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ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING REPORT No. 3

FOR

*The Residential Development on Erf 19001, Heather Park, George:
Arbour Estate*



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Environmental Monitoring Report No. 3

HillLand Environmental, the appointed Environmental Control Officer (ECO) compiled this report as the environmental monitoring report (**No.3**). This report monitors compliance against the Environmental Management Plan (Ref.: GEO23.1176.19) and constitutes the **3rd** Environmental Monitoring Report and covers inspections done during **June, July and August 2024** for the construction of Arbour Estate on Erf 19001, Heather Park, George.

This ECO report also covers compliance monitoring for all works to date in terms of the EA 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/D2/26/0023/22).

Notification of commencement was sent to the Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning (DEA&DP) on 7th March 2024.

Environmental induction was done with all new staff on site on 2nd April 2024 and the 16th August 2024.

ECO monitoring during **June, July and August 2024**:

Date:	Comment:
04 June 2024	Site closed due to heavy rainfall
11 June 2024	Site inspection
13 June 2024	Site inspection and meeting
20 June 2024	Site inspection
27 June 2024	Site inspection and meeting
04 July 2024	Site inspection
08 July 2024	Site inspection
11 July 2024	Site inspection and meeting
17 July 2024	Site inspection
24 July 2024	Site inspection
25 July 2024	Site inspection and meeting
30 July 2024	Site inspection
31 July 2024	Site inspection
1 August 2024	Site inspection and meeting
8 August 2024	Site inspection and meeting
16 August 2024	Site inspection & Environmental Induction
22 August 2024	Site inspection and meeting
29 August 2024	Site inspection

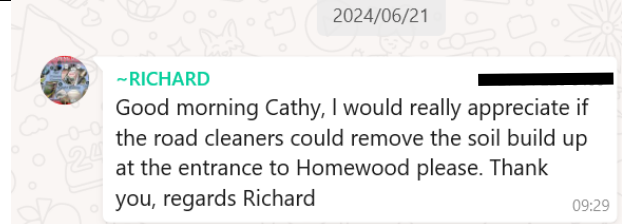
EMPr Requirement	Level of Compliance	Comment/ Findings	Photo's (if applicable)
Authority			
Seven calendar days' notice must be provided to DEADP before commencement with any activities, which must include proof of the appointed ECO.	Compliant	Seven days notice was given on the 7 th March 2024 to DEADP.	
Seven calendar days' notice must be given to DEADP on completion of the construction activities.	N/A	Construction is not complete.	
Construction Site Camp			
This area must be indicated by the ECO.	Compliant	Site camp approved by ECO.	 401 Land Development 2/1001 Estate 15/05/2024 14:00 2304966 - 22 42666 44 Johny Joubert St Heather Park, Gauteng

The site camp must be screened from view using materials that blend into the surrounding vegetation.	Compliant	Green shade net fence around site camp	 Hill and Environmental Arbour 06.07.2024 10:55 23.04498, 22.52846 (44m) Altitude: 267m
The site construction boarding must be a dark colour with minimal branding.	Compliant	Minimal branding and dark green colours used.	 Hill and Environmental Arbour Estate 20.08.2024 13:28 33.95153, 22.42665 at Jimmy Jouber St, Heather Park, George
Site lighting must be kept to a minimum and no flood lights may be used.	Compliant	No flood lights or harsh lights used.	

An area needs to be dedicated for waste and refuse management, which needs to be fenced off.	Compliant	Waste area in site camp.	 Hilland Environmental Arbour Estate 11.06.2024 12:11 -33.94952, 22.42659 50 Tommy Joubert St, Heather Park, George
No accommodation is permitted on site, except for a night watchman during the construction period.	Compliant	No accommodation on site – night watchman on site	
Storage of all materials must occur in this camp unless otherwise approved by the ECO.	Compliant	Construction materials are stored in the site camp and on future development areas as agreed by the ECO.	 Hilland Environmental Arbour Estate 11.08.2024 13:36 -33.94952, 22.42659 50 Tommy Joubert St, Heather Park, George
No construction material is to be stored on steep slope areas.	Compliant	All materials are stored on flat areas within the development footprint.	

