

PART 2 - SECTION A

Appendix 5: Public Participation and Comments and Response Report

Application for Environmental Authorisation in terms of Section 24 of the National Environmental Management Act (Act 107 of 1998) (NEMA) for agricultural activities on portions 10 G 14 of Farm Tregaron 92, Sundays River Valley Municipality, Sarah Baartman District Municipality, Eastern Cape

This document records the details of the public participation process and records any comments received from Interested and Affected Parties (IAPs) in terms of the Environmental Impact assessment (EIA) regulations of the National Environmental Management Act (Act 107 of 1998) as well as the responses provided by the Environmental Impact Assessment Practitioner and the proponent.

A public participation process is being carried out in accordance with Section 41 of the NEMA; the following activities have been carried out:

- Notice of proposed application for EA and registration of IAPs:
 - Placing two posters close to the site to inform the public of the process.
 - Emailing notice to organs of state, landowners and potential IAPs of the intended S24G application
 - Placing an advertisement in the local newspaper on 25 September 2025
- Allowing for a 30-day registration and initial comment period on Notice and proposed application
- **Registration of IAPs: 25 September to 27 October 2025**
- Record of registration and initial comments received in response to the notices
 - The draft section 24G application form will be distributed to registered IAPs for a 30-day review and comment period.

All comments received as well as responses provided by the Environmental Assessment Practitioner, specialists and the proponent, as applicable, will be recorded throughout the process. The Final S24G application and accompanying appendices include the PP and CRR report (this report) will be submitted to the competent authority for decision making.

See the following attached appendices for details of public participation activities carried out:

- **Appendix 1: Full Register of interested and affected parties**
- **Appendix 2: Advert, notices, BID**
- **Appendix 3: Registration and comments**

Table 1: Comments and Responses, September 2026

Name	Comment Received	Response
Ayanda Mncwabe-Mama ECPHRA		
2025/12/15 ECPHRA Final Comment: ECPHRA acknowledges and accepts the submitted Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) report (Booth, C. October 2025) and the Paleontological Impact Assessment (PIA by Wilken, D. August 2025).		Noted. NID submitted.
2026/08/18 ECPHRA has no objections to the proposed development, provided that the specialists' including ECPHRA recommendations are adhered to.		Noted. Recommendations included in EMPr.
Gcinile P. Dumse Designation: Resource Auditor (Umphicothi) District: Nelson Mandela Metro & Sara Baartman DM Department of Agriculture (NDA) Directorate: Land & Soil Management Official Mobile: 060 717 1541 Alternative (078 418 1723) Email: GcinileD@nda.gov.za		
10 October 2025 09:58 Good Morning Claire Please find the request to include National Department of Agriculture, Directorate Land and Soil Management as interested and affected stakeholders. The land user is required to submit an application in terms of Regulation 2 of Conservation of Agricultural Resources Act 43 of 1983 related to mechanical disturbance of virgin soil of a natural veld. Effective from 1 st April 2025 there is an application fee of R500.00 that is applicable on all CARA related applications. Attached is the application form for virgin soil with the applicable bank details		Noted An application in terms of Regulation 2 of Conservation of Agricultural Resources Act 43 of 1983 has been submitted to the Department as requested.

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on the 1st page of the application. The completed signed application with proof of payment, soil classification report, soil form map and land capability classification to be submitted to Mr Maloma from PDA (Sara Baartman District Municipality) for recommendations. The site inspection will be arranged between the PDA and NDA with the applicant once the application is complete. Regards	
Andries Struwig Manager: EQM Cacadu Region DEDEAT	
25 September 2025 15:40 Good afternoon Ms De Jongh It may be prudent to arrange a pre-application consultation with the Department prior to submitting the S24G application in order to ensure that departmental requirements and expectations are adequately addressed in any S24G documentation. Thank you.	25 September 2025 16:54 Good day Mr Struwig Could the Department please provide an available time and date for a preapplication meeting for the proposed S24G NEMA EA application for Humeat cc. Thank you Kind regards Claire
26 September 2025 15:37 Good afternoon Ms De Jongh Please indicate your availability during the course of next week. I have also noted that the email addresses for the DFFE colleagues are seemingly out of date as it returns a delivery failed notice. Can you in any event indicate the relevance of the two DFFE colleagues in the context of this proposed S24G application.	Good day Mr Struwig 02 October 2025 14:21 Apologies for the late response, Wednesday next week is suitable for Mr Hume. Is it possible to arrange a time for next week Wednesday? I notified those officials regarding potential protected tree permit requirements and noted their email addresses are bouncing back.

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	I have also notified Ms Layini from DFFE Forestry regarding the intention to submit a S24G NEMA application. Thank you
02 October 2025 16:10 Good afternoon Ms De Jongh Unfortunately next week Wednesday (15th) will not work for me. I am however available on Thursday 16 October 2025. Please indicate whether you were anticipating a site meeting or a meeting at our offices.	, 03 October 2025 07:48 Good day Could we please meet at your offices next Thursday. Thank you Kind Regards Claire
07 October 2025 10:20 Good morning Ms De Jongh I assume reference to Thursday next week actually refers to Thursday 16 October 2025. We can meet at our offices at 10h30. Can you please provide me with a background information document before the meeting. Thank you.	07 October 2025 14:57 Good day Mr Struwig Could we please move this meeting to your earliest availability in the following week (week of 20 – 24 October)? I have attached the background information document. Thank you Kind Regards Claire
16 October 2025 09:14 Good morning Ms De Jongh Further to your request for a meeting please confirm whether Tuesday 21 November 2025 at 14h00 will be suitable.	17 October 2025 18:05 Good day Mr Struwig Thank you. Yes, we can confirm for 21 November at 2pm.

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	Kind Regards Claire
20 November 2025 09:39 Good morning Ms De Jongh Unfortunately I am not available tomorrow. When looking at the email trail below I note that I mentioned Tuesday 21 November 2025 whereas I meant to reference Tuesday 21 October 2025. If possible, can we reschedule the meeting for Monday next week i.e. 24 November 2025. Apologies for any inconvenience this may have caused. Ms De Jongh 9h00 on Monday 24 November 2025 will be in order for me.	Thursday, 20 November 2025 09:35 Good day Mr Struwig I hope you are well. We will see you tomorrow at 2pm. Thank you Kind Regards Claire 20 November 2025 09:50 Good day I am available on Monday 24 November. I will confirm with Mr Hume. Can we make it at 9am is possible? Thank you Kind Regards Claire