

APPENDIX F

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION INFORMATION

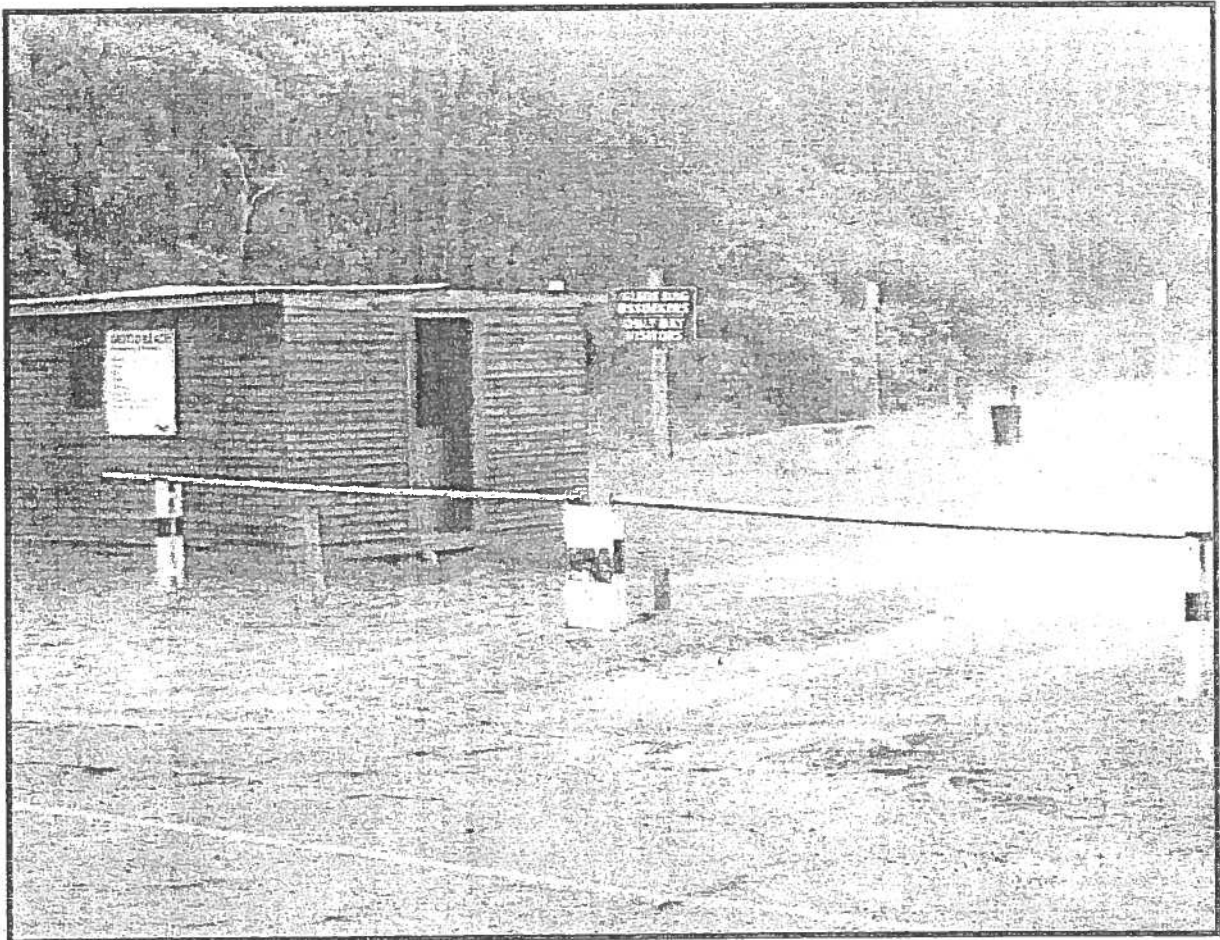
Initially Identified Interested and Affected Parties: Piet se Bos and Groffo Beach Upgrade

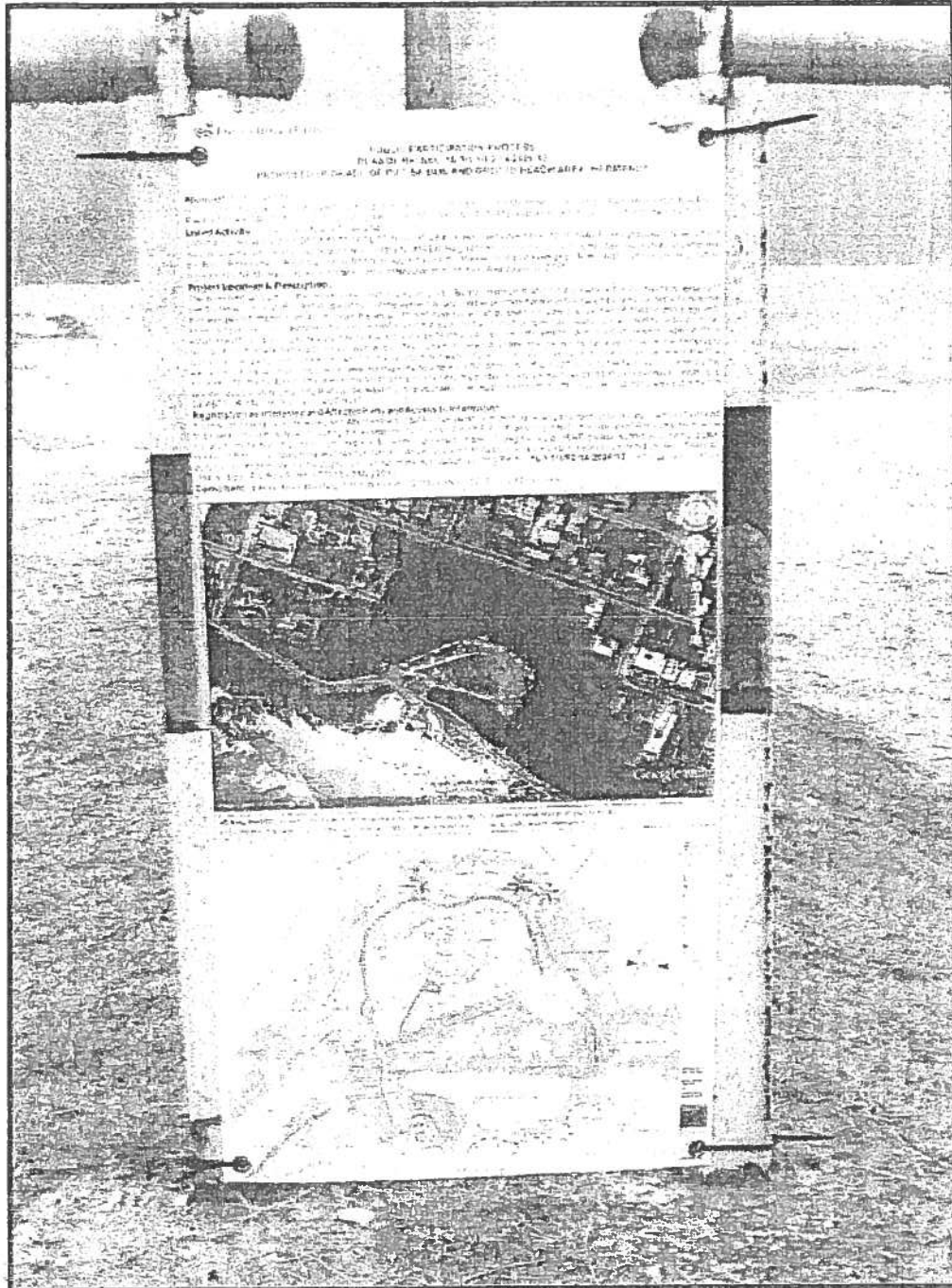
Simon Pickstone Trust		c/o WM Pickstone	Lekkerwijn	P O Box 83	GROOT DRAKENSTEIN	7680
TG & GW	Joubert	24 St John's Estate			HIGGOVALE	8001
Jean-Mandi Trust		c/o I Odendaal		P O Box 3293	TYGER VALLEY	7536
AE	Boynton			P O Box 1458	HERMANUS	7200
F	Ferucci			P O Box 341	PAARL	7620
Carey Investments Ltd				P O Box 3	VLOTTENBURG	7604
D Dicey Family Trust		4 Innesbrook Village	Fairways Ave		HERMANUS	7200
Beekay 182 Inv (Pty) Ltd		c/o Dr MC Dempsey		P O Box 216	HERMANUS	7200
Antro Trust		c/o Me B du Toit		P O Box 2170	HERMANUS	7200
PLCL Familietrust		Simonsbergstraat 18			STELLENBOSCH	7600
Eureka Trust		c/o DP Janse van Rensburg		Posbus 1504	HERMANUS	7200
Cardinox (Prop) Ltd		Proforum Building	5 van Rensburg Street		NELSPRUIT	1200
Tania Investments		c/o ID Smith	9 Sunrise Close		CONSTANTIA	7806
Mr NH	Walton	4A Elsinore	Victoria Rd		BANTRY BAY	8005
Matterson Cynthia-Trustees		c/o Mrs Diana Elliot		P O Box 941	RIVER CLUB	2149
Mr DN	Fine & 3 Others	c/o Mr DN Fine		P O Box 48263	KOMMETJIE	7976
AC	Beukes	Dennegeur		Posbus 51	GRABOUW	7160
Corwin Trust		p/a JJ Slazus		Posbus 15189	PANORAMA	7506
Nacuka Trust		c/o KHKV Albrecht		P O Box 4750	CAPE TOWN	8000
CH	de Villiers	2184 Taboriake Circle	LEXINGTON	KY 40502	USA	
FM	de Wet			P O Box 17	ASHTON	6715
Bishoplea Trust		c/o CRH Knight		P O Box 25	GREENPOINT	8051
Kardre Inv CC		p/a Mev IA Claassens		Posbus 2157	NORTHCLIFF	2115
ML	Cloete	Berghof Retirement Complex	44A Hof Street		GARDENS	8001
Seetuin Trust		p/a DM Hoogenhout	Jonkershoekweg 21		STELLENBOSCH	7600
Tiendestraat 215 Trust		c/o E Neethling		Posbus 1142	HERMANUS	7200
The Johannes W Louw Trust		Upper Waterkloof No 20	Regulusstraat 173		WATERKLOOFRIF	0181
PA	King			P O Box 4392	CAPE TOWN	8000
Roorstock Capital(PTY) Ltd		p/a Mr M du Toit		Posbus 723	STELLENBOSCH	7599
AM&GD	Blom&Grieve	223 Eleventh Street			VOELKLIP	7200
AGB	Grieve	34 Fairway Heights			RONDEBOSCH	7700
Municipal Manager		Overstrand Municipality		P O Box 20	HERMANUS	7200
A	Canham-Duffel	Cape Nature		P/Bag X5014	STELLENBOSCH	7599
A	Roux	Dept of Agriculture		P/Bag X1	ELSENBURG	7607
The	Director	Dept of Water Affairs		P/Bag X16	SANLAMHOF	7532
The	Director	Heritage Western Cape		P/Bag X9067	CAPE TOWN	8000
CIlr P	Scholtz	Overstrand Municipality		P O Box 20	HERMANUS	7200
CIlr M	Lerm	Overstrand Municipality		P O Box 20	HERMANUS	7200
The	Chairman	Hermanus Ratepayers Ass		P O Box 134	HERMANUS	7200
Aesthetics	Committee	c/o Mr J Simpson		P O Box 20	HERMANUS	7200
Chief Executive Officer		BOCMA		P/Bag X3055	WORCESTER	6849