Ablution Facilities			
One chemical toilet needs to be provided for every 15 people on site.	Compliant	Suitable chemical toilets available on site.	 Hill and Environmental Arbour 24.07.2024 16:50 33.95099, 22.42512 (±5m) Altitude: 264m
The toilets shall be emptied regularly and be kept neat.	Compliant	Toilets serviced regularly.	
Making use of the vegetation as a toilet is prohibited and will be fined.	Compliant	No non-compliance noted although there is regular traffic through the area from the residents across the river using a short cut.	
Environmental Induction and Monitoring Requirements			
All construction and building staff must be briefed by the ECO in an environmental education programme prior to any activities commencing on site.	Compliant	Environmental Induction was done on the 2 nd April 2024 and the 16 th August 2024. Ongoing toolbox talks are done every Monday morning.	
Prior to the commencement of each construction activity, maintenance or rehabilitation, the contractor and site agent shall give the ECO a method statement.	Compliant	Initial construction method statement received Ongoing methods discussed at site meetings every second week where necessary	
Induction registers to be kept for all contractors on site.	Compliant	Induction registers are kept on site.	

Upon completion of the buildings, a completion report by the ECO is required BEFORE occupation certificates may be issued.	N/A	No buildings are complete yet.	
Annual environmental audits, undertaken by an independent EAP, must be submitted to the competent authority.	N/A	Annual report will be submitted in March 2025.	
A final environmental audit report for the construction phase must be submitted to the competent authority within 3 months of the completion of the construction phase.	N/A	The construction phase is still on going.	
Site Agent			
The main contractor shall appoint a site agent, who will report to the ECO, to ensure that they are complying with the EMPr.	Compliant	John, Philip and Michael are the site agents.	
Traffic Control			
Construction vehicles must comply with traffic regulations and limit traveling during peak traffic times.	Compliant	No complaints received.	

Construction vehicles must be restricted to designated roads only.	Complaint	Vehicles using the haul roads designated on site. Homewood and Plantation Street entrances to ensure that the haul road remains within the agreed parameters with the landowner and municipality.	 Hilland Environmental Arbour Estate 29.08.2024 13:31 -33.94714, 22.4279 39 Plantation Rd, Heather Park, George
Vehicles leaving the site must be clean, and where possible, must not deposit earth material or concrete on the road.	Needs continual attention	Plantation road was muddy and requires regular cleaning after rain events	 Hilland Environmental Arbour 20.07.2024 19:37 -33.94702, 22.42955 (±4m) Altitude: 272m
Where the above-mentioned is unavoidable, the road must be cleaned.	Needs continual attention	Cleaning was immediately actioned. 21 June – complaint received to clean the Homewood entrance area.	 2024/06/21 ~RICHARD Good morning Cathy, I would really appreciate if the road cleaners could remove the soil build up at the entrance to Homewood please. Thank you, regards Richard 09:29
Appropriate signage and visible demarcation are required to manage correct traffic flow.	Compliant	No traffic issues noted, signage in place	

Working Site				
The site must be kept neat and clean.	Needs continual attention	Scattered litter on site to be cleaned up. Chip packets and cigarette packets noted. Rubbish in the riparian area is an ongoing problem from the neighbouring residents who cross the property.		 Hill and Environmental Arbour Estate 06-07-2024 12:13 -33.94941, 22.42625 150, Tormini, Joubert St, Heather Park, George
Vegetation clearing must be delayed as long as possible prior to construction and it must be limited to the minimum footprint.	Compliant	Vegetation clearing is done as the works need to progress. Haul roads demarcated to avoid the creation of multiple haul roads.		 Hill and Environmental Arbour 06-07-2024 10:24 -33.94922, 22.427 (124m) Altitude 271m

Stockpiles/ storage sites for construction material must be approved by the ECO.	Compliant	ECO has approved all stockpile and storage sites, all within the development footprint	 Hill and Environmental Arbour 06.07.2024 11:21 33.9494, 22.42634 (s4m) Altitude: 265m
All stockpile sites in the development area need to be demarcated with silt-fences or danger tape.	Compliant	All stockpile sites are defined – where silt movement is a concern, silt fences or sandbags are in place.	 Hill and Environmental Arbour 06.07.2024 10:22 33.94873, 22.42664 (s4m) Altitude: 271m
The working zone must be demarcated, and all activities must be restricted to the demarcated working zone.	Compliant	The working zones are demarcated with orange netting fences and danger signs. Work restricted to the working areas only.	 Hill and Environmental Arbour 06.07.2024 10:19 33.95047, 22.42613 (s4m) Altitude: 265m

No-go fencing is required between the working zone and the steep forest slopes. The riparian area is a strict no-go area.	Compliant	No-Go fence installed along the steep forest slope. Temporary access required through the area for sewer line connection and alien clearing team.	 Hill and Environmental Arboretum Estate 29 08 2024 13:43 33 95075, 22 42474 Tommy Joubert St. Heather Park, George NE
Should access be required through a no-go area, written permission must be acquired from the ECO.	Compliant	Access through no-go area has been approved by the ECO for the alien clearing team. Temporary access required for sewer line connection to existing bulk municipal sewer	 Hill and Environmental Arboretum Estate 29 08 2024 13:42 33 95075, 22 42474 Tommy Joubert St. Heather Park, George NE

During civil construction the areas not under construction are considered no-go areas.	Compliant	The development area is the working and stockpile area. While work is taking place in phase 1, later phases are used for stockpile sites. Excavation for the apartment basement close to the edge of bush line. Historically dumped material removed from the area to allow for rehabilitation.	 Hill and Environmental Arbour Estate 11.06.2024 12:15 33.95042, 22.42573 12 Tommy Joubert St, Heather Park, George Hill and Environmental Arbour Estate 11.06.2024 16:30 33.95042, 22.42573 12 Tommy Joubert St, Heather Park, George
Access into no-go areas by personnel is strictly forbidden.	Compliant	No non-compliance noted although difficult to monitor as the local residents use the area as a thoroughfare to move from Blanco to Heather Park.	

The total footprint of a building zone should be demarcated with a 1.5 m high shade cloth for the entire period of the construction. All areas outside of this demarcation are no-go areas for all construction staff.	Compliant	The working site is demarcated with 1.8m high shade cloth fences, the security fence and entry control are in place. There have been no complaints of construction staff entering neighbouring properties.	
Energy Saving Techniques			
Water and energy saving measures shall be applied wherever possible.	Compliant	Where possible energy saving measures are used.	Included in the building design. To be installed as part of the construction.
Soil Erosion and Storm Water Management			
The SUDS principles must be implemented.	Compliant	The entire stormwater system is designed as a SUDS system. Still to be implemented as the construction phase continues.	SUDS installation not yet commenced.
All stormwater systems must be continually maintained throughout the construction period.	Compliant	No issues noted – sandbags are used to guide water flow and the haybale fence prevents any concentrated flow onto the slopes	

Silt fences must be installed before construction work commences.	Compliant	Haybale fencing was installed prior to any ground clearing commencing. Rows of sandbags have been installed to guide water flow. These are shifted as required	 Hill and Environmental Arbour 24.07.2024 16:42 33.95014, 22.42574 (±3m) Altitude: 265m
A haybale screen must be installed 2.5 m offset from the top of the steep slope prior to any earthworks or vegetation clearing.	Compliant	The haybale screen was installed in March 2024 prior to the commencement of any earthwork activities.	 Hill and Environmental Arbour 24.07.2024 16:42 33.95014, 22.42574 (±3m) Altitude: 265m
The use of silt-fences, onion bags, mulch, brushwood, sandbags and deflection berms must be imposed to minimise run-off, potential silt run-off and contaminated water leaving the site. These measures are essential in exposed areas.	Compliant	Rows of sandbags have been installed to minimize run-off and erosion. Bidem silt fences are installed where required	 Hill and Environmental Arbour 24.07.2024 16:42 33.95015, 22.42574 (±4m) Altitude: 265m
The contractor shall be liable for a fine and the clean-up in the event of erosion damage or silt movement.	Compliant	No erosion damage or silt movement noted to date	

In the event of contaminated water run-off, silt shall be trapped using sandbags and the contaminated area should be cleaned.	Compliant	No contaminated water run-off noted or cleanup required to date.	
It is the responsibility of the contractor working inside any trench to ensure that their works are protected from damage through run-off.	Compliant	No issues noted or reported.	
All silt traps need to be cleared on a weekly basis during the construction period.	Compliant	Silt traps are maintained after rain events.	
Fauna and Flora			
Vegetation on adjacent properties may not be damaged or destroyed.	Compliant	No vegetation on adjacent properties has been disturbed other than the use of the existing access road to the north.	
Plant rescue must be undertaken prior to the commencement of any clearing activities taking place on site.	Compliant	Plant search and rescue was done in March 2024.	 (30.07.2024)

Rescued plants must be collected – with their roots and sod intact - and stored in the on-site nursery.	Compliant	Rescued plants are kept in the nursery in the site camp.	 (30.07.2024)
The grass area is to be mowed after plant rescue , but prior to commencement of construction.	Compliant	The grass area was mowed after plant rescue.	
Should any endangered or protected species be discovered during clearance, it may not be removed without the relevant permit.	N/A	No endangered or protected species have been found.	
The removal, damage or disturbance of animals must be avoided, and the ECO should be contacted to assist if any animals are trapped.	Compliant	No animals have been harmed/ disturbed.	
No hunting, trapping, shooting, poisoning or disturbance of any fauna may take place.	Compliant	No non-compliance noted during this reporting period.	

Visual Requirements			
All excavation machinery and trucks must be stored/ kept out of sight of residential areas as far as possible.	Compliant	All machinery and trucks are kept in the construction camp site.	 Hilland Environmental Arbour Estate 29.08.2024 13:33 33.949° 22.42642° 66 Tommy Joubert St, Heather Park, George
Excavation machinery and trucks may not leave any rubble, sand, rock, branches etc. on roads when leaving/ entering the site.	Compliant	Roads are cleaned as soon as there is any build up of material. After rain events this is very important.	
Excessive signage outside the construction camp is prohibited.	Compliant	There is minimal signage outside the construction camp.	 Hilland Environmental Arbour Estate 29.08.2024 13:31 33.94714° 22.4279° 92 Plantation Rd, Heather Park, George
Socio-Economic Requirements			
Locally sourced inputs must be used where feasible and kept on record.	Compliant	Local inputs are used where possible.	

Hazardous Materials			
No temporary diesel storage tanks may be brought on the site.	Compliant	No temporary diesel storage tanks were noted on site.	
No hazardous materials may be stored on site without written approval from DEADP.	Compliant	No non-compliance noted.	
Heritage Resources			
If an artefact, grave, stone tool, structure older than 50 years, shell midden etc., is discovered all work is immediately stopped in the immediate vicinity of the site and the ECO is to be contacted to inform HWC.	N/A	No heritage items have been found.	
Soil Protection			
Topsoil, and accompanying roots and biomass, must be stripped and stockpiled from all construction areas PRIOR to work commencement in that specific area, but after plant rescue .	Compliant	Topsoil has been stripped from all the areas under construction and stockpiled on site.	 Hilland Environmental Arbour Estate 11.06.2024 12:07 33.95093, 22.42656 34 Tommy Joubert St. Heather Park, George

				 Hill and Environmental Arbour 08/07/2024 10:22 33.94873, 22.42664 (44m) Altitude 27m	
Topsoil stockpiles may not be contaminated with subsoil, building rubble or alien plant species.	Compliant	No non-compliance noted.		 Hill and Environmental Arbour Estate 29/08/2024 13:46 33.94964, 22.42594 64 Tommy Joubert St, Heather Park, George	
Where possible, topsoil must be placed directly into required landscaping areas.	N/A	Not possible at this stage of construction.			
Where landscape berms/ swales are created, they need to be shaped to their final shape immediately.	N/A	No landscape berms/ swales have been created.			
Landscape berms/ swales must be vegetated with a cover crop.	N/A	No landscape berms/ swales have been created.			
Topsoil may not be removed from the site without written approval from the ECO.	N/A	No topsoil has been removed from the site.			
Soil stockpiles must be protected against wind and water erosion.	Compliant	No issues noted.			

