

Unknown person: Between Christmas and new year we were down at Dutchies a lot of people were crossing to that parking area a lot of people crossing from there would be far more than from a parking area and to slow traffic down is quite an easy thing with speed bumps. I can't quite go along with that. Plus we have hundreds of people crossing the road with potjies and braaiwood which is quite normal.

Werner Zybrands: Okay there some more discussion at the back there.

Bobby von Doring: I just want to say I agree with what Riaan said if you take Dutchies and you enlarge Dutchies the name Dutchies is going to change it won't belong to Dutchies, the Municipality will have to go out on tender again through supply chain management. At the moment as Dutchies are standing there I am one thousand percent certain that the health department will close it down every single day. It does not comply for a liquor licence it does not comply to be a restaurant that is a fact and that is law and legislation. So you must think very carefully about that one because if they enlarge it Dutchies will not be Dutchies it will have to go through supply chain management most probably with the amount of business identified moving down to voelklip that will want to go and eat there. Seen as drinking and driving you will not find Dutchies you will have a big company coming in and winning that tender.

Werner Zybrands: Thank you Bobby. Dr. De Kock?

Matthys de Kock: At the moment I just want to say when I look at it like that I would suggest that we return that back to grass or something the proposed due site the Nautilus site and then the present Dutchies I agree that it should comply with standards that is required. But the whole idea is to make that open public place a nice place to visit and it is a nice protected area from the wind and everything so most of the year a lot of the time it is ideal for the children to play there on the grass as well if they can't play on the new grass patch in front. So if you develop that thing at the back behind Dutchies. And I would also suggest that if there are any facilities available for the people that want to go and braai there or have a picnic must pay an admission fee to cover the costs and there must be security there whether it is ADT or HPP and the people must be told you cannot cross into the Milkwood area these are the areas that you can stay in. So it is like going into a well organized with clear parameters on the rules if you want to use the facilities in the public open space so I think we can control it very well so I would agree with just increasing it and improving the present Dutchies.

Werner Zybrands: Okay can we there seems to be there area more and more people leaving can I just summarise it. Yes sir.

Unknown person: The question of extending Dutchies would be a simple matter just to clip the road around the back of Dutchies to go around the back of Dutchies and out and then you could actually form an unbroken connection with the sea. Just an idea. For the town planner not a problem I think it is quite simple to do that an continuous area where it is connected from Dutchies to the sea. Unbroken no traffic no nothing. Just an idea. So what you are suggesting is to bring this road around, no just a clip....mense praat almal gelyk kan niks hoor nie. I think you can all remember when the cars went down to Dutchies parked around the Dutchies area you were either able to go to the parking area UP at the beach or at Dutchies and go back up tenth street. What has now been done about four five years ago the traffic flow has been forced to go along the back trail and I am not so sure that that is actually a good idea. if you were actually to have less traffic going that way and going back-up the stream again I think that would

be a very good consideration for everybody. Instead of making a u-turn here you will have parking like this instead of parking like this. And they can come out again a two way.

Werner Zybrands: It is a suggestion that we will minute.

Wendy Hofmeyer: May I just say about tourism and I appreciate about what is being said. But what I wanted to say about tourism is that I have a guest cottage which is being used a lot by overseas guests and when we talk to them about when do you come here what do you enjoy and what are you looking for they all say we don't want great big buildings and smart restaurants Europe is covered with them and so is America and what we love are little informal places, please tell us where to find those. We like coffee on the rocks we like the beach we like Dutchies on the beach we will go to marks we will go anywhere that speaks to us about South Africa and intimacy please don't send us to those great big restaurants. That is what you would create if you did what they area suggesting.

Werner Zybrands: Right any last comments at this stage? Can I just summarise then again? It seems like most of you are not in favour of the old Nautilus site being re-established, that it should rather be incorporated into the natural area. That one should revisit the possibilities of upgrading Dutchies to a proper restaurant that complies with legislation because you will have to comply with legislation there is a need for such a facility and that the lets curator ad litem it the western part of the road system there be reinvestigated to a two way road system again. There is also the suggestion of taking the road around Dutchies sort of a dogleg there that that should also be investigated. There is also the question raised by Rob that one should look at the environmental aspect rising water levels and things like that, the impact of the breach of the Klein River whether that can spill over more to the western side we should bear that also in mind. And then also the suggestion that one should look at the play park area to the traffic suggestion then incorporate some playground or equipment or area for children to be safe in that Dutchies area so that the parents can cater for their kids there as well. Ok have I summarized this fairly well is there something that I missed that we should add? The gentlemen there with the microphone.

Unknown person: I have been to Dutchies many times in the last 30 40 years.

Werner Zybrands: It has not been in existence that long sir.

Unknown person: No I mean the late proprietors and I talked to them about an edition how one could. I know it is not their property they are leasing it. But as an architect I went around the building and had a look at the eastern side of it. There is a vending place where they have soft ice and there is about seven meters before you get to the edge of the trees. You could easily extend Dutchies on that side about 7 meters even 50 percent or 65 percent of the whole existing area could be added. And then you would probably mitigate all those problems with the toilets. The kitchen I know is incomplete too small no storage no cold rooms etc. you could do it there. Simple thank you.

Werner Zybrands: Thank you for that as well. Any other suggestions comments that you want to pass on to the Municipality and the planners. Right it seems like we have reached the end of today's discussion. First of all can I Mr. Hoogenhout?

Mr Hoogenhout: Can I just have a final input from the action group-site. It is in our interest and that is why we have been working on this for a number of months on this there is a lot of money and effort in it. We wish to have every possible opportunity to ensure that undesirable

development does not take place and it is necessary therefore that all the registered and interested and affected parties that are here present be informed speedily and in writing of the Municipalities intentions of going forward. If they decide to go ahead with certain or all the components of the Development we require written confirmation as well as a copy of the letter to province, with drawings of components concerned from the application for Environmental Authorisation. I am really really concerned that this whole idea of the Amphitheater may go ahead. We want to just make sure the Municipality confirms in writing is not going to happen and it looks like the same idea with the restaurant because everyone here seems to be against it.

Werner Zybrands: Okay can I ask can you give a copy of that to the admin. staff please the staff involved here. At this stage we have to conclude first of all I want to thank you the audience the interested and affected party I think this is the great thing about Hermanus the Overstrand area is that you have active public participation it is wonderful to see people to take time effort and really are concerned about the wonderful beautiful area that we do have. So thank you to all of you for what you have done. You have made sacrifices I know people referred to that and I think the outcome is going to be hopefully very positive. Thank you also to Charel for filling us in on the work that he has done and responding to the questions. Thank you also to the Municipal staff that will take this matter further incorporate the minutes and the ideas put forward here. And then it is on the agenda that the way forward would suggest that once they have applied their minds they have got the feedback now. I don't expect the Municipality to be put on the spot now and say what their reaction is going to be, but whatever their reaction is that this should be made known to the public what the suggested route is what they are going ahead. So that everybody who registered here will get that response from the Municipality if I can impose that on the municipality she is nodding she says that is fine. So that will indicate the way forward as well. With that then unless there is unfinished business Charel, you happy? And from the municipal staff anything from their side once again thank you to them for everything that has been done here and with this I want to conclude the meeting and say thank you to everybody here for your active participation baie dankie aan almal wat die opofferings gemaak het. Thanks

Meeting Concluded.

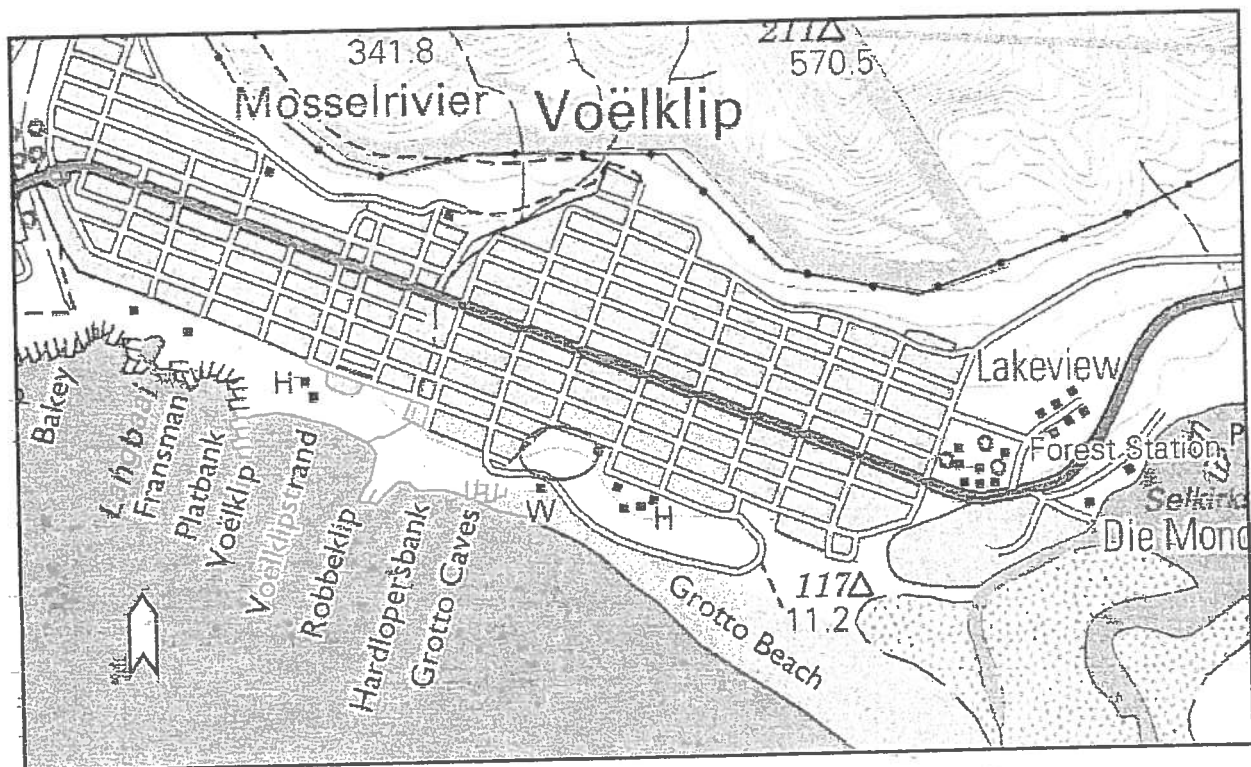
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PIET SE BOS AND GROTTO BEACH AREA UPGRADE DEVELOPMENT, HERMANUS

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EAP Registrations/Associations	South African Council for Natural Scientific Professions registration as Environmental Scientist. Reg No 401506/83		

