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Executive Summary

Overview of the Kenya Local Context Report

This report serves as a local context assessment to allow for office, retail centre, multi-unit residential, public and education building projects in Kenya to be certified using the Green Star SA v1 rating tools.

The Green Building Council of South Africa (GBCSA) is currently licensed by the Green Building Council of Australia (GBCA) to allow certification using the Green Star SA v1 rating tools only in South Africa (Office, Retail Centre, Multi-unit Residential, Public and Education Building), Ghana (Office), Namibia (Office) and Mauritius (Office). Through this local context assessment, the GBCSA aims to apply for approval from the GBCA to allow for certification in Kenya using the all the Green Star SA v1 Design/As Built rating tools (with some minor adaptations recommended in this report) – this includes the following Green Star SA rating tools: Office, Retail Centre, Multi Unit Residential and Public &Education Building.

The GBCSA would manage and allow the certification through its existing established processes, but call the certification Green Star SA-Kenya. The GBCSA will then use the opportunity to allow capacity to grow in Kenya, by allowing selected Kenyan professionals to be trained as Green Star SA-Kenya assessors who would join the GBCSA assessor teams on Kenyan projects. In addition, the GBCSA would deliver the Green Star SA Accredited Professional course in Kenya, in collaboration with the KGBS, which would allow Kenyans to take the Green Star SA Accredited Professional online examination.

Recommendations

A summary of recommended credits requiring Credit Interpretation Requests (CIR's), Technical Clarifications (TC's) or adaptations can be found below (all other credits are proposed to remain unchanged):

Credit	Discussion	Recommendation
MAN-6	MAN-6 should be kept in its current form, with an adaptation to include referencing the relevant sections of the Provincial Government of the Western Cape Environmental Management Plan Guidelines (2005) – refer to Table Man-6.1 of the Additional Guidance in the "Green Star SA Public & Education Building v1" First Edition rating tool published in March 2013 - as equivalent to referencing Section 3 of the New South Wales (NSW) Environmental Management Systems Guidelines (2009).	Adaptation
IEQ-11	For IEQ-11, a mandatory CIR should be issued by the project team to demonstrate compliance with the credit criteria using the relevant legislation of the country. Where no such legislation exists, guidance as stipulated by the South African Occupational Health and Safety Act (OH&S) should be used.	Mandatory CIR

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ENE-0	ENE-0 should be kept in its current form with a mandatory CIR to confirm eligibility. Reference must be made to the Green Star SA Energy Calculator & Modelling Protocol Guide current at the time of project submission. Where project teams are uncertain of the validity of the energy modelling programme used, an enquiry can be issued to the GBCSA for confirmation of validity.	Mandatory CIR
ENE-1	ENE-1 should be kept in its current form with a mandatory CIR to confirm compliance route applicability. Reference must be made to the Green Star SA Energy Calculator & Modelling Protocol Guide current at the time of project submission. Where project teams are uncertain of the validity of the energy modelling programme used, an enquiry can be issued to the GBCSA for confirmation of validity.	Mandatory CIR
ENE-7	ENE-7 should be kept in its current form with a mandatory CIR to confirm applicability.	Mandatory CIR
TRA-1	TRA-1 should be adapted to refer to the Kenyan local, provincial or national authority planning allowances for the minimum or maximum values of car parking spaces provided for the project. For projects where the mandatory local parking requirements do not exist or are optional (or recommended), the technical manual refers to a set of 'alternative requirements' in the Additional Guidance which would be applicable to the project	Adaptation
WAT-1 / WAT- 1 (PEB)	As the Green Star SA Potable Water Calculator takes into account South African rainfall per region, the Green Star SA Potable Water Calculator would need to be adapted to reflect the rainfall values in the different regions in Kenya. WAT-1 should be kept in its current form with a mandatory CIR to confirm applicability.	Mandatory CIR



It is recommended to adapt the credit so that:

 One point is awarded where 20% of the total contract value is represented by materials or products (used in the construction of the project) that have been sourced from within the member states of the East African Community (EAC) region borders as defined by the EAC on http://www.eac.int, current at the time of project registration or more recent.

Adaptation

 An additional point is awarded where 10% of the total contract value is represented by materials or products (used in the construction of the project) that have been sourced from within the Kenyan borders.

This promotes sourcing of materials in the East African region which would be beneficial to the Kenyan local context.

ECO-0 should be kept in its current form based on the need to encourage and recognise development on land that has limited ecological value and to discourage development on ecologically valuable sites. To determine "high ecological value" and "prime agricultural land", a project can submit for an Eligibility Ruling at any point, before or after project registration.

Note that attention is drawn to Technical Clarification Number ECO0-T-OB1-0655 which states that if the project is a refurbishment/redevelopment that remains within the existing development footprint (and providing it is outside the required buffers of watercourses), there is no need to include confirmation from a registered ecologist. Confirmation is required and it could simply be included within the Short Report prepared by a suitably qualified professional with reference to supporting evidence (e.g.

Mandatory CIR

A mandatory CIR will be required to assess the project's compliance with this Conditional Requirement based on site ecological maps, to ensure approval of this conditional requirement prior to the Round 1 submission.

ECO-4 should be kept in its current form but adaptations to

the bio-regions in the calculator are required to correctly represent the equivalent ecological value of the different bio-regions in Kenya

aerial photos, Google images).

Mandatory CIR

ECO-4

ECO-0

MAT-11

A mandatory CIR must be submitted to the GBCSA by projects targeting this credit to determine which South African bio-region is most applicable to the project.

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INN-1	INN-1 should be kept in its current form with reference being made instead to the Kenyan context, as opposed to the South African context.	Adaptation
INN-2	INN-2 should be kept in its current form with reference being made instead to improvement on an existing Green Star SA / Green Star SA-Kenya credit	Adaptation
INN-3	INN-3 should be kept in its current form with the applicable adaptations made to incorporate the minor changes made in the Green Star SA-Kenya rating tool.	Adaptation

Table 1: Summary of credits from Green Star SA v1 requiring CIR's or adaptations for use in Kenya

It is recommended that the balance of the credits remain in their current format with no adjustments made. This recommendation is based on the results of consultation with the Kenya Green Building Society and Kenyan industry professionals and academics with regards to the legislation, policies and market practices in sustainability specific to the Kenyan context.

No adaptations shall be made to the Spatial Differentiation, Space Use and Timing of Certification eligibility criteria of the Green Star SA rating tools. Recommendations for the Conditional Requirements eligibility criterion are included in the credit by credit review.

Green Star SA category weighting system

It has been agreed with the Kenya Green Building Society (KGBS) that the category weighting system should remain the same as that of the Green Star SA rating tools, until such a time as the KGBS has the capacity to facilitate a revision of the category environmental weighting system.



Acronyms

Acronym Term

ANGBC African Network of Green Building Councils

AP Accredited Professional

ASHRAE American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning

Engineers

CIBSE Chartered Institute of Building Services Engineers

CIR Credit Interpretation Request EAC East African Community

ECO Land Use and Ecology category

EMI Emissions category

EMP Environmental Management Plan

ENE Energy category

ETS Environmental Tobacco Smoke FSC Forest Stewardship Council

GBCA Green Building Council of Australia
GBCSA Green Building Council of South Africa

GS Green Star

GWP Global Warming Potential

HVAC&R Heating, Ventilation, Air-Conditioning and Refrigeration

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IEQ Indoor Environment Quality category

INN Innovation category

KGBS Kenya Green Building Society

MAN Management category
MAT Material category

ODP Ozone Depleting Potential

PEB Green Star SA Public & Education Building v1

TC Technical Clarification
TRA Transport category
WAT Water category

WMP Waste Management Plan

Introduction

Overview of KGBS

Kenya has a green building council, the Kenya Green Building Society (KGBS), which is registered with the World Green Building Council as of January 2014 on a prospective membership level (Figure 1). The KGBS is newly established and has therefore not yet produced an environmental rating tool that would be used for office, retail centre, multi-unit residential, public and education building projects in Kenya.

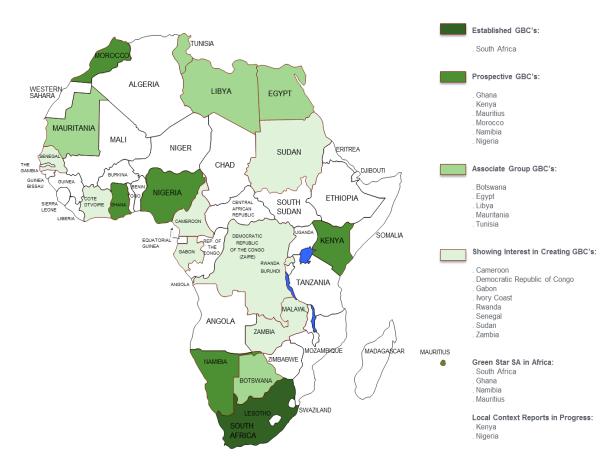


Figure 1. The membership level of Green Building Councils on the African continent (WGBC, 2014)

As a member of the African Network of Green Building Councils (ANGBC), the Green Building Council of South Africa (GBCSA) has therefore expressed a willingness to allow the rating of Kenyan buildings under the Green Star SA rating system until such a time that the KGBS is established. However, as intellectual property owners of the Green Star brand, consent from the Green Building Council of Australia (GBCA) must be obtained for the use of Green Star SA in Kenya through contextualisation.

Objective of the Kenya Local Context Report

This report therefore serves as a local context assessment to allow for office, retail centre, multi-unit residential, public and education building projects in Kenya to be certified using the Green Star SA v1 rating tools. This would



entail collaboration between the GBCSA and the prospective KGBS to facilitate the use of the South African rating tools in Kenya, while allowing Kenyan professionals the opportunity to participate in the tool's development, through a formal consultation process, as the council progresses.

The GBCSA would manage and allow the certification through its existing established processes. This is in line with the process embarked on by the Ghana Green Building Council, the Green Building Council of Namibia and the Green Building Council of Mauritius as facilitated by the ANGBC.

A workshop was set up in Nairobi at the offices of Athena Properties, a property development company in Kenya, with the Kenya Green Building Society and industry professionals and academics on 23 July 2013 to discuss each credit in the Green Star SA rating tools available at the time and their applicability to the Kenyan context. The comments from the workshop and views expressed by the professionals and academics have been included in this report.

Methodology

The context report therefore addresses climatic conditions and ecology, water and energy patterns, building regulations and any other Kenya-specific circumstances which may be in conflict with certain Green Star SA requirements. The context report also analyses the Green Star SA Design/As Built rating tools credit-by-credit, identifying any ramifications that may result from the application of the Green Star SA rating tools to the Kenyan context.

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Background

Overview of Kenya

The Republic of Kenya is a sovereign state in the East African Community (EAC) region spanning 580 367 square kilometres with a population, according to the UN census in 2012, of 42.7 million people. Kenya (with geographic coordinates of 1 00 N, 38 00 E) lies on the equator with the Indian Ocean to the south-east, Tanzania to the south, Uganda to the west, South Sudan to the north-west, Ethiopia to the north and Somalia to the north-east (Figure 2).



Figure 2. Kenya (The World Factbook, 2014)



Figure 3. Regional context of Kenya (BBC, 2013)



Geography

Kenya's terrain is composed of low plains that rise into central highlands that are bisected by the Great Rift Valley. There is also a fertile plateau in the west of the country. The lowest point on Kenya is at sea level on the Indian Ocean. The highest point on Kenya is 5,199 meters above sea level at Mount Kenya.

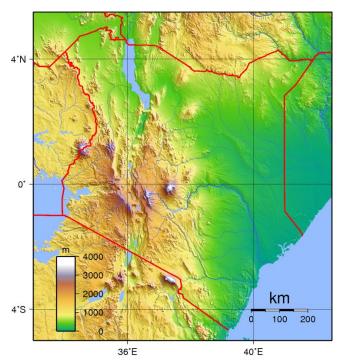


Figure 4. Topographical map of Kenya

Climate

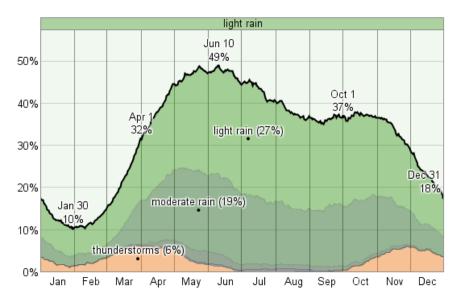
Although Kenya lies across the equator, annual rainfall over most of the country is low and variable from year to year. This is because the inter-tropical belt of cloud and rain passes rather quickly across Kenya in April and October and because the predominant seasonal winds, the north and south monsoons as they are called in East Africa, have a track parallel to the coast and have already passed over large areas of land before reaching Kenya.

Coastal region climatic zone

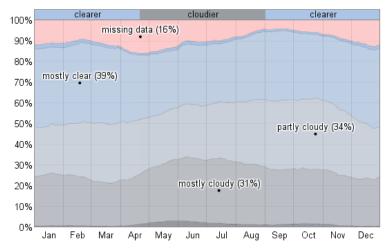
In the coastal region, including part of Coast province (Mombasa, Lamu), the average annual rainfall is over 1,000 mm. The wettest season is in April and May as the inter-tropical rain-belt moves north. The second rainy season in October and November results in less precipitation. Some rain, often in the form of night or early morning showers, occurs in all months.

Temperatures remain quite high around the year as does humidity, but the weather is less oppressive than might be thought because of the regular and strong onshore winds in the daytime and the greater number of sunshine hours which average seven to eight a day in all months.

