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Dear Mr Henning

APPLICATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION: PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF FOXWOOD DAM AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE AT ADELAIDE, EASTERN CAPE

The Final Scoping Report (FSR) and Plan of Study for Environmental Impact Assessment dated August 2015 and received by the Department on 21 August 2015 refers.

The Department has evaluated the submitted FSR and the Plan of Study for Environmental Impact Assessment dated August 2015 and is satisfied that the documents comply with the minimum requirements of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2014. The FSR is hereby accepted by the Department in terms of regulation 22(1)(a) of the EIA Regulations, 2014.

You may proceed with the environmental impact assessment process in accordance with the tasks contemplated in the Plan of Study for Environmental Impact Assessment as required in terms of the EIA Regulations, 2014.

Please ensure that comments received from the relevant stakeholders, Organs of State and I&APs are adequately addressed prior to the submission of the draft and final Environmental Impact Assessment report (EIAR) to the Department and that copies of all comments received are included in both the draft and the final EIAR. Should you be unable to obtain comments within the legislated timeframes, then proof must be included in the reports of all the attempts that were made to obtain such comments.

In addition, the following amendments and additional information must be submitted with the draft EIAR:

- i. Please ensure that all relevant listing notice activities applied for, are specific and can be linked to the development activity and its associated infrastructure as described in the project description. Taking the above into consideration, the following listed activities need to be considered further and should they be deemed as not being listed during the detailed EIA investigation process, you are then requested to amend the application form and remove them from the list of activities applied for or amend them to only include the specific listed activities and sub-activities being triggered by the proposed development :
 - Activity 31 GN R983: the EAP must provide a detailed motivation on the applicability of the abovementioned activity. In addition to the above, the EAP must apply for the specific aspect of the activity which will be triggered by the proposed development;
 - Activity 45 & 56 GN R983: the EAP must apply for the specific aspect of the activity which will be triggered by the proposed development;

- Activity 45, 48 & 49 of GN R983: a detailed motivation/description must be provided on the applicability of these activities, since the activity description provided in report and the application form speaks to the relocation and not the expansion of the existing 3.5km canal; and
- Listing Notice GN R985: all listed activities applied for which fall under this listing notice must be described in full and must reflect the specific sub-activities which will be triggered by the proposed development. Please also ensure that the activity description speaks directly to all sub-activities being applied for.

Please ensure that the draft and final EIAR includes at least one A3 regional map of the area and that the locality maps included in the draft and final EIAR illustrate all the major development components which require environmental authorization. The maps must be of acceptable quality and as a minimum, have the following attributes:


- Maps are relatable to one another;
- Cardinal points;
- Co-ordinates;
- Legible legends;
- Indicate alternatives;
- Latest land cover;
- Vegetation types of the study area; and
- A3 size locality map.

You are further reminded to comply with regulation 23 (1) (a), (b), (c), (d) and (e) of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations (2014). Should you fail to meet any of the timeframes stipulated in Regulation 21(1) of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations (2014), your application will lapse.

You are requested to submit two (2) copies of the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) to the Department and at least two (2) electronic copies (CD/DVD) of the complete draft and final report with the hard copy documents.

You are hereby reminded of Section 24F of the National Environmental Management Act, Act No 107 of 1998, as amended, that no activity may commence prior to an environmental authorisation being granted by the Department.

Yours sincerely



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