Details of the EAP's expertise to carry out Basic Assessment procedures

The EAP has 42 years experience in the environmental impact assessment and management field of which 8 years was with the Cape Town City Council, 22 years with the national Dept of Water Affairs and Forestry and 13 years as a principal in a private consultancy. The EAP has conducted numerous environmental impact assessments, ran large public participation programmes and managed numerous Environmental Task Groups for large scale water resource developments at the national and provincial level. During the last four years the EAP has completed and obtained environmental authorisations for ~17 Basic Assessment Reports and 12 Environmental Impact Reports on studies conducted. During this period the EAP has also compiled ~30 Environmental Management Plans and acted as Environmental Control Officer on ~15 occasions.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The proposed implementation of the upgrade of the existing picnic and restaurant area at Piet se Bos and Grotto Beach was assessed by means of the basic impact assessment procedure. The location of the upgrade has no alternatives due to the fact that this existing public open space is fixed on this section of Erf 4771, Hermanus. There are three alternative layouts that were identified namely A1 (a non-preferred alternative), the upgrade consisting of the construction of the amphitheatre and restaurant area coupled with the re-instatement of a portion of the original wetland and modified outlet structure around a section of the perimeter of the development footprint. The second alternative A2 (non-preferred alternative) will be exactly the same amphitheatre and restaurant development, but without the re-instatement of the wetland portion. The third alternative A3 (preferred alternative) will consist of the re-instatement of a portion of the original wetland and modified outlet structure around a section of the perimeter of the development footprint that will consist of the upgrade of the picnic and braai area as well as the construction of the single storey restaurant on the old Nautilus site footprint. All three alternatives will transform the physical character of the area either positively or negatively, depending on your personal perspective. Alternatives A1 and A2 were vehemently opposed during the public participation process and was subsequently both reduced to non-preferred alternatives. Alternative A3 would re-instate the ecotone between the old wetland and the milkwood forest that exists against the steep surrounding slope. Provision of a raised boardwalk for pedestrians through the wetland and vantage points to view the grottos would channel pedestrian traffic and prevent them access into the milkwood forest, which is not currently the case. Alternative A3 would also contribute to an increase in biodiversity in the area that will be concomitant with the creation of the wetland portion and reduction in access to the milkwood forest. Alternative 3 also has reduced the restaurant on the old Nautilus footprint from a double storey to a single storey building. Alternative 3 would be the cheapest of the three alternatives assessed and would contribute to the added tourism of the Grotto area. Disruptions during the construction phase of all three alternatives would be temporary and can easily be managed with the implementation of the EMP. All three alternatives will have a visual impact with that of Alternative A3 the least differing from what is there at present and it will be in keeping with the character of the existing developments of the Blue Flag Grotto Beach area. Alternative 3 would offer a more diverse environmental experience than what is on site at present but of the three alternatives would have the least potential to generate an income that could be used against which the offset the cost of maintaining the Grotto Blue Flag Beach status. There will be additional noise impacts that are associated with the enhanced use of the upgraded public area and the catering for an increased and changing tourism experience on which Hermanus is economically dependent to a large extent. There will be no decommissioning phase for the alternative A3. The No-Go Option would obviously not present any of the positive social, economic or environmental impacts associated with the proposed preferred alternative 3.

SECTION A: ACTIVITY INFORMATION

1. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

(a) Is the project a new development?	YES	NOX
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(b) Provide a detailed description of the development project and associated infrastructure.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS ASSESSMENT REFERS TO ALL ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED AND THAT THE PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE DOES NOT INCLUDE AN AMPHITHEATRE, BUT IT HAS TO BE INCLUDED AS IT WAS AN ALTERNATIVE THAT WAS CONSIDERED.

The project consists of the proposed upgrade of the present open picnic area at Grotto Beach, Hermanus and the area where the old Nautilus restaurant used to be. The present picnic area used to be an impenetrable wetland with an unpaved path through the surrounding milkwood forest. The wetland was filled in many years ago with all sorts of extraneous material consisting of sand, gravel and even building rubble. The old Nautilus restaurant was broken down to the extent that only parts of the concrete slab base still remains today. There are a number of braai areas dotted around the filled in area. Vehicular access was allowed onto the filled in area in the past but nowadays access is controlled by a boom. The area is well compacted. At the time of filling in the wetland, a sealed and covered drainage canal was also installed around the whole western, northern and eastern perimeter of the wetland in order to drain seepage water, stormwater and rainfall runoff around the filled in area to discharge via an existing covered channel and headwall onto Grotto Beach. There are a number of springs and seepage water that feed into this drainage canal continuously. The existing developments on the beach also consists of a lifeguard house and ablution facilities, a parking lot and other paved areas.

The proposed upgrade of the area will consist of re-instating a portion of the wetland all around the perimeter of the infilled area by removal of the fill material. This fill material was to be used to create the sloped amphitheatre and stage with raised sloped seating. However, after a meeting between the Overstrand Municipality and registered I&APs, it was decided to abandon the idea of an amphitheatre and just have an open picnic area with braai facilities. Between the open picnic area and the edge of the portion of reinstated wetland there will be a fringe of re-established fynbos that has a raised boardwalk that will allow pedestrians access near the wetland and surrounding milkwood forest. There will also be a viewing platform with seating and information board to get to within viewing distance of the "grotto" that are formed by rocky overhangs with dripping seepage water and associated wet-cliff vegetation.

On the footprint of the area to the south of the road where the old Nautilus restaurant used to be the intention is to construct a single storey restaurant building that can be rented out to a restaurateur. This building will have a height of ~6.8 metres from ground level to the top of the roof as per plan in Appendix B.

The current covered drainage channel will be removed to allow the containment of the necessary quantity of seepage and stormwater runoff to the rehabilitated wetland area. The drain channel to the beach will be retained with a weir control to obtain the correct water level for the wetland, but that can allow the access runoff to overflow onto the beach as is presently the situation. The existing headwall on the beach will remain but will be clad with natural stone instead of the bland cement structure that is currently there, to give it a more natural appearance. The level of the grassed area lies at ~6.0 metres above mean sea level (m.a.m.s.l.) while the road level at 10th Street immediately above the rock bank flanking the grassed common is located at 27.0 m.a.m.s.l.

(c) List all the activities assessed during the Basic Assessment process: *(This includes all non-preferred options considered as well)*

Government Notice R544 Activity No(s):	Describe the relevant Basic Assessment Activity(ies) in writing as per Listing-Notice 1 (GN No. R544)	Describe the portion of the development as per the project description that relates to the applicable listed activity
11	The construction of (i) canals, (ii) channels, (iii) bridges, (iv) dams, (v) weirs, (vi) bulk storm water outlet structures, (vii) marinas, (viii) jetties exceeding 50 square metres in size, (ix) slipways exceeding 50 square metres in size, (x) buildings exceeding 50 square metres in size, or (xi) infrastructure or structures covering 50 square metres or more where such construction occurs within a watercourse or within 32 metres of a watercourse, measured from the edge of	Construction of amphitheatre and rehabilitation of portion of the wetland, fynbos area, restaurant area and infra-structure such as connecting structures and outlet structures and headwalls

	the watercourse, excluding where such construction will occur behind the development setback line	
14	The construction of structures in the coastal public property where the development footprint is bigger than 50 square metres, excluding (i) the construction of structures within existing ports or harbours that will not increase the development footprint or throughput capacity of the port or harbour; (ii) the construction of a port or harbour, in which case activity 24 of Notice 545 of 2010 applies; (iii) the construction of temporary structures within the beach zone where such structures will be demolished or disassembled after a period not exceeding 6 weeks	Construction of amphitheatre and rehabilitation of portion of the wetland, fynbos area, restaurant area and infra-structure such as connecting structures and outlet structures and headwalls
16	Construction or earth moving activities in the sea, an estuary, or within the littoral active zone or a distance of 100 metres inland of the high-water mark of the sea or an estuary, whichever is the greater, in respect of (i) fixed or floating jetties or slipways; (ii) tidal pools; (iii) embankments; (iv) rock revetments or stabilizing structures including stabilizing walls; (v) buildings of 50 square metres or more; or (vi) infrastructure covering 50 square metres or more- but excluding (a) if such construction or earthmoving activities will occur behind a development setback line; or (b) where such construction or earth moving activities will occur within existing ports or harbours and the construction or earth moving activities will not increase the development footprint or throughput capacity of the port or harbour; (c) where such construction or earth moving activities is undertaken for purposes of maintenance of the facilities mentioned in (i)-(vi) above; or (d) where such construction or earth moving activities is related to the construction of a port or harbour, in which case activity 24 of Notice 545 of 2010 applies	Construction of amphitheatre and rehabilitation of portion of the wetland, fynbos area, restaurant area and infra-structure such as connecting structures and outlet structures and headwalls
17	The planting of vegetation or placing of any material on dunes and exposed sand surfaces, within the littoral active zone for the purpose of preventing the free movement of sand, erosion or accretion, excluding where the planting of vegetation or placement of material relates to restoration and maintenance of indigenous coastal vegetation or where such planting of vegetation or placing of material will occur behind a development setback line	Possible rehabilitation around the proposed restaurant (freehold) area.
18	The infilling or depositing of any material of more than 5 cubic metres into, or the dredging, excavation, removal or moving of soil, sand, shells, shell grit, pebbles or rock from (i) a watercourse; (ii) the sea; (iii) the seashore; (iv) the littoral active zone, an estuary or a distance of 100 metres inland of the high-water mark of the sea or an estuary, whichever distance is the greater.	Construction of amphitheatre and rehabilitation of portion of the wetland, fynbos area, restaurant area and infra-structure such as connecting structures and outlet structures and headwalls
24	The transformation of land bigger than 1000 square metres in size, to residential, retail, commercial, industrial or institutional use, where; at the time of coming into effect of this Schedule such land was zoned open space, conservation or had an equivalent zoning.	Construction of amphitheatre and rehabilitation of portion of the wetland, fynbos area, restaurant area and infra-structure such as connecting structures and outlet structures and headwalls
37	The expansion of facilities or infrastructure for the bulk transportation of water, sewage or storm water where: (a) the facility or infrastructure is expanded by more than 1000 metres in length; or (b) where the throughput-capacity of the facility or infrastructure will be increased by 10% or more- excluding where such expansion: (i) relates to transportation of water, sewage or storm water within a road reserve; or (ii) where such expansion will occur within urban areas but further than 32 metres from a watercourse, measured from the edge of the watercourse.	Possibly with the alteration to the end section of the existing discharge canal to regulate the water level in the rehabilitation of a portion of the old wetland.
39	The expansion of (i) canals; (ii) channels; (iii) bridges; (iv) weirs; (v) bulk storm water outlet structures; (vi) marinas; within a watercourse or within 32 metres of a watercourse, measured from the edge of a watercourse, where such expansion will result in an increased development footprint but excluding where such expansion will occur behind the development setback line.	Possibly with the alteration to the end section of the existing discharge canal to regulate the water level in the rehabilitation of a portion of the old wetland.
40	The expansion of (i) jetties by more than 50 square metres; (ii) slipways by more than 50 square metres; or (iii) buildings by more than 50 square metres; (iv) infrastructure by more than 50 square metres within a watercourse or within 32 metres of a watercourse, measured from the edge of a watercourse, but excluding where such expansion will occur behind the development setback line.	Construction of amphitheatre and rehabilitation of portion of the wetland, fynbos area, restaurant area and infra-structure such as connecting structures and outlet structures and headwalls

