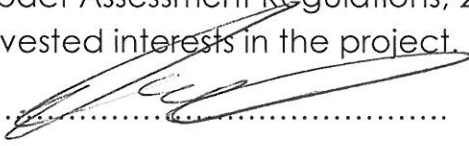
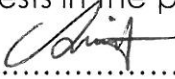


STATEMENT OF INDEPENDENCE

I, **Michael Jon Bennett**, of Sharples Environmental Services cc, in terms of Section 33 of the NEMA, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998), as amended, hereby declare that I provide services as an independent Environmental Assessment Practitioner (**EAPASA Reg: 2021/3163**) and receive remuneration for services rendered for undertaking tasks required in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act 107 of 1998), and the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014 (as amended), I have no financial or other vested interests in the project.

EAP Signature:

I, **Christiaan Smit**, of Sharples Environmental Services cc, in terms of Section 33 of the NEMA, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998), as amended, hereby declare that I provide services as an independent Candidate Environmental Assessment Practitioner (**EAPASA Reg: 2024/8297**) and receive remuneration for services rendered for undertaking tasks required in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act 107 of 1998), and the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014 (as amended), I have no financial or other vested interests in the project.

Candidate EAP Signature:

Permission to Submit Audit Report to DEADP:

Johannes Franciscus Koegelenberg

Director: Civil Engineering Services

George Municipality

Date: 2026/09/04

Signature: