

APPENDIX E

DEADP ACCEPTANCE OF SCOPING REPORT AND PLAN OF STUDY FOR EIA



REFERENCE: 16/3/3/2/D6/29/0001/26
DATE OF ISSUE: 29 June 2026

The Municipal Manager
Mossel bay Municipality
101 March Street
MOSSSEL BAY
6500

Attention: Mr. Jaco Roux

E-mail: [REDACTED]

Dear Sirs,

**ACCEPTANCE OF THE FINAL SCOPING REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED EXTENSION OF
MOSSDUSTRIA AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A RACEWAY ON THE REMAINDER OF PORTION
8 OF THE FARM RIETVALLEY 225, MOSSSEL BAY, WESTERN CAPE PROVINCE**

1. The above-mentioned document submitted by your appointed Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP), Mr. Donovan Henning (EAPASA Registration Number: 2020/1217) and assisted by Candidate EAP, Dr. Marilie Pretorius (EAPASA Registration Number: 2024/8345) from NEMAI Consulting (GIBB Environmental (Pty) Ltd.) to the Directorate: Development Management (Region 3 (hereinafter referred to as "this Directorate")) on 28 April 2026 refers.
2. This letter serves to inform you that the abovementioned document has been accepted by this Department subject to the following:
 - 2.1 The terms of reference for the Socio-Economic Assessment include *Social and Gender Considerations* including what the impact of the proposed development proposal may have on the prevalence of HIV/AIDS, Sexually Transmitted Infections ("STI") and Tuberculosis ("TB"), as well as equity and gender related concerns.
 - 2.2 That a full Noise Impact Assessment instead of a Noise Scoping Assessment is undertaken.
 - 2.3 Engineering services report forms part of the specialist input to be sought during the EIA phase of the assessment.
3. *Synchronising applications in terms of other applicable legislation with the EIA process*

You are reminded that it is now a requirement for the water use and environmental authorisation processes to be synchronised as to ensure that these processes duly inform one another. Failure to do so may prejudice the success of this application. Failure to adequately synchronise the processes may prejudice the application.

4. You are hereby reminded that the Environmental Impact Assessment ("EIA") Report must contain all the relevant information as set out in Appendix 3 of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended). The EMPr must also include the floodline information as indicated in the comments and responses table. Omission of any of the said information may result in the application for Environmental Authorisation being refused.
5. An Environmental Management Programme ("EMPr") that contains all information set out in Appendix 4 of the EIA Regulations 2014, as amended, must be compiled that addresses the potential environmental impacts of the activity on the environment throughout the project life cycle, i.e. the EMPr must address impacts in respect of the planning and design, pre-construction and construction activities, operation of the activity, rehabilitation of the environment etc. The Department would like to advise that in compiling the EMPr the Department's Guideline for Environmental Management Programmes.
6. Note that the specialist report(s) must be appended to the EIA Report. Please ensure that all these specialist reports comply with the protocols and where there is no applicable protocols, with Appendix 6 of the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended 2017).
7. In addition to the above, the Environmental Assessment Practitioner ("EAP") must submit an electronic copy of the draft EIA Report and EMPr to the Department for a 30-day comment period. This draft EIA must be uploaded onto this Directorate's one drive to the folder designated to NEMA Consulting and a screenshot as proof of submission must be submitted via DEADP-EIAAdmin George (DEADPEIAAdmin.George@westerncape.gov.za). The draft EIA Report and EMPr must also be made available to all relevant State Departments/Organs of State that administer laws relating to a matter affecting the environment, for a 30-day comment period. The EAP must notify the Department in writing of the date the draft EIA Report and EMPr was submitted to the relevant State Departments/Organs of State and clearly indicate whether or not such State Departments/Organs of State were notified of the 30-day comment period in terms of Section 24O of NEMA. It is imperative that State Departments/Organs of State are in possession of the draft Reports when the EAP issues them with the notice in terms of Section 24O of NEMA. Please note that the EAP is responsible for such consultation. Therefore, it is requested that the EAP include proof of such notification to the relevant State Departments/Organs of State in terms of Section 24O (2) and (3) of NEMA in the draft EIA Report, where appropriate.
8. The EAP must record and respond to all comments received. The comments and responses must be captured in a Comments and Responses Report and must also include a description of the public participation process followed for the EIA phase. This report must also be included in the public participation information to be attached to the EIA report submitted for a decision. The EAP must ensure that all the documents referred to in the responses which forms part of the comments and responses report is attached to all future submissions.
9. Please ensure that comments from all the relevant Organs of State, including any comments from the Department are also submitted with the EIA Report.
10. You must now proceed with the EIA process in accordance with the tasks outlined in the plan of study for the EIA.
11. The Department awaits the submission of the EIA Report as prescribed by the EIA Regulations 2014, as amended. In accordance with Regulation 23(1) of the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014 (amended 2017),

the EIA Report and EMPr must be submitted to this Department within a period of **106 days** from the date of this letter. If, however, significant changes have been made or significant new information has been added to the EIA Report, the applicant/EAP must notify the Department that an additional 50 days (i.e. 156 days from the date of the acceptance of the Scoping Report by the Department) would be required for the submission of the EIA Report. The additional 50 days must include a minimum 30-day commenting period to allow registered I&APs to comment on the revised report and/or additional information.

12. If the EIA Report and EMPr are not submitted within the prescribed timeframe, the application will lapse in terms of Regulation 45 of NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014 (amended 2017) and your file will be closed. Should you wish to pursue the application again, a new application process would have to be initiated. A new Application Form would have to be submitted, and the prescribed application fee would have to be paid again.
13. Kindly quote the abovementioned reference number in any future correspondence in respect of the application.
14. Please note that the activity may not commence, prior to an Environmental Authorisation being granted by the Department. It is an offence in terms of Section 49A of the NEMA for a person to commence with a listed activity unless the Department has granted an environmental authorisation for the undertaking of the activity. Failure to comply with the requirements of Section 24F and 49A of the NEMA will result in the matter being referred to the Environmental Compliance and Enforcement Directorate of this Department for prosecution. A person convicted of an offence in terms of the above is liable to a fine not exceeding R10 million or to imprisonment for a period not exceeding 10 years, or to both such fine and imprisonment.
15. This Department reserves the right to revise or withdraw comments or request further information from you based on any information that might be received.

Yours faithfully

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