Soil removed for construction services must be placed on the side of the trench, with the topsoil on one side and the subsoil on the other side. The subsoil must be replaced first, then the topsoil.	Compliant	Internal service installation is all within the road reserve areas. Connection to the main sewer has commenced The erosion which was pre-existing on the municipal sewer line needs to be repaired.	 Land and Environmental Arden 24/07/2024 16:51 36 35088 22 42452 (tmm) Altitude: 263m
Excess subsoil to be used for cut and fills must be stored in stockpile areas approved by the ECO. Subsoil that is not going to be used must be removed immediately to an approved disposal facility.	Compliant	Stockpile sites have been approved by the ECO. Excess material removed from site.	 Land and Environmental Arden 24/07/2024 16:51 36 35088 22 42452 (tmm) Altitude: 263m
Site Access			
The main contractor must ensure that there is 24-hour security on site.	Compliant	24-hour security present on site.	

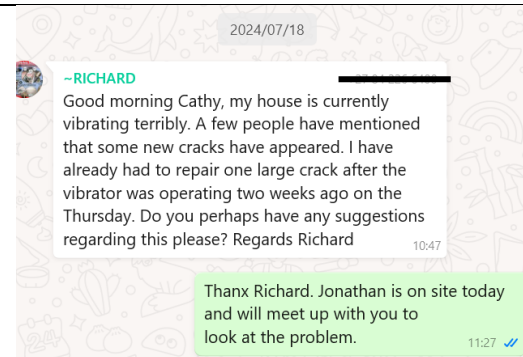
Site access is through Homewood Estate and it shall be controlled by an access control gate on the property. Alternate construction access to be approved by the ECO.	Compliant	Arbour Estate is accessed through Homewood Estate and the entrance has a controlled gate. From May onwards the alternative access from the back was approved by the municipality and is also in use and being managed and monitored. 21st June – Homewood request for road cleaning at the entrance through the group chat with the contractor, applicant and ECO – immediately cleaned. 15th August – Homewood request for entrance road cleaning – immediately cleaned as the ECO had requested same on the 14th August Note entrance needs to be kept clean and free of mud and the access track MUST remain less than 4m in width and may not encroach beyond this. Municipality and neighbour will withdraw permission for this alternative access should this be exceeded or the municipal roads not maintained in a clean state. Clearing was immediately implemented and stormwater flow in Plantation ave opened to link to the existing swale.	 HillLand Environmental Arbour 24.07.2024 16:36 33.9512, 22.42639 (+4m) Altitude: 266m HillLand Environmental Arbour 30.07.2024 10:31 33.94707, 22.42829 (+4m) Altitude: 271m HillLand Environmental Arbour 31.07.2024 11:23 33.94707, 22.42806 (+5m) Altitude: 271m
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			 Road cleaner 31st July
Local Labour			
Records of all personnel and subcontractors are to be kept and are to be provided to the ECO.	Compliant	Labour records are kept by the contractor.	
It is strongly recommended to use local labour for the construction phase.	Compliant	Labour is mainly sourced from George.	
Fire Protection			
No open fires are permitted on site.	Compliant	No fires have been made on site.	
All cigarettes need to be extinguished and disposed of properly.	Compliant	No non-compliance noted.	
The contractor and staff need to be aware of the procedures that need to be followed in the event of a fire.	Compliant	All staff are aware of the fire procedures.	

Waste Management			
The contractor must ensure that there are sufficient disposal facilities on site.	Compliant	Sufficient disposal facilities at this stage of construction.	
Recycling bins must be provided and clearly labelled.	Non-compliant	Recycling bins not clearly marked.	
All waste must be disposed of at suitable facilities. No dumping on or off site is permitted.	Compliant	No dumping noted.	
Disposal of all contaminated products must be documented and kept.	N/A	Nothing has been contaminated on site.	
Litter bins must be provided, and no littering is tolerated.	Compliant	Litter bins are available on site, but general "lunch waste" has been noted as an issue and regular cleanups are required.	

Solid waste may be temporarily stored on-site in a designated area and it must be removed on a weekly basis.	Compliant	Waste is temporarily stored in the site camp in skips.	
All waste storage containers shall be covered, tip-proof, weatherproof and scavenger proof.	Compliant	All waste storage containers are secure.	
Concrete and Cement Works			
No concrete mixing or batch bund areas may not occur within 50 m of the top of the steep slope.	Compliant	Concrete mixing does not occur within 50m of the steep slope	
Any concrete batching plant areas are to be approved by the ECO prior to utilisation.	Compliant	Concrete batching areas have been approved by the ECO.	
No ready-mix trucks are permitted to rinse their tanks on site or along the access roads.	Compliant	No non-compliance noted.	
Mixing areas must be defined on site and clearly demarcated.	Compliant	Mixing areas are clearly defined.	
All mixing areas must be bunded.	Compliant	Cement mixing areas are bunded with bricks.	

