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Attention: Mr Marius Venter

Dear Sir

ERF 2074 PLETTENBERG BAY: APPEAL AGAINST REFUSAL OF ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION APPLICATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION AVAILABILITY AND CAPACITY OF ENGINEERING SERVICES

We refer to the following correspondence:

- The Appeal Against Refusal letter from Eco Route Environmental and Planning Consultants dated 18 June 2025
- The Appeal Letter of correspondence to you from Mr V Felton, Director Engineering Services, Bitou of 19 June 2025

With regard to the availability and capacity of Engineering Services we wish to summarise as follows:

The GLS report referred to in all correspondence and reports addresses the capacity of the conveyancing bulk services, but does NOT address the capacity of the Wastewater Treatment Works.

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The GLS report and the Bitou letter of 19 June 2025 confirm the capacity of the conveyancing bulk services to accommodate the demand of the Development.

The Bitou letter of 19 June 2025 confirms that the Wastewater Treatment Works does not have sufficient capacity to accommodate the Development, but the upgrading of the Treatment Works is being addressed.

A pre requisite for the implementation of the Development would be the conclusion of an Engineering Services Agreement with Bitou, but this would not be possible until the capacity of the Wastewater Treatment Works has been upgraded.

As stated in the conclusion paragraph of the Eco Route Appeal Against Refusal letter, "refusal is recommended for review to incorporate conditions in the environmental authorisation that need to be adhered to prior to construction commencing."

The Environmental approval should therefore be conditional that the conclusion of an Engineering Services Agreement with Bitou, and implementation, only occur when the required sewerage treatment capacity becomes available.

Yours faithfully

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