43	The expansion of structures in the coastal public property where the development footprint will be increased by more than 50 square metres, excluding such expansions within existing ports or harbours where there would be no increase in the development or footprint or throughput capacity of the port or harbour	Construction of amphitheatre and rehabilitation of portion of the wetland, fynbos area, restaurant area and infra-structure such as connecting structures and outlet structures and headwalls
45	The expansion of facilities in the sea, an estuary, or within the Littoral active zone or a distance of 100 metres inland of the high tide mark of the sea or estuary whichever is the greater, for (i) fixed or floating jetties and slipways; (ii) tidal pools; (iii) embankments; (iv) rock revetments or stabilizing structures including stabilizing walls (v) buildings by more than 50 square metres; (vi) infrastructure by more than 50 square metres (vii) facilities associated with the arrival and departure of vessels and the handling of cargo; (viii) piers (ix) inter and sub-tidal structures for the entrapment of sand; (x) breakwater structures; (xi) coastal marinas; (xii) coastal harbours or ports (xiii) structures for draining parts of the sea or estuary; (xiv) tunnels; or (xv) underwater channels where such expansion will result in an increase in the development footprint of such facilities, but excluding where such expansion occurs: (a) behind a development setback line; or (b) within existing ports or harbours where there will be no increase in the development footprint or throughput capacity of the port or harbour	Construction of amphitheatre and rehabilitation of portion of the wetland, fynbos area, restaurant area and infra-structure such as connecting structures and outlet structures and headwalls
Government Notice R545 Activity No(s):	Describe the relevant Scoping and EIA Activity(ies) in writing as per Listing Notice 2 (GN No. R545)	Describe the portion of the development as per the project description that relates to the applicable listed activity
Government Notice R546 Activity No(s):	Describe the relevant Basic Assessment Activity(ies) in writing as per Listing Notice 3 (GN No. R546)	Describe the portion of the development as per the project description that relates to the applicable listed activity
4	The construction of a road wider than 4 metres with a reserve less than 13,5 metres (d) In Western Cape: (i) in an estuary (ii) all areas outside urban areas; (iii) in urban areas: (aa) areas zoned for use as public open space within urban areas; (bb) areas designated for conservation use in Spatial Development Frameworks adopted by the competent authority, or zoned for a conservation purpose.	Construction/maintenance to road infrastructure required for improvement to the recreational area.
12	The clearance of an area of 300 square metres or more of vegetation where 75% or more of the vegetative cover constitutes indigenous vegetation. (a) Within any critically endangered or endangered ecosystem listed in terms of section 52 of the NEMBA; or prior to the publication of such a list, within an area that has been identified as critically endangered in the National Spatial Biodiversity Assessment 2004; (b) Within critical biodiversity areas identified in bioregional plans; (c) Within the littoral active zone or 100 metres inland from high water mark of the sea or an estuary, whichever distance is the greater, excluding where such removal will occur behind the development setback line on erven in urban areas.	Construction of amphitheatre and rehabilitation of portion of the wetland, fynbos area, restaurant area and infra-structure such as connecting structures and outlet structures and headwalls

16	<p>The construction of: (i) jetties exceeding 10 square metres in size; (ii) slipways exceeding 10 square metres in size; (iii) buildings with a footprint exceeding 10 square metres in size; or (iv) infrastructure covering 10 square metres or more where such construction occurs within a watercourse or within 32 metres of a watercourse, measured from the edge of a watercourse, excluding where such construction will occur behind the development setback line. (d) In Western Cape: (i) in an estuary; (ii) outside urban areas, in: (aa) A protected area identified in terms of NEMPAA, excluding conservancies; (bb) National Protected Area Expansion Focus areas; (cc) World Heritage Sites; (dd) Sensitive areas as identified in an environmental management framework as contemplated in chapter 5 of the Act and as adopted by the competent authority; (ee) Sites or areas identified in terms of an International Convention; (ff) Critical biodiversity areas or ecosystem service areas as identified in systematic biodiversity plans adopted by the competent authority or in bioregional plans; (gg) Core areas in biosphere reserves; (hh) Areas within 10 kilometres from national parks or world heritage sites or 5 kilometres from any other protected area identified in terms of NEMPAA or from the core area of a biosphere reserve; (ii) Areas seawards of the development setback line or within 1 kilometre from the high-water mark of the sea if no such development setback line is determined. (iii) Inside urban areas: (aa) Areas zoned for use as public open space; (bb) Areas designated for conservation use in Spatial Development Frameworks adopted by the competent authority or zoned for a conservation purpose; (cc) Areas seawards of the development setback line or within 100 metres of the high water mark where no setback line is determined.</p>	<p>Construction of amphitheatre and rehabilitation of portion of the wetland, fynbos area, restaurant area and infra-structure such as connecting structures and outlet structures and headwalls</p>
19	<p>The widening of a road by more than 4 metres, or the lengthening of a road by more than 1 kilometre. d) In Western Cape: (i) in an estuary; (ii) all urban areas outside urban areas; (iii) in urban areas: (aa) Areas zoned for use as public open space within urban areas; (bb) Areas designated for conservation use in Spatial Development Frameworks adopted by the competent authority, or zoned for a conservation purpose, within urban areas.</p>	<p>Improvement/maintenance to road infrastructure required for the upgrade of the recreational area.</p>
24	<p>The expansion of (a) jetties where the jetty will be expanded by 10 square metres in size or more; (b) slipways where the slipway will be expanded by 10 square metres or more; (c) buildings where the buildings will be expanded by 10 square metres in size; or (d) infrastructure where the infrastructure will be expanded by 10 square metres or more where such construction occurs within a watercourse or within 32 metres of a watercourse, measured from the edge of a watercourse, excluding where such construction will occur behind the development setback line. (d) In Western Cape: (i) in an estuary; (ii) outside urban areas, in: (aa) a protected area identified in terms of NEMPAA. Excluding conservancies; (bb) National Protected Area Expansion Strategy Focus areas; (cc) sensitive areas as identified in an environmental management framework as contemplated in chapter 5 of the Act and as adopted by the competent authority; (dd) sites or areas identified in terms of an international Convention; (ee) critical biodiversity areas as identified in systematic biodiversity plans adopted by the competent authority or in bioregional plans; (ff) core areas in biosphere reserves; (gg) areas within 10 kilometres from national parks or world heritage sites or 5 kilometres from any other protected area identified in terms of NEMPAA or from the core area of a biosphere reserve; (hh) areas seawards of the development setback line or within 1 kilometre from the high-water mark of the sea if no such development setback line is determined. (iii) inside urban areas: (aa) areas zoned for use as public open space; (bb) areas designated for conservation use in Spatial Development Frameworks adopted by the competent authority or zoned for a conservation purpose.</p>	<p>Construction of amphitheatre and rehabilitation of portion of the wetland, fynbos area, restaurant area and infra-structure such as connecting structures and outlet structures and headwalls</p>

If the application is also for activities as per Listing Notice 2 and permission was granted to subject the application to Basic Assessment, also indicate the applicable Listing Notice 2 activities:

GN No. R. 545 Activity No(s):	If permission was granted in terms of Regulation 20, describe the relevant Scoping and EIA Activity(ies) in writing as per Listing Notice 2 (GN No. R. 545)	Describe the portion of the development as per the project description that relates to the applicable listed activity.

Waste management activities in terms of the NEM: WA (Government Gazette No. 32368):

GN No. 718 - Category A Activity No(s):	Describe the relevant <u>Category A</u> waste management activity in writing.

Please note: If any waste management activities are applicable, the Listed Waste Management Activities Additional Information Annexure must be completed and attached to this Basic Assessment Report as Appendix I.

If the application is also for waste management activities as per Category B and permission was granted to subject the application to Basic Assessment, also indicate the applicable Category B activities:

GN No. 718 – Category B Activity No(s):	Describe the relevant <u>Category B</u> waste management activity in writing.

Atmospheric emission activities in terms of the NEM: AQA (Government Gazette No. 33064):

GN No. 248 Activity No(s):	Describe the relevant atmospheric emission activity in writing.

(d) Please provide details of all components of the proposed project and attach diagrams (e.g. architectural drawings or perspectives, engineering drawings, process flow charts etc.).

Buildings	YESX	NO
Provide brief description:		
An amphitheatre in a semi-circle with raised seating and an elevated picnic promenade and vantage points that face onto a circular stage for events presentation, as well as kiosks will be constructed on the existing open area that is located to the north of the existing access road. To the south of the existing access road adjacent to the beach above the high water mark, a single storey wooden building with a maximum height of ~6.8 metres is proposed on the site where a previous restaurant used to be that burnt down some years ago. The intention is to rent this as a leasehold area to a restaurateur in future.		
Infrastructure (e.g. roads, power and water supply/ storage)	YES	NOX
Provide brief description:		
Processing activities (e.g. manufacturing, storage, distribution)	YES	NOX
Provide brief description:		
Storage facilities for raw materials and products (e.g. volume and substances to be stored)	YES	NOX
Provide brief description:		
Storage and treatment facilities for solid waste and effluent generated by the project	YES	NOX
Provide brief description:		
There are existing solid waste treatment and effluent management facilities.		
Other activities (e.g. water abstraction activities, crop planting activities)	YES	NOX

Provide brief description

2. PHYSICAL SIZE OF THE ACTIVITY

	Size of the property:
(a) Indicate the size of the property (cadastral unit) on which the activity is to be undertaken. Wetland rehabilitation and open picnic/braai area ~6400m ² and restaurant area ~500m ²	~7000m ²
	Size of the facility:
(b) Indicate the size of the facility (development area) on which the activity is to be undertaken.	~7000m ²
	Size of the activity:
(c) Indicate the physical size (footprint) of the activity together with its associated infrastructure:	~7000m ²
(d) Indicate the physical size (footprint) of the activity:	~7000m ²
(e) Indicate the physical size (footprint) of the associated infrastructure:	0m ²

and, for linear activities:

	Length of the activity:
(f) Indicate the length of the activity:	m

3. SITE ACCESS

	YESX	NO
(a) Is there an existing access road?		
(b) If no, what is the distance over which a new access road will be built?	M	
(c) Describe the type of access road planned:		

Please Note: indicate the position of the proposed access road on the site plan.

4. DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY ON WHICH THE ACTIVITY IS TO BE UNDERTAKEN AND THE LOCATION OF THE ACTIVITY ON THE PROPERTY

(a) Provide a description of the property on which the activity is to be undertaken and the location of the activity on the property.

All municipal land in the Voëiklip area of Hermanus is designated Erf 4771. The existing open area north of the access road used to be an impenetrable wetland with a rough footpath around it that was used by visitors to view the two dripping cliff overhangs or "grottos". The wetland was filled in many years ago with all-sorts of extraneous material consisting of sands, gravels and building rubble, whereafter it was compacted. Until some years ago, vehicles were allowed to drive on this open area to access braai structures, but vehicle access onto the open area was terminated some years ago. A covered drainage channel was also constructed around the filled in wetland to divert seepage, spring and stormwater away from the area to a discharge point on the beach to the sea. The location of the amphitheatre venue structures and the rehabilitation of a section of wetland area and re-instatement of fynbos and drainage control structures will entail the whole of the existing ~6400m² area that was previously disturbed. With regard to the freehold area to the south of the existing access road, this used to be a succession of restaurants since the 1950's that have been re-built, improved, etc until the last one burnt down some years ago. The intention is to re-develop the existing footprint of ~500m² of this site with a restaurant that consists of a mainly wooden building with a maximum height of ~6.8 metres.

(b) Please provide a location map (see below) as Appendix A to this report which shows the location of the property and the location of the activity on the property; as well as a site map (see below) as Appendix B to this report; and if applicable all alternative properties and locations.

Locality map:	<p>The scale of the locality map must be at least 1:50 000. For linear activities of more than 25 kilometres, a smaller scale e.g. 1:250 000 can be used. The scale must be indicated on the map. The map must indicate the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • an accurate indication of the project site position as well as the positions of the alternative sites, if any; • road names or numbers of all the major roads as well as the roads that provide access to the site(s) • a north arrow; • a legend; • the prevailing wind direction (during November to April and during May to October); and • GPS co-ordinates (Indicate the position of the activity using the latitude and longitude of the centre point of the site for each alternative site. The co-ordinates should be in degrees and decimal minutes. The minutes should have at least three decimals to ensure adequate accuracy. The projection that must be used in all cases is the WGS84 spheroid in a national or local projection).
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Site Plan:	<p>Detailed site plan(s) must be prepared for each alternative site or alternative activity. The site plan must contain or conform to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The detailed site plan must be at a scale preferably at a scale of 1:500 or at an appropriate scale. The scale must be indicated on the plan. • The property boundaries and numbers of all the properties within 50m of the site must be indicated on the site plan. • The current land use (not zoning) as well as the land use zoning of each of the adjoining properties must be indicated on the site plan. • The position of each element of the application as well as any other structures on the site must be indicated on the site plan. • Services, including electricity supply cables (indicate above or underground), water supply pipelines, boreholes, sewage pipelines, storm water infrastructure and access roads that will form part of the development must be indicated on the site plan. • Servitudes indicating the purpose of the servitude must be indicated on the site plan. • Sensitive environmental elements within 100m of the site must be included on the site plan, including (but not limited to): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Rivers. o Flood lines (i.e. 1:10, 1:50, year and 32 meter set back line from the banks of a river/stream). o Ridges. o Cultural and historical features. o Areas with indigenous vegetation (even if it is degraded or infested with alien species). • Whenever the slope of the site exceeds 1:10, then a contour map of the site must be submitted.
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(c) For a linear activity, please also provide a description of the route.

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<p>Indicate the position of the activity using the latitude and longitude of the centre point of the site. The co-ordinates must be in degrees, minutes and seconds. The minutes should be given to at least three decimals to ensure adequate accuracy. The projection that must be used in all cases is the WGS84 spheroid in a national or local projection.</p>	Latitude (S):			Longitude (E):		
	34°	24'	45.81"	19°	17'	16.81"

(d) or:

For linear activities:	Latitude (S):			Longitude (E):		
• Starting point of the activity	o	°	"	o	°	"
• Middle point of the activity	o	°	"	o	°	"
• Endpoint of the activity	o	°	"	o	°	"

Please Note: For linear activities that are longer than 500m, please provide an addendum with co-ordinates taken every 100 meters along the route.

5. SITE PHOTOGRAPHS

Colour photographs of the site and its surroundings (taken of the site and from the site) with a description of each photograph. The vantage points from which the photographs were taken must be indicated on the site plan, or locality plan as applicable. If available, please also provide a recent aerial photograph. Photographs must be attached as Appendix C to this report. It should be supplemented with additional photographs of relevant features on the site. Date of photographs must be included. Please note that the above requirements must be duplicated for all alternative sites.

SECTION B: DESCRIPTION OF RECEIVING ENVIRONMENT

Site/Area Description

For linear activities (pipelines, etc.) as well as activities that cover very large sites, it may be necessary to complete copies of this section for each part of the site that has a significantly different environment. In such cases please complete copies of Section B and indicate the area which is covered by each copy No. on the Site Plan.

1. GRADIENT OF THE SITE

Indicate the general gradient of the sites (highlight the appropriate box).

Flat	Flatter than 1:10	1:10 – 1:4	Steeper than 1:4
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2. LOCATION IN LANDSCAPE

(a) Indicate the landform(s) that best describes the site (highlight the appropriate box(es)).

Ridgeline	Plateau	Side slope of hill/mountain	Closed valley	Open valley	Plain	Undulating plain/low hills	Dune	Sea-front
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(b) Please provide a description of the location in the landscape.

The site is located at the bottom of a steep semi-circular ridge that is covered in natural vegetation and old milkwood trees. On the western end of the semi-circular ridge a strip of large milkwood trees have been removed sometime prior to 2002 to create a view of the beach for some even on top of the ridge. It is also immediately adjacent to Grotto Beach, which is a Blue Flag beach in Hermanus. The site is located at the bottom where a number of other typical beach side developments are present such as the buildings for life savers, boathouses, showers and ablution blocks as well as restaurant and picnic areas under the milkwood trees.

3. GROUNDWATER, SOIL AND GEOLOGICAL STABILITY OF THE SITE

(a) Is the site(s) located on or near any of the following (highlight the appropriate boxes)?

Shallow water table (less than 1.5m deep)	YESX	NO	UNSURE
Seasonally wet soils (often close to water bodies)	YESX	NO	UNSURE
Unstable rocky slopes or steep slopes with loose soil	YES	NOX	UNSURE
Dispersive soils (soils that dissolve in water)	YES	NOX	UNSURE
Soils with high clay content	YES	NOX	UNSURE
Any other unstable soil or geological feature	YES	NOX	UNSURE
An area sensitive to erosion	YES	NOX	UNSURE
An area adjacent to or above an aquifer.	YES	NOX	UNSURE
An area within 100m of the source of surface water	YESX	NO	UNSURE

(b) If any of the answers to the above are "YES" or "unsure", specialist input may be requested by the Department.

(Information in respect of the above will often be available at the planning sections of local authorities. Where it exists, the 1:50 000 scale Regional Geotechnical Maps prepared by Geological Survey may also be used).

(c) Please indicate the type of geological formation underlying the site.

Granite	Shale	Sandstone	Quartzite	Dolomite	Dolorite	Other (describe)
Please provide a description.						
The underlying geological formation consists of Peninsula Formation Sandstone of the Table Mountain Group						

4. SURFACE WATER

(a) Indicate the surface water present on and or adjacent to the site and alternative sites (highlight the appropriate boxes)?

Perennial River	YES	NOX	UNSURE
Non-Perennial River	YES	NOX	UNSURE
Permanent Wetland	YESX	NO	UNSURE
Seasonal Wetland	YESX	NO	UNSURE
Artificial Wetland	YES	NOX	UNSURE
Estuarine / Lagoonal wetland	YES	NOX	UNSURE

(b) Please provide a description.

The present picnic area used to be an impenetrable permanent wetland with an unpaved path through the surrounding milkwood forest. The wetland was filled in many years ago with all sorts of extraneous material consisting of sand, gravel and building rubble. There are a number of braai areas dotted around the filled in area. Vehicular access was allowed onto the filled in area in the past but nowadays access is controlled by a boom. The area is well compacted. At the time of filling in the wetland, a sealed and covered drainage canal was also installed around the whole western, northern and eastern perimeter of the wetland in order to drain seepage water, stormwater and rainfall runoff around the filled in area to discharge via an existing covered channel and headwall onto Grotto Beach. There are a number of springs and seepage water that feed into this drainage canal continuously at present from the steep cliffside that fringe the open area.

5. BIODIVERSITY

Please note: The Department may request specialist input/studies depending on the nature of the biodiversity occurring on the site and potential impact(s) of the proposed activity/ies. To assist with the identification of the biodiversity occurring on site and the ecosystem status consult <http://bais.sanbi.org> or BGIShelp@sanbi.org. Information is also available on compact disc (cd) from the Biodiversity-GIS Unit, Ph (021) 799 8698. This information may be updated from time to time and it is the applicant/ EAP's responsibility to ensure that the latest version is used. A map of the relevant biodiversity information (including an indication of the habitat conditions as per (b) below) and must be provided as an overlay map to the property/site plan as **Appendix D** to this report.

(a) Highlight the applicable biodiversity planning categories of all areas on site and indicate the reason(s) provided in the biodiversity plan for the selection of the specific area as part of the specific category).

Systematic Biodiversity Planning Category				If CBA or ESA, indicate the reason(s) for its selection in biodiversity plan
Critical Biodiversity Area (CBA)	Ecological Support Area (ESA)	Other Natural Area (ONA)	No Natural -Area Remaining (NNR)	No CBA or ESA could be determined for this area-

(b) Highlight and describe the habitat condition on site.

Habitat Condition	Percentage of habitat condition class (adding up to 100%)	Description and additional Comments and Observations (including additional insight into condition, e.g. poor land management practises, presence of quarries, grazing/harvesting regimes etc).
Natural	0%	

Near Natural (includes areas with low to moderate level of alien invasive plants)	0%	
Degraded (includes areas heavily invaded by alien plants)	0%	
Transformed (includes cultivation, dams, urban, plantation, roads, etc)	100%	The area has been completely transformed by past infilling, drainage and compaction of wetland area and beach area.

