fire related risk by various means e.g. fuel load management
- Fire management plans compiled for Fire Management Units (FMU's)
- Members are automatically affiliated to the Western Cape Umbrella FPA which liaise with National, Local Government and parastatal structures
- Assistance in the event of extreme fire conditions through the provision of Trained Fire Fighting teams and Management
- Training for new members in Basic Veld Fire Fighting

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- Additional training can be arranged by the SCFPA at a considerably reduced cost
- Awareness campaigns are initiated, which include the establishment of a website
- Provision of a platform with which to raise issues with local and provincial government structures
- Provision of administrative support to FMU's thereby reducing costs for units
- The SCFPA is the mechanism to gain support from Working on Fire and other government initiatives
- Access to international funding if available e.g. GEF and the World Bank
- Reduced incidence of fires
- Enforcement where necessary in incidences where members and non-members do not comply with legislation
- Members adhering to the rules of the SCFPA will automatically comply with legislation
- The "presumption of negligence" clause in the National Veld and Forest Fire Act, 101 of 1998

34. (1) If a person who brings civil proceedings proves that he or she suffered loss from a veldfire which—  
 the defendant caused; or  
 started on or spread from land owned by the defendant,  
 the defendant is presumed to have been negligent in relation to the veldfire until the contrary is proved,  
 unless the defendant is a member of a fire protection association in the area where the fire occurred.

**Indirect (intangible) benefits of SCFPA membership:**

- The interaction and extension services with different landowners will result in an increase in awareness with regards to the risk of fire and the consequences of uncontrolled fire to both property and infrastructure.
- Reduced fire risk due to planning and better response times.
- Biodiversity benefits by instituting better fire management practices.
- Provision of inputs into government policy and decision making will be achieved through involvement of the executive committee.

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| 30 MAR 2001  |
| ROGEBBAI 8012<br>DEPT. OF MINERALS AND<br>ENERGY           |

Kantoordatumstempel

Lisensie No. [REDACTED]

ML 4/2001

Kantoorverwysing [REDACTED]

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Magting word hierby kragtens en behoudens die bepaling van die Mineraalwet, 1991, verleen aan (volle naam) Die Trustees Indertyd van die Mercedes Trust Nr FFT 121/92

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identiteits- of registrasienommer [REDACTED]

(hierna "die houër" genoem)

van (adres)

Posbus 115  
Hartenbos  
6520

om vir (naam van mineraal)

Gruis (verweerde graniet)

te myn ten opsigte van bittiket\* op

(volledige naam van plaas en onderverdeling)

Gedeelte 32 (\*n gedeelte van gedeelte 6)

Van die plaas Gwayang 208

No. [REDACTED]

Landroosdistrik

George

Streek

Wes-Kaap

soos getoon op aangehegte sketskaart No. [REDACTED]

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30 Maart 2001

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The Trustees Indertyd van die Mercedes Trust Nr FFT 121/92

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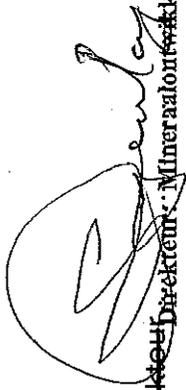
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To Whom it may Concern  
Western Cape Dept of Environment Affairs and Development Planning

#### EMERGENCY LANDING STRIP

It is hereby confirmed that The Council of George Municipality took a resolution in favour of the landing strip. The item served on a number of occasions and was supported each time. The original proposal was put forward by the city engineer himself.

All the other departments such as civil engineering and electro-technical and planning was present at a number of site visits and made their inputs and supported the landing strip. It follows that all the affected parties within the municipality have consulted.

The latest resolution taken at an ordinary council meeting dated 27 October 2015, item 13.11 page 41, reads as follows:

**“13.11 UTILIZATION OF A PORTION OF LAND SITUATED IN DENNEOORD TO BE USED AS A SECONDARY LANDING STRIP / RUNWAY (H BASSON/hb)**

It was **RESOLVED** ;

- a) that **APPROVAL BE GRANTED** for the utilization of a portion of land situated in Denneoord as secondary airstrip / runway by the Southern Cape Fire Protection Association (SCFPA), when fighting veld fires;
- b) that an agreement be entered into between George Municipality and Southern Cape Fire Protection Association regarding the use of the relevant land;
- c) that a public participation process be followed”

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T. Botha', with a large, stylized flourish above the first name.

Wde. Direkteur Gemeenskapsdienste  
Act Dir. Community Services

**OBO Municipal Manager / Munisipale Bestuurder  
Trevor Botha**

**MINUTES ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING 27 OCTOBER 2015****RESOLVED**

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- (c) that a public participation process be followed.

**At this stage, the Speaker ruled that items 13.12, 13.13 and 14 be referred to a Special Council meeting.**

13.12 **POSSIBLE INCORPORATION OF GIPTN UNIT TO THE ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE OF THE MUNICIPALITY T BOTHA/tb**

The abovementioned matter was referred to a Special Council meeting.

13.13 **PROGRESS REPORT ON THE MULTI-PARTY TASK TEAM: GEORGE INTEGRATED PUBLIC TRANSPORT NETWORK (GIPTN) TREVOR BOTHA/tb**

The abovementioned matter was referred to a Special Council meeting.

**At this stage, the time being 17:01, Councillors Stander and Van Wyk recused themselves from the discussion of item 13.14.**

13.14 **MEDIATION PROCESS BETWEEN GEORGE MUNICIPALITY AND GLENHAVEN COUNTRY ESTATE (PTY) LTD IN RE: BUILDING OF A ROAD OVER A PORTION OF ERF 183 (PORTION 52 OF THE FARM KRAAIBOSCH NO. 195 – TREVOR BOTHA (tb)**

**Discussion**

**At this stage, the time being 17:11, Alderman de Swardt requested a caucus for the DA and Alliance. The meeting reconvened at 17:47.**

Alderman Williams stated that the ANC and Alliance will abstain from the item and only play an observer status in this regard.

Die Direkteur: Menslike Nedersettings, Beplanning en Grondsake is geleentheid gegee om agtergrond rakende die item aan die Raad voor te hou.

## APPENDIX F – Public Participation Report



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# PUBLIC PARTICIPATION REPORT

THE DEVELOPMENT OF AN AIRSTRIP FOR EMERGENCY FIRE FIGHTING SERVICES ON ERF 221, DENNEOORD, GEORGE

NOTICE OF A SECTION 24 G ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT PROCESS

(DEA&DP REFERENCE 14/2/1/3/D2/20/003/16)

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## 1. Project description

About 83% of the Southern Cape Fire Protection Association (SCFPA) domain falls outside the 23 minute response time for District Municipality Fire Brigade Services, which has obvious negative implications in respect to the chance of the rapid containment and extinguishing of wildfires with concomitant elevated threats to assets. Improving on, and maintaining optimal response times, is obviously crucial for all role players and the general public, in terms of reducing the spread of wild fires and thereby reducing the level of damage to livelihoods and assets. Aerial firefighting can assist the Municipality to respond to any fire within that 23 min timeframe – however the key to this success is initial attack – rapid response and direct attack on a fire within the first hour. The current success rate of initial attack in the SCFPA is 65% - however this success can improve pending on the availability and distribution of suitable landing strips for the 802 Air Tractor with a capacity of 3000l of water per load. The national norms indicates that if these airstrips are further than 50km apart initial attack becomes very ineffective.

Based on this and the exceptionally high fire risk in the George area associated with urban interface problems the Southern Cape Fire Protection Association (SCFPA) and other key role-players decided to establish an emergency landing strip at Denneoord (Erf 221, SG 21 Digital Code W044C027000200000221000001 and GPS 33°56'40.66"S and 22°29'01.92"E). It was envisaged that the Denneoord landing strip would developed as one off the key bases for an aerial fire fighting resource in the Southern Cape Area. The base will host 1X Huey chopper, 2X Spotter and 1 X 802 Air-tractor.

In October 2015, the SCFPA and the George Municipality proceeded with the development of the airstrip by the completion of the following activities;

- *Cleared the airstrip (approximately 50m wide and 1000m long) from vegetation, primarily alien invasive plant species such as Black Wattle;*
- *Levelled the proposed runway;*
- *Stockpiled the topsoil and vegetation cleared along the boundary of the runway;*
- *Building rubble and other solid material has been incorporated into the runway to aid in compaction for the provision of a resilient surface for the aircraft and*
- *Storm water drainage channels have been excavated parallel to the runway.*

However these activities were halted by the Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning (Directorate Environmental Compliance and Enforcement) in November 2015, after the George Municipality received a Pre-compliance notice (dated 10/11/2015). (**See Attachment 1 – Correspondence from DEA&DP – Directorate Environment Compliance and Enforcement**). The above mentioned activities triggered Impact Assessment Regulations Listing Notice 3 (GN. No. R. 985) Dec 2014 an specifically Activity 7 “ *The development of aircraft landing strips and runways 1.4 kilometres and shorter, (f) In the Western Cape (i) all areas outside urban areas*”.

Ranger Consulting was appointed by the SCFPA to manage the Section 24G EIA application process according to the NEMA guidelines in February 2016. (**See Attachment 2 – Confirmation of appointment**).

The Section 24 G application will not only deal with the unlawful activity but will also focus on additional associated infrastructure required for the effective operation of such a base and would include; sleeping quarters, toilets and showers, accommodation for the pilots and the relieve pilots, hangers for the aircraft, Standby quarters for a Working on Fire team, building a concrete slab around the filling point and the relocation of the Waterworks security gate to include the air base.

## 2. The process of public participation

The public participation process commenced immediately after sending the Draft Environmental Impact Report was sent to the DEA&DP Case Officer to allow the Department to inform key stakeholders of the public participation process.

| DATE                          | TASK/PROCESS/ACTIVITY   |
|-------------------------------|---|
| 4 March 2016                  | Application for Section 24G was submitted to DEA&DP   |
| 15 March 2015                 | DEA&DP acknowledged the Application and awarded the Case Number for the Section 24G Application <b>(See Attachment 3 – Acknowledgement from DEA&amp;DP).</b>  |
| 30 March 2015                 | DEA&DP provided the EAP with letter regarding information needed <b>(Attachment 4 – Information required by DEA&amp;DP)</b>   |
| 7 July 2016                   | Draft Section 24G EIR sent to case officer at DEA&DP and list of key stakeholders <b>(See Attachment 5– Notification to Case Officer).</b>  |
| 8 July 2016                   | Notification about the availability of the draft Section 24G EIR and the timeframes to register and to provide comments, the background information document as well as a document to register as an Interested and Affected Party and to provide comments were sent out to 79 neighbouring properties and 12 Government Institutions. <b>See Attachment 6: Proof of registered mail sent out to key-stakeholders) and Attachment 7 : Notification documents to Government Departments and neighbouring landowners.</b> |
| 18 <sup>th</sup> July 2016    | Public Participation started  |
| 21 <sup>st</sup> July 2016    | Advertisement of the Section 24 G Application published in “George Herald”. <b>See Attachment 8: Advert in the George Herald.</b>   |
| 26 <sup>th</sup> July 2016    | DEA&DP Case Officer faxed all key stakeholders <b>(See Attachment 9 : Fax from the Case Officer to State Departments).</b>  |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> August 2016  | Initial Public Participation ended.   |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> October 2016 | Extended Public Participation Process on the Final Draft IAR started.   |
| 9 <sup>th</sup> November 2016 | Extended Public Participation Process concluded.  |

Table 1: Timeframes and public participation process.

### 3. Interested and Affected Parties

#### 3.1 Database for Interested and Affected Parties

The client, Southern Cape FPA and the George Municipality, provide Ranger Consulting with a map and contact details of the adjacent residential area - while the standard available key-stakeholders (government, conservation and heritage agencies, municipalities) was also included in this database. The database was not viewed as static and was continually updated as people and organisations expressed interest in the project and registered as Interested and Affected Parties. The database during the 1<sup>st</sup> round of public participation was the following:

| Group       | Organisation / Department               | Title | Initials | Surname     | Postal             | Town          | Code |
|-------------|---|-------|----------|-------------|--------------------|---------------|------|
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| Authorities | George Municipality                     | Mr    | C        | Peterson    | PO Box 19          | George        | 6530 |
| Authorities | DWS                                     | Mr.   | J        | Roberts     | Private BagX16     | Sanlamhof     | 7532 |
| Authorities | Department of Agriculture               | Mr    | AS       | Roux        | Private Bag X1     | Eisenburg     | 7607 |
| Authorities | CapeNature                              | Mr.   | B        | Walton      | Private Bag X 6546 | George        | 6530 |
| Authorities | Heritage Western Cape                   | Mr    | A        | September   | Private Bag X 9067 | CapeTown      | 8000 |
| Authorities | SA Civil Aviation                       | Ms    | Chinga   | Mazhetese   | Private Bag X 73   | Halfway House | 1685 |
| Authorities | Western Cape Disaster Management Centre | Mr    | C        | Deiner      | Private Bag X3     | Sanlamhof     | 7532 |
| Authorities | DAFF – Landuse Management               | Ms    | L        | Netshilema  | Private Bag X2     | Sanlamhof     | 7532 |

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|-------------|--------------------|-------|-------|--------------------|--|-------------|------|
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| Authorities | DEA&DP - Pollution | Mr    | Z     | Brown              | Private Bag X 9086                                     | Cape Town   | 8000 |
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| Resident    |                    | Mr    | L&IP  | Savage             | Riebeeck Street 58                                     | Goodwood    | 7460 |
| Resident    |                    | Me    | B&M   | De Wet             | 12 Heriot Drive Denver                                 | George      | 6529 |
| Resident    |                    | Mrs   | ER    | Glover             | Unit 11, 64 Heriot Drive Denver Park                   | George      | 6529 |
| Resident    |                    | Mrs   | MAE   | Burke              | 62 Heriot Drive Denver Park                            | George      | 6529 |
| Resident    |                    | Mr&Ms | A&J   | Swanepoel          | PO Box 282   | George      | 6530 |
| Resident    |                    | Mr&Ms | MJ&CM | Van Staden         | PO Box 10677   | George      | 6530 |
| Resident    |                    | Mr&Ms | RJ    | Hoffman            | Heriot Street 56                                       | George      | 6529 |
| Resident    |                    |       |       | Uitkyk Trust       | PO Box 42  | Wilderness  | 6560 |
| Resident    |                    | Mr&Ms | LA&SR | Gilmour            | C/o Shaun George Garden Route Rentals 26 Biesie Avenue | George      | 6529 |
| Resident    |                    | Mr&Ms | RWC&B | Pelton             | 52 Heriot Drive Geneva Fontein                         | George      | 6529 |

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| Resident |  | Mr&Ms | E&A  | Neuhoff & Mathee        | 29 Madeliefie Avenue Denneoord  | George           | 6529 |
| Resident |  | Mr&Ms | JH&H | Voges                   | PO Box 13060, Garden Route Mall | George           | 6546 |
| Resident |  | Mr&Ms | F&L  | Hakimi Khyabani&Grobler | PO Box 10240                    | George           | 6530 |
| Resident |  | Ms    | HH   | Du Bruyn                | PO Box 4892                     | George-East      | 6539 |
| Resident |  | Mr&Ms | C    | Pieterse                | 37 Madeliefie Avenue Denneoord  | George           | 6529 |
| Resident |  | Mr&Ms | MPFM | Verdoucq                | PO Box 3138                     | George Industria | 6536 |
| Resident |  | Mr&Ms | AJ   | Stark                   | PO Box 535                      | George           | 6530 |
| Resident |  | Mr&Ms | MG   | Griffiths               | 31 Madeliefie Avenue Denneoord  | George           | 6529 |
| Resident |  | Mr&Ms | K    | Visagie                 | PO Box 10045                    | George           | 6530 |
| Resident |  | Mr&Ms | MJ   | Tilley                  | PO Box 1622                     | George           | 6530 |
| Resident |  | Mr&Ms | AA   | Kruger                  | PO Box 4788                     | George-East      | 6539 |
| Resident |  | Mr&Ms | A    | Pool                    | PO Box 10237                    | Danabaai         | 6510 |
| Resident |  | Mr&Ms | CM   | Saunders                | 9 Bokmakierie Street            | George           | 6529 |
| Resident |  | Mr/Ms | P    | Vallabh                 | 11 Bokmakierie Street           | George           | 6529 |

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| Resident |  | Mr&Ms |         | Market Prop 32 Pty Ltd | PO Box 2390                  | Mossel Bay       | 6500 |
| Resident |  | Mr&Ms | DL&MS   | Whitehead              | PO Box 5002                  | George-East      | 6539 |
| Resident |  | Mr&Ms | DD      | Van Niekerk            | PO Box 2516                  | George           | 6530 |
| Resident |  | Mr&Ms | KR & MC | Creedy                 | PO Box 39                    | George           | 6530 |
| Resident |  | Mr&Ms | RJ&V    | Mahne                  | PO Box 2648                  | George           | 6530 |
| Resident |  | Mr&Ms | DL      | Kenny                  | 7 Bokmakierie Street         | George           | 6529 |
| Resident |  | Mr&Ms | KA&WMI  | Van der Merwe          | 35 Heriot Drive              | George           | 6529 |
| Resident |  | Mr&Ms | EM      | Vann                   | 37 Heriot Drive Denver       | George           | 6529 |
| Resident |  | Mr&Ms | L       | Reyneke                | 39 Heriot Drive              | George           | 6529 |
| Resident |  | Mr    | J       | Smit                   | PO Box 1916                  | George           | 6530 |
| Resident |  | Mr&Ms | CGC     | Blom                   | 49 Heriot Drive, Denver Park | George           | 6530 |
| Resident |  | Mr&Ms | HJ&S    | Wolfaardt              | PO Box 2464                  | George           | 6530 |
| Resident |  | Mrs   | CJ      | Steyn                  | 49 Heriot Drive, Denver Park | George           | 6529 |
| Resident |  | Mr&Ms | HJ      | Lourens                | PO Box 10026                 | George           | 6530 |
| Resident |  | Mr&Ms | A       | Coomans                | PO Box 3317                  | George Industria | 6536 |

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| Resident |  | Mr&Ms | CV    | Elion              | PO Box 499                            | Sedgefield  | 6573 |
| Resident |  | Mr&Ms | C&CA  | Deacon             | PO Box 79                             | George      | 6530 |
| Resident |  |       | M     | Du Pre             | PO Box 353                            | Wilderness  | 6560 |
| Resident |  | Mr&Ms | JA&FM | Kok                | PO Box 10080                          | George      | 6530 |
| Resident |  | Mr&Ms | AE    | Von Gruben         | 29 Parakiet Street, Genevafontein     | George      | 6529 |
| Resident |  |       | MJ    | Klue Familie Trust | 31 Parakiet Street                    | George      | 6529 |
| Resident |  | Mr&Ms | R     | De Jager           | PO Box 4748                           | George      | 6530 |
| Resident |  | Mr    | E     | Mouton             | PO Box 5175                           | George-East | 6539 |
| Resident |  | Mr&Ms |       | Hildrik Trust      | Post Net Suite 76, Private Bag X 6590 | George      | 6530 |
| Resident |  | Mr&Ms | AS    | IMIG               | 54 Bokmakierie Street                 | George      | 6529 |
| Resident |  | Mr&Ms | R     | Ehlers             | 8 Hopsrylaan Deverpark                | George      | 6529 |
| Resident |  | Ms    | J     | Olvitt             | PO Box 749                            | George      | 6530 |
| Resident |  | Mr&Ms | SF    | Maritz             | 42 Heriot Drive                       | George      | 6529 |
| Resident |  |       | DW    | Nell               | PO Box 4100                           | George-East | 6539 |
| Resident |  | Mr&Ms | YR    | Goussard           | PO Box 9526                           | George      | 6530 |

