



## **environmental affairs**

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### **PER FACSIMILE / MAIL**

Dear Mr Cloete

### **ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION IN TERMS OF THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT ACT, 1998: GN R. 543, 544 AND 546: FOR THE PROPOSED RUNWAY RE-ALIGNMENT AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE AT CAPETOWN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT IN THE WESTERN CAPE PROVINCE**

With reference to the above application, please be advised that the Department has decided to grant authorisation. The environmental authorisation (EA) and reasons for the decision are attached herewith.

In terms of regulation 10(2) of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2010 (the Regulations), you are instructed to notify all registered interested and affected parties, in writing and within 12 (twelve) days of the date of the EA, of the Department's decision in respect of your application as well as the provisions regarding the submission of appeals that are contained in the Regulations.

Your attention is drawn to Chapter 7 of the Regulations, which prescribes the appeal procedure to be followed. This procedure is summarised in the attached document. Kindly include a copy of this document with the letter of notification to interested and affected parties.

Should the applicant or any other party wish to appeal any aspect of the decision a notice of intention to appeal must be lodged by all prospective appellants with the Minister, within 20 days of the date of the EA, by means of one of the following methods:

By post: Private Bag X 447,  
Pretoria, 0001; or

By hand: Department of Environmental Affairs  
Environment House  
473 Steve Biko Road  
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If the applicant wishes to lodge an appeal, it must also serve a copy of the notice of intention to appeal on all registered interested and affected parties as well as a notice indicating where, and for what period, the appeal submission will be available for inspection, should you intend to submit an appeal.

Please include the Department (*Attention: Director: Integrated Environmental Authorisations*) in the list of interested and affected parties, notified through your notification letter to interested and affected parties, for record purposes.

**Appeals must be submitted in writing to:**

Mr Z Hassam Director: Appeals and Legal Review, of this Department at the above mentioned addresses or fax number. Mr Hassam can also be contacted at:

Email: [AppealsDirectorate@environment.gov.za](mailto:AppealsDirectorate@environment.gov.za)

The authorised activities must not commence within twenty (20) days of the date of signature of the authorisation. Further, please note that in terms of section 43(7) of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998, an appeal under section 43 of that Act will suspend the environmental authorisation or any provision or condition attached thereto. In the instance where an appeal is lodged, you must not commence with the activity until such time that the appeal is finalised.

Yours faithfully

  
**Mr Sabelo Malaza**  
**Chief Director: Integrated Environmental Authorisations**  
**Department of Environmental Affairs**  
Date: 23/05/2019

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**APPEALS PROCEDURE IN TERMS OF CHAPTER 7 OF THE NEMA EIA REGULATIONS, 2010 (THE REGULATIONS) AS PER GN R. 543 OF 2010 TO BE FOLLOWED BY THE APPLICANT AND INTERESTED AND AFFECTED PARTIES UPON RECEIPT OF NOTIFICATION OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION (EA)**

<b>APPLICANT</b>	<b>INTERESTED AND AFFECTED PARTIES (IAPs)</b>
1. Receive EA from the relevant Competent Authority (the Department of Environmental Affairs [DEA]).	1. Receive EA from Applicant/Consultant.
2. Within 12 days of date of the EA notify all IAPs of the EA and draw their attention to their right to appeal against the EA in terms of Chapter 7 of the Regulations.	2. N/A.
3. If you want to appeal against the EA, submit a notice of intention to appeal within 20 days of the date of the EA with the Minister of Environmental Affairs (the Minister).	3. If you want to appeal against the EA, submit a notice of intention to appeal within 20 days of the date of the EA, with the Minister of Environmental Affairs (the Minister).
4. After having submitted your notice of intention to appeal to the Minister, provide each registered IAP with a copy of the notice of intention to appeal within 10 days of lodging the notice.	4. After having submitted your notice of intention to appeal to the Minister, provide the applicant with a copy of the notice of intention to appeal within 10 days of lodging the notice.
5. The Applicant must also serve on each IAP: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a notice indicating where and for what period the appeal submission will be available for inspection.</li> </ul>	5. Appellant must also serve on the Applicant within 10 days of lodging the notice, <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a notice indicating where and for what period the appeal submission will be available for inspection by the applicant.</li> </ul>
6. The appeal must be submitted in writing to the Minister within 30 days after the lapsing of the period of 20 days provided for the lodging of the notice of intention to appeal.	6. The appeal must be submitted to the Minister within 30 days after the lapsing of the period of 20 days provided for the lodging of the notice of intention to appeal.
7. Any IAP who received a notice of intention to appeal may submit a responding statement to that appeal to the Minister within 30 days from the date that the appeal submission was lodged with the Minister.	7. An Applicant who received notice of intention to may submit a responding statement to the appeal to the Minister within 30 days from the date that the appeal submission was lodged with the Minister.