Registered I&APs Piet se Bos Upgrade

PLCL Familietrust		c/o M van Rooyen		P O Box 859	STELLENBOSCH	7599
TG & GW	Joubert	24 St John's Estate	9 Higgs Crescent		HIGGOVALE	8001
J	de Klerk			P O Box 603	NEWLANDS	0049
J	Taylor			P O Box 269	HERMANUS	7200
Seetuin Trust		p/a DM Hoogenhout	Jonkershoekweg 21		STELLENBOSCH	7600
J	Heyns			P O Box 1077	HERMANUS	7200
Nacuka Trust		c/o KHKV Albrecht		P O Box 4750	CAPE TOWN	8000
NG	Fine		1 Vale Road		RONDEBOSCH	7700
J	Carinus		P O Box 12017	Die Boord	STELLENBOSCH	7600
The	Director	Heritage Western Cape		P/Bag X9067	CAPE TOWN	8000
D	Heard		12 Sepia Avenue	Vermont	ONRUSRVIER	7201
Tania Investments		c/o ID Smith	9 Sunrise Close		CONSTANTIA	7806
Roorstock Capital(PTY) Ltd		p/a Mr M du Toit		Posbus 723	STELLENBOSCH	7599
Chief Executive Officer		c/o P van Coller	BOCMA	P/Bag X3055	WORCESTER	6849
AE	Boynton			P O Box 1458	HERMANUS	7200
Antro Trust		c/o Me B du Toit		P O Box 2170	HERMANUS	7200
SC	Hibberd			P O Box 2063	HERMANUS	7200
Cardinox (Prop) Ltd		c/o Dr J van Zyl		P O Box 782	SOMERSET MALL	7137
JL	Nel			P O Box 2103	HERMANUS	7200
Eureka Trust		c/o DP Janse van Rensburg		Posbus 1504	HERMANUS	7200
Mrs L	du Toit		27 Woltemade Street		STELLENBOSCH	7600
Mrs Z	Rens		7 Steenkamp Street		ALIWAL NORTH	9750
Dr J	Slazuz		Hennie Winterbachstraat 55		PANORAMA	7500
JW Louw Trust		c/o M Louw		P O Box 118	NEWLANDS	0049
M&L	Cloete	Berghof Retirement Complex	44A Hof Street		GARDENS	8001
P	Cillie			Posbus 66	WELLINGTON	7654
Tiendestraat 215 Trust		c/o E Neethling		Posbus 1142	HERMANUS	7200
A	Roux	Dept. of Agriculture		P/Bag X1	ELSENBURG	7607
L&M	le-Roux			Posbus 1514	HERMANUS	7200
Stehan Grobler Trust		c/o S Grobler		P O Box 6245	UNIEDAL	7612
A	Wolfaardt			P O Box 38	PRINCE ALFRED'S HAMLET	6840
Frans Nell Kindertrust		c/o FJ Nel		P O Box 6083	UNIEDAL	7612
Simon Pickstone Trust		c/o WM Pickstone	Lekkerwijn	P O Box 83	GROOT DRAKENSTEIN	7680

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G	Grieve		5 Kedah Road		RONDEBOSCH	7700
Jean-Mandi Trust		c/o I&M Odendaal		P O Box 3293	TYGER VALLEY	7536
J	Armstrong		64 Jonkershoek Road		STELLENBOSCH	7600
C&J	McCulloch		64 Jonkershoek Road		STELLENBOSCH	7600
R	Smart	Cape Nature		P/Bag X5014	STELLENBOSCH	7599
A	Grieve			P O Box 74	WORCESTER	6849
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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS
DEA&DP Ref Nos. 16/3/11/E2/14/2026/13
PROPOSED UPGRADE OF PIET SE BOS AND GROTTO BEACH AREA, HERMANUS

Applicant: Overstrand Municipality
Notice is hereby given of a public participation process in terms of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations (GN Nos R543, R544, R545 & R546 of 18 June 2010, promulgated under NEMA Act No. 107 of 1998 as amended, to carry out the following activities.

Listed Activity: Government Notice R544 & 546
Listed activities applied for: GNR544/11, 14, 16, 17, 18, 24, 37, 39, 40, 43&45 and GNR 546/4, 12, 16, 19&24. The proposed development may include the above activities listed in terms of the NEMA EIA Regulations. *EnviroAfrica Overberg* has been appointed to undertake the Basic Assessment Report process for the proposed project. Please note that exemption from certain provisions required or regulated by NEMA Regulations is made in terms of Regulation 50 of the EIA Regulations, 2010.

Project Location & Description:
The proposed upgrade of the present open picnic area at Grotto Beach, Hermanus and the area where the old Nautilus restaurant used to be will consist of re-instating a portion of the wetland all around the perimeter of the in-filled area by removal of the fill material that was placed many years ago to drain the area. This fill material will all be used to create a sloped amphitheatre and stage with raised sloped seating. Between the amphitheatre and the edge of the portion of reinstated wetland there will be a fringe of re-established fynbos with a raised boardwalk that will allow pedestrians access near the wetland and to within viewing distance of the two "grottos" that are formed by rocky overhangs. The current covered drainage channel will be removed to allow the necessary quantity of seepage and stormwater runoff to the rehabilitated wetland area. The drain channel to the beach will be retained with a weir control to obtain the correct water level for the wetland and allow the access runoff to overflow onto the beach as is presently the situation. On the footprint of the area to the south of the road where the old Nautilus restaurant used to be the intention is to construct a wooden double storey building that can be leased to a restaurateur. An Application Form for the proposed upgrade was submitted to DEA&DP (Ref No. 16/3/11/E2/14/2026/13).