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| Resident |  | Mr&Ms | N&LC  | Burger      | PO Box 4774                    | George-East | 6539 |
| Resident |  | Mr    | BC    | Roberts     | PO Box 5016                    | George      | 6530 |
| Resident |  | Ms    | AA    | Ihlenfeldt  | 18 Hopsrylaan                  | George      | 6529 |
| Resident |  | Mr&Ms | J     | Reeders     | PO Box 532                     | George      | 6530 |
| Resident |  |       | SR    | Pollock     | 28 Bosduif Street              | George      | 6529 |
| Resident |  | Mr&Ms | PG    | Myburgh     | PO Box 9602                    | George      | 6530 |
| Resident |  | Mr&Ms | HJ    | Eygelaar    | Huis Karoo, PO Box 42          | Laingsburg  | 6900 |
| Resident |  | Mr&Ms | JM&A  | Van Staden  | PO Box 5092                    | George-East | 6539 |
| Resident |  | Mr&Ms | GO&CM | Riley       | 13 Oewer Street, Twee Rivieren | George      | 6529 |
| Resident |  | Mr&Ms | T     | Weyers      | 11 Oewer Street, Twee Rivieren | George      | 6529 |
| Resident |  | Mr&Ms | JJ&E  | Labuschagne | 9 Oewer Street, Twee Rivieren  | George      | 6529 |
| Resident |  | Mr&Ms | AW    | Young       | 7 Oewer Street, Twee Rivieren  | George      | 6529 |
| Resident |  | Mr&Ms | E     | Lottering   | Private Bag X 6525             | George      | 6530 |
| Resident |  | Mr&Ms | RC    | Victor      | 19 Oewer Street, Twee Rivieren | George      | 6529 |
| Resident |  | Mr&Ms | MV&KC | Pitol       | PO Box 874                     | George      | 6530 |

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| Resident |  | Mr&Ms | HC&C  | Ogilvie    | PO Box 1646                    | George      | 6530 |
| Resident |  | Mrs   | ML    | More       | 29 Oewer Street, Twee Rivieren | George      | 6529 |
| Resident |  | Mr&Ms | CC    | Bleeker    | PO Box 9216                    | George      | 6530 |
| Resident |  | Ms    | CA    | Rothballer | PO Box 4533                    | George-East | 6539 |
| Resident |  | Mr&Ms | HW&CM | De Jager   | PO Box 2972                    | George      | 6530 |
| Resident |  |       | DR    | Eckersley  | 29 Oewer Street, Twee Rivieren | George      | 6529 |
| Resident |  | Mr&Ms | CC&JJ | Steyls     | PO Box 4196                    | George-East | 6539 |

Table 2: Database for Interested and Affected Parties at the initial phase of Public Participation.

### 3.2 Registered Interested and Affected Parties

The stakeholders registered via fax or e-mail. CapeNature, Heritage West Cape, XXX Catchment Management Agency, DAFF (Land Use and Soil Management) as well as Forestry- provided comments and inputs during the initial phase of Public Participation. However it must be noted that no other Government Departments provided inputs as prescribed by Regulation 41 (2) of GN Nr 982 of the 4<sup>th</sup> December 2014. However they were also informed by a fax from the DEA&DP Case officer – **See Attachment 9 – fax from the Case Officer.**

| REGISTERED INTERESTED AND AFFECTED PARTIES                                      | REPRESENTATIVE            | POSITION                    | ADDRESS   |
|---|---------------------------|-----------------------------|---|
| Municipalities  |                           |                             |   |
| George Municipality   | Neels Barnard             | George Fire Chief           | PO Box 19, George, 6530   |
|   | Mr Radie Loubser          | Chief Parks and Forest      | PO Box 19, George, 6530   |
| Government Departments (2)  |                           |                             |   |
| Heritage Western Cape   | Dr Errol Myburg           | CEO - Heritage Western Cape | Protea Assurance Building, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor, Greenmarket Square, Cape Town, 8000 |
| CapeNature  | Benjamin Walton           | Land use Manager            | Private Bag X 6546, George, 6530  |
| Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries: Land Use and Soil Management | Netshilema Lutendo Masala | Resource Auditor            | Private Bag X2, Sanlamhof, 7532   |
| Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries – Forestry                    | Ms Cobri Vermeulen        | Landuse Manager             | Private Bag X 12, Knysna 6570   |
| Landowners and general public (3)   |                           |                             |   |
| Jessica Christie  | 0765142701                |                             | Christie.jessica23@gmail.com  |
| Susan Christie  | 082 8594774               |                             |   |
| Howard Ogilvie  | 15 Oewer Street, George   |                             | fpdentalgeorge@gmail.com  |

Table 3: Registered Interested and Affected Parties

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4. Background information documents, distribution list and notification records

4.1 Background information documents

These documents included:

- (a) An background information sheet, (**Attachment 7**)
- (b) An notification letter (**Attachment 7**) and
- (c) An application form to register as an Interested and Affected (I&AP) and to raise issues and comments (**Attachment 7**).

All these documents contain information on the proposed airstrip development, the location thereof, applicable listed activities and the process that will be followed with important dates and timeframes for certain activities (e.g. registration as I&AP).

4.2 Registered documents recipients

The above mentioned documentation was sent (on the 8<sup>th</sup> July 2016) via registered mail to the key stakeholders. **See Attachment 6 and 7.**

5. Photographs and site notification boards

5.1 Signboards

Signboards (Size A2) were attached at the fire base and the other one on the main access road to the base. These signboards will remain until the conclusion of the entire public participation process.



Figure 1: Site Notification Boards at the fire base and on the main access road to the facility.

In order to provide opportunities for the broader public to be informed about the PPP, A3 laminated notifications were placed at 9 strategic shops and venues within the community. These were the George Public Library, Mr Meat, SS Appliance and Repairs, Marinus Hardware, Martins Vleis Mark, Farmers Market, Denneoord Drankwinkel, Willington Superette and at Hair@Monroes (**Please See Attachment 10 – Notifications placed at various localities within the community**)

**Please see Attachment 12– Wording of the Notification Boards**

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**6. Advertisements in local newspapers**

The Section 24G application was advertised in “The George Herald”, a local newspaper, both in English and Afrikaans. This advert was placed on the 21<sup>st</sup> July 2016. **See Attachment 12: Advert in “The George Herald”.** The advertisements contain information on the commenting period (**18<sup>th</sup> July 2016 – 19<sup>th</sup> August 2016**), planned activities, listed activities, locality, applicant and the environmental practitioners contact details, it also describes the public participation process.

**7. Public Meeting**

The date (**15<sup>th</sup> August 2016**) of the public meeting was advertised in all notifications sent during the initial PPP, in the two site notification signs, in all the notifications that were placed in 9 localities within the community and was also included in the advertisement in the George Herald. (**See Attachment 11 - Public meeting minutes and attendance register**).

