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Environmental Monitoring Report No. 9

HillLand Environmental, the appointed Environmental Control Officer (ECO) compiled this report as the environmental monitoring report (**No.9**). This report monitors compliance against the Environmental Management Plan (Ref.: MOS23.1136.22) and constitutes the **9th** Environmental Monitoring Report and covers inspections done during **March 2024** for the construction of a residential dwelling on Erf 4716, Groot Brak.

This ECO report also covers compliance monitoring for all works to date in terms of the EA and OSCA in relation to the property. Commencement of **all listed activities** for the development must take place in accordance with the EA (16/3/3/1/D6/17/0020/22), NFA and OSCA permit (8173062).

General notes:

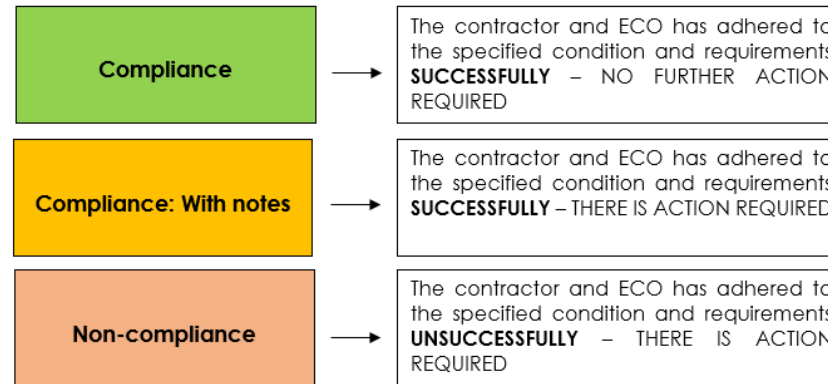
- Construction of the main house is ongoing.
- NFA license was issued (25 August 2023) – protected trees were transplanted.
- Ensure litter does not enter the surrounding environment.
- DEA&DP compliance inspection on 28th February 2024
- Demarcation of the garage site as per the No-Go map was installed after a penalty letter was issued to the contractor.

ECO monitoring during March 2024:

Date:	Comment:
14 March 2024	ECO site inspection
20 March 2024	ECO site inspection

1. CONSTRUCTION MONITORING

The following checklist was compiled by the ECO for the ECO site inspections during **March 2024**. The table lists the level of compliance with notes/comments where relevant.



1.1. EMPr and OSCA requirements

EMPr requirements	Compliance	Comments / Findings	Action required
GENERAL (PRE – CONSTRUCTION)			
Environmental induction			
All construction staff must be briefed by the ECO in an environmental education programme regarding the environmental status and requirements of the site, prior to any activities commencing on site.		Environmental induction has been done.	No action required.
The 100m from the high-water mark of the sea must be clearly demarcated on site and no activities may take place on the seawards side of that line without prior NEMA Environmental Authorisation.		Surveyor pegged the approved disturbance footprint. The deck and path will be pegged and demarcated at a later stage.	No action required.

Demarcation of NO-GO area				
The disturbance area must be pegged out well before the commencement of activities. All areas outside the pegged footprint are considered as NO-GO areas.			Demarcation of main house is clearly visible (green shade netting – will change to clear-vu fence). The garage site has not been demarcated prior to commencement with earthworks, and not silt fence was installed.	A penalty has been issued to the contractor for not having no-go demarcation or silt protection at the garage site. The rescued protected trees have not been demarcated – the contractor subsequently installed danger tape no-go demarcation and silt fencing is still required.
All construction activities must be restricted to the demarcated areas to ensure that no further disturbance into the surrounding vegetation.			Main house construction site is clearly demarcated. Garage site demarcation (danger tape) has been installed. No encroachment noted, however silt fencing is still required on the northern edge of the garage site no-go area to avoid accidental spill-over.	Garage site silt fencing required.
Fauna and flora				
Vegetation clearing may only commence once the EA / licenses/permits are in place.			Vegetation clearance of the main house and garage site is complete.	No action required.
All disturbance areas must be inspected in conjunction with the ECO. Any transplantable species (shrubs, succulents, geophytes etc.) which occur within the construction areas should be either stored in an on-site nursery for later use in the landscaping phase or directly transplanted into the surrounding areas outside of the disturbance areas.			Plant rescue was done before the start of vegetation clearing of the house footprint. Plant rescue was done before the northern (garage) section was cleared. All rescued vegetation will be used in rehabilitation or replanted outside of the disturbance footprint.	No action required.
The Milkwood and Cheesewood trees present on the property must be demarcated and protected during the build.			Milkwood and cheesewoods outside the disturbance footprint were marked with danger tape and remain undisturbed. NFA licence in place for transplant of milkwood tree in footprint of garage - done.	No action required.
The contractor(s) shall be responsible for ensuring all employees are aware of the need to prevent any harmful effects on wildlife on or around the construction site because of their activities.			No issues noted or reported to the ECO.	No action required.