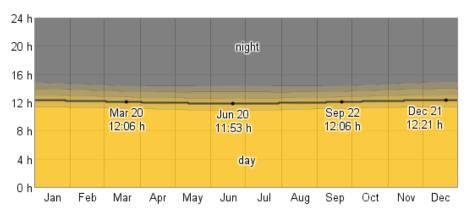
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Graph 1. Coastal region: Probability of precipitation



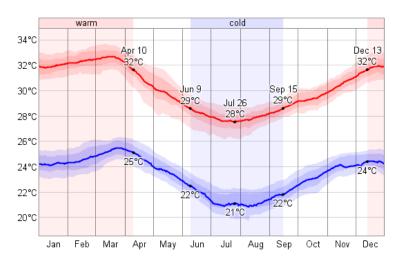
Graph 2. Coastal region: Cloud cover types



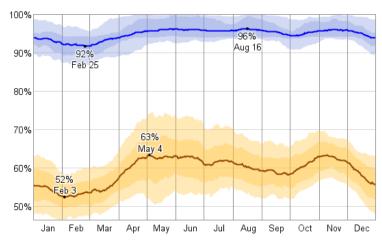
Graph 3. Coastal region: Daily hours of daylight and twilight



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Graph 4. Coastal region: Daily high and low temperatures



Graph 5. Coastal region: Relative humidity

The northern frontier districts and the lower inland plateau climatic zone

Much of this region, including the North-Eastern province (Garissa, Wajir) and the northern parts of Eastern (Marsabit) and Rift Valley provinces, has a very low annual rainfall with the rainfall in the lower inland plateau falling below 500 mm and the rainfall in the northern frontier districts falling below 250 mm.

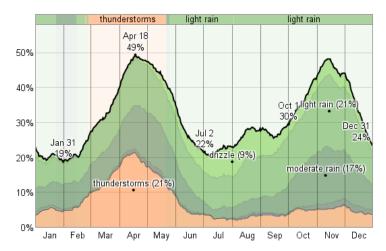
In the lower districts, temperatures are high round the year, there is much sunshine, and the region is typical of hot desert areas like the adjoining southern parts of Somalia and Ethiopia. There is occasional excessive heat and humidity is low.

The Kenya highlands region climatic zone

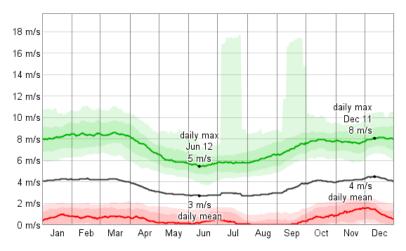
Most of this region lies between 1,220 m and 2,150 m and occupies the centre and west of the country on either side of the eastern Great Rift Valley, extending to the Ugandan border. It is the most densely populated part of

the country and contains the most productive agricultural land. There is a double rainy season but rainfall is moderate and only exceeds 1 250 mm a year on the higher parts.

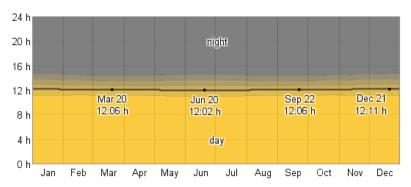
Over most of the region the sunniest time of the year is from December to March. The cloudiest period is from June to September when there is much drizzle but little heavy rain. This period is often called 'winter' in the Kenya Highlands and the evenings may feel chilly compared with the sunnier months.



Graph 6. Kenya highlands: Probability of precipitation



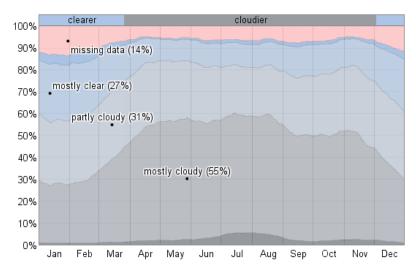
Graph 7. Kenya highlands: Wind speed



Graph 8. Kenya highlands: Daily hours of daylight and twilight

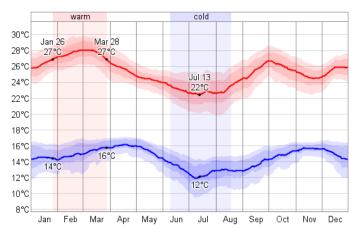


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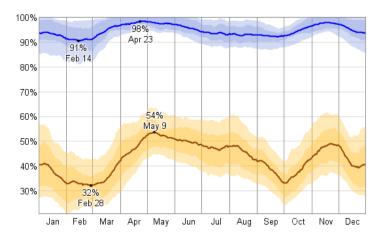


Graph 9. Kenya highlands: Cloud cover types

The climate of Nairobi is representative of much of the region. The climate for Kisumu on the shores of Lake Victoria, however shows that there is rather more rainfall in each month here. This is a consequence of the greater humidity picked up by winds crossing the lake and a liability for thunderstorms to break out during the night.



Graph 10. Kenya highlands: Daily high and low temperatures



Graph 11. Kenya highlands: Relative humidity

The Higher Mountain region climatic zone

These are the small regions above 2,500 m and isolated higher mountains such as Mount Elgon (on the Ugandan border) and Mount Kirinyaga. Here temperatures fall low enough for frost to occur and at higher levels some precipitation may be snow. Mount Kirinyaga has permanent snowfields.

Environmental concerns in Kenya

The most prominent environmental concerns in Kenya include water pollution from urban and industrial wastes; degradation of water quality from increased use of pesticides and fertilizers; water hyacinth infestation in Lake Victoria; deforestation; soil erosion; desertification and poaching.

Table 1. Environmental statistics (UN Statistics, 2013)

Environment			
Threatened species	2012	346	
Forested area (% of land area)	2010	6.0	
CO2 emission estimates (000 metric tons and metric tons per capita)	2009	12340/0.3	
Energy consumption per capita (kilograms oil equivalent)	2009	90.0	
Rainfall in the capital city, total mean (millimetres)		1024	
Temperature in the capital city, mean ${}^{\circ}\text{C}$ (minimum and maximum)		12.0/23.4	

The total renewable water sources span 30.7 cubic kilometres.

41.9% of total installed electrical capacity is generated from fossil fuels; 44.8% of total installed electrical capacity is generated from hydroelectric plants and 13.3% of total installed electrical capacity is generated from other renewable sources.

The international environmental agreements that Kenya has signed and ratified include those related to biodiversity, climate change through the Kyoto Protocol, desertification, endangered species, hazardous wastes, law of the sea, marine dumping, marine life conservation, ozone layer protection, ship pollution, wetlands and whaling. Kenya has a green building council, the Kenya Green Building Society (KGBS), which is registered with the World Green Building Council as of January 2014 on a prospective membership level.



Applying Green Star SA Credit by Credit

The Green Star SA v1 rating tools, namely Office, Retail Centre, Multi Unit Residential, Public and Education Building (PEB), have been assessed for relevance on a credit by credit basis. Each credit's applicability to the Kenyan context is discussed and recommendations are made of where the project team must submit a Credit Interpretation Request (CIR) to the GBCSA where an alternative standard may be better suited.

Credit by credit review

For each credit reviewed as part of this report, the credits are colour coded in accordance with the changes required for applicability to the local context:



The credit should be kept in its current form and no adjustments need to be made.

The credit requires a mandatory CIR or TC or adaptation to ensure relevance to the Kenyan context.

The credit should be omitted and made 'not applicable' for the Kenyan application of the tool.

- the aim of the credit is defined
- the credit's suitability to the Kenyan context is interrogated
- recommendations for minor changes, where applicable for the purpose of application within the Kenyan context, of the Green Star SA tool are made

Kenyan projects would also be required to use the latest Green Star SA TCs, CIRs and Errata relevant to rating tools, published on the GBCSA's website, which represent the current version of that specific tool.

Eligibility criteria

No adaptations shall be made to the Spatial Differentiation, Space Use and Timing of Certification eligibility criteria of the Green Star SA rating tools. Recommendations for the Conditional Requirements eligibility criterion are included in the credit by credit review.

Green Star SA category weighting system

It has been agreed with the Kenya Green Building Society that the category weighting system should remain the same as that of the Green Star SA rating tools, until such a time as the KGBS has the capacity to facilitate a revision of the category environmental weighting system.

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MANAGEMENT

AIM OF CREDIT	DISCUSSION	RECOMMENDATION
MAN-1: Green Star SA Accredited Professional To encourage and recognise the engagement of professionals who can assist the project team with the integration of Green Star aims and processes throughout design and construction phases.	It is important that project members understand the eligibility criteria and credit criteria of the Green Star SA rating tools and process. Therefore, until such a time that the KGBS establishes a rating tool and course delivery system, it is recommended that professionals be trained under the current South African system. With the first Green Star SA AP course scheduled in Kenya for 2014, it is probable that Green Star SA courses can be given in Kenya by the GBCSA, as has been done elsewhere in Africa. As such, the credit in its current form is equally relevant and applicable in	MAN-1 should be kept in its current form and no adjustments need to be made.
	Kenya as it is in South Africa	
MAN-2: Commissioning Clauses To encourage and recognise commissioning and handover initiatives that ensure that all building services can operate to optimal design potential.	The Chartered Institute of Building Services Engineers (CIBSE) is an international professional engineering association based in London that represents building services engineers and is recognised both in the United Kingdom and internationally. CIBSE publishes Guidance and Codes which are internationally recognised as authoritative, setting the standards for best practice in the building services profession. CIBSE commissioning codes are an ideal tool for making sure that Green Star certified buildings are among the best commissioned buildings in the world. For mechanical systems, ASHRAE (American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers) is an internationally-recognised society with more than a century of experience advancing the arts and sciences of HVAC&R and related human factors. This makes ASHRAE a suitable alternative for the commissioning of mechanical systems that are in line with Green Star's	MAN-2 should be kept in its current form and no adjustments need to be made.
	aim of cutting edge practice. As in South Africa, Kenya does not legislatively adhere to CIBSE and ASHRAE commissioning codes as standard practice, such that adoption of these codes would result in Green Star SA certified buildings utilising commissioning and handover initiatives that ensure that all building services can operate to optimal design potential. Adoption of these standards has been proven to be achievable in this context and the credit in its current form is equally relevant and applicable in Kenya as it is in	



	South Africa.	
MAN-3: Building Tuning To encourage and recognise commissioning initiatives that ensure optimum occupant comfort and energy efficient services performance throughout the year.	Building tuning to this standard is not normally conducted in Kenya There is however, a 6-12 month defects liability period on most top tier projects. During this period consultants and contractors must warrant the performance of the building and return to rectify any issues with performance. As such it would be possible to extend this existing appointment to include recommissioning of the building over a 12 month period. As such, the credit in its current form is equally relevant and applicable in Kenya as it is in South Africa.	MAN-3 should be kept in its current form and no adjustments need to be made.
MAN-4: Independent Commissioning Agent To ensure buildings are designed with regard to future maintenance and are correctly commissioned before handover.	An independent commissioning agent is appointed to ensure that all systems are working efficiently and that all corrective measures are taken in cases where systems are faulty. This independent commissioning agent would be an experienced professional whose responsibility is to be an objective advocate of the building owner, to be involved from the beginning of schematic design through practical completion and to provide commissioning advice to the project team. None of the professionals present at the workshop were aware of anyone providing independent commissioning services in Kenya. However, as an independent experienced Kenyan contactor could be appointed to fulfil this role, it was agreed that achieving this credit would be possible in the Kenyan context and that the credit is relevant in its current form.	MAN-4 should be kept in its current form and no adjustments need to be made.
MAN-5: Building User's Guide To encourage and recognise information management that enables building users to optimise the building's environmental performance.	When this credit was presented, it was noted by the professionals at the workshop that the Building User's Guide would have been particularly useful for some of the projects that had been completed. There are various instances of projects in Kenya where tenant behaviour had compromised the performance of the building. It was noted that this could have been avoided had the tenants understood how to use the building correctly. The guide provides a valuable resource for familiarising the users about the building systems and how to use the building in order for it to function efficiently. Informing the users on how the building should function is an important aspect of making sure that the building performs to its optimum, therefore the credit in its current form is equally relevant and applicable in Kenya as it is in South Africa.	MAN-5 should be kept in its current form and no adjustments need to be made.

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MAN-6: Environmental Management

To encourage and recognise the adoption of a formal environmental management system in line with established guidelines during construction.

Environmental management in construction should not be a regionspecific practice but should be practiced across all regions in order to minimise the disturbance that construction activities have on the environment.

With regards to the comprehensive, project-specific Environmental Management Plans (EMPs) throughout the construction phase of the projects:

NEMA Environmental Management Plan

At present, EMPs are provided on projects where the National Environment Management Authority (NEMA) of Kenya requires projects to submit a statement of intent before construction. These EMPs ask for information on waste management provisions and general information on the site, after which the project may be required to undertake a screening or an initial environmental impact assessment (EIA).

Subsequent to the initial EIA, the project team may then be required to produce a more comprehensive environmental management plan, including mandatory environmental measures to mitigate impact during construction.

It is advised, therefore, that the EMPs as required by NEMA could be amended by the project teams to meet Section 3 of the New South Wales (NSW) Environmental Management Systems Guidelines checklist requirements of this credit.

BREEAM Environmental Management Plan

In projects where Kenyan professionals tend to use British standards in building design, projects may prefer to reference BREEAM MAN-03 Construction Site Impacts where this credit refers to an Environmental Checklist in section 2.2.5 of the England and Wales Environment Agency's 'Building a Better Environment: A Guide for Developers'.

