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ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING REPORT NO.29

FOR

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This report monitors compliance against the Environmental Management Plan (Ref.: MOS22/455/48). This monitoring report constitutes the 29th Environmental Monitoring Report and covers inspections done during **November and December 2023** for:

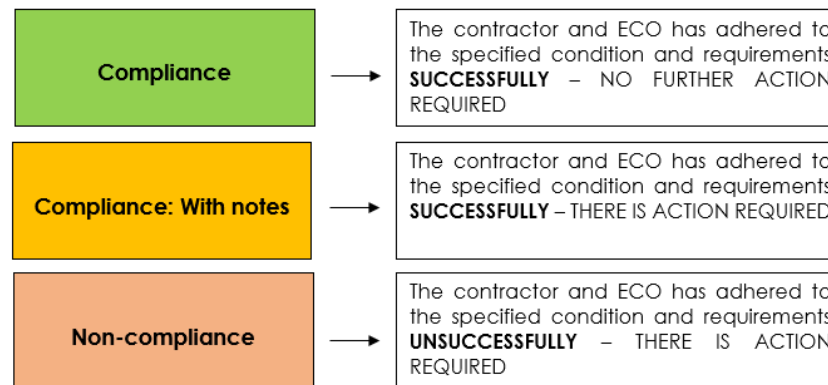
Action:	Phase:	Comment:
Service installations	12, 14 and 9	Phases 12 and 14 are monitored during civil installations. Phases 4, 11, and 13 are monitored for rehabilitation. Phase 12 civil services installation is nearing completion. Phase 9 – roads were pegged, and vegetation stripping completed. Construction will commence in 2024
Housing construction	1, 2, 3, 4, 10, 11, and 13	The Operational phase - It is now important to ensure that all construction areas are demarcated appropriately to prevent any unauthorised entry or accidental injury (residents and animals). All effort should be made to ensure that the estate is always kept neat and tidy, this includes litter, construction rubble and management of invasive alien plants and weeds.

General notes:

- **Weekly** ECO monitoring takes place during **civil** services construction phase, and **monthly** during individual **house** construction.
 - **Section A - civil services construction phase** ECO report – Monthly reporting.
 - **Section B – individual houses construction phase** ECO report – bi-annual reporting.
- This ECO report covers compliance monitoring for all works to date in terms of the EMPr and the EA in relation to civil services installation.
- Commencement of **all listed activities** for the development (including the Resort zone) has taken place in accordance with the EA. The main road to the resort area has been constructed and the decking at the first resort unit complies with the aesthetic requirements.
- Garden and private rehabilitation areas of each erf must be approved by the landscaping committee (and ECO) to ensure compliance with the EMPr and EA. This is to avoid property owners planting exotic or invasive plants in their garden or private rehabilitation area.
- The HOA's Landscaping committee will assist with and oversee the approval of individual home gardens as well as landscaping and rehabilitation of the development nodes internal green/open spaces. The ECO is part of this HOA committee to ensure that there is always compliance with the EMPr and EA.

1. SECTION A – CIVIL CONSTRUCTION ECO MONITORING

The following serves as an interactive checklist, compiled by the ECO, and directed to the management of **civil installations**. Different colours represent the level of compliance, whereby compliance with notes and non-compliance require action.



EMPr requirements	Phase 12	Phase 14	Comments / Findings	Action required
SPECIFICALLY REQUIRED ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PRACTICES				
Environmental induction				
All contractors (civil and housing) must be briefed during environmental induction.	Compliance	Compliance	All environmental induction were done prior and during the installation of these phases.	No action required.
Demarcation of NO-GO areas				
NO-GO areas must be properly demarcated to the satisfaction of the ECO. This may include the use of any material agreed upon by the ECO (e.g., silt fences).	Compliance: With notes	Compliance: With notes	Demarcation is present throughout installation. Phase 19 is fully demarcated, and construction will commence in 2024. Phase 9 – surveyor pegged the roads.	Construction haul routes to be demarcated to prevent operators and delivery drivers from going off the dedicated haul route. No new routes/tracks were created during this reporting period.

