

**PROPOSED SAND MINE ON A PORTION OF
PORTION 2 (REMAINING EXTENT) OF FARM 199
RD, CLANWILLIAM, WESTERN CAPE PROVINCE**

COMMENTS AND RESPONSE REPORT

DEPARTMENT REFERENCE NUMBER:

WC30/5/1/3/2/10349MP

NOVEMBER 2024



NOTIFICATION OF MINING PERMIT APPLICATION AND DRAFT BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORT TO STAKEHOLDERS AND I&APS DURING PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

COMMENTING PERIOD: 10 OCTOBER 2024 – 11 NOVEMBER 2024

The relevant stakeholders and I&AP's were informed of the mine permit application by means of an advertisement in Ons Kontrei newspaper, and on-site notices that were placed at the farm entrance, and at Agrimark Clanwilliam. A notification letter inviting comments on the DBAR over a 30-days commenting period (ending 08 November 2024) was also sent to the landowner, neighbouring landowners, stakeholders, and I&AP's that may be interested in the project. Also refer to Appendix F1 + F2 for the proof of public participation conducted. The following table provides a list of the I&AP's and stakeholders that were informed of the project:

STAKEHOLDERS			
TITLE, NAME AND SURNAME	AFFILIATION/KEY STAKEHOLDER STATUS	CONTACTED DATE	RESPONSE RECEIVED
Mr David Joubert	West Coast District Municipality Development Planning	10 October 2024	No Comments received
Municipal Manager Gerrit Matthyse	Cederberg Local Municipality	10 October 2024	No Comments received
Cllr Andre Moutoun	Cederberg Local Municipality Ward 6	10 October 2024	No Comments received
Emily Vowles	Heritage Western Cape	10 October 2024	12 November 2024

Comments received from Emily Vowles on 12 November 2024:

I am the assigned case officer for the abovementioned application that is tabled for our HOMs meeting on the 18th of November.

Unfortunately, it appears that the vast majority of the documents you may have submitted were not successfully transferred to your case file. I apologise for the inconvenience. The following outstanding information is requested for submission/resubmission directly to me to ensure it is uploaded successfully:

1. Completed signed application form (signed by applicant and owner where applicable) available at Heritage Western Cape (HWC) Application Forms | Western Cape Government.

2. Locality

2.1. Clear Locality Plan or Map and KMZ file – the map must be legible with identifiable street names or nearby farms or town

2.2. Topographical map– the map must be legible with identifiable street names or nearby farms or town if no KMZ file has been provided.

2.3. Clear and legible screening tool or paleo-sensitivity map from SAHRIS: <https://sahris.sahra.org.za/map/palaeo>

3. Proof of ownership:

3.1. Title Deed and Surveyor General (SG) Diagrams where applicable

3.2. Company or Trust Resolution or Power of Attorney where applicable

4. Any additional information pertaining to the heritage of the site

5. Annotated Photographs maximum 2 images per a page – where applicable:

5.1. Internal photographs of the building / structure / site

5.2. External photographs of the building / structure / site

5.3. Streetscape / contextual images analysing the landscape and showing the immediate surrounds. Please note that Google Street Images are not accepted

Kindly submit the requested information in a single email sent directly to me once all of the outstanding documentation has been collated.

Greenmined's Response on 12 November 2024:

Please find attached all the documentation as requested. I've taken the liberty to exclude the draft basic assessment report that was submitted with the application, and include the final basic assessment report.

Kindly note that the public participation period for this project ended 11th November 2024.

Taking this into account it will be highly appreciated if you can send us the resolution of the HOM meeting scheduled for the 18th of November 2024 at your earliest convenience.

Should you require any additional information please do not hesitate to contact us.

Trust you find this in order and thanking you in advance.

Greenmined's Response on 18 November 2024:

Trust you are well. Please can you provide feedback on the outcome of your meeting.

The Final BAR is ready for submission to Dmre pending your final response.

Comments received from Emily Vowles on 18 November 2024:

Good Afternoon Murchellin

Thank you for your enquiry.

HOMs today resolved to approve your application with no further studies required. Please expect your formal, stamped NID response from me by the end of the week.

Comments received from Emily Vowles on 21 November 2024:

Heritage Western Cape is in receipt of your application for the above matter received. This matter was discussed at the Heritage Officers Meeting held on 18 November 2024.

You are hereby notified that, since there is no reason to believe that the proposed development of a sand mine on Farm 199 Portion 2 Remainder, Clanwilliam will impact

on heritage resources, no further action under Section 38 of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999) is required.

