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Date: 14 August 2012

Dear Mr Govender and Mr Struwig

**AMENDMENT REQUEST: Environmental Authorisation for Kalagadi Manganese (ECm1/387/M/08-127)**

The Coega Development Corporation (CDC) hereby seeks clarity from the Department of Economic Development, Environmental Affairs and Tourism (DEDEAT) on the process to be followed, in terms of Condition 3.2.24 of the Environmental Authorisation (EA) issued to Kalagadi Manganese, for the amendment of Condition 3.9.1 which stipulates that Kalagadi Manganese's process water requirements must be met by means of return effluent.

At a special meeting of the Department of Water Affairs' Algoa Reconciliation Strategy: Administrative and Technical Support Group (ATSG) on 26<sup>th</sup> April 2012, held at the offices of Aurecon in Port Elizabeth, it was noted that return effluent would not be available by the time Kalagadi Manganese's ferro-manganese smelter would be operational in Zone 5 of the Coega IDZ. Kalagadi Manganese will therefore not be able to comply with Condition 3.9.1 of their EA. At the ATSG meeting, Mr Gerry Pienaar of DEDEAT recommended that the CDC facilitates a request for the amendment of Condition 3.9.1 of Kalagadi Manganese's EA. Mr Pienaar advised that the amendment request be supported with a motivation from DWA, inclusive of all the facts and figures supporting the interim use of potable water as an industrial water supply to the Coega IDZ, up until such time as return effluent is available.

Attached to this request for the amendment of Condition 3.9.1 of Kalagadi Manganese's EA is the supporting documentation provided by DWA.

The CDC hereby requests a meeting with DEDEAT to discuss the amendment request, to determine the revised wording of the EA and the implications, and to determine the process to be followed for the amendment application. It is recommended that a representative from DWA and the NMBM also attend the meeting. The CDC will be in contact with DEDEAT regarding a suitable date and venue for the meeting.



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Yours faithfully

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**Attachment:** DWA submission to DEDEAT for an amendment to the Environmental Authorisation

cc. Mr Gerry Pienaar (DEDEAT)  
Mr Dup van Reenen (Africoast Engineers obo DWA)  
Mr Barry Martin (NMBM)