- (c) Complete the table to indicate:
 (i) the type of vegetation, including its ecosystem status, present on the site; and
 (ii) whether an aquatic ecosystem is present on site.

Terrestrial Ecosystems		Aquatic Ecosystems						
Ecosystem threat status as per the National Environmental Management: Biodiversity Act (Act No. 10 of 2004)	Critical	Wetland (including rivers, depressions, channelled and unchannelled wetlands, flats, seeps pans, and artificial wetlands)			Estuary		Coastline	
	Endangered							
	Vulnerable							
	Least Threatened							
		YESX	NO	UNSURE	YES	NOX	YESX	NO

- (d) Please provide a description of the vegetation type and/or aquatic ecosystem present on site, including any important biodiversity features/information identified on site (e.g. threatened species and special habitats)

The vegetation types that used to occur on site according to the SA National Vegetation Map was Cape Seashore vegetation where the restaurant will be positioned and Overberg Dune Strandveld where the wetland upgrade and picnic/braai area is proposed. Both these vegetation types carry a conservation status of least threatened and none is listed under section 52 of the NEM: Biodiversity Act. The present picnic area used to be an impenetrable permanent wetland with an unpaved path through the surrounding milkwood forest. The wetland was filled in many years ago with all sorts of extraneous material consisting of sand, gravel and building rubble. There are a number of braai areas dotted around the filled in area. Vehicular access was allowed onto the filled in area in the past but nowadays access is controlled by a boom. The area is well compacted. At the time of filling in the wetland, a sealed and covered drainage canal was also installed around the whole western, northern and eastern perimeter of the wetland in order to drain seepage water, stormwater and rainfall runoff around the filled in area to discharge via an existing covered channel and headwall onto Grotto Beach. There are a number of springs and seepage water that feed into this drainage canal continuously at present from the steep cliffside that fringe the open area. The area surrounding the existing picnic area consists of milkwood forest with raised boardwalks that give access through the area. The east of the area proposed to be upgraded is a very large portion of the extension of Piet se Bos that is fenced off and is left in a natural state. The intention of the Overstrand Municipality is to incorporate the commonage of the Piet se Bos area ultimately into the Fernkloof Nature Reserve.

6. LAND USE OF THE SITE

Please note: The Department may request specialist input/studies depending on the nature of the land use character of the area and potential impact(s) of the proposed activity/ies.

Untransformed area	Low density residential	Medium density residential	High density residential	Informal residential
Retail	Commercial & warehousing	Light industrial	Medium industrial	Heavy industrial
Power station	Office/consulting room	Military or police base/station/compound	Casino/entertainment complex	Tourism & Hospitality facility
Open cast mine	Underground mine	Spoil heap or slimes dam	Quarry, sand or borrow pit	Dam or reservoir
Hospital/medical center	School	Tertiary education facility	Church	Old age home
Sewage treatment plant	Train station or shunting yard	Railway line	Major road (4 lanes or more)	Airport
Harbour	Sport facilities	Golf course	Polo fields	Filling station
Landfill or waste treatment site	Plantation	Agriculture	River, stream or wetland	Nature conservation area
Mountain, koppie or ridge	Museum	Historical building	Graveyard	Archeological site
Other land uses (describe):	Filled in wetland developed as a picnic and restaurant area.			

(a) Please provide a description.

The present picnic area used to be an impenetrable permanent wetland with an unpaved path through the surrounding milkwood forest. The wetland was filled in many years ago with all sorts of extraneous material consisting of sand, gravel and building rubble. There are a number of braai areas dotted around the filled in area. Vehicular access was allowed onto the filled in area in the past but nowadays access is controlled by a boom. The area is well compacted. At the time of filling in the wetland, a sealed and covered drainage canal was also installed around the whole western, northern and eastern perimeter of the wetland in order to drain seepage water, stormwater and rainfall runoff around the filled in area to discharge via an existing covered channel and headwall onto Grotto Beach. There are a number of springs and seepage water that feed into this drainage canal continuously at present from the steep cliffside that fringe the open area. The area surrounding the existing picnic area consists of milkwood forest with raised boardwalks that give access through the area.

7. LAND USE CHARACTER OF SURROUNDING AREA

(a) Highlight the current land uses and/or prominent features that occur within +/- 500m radius of the site and neighbouring properties if these are located beyond 500m of the site.

Please note: The Department may request specialist input/studies depending on the nature of the land use character of the area and potential impact(s) of the proposed activity/ies.

Untransformed area	Low density residential	Medium density residential	High density residential	Informal residential
Retail	Commercial & warehousing	Light industrial	Medium industrial	Heavy industrial
Power station	Office/consulting room	Military or police base/station/compound	Casino/entertainment complex	Tourism & Hospitality facility
Open cast mine	Underground mine	Spoil heap or slimes dam	Quarry, sand or borrow pit	Dam or reservoir
Hospital/medical center	School	Tertiary education facility	Church	Old age home
Sewage treatment plant	Train station or shunting yard	Railway line	Major road (4 lanes or more)	Airport
Harbour	Sport facilities	Golf course	Polo fields	Filling station
Landfill or waste treatment site	Plantation	Agriculture	River, stream or wetland	Nature conservation area
Mountain, koppie or ridge	Museum	Historical building	Graveyard	Archeological site
Other land uses (describe):				

(b) Please provide a description, including the distance and direction to the nearest residential area and industrial area.

The nearest residential area is located immediately above the picnic area and one or two rooftops of houses are visible from the existing picnic area. The houses are occupied by mainly retired residents and expensive and exclusive holiday residences. The nearest industrial area is ~7 km to the west as the crow flies. The area immediately surrounding the site and to the east consists of a dense milkwood forest in good condition and this area is at present in the process of being incorporated into the Fernkloof Nature Reserve by the Overstrand Municipality.

8. SOCIO-ECONOMIC ASPECTS

Describe the existing social and economic characteristics of the community in order to provide baseline information.

The communities surrounding the site consist of higher income group retired persons that live there permanently or people that have holiday houses in the area. The houses consists of older large architecturally designed houses as well as very large modern houses that have been constructed after the old house has been knocked down. The Grotto Beach area is very popular public recreational area for both local residents and visitors and a major attraction for tourists who use this extensively as a recreational area. The Overstrand Municipality also indicated that there is an increase in the growth of tourism in Hermanus as well as a younger population who requires amenities and activities according to their needs. The picnic area is also a popular day venue and braai area for historically disadvantaged communities.

9. HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL ASPECTS

- (a) Please be advised that if section 38 of the National Heritage Resources Act, 1999 (Act No. 25 of 1999), is applicable to your proposed development, then you are requested to furnish this Department with written comment from Heritage Western Cape as part of your public participation process. Section 38 of the Act states as follows: "38. (1) Subject to the provisions of subsections (7), (8) and (9), any person who intends to undertake a development categorised as—
- (a) the construction of a road, wall, power line, pipeline, canal or other similar form of linear development or barrier exceeding 300m in length;
 - (b) the construction of a bridge or similar structure exceeding 50m in length;
 - (c) any development or other activity which will change the character of a site—
 - (i) exceeding 5 000 m² in extent; or
 - (ii) involving three or more existing erven or subdivisions thereof; or
 - (iii) involving three or more erven or divisions thereof which have been consolidated within the past five years;
- or
- (iv) the costs of which will exceed a sum set in terms of regulations by SAHRA or a provincial heritage resources authority;
 - (d) the re-zoning of a site exceeding 10 000 m² in extent; or
 - (e) any other category of development provided for in regulations by SAHRA or a provincial heritage resources authority.
- must at the very earliest stages of initiating such a development, notify the responsible heritage resources authority and furnish it with details regarding the location, nature and extent of the proposed development."
- (b) The impact on any national estate referred to in section 3(2), excluding the national estate contemplated in section 3(2)(i)(vi) and (vii), of the National Heritage Resources Act, 1999 (Act No. 25 of 1999), must also be investigated, assessed and evaluated. Section 3(2) states as follows: "3(2) Without limiting the generality of subsection (1), the national estate may include—
- (a) places, buildings, structures and equipment of cultural significance;
 - (b) places to which oral traditions are attached or which are associated with living heritage;
 - (c) historical settlements and townscapes;
 - (d) landscapes and natural features of cultural significance;
 - (e) geological sites of scientific or cultural importance;
 - (f) archaeological and paleontological sites;
 - (g) graves and burial grounds, including—
 - (i) ancestral graves;
 - (ii) royal graves and graves of traditional leaders;
 - (iii) graves of victims of conflict;
 - (iv) graves of individuals designated by the Minister by notice in the Gazette;
 - (v) historical graves and cemeteries; and
 - (vi) other human remains which are not covered in terms of the Human Tissue Act, 1983 (Act No. 65 of 1983);
 - (h) sites of significance relating to the history of slavery in South Africa;
 - (i) movable objects, including—
 - (i) objects recovered from the soil or waters of South Africa, including archaeological and paleontological objects and material, meteorites and rare geological specimens;
 - (ii) objects to which oral traditions are attached or which are associated with living heritage;
 - (iii) ethnographic art and objects;
 - (iv) military objects;
 - (v) objects of decorative or fine art;
 - (vi) objects of scientific or technological interest; and
 - (vii) books, records, documents, photographic positives and negatives, graphic, film or video material or sound recordings, excluding those that are public records as defined in section 1(xiv) of the National Archives of South Africa Act, 1996 (Act No. 43 of 1996)."

Is section 38 of the National Heritage Resources Act, 1999, applicable to the development?		YESX	NO
		UNCERTAIN	
If YES, explain:	The rehabilitation of the wetland and fynbos area with the creation of the amphitheatre and stage will exceed 5000m ² . This will all take place in the already previously disturbed area.		
Will the development impact on any national estate referred to in section 3(2) of the National Heritage Resources Act, 1999?		YES	NOX
		UNCERTAIN	
If YES, explain:			
Will any building or structure older than 60 years be affected in any way?	YES	NOX	UNCERTAIN

If YES, explain:	
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Please Note: If uncertain, the Department may request that specialist input be provided.

10. APPLICABLE LEGISLATION, POLICIES AND/OR GUIDELINES

(a) Please list all legislation, policies and/or guidelines that have been considered in the preparation of this Basic Assessment Report.