However, should any heritage resources, including evidence of graves and human burials, archaeological material and paleontological material be discovered during the execution of the activities above, all works must be stopped immediately, and Heritage Western Cape must be notified without delay.

This letter does not exonerate the applicant from obtaining any necessary approval from any other applicable statutory authority.

This decision is valid for 5 years from the date of this decision. This period may be extended on good reason being shown and at the discretion of HWC, provided that application for extension must be made prior to the effluxion of the 5-year period. HWC reserves the right to request additional information as required.

Greenmined's response on 21 November 2024:

Good morning, Emily,

I hope you are well today. Thank you very much, have a lovely day.

Ms Sharon February	Cape West Coast Biosphere Reserve	10 October 2024	No Comments received
Mr I Adams	Cape Nature - Scientific Services: Land Use Advice	10 October 2024	13 November 2024

Greenmined sent the following notification on 13 November 2024, after the public participation period has closed:

Dear Stakeholder,

I trust this email finds you well.

Following the below project notice mail that was sent on 11th of October 2024, we have to date not received any communication back.

The public participation period ended 11th of November 2024. We hereby construe that there was no objections or comments on this project.

Comment received from Mr Adams on 13 November 2024:

Good day

I still intend to provide comment. Please allow me until 14 November.

Kind regards,

Comment received from Mr Adams on 20 November 2024:

1. Based on the SSVR and BAR it is understood that the preferred alternative for the sand mine is on an existing agricultural area (crop circle) and an existing access road will be used to access the mining area, and water required will be trucked in to site.
2. It is agreed that the preferred alternative is most suitable to the proposed activity considering that the surrounding natural veld will not be affected. The preferred alternative should
3. It is noted that the preferred alternative will also occur in an area mapped as cultivation as per the Sandveld EMF.
4. The proposed project has applied adequate avoidance of biodiversity constraints by restricting activity to transformed agricultural area.

CapeNature reserves the right to revise initial comments and request further information based on any additional information that may be received.

Greenmined's response on 20 November 2024:

Thank you for taking part in the public participation process.

Your comments have been received and will be addressed in the Final Basic Assessment Report

Mr Cor Van Der Walt	Department of Agriculture WC	10 October 2024	No Comments received
Mr Mashudu Murovhi	Department of Water and Sanitation – Provincial Office	10 October 2024	No Comments received
Mr Solly Fourie	Department of Economic Development and Tourism	10 October 2024	No Comments received
Mr Adri La Meyer	Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning	10 October 2024	12 November 2024

Comments received on 12 November 2024:

RE: COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORT

1. The email notification of 10 October 2024 regarding the availability of the Draft Basic Assessment Report (“BAR”), and the follow-up email of 11 October 2024 regarding the revised deadline for comments, refer.
2. The Department sincerely apologises for the one-day delay in submitting its comments on the Draft BAR. Please find consolidated comment from various directorates within the Department on the Draft BAR with Environmental Management Programme (“EMPr”) dated October 2024 that was available for download from the website of the environmental assessment practitioner.

Directorate: Development Facilitation – Ms Adri La Meyer (Email: Adri.LaMeyer@westerncape.gov.za; Tel.: (021) 483 2887):

3. Please be advised that should Heritage Western Cape require the undertaking of any heritage-related specialist study based on their review of the Notification of Intent to Develop, such specialist study/ies must be undertaken and released with a Revised Draft BAR for a 30-day commenting period.
4. The Screening Tool Report generated on 27 August 2024 indicates a very high sensitivity for the terrestrial biodiversity theme; however, no Terrestrial Biodiversity Assessment was undertaken. The Site Sensitivity Verification Report dated October 2024 notes that “ground truthing on the site has shown that the site has been disturbed years ago and is situated right next to an operating mining area.” Due to the applicability of the Protocol for the specialist assessment and minimum report content requirements for environmental impacts on terrestrial biodiversity (Government Notice No. 320 of 20 March 2020), please be advised to obtain comments from CapeNature on the Draft BAR, specifically regarding impacts to terrestrial biodiversity.

Directorate: Pollution and Chemicals Management – Ms Lorna Dlakana (Email: Lorna.Dlakana@westerncape.gov.za; Tel.: (021) 483 5849):

5. The application is for a 1.7ha sand mining area that is currently used for the cultivation of potatoes and/or wheat. Non-perennial streams drain into the Olifants River; however, these are not within proximity of the preferred site alternative. The Draft BAR states that the project footprint was chosen to avoid any disturbances on the natural fynbos. Little to no stockpiling will be required as the sand will be loaded directly onto trucks. A chemical toilet and existing access roads will be used, and no chemicals will

be stored on-site as vehicle and equipment maintenance will be conducted at an existing off-site location. This means there is very limited potential of chemical spillages and seepage.

