

Attention: Public Participant

WITHDRAWAL: PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF A VODACOM 25 METER TREE IMITATION MAST ON THE PREMISES OF ERF 1337, IRENE AVENUE, MONTE SERENO, SOMERSET WEST, 7130. DEA&DP REF NO.: E12/2/4/1-A3/458-2010/11

6 JUNE 2011**Good Day**

As a registered stakeholder on the above-listed application I, the Environmental Assessment Practitioner, hereby inform you as to the withdrawal of this application prior to its submission for further assessment by the Provincial authority, Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning.

Enviroworks conducted an Environmental Impact Assessment to assess the feasibility of installing a 25 meter cell mast on the premises of erf 1337, Irene Avenue, Somerset West. Initiated by the commencement of public participation on the 10th March 2011, a comprehensive comment process ensued involving amongst other measures the registration of stakeholders and interested and affect parties.

Due to network incapability's to support signal deficient regions within Monte Sereno and neighbouring suburbs, as well as the need to provide for developing mobile telecommunication technologies, Vodacom identified erf 1337 as a possible location for the placement of a cell mast.

Public participation represented a critical component in identifying community opinion and position on the desirability of the proposed structure. Through a valuable exchange of information between participating parties and Enviroworks, and consultation with the proponent, the formulation of this decision to withdraw the application was made.

Various points for consideration were provided by the participants including concerns as to the visual impact of the structure on residents surrounding the site, as well as that on restaurant Stephanie's Place and several other guest houses.

In addition to site visits and the implementation of assessment mechanisms, an inclusive response by the public afforded the conducting of an integrated assessment.

Vodacom values public feedback in ensuring that a precedent for world class cellular service is upheld, without posing detrimental effect on the receiving environment.

On behalf of the Enviroworks, I would like to thank you for participating as a stakeholder on this application, contributing towards a transparent and objective process.

Many Thanks

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