**8. Initial comments and response from I&AP’s (18<sup>th</sup> July 2016 – 19<sup>th</sup> August 2016)**

This phase includes the initial registration of Interested and Affected Parties as well as the comments and issues raised by these stakeholders. **See Attachment 13: Comments received from Registered Interested and Affected Parties.**

| Name / Organization   | Comment/Issue  | Response  |
|---|--|---|
| Heritage Western Cape<br>16 <sup>th</sup> march 2016.   | The proposed airstrip will not have any impacts on heritage resources.   | Noted   |
| Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries: Land Use and Soil Management<br>10 August 2016 | The Directorate land use and soil management have no objection towards the approval of this application. The proposed project should adhere to the regulations as stipulated in the Conservation of Agricultural Resources Act, 1983 (Act 43 of 1983). | Noted and the EMP'r makes recommendations in order to ensure compliance with CARA.  |
|   | Regulation 8(1) Regulating of the flow pattern of run-off water  | No diversion of water run-off from a water course to another water course will occur. Furthermore there will be no alteration and obstruction in the natural flow pattern on the site. Finally storm water controls will be implemented to ensure that no erosion of the site occurs. |
|   | Regulation 4(1) protection of cultivated land against erosion trough the action of water.  | The EMP'r makes provision for active control of erosion, to monitor erosion and provide opportunities to actively repair and maintain infrastructure to prevent erosion.  |
|   | Regulation 5 (1) Protection of cultivated lands against erosion through the action of wind.  | Erosion that is caused by wind is not a concern at the site - the airstrip will be rolled to compact the surface to allow for safe landings and take offs while the remainder of the site will be allowed to rehabilitate to a near natural state over time.                          |
|   | Regulation 6(1) Prevention of waterlogging and salination of irrigated land.   | No irrigation will be allowed on the airstrip.  |

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|  | Regulation 15 Control alien invasive plants  | The EMPr makes provision for the clearing of all invasive alien plants and the George Municipality have started with the clearing of these species. The local residents will also become involved in these operations as requested in the Public Meeting on the 15 <sup>th</sup> August 2016.  |
| Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries:<br>Forestry<br>Western Cape<br>18 <sup>th</sup> August 2016                               | This office has no comment to make regarding the NFA as per information provided; no Protected Trees as per section 15 or Indigenous Forest as per section 7 of the NFA are involved.  | Noted no protected trees are present on site.  |
|  | DAFF has no objection to the proposed development and fully support the development of this airstrip in order to provide the much needed aerial support in the event of a fire.  | Noted.   |
| CapeNature<br>2 September 2016 –<br>Response from CN and correspondence between Ranger Consulting and CN – See Appendix 14 in the PP Report. | "Although adjacent and partly overlapping with the Western Cape Biodiversity Framework CapeNature disagrees with the EAP stating the area is only "No"Natural Remaining" as it is clearly an Other Natural Area and habitat for Garden Route Shale Fynbos and is considered indigenous". | The strip is located on an area that previously was a forestry plantation. The findings of the botanical expert (Jan Vlok) were that the area is characterised by a species complex that is associated with a highly disturbed system and that no impact on ecological process is posed by the proposed airstrip. The site has been planted to pine for two rotations. Furthermore the area has been bulldozed. This portion of the site is dominated by alien invasive grass thus fully transformed, hence the designation as "No Natural Remaining"  |
|  | The management objective for PAs and ESAs is to maintain ecological processes and natural land, and rehabilitate degraded land to natural or near natural and manage for no further degradation. In this regard the area is important for maintaining hydrological processes.            | The findings of the expert (Jan Vlok) were that the area is characterised by a species complex that is associated with a highly disturbed system and that no impact on ecological process is posed by the proposed airstrip. Furthermore in our assessment we identified additional impacts with regard to changed hydrology - in this instance hydrological change would be associated with an alteration of surface flows in particular increased flows off hardened surfaces. The impact here would be potential erosion but in our finding these can be managed through adequate storm water control measures and impacts will be low. Only the footprint of the airstrip can have a minor impact - the rest of the catchments and the natural streams will be kept intact and alien invasive plants will be effectively controlled. Impact on hydrological process is therefore not considered to be significant. It should be noted that only the footprint (1000X50M) will be used as the airstrip while the rest of the site will be allowed to rehabilitate – with an extensive alien |

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|  |  | <p>invasive plant control programme to be implemented – thus the rest of the site will be rehabilitated to a near natural state over time and thereby improving biodiversity pattern and process in the long term.</p>  |
|  | <p>Based on the available information CapeNature objects to retrospective environmental authorization for the mentioned proposal. CapeNature hereby request the following for comprehensive assessment of impacts:</p> | <p>Please see responses below.</p>  |
|  | <p>Investigation of alternative sites.</p>   | <p>Numerous sites were investigated for the establishment of the proposed airstrip. Our consultation revealed that this site is the only one long enough to accommodate the fixed wing bomber aircraft. It is also the only one with an onsite water point of sufficient quality and quantity to provide for the rapid filling of emergency aircraft. Additionally this comment does not take cognisance of the need to have aircraft within an effective striking distance of a fire in the George surrounds as addressed in detail in the EIR. Furthermore it is important to note that sufficient high pressure water supply is available on site – this is one of the most important factors influencing the success of aerial firefighting operations as this has an influence on return time to the fires and wasting time while waiting on the ground to be refilled on a strip with low water pressure.</p> <p>The George Airport is not feasible in any way as it cannot function as an effective fire fighting base for aircraft as rapid deployment is critical for success of aerial support – as emergency aircraft will be queued in line with commercial flights and will cause unnecessary delays and the aircraft will be totally ineffective and may cause huge social and financial losses to people living within the urban edge due to uncontrolled wild fires. Furthermore security reasons could prevent the establishment of a team at the airport and access will be problematic especially during weekends.</p> |
|  | <p>Noise Impact Assessment.</p>  | <p>This aspect is addressed in the EIR. The involvement of specialists in the assessment process is triggered by the potential for the activity to have significant impact. Our finding is that the site will be active on average for 5 hours a year. Two and a half hours of this time is spent on the ground by aircraft thus only 2.5 hours of actual flight time is probable from this</p>   |

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|  |  | <p>airstrip annually. The actual time where disturbance from noise would be relevant would be while the aircraft are idling on the ground while being filled and for the few minutes it would take them to fly beyond hearing. Based on this I consider the potential for noise impacts to be low i.e. not significant and therefore not triggering a requirement for assessment by a specialist.</p> <p>Furthermore it must be noted that the George Airport is nearby and commercial flight depart and land on hourly basis throughout the entire year – with much larger commercial aircraft. I would appreciate CapeNature’s opinion on why specialist input is required considering the actual time of disturbance over a full year?</p> <p>Additional opinion from a noise practitioner is included below.</p> |
|  | <p>Avifaunal and Bat Impact Assessment.</p>  | <p>In terms of impacts on bats the airstrip will only be used during the day. All emergency firefighting aircraft are grounded at night without exception furthermore there is no intention to develop the airstrip to accommodate night flights (runway lights, spot lights and towers).</p> <p>I therefore do not agree with the requirement for an impact assessment on bats. As above considering that the airstrip will be used for an average of five hours a year impacts on birds are not considered to be at levels that would make it a significant impact. I would appreciate CapeNatures opinion on why specialist input is required considering the actual time of disturbance over a full year? Finally the site is not indicated as an important bird area.</p>                                       |
|  | <p>Freshwater Habitat Impact Assessment.</p> | <p>No freshwater habitats were indicated for the site itself. I can only assume that this requirement is sought to determine impacts on the adjacent river system and its catchment area. Thus an interruption / alteration of hydrological process. As stated above management measures are available to curb potential impacts from storm water run-off. No water will be stored nor diverted away from the catchment. The activity does not pose a threat to any freshwater habitat I do not agree with the requirement for a full freshwater habitat impact assessment. I would appreciate CapeNature’s opinion on why specialist input is required considering the absence of freshwater habitat on site and the low</p>  |