LEGISLATION	ADMINISTERING AUTHORITY	TYPE Permit/ license/ authorisation/comment / relevant consideration (e.g. rezoning or consent use, building plan approval)	DATE (if already obtained):
Overstrand Municipality SDF	Overstrand Municipality		
National Env Management Act	DEA&DP		
SA Heritage Resources Act	Heritage Western Cape		
National Water Act	DWA		

POLICY/ GUIDELINES	ADMINISTERING AUTHORITY
Guideline on Alternatives	DEA&DP
Guideline for Environmental Management Plans	DEA&DP
Guideline on Need and Desirability	DEA&DP
Waste Minimisation Guidelines for Environmental Impact Assessment Review	DEA&DP
Guideline on Public Participation	DEA&DP
Guideline on Exemption Applications	DEA&DP

(b) Please describe how the legislation, policies and/or guidelines were taken into account in the preparation of this Basic Assessment Report.

LEGISLATION / POLICY / GUIDELINE	DESCRIBE HOW THE LEGISLATION / POLICY / GUIDELINE WERE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT (e.g. describe the extent to which it was adhered to, or deviated from, etc).
Overstrand Municipality SDF	The SDF does not address this activity specifically, but the area is zoned for public open space (adhered to fully).
National Env Management Act	Relevant regulations govern content and process of EIA (adhered to fully)
Guideline on Alternatives	Used to determine reasonable and feasible alternatives and also the mandatory assessment of the no – go alternative (adhered to fully)
Guideline for Environmental Management Plans	Definition of management actions to avoid, eliminating, offsetting, or reducing adverse environmental impacts during construction and operational phases and enhancing positive impacts (adhered to in high extent)
Guideline on Need and Desirability	Used to answer is this the right time and is it the right place for locating the type of land-use/activity being proposed? In other words, is this development considered wise use of land – i.e. the question of whether the development could be considered as sustainable use of land, keeping in mind the triple bottom line (fully adhered to)
Waste Minimisation Guidelines for Environmental Impact Assessment Review	Used to determine the limitation of generation of waste and the re-use thereof to limit negative environmental impacts and to maximize the re-use of waste resources (fully adhered to)
Guideline on Public Participation	Guideline used to determine extent of public participation required and based on three variables of : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o the scale of anticipated impacts of the proposed project; o the sensitivity and the degree of controversy of the project; and o the characteristics of the potentially affected parties. Adhered to fully.
Guideline on Exemption Applications	Guideline used to determine requirements for exemption from Regulation 10(2)(d), if applicable and based on rationale of guideline to integrate the public participation processes required for exemption applications with the public participation requirements as part of the Basic Assessment process (adhered to fully).

Please note: Copies of any permit(s) or licences received from any other organ of state must be attached this report as Appendix E.

SECTION C: PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The public participation process must fulfil the requirements outlined in NEMA, the EIA Regulations, and if applicable the NEM: WA and/or the NEM: AQA. This Department's *Guideline on Public Participation* (August 2010) and *Guideline on Exemption Applications* (August 2010), both of which are available on the Department's website (<http://www.capegateway.gov.za/eadp>), must also be taken into account.

Please highlight the appropriate box to indicate whether the specific requirement was undertaken or whether there was a deviation that was agreed to by the Department.

1. Were all potential interested and affected parties notified of the application by –			
(a) fixing a notice board at a place conspicuous to the public at the boundary or on the fence of –			
(i) the site where the activity to which the application relates is to be undertaken; and	YESX	DEVIATED	
(ii) any alternative site mentioned in the application;	YESX	DEVIATED	
(b) giving written notice to –			
(i) the owner or person in control of that land if the applicant is not the owner or person in control of the land;	YESX	N/A	
(ii) the occupiers of the site where the activity is to be undertaken and to any alternative site where the activity is to be undertaken;	YESX	DEVIATED	
(iii) owners and occupiers of land adjacent to the site where the activity is to be undertaken and to any alternative site where the activity is to be undertaken;	YESX	DEVIATED	
(iv) the municipal councillor of the ward in which the site and alternative site is situated and any organisation of ratepayers that represent the community in the area;	YESX	DEVIATED	
(v) the municipality which has jurisdiction in the area;	YESX	DEVIATED	
(vi) any organ of state having jurisdiction in respect of any aspect of the activity; and	YESX	DEVIATED	
(vii) any other party as required by the competent authority;	YESX	DEVIATED	
I placing an advertisement in –			
(i) one* local newspaper; and	YESX	DEVIATED	
(ii) any official <i>Gazette</i> that is published specifically for the purpose of providing public notice of applications or other submissions made in terms of these Regulations;	YES	DEVIATED	N/A
(d) placing an advertisement in at least one* provincial newspaper or national newspaper, if the activity has or may have an impact that extends beyond the boundaries of the metropolitan or local municipality in which it is or will be undertaken.	YES	DEVIATED	N/A

* Please note: In terms of the NEM: WA and NEM: AQA a notice must be placed in at least two newspapers circulating in the area in which the activity applied for is to be carried out.

2. Provide a list of all the state departments that were consulted:
DEA&DP
Dept of Water Affairs
Heritage Western Cape
Cape Nature

3. Please provide an overall summary of the Public Participation Process that was followed. (The detailed outcomes of this process must be included in a comments and response report to be attached to the final Basic Assessment Report (see note below) as Appendix F).

The public participation process to be followed in the abovementioned instance was designed from the onset driven by the DEA&DP NEMA EIA Guideline on Public Participation and was initiated by the following series of events, which occurred more or less simultaneously:

- o social profiling as described by O'Connor (1977) was employed to determine the key characteristics of potential interested and Affected Parties as well as the organs of state that have an interest in the proposed upgrade of the Piet se Bos and Grotto Beach development area as mentioned elsewhere in the report, as starting point for identifying potential stakeholders;
- o brainstorming sessions were held with some authorities to further identify key stakeholders who may have an interest in or be affected by the proposal;
- o the proposed upgrade was advertised in the "Hermanus Times" of 14 March 2013, giving details of how to engage in the process, as well as the deadline for comment, etc;
- o at the same time an on-site advert was fixed at a conspicuous place of the site mentioned in the application;
- o a Background Information Document (BID) was compiled that contained enough detail that could be made available to potential I&APs, either by direct posting or upon request in response to advertisements, etc., to allow them access to information to make informed inputs to the environmental impact assessment process;
- o the site advert, the advertisement in the newspaper and BID gave details of the application, which is subjected to public participation as well as stated:
 - that the application had been submitted to the competent authority in terms of the NEMA Regulations;
 - that Basic Assessment procedures were being applied to the application for environmental authorisation;
 - stating the nature and location of the activity to which the application relates;
 - where further information on the application and proposed activity could be obtained;
 - and the manner in which, as well as the person, to whom representations in respect of the application could be made, giving contact details;
 - informing potential interested and Affected Parties about the process requirements for formal registration as I&AP who will be further involved in the assessment process;
 - as well as the deadline for registration and comment.
- o the documents were sent to the municipal councillor of the ward in which the site is situated;
- o the documents were sent to the municipality which has jurisdiction in the area;
- o the documents were sent to organs of state having jurisdiction in respect of any aspect of the activity;
- o municipalities and other organs of state were notified and given an opportunity to comment in writing;
- o a register of I&APs was opened and all correspondence received was responded to;
- o a draft Basic Assessment Report was made available in the Hermanus Library and upon request to all I&APs who requested it, the availability of which was advertised in the newspaper advert, as well as to organs of state which has jurisdiction in respect of any aspect of the activity, after it was made available to DEA&DP;
- o a final copy of the BAR was made available to all registered I&APs;
- o subsequent to the commenting period for the final BAR, the Overstrand Municipality arranged a meeting with registered I&APs where the issues around the various alternatives were discussed;
- o a revised final BAR was produced and submitted for written comment to registered I&APs.

Please note:

Should any of the responses be "No" and no deviation or exemption from that requirement was requested and agreed to /granted by the Department, the Basic Assessment Report will be rejected.

A list of all the potential interested and affected parties, including the organs of State, notified and a list of all the register of interested and affected parties, must be submitted with the final Basic Assessment Report. The list of registered interested and affected parties must be opened, maintained and made available to any person requesting access to the register in writing.

The draft Basic Assessment Report must be submitted to the Department before it is made available to Interested and affected parties, including the relevant organs of State and State departments which have jurisdiction with regard to any aspect of the activity, for a 40-day commenting period. With regard to State departments, the 40-day period commences the day after the date on which the Department as the competent/licensing authority requests such State department in writing to submit comment. The applicant/EAP is therefore required to inform this Department in writing when the draft Basic Assessment Report will be made available to the relevant State departments for comment. Upon receipt of the Draft Basic Assessment Report and this confirmation, this Department will in accordance with Section 24O(2) and (3) of the NEMA request the relevant State departments to comment on the draft report within 40 days.

All comments of interested and affected parties on the draft Basic Assessment Report must be recorded, responded to and included in the Comments and Responses Report included as Appendix F to the final Basic Assessment Report. If necessary, any amendments in response to comments received must be effected in the Basic Assessment Report itself. The Comments and Responses Report must also include a description of the public participation process followed.

The final Basic Assessment Report must be made available to registered interested and affected parties for comment before submitting it to the Department for consideration. Unless otherwise indicated by the Department, a final Basic Assessment Report must be made available to the registered interested and affected parties for

comment for a minimum of 21-days. Comments on the final Basic Assessment Report does not have to be responded to, but the comments must be attached to the final Basic Assessment Report.

The minutes of any meetings held by the EAP with interested and affected parties and other role players which record the views of the participants must also be submitted as part of the public participation information to be attached to the final Basic Assessment Report as Appendix F.

Proof of all the notices given as indicated, as well as of notice to the interested and affected parties of the availability of the draft Basic Assessment Report and final Basic Assessment Report must be submitted as part of the public participation information to be attached to the final Basic Assessment Report as Appendix F.

SECTION D: NEED AND DESIRABILITY

Please Note: Before completing this section, first consult this Department's *Guideline on Need and Desirability* (August 2010) available on the Department's website (<http://www.capegateway.gov.za/eap>).

