

APPENDIX G

DETAILS AND EXPERTISE OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT PRACTITIONER

ACER is an environmental consultancy firm that adopts a holistic, multi-disciplinary and integrated approach to mankind's activities in order to contribute to responsible decision-making and sustainable growth and development. ACER has been active in the environmental management field for 27 years. ACER's main services include: Environmental Assessments, Environmental Management Programs (EMPr), EMPr Compliance Monitoring, Vegetation Surveys, Ecological Assessments and Rehabilitation Plans, Wetland Delineations and Functional Assessments, Social Impact Assessments, Resettlement Planning and Implementation, and Public Participation Programs. Man's rapid development and impact on our world has resulted in the expansion and refinement of our services to include Risk Assessments, Fauna and Flora Search and Rescue, Habitat Recreation, Indigenous Plant Nurseries and Offset Mitigation.

The following is a brief snapshot of the experience and expertise of the Environmental Impact Assessment Practitioner (EAP) team involved in the N3 Upgrade Basic Assessments 1-6. Note that Ms Vicki King of Metamorphosis (www.metamorphosisdbn.co.za) was the Environmental Assessment Practitioner responsible for BA4, however ACER and Metamorphosis worked as a team on multiple aspects of BAs 1- 6.

Dr Dieter Heinsohn (Project Director)

Originally trained as a plant physiologist, Dr Heinsohn has developed an impeccable reputation in Environmental Management. Of particular note is his experience in Social Impact Assessments, the design and running of public involvement programmes, resettlement planning and implementation, and the management of large and/or complex Environmental Impact Assessment processes. He has more than 28 years experience in Environmental Management. Dr Heinsohn has a PhD in Botany. He is a member of the South African Association of Botanists, the International Association of Impact Assessment (South African Chapter) and the South African Institute of Ecologists and Environmental Scientists. He is a Certified Environmental Practitioner with the Interim Certification Board of South Africa and registered with the South African Council for Natural Scientific Professions (400442/04).

Ms Ashleigh McKenzie (Project Manager, EAP)

Ms McKenzie has participated in this project in the capacity of Project Manager. Ms Mckenzie graduated with a Master of Sciences in Environmental Science from the University of Natal. She has worked in the Environmental Management field for over 22 years, applying environmental management tools as a team member as well as project leader/manager over a broad range of projects, including Environmental Impact Assessments, Environmental Management Programmes and Environmental Compliance Monitoring. Ms McKenzie is a member of the International Association of Impact Assessment (South African Chapter), a Certified Environmental Practitioner with the Interim Certification Board of South Africa and registered with the South African Council for Natural Scientific Professions (400026/05).

Ms Vicki King, Metamorphosis Environmental Consultants (Project Manager BA4, EAP)

Ms King has a BSc in Biological Sciences and Geography from the University of Birmingham, UK, and a Master of Laws (LLM) in Environmental Law from the University of Natal. She specialises in environmental legal auditing and review, as well as Environmental Impact Assessment Management and Environmental Management Systems. She has more than 29 years experience in Environmental Management. She is a member of the Environmental Law Association, the International Association of Impact Assessment (South African Chapter) and the Southern African Institute of Ecologists and Environmental Scientists. She is a Certified Environmental Practitioner with the Interim Certification Board of South Africa and registered with the South African Council for Natural Scientific Professions (40003694).

Ms Mareike Straeuli (public participation)

Ms Straeuli has been part of the project team, assisting particularly with the public participation program. Ms Mareike Straeuli graduated with an Honours Degree in Environmental Science from the University of KwaZulu-Natal. She has 4 years of experience in the Environmental Management field, with application of environmental management tools in a number of projects, including Environmental Impact Assessments, Social Impact Assessments and public participation. Ms Straeuli is a member of the International Association of Impact Assessment (South African Chapter). Ms Straeuli left the employ of ACER at the end of 2018.

Ms Salona Reddy (public participation)

Ms Salona Reddy's role in the project has been to assist with the public participation components. Salona holds a BSc Honours degree in Environmental Science. She has 2 years of experience in the Environmental Management field. This includes various tools such as Water Use Licensing Applications and public participation. She is involved in environmental compliance monitoring and environmental awareness training for contractors. Salona is a member of the International Association of Impact Assessment (South African Chapter).

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