

ETHEKWINI MUNICIPALITY Occupational Health & Safety Unit

BASELINE RISK ASSESSMENT

Baseline Risk Assessment
EThekwini Municipality – Human settlements Unit
Construction of 190 top-structure units at Riverdene Housing Project
1H-31191
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- **1. INTRODUCTION:** In accordance with the Occupational Health and Safety Act, (Act 85 of 1993) the Legislator places specific requirements on an Employer. One of these is prescribed in Section 8(i) of the Act where it requires the Employer to ascertain the risks and dangers which may occur within the workplace or section of the workplace and then goes on to establish working procedures or practices.
- **2. PURPOSE:** This is conducted to create a benchmark of the potential risks that apply to the whole project or business operation.
- **3. SCOPE:** This assessment could be approached on a site, regional or national level concerning any facet of the business operation or process or activity.

4. REVIEW AND MONITORING PLAN

The risk assessment form part of the health and safety plan to be applied on the site and must include the following:

- (a) The identification of the risk and hazards to which persons may be exposed.
- (b) An analysis and evaluation of the risk and hazards identified based on a documented method,
- (c) A documented plan and applicable safe work procedures to mitigate, reduce or control the risks and hazards that have been identified;
- (d) A monitoring plan; and
- (e) A review plan

5. REFERENCES

- (a) Tender document number 1H 31191
- (b) Occupational Health & Safety Act and its Regulation

6. LOCALITY PLAN

Nil

SCOPE OF WORK

Asbestos work
Demolition
Public safety
Blockwork
Site establishment
Site clearing
Roof work
Excavation work
Use of hand-tools and electrical tools
Construction vehicle and mobile plants
Site security
Working in a fall risk position
Painting

1. RISK ESTIMATION AND EVALUATION

RISK CLASSIFICATION USING A RISK SCORE TECHNIQUE

Exposure (E) How frequently does the hazardous event occur	Risk level
Continuously	10
Frequently (daily)	6
Occasionally (weekly)	3
Jnusually (monthly)	2
Rarely (few a year)	1
Probability (P) The probability of a loss when the hazardous event does	occur Risk level
requent (happens often)	10
Probable (quiet possible)	6
Occasional (unusual, but possible)	3
Remotely possible (has happened somewhere)	1
mprobable (practically impossible)	0.5
Severity (S) Consequences of the hazardous event	Risk level
Catastrophic many fatalities; or interruption of longer than 2 weeks; or asset or environmental damage (or both) exceeding R100m	100
Disaster (few fatalities; or interruption between one and 2 weeks; or asset or environmental damage (or both) exceeding R10m)	40
Very serious (one fatality; or interruption of 6 days; or asset or environmental damage (or both) exceeding R100,000	7
Important (temporary disability; or interruption between 5 and 24 hours; or damage exceeding R10,000	3
Noticeable (first aid needed; or interruption of less than 6 hours; damage exceeding R1000)	1
Risk classification (Risk score = E x P x S)	
Risk score Risk level	
Over 4005 Very high risk – di	scontinue operation or activity
200 to 400 4 High risk – immed	ate correction needed
70 to 200 3 Substantial risk – c	
20 to 70 2 Possible risk – atte	ention needed
Jnder 20 1 Risk accepted	

BASELINE RISK ASSESSMENT WORKSHEET: IDENTIFYING EXISTING & POTENTIAL RISKS

	Activity	Hazard	Risk		Risk		Risk	Risk
					/aluation		Score	level
				Ε	Р	S		
1	Asbestos work							
	Removal; Handling; Storage and Disposal	 Fragile roof; Working in fall risk position; Unsafe ladder; Inhalation of asbestos dust; Public exposure to asbestos dust; Illegal dumping of asbestos sheets 	Fall risks; Death; Broken borne; Disablement; Lung disease; Lawsuits; Environmental damage; Legal fines	3	6	7	126	3
2	Demolition work							
3	Public safety	Mechanical and manual demolition	Dust; noise; uncontrolled collapsing of structure; flying objects; No pre- planning; untrained operator	2	6	7	84	3
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		Public	 Injury to body; 	6	6	3	108	3

4	Blockwork	exposure to construction activities; community unrest; fighting over resources	work stoppage; Legal claims					
		 Unsafe working at height platforms; Unsafe hand tools; Contact with mortar 	 Fall risk; broken bone; dislocation; Injury to hands; Skin dermatitis 	6	6	3	108	3
5	Site establishment							
	Manual and mechanical clearing of the land. Off-loading and positioning of containers by mobile crane. Fencing. Installation of temporary water supply, electricity, ablution facilities	 Incompetent construction mobile plant operator. Manual Handling of equipment and materials. Uneven surfaces. Driving on dangerous and undulating terrain. 	Body injuries/ Accidents. Destruction of services. Burns/ death	2	6	3	36	2

6	Site clearing • Clearing of the site using construction mobile plant and hand tools	Reckless driving. Electrocution. Incorrect/ poor connection of temporary services Incompetent driver/ operator; Unsafe construction mobile plant/ hand tools; Petrol and oil spillages; Existing services; Noise	• Accident; property damage; machinery running out of control; Injury to body; Environmental contamination; Noise induced hearing loss	3	6	7	126	3
7	Roof work	,						
	 Construction of roof 	 Working on fall risk position; Unsafe roof access; Untrained roof erectors; No/ poor roof work 	 Falling from; Falling into; broken borne; death; disablement; Head injuries 	6	6	7	252	4

8	Manual and mechanical excavation	planning; Collapsing of the roof; Falling objects • Unsafe hand tools; Unsafe construction mobile plants; Uneven surface/ ground condition; Incompetent construction mobile plant operator; Oil leak; Unforeseen underground services	Broken borne; dislocation; Accidents; injuries to hands; Falling into excavation; Ground contamination	3	3	3	27	2
9	Use of hand-tools and elec	trical tools						
	 Conducting activities using hand-tools and electrical tools 	 Unsafe hand- tools/ electrical tools. Possible of pinch 	 Injury to hands 	6	3	1	18	1
10	Painting							
		 Paint inhalation. Paint ingestion. Paint spillage. 	 Respiratory illness. Health related complications. Ground/ floor 	3	6	3	54	2

		Paint contact	contamination.					
11	Construction mobile plants	with body	Skin irritation.					
11	Use of construction vehicles and mobile plants and equipment	 Unsafe construction plants and equipment. Incompetent drivers or operators. Oil leaks 	 Accidents; injury to employees and public; death; disablement; damage to property. Environmental 	6	6	7	252	4
			contamination					
12	Site security			ı	ı	ı	L	
		 Unguarded site camp; Inadequate security provision; No safe access control 	 Loss of material and equipment/ financial risks/ theft/ unlawful invasion or damage new of houses 	6	6	7	252	4
13	Working in a fall risk positio	ns						
		 Falling into; Falling from; Medical unfit; Untrained person 	 Broken borne/ disablement/ death 	6	6	7	252	4

RISK PROFILE:

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