Registration as Interested and Affected Party and Access to Information:
You may register as an Interested and Affected Party (I&AP), if you wish, in order to raise any environmental issues in writing that need to be taken into consideration during the assessment process. A draft Basic Assessment Report will be available at the Hermanus Library from 18 March 2013 or upon request for written comment, if any. To register as an I&AP, please submit your name, postal contact information, telephone and fax number and issues you wish to raise now, disclosing in detail any direct business, financial, personal or other interest in the approval or refusal of the application, quoting Ref No. 16/3/11/E2/14/2026/13 in writing to *EnviroAfrica (Piet se Bos)*, P O Box 4 Onrus 7201 by 3 May 2013.
Consultant: *EnviroAfrica Overberg*, P.O. Box 4, Onrus 7201 Fax: 086 513 2141 / Tel : 028 316 2888

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15 March 2013

To all Interested and Affected Parties

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS: DEA&DP REF Nos.16/3/1/1/E2/14/2026/13: PROPOSED UPGRADE OF THE PIET SE BOS AND GROTTO BEACH AREA, HERMANUS.

Overstrand Municipality is lodging an application for environmental authorization with the Provincial Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning (DEA&DP) for the proposed upgrade of the Piet se Bos and Grotto Beach area in Hermanus, located where the present open picnic area near the "grottos" are and on the site where the old Nautilus restaurant used to be. The proposed development entails an action that triggers a number of listed activities (see copy of advert attached) under the National Environmental Management Act (Act 107 of 1998) and therefore has to meet the requirements under the Act. An Application Form for the activities was submitted to DEA&DP (Ref No.16/3/1/1/E2/14/2026/13) with application made for exemption from certain provisions required or regulated by NEMA Regulations in terms of Regulation 50 of the EIA Regulations, 2010.

The Act aims to provide, amongst other, to initially identified Interested and Affected Parties, immediate neighbours, local authority, ward councillor and organs of state that has jurisdiction in the matter, the opportunity to participate in the decision making process of listed activities. The purpose of this attached Background Information Document (BID) is to supply information at the very onset of the investigation about the proposed activity, in order to facilitate active inputs and participation by potential interested and affected parties in the process. If you know of anybody that would have an interest in this matter please bring this notice to their attention.

In terms of NEMA Regulation (R543 (54(2)(b))) you are invited, if you wish, to register as an Interested and Affected Party (I&AP) in the identification of issues, concerns and impacts *now*, if any, around the proposed activity. Any issues, concerns and impacts raised during the impact assessment process will be addressed as determined by the Act, a draft of which will be available for comment in writing to registered I&APs. After the finalisation of the appropriate required report(s) it will be submitted to the competent authority (in this instance DEA&DP) for a decision on whether the proposed activity may proceed or not, with or without conditions, or whether further information is required in the environmental impact assessment process.

If you wish to provide written comments on the application, please register as an Interested and Affected Party by submitting your name, gender, postal contact information, telephone and fax number, disclosing in detail any direct business, financial, personal or other interest in the approval or refusal of the application, quoting Ref. No. 16/3/1/1/E2/14/2026/13 in writing to *EnviroAfrica Overberg (Piet se Bos)*, P O Box-4-Onrus 7201 by 3 May2013. A draft Basic Assessment Report is available from 18 March 2013 at the Hermanus Library and upon request.

Yours sincerely



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LISTED ACTIVITIES THAT MAY APPLY

GNR544/11: The construction of (i) canals, (ii) channels, (iii) bridges, (iv) dams, (v) weirs, (vi) bulk storm water outlet structures, (vii) marinas, (viii) jetties exceeding 50 square metres in size, (ix) slipways exceeding 50 square metres in size, (x) buildings exceeding 50 square metres in size, or (xi) infrastructure or structures covering 50 square metres or more where such construction occurs within a watercourse or within 32 metres of a watercourse, measured from the edge of the watercourse, excluding where such construction will occur behind the development setback line.

GNR544/14: The construction of structures in the coastal public property where the development footprint is bigger than 50 square metres, excluding (i) the construction of structures within existing ports or harbours that will not increase the development footprint or throughput capacity of the port or harbour; (ii) the construction of a port or harbour, in which case activity 24 of Notice 545 of 2010 applies; (iii) the construction of temporary structures within the beach zone where such structures will be demolished or disassembled after a period not exceeding 6 weeks

GNR544/16: Construction or earth moving activities in the sea, an estuary, or within the littoral active zone or a distance of 100 metres inland of the high-water mark of the sea or an estuary, whichever is the greater, in respect of (i) fixed or floating jetties or slipways; (ii) tidal pools; (iii) embankments; (iv) rock revetments or stabilizing structures including stabilizing walls; (v) buildings of 50 square metres or more; or (vi) infrastructure covering 50 square metres or more- but excluding (a) if such construction or earthmoving activities will occur behind a development setback line; or (b) where such construction or earth moving activities will occur within existing ports or harbours and the construction or earth moving activities will not increase the development footprint or throughput capacity of the port or harbour; (c) where such construction or earth moving activities is undertaken for purposes of maintenance of the facilities mentioned in (i)-(vi) above; or (d) where such construction or earth moving activities is related to the construction of a port or harbour, in which case activity 24 of Notice 545 of 2010 applies

GNR544/17: The planting of vegetation or placing of any material on dunes and exposed sand surfaces, within the littoral active zone for the purpose of preventing the free movement of sand, erosion or accretion, excluding where the planting of vegetation or placement of material relates to restoration and maintenance of indigenous coastal vegetation or where such planting of vegetation or placing of material will occur behind a development setback line

GNR544/18: The infilling or depositing of any material of more than 5 cubic metres into, or the dredging, excavation, removal or moving of soil, sand, shells, shell grit, pebbles or rock from (i) a watercourse; (ii) the sea; (iii) the seashore; (iv) the littoral active zone, an estuary or a distance of 100 metres inland of the high-water mark of the sea or an estuary, whichever distance is the greater.

GNR544/24: The transformation of land bigger than 1000 square metres in size, to residential, retail, commercial, industrial or institutional use, where, at the time of coming into effect of this Schedule such land was zoned open space, conservation or had an equivalent zoning.

GNR544/37: The expansion of facilities or infrastructure for the bulk transportation of water, sewage or storm water where: (a) the facility or infrastructure is expanded by more than 1000-metres in length; or (b) where the throughput capacity of the facility or infrastructure will be increased by 10% or more- excluding where such expansion: (i) relates to transportation of water, sewage or storm water within a road reserve; or (ii) where such expansion will occur within urban areas but further than 32 metres from a watercourse, measured from the edge of the watercourse.

GNR544/39: The expansion of (i) canals; (ii) channels; (iii) bridges; (iv) weirs; (v) bulk storm water outlet structures; (vi) marinas; within a watercourse or within 32 metres of a watercourse, measured from the edge of a watercourse, where such expansion will result in an increased development footprint but excluding where such expansion will occur behind the development setback line

GNR544/40: The expansion of (i) jetties by more than 50 square metres; (ii) slipways by more than 50 square metres; or (iii) buildings by more than 50 square metres; (iv) infrastructure by more than 50 square metres within a watercourse or within 32 metres of a watercourse, measured from the edge of a watercourse, but excluding where such expansion will occur behind the development setback line.

GNR544/43: The expansion of structures in the coastal public property where the development footprint will be increased by more than 50 square metres, excluding such expansions within existing ports or harbours where there would be no increase in the development or footprint or throughput capacity of the port or harbour

GNR544/45: The expansion of facilities in the sea, an estuary, or within the littoral active zone or a distance of 100 metres inland of the high tide mark of the sea or estuary whichever is the greater, for (i) fixed or floating jetties and slipways; (ii) tidal pools; (iii) embankments; (iv) rock revetments or stabilizing structures including stabilizing walls (v) buildings by more than 50 square metres; (vi) infrastructure by more than 50 square metres (vii) facilities associated with the arrival and departure of vessels and the handling of cargo; (viii) piers (ix) inter and sub-tidal structures for the entrapment of sand; (x) breakwater structures; (xi) coastal marinas; (xii) coastal harbours or ports (xiii) structures for draining parts of the sea or estuary; (xiv) tunnels; or (xv) underwater channels where such expansion will result in an increase in the development footprint of such facilities, but excluding where such expansion occurs: (a) behind a development setback line; or (b) within existing ports or harbours where there will be no increase in the development footprint or throughput capacity of the port or harbour

GNR546/4: The construction of a road wider than 4 metres with a reserve less than 13,5 metres (d) In Western Cape: (i) in an estuary (ii) all areas outside urban areas; (iii) in urban areas: (aa) areas zoned for use as public open space within urban areas; (bb) areas designated for conservation use in Spatial Development Frameworks adopted by the competent authority, or zoned for a conservation purpose

GNR546/12: The clearance of an area of 300 square metres or more of vegetation where 75% or more of the vegetative cover constitutes indigenous vegetation; (a) within any critically endangered or endangered ecosystem listed in terms of section 52 of the NEMBA or prior to the publication of such a list, within an area that has been identified as critically endangered in the National Spatial Biodiversity Assessment 2004; (b) within critical biodiversity areas identified in bioregional plans; (c) within the littoral active zone or 100 metres inland from high water mark of the sea or an estuary, whichever distance is the greater, excluding where such removal will occur behind the development setback line or even in urban areas.

GNR546/16: The construction of: (i) jetties exceeding 10 square metres in size; (ii) slipways exceeding 10 square metres in size; (iii) buildings with a footprint exceeding 10 square metres in size; or (iv) infrastructure covering 10 metres or more where such construction occurs within a watercourse or within 32 metres of a watercourse, measured from the edge of a watercourse, excluding where such construction will occur behind the development setback line. In Western Cape: (i) in an estuary; (ii) outside urban areas, in: (aa) A protected area identified in terms of NEMPAA, excluding conservancies; (bb) National Protected Area Expansion Focus areas, (cc) World Heritage Sites; (dd) Sensitive areas as identified in an environmental management framework as contemplated in chapter 5 of the Act and as adopted by the competent authority; (ee) Sites or areas identified in terms of an International Convention; (ff) Critical biodiversity areas or ecosystem service areas as identified in systematic biodiversity plans adopted by the competent authority or in bioregional plans; (gg) Core areas in biosphere reserves; (hh) Areas within 10 kilometres from national parks or world heritage sites or 5 kilometres from any other protected area identified in terms of NEMPAA or from the core area of a biosphere reserve; (ii) Areas seawards of the development setback line or within 1 kilometre from the high-water mark of the sea if no such development setback line is determined.; (iii) Inside urban areas: (aa) Areas zoned for use as public open space; (bb) Areas designated for conservation use in Spatial Development Frameworks adopted by the competent authority or zoned for a conservation purpose; (cc) Areas seawards of the development setback line or within 100 metres of the high water mark where no setback line has been determined.

GNR546/19: The widening of a road by more than 4 metres, or the lengthening of a road by more than 1 kilometre. d) In Western Cape: (i) in an estuary; (ii) all urban areas outside urban areas; (iii) in urban areas: (aa) Areas zoned for use as public open space within urban areas;

(bb) Areas designated for conservation use in Spatial Development Frameworks adopted by the competent authority, or zoned for a conservation purpose, within urban areas.

GNR546/24: The expansion of (a) jetties where the jetty will be expanded by 10 square metres in size or more; (b) slipways where the slipway will be expanded by 10 square metres or more; (c) buildings where the buildings will be expanded by 10 square metres in size; or (d) infrastructure where the infrastructure will be expanded by 10 square metres or more where such construction occurs within a watercourse or within 32 metres of a watercourse, measured from the edge of a watercourse, excluding where such construction will occur behind the development setback line. (d) In Western Cape: (i) in an estuary; (ii) outside urban areas, in: (aa) A protected area identified in terms of NEMPAA, excluding conservancies; (bb) National Protected Area Expansion Strategy Focus areas; (cc) Sensitive areas as identified in an environmental management framework as contemplated in chapter 5 of the Act and as adopted by the competent authority; (dd) Sites or areas identified in terms of an international Convention; (ee) Critical biodiversity areas as identified in systematic biodiversity plans adopted by the competent authority or in bioregional plans; (ff) Core areas in biosphere reserves; (gg) Areas within 10 kilometres from national parks or world heritage sites or 5 kilometres from any other protected area identified in terms of NEMPAA, or from the core area of a biosphere reserve; (hh) Areas seawards of the development setback line or within 1 kilometre from the high-water mark of the sea if no such development setback line is determined. (iii) inside urban areas: (aa) Areas zoned for use as public open space; (bb) Areas designated for conservation use in Spatial Development Frameworks adopted by the competent authority or zoned for a conservation purpose.

PROPOSED ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW AGRICULTURAL FIELDS

The project consists of the proposed upgrade of the present open picnic area at Grotto Beach, Hermanus and the area where the old Nautilus restaurant used to be. The present picnic area used to be an impenetrable wetland with an unpaved path through the surrounding milkwood forest. The wetland was filled in many years ago with all sorts of extraneous material consisting of sand, gravel and even building rubble. The old Nautilus restaurant was broken down to the extent that only parts of the concrete slab base still remains today. There are a number of braai areas dotted around the filled in area. Vehicular access was allowed onto the filled in area in the past but nowadays access is controlled by a boom. The area is well compacted. At the time of filling in the wetland, a sealed and covered drainage canal was also installed around the whole western, northern and eastern perimeter of the wetland in order to drain seepage water, stormwater and rainfall runoff around the filled in area to discharge via an existing covered channel and headwall onto Grotto Beach. There are a number of springs and seepage water that feed into this drainage canal continuously. The existing developments on the beach also consists of a lifeguard house and ablution facilities, a parking lot and other paved areas.

The proposed upgrade of the area will consist of re-instating a portion of the wetland all around the perimeter of the in-filled area by removal of the fill material. This fill material will all be used to create the sloped amphitheatre and stage with raised sloped seating. Between the amphitheatre and the edge of the portion of reinstated wetland there will be a fringe of re-established fynbos that has a raised boardwalk that will allow pedestrians access near the wetland and surrounding milkwood forest. There will also be two raised access points to get to within viewing distance of the two "grottos" that are formed by rocky overhangs with dripping seepage water and associated wet-cliff vegetation.

On the footprint of the area to the south of the road where the old Nautilus restaurant used to be the intention is to construct a wooden double storey building that can be rented out to a restaurateur. The intention is for this building to have a ground level and upper level eating area cum bar area.

The current covered drainage channel will be removed to allow the containment of the necessary quantity of seepage and stormwater runoff to the rehabilitated wetland area. The drain channel to the beach will be retained with a weir control to obtain the correct water level for the wetland, but that can allow the access runoff to overflow onto the beach as is presently the situation. The existing headwall on the beach will remain but will be clad with natural stone instead of the bland cement structure that is currently there, to give it a more natural appearance. An Application Form for the activities was submitted to DEA&DP (Ref No.16/3/1/1/E4/5/2019/13) with application made for exemption from certain provisions required or regulated by NEMA Regulations in terms of Regulation 50 as well as Regulation 10(2)(d) of the EIA Regulations, 2010 (DEA&DP Ref No. 16/3/1/4/E4/5/2011/13). The proposed project will be subjected to the Basic Assessment EIA process.

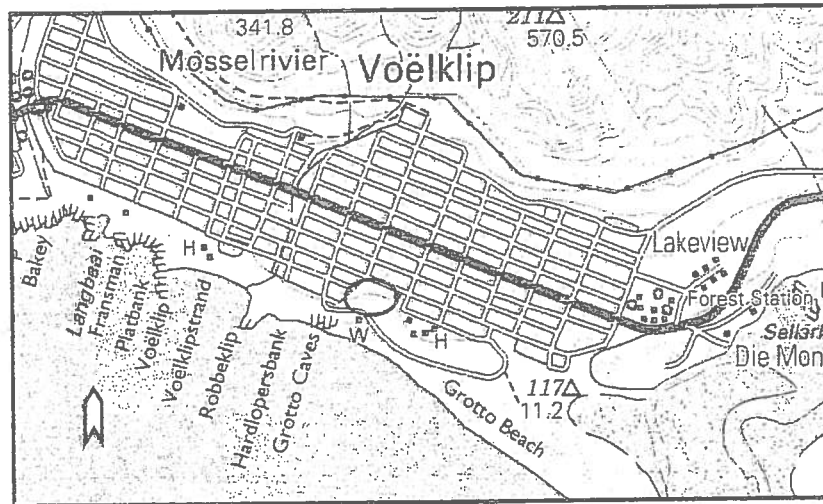


FIGURE 1: Map showing the location at a scale of 1:50000 (3419AD Stanford) of the existing recreational area (red circle) to be upgraded at Grotto Beach, Hermanus. The prevailing wind directions are southeast (Oct-Mar) and northwest (Apr-Sep)



AERIAL PHOTO showing the location of the recreational area to be upgraded, by means of rehabilitation of part of an old wetland, the construction of amphitheatre, drainage control (dotted line circle) and restaurant area (solid line circle) at Grotto Beach, Hermanus

RECORD OF THE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS FOLLOWED IN THE CASE OF THE PROPOSED UPGRADE OF THE PIET SE BOS AND GROTTO BEACH AREA, ERF 4771, HERMANUS.

