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Proposed Development of Foxwood Dam: Landowner Notification

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT

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FARM / PROPERTY DETAILS:	Farm Name:	Name: See Attachent.			
	Portions Owned:	See attachent.			
REGISTERED OWNER(S):	Woodland Farms Partneship.				
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EMAIL ADDRESS:	knoxie	@ r63, co, 2A.			
I hereby acknowledge receipt of the landowner notification regarding the Department of Water and Sanitation's intentions of developing the proposed Foxwood Dam and associated infrastructure. Signature: (Landowner / Delegated Representative)					
Comments: Please	See	afferched letter.			

Anne Knox

From: Donavan Henning < Donavan H@nemai.co.za>

Sent: 11 March 2015 08:18 AM

To: Knoxie@r63.co.za; knoxies@googlemail.com

Subject: RE: 10563 - Proposed Development of Foxwood Dam: Announcement of EIA

Attachments: 10563 - 20150311 - Landowner Notification for Foxwood Dam.pdf

Dear Anne

The preceding email pertaining to the proposed **Development of Foxwood Dam** refers. This initial notification was distributed to all potentially Interested and Affected Parties, stakeholders and authorities.

In accordance with the various pieces of environmental legislation that govern the proposed project and its associated activities, notification also needs to be provided to the directly affected and adjacent landowners. In this regard, please find attached a letter and accompanying form (please return to us when completed) for you attention

Based on the current project footprint, we have identified you as the landowner of the following properties (kindly confirm if this is incorrect):

Related Project Infrastructure	Affected (D = Directly / A = Adjacent)	SG Code	Farm Name & No.	Erf / Ptn
Dam, Gauging Weir 1	D	C0100000000012900000	Leeuw Hoek 129	
Adjacent	А	C0100000000012700001	Norwood 127	1
Adjacent	А	C01000000000012700003	Norwood 127	3
Adjacent	А	C0100000000028500000	285	
Adjacent	А	C0100000000012800000	128	
Adjacent	Α.	C0100000000012900002	Leeuw Hoek 129	2

We apologise for the initial surge of documentation related to the environmental assessment. On behalf of the project team we wish to convey our sincere appreciation for your involvement in the process and we will keep you posted as the Environmental Impact Assessment unfolds.

You are welcome to contact me for any related queries.

Regards

Donavan Henning

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17th March 2015

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046 6850599 and 082 568 9944

Dear Donavan

I thank you for the opportunity to put on paper some of my thoughts and concerns about the Foxwood Dam Project.

Firstly, I would like to re- iterate that, although the dam will have some major negatives for us personally, we are very pro this project as it obviously is going to be very good for the community as a whole. With that in mind, we have done our utmost thus far, to be as accommodating as possible to all the parties concerned in the feasibility and EIA studies.

My concerns are as follows-

- 1. Land Issues. The area that will be affected by the dam both during construction and what will be under water, is mostly land owned by us i.e. Woodland Farms Partnership. What is the full extent of the area that will be affected before, during and after construction? What will be expropriation/ compensation procedures? It must be noted that loss of use of the land both before and after will impact negatively on our profitability as a farming venture. I know that the plan is to expropriate all /most of the irrigable land downstream of the dam to enable emerging farmers to farm. I would like it to be noted that if more downstream land is expropriated from us as well, this would not only be unfair, but basically render our operation unviable.
- 2. **Water Rights**. Who will have water rights? Who will be the water management board and how will they be elected. How much water will the parties be allowed and how will the cost be calculated?
- 3. Dam access/usage for recreational/tourism purposes. Who will manage this aspect of the dam and how will it be enforced? What will be the public access? A large part of the eastern dam frontage will be on our land. Will we be allowed access for boating, fishing etc.? Would we be allowed to develop a tourism facility if we wanted to in the future? Who will be wielding the power to make those decisions?
- 4. **Flora and Fauna**. This is as much a suggestion as a concern. As you know the area that will be affected by the dam is the Valley Bushveld biome with lots of spekboom, aloes and many other highly adapted succulents, bushes and trees. I feel that there is a real job creation possibility here if a nursery could be developed, not only to hold the plant rescue operation but also for plant propagation so that this could be a long term viable business. There is already a lot of local expertise in plant rescue in the area with experience acquired during the wind farm projects. I would like the opportunity to become involved in this as I do think that properly done it could provide a good number of permanent jobs.
- 5. **Weir**. There is an existing, very beautiful historical old stone weir across the river. It was built in 1901 and has amazingly survived countless floods intact. [I have the full history if you need it] Are there any plans to relocate this or salvage the dressed stone? The furrows

leading from it were damaged in the last big flood we had but we are in the process of repairing them. Will there be compensation for this structure?

You intimated that you would disseminate this letter to the appropriate people and have them or yourself revert back to me on these issues. Once again I thank you for your time and take this opportunity to apologise that I am unable to attend the meeting on the 24th March.

Regards Anne Knox

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