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In terms the National Environmental Management Act (NEMA Act No 107 of 1998, as amended) and Environmental Impact Regulations, 2014 (as amended)

FOR

GEORGE MUNICIPAL TEMPORARY STOCKPILES AND CONSTRUCTION CAMP SITES AND GEOTECHNICAL PHASE 2 ASSESSMENT FOR RAND STREES AND ROSEDALE MAIN EXTENSION

ERF 325, GEORGE

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1 INTRODUCTION

Hilland Environmental, independent Environmental Assessment Practitioners (EAP), have been appointed by the applicant, **George Municipality**, to ensure compliance with the regulations contained in the National Environmental Management Act (NEMA, No. 107 of 1998, as amended) and the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014 (as amended) for the proposed activities on Erf 325, George.

The proposal involves the temporary establishment of stockpile areas, construction camp sites and associated access roads on Erf 325, George, for the storage of material to be reused in municipal infrastructure projects. It also includes the required Phase 2 Geotechnical Assessment to inform the Rand Street and Rosedale Main Extension projects.

This report serves as the draft Public Participation Process (PPP) report that accompanies the Draft Basic Assessment Report (BAR). It highlights all public participation undertaken as part of the process and guides I&AP's through the PPP process and its requirements. It further incorporates any pre-application comments received and associated responses to the comments.

The draft BAR is currently available for a 30-day commenting period: 21 September – 22 October 2026.

2 LEGAL FRAMEWORK AND COMPLIANCE

The PPP was conducted in line with the following regulatory requirements:

- **Section 41 of the EIA Regulations:** Minimum requirements for public participation
- **Section 42–44 of the EIA Regulations:** Rights and responsibilities of I&APs
- **Section 56 of NEMA:** Submission of public participation reports

A summary of compliance actions is provided below.

3 SUMMARY OF PPP ACTIVITIES

Table 1: Public participation actions undertaken for the proposal

Requirement and reference in terms of NEMA and NEMA EIA Regulations	Action taken	Date	Reference
Notification of CA, State Departments, Organ of States, Municipality, Municipal Ward Councillor potential registered I&APs and any party requested by the CA Reg. 40 (2) and (3) and 41 (2) (b) (iii) (iv) (v) (vi),	Notification of all potential I&APs have been done via email.	18 September 2026	Annexure A
Notification of occupiers of the site if the applicant is not the owner or person in control of the land Reg 41 (b) (i)	The landowner of the Erf is the applicant – George Municipality. Any informal occupiers will be notified via the landowner / appropriate process.	N/A	N/A
Notification of neighbouring landowners Reg 41 (b) (ii)	Based on the location, neighbouring landowners were notified via the WARD COUNCILLOR.	18 September 2026	Annexure A
Site Notice Reg 41 (2) (a) and Regulation 41 (3)	Three (3) site notices – 2x English, 1x Afrikaans were placed up in proximity to the stockpile sites	18 September 2026	Annexure C
Legal advert Reg 41 (2) (c)	A legal advert appeared in the George Herald	17 September 2026	Annexure B
Using reasonable alternative methods, as agreed to by the competent authority, in those instances where a person is desirous of but unable to participate in the process due to- (i) illiteracy;	Providing both English and Afrikaans site notices Additional alternative methods were described in the notification letters	17 September 2026	Annexure A

(ii) disability; or (iii) any other disadvantage. Reg 41 (2) (e)			
I&AP register Reg. 41(1)(a)–(b) and 42	A I&AP register was opened and will be maintained throughout the process	N/A	Annexure D
Availability of reports and commenting period Reg. 23(1)(d), Reg. 40(1)–(2) Reg. 40(2)(a) Reg. 40(2)(a)–(b)	The Draft BAR is available for a 30-day commenting period: 21 September 2026 – 22 October 2026	N/A	N/A

- **The content of notifications, site notice and legal advert complies with** Regulation 41(3), refer to Annexure A – C
- Only registered Interested and Affected Parties and NGO's will be notified further in the process.

4 COMMENT AND RESPONSES

Table 2: Comment and response table (pre-application phase) – Regulation 44. A copy of the comment is attached to Annexure E.

COMMENT	RESPONSE
Stephanie Barnardt, HWC, 19 August 2026	
Heritage Western Cape is in receipt of the above matter received. This matter was discussed at the Heritage Officers meeting held on 16 August 2026. You are hereby notified that, since there is no reason to believe that the proposed temporary stockpiling/storage on Erf RE/325, George, will have any impact, no further action under Section 38 of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999) is required. HWC Chance Finds and Accidental Finds Procedures to be included in Authorization. However, should any heritage resources, including evidence of graves and human burials, archaeological material and paleontological material be discovered during the execution of the activities above, all works must be stopped immediately, and Heritage Western Cape must be notified without delay. This letter does not exonerate the applicant from obtaining any necessary approval from any other applicable statutory authority. HWC reserves the right to request additional information as required. Should you have any further queries, please contact the official above and quote the case number.	Noted and thanked. Mitigation measures have been included in the EMP (APP H).

Table 3: Comment and response table – all comments received in response to the Draft BAR will be included and responded to here

5 CONCLUSION

In light of the above, the following is required from the potential stakeholders:

- Read through the BAR which contains all the relevant information pertaining to the proposal;
- Submit your comments, recommendations, concerns and or issues you would like to bring into the process and make known to HillLand Environmental (ppp@hilland.co.za) within the additional 30-day comment (21 September – 22 October 2026) and registration period.

- It is important to bring to the attention of the decision-making authority any issues that the I&AP believes may be of significance of the application, provided that the I&AP discloses any direct business, financial, personal or other interest which that party may have in the approval or refusal of this application.

All Interested and Affected Parties are required to disclose their interest in the matter.