As this Environmental Checklist, however, is less comprehensive than the NSW checklist, it is advised that the EMPs as required by BREEAM could be amended by the project teams to meet Section 3 of the New South Wales (NSW) Environmental Management

MAN-6 should be kept in its current form, with an adaptation to include referencing the relevant sections of the Provincial Government of the Western Cape Environmental Management Plan Guidelines (2005) - refer to Table Man-6.1 of the Additional Guidance in the "Green Star SA Public & Education Building v1" First Edition rating tool published in March 2013 - as equivalent to referencing Section 3 of the New South Wales (NSW) Environmental Management Systems Guidelines (2009).



Systems Guidelines checklist requirements of this credit. Provincial Government of the Western Cape Environmental **Management Plan** In projects where Kenyan professionals tend to use South African standards in building design, projects may prefer to reference the relevant sections of the Provincial Government of the Western Cape Environmental Management Plan Guidelines (2005) - refer to Table Man-6.1 of the Additional Guidance in the "Green Star SA Public & Education Building v1" First Edition rating tool published in March 2013. In such an instance, it is viewed that referencing Table Man-6.1 of the Additional Guidance in the "Green Star SA Public & Education Building v1" rating tool is equivalent to referencing Section 3 of the New South Wales (NSW) Environmental Management Systems Guidelines (2009). With regards to the ISO14001 accreditation of the contractor: ISO14001 accreditation Although it was noted that there are currently no ISO14001 certified contractors in Kenya, ISO14001 is an international standard that is not region specific. The necessary market transformation could come to effect through this credit in order to achieve the second point. As such, the credit in its current form is equally relevant and applicable in Kenya as it is in South Africa, with an adaptation to include referencing the relevant sections of the Provincial Government of the Western Cape Environmental Management Plan Guidelines (2005) - refer to Table Man-6.1 of the Additional Guidance in the Green Star SA Public & Education Building v1 rating tool published in March 2013. **MAN-7: Waste Management** At present, basic waste management process are followed on some MAN-7 should be kept in its current To encourage and recognise management practices projects in Kenya. Scrap metal can be sold to resellers and some plastics form and no adjustments need to that minimise the amount of construction waste going can be recycled for reuse. As to other recyclable waste generated, be made. to disposal. however, there is little evidence that it is currently recycled. In spite of this, it is believed that a waste management programme could be instated for projects in Kenya to recycle at least 30% of construction waste.

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		Waste recycling is an income source for contractors and it is environmentally beneficial. This credit will encourage the development and growth of these facilities in the country.	
		Therefore, the credit in its current form is equally relevant and applicable in Kenya as it is in South Africa	
To un tes	AN-8: Airtightness Testing o encourage and recognise measures to reduce acontrolled air leakage in buildings, and reward the sting and achievement of good air tightness testing yels.	The professionals at the workshop indicated that they were not aware of any air tightness tests conducted on buildings in Kenya. In addition, it was noted that air infiltration was typically an energy issue in climates where there is a significant difference between inside and outside temperatures.	MAN-8 should be kept in its current form and no adjustments need to be made.
		Owing to these temperature differentials, airtightness is a particularly important aspect of energy efficient buildings in Kenya.	
		As such, the credit in its current form is equally relevant and applicable in Kenya as it is in South Africa.	
RE To an of	AN-9: Waste Recycling Management Plan – ETAIL CENTRE Dencourage and recognise management systems and building infrastructure that facilitate the reduction the overall operational waste generation and sposal.	Refer to the discussion on the management of other recyclable waste generated in Kenya in MAN-7. It is believed that through the development of management systems that facilitate the reduction of the overall operational waste generation and disposal, this credit will encourage the development and growth of these facilities in retail centres in the country.	MAN-9 should be kept in its current form and no adjustments need to be made.
		As such, the credit in its current form is equally relevant and applicable in Kenya as it is in South Africa.	
CE To Bu	AN-10: Building Management System – RETAIL ENTRE & PEB o encourage and recognise the incorporation of wilding Management Systems to actively control and aximise the effectiveness of building services.	Building Management Systems are computer based control systems installed in buildings to control and monitor the building's mechanical and electrical equipment as well as the water systems. Ideally the BMS, especially on large building projects, is a central integrated system monitoring and controlling the building. However on smaller projects where a single BMS system is not appropriate there is still benefit in installing smaller separate control systems that are linked to a central location to enable effective monitoring and control by the building facilities management team.	MAN-10 should be kept in its current form and no adjustments need to be made.
		Although BMS's are not commonly installed in retail centres, public and education buildings in Kenya, it is believed that the expertise exist within the country to incorporate Building Management Systems to actively control and maximise the effectiveness of building services. As such, the credit in its current form is equally relevant and applicable in Kenya as it is in South Africa.	



MANUAL DETAIL OF NEEDS		
MAN-11: Green Lease - RETAIL CENTRE To encourage and recognise initiatives taken by the building owner to encourage improved environmental behaviour by tenants of the retail centre	Through the establishment of a contractually-binding tenancy lease agreement that requires the tenants of a retail centre to participate in the following environmental initiatives: • Electrical energy monitoring and reporting (minimum quarterly) and have submitted an energy management plan at the beginning of each year; • Water monitoring and reporting (minimum quarterly) and have submitted a water management plan at the beginning of each year; • Waste reduction/recycling monitoring and reporting (minimum quarterly) and have submitted a waste management plan at the beginning of each year; • The preparation of a procurement policy at the beginning of each year regarding the use of environmentally friendly consumables (cleaning	MAN-11 should be kept in its current form and no adjustments need to be made.
	products, toiletry products, paper and plastic consumable products) and the building owner being required to report back to the tenants on the buildings' performance relating to energy, water, waste and procurement policies on an annual basis, market transformation within retail centres in Kenya would occur through this credit. The professionals at the workshop were not aware of a contractually-binding green lease having been implemented in projects in Kenya. This credit in its current form is equally relevant and applicable in Kenya as it is in South Africa.	
MAN-12: Common Property Rules – MULTI UNIT RES To encourage and recognise developers who embed legal and contractual environmental management initiatives within the formal management structures of the development.	Through the establishment of legal and contractual environmental management initiatives embedded within the formal management structures of the development, it is believed that within the rules of the development, the Management Entity committing to environmental initiatives would be beneficial to the common property areas of multi-unit residential developments. The professionals at the workshop were not aware of developers implementing common property rules in projects in Kenya. This credit in its current form is equally relevant and applicable in Kenya as it is in South Africa.	MAN-12 should be kept in its current form and no adjustments need to be made.
MAN-13: Learning Resources - PEB To encourage and recognise sustainability initiatives implemented in the development as learning resources for building users and visitors.	This credit has been developed to educate building occupants on how the sustainability initiatives implemented in the building work, and the associated environmental benefits of these initiatives. Making sustainable building initiatives and features visible and interactive can provide a valuable education and learning opportunity for building users to develop awareness about the building's impacts on the	MAN-13 should be kept in its current form and no adjustments need to be made.

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		natural environment and resources. By incorporating important concepts such as energy, water and material efficiency, public and education buildings can become interactive learning tools in public and education buildings.	
		The professionals at the workshop were not aware of the implementation of interactive learning resources such as these in public and education buildings and commended the positive impact and affluence towards sustainability that these resources would have on the occupants. As such, this credit in its current form is equally relevant and applicable in Kenya as it is in South Africa.	
To recognis Cycle Cost environmer	Life Cycle Costing - PEB se and encourage the development of a Life (LCC) analysis to consider entally sustainable attributes in assessing design, specification and	Life-cycle cost (LCC) refers to the total cost of ownership over the life of an asset. Costs considered include the financial cost which is relatively simple to calculate and also the environmental and social costs which are more difficult to quantify and assign numerical values.	MAN-14 should be kept in its current form and no adjustments need to be made.
through-life	e maintenance and operation.	Building systems / initiatives with the best environmental outcome do not always necessarily reflect the lowest capital expenditure cost. However, when compared in terms of life cycle costs, these sustainable initiatives often perform better than or close to the conventional solutions. Thus by encouraging Life Cycle Costing as a decision making tool, environmentally preferable initiatives are given the opportunity to be considered equitably, avoiding the initial capital expenditure barrier.	
		The business case for sustainability is a challenge encountered irrespective of what region in Africa the project may occur. Therefore, this credit in its current form is equally relevant and applicable in Kenya as it is in South Africa.	
To encourage facilitates of minimises to	Maintainability - PEB age and recognise building design that on-going maintenance, and the need for on-going building maintenance a building's lifecycle.	Public buildings can be complex structures with a variety of attributes which require a significant amount of maintenance. The design of these types of buildings should reflect the need for such maintenance by providing suitable access to facilities managers.	MAN-15 should be kept in its current form and no adjustments need to be made.
	- ,	When designed and managed accordingly, public buildings can minimise maintenance and operational costs, while also minimally impacting their occupants. As such, this credit in its current form is equally relevant and applicable in Kenya as it is in South Africa.	



INDOOR ENVIRONMENT QUALITY

AIM OF CREDIT	DISCUSSION	RECOMMENDATION
IEQ-01: Ventilation Rates To encourage and recognise designs that provide ample amounts of outside air to counteract build-up of indoor pollutants.	The professionals at the workshop indicated that for building design where outside air provisions were provided, if at all, Kenyan professions tended to use CIBSE Guide B2 to determine ventilation rates. Owing to the low prevalence of smoking, 8L/s/person would therefore typically be used – however using CIBSE Guide B2 is best practice and is not binding by the current Kenyan building code standard legislation. As this is the case, it is recommended that IEQ-01 be kept in its current form, for the purposes of consistency. If the project team, however, wishes to use an alternative standard (i.e. CIBSE) then they should submit a CIR to the GBCSA provided the alternative standard is equally or more stringent than SANS 10400-O.	The current building code standard used in Kenya for naturally and mechanically ventilated spaces is not more stringent than SANS 10400-O, therefore IEQ-1 should be kept in its current form and no adjustments need to be made.
IEQ-2: Air Change Effectiveness To encourage and recognise systems that effectively deliver optimum air quality to any occupant throughout the occupied area.	The effective distribution of air in a space is an important element in providing a good indoor environment. There are a number of ways of achieving this credit which do not require any skills outside of a mechanical engineer's expertise in Kenya. As in South Africa, it may be a challenge to prove compliance using Computational Fluid Dynamics (CFD) modelling skills, required in cases where displacement ventilation has not been adopted in Kenya. Nevertheless, the credit in its current form is equally relevant and applicable in Kenya as it is in South Africa.	IEQ-2 should be kept in its current form and no adjustments need to be made.
IEQ-3: Carbon Dioxide Monitoring and Control To encourage and recognise the provision of response monitoring of Carbon Dioxide levels to ensure delivery of optimum quantities of outside air.	The professionals at the workshop indicated that they were not aware of any buildings in Kenya which currently monitored carbon dioxide levels in office spaces. They did however understand how such a system would work and such expertise would be available in Kenya. Should the natural ventilation of the project be designed to CIBSE Guide B2 standards rather than SANS 10400-O, the project team should submit a CIR to the GBCSA provided the alternative standard is equally or more stringent than SANS 10400-O.	The current building code standard used in Kenya for naturally and mechanically ventilated spaces is not more stringent than SANS 10400-O, therefore IEQ-3 should be kept in its current form and no adjustments need to be made.