6. Water use is not considered a significant aspect as the sand mining operation will not require washing. Dust impacts are also considered to be of low significance due to the type of the material to be mined. Dust impacts will be managed by other methods such as implementing low speed limits, material coverage on trucks to avoid windblown dust, and the removal of vegetation will be limited to periods just before the mining activities.

7. A registered contractor will service the chemical toilet and be responsible for the removal of sewage to a registered wastewater treatment facility. This Directorate is satisfied with the measures to handle and manage potentially hazardous spillages and breakdowns.

8. The Draft BAR indicates that a non-perennial drainage line, classified as a channeled valley-bottom wetland, passes towards the north (± 510 m from the preferred site alternative) before it joins with the Olifants River on the opposite (eastern) side of the N7. No other wetlands or other drainage lines were identified within a 500m radius of the preferred site alternative. This means that no water use activity is triggered, and therefore an application for a water use authorisation is not necessary. The measures that are proposed to manage stormwater and invasive vegetation control are also deemed adequate.

9. The decommissioning and rehabilitation activities, as set out in the Draft EMPr and Closure and Rehabilitation Plan, are supported.

10. The outcome of the assessment indicates that should the proposed mitigation and rehabilitation measures, and the monitoring and management programmes be implemented, no significant environmental damage could be identified that could be anticipated from the project, and therefore, this Directorate supports the recommendations of this application.

Directorate: Waste Management – Ms Sinazo Funda (Email: Sinazo.Funda@westerncape.gov.za; Tel.: (021) 483 2818):

11. The Draft BAR recommends that the applicant should limit vegetation removal (if applicable). Please include this recommendation in the EMPr. Should any vegetation be removed and not beneficiated on the farm, it must tie in with the municipal organic waste diversion plan. Any vegetation that must be removed may be taken to a green/garden waste chipping facility for composting, or be disposed of at an appropriately licensed facility but may not be disposed of on adjacent land.

12. The Draft BAR notes that the footprint of the alternative site contains endangered Leipoldtville Sand Fynbos and extends over a terrestrial critical biodiversity area as

well as an area classified as an aquatic and terrestrial ecological support area. To access the mineral, the applicant will have to remove the fynbos, directly impacting the vulnerability of the ecosystem. As such, this Directorate supports the preferred site alternative (S1).

13. The EMPr states that an annual environmental audit will be undertaken by an environmental control officer (“ECO”). Whereas the ECO can undertake regular site inspections, especially during the site establishment phase, please be reminded of the requirements of regulation 34 and Appendix 7 of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014 (as amended), which requires that an environmental audit report must be prepared by an independent person with appropriate expertise.

14. The applicant is reminded that the management of waste must under all circumstances be done in accordance with the requirements of section 16 of the National Environmental Management: Waste Act, 2008 (Act No. 59 of 2008): “general duty in respect of waste management”. Section 16(1)(d) requires that “[A] holder of waste must, within the holder’s power, take all reasonable measures to manage waste in such a manner that it does not endanger health or the environment or cause a nuisance through noise, odour or visual impacts.”

15. Please note that the comments and recommendations do not pre-empt the outcome of the application. No information provided, views expressed and/or comments made by officials should in any way be regarded as an indication or confirmation that additional information or documents will not be requested; or of the outcome of the application submitted to the competent authority.

16. The applicant is reminded of its “general duty of care towards the environment” as prescribed in section 28 of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) which states that “Every person who causes, has caused or may cause significant pollution or degradation of the environment must take reasonable measures to prevent such pollution or degradation from occurring, continuing or recurring, or, in so far as such harm to the environment is authorised by law or cannot reasonably be avoided or stopped, to minimise and rectify such pollution or degradation of the environment.”

Greenmined’s response on 19 November 2024:

The above matter as well as letter received from you dated 12 November 2024 refers. Please see responses to your comments listed below:

The email notification of 10 October 2024 regarding the availability of the Draft Basic Assessment Report (“BAR”), and the follow-up email of 11 October 2024 regarding the revised deadline for comments, refer.

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must be undertaken and released with a Revised Draft BAR for a 30-day commenting period.

Please note that the Notification of Intent to Develop (NID) was submitted on 9 October 2024, and the closing date for the Public Participation Process was 11 November. Heritage Western Cape has informed us that the review meeting will be held on 18 November 2024,

The outcome of the meeting was communicated via email on the 18th of November. “HOMs today resolved to approve your application with no further studies required. Please expect your formal, stamped NID response from me by the end of the week.” Final comments will be included in the FBAR to be submitted to Dmre.

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Directorate: Pollution and Chemicals Management – Ms Lorna Dlakana (Email:

Lorna.Dlakana@westerncape.gov.za; Tel.: (021) 483 5849):

We acknowledge the concern regarding the very high sensitivity for the terrestrial biodiversity theme indicated in the Screening Tool Report of 27 August 2024, and the

absence of a dedicated Terrestrial Biodiversity Assessment. As noted in the Site Sensitivity Verification Report (October 2024), ground truthing on the site confirmed that it has been disturbed for several years and is located adjacent to an operating mining area.

Regarding the applicability of the Protocol for the specialist assessment and minimum report content requirements for environmental impacts on terrestrial biodiversity (Government Notice No. 320 of 20 March 2020), we would like to draw your attention to Appendix P, which provides proof that CapeNature was provided the opportunity to participate in the public participation process. A follow up email was, and they confirmed to submit a comment by the 14th of November, to date no comments were received from CapeNature, nor did they express any concerns or objections regarding our findings.

We will continue to ensure that any further feedback or necessary assessments are addressed promptly.

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Comment noted

We thank you for taking part in the public participation process as well as your valuable contribution in providing comments. All comments received for you as well as our response will be incorporated in the Final Basic Assessment Report to be submitted to DMRE for their consideration.

We trust you will find this in order. Please do not hesitate to contact us in the event of any uncertainties.

Adri La Meyer's comments on 19 November 2024:

Thank you very much for the C&RR. We note that CapeNature has been consulted, but they have not yet provided any comments or expressed any concern.

We are satisfied with the responses to our comments and look forward to receiving the EA from you in due course.

Greenmined Environmental response on 21 November 2024:

For your reference, please see attached comments received from CapeNature this afternoon.

Adri La Meyer's comments on 21 November 2024:

Thanks s much for CapeNature's comments. We have no further concerns regarding biodiversity aspects.

Dr. Robert Macdonald	Department of Social Development	10 October 2024	No Comments received
Tabisile Mhlana	Dept of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment	10 October 2024	07 November 2024

Comments received from Thabisile Mhlana on 07 November 2024:

The Department of Forestry, Fisheries, and the Environment (DFFE); Branch Oceans & Coasts (O&C) hereby acknowledges receipt of the Draft Basic Assessment Report (DBAR) with Environmental Management Programme (EMPR), for the proposed mining of sand on a portion of Portion 2 (Remaining Extent) of Farm 199 situated in the Clanwilliam magisterial district of the Western Cape Province.

This Branch provides comments as per the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998), (“NEMA”) and the National Environmental Management: Integrated Coastal Management Act, 2008 (Act No. 24 of 2008) (“ICM Act”) and is mandated to ensure the holistic management of the coast and estuarine areas as an integrated system and promote coordinated coastal management. It ensures that the coastal zone's ecological integrity, natural character, and economic, social, and aesthetic value are maintained to protect people, properties, and economic activities against the impacts of dynamic coastal processes.

Guided by the principles of integrated coastal management, this Branch promotes developments that promote socially justified sharing of benefits derived from a resource-rich coastal area and strives to ensure that the principles of sustainable development are upheld.

Based on the Draft BAR, the project location is not within the coastal zone or a marine environment; therefore, the Branch O&C would not register as an Interested and Affected Party and will not provide further comments on this proposed project.

The applicant is reminded of the Duty of Care and the remediation of environmental damage, in terms of Section 28(1) of NEMA, which, specifically states that: “...Every person who causes, has caused or may cause significant pollution or degradation of the environment must take reasonable measures to prevent such pollution or degradation from occurring, continuing or recurring, or, in so far as such harm to the environment is authorized by law or cannot reasonably be avoided or stopped, to minimize and rectify such pollution or degradation of the environment...” together with Section 58 of the NEM: ICMA which refers to one’s duty to avoid causing adverse effects on the coastal environment.