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|                                       |   | potential for significant impact?  |
|                                       | Proof of registration and compliance with the Civil Aviation Authorities' requirements.   | The proof of registration and compliance with CAA can only occur on completion of the construction of the airstrip. CAA recently visited the base and were satisfied with the current state.   |
|                                       | Waste Management Impact Assessment, and w.r.t. to fuel storage tanks, sewage; and handling and storage of dangerous goods;  | As stated in the EIR all waste will feed directly into the municipal system i.e. the site is fully serviced by the existing municipality services. The capacity to service the site has been confirmed by the municipality. No impacts are expected.<br><br>No fixed fuel tanks will be constructed on site and no fuel will be permanently stored on site. All aircraft fuel is kept in tanker lorries to ensure that the fuel supply is mobile at all times – these trucks comply with national roadworthy and safety standards. Furthermore daily, weekly and monthly inspections are carried out on these vehicles in order to fully operational at all times. |
|                                       | Confirmation of acceptability from town planning, i.t.o. the LUPA and SDF, as the site falls outside the urban area and is in conflict with the zoning.   | The activity was approved by municipal council as stated in the impact report. The site is located on an area zoned Agriculture 1, consultation with a Town Planner revealed that no application for rezoning is required in this instance. It is not a commercial activity thus the most appropriate zoning of a Transportation Area is not relevant.   |
|                                       | Additional impacts of associated infrastructure storage fuel, hangar, repairs etc.  | As above for fuel. Impacts related to the construction of the hangars is addressed in the assessment as are the services which are on site already.  |
| CapeNature 12 Sept 2016               | I haven't seen a letter of support for the establishment of the airstrip. CapeNature was made aware of this on 29 October 2015 when it was advertised.  | Letter was forwarded to CapeNature on the 14 <sup>th</sup> Sept 2016 and is attached as Appendix 15 – Letter of support.   |
| CapeNature 16 <sup>th</sup> Sept 2016 | CapeNature will provide further comment on receipt of the final EIR. Please liaise with the department - i.e. competent authority for guidance in addressing issues or process related queries. | 1. It is not within the competency of the DEA&DP to become involved in the comments and responses process of Public Participation. You as a key stakeholder and myself as the independent EAP need to resolve all reasonable comments and objections to a proposed development and present our findings to the department for a decision.<br><br>2. Your comment will require significant additional specialist input into the process. This has both a time and significant financial impact on an application for a civil society organisation that does not have access to unlimited funds. In my opinion this requires   |

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|   |   | <p>substantiation before we embark on the expense of getting specialist inputs. Thus in my correspondence I request you to substantiate your requirement for these additional specialist inputs as in my assessment of the impacts I do not consider the impacts to (a) be significant and (b) to trigger the criteria in the DEA&amp;DP Guideline for the appointment of specialists.</p> <p>3. In terms of your comment - Please understand that I have requested you to substantiate your requirement for additional specialist input to guide me on whether I agree with you that specialist input is required or not. If you could please highlight for me the significant impacts that require specialist input that are not dealt with in the assessment to date. Clearly there would be no point in proceeding with the compilation of the Final Draft EIR in the absence of an understanding as to why we require specialist input?</p> |
| <p>CapeNature<br/>22<sup>nd</sup> Sept 2016</p> | <p>Regarding your first point I wish to clarify that all inputs received during process must remain in process, that is to say it must be transparent, and issues raised and comments provided placed into the final report for all state and registered I&amp;APs benefit.</p> | <p>This goes without saying as the Public Participation Process is being run in accordance with the regulated requirements. All correspondence and comment is always included in the final report.</p>   |
|   | <p>This office processes applications both retrospective and reactive and recommends to the department of what is required. Your opinion is noted.</p>  | <p>Your opinion is noted.</p>  |
|   | <p>Lastly the recommendation to the competent authority is clear – there was insufficient information to make an informed decision; and more specialist inputs were required.</p>   | <p>Repeated requests to substantiate this were not provided. If specialist input was required what in particular was required. To date this question has not been adequately dealt with.</p>   |
|   | <p>CapeNature is thus asking you to “cover all bases”; so that it is clear that the site is the appropriate site for an airfield (not airstrip – as it houses ancillary structures in addition to an airstrip without housing etc.)</p>   | <p>Noted.</p>  |
|   | <p>1.1. Investigation of alternative sites - - no motivation for the specific site was provided sufficiently to eliminate other potentially better suited sites – or at least an indication as to how this site was selected;</p>   | <p>This site is the only one long enough with a water source and infrastructure able to house the emergency aircraft and fill them in the required time for the firefighting response to be effective and efficient. Please refer also to the initial response to this comment.</p>  |

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|  | <p>1.2.Noise Impact Assessment - - no assessment of potential noise impacts to fauna and residents was provided. A statement by a sound practitioner would appease those concerns</p> | <p>This is not entirely correct. Impacts to residents are dealt with in the EIR for the construction phase (page 42 and associated traffic noise impact on page 43). Operational impacts (page 52) and decommissioning phase page 61 for deconstruction and page 62 for traffic impacts). Impacts on fauna are included under the comment from Birdlife South Africa.</p> <p>Further to this the comment received from the Noise Practitioner were:</p> <p>The operation of an aircraft is prohibited in or near a residential area (clause 3(e)), but potential noise impacts arising from emergency situations are exempted by the National and Western Cape regulations (see clause 3 (g) and 5). The storing of the aircraft would be to cater for emergencies and it is not a continual noise. I do not think that you will need a Noise Impact Assessment.</p> <p>Please refer to Attachment 16 – Comments from Noise Impact Practitioner and the Provincial Regulations referenced by the practitioner.</p>   |
|  | <p>1.3. Avifaunal and Bat Impact Assessment - - similarly a statement from BirdLife Africa would suffice regarding the potential impacts to avifauna;</p>                             | <p>Please see my correspondence re bat impacts in the initial response to your comment. The following comment was received from Birdlife South Africa:</p> <p>This airstrip is near to the Outeniqua Mountains Important Bird and Biodiversity Area (IBA), which supports both threatened and endemic bird species of the Western Cape. However the distance to the IBA and the proximity to the urban edge indicates that many of these bird species would not be present in the area surrounding the airstrip. A review of available data sources supports this assumption.</p> <p>BirdLife South Africa does not object to the airstrip or its use, dependent on the very low frequency of use stated in the report. However we would recommend that all pilots remain cognisant of large raptors such as Martial and Crowned Eagle, or large terrestrial birds such as Denham’s Bustard or Southern Black Korhaan, whilst utilising the airstrip, and take all necessary precautions to avoid collisions with these species. We do not feel that a further specialist report regarding avifauna is required, and do not object to the low levels of use for this airstrip. Please refer to</p> |