1. Is the activity permitted in terms of the property's existing land use rights? The land portion is zoned public open space.	YESX	NO	Please explain
2. Will the activity be in line with the following? (a) Provincial Spatial Development Framework (PSDF) The PSDF does not address this activity at this level	YESX	NO	Please explain
(b) Urban edge / Edge of Built environment for the area The land portion is inside the urban edge	YESX	NO	Please explain
(c) Integrated Development Plan and Spatial Development Framework of the Local Municipality (e.g. would the approval of this application compromise the integrity of the existing approved and credible municipal IDP and SDF?).	YESX	NO	Please explain
(d) Approved Structure Plan of the Municipality The Structure Plan shows the public open space	YESX	NO	Please explain
(e) An Environmental Management Framework (EMF) adopted by the Department (e.g. Would the approval of this application compromise the integrity of the existing environmental management priorities for the area and if so, can it be justified in terms of sustainability considerations?) n/a	YES	NO	Please explain
(f) Any other Plans (e.g. Guide Plan) n/a	YES	NO	Please explain
3. Is the land use (associated with the activity being applied for) considered within the timeframe intended by the existing approved Spatial Development Framework (SDF) agreed to by the relevant environmental authority (i.e. is the proposed development in line with the projects and programmes identified as priorities within the credible IDP)? This is an existing public open space area indicated as such in the SDF	YESX	NO	Please explain
4. Should development, or if applicable, expansion of the town/area concerned in terms of this land use (associated with the activity being applied for) occur here at this point in time? This is an essential upgrade of the existing public open space that is an important in enhancing the use of the open space..	YESX	NO	Please explain
5. Does the community/area need the activity and the associated land use concerned (is it a societal priority)? (This refers to the strategic as well as local level (e.g. development is a national priority, but within a specific local context it could be inappropriate.) The upgrade will largely enhance the use to the community to which the public open space can be put	YESX	NO	Please explain
6. Are the necessary services with adequate capacity currently available (at the time of application), or must additional capacity be created to cater for the development? (Confirmation by the relevant Municipality in this regard must be attached to the final Basic Assessment Report as Appendix E.) The services are all existing in the area and are supplied by the municipality.	YESX	NO	Please explain
7. Is this development provided for in the infrastructure planning of the municipality, and if not what will the implication be on the infrastructure planning of the municipality (priority and placement of services and opportunity costs)? (Comment by the relevant Municipality in this regard must be attached to the final Basic Assessment Report as Appendix E.) There will be no impact on municipal infrastructure.	YES	NO	Please explain
8. Is this project part of a national programme to address an issue of national concern or importance?	YES	NOX	Please explain

9. Do location factors favour this land use (associated with the activity applied for) at this place? (This relates to the contextualisation of the proposed land use on this site within its broader context.)	YESX	NO	Please explain
The existing location of the public open space dictates the area of the upgrade..			
10. How will the activity or the land use associated with the activity applied for, impact on sensitive natural and cultural areas (built and rural/natural environment)?	YES	NO	Please explain
An area of very disturbed wetland will be re-instated and the public open space upgraded for enhanced public use.			
11. How will the development impact on people's health and wellbeing (e.g. in terms of noise, odours, visual character and sense of place, etc)?	YES	NO	Please explain
This is a public recreational area and the purpose of the municipality is to make the area more accessible to a wider variety of the community. There will be noise that is associated with picnicking and braai areas and boisterous children playing. In the consideration of the amphitheatre alternative, the type and duration of the events would be managed by the Overstrand Municipality and would conform to the municipal noise regulations for such events. The municipality has been successful in managing noise levels at the area in the past. The visual character will be altered in that where there is an open grass area at the moment with the milkwood thicket as backdrop, the erection of an amphitheatre would form a visual entity against the backdrop of the milkwood thicket. A reasonable area of the wetland will also be restored and cumulatively there will be visual impacts that differ from what there is at present, but in the consensus of the municipality, as well as a number of respondents, this will constitute a visual improvement and offer an enhanced utilisation of the public recreational area. What must be seriously taken into consideration is that this is a public recreation area and amenity. With the changing socio-political and economical circumstances of local communities, the redistribution of wealth and increase in affluence in historically disadvantaged communities as well as visitors to the area, it can be expected that there has to be a change in the sense of place as the changing recreational requirements in a public area changes over time. This is a process which will also continue in future and has occurred in virtually all seaside holiday destinations over time in South Africa.			
12. Will the proposed activity or the land use associated with the activity applied for, result in unacceptable opportunity costs?	YES	NOX	Please explain
13. What will the cumulative impacts (positive and negative) of the proposed land use associated with the activity applied for, be?	YES	NO	Please explain
The cumulative positive impact will be the rehabilitation of part of the old wetland as well as enhancing the use of the public open space area and extending the public use opportunities to meet the changing tourism and recreational use requirements of the area. The cumulative negative impact is that there will be more noise associated with this enhanced use that will be negatively perceived by those immediate residents that expect peace and quiet at all times.			
14. Is the development the best practicable environmental option for this land/site?	YESX	NO	Please explain
Upgrading the existing public open space area.			
15. What will the benefits be to society in general and to the local communities?			Please explain
The cumulative positive impact will be the rehabilitation of part of the old wetland as well as enhancing the use of the public open space area and extending the public use opportunities. Local residents will experience any noise associated with the enhanced use of the public area as negative.			
16. Any other need and desirability considerations related to the proposed activity?			Please explain
The current wetland system is dysfunctional and does not ensure proper filtering of the wetland drainage water discharged over the beach. The upgrade will improve the ecological functioning of the system. The upgrade of the picnic and braai areas will meet requirements of increasing growth in tourism and a younger population who requires amenities and activities to their needs.			

(17) Please describe how the general objectives of Integrated Environmental Management as set out in section 23 of NEMA have been taken into account:

"The purpose of Chapter 5 of NEMA is to promote the application of appropriate environmental management tools in order to ensure the integrated environmental management of activities. The general objective of integrated environmental management is to :

- (a) promote the integration of the principles of environmental management set out in section 2 into the making of all decisions which may have a significant effect on the environment; (See next table box numbered 18 below)
- (b) identify, predict and evaluate the actual and potential impact on the environment, socio-economic conditions and cultural heritage, the risks and consequences (Section F of the BAR and especially point 6) and alternatives (Section E of the BAR) and options for mitigation of activities, with a view to minimising negative impacts, maximising benefits, and promoting compliance with the principles of environmental management set out in section 2;
- (c) ensure that the effects of activities on the environment receive adequate consideration before actions are taken in connection with them; (the entire BAR process followed under NEMA for this application)
- (d) ensure adequate and appropriate opportunity for public participation in decisions that may affect the environment; (refer Section C of the BAR)
- (e) ensure the consideration of environmental attributes in management and decision making which may have a significant effect on the environment; (Section F of the BAR) and
- (f) identify and employ the modes of environmental management best suited to ensuring that a particular activity is pursued in accordance with the principles of environmental management set out in section 2. (Section F of the BAR and the EMP)

(18) Please describe how the principles of environmental management as set out in section 2 of NEMA have been taken into account:

The proposed activities were assessed bearing in mind, *inter alia* the following principles of environmental management:

- o placing people and their needs at the forefront of its concern (*upgrade of area and rehabilitation of part of the wetland*);
- o promote socially, environmentally and economically sustainable development (*BAR assessment process*)
- o the avoidance and minimisation of the disturbance of ecosystems and loss of biological diversity; (*placement and design along with construction phase considerations and placing people and their needs first*)
- o the avoidance and minimisation of pollution and degradation of the environment (*upgrading the public open space*).
- o avoidance of disturbance of any elements of cultural heritage; (*none are relevant to this project*)
- o recycling of waste and disposal of waste in responsible manner;
- o cautious and risk-averse approach in decision which considers limits of knowledge; (*well understood project scope and implementation methodology*)
- o avoidance and minimisation of negative impacts; (*EMP and design*)

These considerations lead to a proposal which is considered the best practical environmental option, does not discriminate against any person, recognises the participation of all interested and affected parties and are socially, environmentally and economically sustainable.

SECTION E: ALTERNATIVES

Please Note: Before completing this section, first consult this Department's *Guideline on Alternatives* (August 2010) available on the Department's website (<http://www.capegateway.gov.za/eadp>).

"Alternatives", in relation to a proposed activity, means different means of meeting the general purposes and requirements of the activity, which may include alternatives to -

- (a) the property on which, or location where, it is proposed to undertake the activity;
- (b) the type of activity to be undertaken;
- (c) the design or layout of the activity;
- (d) the technology to be used in the activity;
- (e) the operational aspects of the activity; and
- (f) the option of not implementing the activity.

The NEMA prescribes that the procedures for the investigation, assessment and communication of the potential consequences or impacts of activities on the environment must, *inter alia*, with respect to every application for environmental authorisation -

- ensure that the general objectives of integrated environmental management laid down in NEMA and the National Environmental Management Principles set out in NEMA are taken into account; and
- include an investigation of the potential consequences or impacts of the alternatives to the activity on the environment and assessment of the significance of those potential consequences or impacts, including the option of not implementing the activity.

The general objective of integrated environmental management is, *inter alia*, to "identify, predict and evaluate the actual and potential impact on the environment, socio-economic conditions and cultural heritage, the risks and consequences and alternatives and options for mitigation of activities, with a view to minimising negative impacts, maximising benefits, and promoting compliance with the principles of environmental management" set out in NEMA.

1. In the sections below, please provide a description of any identified and considered alternatives and alternatives that were found to be feasible and reasonable:

Please note: Detailed written proof the investigation of alternatives must be provided and motivation if no reasonable or feasible alternatives exist.

(a) Property and location/site alternatives to avoid negative impacts, mitigate unavoidable negative impacts and maximise positive impacts, or detailed motivation if no reasonable or feasible alternatives exist:

None

(b) Activity alternatives to avoid negative impacts, mitigate unavoidable negative impacts and maximise positive impacts, or detailed motivation if no reasonable or feasible alternatives exist:

None

(c) Design or layout alternatives to avoid negative impacts, mitigate unavoidable negative impacts and maximise positive impacts, or detailed motivation if no reasonable or feasible alternatives exist:

<p>Alternative 1: Partial rehabilitation of the wetland area and amphitheatre development of part of the other part of the area and double storey restaurant (Non-preferred)- This option (Alternative 1) consists of rehabilitation of a portion of the wetland around the outer fringe of the in-filled area between the area where the amphitheatre will be developed and the milkwood forest on the outer edge of the original extent of the wetland. The existing braai structures just inside the perimeter will be removed altogether. The amphitheatre area to be developed will then be located within the inside of the rehabilitated wetland area, consisting of the central portion of the infilled area. The rehabilitation of the wetland will consist of removing the infill material from the outer edge of the wetland towards the internal area. Removal will only be done to the level where the natural underlying wetland material is encountered. The artificial drainage canal around the area will be removed and the natural water flow to the wetland area re-instated so that the wetland can receive the spring, seepage and stormwater that runs of the higher areas. At the outlet side of the re-instated wetland an artificial level controlled outlet into the existing discharge canal will be constructed so that the level of the water in the wetland can be regulated. This is required in order to control the increased discharge of excessive amounts of stormwater to the wetland, introduced as a result of the vast enlargement in hardened surfaces in the upstream catchment. The excess runoff will be discharged via the existing headwall on the beach, but this will be clad in more natural stone than the present cement structure. The area where the wooden structure for the restaurant will be erected across the parking area and road will remain as it is except for the double storey wooden building to be placed on the existing footprint area of the old Nautilus restaurant.</p> <p>Alternative 2: No wetland rehabilitation and full upgrade development (Non-preferred) This option (Alternative 2) consists of developing the full public open space with no area sacrificed for the partial rehabilitation of the wetland area. The existing braai areas will thus be maintained as well as the existing drainage channel on the outer perimeter of the public open space. The amphitheatre area will be developed in the centre of the public open space, but there will thus be no reduction in the public open space and braai areas. This will also mean that there is no fringe area of wetland between the amphitheatre area and the fringing milkwood forest against the cliffside. The area where the wooden structure for the restaurant will be erected across the parking area and road will remain as it is except for the double storey wooden building to be placed on the existing footprint area of the old Nautilus restaurant.</p> <p>Alternative 3: Partial rehabilitation of the wetland area and upgrade of the remaining picnic and braai area and single storey restaurant (Preferred)- This option (Alternative 3) consists of rehabilitation of a portion of the wetland around the outer fringe of the in-filled area between the area where the existing braai structures are and the milkwood forest on the outer edge of the original extent of the wetland. The existing braai structures just inside the perimeter will be removed altogether and new braai structures will be constructed and the remaining picnic area upgraded within the inside of the rehabilitated wetland area, consisting of the central portion of the infilled area. The rehabilitation of the wetland will consist of removing the infill material from the outer edge of the wetland towards the internal area. Removal will only be done to the level where the natural underlying wetland material is encountered. The artificial drainage canal around the area will be removed and the natural water flow to the wetland area re-instated so that the wetland can receive the spring, seepage and stormwater that runs off the higher lying Voëlkliip areas. At the outlet side of the re-instated wetland an artificial level controlled outlet into the existing discharge canal will be constructed so that the level of the water in the wetland can be regulated. This is required in order to control the increased discharge of excessive amounts of stormwater from the Voëlkliip residential area to the wetland, introduced as a result of the vast enlargement in hardened surfaces in the upstream catchment. The excess runoff will be discharged via the existing headwall on the beach; but this will be clad in more natural stone than the present cement structure. The spoil material will be removed off-site and used in other areas where fill is required. Non-usable material will be removed to the approved dumpsite facilities in the Overstrand area. The area where the wooden structure for the restaurant will be erected across the parking area and road will remain as it is except for the single storey wooden building to be placed on the existing footprint area of the old Nautilus restaurant.</p>

(d) Technology alternatives (e.g. to reduce resource demand and resource use efficiency) to avoid negative impacts, mitigate unavoidable negative impacts and maximise positive impacts, or detailed motivation if no reasonable or feasible alternatives exist:

None

(e) Operational alternatives to avoid negative impacts, mitigate unavoidable negative impacts and maximise positive impacts, or detailed motivation if no reasonable or feasible alternatives exist:

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None

(f) the option of not implementing the activity (the No-Go Option):

If the no-go option is implemented the public open space area will remain as it is at present with the limited public use that it offers at present. The wetland area will also not be re-instated and the footprint of the old Nautilus restaurant will remain an open base. The no-go option would also prevent the upgrade that will be aesthetically much more pleasing than the area is at present. It would also not make the area usable as an improved picnic and braai area and other community and tourist recreational uses as well as generating an additional income to the Overstrand Municipality from seasonal entrance fees to help offset the costs of maintaining the Blue Flag Beach. The no-go option is thus not an option to be considered realistic because of the constraints on the public and tourism use as well as the biodiversity improvement associated with it.

(g) Other alternatives to avoid negative impacts, mitigate unavoidable negative impacts and maximise positive impacts, or detailed motivation if no reasonable or feasible alternatives exist:

None

(h) Please provide a summary of the alternatives investigated and the outcomes of such investigation:

Please note: If no feasible and reasonable alternatives exist, the description and proof of the investigation of alternatives, together with motivation of why no feasible or reasonable alternatives exist, must be provided.

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SECTION F: IMPACT ASSESSMENT, MANAGEMENT, MITIGATION AND MONITORING MEASURES

Please note: The information in this section must be duplicated for all the feasible and reasonable alternatives (where relevant).

1. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE MANNER IN WHICH THE DEVELOPMENT WILL IMPACT ON THE FOLLOWING ASPECTS:

(a) Geographical and physical aspects:

The upgrade will re-instate part of the wetland that used to be there around the perimeter of the upgraded picnic and braai area to be developed. This fringe will be accessible by means of a raised boardwalk only through the wetland and would also effectively prevent unwanted access into the sensitive mill:wood forest against the cliffside backdrop.

(b) Biological aspects:

Will the development have an impact on critical biodiversity areas (CBAs) or ecological support areas (CSAs)?	YES	NOX
If yes, please describe:		
No existence of a CBA or ESA could be determined for this area.		
Will the development have (an impact) on terrestrial vegetation, or aquatic ecosystems (wetlands, estuaries or the coastline)?	YESX	NO
If yes, please describe:		
The site consists of an old wetland that was filled in many years ago with extraneous material consisting of sand, gravel and some building rubble. At the time of filling in the wetland, a sealed and covered drainage canal was also installed around the whole western, northern and eastern perimeter of the wetland in order to drain seepage water, stormwater and rainfall runoff around the filled in area to discharge via an existing covered channel and headwall onto Grotto Beach. There are a number of springs and seepage water that feed into this drainage canal continuously. The proposed upgrade of the area will consist of re-instating a portion of the wetland all around the perimeter of the infilled area by removal of the old fill material. The artificial drainage canal around the area will be removed and the existing water flow to the wetland area re-instated so that the wetland can receive the spring, seepage and stormwater that runs of the higher areas. At the outlet side of the re-instated wetland an artificial level controlled outlet into the existing discharge canal will be constructed so that		

the level of the water in the wetland can be regulated. This is required in order to control the increased discharge of excessive amounts of stormwater to the wetland, introduced as a result of the vast enlargement in hardened surfaces in the upstream catchment. The excess runoff will be discharged via the existing headwall on the beach, but this will be clad in more natural stone than the present cement structure		
Will the development have an impact on any populations of threatened plant or animal species, and/or on any habitat that may contain a unique signature of plant or animal species?	YESX	NO
If yes, please describe:		
The portion of rehabilitated wetland will re-instate the ecotone that existed between the wetland edge and the milkwood forest that is located upslope on the cliffside. The raised boardwalk access in the middle of the wetland will also manage the pedestrian traffic and prevent unwanted access into the milkwood forest so that young milkwoods regeneration will not be trampled underfoot by unwanted human access.		
Please describe the manner in which any other biological aspects will be impacted:		
Concern was expressed that artificial lighting and noise may disturb birds and animals in the immediate area, but investigation showed that there is a vast area of natural vegetation to the east of the proposed upgraded area where there will be no disturbance to where these animals can relocate if human activities, noise and lighting do become problematic.		

(c) Socio-Economic aspects:

What is the expected capital value of the activity on completion?	~R700 000-00	
What is the expected yearly income or contribution to the economy that will be generated by or as a result of the activity?	~R450000-00	
Will the activity contribute to service infrastructure?	YES	NOX
How many new employment opportunities will be created in the construction phase of the activity?	NIL	
What is the expected value of the employment opportunities during the construction phase?	RNIL	
What percentage of this will accrue to previously disadvantaged individuals?	NIL%	
How will this be ensured and monitored (please explain):		
Contractors will use existing personnel-there will be added job security during construction		
How many permanent new employment opportunities will be created during the operational phase of the activity?	NIL	
What is the expected current value of the employment opportunities during the first 10 years?	Nil	
What percentage of this will accrue to previously disadvantaged individuals?		
How will this be ensured and monitored (please explain):		
Presently employed personnel of the municipality will do the upkeep and maintenance		
Any other information related to the manner in which the socio-economic aspects will be impacted:		

(d) Cultural and historic aspects:

There will be no cultural and historic impacts
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2. WASTE AND EMISSIONS

(a) Waste (including effluent) management

Will the activity produce waste (including rubble) during the construction phase?	YESX	NO
If yes, indicate the types of waste (actual type of waste, e.g. oil, and whether hazardous or not) and estimated quantity per type?	M ³	
Clean building rubble, soil and gravel will be produced		

Will the activity produce waste during its operational phase?	YESX	NO
If yes, indicate the types of waste (actual type of waste, e.g. oil, and whether hazardous or not) and estimated quantity per type? The restaurant and-picnic/braai-area will generate ordinary household waste.	~3M ³ /month	

Where and how will the waste be treated / disposed of (describe)?

If yes, indicate the types of waste (actual type of waste, e.g. oil, and whether hazardous or not) and estimated quantity per type per phase of the development?
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There will only be ordinary household waste and will be dealt within the existing waste management mainstream operating in this area of the municipality

Has the municipality or relevant authority confirmed that sufficient capacity exist for treating / disposing of the waste to be generated by this activity(ies)? If yes, provide written confirmation from Municipality or relevant authority	YES	NOX
Will the activity produce waste that will be treated and/or disposed of at another facility other than into a municipal waste stream?	YES	NOX
If yes, has this facility confirmed that sufficient capacity exist for treating / disposing of the waste to be generated by this activity(ies)? Provide written confirmation from the facility and provide the following particulars of the facility:	YES	NO
Does the facility have an operating license? (If yes, please attach a copy of the license.)	YES	NO

Facility name:
 Contact person:
 Postal address:
 Telephone:
 E-mail:

Postal code:
 Cell:
 Fax:

Describe the measures that will be taken to reduce, reuse or recycle waste:

(b) Emissions into the atmosphere

Will the activity produce emissions that will be disposed of into the atmosphere?	YES	NOX
If yes, does it require approval in terms of relevant legislation?	YES	NO

Describe the emissions in terms of type and concentration and how it will be treated/mitigated:

3. WATER USE

Please indicate the source(s) of water for the activity by ticking the appropriate box(es)

Municipal	Water board	Groundwater	River, Stream, Dam or Lake	Other	The activity will not use water
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If water is to be extracted from a groundwater source, river, stream, dam, lake or any other natural feature, please indicate the volume that will be extracted per month: m³

Please provide proof of assurance of water supply (eg. Letter of confirmation from municipality / water user associations, yield of borehole)

Does the activity require a water use permit / license from DWAF?	YES	NOX
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If yes, please submit the necessary application to Department of Water Affairs and attach proof thereof to this application.

Describe the measures that will be taken to reduce water demand, and measures to reuse or recycle water:

4. POWER SUPPLY

Please indicate the source of power supply eg. Municipality / Eskom / Renewable energy source

Existing municipal supply

If power supply is not available, where will power be sourced from?

5. ENERGY EFFICIENCY

Describe the design measures, if any, that have been taken to ensure that the activity is energy efficient: