

**COMPLIANCE OF THIS BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORT WITH APPENDIX 1 OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT REGULATIONS OF 2014, AS AMENDED.**

Appendix 1 of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations of 2014, as amended (Government Notice Regulation (GNR) 326 of 2017; GNR 517 of 2021) promulgated in terms of the National Environmental Management Act No.107 of 1998 (NEMA), states the requirements for the content of a Basic Assessment Report to be as follows:

*“A basic assessment report must contain the information that is necessary for the competent authority to consider and come to a decision on the application, and must include– “*

The Table below lists the content requirements of a BA Report and where in this BAR one can find the required content.

<b>REQUIREMENT</b>	<b>SECTION IN REPORT</b>
(a) details of – (i) the EAP who prepared the report; and (ii) the expertise of the EAP, including a curriculum vitae	Section A and Appendix M
(b) the location of the activity, including: (i) the 21-Digit Surveyor General Code of each cadastral land parcel; (ii) where available, the physical address and farm name; (iii) where the required information in items (i) and (ii) is not available, the coordinates of the boundary of the property or properties	Section B
(c) a plan which locates the proposed activity or activities applied for as well as associated structures and infrastructures at an appropriate scale; Or, it is – (i) A linear activity, a description and coordinates of the corridor in which the proposed activity or activities is to be undertaken; or (ii) on land where the property has not been defined, the coordinates within which the activity is to be undertaken.	Section B and Appendix B1
(d) a description of the scope of the proposed activity, including – (i) all listed and specified activities triggered and being applied for; and (ii) a description of the activities to be undertaken including associated structures and infrastructure;	Section B and Section D
(e) a description of the policy and legislative context within which the development is proposed including – (i) an identification of all legislation, policies, plans, guidelines, spatial tools, municipal development planning frameworks, and instruments that are applicable to this activity and have been considered in the preparation of the report; and (ii) how the proposed activity complies with and responds to the legislation and policy context, plans, guidelines, tools frameworks, and instruments;	Section C and Section E
(f) a motivation for the need and desirability for the proposed development including the need and desirability of the activity in the context of the preferred locations	Section E
(g) a motivation for the preferred site, activity and technology alternative;	Section H
(h) a full description of the process followed to reach the proposed preferred alternative within the site, including-	
(i) details of all the alternatives considered;	Section H
(ii) details of the public participation process undertaken in terms of regulation 41 of the Regulations, including copies of the supporting documents and inputs;	Section F
(iii) a summary of the issues raised by interested and affected parties, and an indication of the manner in which the issues were incorporated, or the reasons for not including them;	Appendix F4 – Comments and Response Report
(iv) the environmental attributes associated with the alternatives focusing on the geographical, physical, biological, social, economic, heritage and cultural aspect;	Section G
(v) the impacts and risks identified for each alternative, including the nature, significance, consequence, extent, duration, and probability of the impacts, including the degree to which these impacts- (aa) can be reversed; (bb) may cause irreplaceable loss of resources; and (cc) can be avoided, managed or mitigated	Section H

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(vi) the methodology used in determining and ranking the nature, significance, consequence, extent, duration and probability of potential environmental impacts and risks associated with the alternative;	Section H
(vii) positive and negative impacts that the proposed activity and alternatives will have on the environment and on the community that may be affected focusing on the geographical, physical, biological, social, economic, heritage and cultural aspects;	Section H
(viii) the possible mitigation measures that could be applied and level of residual risks;	Section H
(ix) the outcome of the site selection matrix;	Section H
(x) if no alternatives, including alternative locations for the activity were investigated, the motivation for not considering such; and	Section H
(xi) a concluding statement indicating the preferred alternatives, including preferred location of the activity.	Section H
(i) a full description of the process undertaken to identify, assess and rank the impacts the activity will impose on the preferred location through the life of the activity, including – (i) a description of all environmental issues and risks that were identified during the environmental impact assessment process; and (ii) an assessment of the significance of each issue and risk and an indication of the extent to which the issue and risk could be avoided or addressed by the adoption of mitigation measures;	Section H Section G
(j) an assessment of each identified potentially significant impact and risk, including – (i) cumulative impacts; (ii) the nature, significance and consequence of the impact and risk; (iii) the extent and duration of the impact and risk; (iv) the probability of the impact and risk occurring; (v) the degree to which the impact and risk can be reversed; (vi) the degree to which the impact and risk may cause irreplaceable loss of resources; and (vii) the degree to which the impact and risk can be avoided, managed or mitigated.	Section H
(k) where applicable, a summary of the findings and impact management measures identified in any specialist report complying with Appendix 6 of to these Regulations and an indication as to how these findings and recommendations have been included in the final report;	Section I
(l) an environmental impact statement which contains – (i) a summary of the key findings of the environmental impact assessment; (ii) map at an appropriate scale which superimposes the proposed activity and its associated structures and infrastructure on the environmental sensitivities of the preferred site indicating any areas that should be avoided, including buffers; and (ii) a summary of the positive and negative impacts and risks of the proposed activity and identified alternatives;	Section I Section J
(m) based on the assessment, and where applicable, impact management measures from specialist reports, the recording of the proposed impact management outcomes for the development for inclusion in the EMP;	Section J
(n) any aspects which were conditional to the findings of the assessment either by the EAP or specialist which are to be included as conditions of authorisation;	Section J
(o) a description of any assumptions, uncertainties, and gaps in knowledge by which relate to the assessment and mitigation measures proposed;	Section J
(p) a reasoned opinion as to whether the proposed activity should or should not be authorised, and if the opinion is that it should be authorised, any conditions that should be made in respect to that authorisation;	Section J
(q) where the proposed activity does not include operational aspects, the period for which the environmental authorisation is required, the date on which the activity will be concluded, and the post construction monitoring requirements finalised.	Section J
(r) an undertaking under oath or affirmation by the EAP in relation to – (i) the correctness of the information provided in the reports; (ii) the inclusion of comments and inputs from stakeholders and I&As; (iii) the inclusion of inputs and recommendations from the specialist reports where relevant; and (iv) any information provided by the EAP to interested and affected parties and any responses by the EAP to comments or inputs made by interested and affected parties; and	N/A – Signed Declaration Form of BAR template
(s) where applicable, details of any financial provision for the rehabilitation, closure, and ongoing post decommissioning management of negative environmental impacts;	N/A

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(t) any specific information that may be required by the competent authority; and	N/A
(u) any other matters required in terms of Section 24(4)(a)(b)	N/A