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IEO 4: Davidialet	The professionals of the workshop indicated that they designed to	IFO 4 abouted by transfer its assessment
IEQ-4: Daylight To encourage and recognise designs that provide good levels of daylight for building users.	The professionals at the workshop indicated that they designed to maximise natural light, but were not aware of any buildings in Kenya which had undertaken daylight modelling.	IEQ-4 should be kept in its current form and no adjustments need to be made.
	Expertise in daylight modelling however could be sourced through skill transfer initiatives between Kenya and South Africa. The credit in its current form is equally relevant and applicable in Kenya as it is in South Africa.	
IEQ-5: Daylight Glare Control To encourage and recognise buildings that are designed to reduce the discomfort of glare from natural light.	Glare can easily be controlled through louvers, blinds or types of glass. This should be considered good practice in Kenya as it is in South Africa. The credit in its current form is equally relevant and applicable in Kenya as it is in South Africa.	IEQ-5 should be kept in its current form and no adjustments need to be made.
IEQ-6: High Frequency Ballasts To encourage and recognise buildings that increase workplace amenity by avoiding low frequency flicker that may be associated with fluorescent lighting.	The professionals at the workshop indicated that they specified ballasts of this standard, but they were often value engineered out of the project. This makes a credit such as this well placed in the Kenyan context.	IEQ-6 should be kept in its current form and no adjustments need to be made.
IEQ-7: Electric Lighting Levels To encourage and recognise base building provided office lighting that is not over designed.	Lighting levels for office tenancy areas in Kenya are typically designed according to the CIBSE Lighting Guide 7 (Office Lighting) 2005 which recommends light levels of 300 lux for purely screen based work or 500 lux for mixed or mainly paper-based tasks. The current Kenyan building code standard therefore adopts these guidelines, requiring illumination levels in offices to be maintained in accordance with an approved code of practice and specific to the space use. CIBSE Lighting Guide 7 (Office Lighting) 2005, however, also stresses the importance of reducing glare and the benefits of indirect lighting and illuminating the surfaces of the office (i.e. walls and ceiling) to minimise contrast. Lighting that is too dim or too bright can cause discomfort and strain for office occupants, yet a building owner and lighting designer usually provide office-standard lighting before the office space has a tenant and the usage of the space is unknown, resulting in ceiling mounted light fittings being used to provide an illumination level suitable for reading almost everywhere, even though only about 5-10 percent of the office space will require this lighting level.	IEQ-7 should be kept in its current form and no adjustments need to be made.
	Mindful of the building code of Kenya, it was however agreed to keep IEQ-7 in its current form. It was noted that the balance of the required maintained illuminance levels could still be achieved through the use of task lighting which can be provided to allow occupants to control the lighting on their workspace and provide higher lighting levels when	
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	required. This would encourage and recognise base buildings that provided office lighting that is not over designed and is more suited to the needs. The credit in its current form is equally relevant and applicable in Kenya as it is in South Africa	
IEQ-8: External Views To encourage and recognise designs that provide occupants with a visual connection to the external environment.	The professionals at the workshop indicated that buildings were already designed to maximise external views to the floor plate. In addition, this credit is not context-specific and projects should aim to provide external views to the occupants. Therefore, this credit in its current form is equally relevant and applicable	IEQ-8 should be kept in its current form and no adjustments need to be made.
IEQ-9: Thermal Comfort To encourage and recognise buildings that achieve a high level of thermal comfort.	in Kenya as it is in South Africa. While some professionals are not aware of the thermal comfort assessment methods, namely ASHRAE Standard 55-2004 Acceptability Limits or Predicted Mean Vote (PMV) levels calculated in accordance with ISO7330 using standard clothing and metabolic rate values, it was confirmed by the professionals at the workshop that these forms of assessing thermal comfort could be used within the Kenyan context to compile the thermal comfort report or short report. As this credit aims to encourage projects to design for comfort, rather than temperature, the credit in its current form is equally relevant and	IEQ-9 should be kept in its current form.
IEQ-10: Individual Comfort Control To encourage and recognise designs that facilitate individual control of thermal comfort.	applicable in Kenya as it is in South Africa. Most projects in Kenya do not provide individual thermal comfort control every 30m2 owing to the cost limitations of the user controls. However, if one negates the impacts of costs, however, this credit is achievable in this context and should be considered best practice. The credit in its current form is equally relevant and applicable in Kenya as it is in South Africa.	IEQ-10 should be kept in its current form and no adjustments need to be made.
IEQ-11: Hazardous Materials To encourage and recognise actions taken to reduce health risks to occupants from the presence of hazardous materials.	The effects on the health of human beings that hazardous materials have can be irreversible. The correct disposal of such materials can save lives and should not be compromised in any regional context. It is therefore recommended that where project teams target this credit, a mandatory CIR is issued to demonstrate compliance with the credit criteria using the relevant legislation of the country. Where no such legislation exists, guidance as stipulated by the South African Occupational Health and Safety Act (OH&S) should be used.	For IEQ-11, a mandatory CIR should be issued by the project team to demonstrate compliance with the credit criteria using the relevant legislation of the country. Where no such legislation exists, guidance as stipulated by the South African Occupational Health and Safety Act (OH&S) should be used.

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IEQ-12: Internal Noise Levels To encourage and recognise buildings that are	Note that one point is awarded where a comprehensive hazardous material survey has been carried out on the project site as defined by the relevant legislation; and whenever asbestos, lead or polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) were found, they have been removed in accordance with the standards listed in Table IEQ-11.1 or equivalent, or removed in accordance with more stringent standards or legislation available used in Kenya. The professionals at the workshop were not aware of the SANS 10103:2 standard. Whilst there are guidelines on external noise pollution, the	IEQ-12 should be kept in its current form and no adjustments need to
designed to maintain internal noise levels at an appropriate level.	professionals noted that there is no specific standard for noise levels in office buildings in Kenya. Green Star SA addresses the required internal noise levels which would be optimal for indoor environment quality. The credit in its current form is, therefore, equally relevant and applicable in Kenya as it is in South Africa	be made.
IEQ-13: Volatile Organic Compounds To encourage and recognise specification of interior finishes that minimise the contribution and levels of Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs) in buildings.	The professionals at the workshop were somewhat aware of volatile organic compounds but were not aware of any specific products available in Kenya. The paint companies contacted were well aware of the standards however, and noted that most of their products complied. A review of the standards available indicate that there are no specific standards pertaining to VOC's in Kenya. Many paint, sealant and carpet products are imported to Kenya by both international and local suppliers, and as such they should be able to import low VOC products.	IEQ-13 should be kept in its current form and no adjustments need to be made.
IEQ-14: Formaldehyde Minimisation To encourage and recognise the specification of products with low formaldehyde emission levels.	Emphasis is not normally placed on specifying materials with low formaldehyde in Kenya. No formaldehyde in wood should be considered good practice but unfortunately not many international and local suppliers in Kenya provide low formaldehyde products. It is concluded that the inclusion of this credit will therefore hopefully encourage growth in the industry. Therefore, the credit in its current form is equally relevant and applicable in Kenya as it is in South Africa.	IEQ-14 should be kept in its current form and no adjustments need to be made.
IEQ-15: Mould Prevention To encourage and recognise the design of services that eliminate the risk of mould growth and its associated detrimental impact on occupant health.	The professionals at the workshop were not aware of any office buildings in Kenya which were designed to prevent mould in ductwork through direct humidity control. In addition, buildings are mostly designed without heating. This means that an additional heating system would need to be installed in a traditional	IEQ-15 should remain in its current format and no adjustments need to be made.



	cooling based dehumidification system.	
	The professionals conducted for this research noted that while installing this additional system would be unlikely, the credit could still be achieved in the Kenyan context.	
IEQ-16: Tenant Exhaust Riser To encourage and recognise the design of buildings with a general exhaust riser that can be used by tenants to remove indoor pollutants from printing and photocopy areas.	Many projects are not aware of the pollutants emitted by printing equipment and hence do not provide a means to exhaust the pollutants. This credit however provides awareness and can be easily achieved to provide a healthy indoor environment. As such, the credit in its current form is equally relevant and applicable in Kenya as it is in South Africa.	IEQ-16 should be kept in its current form and no adjustments need to be made.
IEQ-17: Environmental Tobacco Smoke (ETS) Avoidance To encourage and recognise the air quality benefits to occupants by prohibiting smoking inside the building.	The professionals at the workshop were not aware of any office buildings in Kenya which were designed to include ETS avoidance policies. They noted that these would not be difficult to provide, however, as the prevalence of smoking in Kenya is low.	IEQ-17 should be kept in its current form and no adjustments need to be made.
	Tobacco smoke is unhealthy for human beings when inhaled. This credit can be easily achieved and is an important factor for occupant well-being. As such, the credit in its current form is equally relevant and applicable in Kenya as it is in South Africa.	
IEQ-18: Places of Respite and Connection to Nature – RETAIL CENTRE To encourage and recognise developments that create approximately designed areas where retail centre staff and visitors can relax in a place of respite which has a	Places of respite which have a connection to nature provide retail centre staff and visitors with approximately designed areas in which to relax and decrease stress levels commonly induced by excessive time spent confined indoors.	IEQ-18 should be kept in its current form and no adjustments need to be made.
connection to nature.	Where the place of respite is outdoors, the area should have low noise exposure (from traffic and building services, shading to at least 35% of its area; and be screened from significant prevailing winds. Where the place of respite is indoors, the area should have a Daylight Factor (DF) of at least 2.5% and meet the credit criteria of IEQ-01. This can be achieved within the Kenyan context and, with the minor changes recommended for IEQ-01, the credit in its current form is equally relevant and applicable in Kenya as it is in South Africa.	
IEQ-19: Private Outdoor Space - MULTI UNIT RES To encourage and recognize dwelling designs which improve the health and wellbeing of the occupants by providing private outdoor space.	Private outdoor spaces accessible for private use by the dwelling occupants only, directly adjacent to, and accessible from, the associated dwelling and at least 1m2 per occupant or at least 6m2 improve the health and wellbeing of the occupants in multi-unit residential developments as it provides the occupants with private places of respite in nature.	IEQ-19 should be kept in its current form and no adjustments need to be made.
	This is an important consideration for multi-unit residential developments which can easily be achieved within the Kenyan context. The credit in its	

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	current form is ed Africa.	qually relevant and applicable in Kenya as it is in South	
IEQ-22: Universal Access - MULTI UN To recognize design that provides universal and within dwellings, to meet the changinoccupants.	developments are within the development. The current build persons with dis	ersons with disabilities within multi-unit residential e often neglected resulting in difficulties for occupants ments who have differing needs. ding code standards used in Kenya for facilities for abilities is not more stringent than SANS 10400-S, should be kept in its current form and no adjustments	The current building code standards used in Kenya for facilities for persons with disabilities is not more stringent than SANS 10400-S, therefore IEQ-22 should be kept in its current form and no adjustments need to be made.
IEQ-23: Stairs - PEB To encourage and recognise designs promotes the wellbeing of occupants encouraging the use of stairs as an alter vertical transportation by lift.	that This can largely be used for emerger could be more attraction of attraction provided that condisabilities, designed to the condisabilities of the condition of th	ey buildings is often the main form of vertical transport. The attributed to the fact that stairs are 'hidden' away and notes only. By making stairs more prominent their use ractive with added health benefits as a result. The active stairs promotes the use of stairs and thereby the stairs promotes the use of stairs and thereby the stairs made for the provision for persons with the stair promote the use of stairs within public and use can easily be achieved within the Kenyan context. The active stairs promotes the use of stairs within public and use can easily be achieved within the Kenyan context.	IEQ-23 should be kept in its current form and no adjustments need to be made.



ENERGY

AIM OF CREDIT	DISCUSSION		RECOMMENDATION
ENE-: Conditional Requirement To encourage and recognise designs that minimise the greenhouse gas emissions associated with operational energy consumption, and maximise potential operational energy efficiency of the base building.	Kenyan building code start Compliance Route 1 (SAN Route 3 (Energy Modelling projects in Kenya seeking Compliance applicable, changes Modelling Protocol Guide through the mandatory CIR. For the mandatory CIR, should be standard to SANS 204 for the mandatory CIR.	ould the project team elect to use an alternative r Compliance Route 1, the following aspects ssed and the equivalent, or more stringent,	ENE- should be kept in its current form with a mandatory CIR to confirm eligibility. Reference must be made to the Green Star SA Energy Calculator & Modelling Protocol Guide current at the time of project submission. Where project teams are uncertain of the validity of the energy modelling programme used, an enquiry can be issued to the GBCSA for confirmation of validity.
	Section 4.1: Model Notional SANS204 Building Section 4.1: Model Notional SANS204 Building Section 5.1: General	"generally as defined by SANS 204-3:2008 deemed to comply clauses"	
	modelling parameters Section 5.2: Building Envelope	N/A "Fabric based on SANS204-3"	
	Section 5.2: Building Envelope	"Windows U value 5.6 and SHGF 0.77 (clear single glazing, timber framed). Windows to be distributed on all sides of the building such as to achieve compliance with the SANS204-3 formula. Roof lights at 10% of floor area, with U value 2.5 and SHGF 0.35. Walls insulated to R = 2.2. Roof insulated to R = 2.7 to 3.7 depending on climatic zone"	
	Section 5.3: Internal Design Criteria	"Notional SANS 204 building"	
	Section 5.3: Internal Design Criteria	"24°C in summer and 20°C in winter"	

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	Section 5.4: HVAC Systems Simulation	"Notional SANS 204 building"
	Section 5.4: HVAC Systems Simulation	"Heating is to be provided as per the actual design"
	Section 5.4: HVAC Systems Simulation	"per SANS 204-3:2008" (occurs twice)
	Section 5.4: HVAC Systems Simulation	"To satisfy SANS204-3"
	Section 6.1: Extract and Miscellaneous Fans	"per SANS 204-3:2008" occurs twice
	Section 10: Fuel factors	"An average fuel factor for South African mains electricity is used by the calculator, which is defined as 1.2kgCO2/kWh it will be necessary to revise the fuel factors in future Green Star SA tool and versions."

The Conditional Requirement will not be met unless:

- The software used for modelling complies with the requirements and verification methods detailed in the Green Star SA Energy Calculator and Modelling Protocol Guide of the rating tool, current at the time of project registration or more recent;
- Energy modelling for the project was undertaken using the methodology, as detailed in the Green Star SA Energy Calculator and Modelling Protocol Guide of the rating tool, current at the time of project registration or more recent; and
- Each variable in the Greenhouse Gas Emissions Modelling Report (e.g. building form, materials or air-conditioning system) is referenced consistently throughout the rest of the submission (i.e. in related credits such as IEQ-1 'Ventilation Rates' or ENE-5 'Peak Energy Demand Reduction') and is clearly justified by the documented design or the as-built evidence (dependent on the stage of assessment).

Where professional teams are uncertain of the validity of the energy modelling programme used, an enquiry can be issued to the GBCSA for confirmation of validity.

ENE-1: Greenhouse Gas Emissions

To encourage and recognise designs that minimise the greenhouse gas emissions associated with operational energy consumption.

See above (ENE-). Routes 1, 2 and 3 specify the reduction of energy consumption in buildings. These building codes also specify passive design systems that help reduce the energy demand.

