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Dear Mr N.C Hellmann

APPLICATION FOR OSCA PERMIT: EARTHWORKS ON PORTION 59 OF FARM NO.443, KNYSNA, IN BITOU MUNICIPALITY

The above application reference Portion 59 of farm No.443, Knysna for a permit by Mr N.C Hellmann of the NCH Trust dated 22 November 2014 refers.

A. DESCRIPTION OF THE ACTIVITY

Disturbance of vegetation and earth works: The proposed activity entails the use of disturbed areas for houses, services, dams with wall less than 5m in height, orchards, vineyard, and grazing for horses in existing disturbed area.

B. LOCATION

The property is located in along the Robberg Corridor, approximately 500m form Robberg Nature Reserve in Plettenberg Bay

C. APPLICANT

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D. ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTANT

To be appointed

E. DECISION

In terms of section 21. (1) of the Environment Conservation Act, 1989 (Act 73 of 1989) regarding identified activities concerning the Outeniqua Sensitive Coastal Area extension, the Bitou Municipality (as defined in terms of Government Notice No. R1528 of 27 November 1998), hereby issues a permit with conditions for the execution of the activity as described above.

F. KEY FACTORS AFFECTING THE DECISION

This is a vacant property, which is underutilised. Natural vegetation was allowed to overgrow the unused / un-built part of the erf. The vegetation does not contain any protected species. No Protected Trees as per section 15 or Indigenous Forest as per section 7 of the NFA are involved.

G. CONDITIONS OF THE PERMIT

1. The applicant must adhere to but is not limited to the following:
 - 1.1. The applicant gives the municipality one week (7 days) written notice before commencement of the activities. Such notice shall make clear reference to the site location details and reference number given above.
 - 1.2. Vegetation may be disposed of onsite through chipping, grinding or other mechanical means to maintain material as soil cover / compost.
 - 1.3. Non-woody vegetation may be removed by mechanical means.
 - 1.4. Indigenous plants or wild animals may not be harmed in any way.
 - 1.5. Any incident regarding any harm to wild animals or indigenous plants must be reported to the Head: Strategic Services of Bitou Municipality.
 - 1.6. During the clearing of vegetation, the contractor shall protect areas susceptible to erosion by installing all the necessary temporary and permanent erosion protection works at the earliest possible stage of clearing and before vacating the site.
2. A license to remove the trees must be issued to the land owner/his representative on application for a license by DAFF, as required by the National Forest Act, 84 of 1998 as amended (NFA), to cut, disturb, damage or destroy Natural Forest. An application to remove trees can only be submitted once the building plans for the proposed building are approved by Bitou Municipality.
3. Removal of the trees prior to the license being issued is an offence under the provisions of the NFA and can lead to prosecution, even with the OSCAER permit already being issued by the municipality.
4. The applicant shall be responsible for ensuring compliance with the conditions of the permit by any person acting on his / her behalf, including employees, the consultant, the contractor and any other person rendering a service to the applicant with regard to the activity.
5. The applicant shall only hand over and give access to the site to a contractor after receipt of a written confirmation by the contractor that the conditions of authorisation herein will be adhered to.

6. The contractor must at all times maintain supervision of the site and ensure that all workers are aware of and comply with the conditions of authorisation.
7. In the event of non-compliance and resultant damage to the environment, the Municipality may require that remedial measures be undertaken to its satisfaction, at the cost of the applicant
8. No fires are permitted on site. Adequate fire fighting equipment must be available on site and be in good working order.
9. Hazardous materials kept on site must be contained in suitable leak proof containers and put in a safe place with suitable signage to identify it as a hazardous storage area.
10. The contractor shall provide suitable containerised or chemical toilet facilities or any other approved toilet facilities to be placed on site in such a way that it will not cause water or other environmental pollution. Toilets shall be of a neat construction and must have doors and locks and secured so that they can't blow over.
11. Under no circumstances will mechanical clearing be allowed in wetland areas or steep slopes. The alien vegetation shall be removed by hand in any wetland areas and on steep slopes.
12. A copy of this permit must be kept on site for the duration of the authorised activity on completion of the proposed activities; waste material of any description must be removed from the site and disposed of at a licensed landfill site.

H. DURATION AND DATE OF EXPIRY

This permit is valid for five years and shall lapse if the activity does not commence within two years of the date of issue.

Yours faithfully



Chris Schliemann

Acting Head: Strategic Services