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Previous DEA&DP REF: 16/3/3/1/B4/45/1030/19 / 16/3/3/5/B4/45/1020/24

Current DEA&DP REF: 16/3/3/5/B4/45/1058/24

Dear Interested and Affected Party

NOTIFICATION OF AMENDMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION ISSUED ON 20 SEPTEMBER 2019 (REFERENCE NO.: 16/3/3/1/B4/45/1030/19), IN TERMS OF PART 1 OF CHAPTER 5 OF THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT ACT, 1998 (ACT 107 OF 1998) AND THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT ("EIA") REGULATIONS, 2014 (AS AMENDED) FOR THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF THE CALCUTTA PUBLIC CEMETERY AND MEMORIAL PARK ON FARM NO. 29, STELLENBOSCH.

Guillaume Nel Environmental Consultants (GNEC) was appointed by Bigen (Pty.) Ltd. on behalf of the Stellenbosch Municipality to facilitate the Part 1 (one) Amendment of Environmental Authorisation process in terms of the National Environmental Management Act (NEMA), 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998), Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2014 (as amended 07 April 2017) for the proposed development of the Calcutta Public Cemetery and Memorial Park on Farm No. 26, Stellenbosch.

The EA granted on the 20th of September 2019 includes the adoption of a freshwater rehabilitation and maintenance and management plan. Section B of the EA, states the following:

The proposal entails the development of a public cemetery and memorial park that will comprise:

- A traditional grave area which allows for whole-body burials in traditional underground graves with headstones.
- An informal zone. This zone is non-traditional burial sites within a memorial park/landscaped park/garden area with lawn plaques/or a tree of remembrance/tree as headstone. The zone will incorporate the outspan in the southern section of the site and wetland buffer zones of 25m to 30m for watercourses.
- A columbarium and defined zone. These zones are non-traditional burial sites that comprise of formalized/built, above ground areas where either individual or group burials will take place. These areas include structures with niche/small spaces for placing cremated/legally reduced remains in urns or other approved containers, memorial walls with plaques of remembrance, floor plaques/flat headstones and mausoleums or crypts.

- A defined zone that includes an area for family and group burials and a heroes acre.
- An access road that will be constructed at a dedicated two-way intersection of the R304 at approximate KM 50,37.
- Internal roads of 8m wide near the entrance and around the bus parking and narrower roads for access to other regions within the cemetery and memorial park.
- A perimeter fence with main access gates and an entrance wall on the northern boundary.
- Boardwalks and wooden bridges.
- Gabion lined drift.
- An irrigation reservoir.
- A memorial park center and service zone consisting of:
 - A chapel,
 - Offices and a storage area,
 - Ablution facilities,
 - A workshop,
 - A plant/sapling nursery,
 - Staff accommodation, and
 - A gathering space.
- A sewer treatment plant and network.
- A storm water network and treatment plant. The subsurface storm water network will discharge storm water into a reed bed/storm water treatment system. A storm water attenuation pond will form part of the storm water management system.

is amended to read:

The proposal entails the development of a public cemetery and memorial park that will comprise:

- A traditional grave area which allows for whole-body burials in traditional underground graves with headstones.
- An informal zone. This zone is non-traditional burial sites within a memorial park/landscaped park/garden area with lawn plaques/or a tree of remembrance/tree as headstone. The zone will incorporate the outspan in the southern section of the site and a wetland buffer zone of 15m for watercourses.
- A columbarium and defined zone. These zones are non-traditional burial sites that comprise of formalized/built, above ground areas where either individual or group burials will take

place. These areas include structures with niche/small spaces for placing cremated/legally reduced remains in urns or other approved containers, memorial walls with plaques of remembrance, floor plaques/flat headstones and mausoleums or crypts.