ENE-1 should be kept in its current form with a mandatory CIR to confirm compliance route



	Further to this, however, it is noted that on-site energy generation has not been commonly adopted in Kenya owing to the cost of installation. As such, ENE-1 should be kept in its current form with a mandatory CIR to confirm applicability.	applicability. Reference must be made to the Green Star SA Energy Calculator & Modelling Protocol Guide current at the time of project submission. Where project teams are uncertain of the validity of the energy modelling programme used, an enquiry can be issued to the GBCSA for confirmation of validity.
ENE-2: Energy Sub-metering To encourage and recognise the installation of energy sub-metering to facilitate on-going management of energy consumption.	Sub-metering is not a very common practice in Kenya. Most buildings meter consumption per tenant and not necessary per major energy use. This credit should therefore remain to encourage responsible energy monitoring. The credit in its current form is equally relevant and applicable in Kenya as it is in South Africa.	ENE-2 should be kept in its current form and no adjustments need to be made.
ENE-3: Lighting Power Density To encourage and recognise designs that provide artificial lighting with minimal energy consumption.	The professionals at the workshop noted that efficient lighting design in Kenya could be as low as 8W/m 2 for office plates. Whilst most lighting was designed to 15W/m2, lower levels are achievable using currently available technology. The credit in its current form is equally relevant and applicable in Kenya as it is in South Africa.	ENE-3 should be kept in its current form and no adjustments need to be made.
ENE-4: Lighting Zoning To encourage and recognise lighting design practices that offer greater flexibility for light switching, making it easier to light only occupied areas.	Efficient lighting and use thereof is considered an important aspect of energy efficiency in buildings in Kenya, but not practised widely enough. Lighting zoning for spaces of no more than 100m2 in size is not commonly practiced but can be easily achieved. The credit in its current form is equally relevant and applicable in Kenya as it is in South Africa.	ENE-4 should be kept in its current form and no adjustments need to be made.
ENE-5: Peak Energy Demand Reduction / ENE-5 Maximum Electrical Demand Reduction - PEB To encourage and recognise designs that reduce peak demand on energy supply infrastructure.	Running on stand-by generation is common in Kenya such that a large majority of buildings are supplied by electricity from stand-by generation. As such, Kenyans understand the need to reduced peak demand on energy supply infrastructure. In achieving this credit, project teams should however be aware that: (1) Load lopping cannot be used. (2) Stand-by generators can only be used where they are "designed and	ENE-5 / ENE-5 (PEB) should be kept in its current form and no adjustments need to be made.

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		integrated for the purpose of peak energy demand reduction and can be activated automatically and without causing a blackout", as stated in the Green Star SA technical manual.	
		The credit in its current form is equally relevant and applicable in Kenya as it is in South Africa.	
CENTRE To encourage and recog	gy Sub-Metering – RETAIL gnise the installation of thermal facilitate ongoing management mption.	Sub-metering of thermal energy consumption is not a very common practice in Kenya. Most retail buildings meter energy consumption per tenant and not all substantive thermal energy uses where flow temperature, return temperature and mass flow rate are measured.	ENE-6 should be kept in its current form and no adjustments need to be made.
		This credit should therefore remain to encourage responsible thermal energy monitoring. The credit in its current form is equally relevant and applicable in Kenya as it is in South Africa.	
To encourage and rec	gy Use - MULTI UNIT RES ognise dwelling designs that s emissions associated with uction.	Several designs within multi-unit residential developments can be incorporated to reduce greenhouse gas emissions associated with domestic hot water production. This could include the use of more efficient domestic hot water fixtures and fittings, the installation of solar or other forms of renewable energy hot water geysers or heat recovery plants. The reduction of greenhouse gas emissions associated with domestic hot water production should be a priority irrespective of region, such that the credit in its current form is equally relevant and applicable in Kenya as it is in South Africa.	For ENE-7, the Green Star SA Multi Unit Residential v1 Hot Water Calculator would need to be adapted to reflect the relevant fuel factors in Kenya. This would be project-specific and a mandatory CIR would need to be submitted to confirm applicability.
		The Green Star SA Multi Unit Residential v1 Hot Water Calculator would however need to be adapted to reflect the relevant fuel factors in Kenya. This would be project-specific and a mandatory CIR would need to be submitted to confirm applicability.	
UNIT RES To encourage and rec	cognise designs that reduce with common property lifts, car ing.	It is important that the energy use associated with common property lifts, car park ventilation and common property lighting in multi-unit residential developments is reduced. For car park ventilation, it is noted that the current building code standard used in Kenya for naturally and mechanically ventilated spaces is not more stringent than SANS 10400-O.	The current building code standard used in Kenya for naturally and mechanically ventilated spaces is not more stringent than SANS 10400-O, therefore ENE-8 should be kept in its current form and no adjustments need to be made.
		The credit in its current form is equally relevant and applicable in Kenya as it is in South Africa, therefore ENE-8 should be kept in its current form and no adjustments need to be made.	



ENE-9: Low Emission Energy Generation - MULTI UNIT RES To encourage and recognise designs that incorporate on-site energy generation systems utilising renewable or low emission energy sources.	It is encouraged that designs incorporate on-site energy generation systems utilising renewable or low emission energy sources. With the prevalence of geothermal energy or high heat sources in Kenya, the potential exists for co-generation or tri-generation to encourage systems utilising renewable or low emission energy sources. Up to four points can be achieved in the Kenyan context, such that the credit in its current form is equally relevant and applicable in Kenya as it is in South Africa.	ENE-9 should be kept in its current form and no adjustments need to be made.
ENE-10: Energy Efficient Appliances - MULTI UNIT RES To encourage and recognise initiatives which reduce energy consumption associated with major appliances.	It is encouraged that initiatives are implemented which reduce energy consumption associated with major appliances. As such, points are awarded where a minimum of two applicable appliances are provided within the scope of the main contract; and applicable appliance provided is certified with a minimum 'B' rating of the European "Energy Rating" labelling system. Appliances certified with a minimum 'B' rating of the European "Energy Rating" system can be made available in the Kenya market. This credit should therefore remain to encourage the use of energy efficient appliances. The credit in its current form is equally relevant and applicable in Kenya as it is in South Africa.	ENE-10 should be kept in its current form and no adjustments need to be made.
ENE-11: Unoccupied Spaces - PEB To encourage and recognise designs that minimise or eliminate energy use for spaces when unoccupied.	Depending on the climate of the location, HVAC systems use between 10% and 30% of the total electricity used in buildings. Therefore, by reducing the amount of energy spent on heating and cooling in a building, users can reduce both greenhouse gas emissions and operational costs significantly. For natural ventilation, it is noted that the current building code standard used in Kenya for naturally and mechanically ventilated spaces is not more stringent than SANS 10400-O. The credit in its current form is equally relevant and applicable in Kenya as it is in South Africa.	The current building code standard used in Kenya for naturally and mechanically ventilated spaces is not more stringent than SANS 10400-O, therefore ENE-11 should be kept in its current form and no adjustments need to be made.

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TRANSPORT

AIM OF CREDIT	DISCUSSION	RECOMMENDATION
TRA-1: Provision of Car Parking To encourage and recognise developments that facilitate the use of alternative modes of transportation for commuting to work.	This credit refers to South African local, provincial or national authority planning allowances for the minimum or maximum values of car parking spaces provided for the project. In the context of Kenya, this credit would refer to the Kenyan local, provincial or national authority planning allowances for car parking spaces. However, for projects where such guidelines are not available, the technical manual refers to a set of 'alternative requirements' in the Additional Guidance: These alternative requirements state that when the mandatory requirements do not exist or are optional (or recommended), the project has the following two options: • Clearly demonstrate that car parking is not provided in excess of one car parking space per 100 m2 of net lettable area (NLA) to achieve one point or one parking space per 200 m2 to achieve two points; or • Submit a CIR to substantiate an argument for equivalent yet alternative compliance with the Credit Criteria. As such, TRA-01 should remain in its current form with emphasis on the 'alternative requirements' section of the Additional Guidance for projects where the mandatory local parking requirements do not exist or are optional (or recommended).	TRA-1 should be kept in its current form, with an adaptation to refer to the Kenyan local, provincial or national authority planning allowances for the minimum or maximum values of car parking spaces provided for the project. For projects where the mandatory local parking requirements do not exist or are optional (or recommended), the technical manual refers to a set of 'alternative requirements' in the Additional Guidance which would be applicable to the project.
TRA-2: Fuel-Efficient Transport To encourage and recognise developments that facilitate the use of more fuel efficient vehicles for work commuting.	With the growing awareness of environmental sustainability, more people are considering other options for travelling to work in Kenya. Incentives to choose fuel-efficient options are a good tool to encourage tenants to be fuel efficient. The credit in its current form is equally relevant and applicable in Kenya as it is in South Africa.	TRA-2 should remain in its current form and no adjustments need to be made.
TRA-3: Cyclist Facilities To encourage and recognise developments that facilitate the use of bicycles by occupants and visitors.	Tenants who cycle to work are still very few in Kenya but this credit aims at providing fuel-efficient alternatives and allowing for the adoption of such practices by the users. As such, this credit in its current form is equally relevant and applicable in Kenya as it is in South Africa.	TRA-3 should remain in its current form and no adjustments need to be made.



TRA-4: Commuting Mass Transport To encourage and recognise developments that facilitate the use of mass transport for work commuting.	When a development is poorly located, in relation to the proximity of transport nodes and their frequency of service, then it is unlikely that building occupants will use mass transport to travel to the development. Conversely, developments that are within close proximity of good transport nodes with frequent service can encourage building occupants to use mass transport. It is therefore recommended that TRA-4 should remain as is in order to accommodate both the contract and uncontracted commuting mass transport infrastructure in Kenya.	TRA-4 should remain in its current form and no adjustments need to be made.
TRA-5: Local Connectivity To encourage and recognise office buildings that are integrated with or built adjacent to community amenities and/or dwellings in order to reduce the overall number of automobile trips taken by building users.	Similar to TRA-4, the choice of site often depends on the availability of a suitable site. When faced with multiple options for a site, projects should be encouraged to choose sites that contribute to greater local connectivity by being located in close proximity to amenities thus allowing the tenants the option to walk instead of drive. The current building code standard used in Kenya for pedestrian facilities is not more stringent than SANS 10246, therefore TRA-5 should be kept in its current form and no adjustments need to be made.	The current building code standard used in Kenya for pedestrian facilities is not more stringent than SANS 10246, therefore TRA-5 should be kept in its current form and no adjustments need to be made.
TRA-6: Trip Reduction – Mixed Use – RETAIL CENTRE To encourage & recognise retail centres that are built in mixed use areas in order to reduce the overall number of car trips taken by patrons.	Similar to TRA-5, the choice of site often depends on the availability of a suitable site. When faced with multiple options for a site, this credit aims to encourage retail developments that incorporate effective car-based trip reduction measures such as the provision of quality pedestrian, cycling and public transport access. Mixed use development or retail centres within mixed use areas, and within walking distance, encourage shoppers and retail employees living nearby, to made a modal switch from using cars to walking or cycling. Besides reducing congestion and pollution, walking and cycling can also bring health benefits to the public and should be encouraged. The credit in its current form is equally relevant and applicable in Kenya as it is in South Africa, therefore TRA-6 should be kept in its current form and no adjustments need to be made.	TRA-6 should remain in its current form and no adjustments need to be made.

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TRA-7: Vehicle Operating Emissions – RETAIL CENTRE & PEB

To encourage & recognise retail centres that reduce vehicular emissions resulting from traffic congestion by upgrading road infrastructure around the centre.

Usually, 'delay' and 'number of stops' are used to determine the existing, existing plus development and post road improvements operational condition of an intersection. The higher the delay and number of stops the higher the CO 2 emissions per vehicle will be.

Traffic impact studies must be conducted in accordance with the Department of Transport's guideline document or, if available, the specific local authority's guideline by a competent person, usually a professional traffic engineer. The guideline document recommends that a traffic impact study must be conducted for any development generating more than a 150 vehicle trips during the peak hour. The local authorities can request a study for a development generating fewer trips if in their opinion the road network is already at capacity. The purpose of such a study is to mitigate the impact a new development will have on the existing road network.

Car emissions are a major source of air pollutants, such as oxides of nitrogen, particles and ozone. Poor air quality has been shown to aggravate asthma, bronchitis and cardiac problems. Carbon dioxide from vehicle emissions is also known as a contributing factor to global climate change. Road infrastructure improvements are necessary to reduce the traffic impact of the development to acceptable levels.

The credit in its current form is equally relevant and applicable in Kenya as it is in South Africa, therefore TRA-7 should be kept in its current form and no adjustments need to be made.

TRA-7 should remain in its current form and no adjustments need to be made.



WATER

AIM OF CREDIT	DISCUSSION	RECOMMENDATION
 WAT-1: Occupant Amenity Water / WAT-1: Potable Water – PEB	Water-efficient fixtures and fittings are available in the market place and have been installed in some buildings in Kenya.	As the Green Star SA Potable Water Calculator takes into account South African rainfall per region,
To encourage and recognise designs that reduce potable water consumption by building occupants.	In addition, there are some buildings which include rainwater harvesting and blackwater treatment for reuse within the building, typically for irrigation. Due to water supply infrastructure issues, some buildings also include holding tanks for potable water and sewerage.	the Green Star SA Potable Water Calculator would need to be adapted to reflect the rainfall values in the different regions in Kenya.
	At present there is no national certification system which would allow different fixtures and fittings to be rated. Therefore, this credit in its current form is equally relevant and applicable in Kenya as it is in South Africa.	WAT-1 should be kept in its current form with a mandatory CIR to confirm applicability.
	However, as the Green Star SA Potable Water Calculator takes into account South African rainfall per region, the Green Star SA Potable Water Calculator would need to be adapted to reflect the rainfall values in the different regions in Kenya.	
	This would be project-specific and a mandatory CIR would need to be submitted to confirm applicability.	
WAT-2: Water Meters To encourage and recognise the design of systems that both monitors and manages water consumption.	A fairly common practice in most tenanted buildings is the metering of collective water consumption of tenants via a building water meter. The effective monitoring and management of consumption can however best take place where water meters are used to monitor major water uses in a building, which is not common practice in Kenya.	WAT-2 should remain in its current form and no adjustments need to be made.
	As such, this credit in its current form is equally relevant and applicable in Kenya as it is in South Africa.	
WAT-3: Landscape Irrigation To encourage and recognise the design of systems that aim to reduce the consumption of potable water for landscape irrigation.	The professionals at the workshop noted that water-efficient irrigation was not a focus in office building design in Kenya. The use of low water use plants or water efficient irrigation is however represents best practice which is not region specific, irrespective of the climate of the particular site.	WAT-3 should remain in its current form and no adjustments need to be made.
	It is encouraged that projects install systems that aim to reduce the consumption of potable water for landscape irrigation, therefore, this credit in its current form is equally relevant and applicable in Kenya as it is in South Africa	

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WAT-4: Heat Rejection Water To encourage and recognise design that reduces potable water consumption from heat rejection systems.	As in South Africa, cooling towers are used in Kenya in the more applicable climates, while some projects choose not to use cooling towers. Cooling towers however use a significant amount of water during their operation which is subsequently evaporated into the atmosphere. As this water is commonly potable water, the use of this method should be discouraged.	WAT-4 should remain in its current form and no adjustments need to be made.
WAT-5: Fire System Water Consumption To encourage and recognise building design which reduces consumption of potable water for the building's	Therefore, the credit in its current form is equally relevant and applicable in Kenya as it is in South Africa. Although many tenants and owners neglect to carry out routine tests on the fire system, this is a requirement by many insurance companies. When these tests are carried out therefore, they should be done in a	WAT-5 should remain in its current form and no adjustments need to be made.
fire protection and essential water storage systems. WAT-7: Potable Water Efficient Appliances - MULTI	water-efficient manner. The credit in its current form is equally relevant and applicable in Kenya as it is in South Africa. Various initiatives can be implemented in multi-unit residential	WAT-7 should remain in its current
UNIT RES To encourage and recognise initiatives which reduce water consumption associated with major appliances.	developments to reduce the water consumption associated with major appliances. These initiatives could include the provision of clothes washes for a minimum of 90% of dwellings or the provision of communal laundry area(s).	form and no adjustments need to be made.
	These initiatives could also include the provision of dishwashers where all dishwashers provided achieve a minimum water efficiency of 7.2 litres/kg. Potable water efficient appliances can be made available in the Kenyan market. This credit should therefore remain to encourage the use of potable water efficient appliances. The credit in its current form is equally relevant and applicable in Kenya as it is in South Africa.	
WAT-8: Swimming Pool / Spa Water Efficiency - MULTI UNIT RES To encourage and recognise designs that reduce potable water consumption associated with swimming pools and spas.	Swimming pools lose water through evaporation and also through filter cleaning and backwashing. Therefore, to achieve this credit, for any pool within the multi-unit residential development, a pool blanket is provided; and the pool filtration system avoids the requirement for backwashing (i.e. is not sorptive media or sand based filtration); and for any spa within the development, a spa cover is provided. Alternatively, no pool(s) and or spa(s) are provided in the development.	WAT-8 should remain in its current form and no adjustments need to be made.
	The professionals at the workshop noted that the applicable provisions	



could be made where the development had a pool or spa.	
As such, the credit in its current form is equally relevant and applicable in Kenya as it is in South Africa.	

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MATERIALS

AIM OF CREDIT	DISCUSSION	RECOMMENDATION
MAT-1: Recycling Waste Storage To encourage and recognise the inclusion of storage space that facilitates the recycling of resources used within buildings to reduce waste going to disposal.	The professionals at the workshop were not aware of any projects in Kenya that specifically provided space for recycling waste storage. In addition, they noted that they were unaware of any companies that provided recycling for office buildings in Kenya (refer to MAN-7 for further information on recycling in Kenya).	MAT-1 should remain in its current form and no adjustments need to be made.
	Despite the lack of companies, it is still recommended that space be provided in sustainable buildings to begin driving the marketplace towards recycling. It is noted that Kenyan building code standard requires an area for refuse disposal but does not refer to a specific space for recycling.	
	The credit in its current form is equally relevant and applicable in Kenya as it is in South Africa.	
MAT-2: Building Reuse To encourage and recognise developments that reuse existing buildings to minimise materials consumption.	The professionals at the workshop noted that buildings in Kenya were often demolished to make way for new buildings. The prevention of this waste that occurs during the demolition of buildings should however be encouraged. As such a reward for the reuse of buildings would be well placed in the Kenyan context. The credit in its current form is equally relevant and applicable in Kenya as it is in South Africa.	MAT-2 should remain in its current form and no adjustments need to be made.
MAT-3: Reused Materials To encourage and recognise designs that prolong the useful life of existing products and materials.	Irrespective of region, projects should strive to prolong the useful life of existing products and materials as much as possible. This ensures that the waste generated from the demolition and construction processes of projects is minimal. As such, this credit in its current form is equally relevant and applicable in Kenya as it is in South Africa.	MAT-3 should remain in its current form and no adjustments need to be made.
MAT-4: Shell and Core or Integrated Fit-out To encourage and recognise base building delivery mechanisms that eliminate the need for immediate tenant refits.	The majority of top tier projects in Kenya are delivered as speculative spaces which are neither shell and core nor integrated fitout. Spaces are typically provided with ceilings, lighting, finishes and air conditioning. Note that they are typically not provided with carpet.	MAT-4 should remain in its current form and no adjustments need to be made.
	It should be noted that many of the individuals contacted for this research were confused by the term "integrated fitout". Many believed that if the speculative (not actual) tenancy works were integrated with the base building construction this would constitute integrated fitout.	
	Project teams must therefore be made familiar with the two terms: "integrated fit-out" and "shell and core". This will help them be aware of the wasteful expenditure that is associated with refits as well as the unnecessary consumption of resources, which happens as much in Kenya as in South Africa.	
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	This credit in its current form is equally relevant and applicable in Kenya as it is in South Africa.	
MAT-5: Concrete To encourage and recognise the reduction of embodied energy and resource depletion occurring through use of concrete.	The structural engineers contacted for the purpose of this research were not aware of any projects in Kenya which used either industrial waste product(s) or oversized aggregate as a substitute to reduce the absolute quantity of Portland cement, as an average across all concrete mixes (i.e. in-situ, precast and stressed concrete).	MAT-5 should remain in its current form and no adjustments need to be made.
	In addition, they were concerned as to whether either of these concrete mixes could be considered in Kenya owing to an inability to check the standard of the concrete being produced.	
	This was initially the case in South Africa as well and should not serve as deterrence, as an opportunity in the Kenyan market exists for industrial waste product(s) or oversized aggregate to be used in the production of concrete as a feasible alternative to cement.	
	It is recommended, therefore, that this credit should remain as it is to drive market transformation towards the use of more sustainable concrete. This credit in its current form is equally relevant and applicable in Kenya as it is in South Africa.	
MAT-6: Steel To encourage and recognise the reduction in embodied energy and resource depletion associated with reduced use of virgin steel.	The structural engineers contacted for the purpose of this research tended not to pay attention to the recycled content of the structural steel and were not aware of any projects in Kenya which used recycled steel products.	MAT-6 should remain in its current form and no adjustments need to be made.
	This needs to be rectified and awareness of the environmental benefits should be promoted through this credit.	
	It is noted that a large proportion of the steel used in construction is imported into Kenya, therefore this credit could result in market transformation through the import of steel with a post-consumer recycled content equal to or greater that 40%.	
	This would encourage the reduction in embodied energy and resource depletion associated with reduced use of virgin steel. As such, this credit in its current form is equally relevant and applicable in Kenya as it is in South Africa.	
MAT-7: PVC Minimisation To encourage and recognise the reduction in use of Poly Vinyl Chloride (PVC) products in buildings.	In late 2011, the GBCSA completed a comprehensive credit review process for the MAT-7 PVC Minimisation credit which is one out of approximately seventy credits in the Green Star SA green building rating system.	For MAT-7, it is noted that while the GBCA Best Practice PVC Guidelines may apply in Australia and South Africa, the professionals

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The GBCSA Technical Steering Committee (TSC) resolved to withdraw the credit after considering the outcomes of the credit review which involved stakeholder engagement through a PVC Expert Reference Panel and precedents set by other green building councils surrounding the treatment of PVC in green building rating tools.

The withdrawal of the PVC Minimisation credit does not imply that PVC is or is not a "green" building material, nor that the GBCSA has endorsed, or given "the green light" to PVC. Instead, whereas the previous GBCA MAT-7 PVC Minimisation credit actively promoted the avoidance of PVC in the built environment, the new revised GBCA PVC credit aims to encourage the manufacture and use of PVC which meets GBCA "Best Practice PVC Guidelines" ("the guidelines").

The guidelines address the manufacture of PVC resin and products, and end of life management of PVC products. The intent of the GBCA PVC Guidelines are that they are to be used by manufacturers of PVC resin and PVC products used within the built environment to significantly minimise the health risks and impacts arising from the life cycles of their products.

It is noted, however, that while the GBCA Best Practice PVC Guidelines may apply in Australia and South Africa, the professionals at the workshop believe that these guidelines are yet to be applied for all PVC products imported and/or manufactured in Kenya.

As such, PVC minimisation is still relevant in Kenya and this credit should be kept in its current form to drive market transformation in the region.

To encourage and recognise the specification of reused timber products or timber that has certified environmentally-responsible forest management practices.

MAT-8: Sustainable Timber

The professionals at the workshop were not aware of any projects in Kenya that specified the use of reused timber products or timber that has certified environmentally-responsible forest management practice. They were also not aware of Forestry Stewardship Certification (FSC).and current holders, within the Kenyan market, of the FSC Chain of Custody and Management Certificate.

It is hoped that market transformation related to the sustainability of timber products used in Kenya can be achieved through this credit.

The FSC scheme provides a credible guarantee that the timber products come from a well-managed forest that has been independently certified for its timber resource sustainability, forest ecosystem maintenance, and

at the workshop believe that these guidelines are yet to be applied for all PVC products imported and/or manufactured in Kenya.

As such, PVC minimisation is still relevant in the Kenyan local context and this credit should be kept in its current form to drive market transformation in the region.

MAT-8 should remain in its current form and no adjustments need to be made.



	financial and socioeconomic viability.	
	As such, this credit in its current form is equally relevant and applicable in Kenya as it is in South Africa.	
MAT-9: Design for Disassembly To encourage and recognise designs that minimise the embodied energy and resources associated with demolition.	Many professionals are not often allocated a budget that gives them the creative leeway to design structures and buildings for disassembly. This credit therefore provides an incentive for project teams to be more creative in the design of the building while understanding the environmental benefits of this credit. As such, the credit is equally relevant and applicable in Kenya as it is in South Africa in its current form.	MAT-9 should remain in its current form and no adjustments need to be made.
MAT-10: Dematerialisation To encourage and recognise designs that produce a net reduction in the total amount of material used.	This credit is achievable in the Kenyan context but very few projects focus on the net reduction of materials used. The credit is equally relevant and applicable in Kenya as it is in South Africa in its current form.	MAT-10 should remain in its current form and no adjustments need to be made.
MAT-11: Local Sourcing To encourage and recognise the environmental advantages gained, in the form of reduced transportation emissions, by using materials and products that are sourced within close proximity to the site.	The professionals at the workshop noted that a significant proportion of building components, materials and finishes used in Kenyan projects are imported into the country from overseas. This is in spite of the intraregional availability of some of these components, materials and finishes with equivalent performance specifications in the East African Community (EAC). It is strongly encouraged that local materials manufactured within the EAC should be explored instead, and awareness should be raised of the embodied energy in materials sourced from far away distances to discourage importing from overseas. As such, to stimulate the growth of industry in Kenya and East Africa, and to encourage and recognise the environmental advantages gained, in the form of reduced transportation emissions, by using materials and products that are sourced within close proximity to the site - the sourcing of products manufactured intra-regionally is viewed as both an environmental and socio-economic driver of sustainable market transformation. For the Kenyan local context, therefore, it is recommended to adapt the credit so that: • One point is awarded where 20% of the total contract value is represented by materials or products (used in the construction of	It is recommended to adapt the credit so that: • One point is awarded where 20% of the total contract value is represented by materials or products (used in the construction of the project) that have been sourced from within the member states of the East African Community (EAC) region borders as defined by the EAC on http://www.eac.int , current at the time of project registration or more recent. • An additional point is awarded where 10% of the total contract value is represented by materials or products (used in the construction of the project) that have been sourced

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	 the project) that have been sourced from within the member states of the East African Community (EAC) region borders as defined by the EAC on http://www.eac.int, current at the time of project registration or more recent. An additional point is awarded where 10% of the total contract value is represented by materials or products (used in the construction of the project) that have been sourced from within the Kenyan borders. 	from within the Kenyan borders. This promotes sourcing of materials in the East African region which would be beneficial to the Kenyan local context.
	Only materials or products permanently installed in the building are eligible and must have been extracted, harvested, recovered, as well as manufactured within the above mentioned radii of the site in order to qualify for the credit.	
	Mechanical, electrical and plumbing components and specialty items such as elevators and equipment are excluded from this credit.	
	This promotes sourcing of materials in the East African region which would be beneficial to the Kenyan local context.	
	By adapting the credit accordingly, it is hoped that project teams will be strongly encouraged to source more of the building components, materials and finishes locally, significantly fostering intraregional economic development for Kenya and the EAC.	
MAT-12: Efficient Dwelling Size - MULTI UNIT RES To encourage and recognise multi-unit residential developments with efficiently sized dwelling units and reduced material consumption.	This credit aims to encourage more efficient use of space in dwelling unit design, and to discourage the over-sizing of residential units. Through designing more efficient spaces, various benefits can be achieved. These include reduction in the use of materials and resources, densification, efficiencies of space use and smarter design.	MAT-12 should remain in its current form and no adjustments need to be made.
	All the benefits listed above are key in moving the residential market forward towards better design principles and more efficiently sized residential developments.	
	The credit in its current form, therefore, is equally relevant and applicable in Kenya as it is in South Africa, with the availability of building resources and compliance with the credit criteria completed automatically by the 'Efficient Dwelling Size Calculator" within the rating tool spreadsheet.	