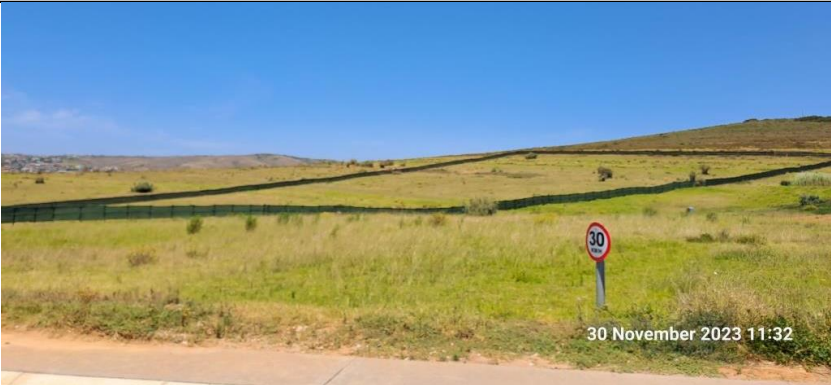
All people working on site must be made aware of the boundaries in which work is to be done.					All staff are aware of the no-go areas – toolbox talks and induction with the contract manager.	No action required.
Should access be required through a no-go area, permission must be obtained from the ECO in writing prior to the use of such an area.					Access through no-go areas were granted by the ECO upon a request made prior to the start of relevant actions.	No action required
Fauna and flora						
Animal rescue strategy should be implemented prior to bush clearing when the site is surveyed. The ECO must sign off areas prior to earthworks commencing.					Nothing reported to the ECO during this reporting period.	No action required
Plant search and rescue is required before physical construction start - no indigenous vegetation may be cleared from site without the prior approval of the ECO.					Plant search and rescue programme to continue ahead of any new services installation (phase 9 - 2024). Rescue material is relocated within the estate as directed by the ECO.	No action required
Topsoil stripping						
Topsoil must be stripped from all construction areas before work commences. This topsoil should be stockpiled for use in rehabilitation and landscaping and must not be contaminated with other building/construction materials.					Phases 12 & 14 civil installations are complete, and rehabilitation is in progress. No need for topsoil excavation as noted by the ECO. Any remaining topsoil should be protected from contamination with subsoil and any construction material.	No action required
From The Department Environment Forest and Fisheries (DFFE)						
Trenches for sewage and water pipes, running through forested areas, must be dug manually wherever possible.					Sewage and water pipes installation is complete.	No action required
All steps must be taken to preserve as much as possible indigenous trees, e.g., trees may form an integral part of a development.					No indigenous trees are disturbed without the approval of the ECO and farm management. No issues noted or reported.	No action required
Heritage requirements						
Should any heritage remains be exposed during excavations or any actions on the site, these must immediately be reported to the Provincial					No heritage remains have been exposed during the installation of phase 12 and 14.	No action required

Heritage Resources Authority of the Western Cape, Heritage Western Cape (in accordance with the applicable legislation).							
CONSTRUCTION MITIGATION REQUIREMENTS							
Contractors site management							
The contractors' campsite is to be set up in the area indicated and approved by the ECO for this purpose and must be fenced off from the game.						Site camps are within ECO and management approved locations at phases 4 and 12 – phase 4 site is less active. The site camps areas must be rehabilitated once construction is complete.	Site camp in phase 12 must be disassembled and disturbed area rehabilitated to the satisfaction of the ECO
This site camp must be within an area that is within the construction / development area.						The active site camps are within the construction area.	No action required.
Portable ablution facilities (chemical toilets) are to be provided at the camp site for use of the staff. Additional facilities are to be always provided closer to areas of work.						There are ablution facilities at the secondary site camp and throughout the construction site. No incidents have been recorded so the facilities as deemed efficient.	No action required
A fenced off area must be created within the site camp for refuse and waste management as indicated above. ECO to inspect for compliance.						Waste was generally placed in bins and removed constantly/	It remains the responsibility of the contractor to ensure that the construction area is kept clean.
Burning is not permitted as a disposal method for the entire property.						No incidents have been recorded.	No action required
Any concrete batching areas are to be approved by the ECO prior to utilization and must be equipped with suitable settling ponds and trapping mechanisms to ensure that contaminated water does not leave the restricted area.						Currently, cement/concrete mixing are done within the road surface or non-permeable wooden sheet.	No action required.
Any temporary haul roads or access roads for construction need to be always maintained by the contractor including demarcation, dust monitoring and management etc.						The main temporary haul route used to access Outeniquasbosch is maintained well. Construction haul routes to be demarcated to prevent operators and delivery drivers from going off the dedicated haul route.	Construction haul routes to be demarcated to prevent operators and delivery drivers from going off the dedicated haul route.

