SAVANNAH ENVIRONMENTAL (PTY) LTD

STATEMENT OF CAPABILITY

INTRODUCTION TO SAVANNAH ENVIRONMENTAL

Savannah Environmental (Pty) Ltd is a specialist environmental consulting company, established for the purpose of providing a holistic environmental management service to public and private sector clients, including development agencies and other funding institutions involved in development in Southern Africa.

Through their experience gained in the environmental management field, our multi-disciplinary team is ideally positioned to provide a wide range of environmental consulting services. These services include:

- Environmental advice and project management,
- Environmental assessment, planning and monitoring to ensure compliance and evaluate the risk of development,
- The development and implementation of environmental management tools and best practice solutions, and
- On-site compliance monitoring and compliance reporting.

The cornerstone of our practice is a belief in a balanced approach to managing the impact of development through supporting the principle of sustainable development. Savannah Environmental endeavour to assist our clients with the integration of environmental considerations during project development, provide advice regarding actual or likely risks and impacts of development on natural or built environments, as well as ensure compliance with current environmental laws and regulations to promote sound environmental impact management.

We believe that striking the appropriate balance up front in the life cycle of a development project will limit the risk of costly delays in obtaining appropriate planning permissions, limit public resistance to projects, as well as limit unnecessary mitigation costs during the construction and operation stages of a project. In addition, the value of pragmatic environmental management advice and compliance auditing during project development and construction is seen through best practice solutions which balance the needs of the natural, economic and social environments.

OUR APPROACH TO DELIVERY OF SERVICE

The complimentary, yet diverse experience and exposure of the individuals of Savannah Environmental gives this team an ability to successfully tackle multi-discplinary projects. Depending on the client's needs and the nature of the service required, we are able to bring on board appropriately skilled personnel from a developed network with leading experts in other environmental-related disciplines to provide a quality service, while maintaining overall responsibility for the project. The Directors of Savannah Environmental are:

Karen Jodas is a registered Professional Natural Scientist and holds Master of Science degree. She has 14 years experience consulting in the environmental field. Her key focus is on strategic environmental assessment and advice; management and co-ordination of environmental projects, which includes integration of environmental studies and environmental processes into large infrastructure development projects and ensuring compliance to legislation and guidelines; compliance reporting; the identification of environmental management solutions and mitigation/risk minimising measures; and strategy and guideline development. Her core competencies include EIAs for the energy sector, most specifically the renewable energy sector.

Jo-Anne Thomas is a registered Professional Natural Scientist, has a Master of Science degree and 13 years experience in the environmental field. She is experienced in providing strategic environmental and compliance advice to a wide variety of clients both in the public and private sectors. Through undertaking numerous EIA processes, she has a working knowledge of relevant environmental legislation & policies, particularly relating to sensitive environments.

Mampiti Matsabu is a qualified engineer (MSc Civil Engineering - Environmental Major) with 16 years experience in the consulting engineering industry in South Africa and the United States. She is experienced in acting as a technical and transaction advisor on projects, project appraisal and evaluation, and policy development. She has served on the Boards of the Water Research Commission (WRC) and Bloem Water Utility (2001-2009).

FOCUS AREAS: PROFESSIONAL CONSULTING SERVICES

Savannah Environmental focuses on the following areas and services:

Environmental Advice and Project Management

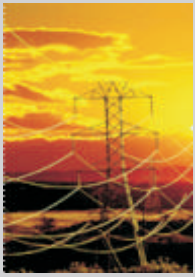
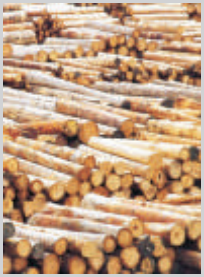
- Strategic environmental management advice for all stages of a project life-cycle
- Compliance advice/auditing in terms of environmental best practice
- Internal, external & peer review of environmental assessments & EIA processes
- Environmental awareness training
- Siting assessments based on environmental criteria & project feasibility reporting
- Appraisal, review & evaluation of environmental aspects of projects (transaction advisor)
- Integration of environmental studies & processes into larger engineering-based projects
- Advice on Climate Change & cleaner development mechanism (CDM) projects
- Water & sanitation project appraisal & project implementation

Environmental Assessment and Planning to ensure Compliance

- Environmental impact assessments (EIAs) in terms of the EIA Regulations
- Basic Assessment reporting in terms of the EIA Regulations
- Assessments for energy sector projects, especially renewable energy projects
- Assessments for linear developments & nodal developments
- Environmental feasibility reporting
- Environmental Management Programmes & Plans as required by the MPRDA
- Environmental permitting, including DWA licence applications (for water use as defined in the National Water Act) & waste licensing in terms of NEM: Waste Management Act

Environmental Management Tools

- Environmental Management Plans (EMPs)
- Environmental site/control officer (ECO) to audit compliance to EMPs & EAs
- Environmental Policy, Strategy & Guideline development
- Environmental Management Framework (EMF) & State of the Environment (SoE) Reporting
- Assessment & management of environmental risk
- Environmental management for small-scale mining initiatives
- Integrated waste management planning

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