**NOTES:**

1. **An appeal must be:-**
  - a) submitted in writing;
  - b) accompanied by:
    - a statement setting out the grounds of appeal;
    - supporting documentation which is referred to in the appeal; and
    - a statement that the appellant has complied with regulation 62 (2) or (3) together with copies of the notices referred to in regulation 62.



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REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

# Environmental Authorisation

In terms of Regulation 36 of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2010

The proposed runway re-alignment and associated infrastructure at Cape Town International

Airport in the Western Cape Province

City of Cape Town Metropolitan Municipality

Authorisation register number:	14/12/16/3/3/2/446
Last amended:	First issue
Holder of authorisation:	Airports Company South Africa (ACSA)
Location of activity:	WESTERN CAPE PROVINCE: City of Cape Town Metropolitan Municipality

This authorisation does not negate the holder of the authorisation's responsibility to comply with any other statutory requirements that may be applicable to the undertaking of the activity.

## **Decision**

The Department is satisfied, on the basis of information available to it and subject to compliance with the conditions of this environmental authorisation, that the applicant should be authorised to undertake the activities specified below.

Non-compliance with a condition of this authorisation may result in criminal prosecution or other actions provided for in the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 and the EIA Regulations, 2010.

Details regarding the basis on which the Department reached this decision are set out in Annexure 1.

## **Activities authorised**

By virtue of the powers conferred on it by the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act 107 of 1998) and the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2010 the Department hereby authorises –

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with the following contact details –

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to undertake the following activities (hereafter referred to as "the activity") indicated in Listing Notices 1, 2 and 3 (GN R. 544, 545 and 546):

Listed activities	Activity/Project description
<p><u>GN R. 544 Item 9(i) &amp; (ii)</u></p> <p>The construction of facilities or infrastructure exceeding 1000 metres in length for the bulk transportation of water, sewage or storm water -</p> <p>(i) with an internal diameter of 0,36 metres or more; or</p> <p>(ii) with a peak throughput of 120 litres per second or more, excluding where:</p> <p>a. such facilities or infrastructure are for bulk transportation of water, sewage or storm water or storm water drainage inside a road reserve; or</p> <p>b. where such construction will occur within urban areas but further than 32 metres from a watercourse, measured from the edge of the watercourse.</p>	<p>The construction of infrastructure longer than 1000 m for the bulk transportation of storm water.</p>
<p><u>GN R. 544 Item 11</u></p> <p>The construction of:</p> <p>(ii) channels;</p> <p>(vi) bulk storm water outlet structures; or;</p> <p>(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 a watercourse, excluding where such construction will occur behind the development setback line.</p>	<p>The proposed project will entail the construction of channels, bulk storm water outlet structures or 50m<sup>2</sup> of infrastructure or structures within a watercourse or within 32m of a watercourse.</p>
<p><u>GN R. 544 Item 18(i)</u></p> <p>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 of more than 5</p>	<p>The infilling or depositing of more than 5m<sup>3</sup> of any material into a watercourse</p>

Listed activities	Activity/Project description
<p>cubic metres from:</p> <p>(i) a watercourse; greater but excluding where such infilling, depositing, dredging, excavation, removal or moving;</p> <p>(a) is for maintenance purposes undertaken in accordance with a management plan agreed to by the relevant environmental authority; or</p> <p>(b) occurs behind the development setback line.</p>	
<p><u>GN R. 544 Item 24</u></p> <p>The transformation of land bigger than 1 000m<sup>2</sup> in size, to residential, retail, commercial, industrial or institutional use, where, at the time of the coming into effect of this Schedule or thereafter such land was zoned open space, conservation or had an equivalent zoning.</p>	<p>Transformation of land bigger than 1 000 m<sup>2</sup> to residential, retail, commercial, industrial or institutional use, where land was zoned open space, conservation or had an equivalent zoning.</p>
<p><u>GN R. 544 Item 39(iii)</u></p> <p>The expansion of</p> <p>(ii) channels; or</p> <p>(v) bulk storm water outlet structures</p> <p>within a watercourse or within 32 metres of a watercourse, measured from the edge of</p> <p>a watercourse, where such expansion will result in an increased development footprint but excluding where such expansion will occur behind the development setback line.</p>	<p>The proposed project will require the upgrade, expansion or replacement of existing bridges and/or other structures. The upgrade will take place outside the existing servitude which in turn will increase the current footprint.</p>
<p><u>GN R. 544 Item 50</u></p> <p>The expansion of airports where the development footprint will be increased.</p>	<p>The expansion of airports where the development footprint will be increased.</p>