The public participation process that was followed in the abovementioned instance was designed from the onset driven by the DEA&DP NEMA EIA Guideline on Public Participation and was initiated by the following series of events, which occurred more or less simultaneously:

- o social profiling as described by O'Connor (1977) was employed to determine the key characteristics of potential Interested and Affected Parties as well as the organs of state that have an interest in the proposed upgrade of the Piet se Bos and Grotto Beach development area as mentioned elsewhere in the report, as starting point for identifying potential stakeholders;
- o brainstorming sessions were held with some authorities to further identify key stakeholders who may have an interest in or be affected by the proposal;
- o the proposed upgrade was advertised in the "Hermanus Times " of 14 March 2013, giving details of how to engage in the process, as well as the deadline for comment, etc;
- o at the same time an on-site advert was fixed at a conspicuous place of the site mentioned in the application;
- o a Background Information Document (BID) was compiled that contained enough detail that could be made available to potential I&APs, either by direct posting or upon request in response to advertisements, etc., to allow them access to information to make informed inputs to the environmental impact assessment process;
- o the site advert, the advertisement in the newspaper and BID gave details of the application, which is subjected to public participation as well as stated:
 - that the application had been submitted to the competent authority in terms of the NEMA Regulations;
 - that Basic Assessment procedures were being applied to the application for environmental authorisation;
 - stating the nature and location of the activity to which the application relates;
 - where further information on the application and proposed activity could be obtained;
 - and the manner in which, as well as the person, to whom representations in respect of the application could be made, giving contact details;
 - informing potential Interested and Affected Parties about the process requirements for formal registration as I&AP who will be further involved in the assessment process;
 - as well as the deadline for registration and comment.
- o the documents were sent to the municipal councillor of the ward in which the site is situated;
- o the documents were sent to the municipality which has jurisdiction in the area;
- o the documents were sent to organs of state having jurisdiction in respect of any aspect of the activity;
- o municipalities and other organs of state were notified and given an opportunity to comment in writing;

- o a register of I&APs was opened and all correspondence received was responded to;
- o a draft Basic Assessment Report was made available in the Hermanus Library and upon request to all I&APs who requested it, the availability of which was advertised in the newspaper advert, as well as to organs of state which has jurisdiction in respect of any aspect of the activity, after it was made available to DEA&DP;
- o a final copy of the BAR was made available to all registered I&APs in the Hermanus Library and upon request to all I&APs who requested it, the availability of which they were informed by post.

A register of I&APs was opened and maintained and all correspondence received were responded to and compiled in a Comments and Responses Report. Finally the documentation of the Basic Assessment Report was made available to registered I&APs for written comment within the stipulated comment periods under NEMA. The correspondence received and the responses thereupon are attached and the Report submitted with all correspondence to the relevant authority for acceptance and decision.

COMMENTS AND RESPONSES REPORT

INTRODUCTION

Of all the efforts that went into conducting a widely participative public participation process the organs of state and individuals that responded to the request to formally registered as Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) within and after the advertised deadline are given as the register of I&APs in Table 1.

TABLE 1: Register of Interested and Affected parties that registered during the environmental impact assessment process for the proposed upgrade of the Piet se Bos and Grotto Beach area, Erf 4771, Hermanus.

PLCL Familietrust		c/o M van Rooyen		P O Box 859	STELLENBOSCH	7599
TG & GW	Joubert	24 St John's Estate	9 Higgs Crescent		HIGGOVALE	8001
J	de Klerk			P O-Box 603	NEWLANDS	0049
J	Taylor			P O-Box 269	HERMANUS	7200
Seetuin Trust		p/a DM Hoogenhout	Jonkershoekweg 21		STELLENBOSCH	7600
J	Heyns			P O Box 1077	HERMANUS	7200
Nacuka Trust		c/o KHKV Albrecht		P O Box 4750	CAPE TOWN	8000
NG	Fine		1 Vale Road		RONDEBOSCH	7700
J	Carinus		P O Box 12017	Die Boord	STELLENBOSCH	7600
The	Director	Heritage Western Cape		P/Bag X9067	CAPE TOWN	8000
D	Heard		12 Sepia Avenue	Vermont	ONRUSRIVIER	7201
Tania Investments		c/o-ID Smith	9 Sunrise Close		CONSTANTIA	7806
Roorstock Capital(PTY) Ltd		p/a-Mr M du Toit		Posbus 723	STELLENBOSCH	7599
Chief Executive Officer		c/o P van Coiler	BOCMA	P/Bag X3055	WORCESTER	6849
AE	Boynton			P O Box 1458	HERMANUS	7200

EnviroAfrica

Antro Trust		c/o Me B du Toit		P O Box 2170	HERMANUS	7200
SC	Hibberd			P O Box 2063	HERMANUS	7200
Cardinox (Prop) Ltd		c/o Dr J van Zyl		P O Box 782	SOMERSET MALL	7137
JL	Nel			P O Box 2103	HERMANUS	7200
Eureka Trust		c/o DP Janse van Rensburg		Posbus 1504	HERMANUS	7200
Mrs L	du Toit		27 Woltemade Street		STELLENBOSCH	7600
Mrs Z	Rens		7 Steenkamp Street		ALIWAL NORTH	9750
Dr J	Slazuz		Hennie Winterbachstraat 55		PANORAMA	7500
JW Louw Trust		c/o M Louw		P O Box 118	NEWLANDS	0049
M&L	Cloete	Berghof Retirement Complex	44A Hof Street		GARDENS	8001
P	Cillie			Posbus 66	WELLINGTON	7654
Tiendestraat 215 Trust		c/o E Neethling		Posbus 1142	HERMANUS	7200
A	Roux	Dept of Agriculture		P/Bag X1	ELSENBURG	7607
L&M	le Roux			Posbus 1514	HERMANUS	7200
Stehan Grobler Trust		c/o S Grobler		P O Box 6245	UNIEDAL	7612
A	Wolfaardt			P O Box 38	PRINCE ALFRED'S HAMLET	6840
Frans Nell Kindertrust		c/o FJ Nel		P O Box 6083	UNIEDAL	7612
Simon Pickstone Trust		c/o WM Pickstone	Lekkerwijn	P O Box 83	GROOT DRAKENSTEIN	7680
Simon Pickstone Trust		c/o S Pickstone-Taylor	Lekkerwijn	P O Box 83	GROOT DRAKENSTEIN	7680
G	Grieve		5 Kedah Road		RONDEBOSCH	7700
Jean-Mandi Trust		c/o I&M Odendaal		P O Box 3293	TYGER VALLEY	7536
J	Armstrong		64 Jonkershoek Road		STELLENBOSCH	7600
C&J	McCulloch		64 Jonkershoek Road		STELLENBOSCH	7600
R	Smart	Cape Nature		P/Bag X5014	STELLENBOSCH	7599
A	Grieve			P O Box 74	WORCESTER	6849
T	Schreuder	No 2 Tenth Avenue	Voelklip		HERMANUS	7200
J	Scott			P O Box 1497	STELLENBOSCH	7599

ISSUES SECTION

The following potential issues, concerns and impacts were identified from the correspondence received from I&APs.

1. PROPERTY VALUE AND SEA VIEWS

- Our main issue is how the views from our property, erf 5025 will be affected by the upgrade. Our concern is that any newly planted high trees (there are proposed

new trees on the plan) or new buildings may partly block the view of the beach and sea we currently enjoy from the property.

- 'n Ampfiteater sal beslis die markwaarde van al die omliggende erwe/huise nadelig beïnvloed.
- Our major concerns are noise levels, crowd control & management of alcohol consumption in the neighbourhood. We are also concerned with possible future developments at Piet se Bos, whereby the open natural habitat will be further developed, thus removing our sea views and decreasing the value of the property in the area.
- We understand and respect the desire of residents to have such a facility in the Hermanus – but perhaps a more secluded location like the pending De Mont development or perhaps even one of the commercial farms outside Hermanus will be more suited to the plans.
- We are very much against development that changes the look and feel of the Grotto Beach area. We view the amphitheatre and two storey restaurant with bar as big threats to what we enjoy about the area around our properties and are therefore very much against the proposal. The concept of a public amphitheatre is totally unacceptable to the owners of La Gratitude and we will join any move to have such an amenity placed in a non-residential site.