The contractor(s) shall ensure that no hunting, trapping, shooting, poisoning or otherwise disturbance of any fauna takes place.			No issues noted or reported to the ECO.	No action required.
Topsoil Stripping				
As topsoil is a valuable resource, it 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 materials and / or subsoil.			Topsoil rescue done.	No action required.
CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT				
Site management				
Access to the property can be gained via the servitude road bisecting the property (MR6817). Movement of construction vehicles must be restricted to this servitude road and access driveways (driveway(s) at each disturbance area to be used for entrance and exit, no additional driveways) forming part of the site plan. No additional temporary access road may be created.			No additional site access routes have been created. The existing approved two entrances/driveways are being used and is demarcated.	No action required.
Ablution facilities (chemical toilets) are to be provided at the campsite for use of the staff (one toilet per 15 people).			Ablution facility is in place and kept clean.	No action required.
A fenced-off area must be created within the campsite for refuse and waste management.			The contractor was request during this reporting period to conduct regular litter picking, supply a suitable bin/skip for the site and ensure that the bin(s)/skip(s) are regularly emptied.	The contractor was request during this reporting period to conduct regular litter picking, supply a suitable bin/skip for the site and ensure that the bin(s)/skip(s) are regularly emptied.
Soil erosion and stormwater management				
Stringent mitigation measures must be imposed during construction to minimise runoff, possible silt run-off and contamination of water leaving the site (especially into the adjacent 'natural' areas), with the use of silt-fencing, rows of onion bags, mulch,			Demarcation around the main house site doubles as a silt fence. No erosion noted below the gabion retaining wall.	Silt fencing required at the garage site.

brushwood, sandbags, and deflection berms (the choice depending on the situation). These mitigation measures are essential in all exposed areas.			Silt fencing required at the garage site.	
Concrete and cement works				
No mixing to be done in environmentally sensitive areas or areas where there is a high risk of cement contaminated water entering the natural area and / or non-perennial stream.			Concrete / cement mixing started and contained within the development area. An impermeable surface that forms part of the house footprint is being used where cement is mixed.	No action required.
Concrete batching takes place on an impermeable surface to prevent any soil related contamination.			Mixing done on top of impermeable surface – i.e., permanent disturbance area.	No action required.

1.2. Environmental Authorisation (EA) Conditions

Compliance with EA (16/3/3/1/D6/17/0020/22 – dated 24 March 2023) conditions were checked during this monitoring period.

No change from the findings of the previous ECO monitoring report.

1.3. Photographic record

Photographic record of ECO site inspections.

Photographic record	Comments and requests
	Ongoing care for the rescued milkwoods – water and compost.



No-Go demarcation of the main house construction area in place.



Southern gabion protection.



Danger tape No-Go demarcation has been installed around the garage construction site.

2. CONCLUSION

No-go demarcation around main house construction site is in place and well maintained. No-Go demarcation around the garage construction site was installed after a penalty was issued to the contractor - silt fence on the northern no-go edge of the garage site still required. Ongoing care for the rescued trees – water and compost. Additional litter bins/skids are required and regular litter picking (chicken parades) is required. Removal of alien plants must continue.

The contractor and owner are compliant with the EMPr, OSCA, NFA and EA requirements/conditions.