Stormwater and erosion management							
The use of erosion control mechanisms such as erosion berms, silt fences, rows of onion bags, mulch, brushwood and deflection bars (the choice depending on the situation), is essential in all exposed areas and where slopes are steep, as runoff can cause erosion.						Silt fences are in place. Ongoing maintenance of the silt fences – keeping it clean, remove silt and make sure they are upright.	Ongoing maintenance of the silt fences – keeping it clean, remove silt and make sure they are upright.
It is the responsibility of the contractor digging a trench to ensure that the erosion control measures are in place throughout the period of risk (i.e., until backfilled and stabilised).						No open trenches during reporting period.	
In the event of erosion damage or silt movement, the contractor is responsible for the clean-up required to reinstate the conditions to normal.						All stormwater outlets must be monitored and silt buildup to be removed as well as silt washed beyond the silt fence into green spaces (and rehabilitated).	Ongoing maintenance of the silt fences – keeping it clean, remove silt and make sure they are upright. Remove silt in the conservation area (by hand)

1.1. PHOTOGRAPHIC RECORD OF CIVIL CONSTRUCTION COMPLIANCE

This section includes photographic record of ECO site inspections for November & December 2023.

Phase	Photographic record	Comment and requests
19		Demarcation of the entire phase 19 development footprint is in place.
12 & 14		Phases 12 and 14 - Construction completed. <u>Request:</u> Construction haul routes to be demarcated to prevent driving off the tracks.
12 & 14		Site camp disturbed area must be rehabilitated to the satisfaction of the ECO.

12 & 14		Silt fences are in place at the stormwater outlets – ongoing maintenance are important.
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1.2. REHABILITATION SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AREA

During the monitoring period of September 2023, phase 12 and phase 14 were under civil construction. Phases 4, 11, and 13 currently have no further civil construction activities and initial rehabilitation was done. The rehabilitation of phase 12 and 14 (sections) are in progress,

- Rehabilitation entails the following, but not limited to:
- Backfill and/or shape to the natural slope of the area (erven next to road / road verge / stormwater outlet / berm etc);
- Replace the stockpiled (rescued) topsoil back on top;
- Revegetate and spread the indigenous grass seed mixture (seed should be lightly raked in or covered with topsoil);
- Install erosion protection – silt fences / sandbags / mulch filled sausages

Rehabilitation is not a once off activity as there will be a need for a few follow-up checks after storm events etc., and before the indigenous vegetation / grasses have established to cover and bind the soil.

Phase 4 – Stormwater earth berm requires additional erosion protection. Soil berms/detention ponds were recommended by the developer/engineer – to be implemented.

Phase	Photographic record	Comment and requests
12 & 14		Road verges have been reshaped, seeded with indigenous grass seed mix and lightly compacted.

2. CONCLUSION & RECOMMENDATIONS

Civil installations of phases 12 and 14 are complete. The initial rehabilitation has been completed and will be monitored for any signs of soil erosion or environmental damage.

Follow-up rehabilitation in Phase 4 to be done.

Phase 9 roads were pegged, and vegetation stripping completed.

Phase 19 development footprint remains fully demarcated.

ECO monitoring for during **November and December 2023**

Date:	Comment:
09 November 2023	Civil services installation
16 November 2023	Houses construction and civil services installation
21 November 2023	Civil services installation
30 November 2023	Houses construction and civil services installation
08 December 2023	Houses construction and civil services installation