**APPLICANT DECLARATION FORM – AUGUST 2023**

Specialist Declaration form for assessments undertaken for application for authorisation in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, Act No. 107 of 1998, as amended and the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2014, as amended (the Regulations)

**REPORT TITLE**

Click or tap here to enter text.

**Kindly note the following:**

1. This form is current as of August 2023. It is the responsibility of the Applicant / Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) to ascertain whether subsequent versions of the form have been published or produced by the Competent Authority. The latest available Departmental templates are available at <https://www.dffe.gov.za/documents/forms>.
2. An electronic copy of the signed declaration form must be appended to all applications / reports submitted to the department for consideration.
3. **APPLICANT INFORMATION**

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| **Title** | **Choose a title.** |
| **Name of the Applicant** | **Click or tap here to enter text.** |
| **Surname of the Applicant** | **Click or tap here to enter text.** |
| Name of contact person for applicant (name and surname) (if other) | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| Company/ Trading name (if any) | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| Company Registration Number | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| Physical address | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| Postal address | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| Postal code | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| Telephone | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| Cellphone | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| E-mail | Click or tap here to enter text. |

1. **DECLARATION BY THE APPLICANT**

I, Click or tap here to enter text. declare that –

* I am, or represent[[1]](#footnote-1), the applicant in this application;
* I have appointed a valid, EAPASA registered Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) to act as the independent EAP for this application / have obtained exemption from the requirement to obtain an EAP[[2]](#footnote-2);
* I will take all reasonable steps to verify whether the EAP and specialist/s appointed are independent, affiliated with the relevant professional body e.g. EAPASA/SACNASP etc and have expertise in conducting environmental impact assessments or undertaking specialist work as required, including knowledge of the Act, the EIA Regulations and any guidelines that have relevance to the proposed activity;
* I will provide the EAP and the Competent Authority with access to all information at my disposal that is relevant to the application;
* I will be responsible for the costs incurred in complying with the EIA Regulations, including but not limited to –
* costs incurred in connection with the appointment of the EAP or any person contracted by the EAP;
* costs incurred in respect of the undertaking of any process required in terms of the Regulations;
* costs in respect of any fee prescribed by the Minister or MEC in respect of the Regulations;
* costs in respect of specialist reviews, if the Competent Authority decides to recover costs; and
* the provision of security to ensure compliance with conditions attached to an environmental authorisation, should it be required by the Competent Authority;
* I will inform all registered interested and affected parties of any suspension of the application as well as of any decisions taken by the Competent Authority in this regard;
* I am responsible for complying with the conditions of any environmental authorisation issued by the Competent Authority;
* I hereby indemnify the Government of the Republic of South Africa, the Competent Authority and all its officers, agents and employees, from any liability arising out of the content of any report, any procedure or any action which the applicant or EAP is responsible for in terms of these Regulations;
* I will not hold the Competent Authority responsible for any costs that may be incurred by the applicant in proceeding with an activity prior to obtaining an environmental authorisation or prior to an appeal being decided in terms of these EIA Regulations;
* I will perform all obligations as expected from an applicant in terms of the EIA Regulations;
* All the particulars furnished by me in this form are true and correct;
* I am aware of what constitutes an offence in terms of Regulation 48 and that a person convicted of an offence in terms of Regulation 48(1) is liable to the penalties as contemplated in section 49B of the NEMA Act; and
* I am aware that in terms of Section 24F of the National Environmental Management Act, as amended (Act No. 107 of 1998) that no listed activity may commence prior to an environmental authorisation being granted by the Competent Authority.

Signature of the applicant/ Signature on behalf of the applicant

Click or tap here to enter text.

Name of company (if applicable)

Click or tap to enter a date.

Date

1. If this is signed on behalf of the applicant, proof of such authority from the applicant must be attached. If the applicant is a juristic person, a signature on behalf of the applicant is required as well as proof of such authority. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. If exemption is obtained from appointing an EAP, the responsibilities of an EAP will automatically apply to the person conducting the environmental impact assessment in terms of the Regulations. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)