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09 December 2019

Our Ref: KNY507/03

Attention: Thesen Islands Home Owners

VIA email

RE: THESEN ISLANDS ENVIRONMENTAL MAINTENANCE MANAGEMENT PLAN, KNYSNA

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Cape EAPrac c/o Louise-Mari van Zyl

PO Box 2070, George, 6530

louise@cape-eaprac.co.za

Fax: 044-874 0432

In the event that you have any queries regarding the EMMP or the process itself, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned directly.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Louise-Mari van Zyl', written in a cursive style.

Ms Louise-Mari van Zyl

Director: 071 603 4132 / louise@cape-eaprac.co.za

Thesen Island
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Louise-Mari van Zyl

From: Louise_Mari van Zyl <louise@cape-eaprac.co.za>
Sent: 09 December 2019 04:33 PM
To: 'Elfrieda Loubser' (elfrieda@tihoa.co.za); 'Paul' (paul@safariostrich.co.za)
Subject: Thesen Island EMMP for review and comment
Attachments: KNY507.03 EMMP notification.pdf; KNY507.01 Thesen MMP_V4 Final.pdf

Good Afternoon Paul/Elfrieda,

THESEN ISLANDS HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

I trust that you are both gearing up for the silly season!

Attached please find the formal notification and electronic copy of the EMMP for circulation to your homeowners. The newspaper advert was in last week's paper. The closing date for comment is 30 January 2020 (excluding all the public holidays and also the period 15 Dec – 5 Jan as per the Regulations).

When you circulate this to your members please be sure to safe the notifications (whether it be via whatsapp or email) so that I can have record to include with the final submission.

If you guys receive any queries please feel free to direct such to me (not that I'll be out of the office from 17 Dec – 13 Jan, but I'll still be receiving emails during this time).

All the Best for the Holidays!!!!

Kind regards,

Louise-Mari van Zyl | 071 603 4132

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Louise-Mari van Zyl

Proof of notification
distributed to homeowners

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Sent: 27 December 2019 11:28 AM
To: 'Louise_Mari van Zyl'
Cc: 'Paul Zwarts'; gm@tihoa.co.za
Subject: FW: Thesen Islands Environmental Maintenance Management Plan

Dear Louise-Mari

Please see below the e-mail sent to our homeowners re. the EMMP.

Kind regards



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From: Thesen Islands HOA <tihoa@tihoa.co.za>
Sent: Friday, 27 December 2019 11:23
To: elfrieda@tihoa.co.za
Subject: Thesen Islands Environmental Maintenance Management Plan

Name: Elfrieda Loubser			Stand: AA01	Contact Number: +27797208583	
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MESSAGE

Dear Member

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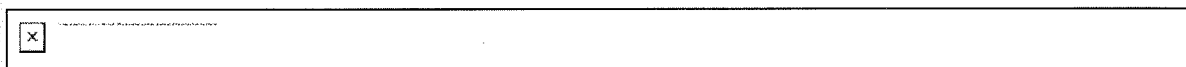
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Attention: STATE DEPARTMENT REPRESENTATIVE

VIA email

RE: THESEN ISLANDS ENVIRONMENTAL MAINTENANCE MANAGEMENT PLAN, KNYSNA

Your Department has been identified as a key state department with a mandate towards environmental matters pertaining to maintenance and management at Thesen Islands (Knysna, Southern Cape).

On behalf of the Thesen Islands Homeowners Association (TIHOA), we hereby inform you of the availability of the Environmental Maintenance Management Plan for the residential estate of Thesen Islands (Knysna).

Thesen Islands is an existing development situated within the Knysna Estuary. It obtained Environmental Authorisation in 1999 under the Environment Conservation Act (ECA 1989) and has been implemented since.

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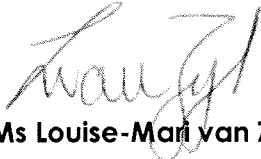
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'andrew.september@westerncape.gov.za'; 'hwc.hwc@westerncape.gov.za';
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Subject: Thesen Islands Environmental Maintenance Management Plan
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RE: THESEN ISLANDS ENVIRONMENTAL MAINTENANCE MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR STAKEHOLDER REVIEW AND COMMENT, KNYSNA

Your Department has been identified as a key authority in terms of your mandate to consider activities that may have a detrimental impact on the receiving environment.

Attached please find your notice informing of the availability of the Environmental Maintenance Management Plan (EMMP) for specified activities within the residential estate of Thesen Islands. Kindly note that this EMMP considers only existing structures and infrastructure (for repairs and maintenance) and does not include new developments or extensions of existing structures/infrastructure.