<p><u>GN R. 545 Item 7</u></p> <p>The construction of:                  (ii) runways or aircraft landing strips longer than 1.4 km.</p>	<p>The construction of runways or aircraft landing strips longer than 1.4 km.</p>
<p><u>GN R. 545 Item 15</u></p> <p>Physical alteration of undeveloped, vacant or derelict land for residential, retail, commercial, recreational, industrial or institutional use where the total area to be transformed is 20 hectares or more.</p>	<p>The physical alternation of undeveloped, vacant or derelict land where the total area to be transformed is 20 hectares or more.</p>
<p><u>GN R. 546 Item 13</u></p> <p>The clearance of an area of 1 hectare or more of vegetation where 75% or more of the vegetative cover constitutes indigenous vegetation except where such removal of vegetation is required for:</p> <p>(c) In Western Cape Province, in:</p> <p>(aa) A protected area identified in terms of NEMPAA, excluding conservancies;</p> <p>(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;</p> <p>(ee) Critical biodiversity areas as identified in systematic biodiversity plans adopted by the competent authority or in bioregional plans</p>	<p>Construction and upgrade of the proposed railway will involve clearing clearance of an area of 1ha or more of vegetation where 75% or more constitutes indigenous vegetation within a Critical Biodiversity Area (CBA).</p>

as described in the Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) dated July 2016 at:

Location Alternative (Scenario 4) Preferred	Latitude	Longitude
Starting point of activity	28°07'43.62"S	23°06'28.03"E
Middle point of activity	28°07'46.12"S	23°06'19.63"E
End point of activity	28°07'48.68"S	23°06'11.19"E



- for the proposed runway re-alignment and associated infrastructure at Cape Town International Airport in the Western Cape Province., hereafter referred to as “the property”.

The infrastructure associated with this facility includes:

- A taxiway system;
- Infrastructure such as an aircraft isolation pad (AIP); a compass calibration pad and an aircraft run-up area;
- Security facilities;
- Service roads;
- Buildings and service infrastructure;
- Upgrading of the storm water management system; and
- Bulk earthworks for the sourcing and on site use of cut/fill material

## **Conditions of this Environmental Authorisation**

### **Scope of authorisation**

1. The preferred alternative Scenario 4 and Independence use 1 035 (Option 2) of the proposed runway re-alignment and associated infrastructure at Cape Town International Airport in the Western Cape Province, is approved.
  2. Authorisation of the activity is subject to the conditions contained in this authorisation, which form part of the environmental authorisation and are binding on the holder of the authorisation.
  3. The holder of the authorisation is responsible for ensuring compliance with the conditions contained in this environmental authorisation. This includes any person acting on the holder's behalf, including but not limited to, an agent, servant, contractor, sub-contractor, employee, consultant or person rendering a service to the holder of the authorisation.
  4. The activities authorised may only be carried out at the property as described above.
  5. Any changes to, or deviations from, the project description set out in this authorisation must be approved, in writing, by the Department before such changes or deviations may be effected. In assessing whether to grant such approval or not, the Department may request such information as it deems necessary to evaluate the significance and impacts of such changes or deviations and it may be necessary for the holder of the authorisation to apply for further authorisation in terms of the regulations.
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6. The holder of an environmental authorisation must apply for an amendment of the environmental authorisation with the competent authority for any alienation, transfer or change of ownership rights in the property on which the activity is to take place.
7. This activity must commence within a period of Five (5) years from the date of issue of this authorisation. If commencement of the activity does not occur within that period, the authorisation lapses and a new application for environmental authorisation must be made in order for the activity to be undertaken.
8. Commencement with one activity listed in terms of this authorisation constitutes commencement of all authorised activities.

#### **Notification of authorisation and right to appeal**

9. The holder of the authorisation must notify every registered interested and affected party, in writing and within 12 (twelve) calendar days of the date of this environmental authorisation, of the decision to authorise the activity.
10. The notification referred to must –
  - 10.1. specify the date on which the authorisation was issued;
  - 10.2. inform the interested and affected party of the appeal procedure provided for in Chapter 7 of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2010;
  - 10.3. advise the interested and affected party that a copy of the authorisation will be furnished on request; and
  - 10.4. give the reasons of the competent authority for the decision.
11. The holder of the authorisation must publish a notice –
  - 11.1. informing interested and affected parties of the decision;
  - 11.2. informing interested and affected parties where the decision can be accessed; and
  - 11.3. drawing the attention of interested and affected parties to the fact that an appeal may be lodged against this decision in the newspaper(s) contemplated and used in terms of regulation 54(2)(c) and (d) and which newspaper was used for the placing of advertisements as part of the public participation process.

### **Management of the activity**

12. The Environmental Management Programme (EMPr), which included the Appendices of the EMPr (Appendix 7A), submitted as part of the application for environmental authorisation must be amended and submitted to the Department for written approval prior to commencement of the activity.
13. The EMPr amendments must include the following:
  - 13.1. All recommendations and mitigation measures recorded in the EIR and specialist studies dated July 2016.
  - 13.2. An effective monitoring system to detect any leakage or spillage of all hazardous substances during their transportation, handling, use and storage. This must include precautionary measures to limit the possibility of oil and other toxic liquids from entering the soil or storm water systems
  - 13.3. The requirements and conditions of this authorisation.
  - 13.4. An environmental sensitivity map indicating environmental sensitive areas and features identified during the EIA process.
14. The final amended EMPr (once approved) must be implemented and strictly enforced during all phases of the project. It shall be seen as a dynamic document and shall be included in all contract documentation for all phases of the development when approved.
15. Changes to the EMPr must be submitted to this Department for approval before such changes could be effected.

### **Monitoring**

16. The applicant must appoint a suitably independent Environmental Control Officer (ECO) for the construction phase of the development that will have the responsibility to ensure that the mitigation/rehabilitation measures and recommendations referred to in this authorisation are implemented and to ensure compliance with the provisions of the EMPr.
  - 16.1. The ECO must be appointed before commencement of any authorised activities.
  - 16.2. Once appointed, the name and contact details of the ECO must be submitted to the *Director: Compliance Monitoring* of the Department.
  - 16.3. The ECO must keep record of all activities on site, problems identified, transgressions noted and a task schedule of tasks undertaken by the ECO.

- 16.4. The ECO must remain employed until all rehabilitation measures, as required for implementation due to construction damage, are completed and the site is ready for operation.
- 16.5. Records relating to monitoring and auditing must be kept on site and made available for inspection to any relevant and competent authority in respect of this development.

### **Recording and reporting to the Department**

17. All documentation e.g. audit/monitoring/compliance reports and notifications, required to be submitted to the Department in terms of this authorisation, must be submitted to the *Director: Compliance Monitoring* at the Department.
18. The holder of the authorisation must submit an environmental audit report to the Department within 30 days of completion of the construction phase (i.e. within 30 days of site handover) and within 30 days of completion of rehabilitation activities.
19. The environmental audit report must indicate the date of the audit, the name of the auditor and the outcome of the audit in terms of compliance with the environmental authorisation conditions as well as the requirements of the EMPr.
20. Records relating to monitoring and auditing must be kept on site and made available for inspection to any relevant and competent authority in respect of this development.

### **Commencement of the activity**

21. The authorised activity must not commence within twenty (20) days of the date of signature of the authorisation.
22. In terms of section 43(7), an appeal under section 43 of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 will suspend the environmental authorisation or any provision or condition attached thereto. In the instance where an appeal is lodged you may not commence with the activity until such time that the appeal has been finalised.

### **Notification to authorities**

23. A written notification of commencement must be given to the Department no later than fourteen (14) days prior to the commencement of the activity. Commencement for the purposes of this condition includes site preparation. The notice must include a date on which it is anticipated that
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the activity will commence, as well as a reference number. This notification period may coincide with the notice of intent to appeal period.

### **Operation of the activity**

24. A written notification of operation must be given to the Department no later than fourteen (14) days prior to the commencement of the activity operational phase.
25. The holder of this authorisation must compile an operational EMPr for the operational phase of the activity or alternatively, if the holder has an existing operational environmental management system, it must be amended to include the operation of the new runway.

### **Site closure and decommissioning**

26. Should the activity ever cease or become redundant, the applicant must undertake the required actions as prescribed by legislation at the time and comply with all relevant legal requirements administered by any relevant and competent authority at that time.

### **Specific conditions**

27. The holder of this authorisation must take note that no temporary site camps will be allowed outside the footprint of the development area as the establishment of such structures might trigger a listed activity as defined in the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2010.
  28. Vegetation clearing must be kept to the development footprint. Mitigation measures must be implemented to reduce the risk of erosion. Vegetation must be removed in a manner that allows the roots of bushes and shrubs to remain in the ground as far as possible so that there is a chance of re-growth
  29. Generation of dust must be minimised and dust control measures must be implemented.
  30. The necessary signage must be placed in order to inform workers of the construction works being carried out.
  31. A permit must be obtained from Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries for the rescue and relocation of provincially protected plants should they be removed or disturbed during the construction phase.
  32. All mitigation measures and recommendations recorded by the noise specialists must be adhered to.
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33. Storm water management plan must be developed, to ensure that storm water does not come into contact with potentially polluted water.
  34. Fires of any form must not be allowed on the construction site.
  35. Should any archaeological sites, artefacts, paleontological fossils or graves be exposed during construction work, work in the immediate vicinity of the find must be stopped, the South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA) must be informed and the services of an accredited heritage professional obtained for an assessment of the heritage resources must be made
  36. An integrated waste management approach must be implemented that is based on waste minimisation and must incorporate reduction, recycling, re-use and disposal.
  37. Any solid waste must be disposed of at a landfill licensed in terms of section 20 (b) of the National Environment Management Waste Act, 2008 (Act 59 of 2008).

#### **General**

38. A copy of this authorisation and the EMPr must be kept at the property where the activity/ will be undertaken. The authorisation and the EMPr must be produced to any authorised official of the Department who requests to see it and must be made available for inspection by any employee or agent of the holder of the authorisation who works or undertakes work at the property.
39. The holder of the authorisation must notify both the *Director: Integrated Environmental Authorisations* and the *Director: Compliance Monitoring* at the Department, in writing and within 48 (forty eight) hours, if any condition of this authorisation cannot be or is not adhered to. Any notification in terms of this condition must be accompanied by reasons for the non-compliance.
40. National government, provincial government, local authorities or committees appointed in terms of the conditions of this authorisation or any other public authority will not be held responsible for any damages or losses suffered by the applicant or his successor in title in any instance where construction or operation subsequent to construction be temporarily or permanently stopped for reasons of non-compliance by the applicant with the conditions of authorisation as set out in this document or any other subsequent document emanating from these conditions of authorisation.

Date of environmental authorisation: 23/05/2019

  
Mr Sabelo Malaza

**Chief Director: Integrated Environmental Authorisations**  
**Department of Environmental Affairs**

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## **Annexure 1: Reasons for Decision**

### **1. Information considered in making the decision**

In reaching its decision, the Department took, inter alia, the following into consideration –

- a) The information contained in the EIAR dated July 2016;
- b) The comments received from the organs of state and interested and affected parties as included in the EIAR dated July 2016;
- c) Mitigation measures as proposed in the EIAR dated July 2016 and the EMPr;
- d) The information contained in the specialist studies contained within Appendix E of the EIAR; and
- e) The objectives and requirements of relevant legislation, policies and guidelines, including section 2 of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No.107 of 1998).

### **2. Key factors considered in making the decision**

All information presented to the Department was taken into account in the Department's consideration of the application. A summary of the issues which, in the Department's view, were of the most significance is set out below.

- a) The findings of all the specialist studies conducted and recommended mitigation measures.
- b) The need of the project will create an enabling condition (eliminates spatial constraints) for the airport that will allow for an integrated development approach that is holistic and sustainable
- c) The EIAR dated July 2016 identified all legislation and guidelines that have been considered in the preparation of the EIAR dated July 2016.
- d) The methodology used in assessing the potential impacts identified in the EIAR dated July 2016 and the specialist studies has been adequately indicated.
- e) The description of the environment that may be affected by the activity and the manner in which the physical, biological, social, economic and cultural aspects of the environment may be affected by the activity.
- f) A sufficient public participation process was undertaken and the holder of the authorisation has satisfied the minimum requirements as prescribed in the EIA Regulations, 2010 for public involvement.

### 3. Findings

After consideration of the information and factors listed above, the Department made the following findings -

- a) The identification and assessment of impacts is detailed in the EIAR dated July 2016 and sufficient assessment of the key identified issues and an impact has been completed.
- b) The procedure followed for impact assessment is adequate for the decision-making process.
- c) The proposed mitigation of impacts identified and assessed adequately curtails the identified impacts.
- d) The information contained in the EIAR dated July 2016 is accurate and credible.
- e) EMPr measures for the pre-construction, construction and rehabilitation phases of the development were proposed and included in the EIAR and will be implemented to manage the identified environmental impacts during the construction phase.

In view of the above, the Department is satisfied that, subject to compliance with the conditions contained in the environmental authorisation, the authorised activity will not conflict with the general objectives of integrated environmental management laid down in Chapter 5 of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 and that any potentially negative environmental impacts resulting from the authorised activity can be mitigated to acceptable levels. The environmental authorisation is accordingly granted.