

CONTACT DETAILS

Name of Company	Coastal and Environmental Services (Pty) Ltd
Trading as	CES
Description of Company	Environmental and Social Advisory Services
Designation	Western Cape
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Years of Relevant Experience	20 Years
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Nationality	South African
Professional Body	➤ Environmental Assessment Practitioner of South Africa (EAPASA) 2020-3029
Key areas of expertise	➤ Environmental Legal Compliance, Policies & Legislation ➤ Environmental Advisory ➤ Strategic Environmental Assessments ➤ Environmental Impact Assessments ➤ Environmental Management Plans ➤ Biodiversity ➤ Renewable Energy

PROFILE

Amanda has more than 20 years' experience in providing legal and legislative support and advisory services based on South African environmental legislation. She holds a LLB degree from the University of South Africa and is regarded as a self-motivated worker who pays meticulous attention to detail. She has been responsible for the drafting of the 2006 and 2014 Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations and amendments thereto as well as amendments to the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (NEMA). Amanda has been intimately involved in the preparation for the implementation of the One Environmental System with the Department of Mineral Resources and Energy and has legally vetted strategic environmental assessments such as the Renewable Energy Development SEA, resulting in the identification of renewable energy developments zones (REDZs). Amanda has also legally vetted the exclusion norms issued in terms of NEMA for electricity grid infrastructure, solar PV and battery storages facilities and has interacted with authorities on matters of interpretation and implementation relating to integrated environmental management.

**EMPLOYMENT
EXPERIENCE**

➤ **Principal Environmental Consultant: Coastal and Environmental Services (Pty) Ltd.**
June 2024

- Environmental legal advisory and review consultant

➤ **Director: Legal Support National Environmental Management Act: Department of Environmental Affairs & Tourism, Western Cape**
September 2011 – Present

- Review of various environmental instruments to ensure it can give effect to the section 24 Constitutional environmental right.
- Standard and Norms, developed in terms of the National Environmental Management Act 107 of 1998 (NEMA), for purposes of excluding electricity grid infrastructure, solar photovoltaic and battery storage facilities from the requirement to obtain environmental authorizations on condition that certain minimum requirements are met.
- Drafting, review, and legal vetting of environmental legislation such as the various amendments to the 2014 Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations and coordination of the process to finalize the National Environmental Management Laws Amendment Act 2 of 2022.
- Provision of legal advice, opinions, and support on a variety of matters ranging from the interpretation of legislative provisions
- Environmental system (OES) between environment, water and mining Ministries and involvement in various NEMA appeal processes.
- Reviewing and advising on adequacy of various initiatives proposed to manage acid mine drainage, to secure environmental assets such as strategic water source areas and involvement in the amendment of the National Water Act, 1998.
- Responsible for coordination of departmental input into various environmental initiatives and close collaboration with various DFFE partners
- Responsible for consultation with a variety of stakeholders in the environmental sector.
- NEMA and various specific environmental management Acts such as NEM: Waste Act, NEM: Air Quality Act, NEM: Biodiversity Act, NEM: Protected Areas Act as well as the National Forest Act and subordinate legislation.
- Environmental Permitting Directions issued under the Disaster Management Act due to the Covid-19 pandemic in 2020 as well as Directions relating to biodiversity, fishing, forestry, and waste recycling.
- Environmental advisory services to a range of stakeholders, developers, proponents, and authorities with a view to promoting and facilitating environmentally responsible and sustainable development including alignment of environmental and SPLUMA/IDP/EMF related requirements, provision of EMI

training, interpretation queries advice and enforcement related aspects; and presenting various topics at various forums such as IAIAsa and the Environmental Law Association.

➤ **Deputy Director: Policy & Legislation: Department of Environmental Affairs & Tourism**

December 2005 – August 2011

- Management of the investigation into cost recovery options for environmental authorization applications which ultimately resulted in the promulgation of fees payable for such applications.
- Management of the Investigating the environmental impacts associated with selected industries identified and managed through self-regulation such as the recreational off- road driving industry which entailed consultation with a wide variety of stakeholders.

➤ **Assistant Director: Policy & Legislation: Department of Environmental Affairs & Tourism**

August 2004 – November 2005

- Development of the first set of EIA Regulations in terms of NEMA and managing the transition of EIAs from the Environment Conservation Act, 1989.

➤ **Assistant Director: Environmental Management Systems: Department of Environmental Affairs & Tourism, Pretoria**

May 2002 – March 2004

- Development of and facilitation to implement self- and co-regulatory environmental management tools including guidelines, norms, and standards in terms of NEMA.

➤ **Department of Environmental Affairs & Tourism, Pretoria**

May 2002 – August 2002

- Preparations for the World Summit on Sustainable Development which South Africa hosted in Johannesburg. I assisted with arrangements for of international seminars, including liaison with high-ranking officials of various countries and institutions and assisted with preparations of the South African delegation to Preparatory Committee (PrepCom) meetings in New York and Indonesia.

➤ **Administration Officer: Department of Welfare and of Environmental Affairs & Tourism, Pretoria**

February 1992 – April 2002

- Registration of welfare organizations and liaison with such registered organizations.

**ACADEMIC
QUALIFICATIONS**

- Advise clients (mostly NGOs) thereon and joined the Department of Environmental Affairs and Tourism in 1997 as a member of the Air Pollution Control Directorate.

COURSES

- 2022- Current: LLM: Perspectives on Law, Northwest University
- 1998: Baccalaureus Legum (LLB), University of South Africa, Pretoria
- 1991: Baccalaureus Legum (BLC), University of Pretoria, Pretoria
- Environmental Impact Assessment Management, University of Pretoria, 2008
- Train the Trainer, Astrotech, 2008
- Tools for Environmental Management and Governance, Potchestroom University, 2003
- Legislative Drafting Course – Justice College, 2008
- Legal Opinion Writing, Law Society of South Africa, 2022

**CONSULTING
EXPERIENCE**

Interaction with Environmental Assessment Practitioners
Interaction with Stakeholders

PUBLICATIONS

- None

CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief, this CV correctly describes me, my qualifications, and my experience. I understand that any wilful misstatement described herein may lead to my disqualification or dismissal, if engaged.

Amanda Van Reenen

Date: 09th May 2024