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|  |   | Attachment 17 – Comments from BirdLife SA.  |
|  | 1.4. Freshwater Habitat Impact Assessment --- please liaise with the catchment management agency in this regard as you state no impacts are foreseen – and highlight how runoff will be managed before it enters the nature reserve, etc.;  | <p>The Breede-Gouritz Catchment Management Agency has indicated that it has no objection to the proposed development. Please refer to Attachment 18 – Comments from the Breede Gouritz CMA.</p> <p>In terms of runoff – this is dealt with in the impact report in the following areas:</p> <p>Geographical and Physical Impacts – pages 37, 46 and 55 for the construction, operational and decommissioning phases respectively. Drainage lines – pages 38, 47 and 57 for the construction, operational and decommissioning phases respectively.</p> |
|  | 1.5. Proof of registration and compliance with the Civil Aviation Authorities' requirements – if available it would indicate the formal registration process is underway;   | As stated in my response to you this can only be undertaken on completion of the airfield. There is however an in principle support for the proposed development for CAA. Personal communication with the SCFPA.  |
|  | 1.6. Waste Management Impact Assessment, and w.r.t. to fuel storage tanks, sewage; and handling and storage of dangerous goods – no integrated waste management plan was provided in support of an EMP;   | As stated in my response to you – all waste feeds into the municipal waste stream system. The municipality has confirmed this. There is therefore no need for an independent integrated waste treatment plan for the facility as stated in my response to you no fuel will be stored on site, please refer to my initial response to your initial comment.  |
|  | 1.7. Confirmation of acceptability from town planning, i.t.o. the LUPA and SDF, as the site falls outside the urban area and is in conflict with the zoning. Liaise with municipal / provincial town planning in this regard; as if approved it will have to be rezoned to use – preferably as an authority zone. | This aspect has been dealt with, please refer to my initial response to your comment. A town planner was consulted and has confirmed that no conflict in terms of the zoning. Thus no rezoning application is required.   |
|  | 1.8. Additional impacts of associated infrastructure storage fuel, hangar, repairs etc. – (a repeat of above) unknowns, which could be placed into an integrated waste management plan for the area.  | As above this aspect has been dealt with.   |
|  | CapeNature's letter of endorsement is clear that a firebase is needed in the area but that a specific site was not stated for use in said letter. I trust this is in order; that full detailed studies are not required but that you obtain statements of potential impacts from relevant qualified               | Noted.  |

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION REPORT

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|  | specialists.  |  |
|  | Please note the comments from I&APs were not included in the report | As this was the initial round of Public Participation no comments were included. |

Table 4 – Initial comments and response report.

**9. Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR)**

The Final EIR was submitted to all registered I&AP and relevant State Departments on the 18<sup>th</sup> October 2016 (**See Attachment 19 – Notification of the Final EIR to Registered I&AP**). The commenting period (of 21 days) started on the **19<sup>th</sup> October and will close on the 9<sup>th</sup> November 2016**.

**9. Comments received on the Final Draft EIR**

**To be included in the final report.**

ATTACHMENT 1 –

Correspondence from DEA&DP (Directorate Environmental Compliance and Enforcement) regarding the unlawful activity.



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**REFERENCE:** G14/1/1/E3/5/6/3/L782/15/VOL1  
**ENQUIRIES:** D Mouton

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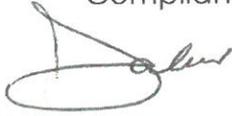
Attention: Mr Loubser

Dear Sir

**UNLAWFUL COMMENCEMENT OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF AN AIRCRAFT LANDING STRIP OUTSIDE THE URBAN AREA ON ERF 221 GEORGE**

1. This Department's Pre-Compliance Notice dated 10 November 2015 your acknowledgement letter dated 20 November 2015 and electronic correspondence dated 24 November 2015 has reference.
2. In light of the above correspondence, the Department hereby grants you an extension of **30 (thirty) calendar days** from the date of receipt of this

letter to provide the relevant information as requested in the Pre-Compliance Notice.



**Dr E Palmer**

**Director: Environmental Compliance and Enforcement**

**Grade 1 Environmental Management Inspector**

**Date:** 7/12/2015

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9 December 2015

Dear Ms Mouton,

per e-pos: [diana.mouton@westerncape.gov.za](mailto:diana.mouton@westerncape.gov.za)

**PRE-COMPLIANCE NOTICE DATED 10 NOVEMBER 2015: AIRCRAFT LANDING STRIP (YOUR REFERENCE: G 14/1/1/E3/5/6/L782/15/VOL1)**

Further to the pre-compliance notice and our earlier response in this regard, and following the 30 day extension to respond to the pre-compliance notice, we wish to indicate our intention to commence with a S24G application as suggested in paragraph 11 of your notice.

As you know, the initiative came from the disaster hierarchy (Provincial Government) and it is considered a crucial facility in order to prevent serious losses. The municipality is just the land owner.

Could you kindly provide us with all the official forms which need to be completed.

Yours faithfully,

**TREVOR BOTHA**  
**MUNICIPAL MANAGER**

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## **PRE-COMPLIANCE NOTICE**

Dear Sir

**INTENTION TO ISSUE A COMPLIANCE NOTICE IN TERMS OF SECTION 31L  
OF THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT ACT, 107 OF 1998  
("NEMA")**

1. During an investigation into allegations of the commencement of a listed activity in contravention of section 24F of the NEMA, a site inspection was conducted at Erf 221 George (GPS: S33°56'57.42' E22°29'19.88') by Environmental Management Inspectors from the Department's Directorate: Environmental Compliance and Enforcement on 3 November 2015 and it was confirmed that the George Municipality have commenced with the

unlawful development of an aircraft strip outside the urban area without environmental authorisation.

2. In terms of section 24F of the NEMA, no activity listed in the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations Listing Notice 3 of 2014 may be commenced without environmental authorisation from the competent authority.
3. On considering the evidence before me there are reasonable grounds to believe that you have commenced the following listed activity without environmental authorisation:

Impact Assessment Regulations Listing Notice 3 of 2014:

Activity no. 7:

The development of aircraft landing strips and runways 1.4 kilometres and shorter.

(f) In Western Cape:

- i. All areas outside urban areas.

