

DETAILS OF SPECIALIST AND DECLARATION OF INTEREST IN TERMS OF REGULATIONS 12 AND 13 OF THE AMENDMENTS TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT REGULATIONS, 2014 AS AMENDED.

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Application for environmental authorization in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998), as amended and the Amendments to the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014. This form is valid as of 6 January 2021.

PROJECT TITLE

THE PROPOSED BLIKANA RIVER BULK DAM BULK SUPPLY SCHEME, SENQU MUNICIPALITY, EASTERN CAPE PROVINCE.

SPECIALIST ¹

Terrestrial Biodiversity Impact Assessment
Aquatic Biodiversity Impact Assessment
Animal Species Impact Assessment

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4.2 The SPECIALIST

I, **Zona Quvile**, declare that –

General declaration:

- I act as the independent Specialist in this application
- I will perform the work relating to the application in an objective manner, even if this results in views and findings that are not favourable to the applicant
- I declare that there are no circumstances that may compromise my objectivity in performing such work;
- I have expertise in conducting environmental impact assessments, including knowledge of the Act, regulations and any guidelines that have relevance to the proposed activity;
- I will comply with the Act, regulations and all other applicable legislation;
- I will take into account, to the extent possible, the matters listed in regulation 8 of the regulations when preparing the application and any report relating to the application;
- I have no, and will not engage in, conflicting interests in the undertaking of the activity;
- I undertake to disclose to the applicant and the competent authority all material information in my possession that reasonably has or may have the potential of influencing - any decision to be taken with respect to the application by the competent authority; and - the objectivity of any report, plan or document to be prepared by myself for submission to the competent authority;
- I will ensure that information containing all relevant facts in respect of the application is distributed or made available to interested and affected parties and the public and that participation by interested and affected parties is facilitated in such a manner that all interested and affected parties will be provided with a reasonable opportunity to participate and to provide comments on documents that are produced to support the application;
- I will ensure that the comments of all interested and affected parties are considered and recorded in reports that are submitted to the competent authority in respect of the application, provided that comments that are made by interested and affected parties in respect of a final report that will be submitted to the competent authority may be attached to the report without further amendment to the report;
- I will keep a register of all interested and affected parties that participated in a public participation process; and

- I will provide the competent authority with access to all information at my disposal regarding the application, whether such information is favourable to the applicant or not
- all the particulars furnished by me in this form are true and correct;
- will perform all other obligations as expected from an environmental assessment practitioner in terms of the Regulations; and
- I realise that a false declaration is an offence and is punishable in terms of section 24F of the Act.

Disclosure of Vested Interest (delete whichever is not applicable)

- I do not have and will not have any vested interest (either business, financial, personal or other) in the proposed activity proceeding other than remuneration for work performed in terms of the Amendments to Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014 as amended.
- ~~I have a vested interest in the proposed activity proceeding, such vested interest being:~~



Signature of the Specialist:

Name of company:

Earthguard Consulting

Date: 04/05/2026

Signature of the Commissioner of Oaths:



2026-05-04

Date:

Accountant

Designation:

¹ Curriculum Vitae (CV) attached

Official stamp (below).

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 Ex Officio Commissioner of Oaths (RSA)
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Annexure 1

CV

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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Aphiwe-Zona Quvile is a Master's graduate with extensive experience in environmental science since 2015. She is skilled in environmental impact assessment, permitting, compliance, and specialist studies, with expertise in wetland, aquatic, and terrestrial biodiversity assessments. Registered with EAPASA and SACNASP, she is also a member of the Wetland Society of South Africa and the Land Rehabilitation Society of Southern Africa.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Jan 2020 – Present	Senior Environmental Scientist Earthguard Consulting (Pty) Ltd, East London
Aug 2017 – Dec 2019	Environmental Scientist SRK Consulting (Pty) Ltd, Johannesburg
Feb 2015 – July 2017	Environmental Consultant Sazi Environmental Consulting, Johannesburg
Sep 2014 – Aug 2015	Junior Environmental Consultant Coastal and Environmental Services, Makhanda

FORMAL EDUCATION

- MSc, **Environmental Education** – Rhodes University, 2013 – 2015.
- BSc (Hons), **Biodiversity and Conservation** – Rhodes University, 2012.
- BSc, **Environmental Studies** – Walter Sisulu University. 2008 – 2011.

PROFESSIONAL REGISTRATION

- Professional Natural Scientist (Pr.Sci.Nat) – **SACNASP**. Registration No. 115598
- Environmental Assessment Practitioners of South Africa (**EAPASA**). Registration No. 2019/1039

PROJECTS

PROJECTS	DESCRIPTION
Environmental Authorisations and Environmental Management Programme	
Basic Assessment Process for the Proposed Qumrha and Kei Mouth (Cwili) township developments. Mikhulu Spatial Solutions Duration: 2025 – Present	Conduct a Basic Assessment Process including specialist studies, including Public Participation and Environmental Management Programme to obtain Environmental Authorisation.

Key Person: Environmental Assessment Practitioner

Basic Assessment Process for the Proposed Belgrade Fitness Centre in Belgrade, KZN. MNT Geomatics Duration: 2024 – 2025	Conduct a Basic Assessment Process including specialist studies, including Public Participation and Environmental Management Programme to obtain Environmental Authorisation.
Maclear Township Development and Resettlement. MNT Geomatics on behalf of Elundini Local Municipality Duration: 2023 – 2025	Conduct the Full Environmental Impact Assessment Process, including Public Participation, Scoping and the Environmental Impact Assessment Report and Environmental Management Programme to obtain Environmental Authorisation; Develop Resettlement Plan
The Proposed Replacement of Quay Wall 3 & 4 and Ferry Landing at the Port of East London within Buffalo City Metropolitan Municipality in the Eastern Cape Province. Abantu Environmental Services on behalf of Transnet SOC Ltd Duration: 2023 – 2025	Conduct the Full Environmental Impact Assessment Process, including Public Participation, Scoping and the Environmental Impact Assessment Report and Environmental Management Programme to obtain Environmental Authorisation.
Proposed Attenuation Pond Structures in Mzamomhle Phase 3 Township in Gonubie, East London Nathoo Mbenyane Engineers on behalf of Buffalo City Metropolitan Municipality Duration 2021 – 2022	Conduct a Basic Assessment Process including specialist studies, including Public Participation and Environmental Management Programme to obtain Environmental Authorisation.
Social Assessments, Social Facilitation, Stakeholder Engagement	
Mogalakwena Mine expansion project Anglo America 2019	Stakeholder Engagement Officer (Social Facilitator): Managing the Public Participation Process
Compilation of Government and Social Affairs (GSA) reports Anglo American Operations, Duration	Compilation of 3 GSA reports (for Elders Colliery, Amandelbult Fine Chrome Recovery Plant and SACE Lifex Project)
Water Use Licence Applications	
Water Use Licence Application for the proposed Kwelerha Heights Development MNT Geomatics Duration: 2021 – 2021	Section (a) Water Use Licence Application.
Construction of a housing estate in Abbotsford Capable Consulting 2019	Section 21c and I Water Use Licence Application (WULA).
Terrestrial Biodiversity Assessments	
Plant search and rescue for Khayamnandi extension in the Nelson Mandela Bay District, Eastern Cape Province. Abantu Environmental Services 2025 – 2025	Identify, remove, rescue or relocate species of concern, as required by the conditions attached to the EA.
Terrestrial Biodiversity for the proposed rehabilitation of the Waqu bridge within the Enoch Mgijima Local Municipality, Eastern Cape. Dihlasana on behalf of Transnet Freight Rail Duration: 2025 – 2025	Develop a report using the protocols specified in GN 320 (Protocol for the specialist assessment and minimum report content requirements for environmental impacts on terrestrial biodiversity of the National Environmental Management Act (NEMA; Act No. 107 of 1998), assessment and reporting requirements for terrestrial biodiversity and plant species and animal species theme
Terrestrial biodiversity assessment for the proposed upgrading of Milani Link Road from upper Nxaxa to lower Nxaxa within Elundini Local Municipality, Eastern Cape. Earth Free Environmental Consultancy Duration: 2025 – 2025	Undertake an assessment and develop a report using the protocols specified in GN 320 (Protocol for the specialist assessment and minimum report content requirements for environmental impacts on terrestrial biodiversity of the National Environmental Management Act (NEMA; Act No. 107 of 1998), assessment and reporting requirements for terrestrial biodiversity and plant species theme.

Key Person: Environmental Assessment Practitioner