



4 Virginia Street,
Plettenberg Bay
Western Cape
6600

PO Box 12,
George,
Western Cape
6530

Tel: 044 501 1602
Fax: 044 501 1603
E-mail: gjvos@gardenroute.gov.za
www.gardenroute.gov.za

OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL MANAGER

<i>Enquiries:</i>	GJ Vos
<i>Reference:</i>	18/3/4/1
<i>Date:</i>	05/07/2023

The Municipal Manager
Bitou Municipality
P.O. Box 26
Plettenberg Bay
6600

Sir

RE: APPLICATION FOR EXEMPTION IN TERMS OF REGULATION 15(2)(b) RELATING TO THE MANAGEMENT OF HUMAN REMAINS (R363 AS PUBLISHED IN GOVERNMENT GAZETTE NO. 36473 OF 22 MAY 2013) : NEW CEMETRY, PORTION 33 OF THE FARM HILLVIEW NO 437 BITOU MUNICIPALITY

Notice with reference to inspection conducted on above-mentioned premises, with regards to the application for the proposed relaxation of the 500 meter buffer zone from the nearest habitable building.

The Garden Route District Municipal Health Services (GRDMHS) evaluated the application for the proposed cemetery on Portion 33 of the farm Hill View No. 437 Bitou Municipality and the accompanying Environmental Impact Assessment (E.I.A) documentation.

The proposed cemetery complies with the requirements as stipulated in the Regulation relating to the Management of Human Remains, (R363 as published in Government Gazette No. 36473 of 22 May 2013), except with regards to Section 15(2)(b) as it relates to the 500m buffer zone from a habitable building.

The Garden District Municipality has no objection and approve the proposed relaxation of the 500m buffer zone as requested by Bitou in the above-mentioned application and E.I.A. documentation on condition that the following requirement are strictly adhere to, namely:

- that this exemption does not and will not create a health nuisance, health hazard or endanger human health.
- adequate supply of potable water must be available complying to SANS 241 – 1:2015
- provide adequate number of sanitary facilities.
- cemetery site must be located outside the 100-year floodplain.
- the site located 350m from any ground water resources.
- water table be at least 2.5m deep in order to allow for traditional grave depth of six feet (1.8meters),(Site investigation weighted in accordance with the geo-hydrological investigation criteria, indicates groundwater at least 65m below ground level.)
- covering soil shall not be less than 1m should two bodies be buried in the same grave with 300mm of soil between the coffins.
- cemetery must comply with all the environmental criteria as stipulated in the Management of Human Remains, (R363).
- exemption is valid for a period of two years from the date of this notice.
- in the light of the fact that the proposed extension of the cemetery is close to a residential dwelling, new challenges or issues may arise as soon as the site start operating. Additional conditions may be issued based on the future developments or issues arising from the operations.

Regular inspections will be conducted on the premises to evaluate the progress and the general management of the site from a health point of view.

Your co-operation in this regard will be greatly appreciated.

Yours faithfully

.....

GJ VOS

CHIEF: MUNICIPAL HEALTH, PLETTENBERG BAY

.....

MONDE STRATU

MUNICIPAL MANAGER