- A defined zone that includes an area for family and group burials and a heroes acre.
- An access road that will be constructed at a dedicated two-way intersection of the R304 at approximate KM 50,37.
- Internal roads of 8m wide near the entrance and around the bus parking and narrower roads for access to other regions within the cemetery and memorial park.
- A perimeter fence with main access gates and an entrance wall on the northern boundary.
- Boardwalks and wooden bridges.
- Gabion lined drift.
- An irrigation reservoir.
- A memorial park center and service zone consisting of:
 - A chapel,
 - Offices and a storage area,
 - Ablution facilities,
 - A workshop,
 - A plant/sapling nursery,
 - Staff accommodation, and
 - A gathering space
- Installation of conservancy tanks.
- A storm water network and treatment plant. The subsurface storm water network will discharge storm water into a reed bed/storm water treatment system. A storm water attenuation pond will form part of the storm water management system.
- A security route along the boundary of the site.

Section E: Conditions of authorisation

Condition 10

The Freshwater Rehabilitation, Maintenance and Management Plan ("FRMMP") adopted as part of this Environmental Authorisation must be implemented.

is amended to read:

The Freshwater Rehabilitation, Maintenance and Management Plan ("FRMMP") adopted as part of this **Amended** Environmental Authorisation must be implemented.

This letter serves to inform you that GNEC submitted a Part 1 Amendment of EA in order to apply for a non-substantive amendment to the SDP and the previously approved Freshwater Rehabilitation Maintenance Management Plan (FRMMP) and Freshwater Impact Assessment (FIA) to the Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning (DEA&DP). The DEA&DP subsequently amended the originally approved EA and issued the Stellenbosch Municipality with an Amended Environmental Authorisation (EA) This Environmental Authorisation is granted for-

(a) A period of **ten** (10) years, from 20 September 2019 (date of the original EA) until 20 September 2029, during which period the holder must commence with the authorised listed activities.

(b) A period of **five** (5) years, from the date the holder commenced with the authorised listed activity, during which period the authorised listed activities must be concluded.

The date of the decision and issue is 31st of October 2024 (and received by GNEC 1 November 2024).

Please note that the holder of the Environmental Authorisation is:

- Stellenbosch Municipality
- Responsible Person: Mrs. G Mettler / Mr. Albert van der Merwe
- P.O. Box 17, Stellenbosch, 7599
- Tel: (021) 808 8025
- Email: municipal.manager@stellenbosch.gov.za / Albert.vanderMerwe@stellenbosch.gov.za

Additionally, please also see the contact details of the decision-maker below:

- Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning (DEA&DP)
- Directorate: Development Management, Region 1
- Enquiries: Mr. D'Mitri Matthews
- Tel: 021 483 8350
- Email: D'mitri.Matthews@westerncape.gov.za

Should you as an Interested and Affected Party (I&AP) not agree with the DEA&DP's decision herewith attached, and would like to lodge an appeal, the appeal procedure in accordance with Regulation 4 of the National Appeal Regulations 2014 (as amended).

Should you wish to appeal, an appeal must be lodged with the Appeal Administrator **within 20 calendar days from the date that the notification of the decision was sent to the registered interested and affected parties by the applicant (i.e., this letter).**

The appeal form must be submitted by means of one of the following methods:

- By Post: Western Cape Ministry of Local Government, Environmental Affairs
and Development Planning
Private Bag X9186
CAPE TOWN
8000;
- By Facsimile: (021) 483 4174
- By Hand: Attention: Mr Marius Venter (Tel: 021 483 2659)
Room 809
8th Floor Utilitas Building, 1 Dorp Street, Cape Town, 8001

Note: For purposes of electronic database management, you are also requested to submit electronic copies (Microsoft Word format) of the appeal, responding statement and any supporting documents to the Appeal Authority to the address listed above and/ or via DEADP.Appeals@westerncape.gov.za.

A prescribed appeal form as well as assistance regarding the appeal processes is obtainable from Appeal Authority at: Tel. (021) 483 2659, E-mail DEADP.Appeals@westerncape.gov.za or URL <http://www.westerncape.gov.za/eadp>

Herewith please find attached a copy of the Environmental Authorisation which was issued to Stellenbosch Municipality. A copy of the Environmental Authorisation will also be uploaded onto GNEC's website (www.gnec.co.za) under Documents on Review.

Meanwhile, should you have any queries, please feel free to contact myself, at:

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Fax: (021) 870 1873

E-mail: willene@gnec.co.za

Yours sincerely,

Willene Cordier

For GNEC

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