2. OPERATIONAL ISSUES OF AMPHITHEATRE

- What alternative locations have been considered by the Municipality?
- What specific type of event has the Municipality in mind?
- Who is the target market at which the events will be directed?
- What thought has been given for parking and traffic flow?
- What is the budgeted income and cost of the Amphitheatre?
- How often is it intended to be put to use?
- What are the proposed operating times and on which days of the weeks will such events be staged?
- What is the MAXIMUM number of visitors that are to be accommodated (seated and standing)?
- What plans for sewerage disposal has been made?
- Our major concerns are noise levels, crowd control & management of alcohol consumption in the neighbourhood. We are also concerned with possible future developments at Piet se Bos, whereby the open natural habitat will be further developed, thus removing our sea views and decreasing the value of the property in the area.
- What exactly is the idea behind the establishment of an Amphitheatre? I was under the impression that Hermanus has a site where such open air theatre functions can be held is that not so?
- Many years ago Kirstenbosch decided to host occasional open air classical concerts on Sunday evenings, to collect funds for the upkeep of the gardens that was endorsed by a majority of residents, however, as time has passed they have come to very much regret their consent given originally--
 - concerts are no longer limited to being classical, but includes local and international rock bands;
 - held every Sunday at 17h30, but practice sessions start at 14h30 at full blast;
 - famous international groups are offered a mid week venue there, often several evenings in a row;
 - they have Christmas Carols evenings held there for days leading up to Christmas;

- regardless of many meeting between residents and Kirstenbosch management, there seems no easy way to control volume of sound or the number of events hosted.
 - What guarantees can the Municipality give us that we will not be exposed to such similar situation?
- I know that outdoor venues at Maynardville, Kirstenbosch, Spier and the Oude Libertas at Stellenbosch have certain criteria which need to be met, as I am sure the outdoor venues at the Old Harbour and Fernkloof have too, but what guarantee do the residents and others in the Grotto Beach area have that this would also apply to the Piet se Bos project?
 - What will this development cost the taxpayer of Hermanus and will it be in the general interest of the average taxpayer?
 - Ratepayers' money should be spent on projects benefitting the whole community such as a new Sports Centre rather than an amphitheatre for exclusive use by the privileged 10% of society.
 - Has any research been done on the need and desirability of the facility? If so, we would like to be privy to the information that led to the decision to include an amphitheatre on this site. If no such opinion pole has been done we would suggest that this market research should be a prerequisite before erecting a structure that may well be an irritant to the residents in the vicinity or turn out to be a white elephant like certain other structures in our town.
 - Assuming the project is given the go ahead as per the proposal, we would also like to know who would be controlling the nature of the events and more importantly, the operating hours at the venue.
 - The Grassed Oval layout diagram indicates an area that is ringed by concrete braais. It is strongly recommended that the braais be replaced by picnic tables and thatch umbrellas that are interspersed throughout the grassed Oval and that no braaing be allowed.
 - Even if there were restrictions given now, these could be lifted in the future, causing more disturbances to our property and many more, perhaps the whole of Voëlkop.
 - Building the amphitheatre in a nature reserve far away from poor people who cannot afford to reach easily is discriminatory. Far more use could be made of a venue closer to the poorer residents of Hermanus.
 - Once built the amphitheatre would be subject to possible vandalism so security is very important at all times.

3. NOISE ISSUES

- Daar kan geen regverdiging wees om 'n amfiteater in die middle van 'n rustige woongebied op te rig nie. Nie alleen sal die klank besoedeling 'n onaanvaarbare steurnis wees nie (die motorradios van piekniekgangers op vakansiedae is reeds 'n probleem!) maar die addisionele verkeer en parkeerprobleme gaan verseker afbreuk doen aan hierdie wonderlike stil omgewing.
- Our major concerns are noise levels, crowd control & management of alcohol consumption in the neighbourhood. We are also concerned with possible future developments at Piet se Bos, whereby the open natural habitat will be further developed, thus removing our sea views and decreasing the value of the property in the area.
- What level of noise will be anticipated – what studies have been done to determine what that level is and how it will be controlled?

- We are unhappy about the erection of the Amphitheatre at Grotto. We sincerely object to the noise and traffic that would be caused by establishing such a venue.
- We do not object to the general upgrading of the area or conversion thereof to its natural state, but we do object to the erection of open-air facilities that can substantially increase traffic volumes and unwanted noise levels during any time of the day and especially in the evening.
- My reasons are personal, but consider that –
 - there will be noise nuisance;
 - there will be pollution for crowd occupancy in a confined area;
 - there will be pollution from cars;
 - drinking of alcohol will need control. In the past celebrations at New Years eve even without bars got so out of hand it had to be restricted and policed;
 - my property will devalue if this proposal is accepted.
- Noise pollution is a factor not only for humans, but also for animals in the vicinity such as otters, birds, mongooses and other small animals living in Piet se Bos. The purpose of the proposed wetland area is surely to encourage other animals to come and live there only to be frightened away by masses of people and noise.
- Rules posted on the billboard of the current guard house clearly state: No music, no alcohol – let's keep it that way.
- However, we also remember a time some years ago that the picnic area at Grotto was a very noisy place at certain times of the year, specifically during the holiday periods. Loud music and late night partying was a regular occurrence much to our annoyance. We had to call upon the assistance of the SAP on more than one occasion. We lived in the residence on a permanent basis between 2007-2010 and were very relieved when we discovered that the problem of late night noise pollution seemed to have been addressed successfully.
- It is a major concern that the amphitheatre may be used for noisy musical events which would disturb residents in neighbouring dwellings, particularly, but not exclusively at night.
- Nature's music of the white water waves crashing onto the sand banks and the gentle lapping of the smaller waves as they reach the shore stand no chance against the cacophony of metal steel bands and the incessant rhythm of marimbas. I am not assuming that all music is noisy or that there are not performances such as plays, dance productions, poetry readings and lectures as well, but realistically speaking - and forgive me if I generalise - young people and noise seem to go together.
- Then there are rehearsals, sound checks, the inevitable microphones and their placement and "after show parties", the lighting arrangements for theatre that will cost the municipality a mint.

4. DATUM LINE ELEVATION

- What is the cross sectional view along the N-S axis and the W-E axis through the centre of the Amphitheatre stage indicating above reference datum elevation? This will give us an idea of the impact on our view of the beach and sea.

5. PARKING AND ENTRY ROAD

- How is it proposed that such visitors will arrive, park there – by bus, taxi, car? Where will they park?

- How will additional persons be accommodated in the parking area when such available parking as is currently there, has already proven to be quite tight during the high season.
- What consideration has been given to the existing road system being able to handle the additional traffic?
- No formal access road is indicated. It should be explained how the "Events Stage Truck" and other service vehicles will access the area and explicitly whether public vehicles will be allowed into the area.

6. RESTAURANT

- As associates of Dutchies Restaurant, we are influenced economically and financially by the proposal to develop a restaurant. Aesthetically a double storey development within the line of sight of Dutchies and a part of Grotto Beach will significantly distract from what Dutchies has always had to offer to clientele.
- I want to point out that the notice in the Hermanus Times is too vague to make any comment, other than that the particular participation process required by the MFMA regarding the need for the restaurant is seriously lacking.
- Is the establishment of a restaurant and bar complex suitable for a site adjacent to a Blue Flag Beach?
- A single storey building will surely be more than adequate and blend in with the existing precious and protected Milkwood trees.
- We are impressed with the architect's plans for the proposed project and think that upgrading and developing the area will aesthetically and ecologically be to the advantage of the area and to the public utilising such area. The idea of having a good restaurant there is also a wonderful prospect. We still fondly remember the era when the Nautilus was a great place to spend some time.
- Ons het nie 'n beswaar wat betref die voorgenome oprigting van 'n dubbelverdieping houtgebou om te dien as 'n restaurant op die ou Nautilus perseel nie.
- I have no objection to the rebuilding of the restaurant subject to the normal requirements but object to the construction of the amphitheatre.
- Who will be funding the design and construction of the Restaurant and what will be the estimated cost?
- Visual impact of the Restaurant can be an issue. What will the architectural design framework be, and what public participation will be followed during the design phase?
- The Restaurant building will undoubtedly be subject to storm surges. What mitigation measures are intended to avoid destruction during such episodes?
- We are not opposed to the Restaurant being built on the old Nautilus site, however we are against a two storey building and bar as it will change the scale and feeling of the beach buildings, making it more commercial and less of a nature reserve, which we are against. A bar is likely to attract music and noise that we will be very much against.
- The building of a new restaurant on the Nautilus slab makes sense but not at the expense of the existing indoor/outdoor restaurant called Dutchies which gives its patrons an excellent view of the beach and sea from its out of doors section which has a large iconic tree as its focus. I have no business or financial interests in the coffee bar but common sense sees it as an attractive spot and the philosophy of the old adage "if it aint broke don't fix it" applies here, so in my opinion the existing coffee bar/restaurant should coexist with the proposed new one.

7. NATURAL HABITAT

- Voelklip is above all a residential area where residents and visitors alike come and enjoy the natural beauty – not the hustle and bustle found in cities or in central Hermanus. It is exactly that which they wish to escape from.
- There is after all an amphitheatre at the Old Harbour, which is poorly utilised. To construct another makes no sense at all!
- The fisherman architecture in central Hermanus has been destroyed by very bad planning decisions and the only attraction left in Hermanus which nature has provided – the sea, the mountain, the melkhout forests and the beaches.
- Building an amphitheatre in front of Grotto will not only -
 - destroy much loved picnic spots for residents but also for visitors;
 - it will ruin the beautiful little flood plain in front of Grotto;
 - this will disturb the peacefulness and beauty of Piet se Bos;
 - the natural vegetation will be subjected to overexposure by visitors;
 - the tranquillity of the much loved by all walks on the beach will be disturbed;
 - the accompanying hustle and bustle that goes with that
- I wish to object, in the strongest terms, to this proposed development or rather destruction (down grade) of the natural environment at Grotto beach for the reasons stated above.
- What are the reasons why the Municipality has decided to use this area so close to the Blue Flag Beach for use for an Amphitheatre?
- Hermanus has been exemplary in establishing clean, family friendly beaches, in controlling traffic and in regulating the presence of unwanted elements in the vicinity of public beaches. And most importantly – at night all residents close to Grotto Beach can relax to the sound of crashing waves, safe in the knowledge that neighbours will respect one another's peace and quiet and property rights. That is after all why one owns a holiday home.
- Die aantrekkingkrag van die gebied is sy ongereptheid. Om hier 'n permanente struktuur op te rig sal 'n onomkeerbare verandering van die landskap veroorsaak. Om 'n ampfitheater reg onder 'n woongebied te bou sal weer net al die probleme bring wat ons 'n klompie jare gelede gehad het.
- Saans kom daar verskillende soorte voels slap in die bome. As daar ligte, voeteie en 'n geraas is, sal hulle ook weer verdwyn.
- Tourists come to Grotto for the beach experience, not other entertainment.
- Ek neem graag my kleinkinders na die grotte in Piet se Bos waar ek vir hulle baie stories vertel van die Dwergies en Feetjies wat daar woon.
- We are concerned that this development will trigger further development and destruction of the Milkwood forest.
- We are also against the path being built through the trees. People can walk down the present tar road, there is no need to cut back more vegetation. If necessary a delineated path can be made on the side of the road from where the cliff path ends to where it reaches Dutchies, on the sea side of the road.
- We are also against any palm trees being cut down, we feel funds should be spent protecting the grottos and ensuring that they can be seen, but not polluted and damaged.
- Chacma baboons are another matter and it would be wise in choosing plant species for Piet se Bos to avoid bushes and fruits favoured by them.

- All stakeholders in the project – beachgoers, restaurant staff, workers of any description need to be educated to assist in making sure that baboons are kept out of the area. Methods of disposing of food remains and other rubbish in bins also need to be addressed.

8. BLUE FLAG BEACH

- We do not feel that a double storey structure so close / practically on the beach respects the unspoilt beauty that Hermanus's only Blue Flag beach has only now become renown for.
- And the reason an area so close to the Blue Flag Beach is proposed for the Amphitheatre? It seems that possibly a consideration was that it was a way to use the rubble and builders material that will be removed during the "upgrade" of the wetland re-establishment. Is that correct?
- I have no objection that the usage of Grotto Beach be extended to the broader population of SA, after all South Africa belongs to all of us. However, our holiday house was bought and paid for to act as a place of rest and respite and I believe I have a right to maintain it as such.

9. REHABILITATION OF WETLAND

- Die voorgenome planne om 'n gedeelte van die vleiland te rehabiliteer is uitstekende nuus en word heelhartig ondersteun.
- Daar moet sekerlik ander moontlike gebruike vir die perseel wees swat nie nadelige gevolge vir die woongebied sal he nie? Een moontlikheid kan wees om nie net 'n gedeelte van die vleiland te herstel nie, maar die gehele area te herstel soos dit vroeer was. Ek ondersteun dus graag die rehabilitasie van die vleiland maar beslis nie die oprigting van 'n amfiteater nie.
- I have read under "Project Location & Description" what is intended in regards to the upgrade of the Wetlands I would like to know what has motivated the Wetlands upgrade – what is wrong with what there is now and what is the budgeted cost?
- And the reason an area so close to the Blue Flag Beach is proposed for the Amphitheatre? It seems that possibly a consideration was that it was a way to use the rubble and builders material that will be removed during the "upgrade" of the wetland re-establishment. Is that correct?
- In the "Listed Activities" of your BID report there are listed a great number of activities that appear to have little to do with the "upgrade" (construction of jetties exceeding 50m², slipways exceeding 50m²..)but also "transformation of land bigger than 1000m² to residential, retail, commercial ..." etc. Please explain the purpose for including such "Listed Activities"?
- No objection in principle to the proposed upgrade of Piet se Bos and Grotto Beach, subject to the following –
 - - all relevant sections and regulations of the National Water Act, 1998 (act 36 of 1998) regarding water use must be adhered to;
 - - storm water management must be addressed both in terms of flooding and pollution potential;
 - - the water provided for drinking must comply with guidelines for drinking water. Regular monitoring must be done to ensure compliance. If the quality of the water is of such a nature that it is a threat to human health, then this Department (Breede-Overberg CMA) and the Department of Health must be informed of the procedures to rectify the problem;

- - no permanent structures may be constructed within the 1:1000 year floodline of any watercourse, or alternatively, more than 100 metres from the edge of a water resource, whichever is further;
- - the reinstating of a portion of the wetland need to be done in conjunction with a wetland specialist / fresh water ecologist;
- - the Municipality needs to adopt a water conservation / demand management plan to conserve water at the facility;
- - minimizing of waste must be promoted in the area and alternative methods for waste management must be investigated.
- Ek kyk met waardering na die opgradering van die gebied, veral as dit gaan oor die aanplanting van fynbos, inheemse bome, boardwalks wat aansluit by dit wat daar alreeds is, asook die skoon hou van die grotte.

10. GENERAL COMMENTS

- I've been in contact with one or two neighbours and have ascertained that your letter to them enclosing the BID was received. So, thank goodness it would appear that mine was an isolated letter that went missing.
- In your letter to interested and affected parties dated 15 March 2013 and the annexure thereto it is stated that application from exemption is made from certain provisions required or regulated by NEMA Regulations. Our enquiry to the DEA&DP revealed that it had not received an application for exemption. Please clarify.
- The Western Cape Department of Agriculture has no objection.
- Hermanus as a whole seems to be Matric Students' town of choice when celebrating the end of year exams in November and early December and Grotto Beach has long been a Mecca at new year when crowds congregate to see the new year in. The amphitheatre will no doubt be an added attraction but what concerns me is that these occasions could attract undesirable elements as tends to happen in South African cities. We would need to be realistic and be prepared for a possible influx of drug pushers and even mobile shebeens. Heaven forbid!
- I am not totally against the idea of a Grotto Beach amphitheatre. Our young people need encouragement and opportunities to express themselves. Workshopping a play or musical for eventual public performance could be an important step in somebody's burgeoning career.
- The people who run the amphitheatres at other Cape venues are themselves the impresarios and in control. They decide what they want, draw up the programme, choose their performance dates, they invite the artists whom they would like to see on stage but they are also open to other artists who might ask if there is a slot for them. They have their own management, their own technical team and their own front of house arrangements.
- The Municipality could appoint a manager/official who should interact with a small advisory committee to keep a check on the criteria right from the beginning.
- Ideally the management and committee should be pro-active in promoting the use of the amphitheatre by worthy performance groups, school concerts, etc. Exclusivity should be guarded against and application from across a wide spectrum of demographics, culture, age, interest groups should be welcomed and considered by the committee and no section of the community should feel excluded.

All correspondence received and the responses thereupon are attached.

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PROPOSED UPGRADE OF PIET SE BOS AND GROTTO BEACH AREA, HERMANUS
REFERENCE NO.: 16/3/1/1/E2/14/2026/13

Gavin and I would like to register as interested and affected parties of the proposed upgrade of Piet se Bos and Groot Beach area. Our main issue and concern is how the views from our property, erf 5025 will be affected by the upgrade. Our concern is that any newly planted high trees (there are proposed new trees on the plan) or new buildings may partly block the view of the beach and sea we currently enjoy from our property.

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Yours sincerely

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2 April 2013

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Dear Mr & Ms Joubert

**16/3/1/1/E2/14/2026/13 PROPOSED UPGRADE OF THE PIET SE BOS AND GROTTO BEACH AREA,
HERMANUS**

Your letter dated 26 March 2013 with regard to the abovementioned project refers. We hereby wish to confirm your registration as Interested and Affected Parties for the proposed upgrade.

