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Dear Sir

ACCEPTANCE OF THE FINAL SCOPING REPORT ("SR") AND PLAN OF STUDY FOR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT IN TERMS OF THE NEMA EIA REGULATIONS, 2014 (AS AMENDED) FOR THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF THE GRANGER BAY PRECINCT ON ERVEN 173712 AND 177853, V&A WATERFRONT.

1. The final Scoping Report dated 15 January 2026 and received by this Directorate via electronic mail correspondence on 15 January 2026, this Directorate's telephonic correspondence dated 23 January 2026, the additional information received by this Directorate via electronic mail correspondence on 23 January 2026 and this Directorate's acknowledgement thereof dated 26 January 2026, refer.
2. This letter serves to inform you that the final SR (dated 15 January 2026) has been accepted by the Directorate.
3. Contents of the Environmental Impact Assessment ("EIA") Report:
 - 3.1. You are hereby advised that the EIA Report must contain all information set out in Appendix 3 of the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended) and must also include the information requested in this letter. Omission of any of the said information may result in the application for Environmental Authorisation being refused.
 - 3.2. Please ensure that the Appendices to the EIA Report are separate pdf documents.
4. Draft Environmental Management Programme ("EMPr")
 - 4.1. The EMPr must contain all information set out in Appendix 4 of the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended) and must address 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 and closure/decommissioning (if applicable). The Department would like to advise that in compiling the EMPr the Department's Guideline for Environmental Management Programmes (available from the Department's website (<https://www.westerncape.gov.za/eadp>)) must be taken into account.

5. Specialist studies
 - 5.1. Note that the specialist report(s) must be appended to the EIA Report. Please ensure that these specialist reports contain all the information specified in Appendix 6 of the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended).
 - 5.2. Further note that where Protocol for a specific environmental sensitivity is in effect, the specialist report must meet the requirements of the Protocols.
6. Confirmation of Services
 - 6.1. You are reminded that confirmation of services must be included in the EIA Report.
7. Public Participation
 - 7.1. Comments from Heritage Western Cape, the South African Heritage Resources Agency, SANPARKS, CapeNature, the Department of Water and Sanitation, this Department's Directorates: Coastal Management and Waste Management Licensing and the City of Cape Town must be included in the EIA Report.
 - 7.2. In addition to the above, the Environmental Assessment Practitioner ("EAP") must submit a minimum of one electronic copy of the draft EIA Report and EMPr to this Directorate for a **30-day** comment period. 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.
 - 7.3. 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. This report must also be included in the public participation information to be attached to the EIA report submitted for decision-making purposes.
 - 7.4. Please ensure that comments from all the relevant Organs of State, including any comments from the Department, are submitted with the EIA Report.
8. You may now proceed with the EIA process in accordance with the tasks outlined in the plan of study for the EIA.
9. The Department awaits the submission of the EIA Report and EMPr as prescribed by the NEMA EIA Regulations 2014 (as amended) and which must be submitted to this Department for decision-making 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.
10. If the EIA Report and EMPr is not submitted within the prescribed timeframe, the application will lapse in terms of Regulation 45 of the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended) 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.

11. Please note that the activity may not commence prior to obtaining an Environmental Authorisation. It is an offence for a person to commence with a listed activity unless the competent authority has granted an Environmental Authorisation for the undertaking of the activity.

12. Kindly quote the above-mentioned reference number in any future correspondence regarding this application.

The Directorate reserves the right to revise or withdraw comments or request further information based on any information received.

Yours faithfully

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