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NOTIFICATION OF PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Proposed residential development on Erf 7614, Knysna Local Municipality

22 August 2024

Dear Sir / Madam,

You have been identified as a potential Interested and Affected Party with regards to the following proposed activities that require Environmental Authorisation from the relevant competent authority.

A residential development consisting of a maximum of 274 residential units comprising one, two and three-bedroom apartments is proposed on Erf 7614, located in Knysna Local Municipality between Rio Street in the North, Sanel and League Street in the West, and Concordia Road in the South. The erf is approximately 5.96 ha in extent; approximate central coordinates: 34° 1'42.56"S; 23° 2'56.02"E.

The proposed development will carry out activities contained in Listing Notice 1 of the 2014 Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) regulations (as amended, 2017), published in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) (NEMA); an environmental authorisation (EA) will be required to be issued by the National Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE) prior to the commencement of construction; the process requires a Basic Assessment to be carried out.

The following listed activities are applicable:

Listing Notice 1 GNR	The infilling or depositing of any material of more	A wetland occurs on site.
327:	than 10 cubic metres into, or the dredging,	Stormwater management
Activity 19	excavation, removal or moving of soil, sand, shells,	measures and roads will
	shell grit, pebbles or rock of more than 10 cubic	be developed in this area.
	metres from a watercourse;	
Listing Notice 1 GNR	The clearance of an area of 1 hectare or more, but	The site is approximately
327:	less than 20 hectares of indigenous vegetation,	5.6 hectares in extent and
Activity 27	except where such clearance of indigenous	currently vacant with no
	vegetation is required for	activities currently taking
	(i) the undertaking of a linear activity; or	place on the property.
	(ii) maintenance purposes undertaken in	
	accordance with a maintenance management plan.	

The proposed development will require a water use authorisation to be issued by the Department of Water and Sanitation for Section 21 c and I water uses in terms of the National Water Act, 1998 (Act No. 36 of 1998).

The water use authorisation process will be run in parallel with the NEMA process.

Notice is hereby given in terms of Regulation 41 of the NEMA EIA regulations that the developer will be applying for an EA from the DFFE.

A public participation process will be conducted in terms of the NEMA Regulation 41 of GN R. 326, 2014, as amended.

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All interested and affected parties (IAPs) are encouraged to participate in the process.

Contact Eco Route to register and / or comment as an IAP within 30 days of this notice (i.e. by 23 September 2024). Please provide written comments with your name, contact details and an indication of any direct business, financial, personal or other interest which you may have in the proposed development.

Date of Notice: 22 August 2024

Register as and IAP by 23 September 2024

The draft Basic assessment report will be distributed to all registered IAPs for a 30-day review and comment period.

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