MAT-13: Masonry - MULTI UNIT RES & PEB

To encourage and recognise designs that minimise the embodied energy and resources associated with a reduction of virgin material in masonry units.

Similarly to Kenya, fired clay masonry units (i.e. bricks and pavers) are one of the most predominant building materials in South Africa, particularly for residential developments. The clay masonry manufacturing industry has an installed annual capacity, within normal working hours, of in excess of 5 billion brick equivalent units. Approximately 13 million tons of clay is extracted annually, processed and fired to supply clay masonry products for new and renovated buildings within the sub-Saharan African region.

Sub-Saharan Africa has always had an abundance of brick making clays and good levels of sunshine, which has meant that clay brick manufacturing has traditionally often been manufactured by means of "field ovens" or "clamp kilns". Easy availability of thermal coal resulted in the use of this fuel source to vitrify the clay and form the finished products.

Many different firing methods using thermal coal were developed and installed over time. Some of these methods remain common today, and are listed as critical activities in terms of the recently promulgated Air Quality Act and subject to stringent emissions controls.

Reducing the mass of a masonry unit impacts on haulage, with lighter loads and reduced transport related greenhouse gas emissions. It also leads to reduced loading on structures, which can lead to reductions in the size of structural members. This would have a significant impact on the masonry used in multi-unit residential, public and education buildings such that the credit in its current form is equally relevant and applicable in Kenya as it is in South Africa.

MAT-13 should remain in its current form and no adjustments need to be made.

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LAND USE AND ECOLOGY

AIM OF CREDIT

ECO-: Conditional Requirement

To encourage and recognise development on land that has limited ecological value and to discourage development on ecologically valuable sites.

DISCUSSION

The professionals at the workshop were of the opinion that the criteria listed in the updated version of this credit (revised April 2010) were suitable for application to the Kenyan context.

Owing to the nature of the wording of the credit criteria however, the Kenyan professionals sought clarification on specific terms contained in the conditional requirement credit criteria. It is therefore recommended that technical clarifications be submitted where applicable and that a mandatory CIR be required to assess the project's compliance with this Conditional Requirement based on site ecological maps, to ensure approval of this conditional requirement prior to the Round 1 submission.

It was consequently concluded that:

The Eco-Conditional Requirement is met where the project development footprint

- Is not located on prime agricultural land. Refurbishments/redevelopments that remain within the existing development footprint are exempt from this criterion;
- Is not located on vegetation of high ecological value or within a 100 metre buffer of vegetation of high ecological value. Refurbishments/redevelopments that remain within the existing development footprint are exempt from this criterion;
- Is not located on land with confirmed presence or high probability
 of threatened red listed species according to IUCN Red List of
 Threatened Species (www.iucnredlist.org), or within a defined
 buffer relevant to the specific threatened red listed species or
 habitat found. Refurbishments/redevelopments that remain within
 the existing development footprint are exempt from this criterion;
 and
- Is not located within the required buffer zones of watercourses:
 - The project development footprint must not fall within the 100 year floodplain.
 - Watercourses of high ecological value: A project's development footprint can be located on land within 100 metres of a watercourse of high ecological value only if the building is a refurbishment that remains within the existing development footprint and the Watercourse Protection Measures (outlined below) have been

RECOMMENDATION

ECO- should be kept in its current form based on the need to encourage and recognise development on land that has limited ecological value and to discourage development on ecologically valuable sites. To determine "high ecological value" and "prime agricultural land", a project can submit for an Eligibility Ruling at any point, before or after project registration.

Note that attention is drawn to Technical Clarification Number ECO0-T-OB1-0655 which states that If the project is refurbishment/redevelopment that remains within the existing development footprint (and providing it is outside the required buffers of watercourses), there is no need to include confirmation from a registered ecologist. Confirmation is required and it could simply be included within the Short Report prepared by a suitably qualified professional reference to supporting evidence (e.g. aerial photos, Google images).

However, where confirmation that the site was not on land of high ecological value is to be stated by a suitably qualified registered ecologist, the suitable registered ecologist would be defined as being a licensed EIA Expert duly registered with the National



completed.; or

Watercourses not of high ecological value: A project's development footprint can be located on land within 100 metres of a watercourse that is not of high ecological value only if the Watercourse Protection Measures (outlined below) have been completed. Watercourse Protection Measures

Watercourse Protection Measures

- A site-specific Watercourse Management Plan has been produced, exhibited and, for an As Built submission, implemented; and
- All points are achieved in EMI-05 Watercourse Pollution and in EMI-07 Light Pollution.

The project must abide by all measures in the Environmental Impact Assessment for the project if one is required, and the GBCSA reserves the right to provide the final ruling on a project's compliance with this conditional requirement.

It is noted that in the updated version of this credit (revised April 2010), the ridge criteria have been deleted entirely because ridges are defined only within Gauteng and it proved too complex for the GBCSA to define ridge criteria in the other provinces or regions. In addition, it was felt that most of the ecological valuable characteristics of ridges will be picked up with the other criteria.

As such, ECO-00 should be kept in its current updated form based on the need to encourage and recognise development on land that has limited ecological value and to discourage development on ecologically valuable sites. A mandatory CIR will be required to assess the project's compliance with this Conditional Requirement based on site ecological maps, to ensure approval of this conditional requirement prior to the Round 1 submission.

To determine "high ecological value" and "prime agricultural land", a project can submit for an Eligibility Ruling at any point, before or after project registration. Technical clarifications can also be submitted where applicable.

Note that attention is drawn to Technical Clarification Number ECO0-T-

Environment Management Authority (NEMA) of Kenya pursuant to Regulations 14 and 15 of the Environmental Management and Coordination (EIA/EA) Regulations (2003), current at the time of project registration or more recent.

A mandatory CIR will be required to assess the project's compliance with this Conditional Requirement based on site ecological maps, to ensure approval of this conditional requirement prior to the Round 1 submission.

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ECO-1: Topsoil To encourage and recognise construction practices that preserve the ecological integrity of topsoil.	OB1-0655 which states that If the project is a refurbishment/redevelopment that remains within the existing development footprint (and providing it is outside the required buffers of watercourses), there is no need to include confirmation from a registered ecologist. Confirmation is required and it could simply be included within the Short Report prepared by a suitably qualified professional with reference to supporting evidence (e.g. aerial photos, Google images). However, where confirmation that the site was not on land of high ecological value is to be stated by a suitably qualified registered ecologist, the suitable registered ecologist would be defined as being a licensed EIA Expert duly registered with the National Environment Management Authority (NEMA) of Kenya pursuant to Regulations 14 and 15 of the Environmental Management and Coordination (EIA/EA) Regulations (2003), current at the time of project registration or more recent. Preserving topsoil is equally important in Kenya as it is in South Africa because of the slow process of soil formation. The credit in its current form is equally relevant and applicable in Kenya as it is in South Africa.	ECO-1 should be kept in its current form and no adjustments need to be made.
ECO-2: Reuse of Land To encourage and recognise the reuse of land that has previously been developed and where the site is within an existing municipally approved urban edge.	Urban sprawl is a risk that all cities and countries face whenever more and more greenfield sites are developed upon, with equal prevalence in Kenya as in South Africa. An incentive for projects to re-develop previously developed land or brownfield sites can contribute towards reducing the threat on sensitive ecosystems and natural resources through the development on greenfield sites. As such, the credit in its current form is equally relevant and applicable in Kenya as it is in South Africa.	ECO-2 should be kept in its current form and no adjustments need to be made.
ECO-3: Reclaimed Contaminated Land To encourage and recognise developments that reclaim contaminated land that otherwise would not have been developed.	The professionals at the workshop noted that this credit was applicable to the Kenyan context. There is however, no definition of contaminated land in Kenya, and contaminated lands are not identified by a local authority. It is therefore recommended that for ECO-3, projects teams targeting this credit are aware of the definitions contained in the Additional Guidance of the Green Star SA technical manual. Contamination is defined as: the presence in or under any land, site, buildings or structures of a substance or micro-organism above the concentration which is normally present in or under that land which substances directly or indirectly affect or may affect the quality of soil or the environment adversely. Existing building contamination is addressed in credit IEQ-11 Hazardous Materials while this credit deals with reclaimed contaminated land only.	ECO-3 should be kept in its current form and no adjustments need to be made.



It is noted that minor local contamination will occur on most previously used sites and such minor decontamination is not addressed by this credit. For the purpose of this credit, existing contamination must be 'significant'. This means that there must be substantial recommendations for containment and/or removal in the site contamination report.

Encapsulation is only an acceptable form of remediation if there are technically no other remediation options.

Remediation of the environment refers to the clean-up or making safe of a site or water body that is contaminated by toxic substances, whether they are natural or man-made.

Treatment means: any method, technique or process that is designed to change the physical, biological or chemical character or composition of a waste, or to remove, separate, concentrate or recover a hazardous or toxic component of a waste or to destroy or reduce the toxicity of the waste in order to minimise the impact of the waste on the environment.

To be deemed no longer contaminated, the site must meet the regulated levels deemed suitable by the relevant competent authority. The environmental auditor or waste management control officer who certifies that the site has been duly decontaminated must meet the requirements of standards set at national level.

Please note the contamination resulting from this development (e.g. with asbestos from demolition of the existing buildings) cannot contribute to this credit.

The statement 'prior to construction' as stated in the Credit Criteria refers to construction of actual building structures, not to the beginning of any construction works on the project (e.g. land clearing). Therefore, if remediation occurs during earthworks or any other stages during the construction phase of a project prior to the building of any structure, it is still considered as 'prior to construction'.

The submission must clearly demonstrate that:

 The site was designated as significantly contaminated at the time of purchase, where 'significant contamination' is defined as any contamination (regardless of extent, concentration, toxicity or otherwise) requiring remediation as determined by the relevant

	national or local authorities;	
	• The site was correctly and appropriately decontaminated prior to the beginning of the construction phase of the project in accordance with	
	the relevant national legislation and standards, including but not	
	limited to the National Environmental Management: Waste Act (2008); and	
	As a result of decontamination, the site was certified as uncontaminated and satisfactory for use.	
	As such, the credit in its current form is equally relevant and applicable in Kenya as it is in South Africa.	
ECO-4: Change of Ecological Value	It is noted that this credit is applicable to the Kenyan context.	ECO-4 should be kept in its current
To encourage and recognise developments that maintain or enhance the ecological value of their sites.	However, as the Green Star SA Ecological Value Calculator takes the	form but adaptations to the bio- regions in the calculator are
Thankam of officer and osciogram value of them officer.	ecological value weighting of the site into account, the Green Star SA Ecological Value Calculator would need to be adapted to reflect the equivalent ecological value of the different bio-regions in Kenya.	required to correctly represent the equivalent ecological value of the different bio-regions in Kenya
	This would be project-specific and a mandatory CIR would need to be submitted to the GBCSA by projects targeting this credit to determine which South African bio-region is most applicable to the project.	A mandatory CIR must be submitted to the GBCSA by projects targeting this credit to determine which South African bioregion is most applicable to the project.
ECO-5: Urban Heat Island – RETAIL CENTRE	Around half of the world's human population lives in urban areas. In the	ECO-5 should be kept in its current
To recognise and reward initiatives taken to reduce the heat island effect of the buildings which impact on	near future it is expected that the global rate of urbanization will increase significantly, as urban agglomerations emerge and population migration	form and no adjustments need to be made.
microclimates, human and wildlife habitats.	from rural to urban/suburban areas continues. Thereby, it is not surprising that the negative impacts related to urbanisation are an increasing concern. Urbanisation negatively impacts the environment mainly by the production of pollution, the modification of the physical and chemical properties of the atmosphere, and the covering of the soil surface.	be made.
	Considered to be a cumulative effect of all these impacts is the Urban Heat Island (UHI), defined as the rise in temperature of any man-made area, resulting in a well-defined, distinct "warm island" among the "cool sea" represented by the lower temperature of the area's nearby natural landscape. Though heat islands may form on any rural or urban area, and at any spatial scale, the surfaces of cities are prone to release large quantities of heat.	
	The UHI negatively impacts not only residents of urban-related environs,	