You are kindly requested to review this document and to provide input or comment within the specified commenting period. The commenting period ends on 30 January 2020.

Please do not hesitate to contact me directly should you have any queries in this regard.

Thank you in advance!

Kind regards,

Louise-Mari van Zyl | 071 603 4132

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Sent: 09 December 2019 04:16 PM
To: cabrahams@bgcma.co.za
Subject: Thesen Island EMMP
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Hi Carlo,

RE: THESEND ISLANDS ENVIRONMENTAL MAINTENANCE MANAGEMENT PLAN, KNYSNA

I know estuaries are not really the responsibility of BGCMA (I have sent a notice to DEA Oceans & Coast also), but for your records please note that we've compiled an Environmental Maintenance Management Plan (EMMP) for Thesen Islands (the residential estate only). It is specifically for repairs and maintenance they must do on existing structures and infrastructure within and around the estate.

A copy of the main report is attached for your information.

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To: 'james@gardenroute.gov.za'
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Cc: louise@cape-eaprac.co.za
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Dear John,
Please see attached and below for your attention.

Regards,

Megan Taplin
Park Manager: Knysna
South African National Parks

Office: 044 302 5643
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From: James McCarthy [<mailto:james@gardenroute.gov.za>]
Sent: 10 December 2019 07:42 AM
To: Megan Taplin; Owen Govender
Subject: FW: Thesen Island Environmental Maintenance Management Plan

Morning all

I presume for your attention ?

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Thanks

James McCarthy

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Sent: Monday, 09 December 2019 16:13
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From: Louise_Mari van Zyl <louise@cape-eaprac.co.za>
Sent: 10 December 2019 05:19 PM
To: 'Megan Taplin'; 'cjkenedy@telkomsa.net'
Subject: Thesen Island Environmental Maintenance Management Plan

Dear Megan,

Thank you so much for forwarding this notice to Mr Kennedy. Mr McCarthy initially indicated that he would be able to send it directly to Mr Kennedy as I did not have his contact details.

@Mr Kennedy, I've now captured your contact details on our Stakeholder Register for this project. Please feel free to contact me directly should you have any queries.

Kind regards,

Note: We shall be taking a break over the festive season and close office on 13 December 2019. Office reopens on 6 January 2020. However, I'll be back at the office on 15 January 2020.

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Sent: 29 December 2019 01:57 PM
To: louise@cape-eaprac.co.za
Cc: 'Thesen Islands HOA'
Subject: RE: Thesen Islands Environmental Maintenance Management Plan -C28 COMMENT
Attachments: IMG_8813.jpg; IMG_8862.jpg

Dear Louise

Further to your very comprehensive Environmental Maintenance Management Plan where you mentioned the rejuvenation of the public beaches by adding additional sea sand please include the public beach adjacent to C28 in your proposal .

This beach has become almost unusable due to a layer of permanent mud about 100 mm thick that covers most of the beach

Children , paddle boarders , kayakers have to wade through the thick mud in order to get to the water where initially there was dry sand when we purchased our property 19 years ago .

I have attached a photo taken a couple of days ago as well as one taken in 2004 for your info .

Regards Roger Venn

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From: Thesen Islands HOA <tihoa@tihoa.co.za>
Sent: 27 December 2019 11:21 AM
To: roger@embassyair.co.za
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From: Jessica Hayes <Jessica.Hayes@sanparks.org>
Sent: 04 July 2019 09:04 AM
To: Owen Govender; louise@cape-eaprac.co.za
Cc: Maretha Alant; Megan Taplin; elfrieda@tihoa.co.za
Subject: RE: Thesen Island EMMP

Good day Owen and Louise-Mari,

Please find comments on the queries that were raised in your email below:

- Maretha may be able to provide the approval documents for the Touw and Swartvlei Estuary applications conducted several years ago. However there are no allowances in the estuary breaching protocols for the removal of sand from the beaches. Earlier requests for removal of sand from beaches for private use have been denied. Perhaps you can source sea sand in one of the places where it regularly blows onto a road or municipal parking lot e.g. Swartvlei Beach, Buffalo Bay or alternatively from construction sites on dunes in the area – the municipality may be able to assist in this regard.
- 'Minimum criteria for what type of sand will be acceptable' - If it is for a beach that is going to be inundated with the tides then we would be insistent on sea sand. If it is on a raised beach (preferable and more sustainable in the long term) on private property then we can't be prescriptive per se, though we would request that it should not be contaminated with any compounds (e.g. high concentration of organics) that could leach out into the channel and potentially negatively affect water quality.
- The Knysna Estuary MP has not yet been drafted, it is imminent but there is no exact time frame as yet (you may be aware of a 2009 CapeNature/consultants document floating around on the web but this is not official and was never endorsed/enacted).

I hope this helps.

Kind regards,

Jessica Hayes

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From: Owen Govender
Sent: 03 July 2019 02:35 PM
To: Jessica Hayes
Subject: FW: Thesen Island EMMP

Hi Jess

Is there any way you can respond to this please.

I am currently on leave and will only be back in office next week.

Kind Regards

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To: Owen Govender; Maretha Alant; Megan Taplin
Cc: 'Elfrieda Loubser'
Subject: Thesen Island EMMP

Thanks Owen!!

I can stop by your offices on Friday to collect the documents if they would be ready by then....please let me know, alternatively send me the contact details of the scientific guys then I can pester them for the info.

Thanks in advance!!!

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To: Louise_Mari van Zyl; Maretha Alant; Megan Taplin
Cc: 'Elfrieda Loubser'
Subject: RE: Thesen Island EMMP

Hi Louise-Mari

I have forwarded your request to our Scientific Services section for comment and contribution of required documents.

I will forward to you once I have received the relevant information.

Kind Regards

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Sent: 27 June 2019 03:52 PM
To: Owen Govender; Maretha Alant; Megan Taplin
Cc: 'Elfrieda Loubser'
Subject: Thesen Island EMMP

Hi Owen,

I trust that you are doing well!

In follow-up to our meeting beginning of June, as well as below email in which I requested the documents needed to further inform the Thesen Island Maintenance Management Plan, I just want to follow-up on when I can expect these documents from you?

I'll come by your office to pick it up if it's not electronically available....alternatively if you can email them to me it will be greatly appreciated!!

Kind regards,

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Sent: 11 June 2019 03:25 PM
To: 'Owen Govender' (owen.govender@sanparks.org); Maretha Alant (maretha.alant@sanparks.org); 'Megan Taplin'

Hi Owen,

Thank you so much for your time and important input to the Thesen Island EMMP.

As discussed, please will you send me the following documents:

- a copy of the relevant River/Estuary Mouth EMMPs for SanParks to open estuary mouths in the immediate area so that I can double-check what is permitted i.e. only movement of sand or removal of sand. As previously mentioned it may be worthwhile for Thesen Island to obtain sand from SanParks when and where infill of the artificial beaches may be required and that can only be done if the source of the sand is known and acceptable to SanParks;
- In the event that sand cannot be sourced from opening estuary mouths, then please send me minimum criteria for what type of sand will be acceptable (you mentioned that you have an in-house marine specialist who may be able to provide more clarity on this particular aspect) – this assumes that we consider the option of creating a 'boxed' beach section on the artificial beaches that can be kept dry and ultimately reduce the need to infill any of the beaches by keeping sand within a designated area;
- Also kindly send me a copy of your Knysna Estuary EMMP so that I can align the Thesen Island EMMP with the greater Estuary EMMP.

Thanks again for your assistance in this regard!

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From: Louise_Mari van Zyl <louise@cape-eaprac.co.za>
Sent: 20 February 2020 12:26 PM
To: 'Lauren Molsen'
Subject: RE: Jetty poles - treatment

Hi Lauren,

Thanks for your prompt response.

For the purpose of the Environmental Maintenance Management Plan (for Thesen Islands) we have the opportunity to prescribe measures that must be taken into account (by contractors for instance) to minimise environmental impacts. Currently there is no such EMMP in place for Thesen Islands, so I suspect that contractors are allowed to use jetty poles of their choice on condition that they are treated. Unfortunately I don't have any data on existing contractor supplies (that is something the HOA can hopefully assist you with).

Once the Thesen Islands EMMP is approved however, it will become a statutory document to which the HOA and all appointed contractors must adhere to. So it is actually a very good tool to help manage/limit environmental issues that otherwise could result in detrimental environmental impacts.

The reason why I also have to consult with SanParks on this matter, is because Thesen Islands falls within their regulated area (all water below the high water mark, inclusive of the canal system in Thesens Islands is owned by the State and in this case SanParks is the managing agent) and they have a overarching management plan for similar activities. The EMMP for Thesen Islands and the overarching management plan by SanParks must talk to each other.

If SanPark's management plan does is not specific on treatment requirements for jetty poles in the Estuary (as a whole, not just for Thesen Islands) then there is a window of opportunity to inform both their management plan and the one for Thesen Islands to ensure consistency. If their management already specifies that treated poles must be pressurised then contractors would already be using such poles as they also have to adhere to SanPark's management plan. In such an event I'll be able to update the Thesen Islands EMMP as well to ensure that it is also reflected.

I'm hoping to give you some better feedback as soon as I have a response from them on this matter.

Kind regards,

Compliments for the New Year!!!

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Sent: 20 February 2020 11:11 AM
To: Louise_Mari van Zyl <louise@cape-eaprac.co.za>
Subject: Re: Jetty poles - treatment

Thanks Louise.

But my question is not to Parks Board but to the installers of the poles. How are they being treated are they being pressurised so the chemicals don't leach out? Surely you could ask the installers for their process.

Regards

Lauren Molsen

Lauren Molsen
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On 20 Feb 2020, at 10:27, Louise_Mari van Zyl <louise@cape-eaprac.co.za> wrote:

Dear Lauren,

My apologies for only responding to your email of last year regarding jetty pole treatment measures now.

I've been in contact with the South African National Parks Board who's responsible for regulating potential pollution levels in the Estuary, regarding their minimum requirements in this regard and hope to have it soon.

I'll share with you what information / guidelines I receive from them.

Kind regards,

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Sent: 27 December 2019 01:35 PM
To: elfrieda@tihoa.co.za
Cc: DelaRey Ferreira <bco@tihoa.co.za>; louise@cape-eaprac.co.za
Subject: Re: Jetty poles - treatment

hi DelaRey, Elfrieda and Louise

with reference to my emails during this past year, I see in the publication there is reference to how the jetty poles are installed and removed but nothing that answers my questions, are the jetty poles being treated in the correct manner by the companies that install them? Are they being placed in high pressure chambers which remove the residue which is highly toxic to humans and marine life?

regards
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On 12 Jun 2019, at 16:39, Lauren Dapper Coffee <lauren@dappercoffeeco.co.za> wrote:

hi Elfrieda, thanks for getting back to me,

There are many articles on the internet that suggest that Chromated Copper Arsenate with Creosate is carcinogenic to humans and marine life / animals, below are a few links to concerning articles.

I would like an investigation to be made into the process of fixation and if this process is being followed correctly by the companies that install the jetty poles and jetty's

"The mixture of Chromium **Copper Arsenate** is pressure impregnated through a process called "fixation". It causes the preservative to become immobile which makes it highly leach resistant".

are the chemicals being stored correctly, is the residue being removed using high pressure chambers as the process requires?. at the moment i see a lot of freshly painted poles lying in the trailer park, is this the correct process? The old poles are being left there too, should they be disposed of in this way?

If the correct process is being followed then perhaps the levels that are being leached are acceptable, but if it is not this poses a health hazard.

A test should be done to assess the levels being leached into the canals.

many thanks

Kind regards

Lauren Molsen

Chromated copper arsenate (CCA) is a wood preservative used worldwide since the 1930s, although its use has been restricted in developed countries. In South Africa, it is still commonly used.

https://journals.co.za/docserver/fulltext/sajsci/109/7-8/sajsci_v109_n7_8_a18.pdf?expires=1560346341&id=id&accname=guest&checksum=0D028DACE041A3AD36A32239AFDF77A0

https://www.jstor.org/stable/1352236?seq=1#page_scan_tab_contents

<https://toxnet.nlm.nih.gov/cgi-bin/sis/search/a?dbs+hsdb:@term+@DOCNO+7705>

<http://publications.gc.ca/collections/Collection/H113-2-11-2001E.pdf>

The environmental hazards of CCA-treated wood are related to the high toxicity of copper, chromium and arsenic to nontarget organisms in freshwater and marine environments. The potential risk depends on the exposure, i.e., the amount of CCA being leached from treated wood into the aquatic ecosystem, directly or indirectly. In general, small ground-based structures made from CCA-treated wood that is properly treated and properly fixed are unlikely to cause any environmental hazard. There are some data that indicate some sealants can reduce surface dislodgeability and leachability of the preservative metals. These data are being considered as part of the CCA re-evaluation. The environmental risk of CCA-treated wood coming in contact with freshwater and marine environments (including wetlands) is greater than in terrestrial environments and possible restrictions on aquatic use are currently being assessed.

<https://www.hortweek.com/creosote-banned-study-cancer-risk/article/790918creosote>

Is creosote harmful to humans?

The International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) has determined that coal tar is carcinogenic to **humans** and that **creosote** is probably carcinogenic to **humans**. EPA has also determined that coal tar **creosote** is a probable **humancarcinogen**.

