

26 May 2022

Dear Authority / Organ of State / Stakeholder

RE: MOSSEL BAY UPGRADE OF INFORMAL SETTLEMENTS PROGRAMME, BRANDWACHT SITE - NOTIFICATION OF THE AVAILABILITY OF THE SECTION 24G DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Legal Framework: The development of informal dwellings has triggered several listed activities as contained in the 2014 Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations (as amended) pursuant to the National Environment Management Act, No. 107 of 1998 (NEMA), as amended. Environmental Authorisation to carry out these activities must first be obtained prior to them being undertaken. A process to ensure compliance with the 2014 Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations (as amended) is now being initiated in terms of Section 24G of National Environmental Management Act (NEMA, Act No. 107 of 1998) for *ex post facto* (after the fact) approval for the existing settlements and to facilitate the formalisation and expansion thereof.

Project Proposal: Mossel Bay Municipality is proposing to provide housing opportunities to its communities through the Upgrade of Informal Settlements Programme (UISP) project and as such is applying for Environmental Authorisation of the informal settlements through the Section 24G process. The project comprises of upgrading the existing informal settlement through the formalisation and servicing of residential erven which will consist of a small, enhanced stand (erf) with a wet core (water point and toilet) and electrical supply linked to municipal service infrastructure.

Location: The site is located at the Brandwacht settlement, ±20km north of Mossel Bay along the R328 between Hartenbos and Oudtshoorn, Western Cape.

DEA&DP Ref Number: 14/2/4/2/3/D6/29/0037/21

Available Information: The Draft S24G Environmental Impact Report (EIR) is being made available to the public for a **30-day review and comment period** between **27 May 2022 and 27 June 2022**. The report can be accessed at the following locations:

- A hard copy of the Draft EIR has been made available at the Brandwacht Library (Levendal Street); and
- Online at Google Drive:
<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1GG4vtezTfpcpa7tAN9JIOuD3ekc2z4qF?usp=sharing>

Opportunity to Participate: Notice is hereby given of the Public Participation Process for the proposed development. Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) are invited to register their interest in the project, review the Draft EIR and to submit any comment they may have to Wynand Loftus of Zutari (details below) within the prescribed comment period. Requests to register as an I&AP and any comments must be submitted in writing together with your full contact details. Future correspondence relating to the Environmental Processes will be distributed to registered I&APs only. Relevant Authorities are also hereby notified of the project being available for comment in terms of NEMA 24O.

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Yours faithfully



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Zutari and The Mossel Bay Municipality places a high premium on the privacy & personal information of our stakeholders. The processing of personal information is subject to the Protection of Personal Information Act (POPIA), Act No. 4 of 2013.

As a responsible party, Zutari is entrusted with the personal information of many stakeholders such as yourself, potential clients, staff and service providers and we are therefore obligated to process this information in line with the law.

POPIA came into effect on the 1st of July 2021, and we would like to make sure that you are happy to continue receiving communications from us.

Please note that the following, as a Registered I&AP, you will be subject to the following conditions:

- As per the requirements of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2014, your personal details including your name, contact details and address will be entered into a register and appended to the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) that will be submitted to the Competent Authority (Limpopo Department of Economic Development, Environment and Tourism [LEDET]). Any comments received, including responses to such comments and records of meetings, will be recorded and attached in the EIR. The EIR will be made available to members of the public as well as various authorities for review and decision making. As such the following measures have been implemented to adhere to the requirements of both the EIA Regulations, 2014 as amended and PoPIA, 2013 as amended:
 - Personal Information of POTENTIAL I&APs will be omitted from the reports and plans made available in the public domain and will only be submitted to the Competent Authority.
 - Personal Information of REGISTERED I&APs will be included in the reports and plans as per the requirements of the EIA Regulations, 2014 as amended. As a Registered I&AP your personal details such as your name, contact details and address may, on written request to the EAP / project contact person, be omitted from the EIR provided in the public domain.
 - Any comments / views / opinions received, including responses to such comments and records of meetings, will be recorded, and attached in the EIR made available in the public domain.
 - Any personal information obtained from the public domain will be included in the plans and reports.

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