

APPENDIX G3

DMR RESPONSE TO MOTIVATION FOR COMBINED APPLICATION LETTER



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MOKOLO AND CROCODILE RIVER (WEST) WATER AUGMENTATION PROJECT PHASE 2A: MOTIVATION FOR COMBINED APPLICATION

Reference is hereby made to your correspondence dated 18 May 2018, under the above-mentioned heading.

The contents of your afore-mentioned letter in which you requested due consideration of a combined/single consolidated application that is to be submitted to seek an environmental authorisation in terms of the National Environmental Management Act (Act 107 of 1998) for the borrow pits required as part of the proposed Mokolo and Crocodile River (West) Water Augmentation project (MCWAP) phase 2A. Having had due consideration to amongst others, the project background, the details of the proposed borrow pits, the listed activities as per the EIA regulations, the motivation for the proposed combined application and the explanation of the existing Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the Departments in relation to financial provision, we wish to respond as follows:

1. It is evident from the explanation provided that the combined application may for practical reasons be the most practical option.
2. The consolidation may by all means be more feasible to avoid a tedious exercise marred with potentially repetitive multiple applications dealing with related/similar aspects.
3. It is imperative to highlight that the aspects relating to financial provision will be dealt with in detail upon review/assessment of the Environmental Authorisation application. The issues relating to the memorandum of understanding are noted

but it is imperative to take note of the developments in relation to financial provision. This would be dealt with at a later stage as stated above.

4. The Department does not in principle have any objection to the submission of a combined application after thorough review of your motivation, however the following shall be taken into consideration:
 - i. Potential impacts of each activity must be considered in terms of where the activity is to be undertaken. This applies to all activities relating to the proposed borrow pits.
 - ii. Assessment of all such activities forming part of the MCWAP-2A shall be undertaken.

Please liaise with this office if you have further queries in this regard.

Your presence will be highly appreciated.

Yours faithfully


REGIONAL MANAGER:
LIMPOPO REGION
DATE: 24/09/2018

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