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On 12 Jun 2019, at 10:38, Elfrieda Loubser <elfrieda@tihoa.co.za> wrote:

CCA chemical (H6 marine treated) with Creosote

Dear Lauren

With reference to your request for information regarding the jetty poles used on Thesen Islands. Please see the description below:

Treatment of wood involves the placement, within the wood microstructure, of preservative chemicals which are antagonistic to wood destroying agencies. The major factors which bear on the effectiveness of biological preservation systems are:

- The biological hazards to which the wood will be subjected in service.
- The toxicity of the preservative chemical to the particular wood destroying organisms which will be encountered.
- The penetration and retention of the preservative chemical.

Because timber in service meets different degrees of hazard, the industry has developed a Hazard Classification. This specifies the amount of chemical required as well as the depth of chemical penetration needed in each piece of timber. The more hazardous the application, the more and deeper the chemical.

- H0 Internal i.e. mouldings, ceilings, etc.
- H2 Internal i.e. roof trusses, flooring, etc.
- H3 Exterior above ground i.e. outdoor decking, cladding, etc.
- H4 Exterior in ground i.e. agricultural posts, bridges, carports, etc.
- H5 Freshwater i.e. retaining walls, jetties, drains, walkways, etc.
- H6 Marine i.e. jetties, piles, walkways, etc.

The use of the CCA chemical (H6 marine treated) with Creosote is recommended for the installation of jetty poles in marine areas. Only timber treated with these chemicals will offer complete protection against marine borers. Jetties, slipways, retaining walls and walkways will fall under this section. It also reduces the volume of wood used by prolonging the service life of wood for up to 40 years.

I hope this addresses your concern.

Please feel free to contact us should you have any further queries.

Kind regards

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Subject: FW: Jetty poles - treatment

Hi Elfrieda

Sien asb die onderstaande versoek.
Ons het dit so vlugtig bespreek en jy het gese jy sou die inligting vir my aanstuur.
Die huis eienaar volg nou op.

Sal jy so gaaf wees om sommer aan haar te antwoord. Ek sal haar laat weet om n e-pos van jou te verwag.
Dankie.

groete

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Subject: Fwd: Jetty poles - treatment

hi Delaray,

with reference to my email below of the 29 May 2019, have you had any answers to my queries?

look forward to your response

cheers
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Date: 29 May 2019 at 08:49:12 SAST

To: bco@tihoa.co.za

Hi Delaray

With reference to our conversation on Monday about the Jetty Poles and the treatment thereof.

As mentioned we are concerned that the chemicals being used could be toxic to humans and marine life and find the smell extremely unpleasant at low tide.

Please would you look into this and let us know the outcome of your inquiry.

Please would you also let us know the treatment process and the names of the chemicals being used.

Many thanks
Kind regards

Lauren Molsen

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Sent: 27 December 2019 02:13 PM
To: louise@cape-eaprac.co.za
Cc: Sharon; 'Thesen Islands HOA'
Subject: Articial beaches at Thesen Islands

Dear Louise,

Reference is made to your Environmental Maintenance Management Plan for Thesen Islands KN507/01

I read with interest of the possibility of infilling of artificial beaches and ask why the little public beaches between stands C28 / C31 and F11 / F20 are not specifically mentioned?

These public beaches have slowly been eroded during the last 15 years and are becoming an eye-sores. This will have definite negative impact on the re-sale value of the affected erven.

I would be grateful if attention can also be given to this matter.

Kind wishes,
Philip Caveney
C31

Cc Roger and Sharon Venn, Paul Burchell

Louise-Mari van Zyl

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no further comment received

From: leptieshaam Bekko <leptieshaam.Bekko@westerncape.gov.za>
Sent: 10 December 2019 09:08 AM
To: Louise_Mari van Zyl
Cc: Mercia J Liddle
Subject: RE: Thesen Islands Environmental Maintenance Management Plan

Good day Louise-Mari,

This serves as an acknowledgement of receipt by the sub-Directorate: Coastal Management.

Best regards,
leptieshaam Bekko
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Sent: Monday, 09 December 2019 16:05
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Subject: Thesen Islands Environmental Maintenance Management Plan

Good Afternoon,

RE: THESEN ISLANDS ENVIRONMENTAL MAINTENANCE MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR STAKEHOLDER REVIEW AND COMMENT, KNYSNA

Your Department has been identified as a key authority in terms of your mandate to consider activities that may have a detrimental impact on the receiving environment.

Attached please find your notice informing of the availability of the Environmental Maintenance Management Plan (EMMP) for specified activities within the residential estate of Thesen Islands. Kindly note that this EMMP considers only existing structures and infrastructure (for repairs and maintenance) and does not include new developments or extensions of existing structures/infrastructure.

You are kindly requested to review this document and to provide input or comment within the specified commenting period. The commenting period ends on 30 January 2020.

Please do not hesitate to contact me directly should you have any queries in this regard.

Thank you in advance!

Kind regards,

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