Kindly note that the Branch Oceans and Coasts reserves the right to revise its comments and request further information based on any additional information received. All correspondence, documentation, and/or requests (hard copy and an electronic copy) should be submitted to our office via email to OCEIA@dffe.gov.za / or Physical Address: Department of Forestry, Fisheries & the Environment (DFFE), Branch: Oceans and Coast, 2 East Pier Building, East Pier Road, Victoria and Alfred Waterfront, Cape Town, 8001.

Greenmined response on 07 November 2024:

Thank you for taking part in the public participation process.

Your comments have been received and will be addressed in the Final Basic Assessment Report.

Provincial Manager	Department of Labour - Western Cape Provincial Office	10 October 2024	No Comments received
Mr Lubabalo Mbekeni	Department of Rural Development and Land Reform	10 October 2024	No Comments received
Ms Nicole Abrahams	SANRAL	10 October 2024	No Comments received
Mr Anton Bergh	Clanwilliam Water Users Assosiation	10 October 2024	No Comments received
Mr Rassie Nieuwoudt	Department of Water & Sanitation Clanwilliam	10 October 2024	10 October 2024

Comments received from Mr Rassie Nieuwoudt on 10 October 2024:

Just an administrative comment. There are more than 15 documents to be downloaded individually and saved individually. Proposal to place documents in folder and allow folder to be downloaded.

Greenmined's response on 11 October 2024:

Dear Mr Nieuwoudt,

Thank you for your comment and suggestion, we are looking into it to make it speedier and more efficient.

I have sent the complete folder to you via wetransfer for the interim. You should receive the notification email shortly.

We appreciate your feedback.

Wetransfer was sent, no further comments received.

Me Vanessa Stoffels	Department of Transport and Public Works	10 October 2024	24 October 2024
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Comments received from Me Vanessa Stoffels on 24 October 2024:

1. Your Draft Basic Assessment Report referenced WC30/5/1/3/2/10349MP dated October 2024 refer.
2. This Branch offers no objection to the issuing of the environmental authorisation.
3. Detailed comment in terms of the traffic issues will be provided to the local authorities part of the land use process.

Greenmined's response on 25 October 2024:

Thank you for taking part in the public participation process. Your comments have been received and will be addressed in the Final Basic Assessment.

Emily Vowles	South African Heritage Resources Agency	10 October 2024	Please refer to Heritage Western Cape Section
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LANDOWNER AND INTERESTED & AFFECTED PARTIES

TITLE, NAME AND SURNAME	AFFILIATION/KEY STAKEHOLDER STATUS	CONTACTED DATE	RESPONSE RECEIVED
Mr & Mrs GE Smith (Landowner)	Application Area Landowner of Portion 2 (Remaining Extent) of Farm 199	10 October 2024	No Comments received
Mr CPJ Smith	Surrounding Landowner of Portion 0 (Remaining Extent) of Farm 199	10 October 2024	No Comments received
Mr MG Bergh (Zeekoevlei Trust)	Surrounding Landowner of Portion 0 (Remaining Extent) of Seekoevlei 110	10 October 2024	No Comments received

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TITLE, NAME AND SURNAME	AFFILIATION/KEY STAKEHOLDER STATUS	CONTACTED DATE	RESPONSE RECEIVED
Mr Willie Nel (AS Nel)	Surrounding Landowner of Portion 2 of Zekoe Valley 107	10 October 2024	No Comments received
Mr JGM Genis (Bak se Rug Boerdery (Pty) Ltd)	Surrounding Landowner of Portion 0 (Remaining Extent) of Kogelmanskloof 200	10 October 2024	No Comments received
Mr P Steens (Vredeoord Plase (Pty) Ltd)	Surrounding Landowner of Portion 14 of Klein Valley 193	10 October 2024	No Comments received
Mr B Beukes (Beukes Holdings (Pty) Ltd)	Surrounding Landowner of Portion 15 of Klein Valley 193	10 October 2024	No Comments received
Mr A Bergh (Kleinvlei Farm (Pty) Ltd)	Surrounding Landowner of Portion 2 of Kleinvlei 196	10 October 2024	No Comments received

SUMMARY OF PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS

The I&AP's and stakeholders were informed of the proposed project and invited to comment on the DBAR through:

- ◆ telephonic discussions;
- ◆ direct notification with notification documents;

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- ◆ placement of on-site notices;
- ◆ the placement of an advertisement in the Ons Kontrei Newspaper.

All stakeholders and I&AP's were invited to comment on the Draft Basic Assessment Report. Also refer to Appendix F1 and Appendix F2 for the proof of public participation conducted.

-END OF COMMENTS AND RESPONSE REPORT-