Contaminated soil or excess concrete must be disposed of appropriately	Compliant	Contaminated material discovered on site during the installation of the bulk sewer connection. (historic dumping not associated with this development). All contaminated material to be removed from the site as part of the rehabilitation of the area.	
Cement water may not enter any open space or water body.	Compliant	No non-compliance noted.	
Cement mixing must be ready mix – from batching area - or mixed on trays/ thick plastic, NOT on soil.	Compliant	Cement is mixed in batching areas.	
Sandbag walls should be used as bunding around any mixing areas.	Compliant	Brick walls are used around the mixing areas.	
No water for the mixing of cement may be sourced from any river system.	Compliant	No water from the river is used for any construction activities.	
No mixing may be done in environmentally sensitive areas or areas with high risk of contaminated water entering the stormwater system.	Compliant	Mixing of cement is done on flat areas away from the steep river slopes.	
Noise and Dust Management			
Construction shall be limited to normal working hours.	Compliant	Working only occurs during working hours.	
The buildings shall comply with the normal Municipal building control requirements.	Compliant	No non-compliance noted.	
Water shall be sprayed on gravel roads or exposed areas that generate dust or wood chips can be placed on haul roads to reduce dust.	N/A	Dust has not been an issue during this reporting period due to the frequent rain keeping the ground damp.	

Temporary stockpiles cannot be placed in areas that will be an eyesore to neighbours and if they generate dust this needs to be managed.	Compliant	No non-compliance noted.	 Hill and Environmental Arbour Estate 11.06.2024 12:09 33.9564, 22.42641 50 Tommy Doobert St. Heather Park, George
Rehabilitation			
The holder of EA must finalise the post construction rehabilitation and monitoring requirements within 3-months from the date the construction phase is concluded.	N/A	Construction phase is not complete.	
The rescued plants should be replanted in accordance with the Landscape Master Plan.	N/A	Construction phase is not complete.	
On completion of work by the contractor, all disturbed areas require stabilisation.	N/A	Construction phase is not complete.	
No bare/ exposed areas may be left for more than 2 months.	Compliant	No exposed surfaces have been left.	
Any damage to private property or open space area must be reinstated to the state it was before construction commenced.	compliant	18 July -Damage complaint received and investigated	

Compacted topsoil must be raked loose.	N/A	Construction phase is not complete.	
Additional erosion control methods must be implemented if the ECO says it is required.	N/A	Construction phase is not complete.	
Erosion should be repaired around the existing municipal sewer line and on the historic land fill on the steep slopes.	compliant	Erosion repair to follow	
The existing alien vegetation as well as the open space along the river shall be rehabilitated back to indigenous forest.	N/A	Construction phase is not complete.	
Only the alien clearing contractor and rehabilitation contractors are permitted to work in the riverine no-go area.	Compliant	Only the alien clearing team has entered the riverine no-go area.	
Gum trees have a NEMBA permit to remain on the slopes outside the riparian zone while the indigenous forest is established as a visual and noise screen.	Compliant	The Gum trees that must remain during rehabilitation of the indigenous forest vegetation have not been removed.	
A forest walking trail may be created using shredded wood and log edges along the contours – a raised boardwalk may be used where foot traffic will cause erosion on steep slopes.	N/A	Trail construction has not commenced.	
Alien Plant Management			
Listed invasive species are prohibited and must be removed as observed.	Compliant	No alien invasive species have been noted in the working area.	

The developer must clear aliens according to the approved ACP, commencing before handing over to the HOA who will continue according to the ACP.	Compliant	Removal of alien trees has commenced in accordance with the ACP.	
All alien invasive seedlings must be removed continually for the life of the development – this responsibility will be given to the HOA.	Compliant	No non-compliance noted during this report period.	

2. Conclusion

Construction is in progress and no significant issues have been noted.

Alien clearing in the riverine area has commenced.

Contaminated material dumped historically on site was discovered during the installation of the main sewer line. This has mostly been removed and the area reinstated for rehabilitation.

No non-compliance was noted during this reporting period. The contractor and developer are compliant with the EMPr.