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PER FACSIMILE / MAIL

Dear Mr Henning

APPLICATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION R. 387: MOKOLO AND CROCODILE RIVER WATER AUGMENTATION PROJECT (MCWAP): PHASE 1 – AUGMENT SUPPLY FROM MOKOLO DAM (R.386 items 1 (k), (l), (m) and (n), 4, 7, 12, 15, 16 and 20 AND R. 387 items 1(c), (f), (n), (o), 2, 6, 7 and 10).

The final scoping report (SR) and plan of study for the environmental impact assessment (POSEIA) dated December 2009 for environmental authorisation of the abovementioned project refers.

The Department has evaluated the submitted documents and is satisfied that the SR complies with the legal requirements. However, the POSEIA is lacking detail and does not conform to the requirements of the Regulations, 2006, GN R. 385 29 1 (i) and 2. The SR is accepted on condition that you:

1. In terms of regulation 31(1)(b) of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2006, submit an amended POSEIA to the Department for consideration.
2. The amended POSEIA should take into consideration any Guidelines for specialist studies as identified to you by the Department via e-mail and include the required detail in terms of the procedures and methods to be followed during the EIA phase, including the specialist studies as required by GN R. 385, Regulation 29 1 (i).
3. Incorporate the issues raised by the interested and affected parties (IAPs) clearly into the specialist terms of reference to ensure these issues are addressed where appropriate

The POSEIA, once accepted by the Department as part of the accepted SR, must be appended to the Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) to give the IAPs the opportunity to review the amended POSEIA as well as to ensure the EIAR covers all aspects of the public participation process and issues raised by the IAPs.

You may however proceed with the identified specialist studies required in terms of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2006, which are currently underway and as previously agreed by the Department. Please ensure that all issues raised above are appropriately incorporated into the specialist studies

GN R. 387 7, as applied for in your application, falls outside the current mandate of the Department and can therefore also not be authorised by the Department.

You are hereby reminded that the activity may not commence prior to an environmental authorisation being granted by the Department.

Yours sincerely



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