

PRE-APPLICATION MEETING WITH DEDECT RE S24G & WULA			
NW DEDECT-:EMI AND EIA UNITS MEETING APPOINTED EAP- SENKOSI ENVIRONMENTAL			
Date & Time	06 MAY, 2025 @ 10:00 AM		
Location	NW DEDECT OFFICE, RUSTENBURG		
Chaired by	Ms Lungiswa Nonkomo (LN)		
No.	Description	Responsible	Action Date
1	Meeting Agenda	All	
	1. Welcome and Introduction		
	2. Apologies		
	3. Purpose of the meeting		
	4. Presentation of the project by EAP team		
	5. Input from the DEDECT team		
	6. Way forward		
	7. Closure		
2	Welcome and Introductions	All	
a)	The Chairperson, Ms Lungiswa Nonkomo, (LN) welcomed all members present and indicated that one member from the EAP team will be joining the meeting virtually.		
	✓ Attendance noted and no apologies received. ✓ However, Mr Yamkela Soyizwapi (YS) was attending virtually.	All	
3	Adoption of Agenda		
a)	The agenda was briefly shared and adopted by the attendees.	All	
4	Purpose of the meeting		
4.1	The purpose of the meeting was indicated as a pre-application meeting requested by the EAP team to present two projects that are at Environmental Authorisation application phase. Both projects were a section 24G application process with one addition EIA which was still at its early stage, not yet fully commenced with. These projects were presented simultaneously in the meeting.	All	
4.2	The Presentation: Section A		
	Mr Siphon Zulu (SZ) who is the appointed EAP supported by the two remembered team, Ms Nokuhle Mkebe and Yamkela Soyizwapi (YS) joined virtually, made the presentation. Since there were two presentations, one on the the Buffelspoort farm 346 JQ and the other on Buffelsfontein farm 465 JQ. These projects are both Chrome Wash Plants projects and are both undergoing a S24G application process. Section A of the presentation, focusing on the Buffelspoort farm 465 JQ, was presented by SZ while the second project was presented by YS, virtually.	SZ	

	<p>SZ outlined in his presentation that triggers on the section A presentation was by clearance of more than 300 m² vegetation on a CBA area of portion 69 & 71 without environmental authorization. He provided details of the project stating that it is currently operating as a chrome wash plant, with tailings stockpiled to be later processed into brick making.</p> <p>The triggers in terms of listing notices were clearly presented as outlined in the EIA regulations. Triggers in relation to a WML were also outlined and are to be presented to the DFFE, as the relevant competent authority. The team also identified a need for a water use licence given the storage of water and abstraction from the ground water source. For this, the team will be approaching DWS for the necessary processes.</p> <p>The status quo of the project was outlined indicating the extent of the area that has been cleared, the activities currently undertaken as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Stockpiling of Chrome deposits to be processed into fines, separating the chromite as product; ✓ Tailings resulting from the operation that are deposited and stockpiled for further processing into bricks; ✓ Water used to clean the product cleared using flocculants and being recycled back to the system; ✓ A Public Participation process that is about to commence, indicating the identified Interested and Affected Parties within a 5km radius of the project; ✓ A motivation for the S24G application was given, indicating the main activities that have commenced without authorization, however, presenting socio-economic benefits in the area. ✓ The EAP outlined the prospective project schedule and indicated a 14 days offer to engage the interested parties prior the actual mandatory 30 days public participation. This was interested to ease any possible tensions between I&APs. 	
5	The Presentation: Section B	
	<p>Mr Yamkela Soyizwapi (SY) presented the Buffelsfontein Chrome Wash Plant Project</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ A compliance notice was delivered to the applicant for commencing with activities on portion 18 of the farm without authorization; ➤ This project has already undergone a process of applying for a S24G as the unlawful commencement was triggered by clearance of vegetation within a CBA, without authorization; ➤ Clearance referred to portions 18, 45 and 46 of the farm Buffelsfontein 465 JQ; ➤ The proponent, Shefah Business Enterprise, intends to submit a full Scoping and EIA application for the remainder of cleared portions (18, 45 & 46) and those that were not cleared, viz. Portions:- 38, 36 and 163 of Buffelsfontein farm 465 JQ; ➤ Activity on this farm comprise of a chrome crushing and wash plant as well as a brick making plant from the waste generated thereof. ➤ The farm has a stream that runs through, thus a plan to construct a bridge to protect the stream, is underway. There is also an access road form the main entrance on 	YS

	<p>portion 46 to portion 18 where the weigh bridge is situated. Thus a WULA application to the DWS is underway.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The current status on site was indicated as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Portion 18 has been cleared and two weigh bridges installed. The proponent is currently testing the crushing process on this portion, using two mobile machines in place and a one office structure being set up with brick and mortar while two storage containers are set on site as well. Stockpiling of raw material is also taking place in view of the testing process. ✓ Part of portion 46 has been cleared to prepare for the brick making component of the project. Due to construction of access road through the area part portions 45 has also been partially cleared. ✓ The stream is crossing from portion 46 all the way to portions 45 and to portion 18. it must be noted that the river bank was compromised during clearance of vegetation. ✓ As a result of the stream impact, it is imperative that stream rehabilitation be effected and implemented as soon as possible. <p>DWS is yet to be engaged in this regards, as is it apparent that the National water Act has been triggered.</p>		
6	<p>Inputs and comments from DEDECT towards the presentations:-</p>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The process outlined should follow the S24G process which is different from that of the EIA process. The process should clearly reflect the stage at which the fine or penalty is instituted, as well as the decision making stage by DEDET to the approval stage. b) The EAP has to submit a final report for review to the Competent authority not the draft report. It must be noted also that a full report or an application form with incorporated reported be circulated to the interested and affected parties not just the BID as other EAPS do at times. c) The CA will issue a Directive on the status of the operation of the site, soon as the application is submitted, whether it me totally closed or it continues until the decision is granted. d) Upon the submission of the application for the S24G, a fine will be determined by the CA and fine can be appealed to the MEC for DEDECT on receipt of notification of the amount of fine. On completion of appeal process then fine must be paid within 30 days of receipt of fine letter with instructions to pay such fine. However, payment arrangements can be made to pay over a period of time. Nevertheless, a decision to grant or not to grant the S24G authorisation, will only be given after the full fine or penalty has been fully paid. e) After granting a decision an appeal can be made through the office of the MEC if necessary. Appeal on the decision suspend the decision until the appeal has been finalised 	<p>Comment by Ms Ellis Nkau</p> <p>EAP team to implement</p>	

	<p>f) It was further clarified that the instructions outlined in the Compliance Notice must be adhered to. Compliance and Enforcement unit will continue with its inspections for adherence to compliance notice while their application is still under review.</p> <p>g) It was also indicated that an negotiation can be made where a submission can be made to the CA for the proponent to request to combine a S24G application with an EIA process, based on the merits of project activities and of the impacts of the activities to be undertaken.</p>		
7.	<p>Way Forward:</p> <p>The EAP team outlined the project plan to be undertaken henceforth. This includes the announcement notice to the public regarding the intentions to submit section 24 G application for both projects. The team indicated that on both sites, specialist’s studies were commenced and completed except for the traffic impact on the Buffelspoort farm, which was underway to be completed.</p> <p>The team ensured the authority that no further clearance take place on site and adherence to the compliance notice submitted to the respective clients is undertaken.</p>	EAP team	

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1. Chairperson: Ms Lungiswa nonkomo

Date: 28 May 2025

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