	but also humans and their associated ecosystems located far away from cities. In fact, UHIs have been indirectly related to climate change due to their contribution to the greenhouse effect, and therefore, to global warming. Therefore, the credit in its current form is equally relevant and applicable in Kenya as it is in South Africa.	
ECO-6: Outdoor Communal Facilities - MULTI UNIT RES To encourage and recognise designs which enable residents to engage in a broad range of outdoor activities in common areas.	There is a growing body of evidence that demonstrates how communal green spaces can offer lasting economic, social, cultural and environmental benefits. Projects catering for residents assembly type activities offer a unique opportunity to promote the concept of shared land use by providing such communal facilities thus encouraging multi-unit residential developments with real character and a sense of place.	ECO-6 should be kept in its current form and no adjustments need to be made.
	Additional benefits include increasing the value of homes; improving the image of the development and attracting investment; contributing to the protection of biodiversity; and promoting exercise and other activities beneficial to the health of residents.	
	Outdoor communal facilities are not only a good way to use the available space in a multi-unit residential type development in the most efficient way, but can contribute significantly to the well-being, and sense of community experienced by the residents.	
	This is relevant for the Kenyan context as it is for the South African context, as such ECO-06 should be kept in its current form and no adjustments need to be made.	
ECO-7: Urban Consolidation - MULTI UNIT RES To encourage and recognise designs which make use of compact development patterns to increase land utilisation efficiency.	Urban consolidation is the process of increasing or maintaining the density of housing in established residential areas, with the aim of urban consolidation to reduce development on the fringe areas of the city.	ECO-7 should be kept in its current form and no adjustments need to be made.
	By making use of compact development patterns, land utilisation efficiency is increased as well as local connectivity (refer to TRA-5), trip reductions within mixed use developments (TRA-6) and the sharing of precinct bulk infrastructure, mass commuting transport systems and local amenities.	
	The credit aims to encourage and recognise the efficient use of land by multi-unit residential developments. As such, the credit in its current form is equally relevant and applicable in Kenya as it is in South Africa.	
ECO-8: Community Facilities - PEB To encourage and recognise integrated planning and shared land use in developments	There is a growing body of evidence that demonstrates how communal green spaces can offer lasting economic, social, cultural and environmental benefits. Projects catering for public assembly type	ECO-8 should be kept in its current form and no adjustments need to be made.

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through the provision of on-site outdoor facilities for use by the local community.	activities offer a unique opportunity to promote the concept of shared land use by providing such community facilities thus encouraging neighbourhoods with real character and a sense of place. Additional benefits include increasing the value of homes; improving	
	the image of an area and attracting investment; contributing to the protection of biodiversity; and promoting exercise and other activities beneficial to the health of residents. Outdoor community facilities are not only a good way to use the available	
	space in a public building type development in the most efficient way, but can contribute significantly to the well-being, and sense of community experienced by local residents. This is relevant for the Kenyan context as it is for the South African context, as such ECO-08 should be	

kept in its current form and no adjustments need to be made.



EMISSIONS

AIM OF CREDIT	DISCUSSION	RECOMMENDATION
EMI-1: Refrigerants/Gaseous Ozone Depleting Potential (ODP) To encourage and recognise the selection of refrigerants and other gases that do not contribute to long-term damage to the Earth's stratospheric ozone layer.	The professionals at the workshop were well versed in zero ODP refrigerants, and whilst they were not always used, they are available in Kenya. As such, this credit in its current form is equally relevant and applicable in Kenya as it is in South Africa.	EMI-1 should be kept in its current form and no adjustments need to be made.
EMI-2: Refrigerants/Gaseous Global Warming Potential (GWP) To encourage and recognise the selection of refrigerants that reduce the potential for increased global warming from the emission of refrigerants to the atmosphere.	The professionals at the workshop were well versed in low GWP refrigerants, and whilst they were not always used, they are available in Kenya. As such, this credit in its current form is equally relevant and applicable in Kenya as it is in South Africa.	EMI-2 should be kept in its current form and no adjustments need to be made.
EMI-3: Refrigerant Leaks To encourage and recognise building systems design that minimises environmental damage from refrigerant leaks.	The professionals at the workshop were aware of systems to monitor for refrigerant leaks and pump down refrigerants. Monitoring systems were sometimes installed, but the professionals knew of no projects which incorporated pump down. It was concluded that it is possible to include a system of this type within the building system designs, with adequate care being taken to verify that the building system designs meets all of the requirements of the credit. With a large proportion of air conditioners used in Kenya being imported, these products are available internationally such that this credit in its current form is equally relevant and applicable in Kenya as	EMI-3 should be kept in its current form and no adjustments need to be made.
EMI-4: Insulant ODP To encourage and recognise the selection of insulants that do not contribute to long-term damage to the Earth's stratospheric ozone layer.	it is in South Africa. The professionals at the workshop were well versed in zero ODP insulants, and whilst they were not always used, they are available in Kenya. As such, this credit in its current form is equally relevant and applicable in Kenya as it is in South Africa.	EMI-4 should be kept in its current form and no adjustments need to be made.
EMI-5: Watercourse Pollution To encourage and recognise developments that minimise stormwater run-off to, and the pollution of the natural watercourses.	The recently revised Green Star SA EMI-5 credit provides detailed information for designing stormwater attenuation and filtration systems according to best practice standards. Therefore the revised EMI-5 credit should equally apply in Kenya as it is applied in South Africa.	EMI-5 should be kept in its current form and no adjustments need to be made.

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	It is noted that where a project's development footprint is located on land within 100 metres of a watercourse of high ecological value, the Watercourse Protection Measures (outlined below) would to have been completed in order to meet the ECO- Conditional Requirement. Watercourse Protection Measures • A site-specific Watercourse Management Plan has been produced, exhibited and, for an As Built submission, implemented; and • All points are achieved in EMI-5 Watercourse Pollution and in EMI-7 Light Pollution. The credit in its current form is therefore equally relevant and	
EMI-6: Discharge to Sewer To encourage and recognise developments that minimise discharge to the municipal sewerage system.	applicable in Kenya as it is in South Africa. Refer to discussion on recycled water systems and water efficient fixtures and fittings in WAT-1. Even though a connection to the municipal sewer may be provided in certain instances, there is no legislative requirement for the municipal sewer to be used, therefore the treated water can be used for greywater flushing and other uses that are not directly or indirectly to human consumption. The credit in its current form is equally relevant and applicable in Kenya as it is in South Africa.	EMI-6 should be kept in its current form and no adjustments need to be made.
EMI-7: Light Pollution To encourage and recognise developments that minimise light pollution into the night sky.	The professionals at the workshop noted that this credit was achievable in the Kenyan context and that the CIBSE standard referenced was the appropriate one. It is noted that where a project's development footprint is located on land within 100 metres of a watercourse of high ecological value, the Watercourse Protection Measures (outlined below) would to have been completed in order to meet the ECO- Conditional Requirement. Watercourse Protection Measures A site-specific Watercourse Management Plan has been produced, exhibited and, for an As Built submission, implemented; and All points are achieved in EMI-5 Watercourse Pollution and in	EMI-7 should be kept in its current form and no adjustments need to be made.



	EMI-7 Light P	ollution							
	Ü	The credit in its current form is equally relevant and applicable in Kenya as it is in South Africa. Refer to the discussion on the provision of cooling towers in WAT-4. This credit in its current form is equally relevant and applicable in Kenya as it is in South Africa.							
EMI-8: Legionella To encourage and recognise building systems design that eliminates the risk of Legionnaires' disease (Legionellosis).	This credit in							EMI-8 should be kept in its current form and no adjustments need to be made.	
EMI-9: Boiler and Generator Emissions To encourage and recognise the use of boilers and generators that minimise harmful emissions.	Many projects do not comply with this credit because of the high cost associated with the type of generator. However technical clarification number EMI9-T-OB1-0082 and Credit Interpretation Request (CIR) EMI0-OB1-0080 should apply for this credit, as is the case in South Africa.						EMI-9 should be kept in its current form and no adjustments need to be made.		
	Engine Power	Tier	Year	со	нс	NMHC + NOx	NOx	PM	
				g/kWh	g/kWh	g/kWh	g/kWh	g/kWh	
	< 8kW	Tier 2	2005	8.0	-	7.5	-	0.8	
	< 8kW	Tier 4	2008	8.0	-	7.5	-	0.4	
	8 <u><</u> kW < 19	Tier 2	2005	6.6	-	7.5	-	0.8	
	8 <u><</u> kW < 19	Tier 4	2008	6.6	-	7.5	-	0.4	
	19 <u><</u> kW < 37	Tier 2	2004	5.5	-		-		
	19 <u><</u> kW < 37	Tier 4	2008	5.5	-		-		
	37 ≤ kW < 75	Tier 3	2008	5.0	-	4.7	-	-	
	37 ≤ kW < 56	Tier 4	2008	5.0	-	4.7	-	0.3	
	75 <u><</u> kW <130	Tier 3	2007	5.0	-		-		
	56 <u><</u> kW <130	Tier 4	2012-2014	5.0	0.19	-	0.40	0.02	
	130 < kW < 225	Tier 3	2006	3.5	_	4.0	_		
	130 <u><</u> kW < 560	Tier 4	2011-2014	5.0	0.19	-	0.40	0.02	
	225 <u><</u> kW < 450	Tier 3	2006	3.5	_	4.0	_		
	450 <u><</u> kW < 560	Tier 3	2006	3.5	_	4.0	-	-	
	≥ 560 kW	Tier 2	2006	3.5	-	6.4	_	0.2	
	It is recomme are aware o Additional Gu	f the a	applicable	conve	rsion 1	factors of	containe	d in the	

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		noted that these generator requirements apply irrespective of whether the engine is to be used as an emergency/back-up unit or for the purposes of minimising peak electrical infrastructure load for less than	
		300 hours per year. The credit is equally relevant and applicable in Kenya as it is in South Africa in its current form.	
	EMI-10: Kitchen Exhaust Emissions – RETAIL CENTRE To encourage and reward designs that avoid kitchen	Kitchen exhaust emissions expelled by retail tenants directly into the adjacent spaces have a negative and unhealthy impact on the people	EMI-10 should be kept in its current form and no adjustments need to be made.
	exhaust fumes being expelled directly into the adjacent spaces that people occupy.	This credit is achieved where developer is in control of the design of the kitchen exhaust ducting or external risers and ensures that the exhaust points are located not closer than 10m to a neighbouring usable space or walkway, or fresh air intake (of that development or another development).	
		The professionals at the workshop noted that this would result in market transformation of retail centres in Kenya of which major nationals are the primary tenants and that credit is equally relevant and applicable in Kenya as it is in South Africa in its current form.	



INNOVATION

AIM OF CREDIT	DISCUSSION	RECOMMENDATION
INN-1: Innovative Strategies and Technologies To encourage and recognise pioneering initiatives in sustainable design, process or advocacy.	This credit should be kept in its current form with reference being made instead to the Kenyan context, as opposed to the South African context.	INN-1 should be kept in its current form with reference being made instead to the Kenyan context, as opposed to the South African context.
	As such, up to two points can be awarded for an innovation initiative where the initiative is a technology or process that is considered a 'first' in Kenya or in the World; or the project substantially contributes to the broader market transformation towards sustainable development in Kenya or in the World.	
	Points are awarded as follows:	
	One point is awarded when either of the above is true for the Kenyan market; or	
	Two points are awarded when either of the above is true for the Global market.	
	Up to five innovation initiatives can be awarded points under this credit, but no individual initiative can achieve more than two points in this credit. Qualifying initiatives may achieve additional points in other Innovation Credits, however the maximum points available for any one building assessment under INN-1, INN-2 and INN-3 is five (in total).	
INN-2: Exceeding Green Star SA Benchmarks To encourage and recognise projects that achieve environmental benefits in excess of the current Green Star SA benchmarks.	This credit should be kept in its current form with reference being made instead to the Kenyan context, as opposed to the South African context.	INN-2 should be kept in its current form with reference being made instead to awarding points to an innovative initiative where there has been a
Green day of benominand.	As such, up to two points can be awarded for an innovative initiative where there has been a substantial improvement on an existing Green Star SA / Green Star SA-Kenya credit, as follows:	substantial improvement on an existing Green Star SA / Green Star SA-Kenya credit.
	 One point for a solution that results in the elimination of the specific negative environmental impact of the project targeted by an existing credit; and 	
	 Two points for a solution that results in a substantial (e.g. 5% or greater above 'neutral') restorative environmental impact 	

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	targeted by an existing credit.			
	Up to five innovation initiatives can be awarded points under this credit, but no individual initiative can achieve more than two points in this credit. Qualifying initiatives may achieve additional points in other Innovation Credits, however the maximum points available for any one building assessment under INN-1, INN-2 and INN-3 is five (in total).			
INN-3: Environmental Design Initiatives To encourage and recognise sustainable building	This credit should be kept in its current form with reference being made instead to the Kenyan context, as opposed to the South African	INN-3 should be kept in its current form with reference being made instead to		
initiatives that are currently outside of the scope of	context.	awarding points where an initiative in		
this Green Star SA rating tool but which have a substantial or significant environmental benefit.	As such, one point can be awarded where an initiative in the project viably addresses a valid environmental concern outside of the current scope of this Green Star SA / Green Star SA-Kenya tool.	the project viably addresses a valid environmental concern outside of the current scope of this Green Star SA / Green Star SA-Kenya tool.		
	Up to five innovation initiatives can be awarded points under this credit, but no individual initiative can achieve more than two			
	points in this credit. Qualifying initiatives may achieve additional points in other Innovation Credits, however the maximum points			
	available for any one building assessment under INN-1, INN-2 and INN-3 is five (in total).			



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