4. In terms of section 49A of the NEMA, criminal proceedings may be instituted against any person, including a Municipal Manager of a municipality in the event that a listed activity had commenced without environmental authorisation or failure to comply with a Compliance Notice by such municipality.
5. As such, you are hereby given notice of this Department's intention to issue you with a Compliance Notice in terms of section 31L of the NEMA, which will direct you to:

- 5.1 immediately cease the above listed activity;

- 5.2 investigate, assess and evaluate the impact that the listed activity has / had on the environment;
  - 5.3 rehabilitate the site to its original condition;
  - 5.4 carry out any other measure necessary to rectify the effects of the unlawful activity.
6. Furthermore, it is an offence to fail to comply with a Compliance Notice. A person convicted of failing to comply with a Compliance Notice is liable to a maximum fine of R5 million or 5 years imprisonment or both such fine and such imprisonment.
7. You are afforded a period of **7 (seven) calendar days** from the date of receipt of this Pre-Compliance Notice to make written representations to the Department as to why a Compliance Notice should not be issued.
8. If you inform the Department, in respect of paragraph 7 above that you intend to rectify the non-compliance, you must cease the above listed activity and submit to the Department for approval, **within 30 (thirty) calendar days** of receipt of this Pre-Compliance Notice, a rehabilitation plan compiled by a suitably qualified and experienced independent environmental assessment practitioner, which must include the following:
- 8.1 assessment and evaluation of the impact on the environment;
  - 8.2 identification of proposed remedial and/or mitigation measures.
9. If the above rehabilitation plan is approved by the Department, you will be obliged to take the necessary remedial/ mitigation measures at your own cost.

10. Approval of the above report by the Department does not remedy the unlawful commencement of the above activity, which remains unlawful in terms of section 49A(1) (a) and/or (d) of the NEMA.

11. You may apply to the Department in terms of section 24G of the NEMA, on the prescribed form, to continue a listed activity. Such application, however, does not prevent the Department from issuing of a Compliance Notice should circumstances so require.



**Ayub Mohamed**

**Chief Directorate: Environmental Governance Policy Co-ordination and Planning and Compliance and Enforcement**

**Grade 1 Environmental Management Inspector**

**Date:** 10/11/2015

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ATTACHMENT 2 -

Confirmation of the appointment of Ranger consulting



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**RE: G14/1/1/E3/5/6/3/L782/15/VOL1 - Section 24G application for the illegal commencement of Activity 7 – NEMA Regulations Listing Notice 3 of 2014 on Erf 221 George.**

Dear Diana,

This letter serves to confirm that Ranger Consulting was appointed on the 28<sup>th</sup> January 2016 as the independent EAP to undertake a NEMA section 24G application on behalf of the Southern Cape FPA for the illegal commencement of Activity 7 of NEMA Listing Notice 3 of 2014.

Kind regards

Sean Ranger

ATTACHMENT 3 –

Acknowledgement and acceptance of the Section 24G Application



**Western Cape  
Government**

Environmental Affairs and  
Development Planning

Directorate: Environmental Governance

Sub-directorate: Rectification

**REFERENCE:** 14/2/1/3/D2/20/0003/16

**ENQUIRIES:** Nabeelah Khan

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Attention: Mr Paul Gerber

Dear Sir

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT OF THE SECTION 24G APPLICATION: THE UNLAWFUL DEVELOPMENT OF AN AIRSTRIP FOR EMERGENCY FIREFIGHTING SERVICES ON ERF 221, DENNEOORD, GEORGE**

1. The above mentioned application dated 04 March 2016 as received by this Department on 04 March 2016 has reference.
2. This letter serves as an acknowledgement of receipt of the aforementioned document by this Department.
3. The Department will consider the information in respect of the application and advise you accordingly.
4. Please be reminded that it is an offence in terms of Section 49A (1) (a) of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act 107 of 1998) ("NEMA") for a person to commence with a listed activity unless the competent authority has granted an environmental authorisation for the undertaking of said activity. A person convicted of an offence is liable to a fine not exceeding R10 million or imprisonment for a period not exceeding ten years, or to both such fine and imprisonment, in terms of Section 49B of NEMA.
5. Kindly quote the abovementioned reference number in any future correspondence in respect of this application.

*M. Hoosain*

PP **Mrs Z Toefy**  
**Head of Sub- directorate: Rectification**  
**Directorate: Environmental Governance**

**Date:**

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ATTACHMENT 4 –  
Information required by DEA&DP



**Western Cape  
Government**  
Environmental Affairs and  
Development Planning

Directorate: Environmental Governance  
Sub-directorate: Rectification

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Attention: Mr Paul Gerber

Dear Sir

**INFORMATION REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 24G APPLICATION FOR THE CONSEQUENCES OF UNLAWFUL COMMENCEMENT OF A LISTED ACTIVITY/IES: UNLAWFUL DEVELOPMENT OF AN AIRSTRIP FOR EMERGENCY FIREFIGHTING SERVICES ON ERF 221, DENNEOORD, GEORGE**

1. The abovementioned application dated 4 March 2016 as received by this Department on the 7 March 2016, has reference.
2. Please be advised that only those activities applied for will be considered for authorisation as the onus is on the applicant to ensure that all the applicable listed activities are included in the application. In this regard the timeframe of commencement of the listed activity/ies and the relevant Environmental Impact Assessment legislative period is of particular importance.
3. Please be reminded that an applicant is required to pay an administrative fine which may not exceed R5 million in terms of 24G of the *National Environmental Management Act, 1998* (Act 107 of 1998) ("NEMA") prior to the authority deciding on the application.
4. Having considered the information in the application form, you are hereby requested to proceed with the compilation of the Environmental Impact Assessment ("EIA") report that will fulfil the requirements of section 24G (1)(b)(vii) of the NEMA.
5. You are required to conduct a Public Participation Process ("PPP") for the activities for which you applied in accordance with section 24G (1)(b)(vii)(dd). Please consult the Department's Guideline on Public Participation that was compiled to provide guidance on the procedure to be followed when conducting the PPP which includes, *inter alia*, notification of Interested and Affected Parties ("I&APs"). When notifying I&APs of the application, the minimum information to be provided in a notice, which includes placing an advertisement or fixing a notice on a notice board, must contain, *inter alia*, the Department's reference number and information on how to register as an I&AP. The guideline can be downloaded from the Department's website (<http://www.westerncape.gov.za>). All comments received from I&APs and the responses thereto must be included in the EIA report.
6. Please be advised that the Draft Environmental Impact Report ("EIR") must **first** be submitted to the Department where after it must be made available to the I&APs, including all the relevant State Departments that administer laws relating to a matter affecting the environment, for comment for a period of 30 (thirty) calendar days. In this regard, comment must be obtained from **the Department of Water Affairs, CapeNature, Heritage Western Cape, Department of Agriculture, Forestry & Fisheries (the Agriculture division and the Forestry division), South African Civil Aviation Authority and this Department's Pollution directorate.**