A site inspection with regard to the views from your property was conducted and some interesting, but rather disturbing facts became evident. It was noted that there is a narrow cone of visual influence from your property to the beach below that was obviously created by the illegal removal of some mature milkwood trees some time in the past. This is evident from the numerous dried out milkwood tree stumps that still remain in this narrow visual cone. If one considers the natural vegetation on either side of this cone and the height to which the mature trees have established themselves, it leaves no doubt that the vegetation in the "cone" would have been of the same height and that a view from Erf 5025 to the beach under those natural circumstances would have been non-existent. There is thus no doubt in our mind that mature trees in this "cone" were removed to obtain a view of the near shore and beach at Grotto Beach. Milkwood trees are protected trees under the Forest Act and thus their removal constitutes an illegal activity under the Act. Please note that we are not commenting in any way as to who removed the trees.

The above being as it may, the positions of the proposed new plantings of indigenous trees will all be located at the foot of the steep drop-off to the present flat picnic area. While the type of tree is not specified at this point it is only logical that it would be species that are indigenous to the milkwood forest ecosystem that exists on site and in the surrounding areas as Piet se Bos. As such there is thus no guarantee that in time the planted trees and rehabilitation of the milkwood forest would not impede some of the current view from Erf 5025. Thank you for the interest that you take in the environment.

Your sincerely

Charel Bruwer Snr



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Dear Sir

Re: Proposed upgrade of Piet se Bos and Grotto Beach area, Hermanus

We are the owners of erf 5025, Hermanus (190 11th Street, Voelklip, Hermanus). We have already registered as an interested and affected party given the fact that our property is one of the closest properties to Piet se Bos. Our original submission (made on the 26th March 2013) concerned the potential loss of views from our property. In having gone through the proposed plans in more detail, having spoken to other property owners in the area and having experienced loud noise levels from Piet Se Bos ourselves, we are becoming more concerned about the proposed development (in particular the amphitheatre and it's intended use) and as such would like to put the following concerns and questions that we have on the record:

- What exactly will the amphitheatre be used for?
- How often will it be used and what will the duration and times of each event be?
- What will the closing time of The Amphitheatre be on the days when it is used for events?
- Will music be played at these events? What type of music? Will loudspeakers be used? How will noise levels be controlled?
- What will the height of the amphitheatre be?
- There are buses in the sketch: will people be bussed in for events and from where? Has thought been given to potential crime issues that may arise from this situation? Crime appears to be increasing in Hermanus all the time and it is far from clear that the municipality has this under control.
- Has thought been given to parking and has scenario analysis been done on whether there is actually enough parking assuming full capacity of the amphitheatre. Parking is a big problem as it is already.
- Is there a maximum number of people that will be at The Amphitheatre at any event and what is this number?
- Does the municipality have the finances to do this development and has proper thought been given to whether this is the best possible use of our (all Hermanus property owners) rates and taxes? Have alternative venues and uses of our taxes been considered?

The proposed restaurant does not worry us, but the proposed amphitheatre, if it is to be used on a regular basis, with events that involve loud music and with people being bussed in to attend, is a very serious worry.

Regards

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Dear Mr Joubert

**16/3/1/1/E2/14/2026/13: PROPOSED UPGRADE OF PIET SE BOS AND GROTTO BEACH AREA,
HERMANUS**

Your fax received on 29 April 2013 refers.

Questions raised in your fax dated 29 April that can be answered now are as follows. With corresponding bullets Where indicated the questions have been referred to the Overstrand Municipality for a response which will be communicated to you when it becomes available.

- o As far as we understand it will be used for musical evenings and stage productions and will be leased to organizations who wish to do such productions. We have referred this question to the municipality for clarity.
- o Referred to municipality
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- o The height of the highest point will be ~5 metres above the current ground level.
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- o The maximum number of people that can be accommodated at the amphitheatre is ~250 on seated arrangement and another ~50 on blankets on the grassed area under the pergola, thus 300 in total.
- o These proposed developments, once environmental authorization has been obtained are than subjected to the Integrated Development Programme of the municipality where all project expenditures are discussed and prioritized and uses of municipal taxes considered.

Yours sincerely

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Dear Mr Joubert

16/3/1/1/E2/14/2026/13: PROPOSED UPGRADE OF PIET SE BOS AND GROTTA BEACH AREA, HERMANUS

With regard to your fax received on 29 April 2013 we have received the following responses from the Overstrand Municipality.

The municipality stressed that it must be noted that the Piet se Bos and Grotto Beach under jurisdiction of the Overstrand Municipality has been used as a recreational area for a very long time and is also indicated as such in the Spatial Development Framework. It is also a highly utilized area during the summer holidays, over weekends and public holidays when the weather is good and with this the associated noise, vehicular and pedestrian traffic is to be expected during such periods.

From information that we have obtained from the Overstrand Municipality, they have indicated that Hermanus has as its prime focus to be an excellent tourist destination. Thus with the increasing growth of tourism in the area, increased affluence among a large sector of the Overstrand community and a younger population who requires amenities and activities according to their needs, the public utilization of areas such as the Grotto area has increased and will continue to increase in future. It is also one of the few areas in Hermanus where visitors and patrons can access the beach and have the opportunity to enjoy the restaurant and bar facilities that go with such public places.

Question :

What exactly is the idea behind the establishment of an Amphitheatre. I was under the impression that Hermanus has a site where such open-air theatre functions can be held. Is that not so?

Answer: There is an increase in the growth of tourism in Hermanus as well as a younger population who requires amenities and activities according to their needs. The Forest Theatre is situated in the Hemel-and-Aarde valley within a rural area which caters for specific events such as single performances.

Question:

To what specific type of event has the Municipality in mind to be staged in this proposed Amphitheatre. This will give an idea of the additional facilities that have to be provided for such events.

Answer: The municipality has in mind plays, classical performances or suitable musical events as per request, under strict conditions such as suitability, time limits and conditions of the temporary removable infrastructure that has to be put in place by the individual organisers

Question

How often is it intended to be put to use (no of uses per month over each month of the full year)

Answer: This can only be determined once requests for use of the amphitheatre are submitted by individual organisers.

Question:

What are the proposed operating times and on which days of the week will such events be staged

Answer: This will once again be dependent upon request, but all performances will end before 12:00 pm.

Question:

What loudspeaker and amplification system is envisaged – location, height and direction of loudspeakers and wattage

Answer: This is not known at the moment as it will be dependent on the individual event and organiser requirements, but will be approved by the municipality for each event.

Question: _

How is it envisaged to attenuate the sound emanating for events being held in the amphitheatre and to what extent

Answer: This will only be attended to in detail once the business plan for the amphitheatre is drawn up.

Question:

What will the height of the amphitheatre be

Answer: The highest point of the pitched flat roof over the back section of the amphitheatre will be ~6 metres above the present ground level of the common.

Question:

There are buses in the sketch. Will people be bussed in for events and from where

Answer: This is a possibility and will depend on the organisers of the specific event to be submitted to the municipality for approval as part of their application to host an event.

Question:

Has thought been given to potential crime issues that may arise from this situation

Answer: One would expect that the patrons come to attend the specific event. There are security companies operational in the area and the municipality also has a law enforcement section that may be required to be on duty in the area, depending on the type of event and possibly determined as a condition of approval.

Question:

What is the MAXIMUM no of visitors that are to be accommodated (seated and standing) in this Amphitheatre.

Answer: An absolute maximum of 340 persons if all possible standing space is fully utilised.

Question:

How will such additional persons be accommodated in the existing parking areas, when such available parking as is currently there has already proven to be quite tight during the high season

Answer: The existing parking is deemed adequate and when necessary, Overstrand municipal traffic officials will deal with the traffic flow.

Question:

What considerations have been given to the existing road system being able to handle the additional traffic

Answer: The existing road network is deemed adequate and the current parking at the Grotto area makes provision for all types of vehicles. The existing parking is deemed adequate and when necessary, Overstrand municipal traffic officials will deal with the traffic flow.

Question:

What is the budgeted cost of the Amphitheatre and what is the anticipated income that is to be generated from the staging of events.

Answer: The cost of the amphitheatre can only be determined when the tenders for the upgrading of the area have been finalised. The anticipated income to be generated will be dependent on the type of event and agreements reached between the municipality and individual organisers.

Yours sincerely



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Dear Sir / Madam

REGISTRATION AS INTERESTED AND AFFECTED PARTY

PIET SE BOS

REF NO 16/3/1/1/E2/14/2026/13

Please be advised that we act on behalf of the Trustees of the time being of the **PLCL Family Trust (IT1953/2005)**.

You are notified that the PLCL Family Trust herewith registers as an interested and affected party. All future communication must be directed to our office at **P O Box 859, Stellenbosch, 7599, telephone number 021-886 6300, fax number 021-886 6301, quoting our reference MVR/S0844.**

You are advised that the PLCL Family Trust owns the property situate at 198 10th Street, Voëlklip, Hermanus, which property is in near vicinity to the proposed development and upgrade.

We look forward to receiving your confirmation that the PLCL Family Trust has been registered as interested and affected party.

Yours faithfully

Per: M VAN ROOYEN