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PER MAIL / E-MAIL

Dear Mr Henning

ACCEPTANCE OF SCOPING REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED SURFACE WATER DEVELOPMENT FOR AUGUMENTATION OF THE WESTERN CAPE WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM, WESTERN CAPE PROVINCE

The Final Scoping Report (FSR) and Plan of Study for Environmental Impact Assessment dated October 2016 and received by the Department on 28 October 2016 refer.

The Department has evaluated the submitted FSR and the Plan of Study for Environmental Impact Assessment dated October 2016 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.

The following information is required for the EIAr:

- a) All comments and recommendations made by all stakeholders and Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) in the draft SR and submitted as part of the SR must be taken into consideration when preparing the Environmental Impact Assessment report (EIAr) in respect of the proposed development. Please ensure that all mitigation measures and recommendations in the specialist studies are addressed and included in the final EIAr and Environmental Management Programme (EMPr).
- b) Please ensure that comments from all relevant stakeholders are submitted to the Department with the final EIAr. This includes but is not limited to the Western Cape Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning, the local and district municipalities, the South African National Roads Agency Limited (SANRAL), the South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA), CapeNature, Regional Office of the Department of Water and Sanitation and the Department of Environmental Affairs: Directorate Biodiversity and Conservation.

- c) Proof of correspondence with the various stakeholders must be included in the EIAr. Should you be unable to obtain comments, proof should be submitted to the Department of the attempts that were made to obtain comments.

In addition, the following should be addressed in the draft and final EIAr:

- As per the Department's comment letter dated 21 October 2016, you are further reminded to ensure that only the relevant listed activities are applied for and are included in the application for environmental authorisation and the relevant EIA report. The activities and sub listed activities applied for must be specific and be linked to the development activity or infrastructure as described in the project description.
 - You are requested to amend the application form, to reflect the specific listed activities and sub – activities being applied for and resubmit with the EIAr. Please note that the Department's application form template has been amended and can be downloaded from the following link <https://www.environment.gov.za/documents/forms>.
 - This Department advises that the applied listed activities and their relevant issues be addressed and assessed in the EIAr. The EIAr must provide an assessment of the impacts and mitigation measures for each of the listed activities applied for.
 - It is imperative that the relevant authorities are continuously involved throughout the EIAr process.
 - You are further reminded to provide detailed descriptions of any identified alternatives for the proposed activity that are feasible and reasonable, including the advantages and disadvantages that the proposed activity or alternatives will have on the environment and on the community that may be affected by the activity. Alternatively, submit written proof of an investigation and motivation if no reasonable or feasible alternatives exist.
 - The EIAr must provide the coordinates for the proposed development site from the start, middle and end point.
 - An environmental colour sensitivity map indicating environmental sensitive areas and features identified during the EIA process.
 - A map combining the preferred pipeline and power line alignments, the gauging weir, pump station etc must be superimposed (overlain) on the environmental sensitivity map.
 - Should in-house specialists be used for any specialist study, the specialist study must be peer reviewed by external specialists.
 - In terms of Appendix 3 of the EIA Regulations, 2014, the report must include an undertaking under oath or affirmation by the EAP in relation to:
 - the correctness of the information provided in the reports;
 - the inclusion of comments and inputs from stakeholders and I&APs;
 - the inclusion of inputs and recommendations from the specialist reports where relevant;
 - any information provided by the EAP to interested and affected parties and
 - responses by the EAP to comments or inputs made by interested or affected parties.
 - In accordance with Appendix 3 of the EIA Regulations 2014, the details of—
 - *the EAP who prepared the report; and*
 - *the expertise of the EAP to carry out Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment procedures;* must be submitted.
- d) You are further reminded to comply with regulation 23 (1), (2), (3), (4) and (5) of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations (2014).
- e) Further note that in terms of Regulation 45 of the EIA Regulations 2014, this application will lapse if the applicant fails to meet any of the timeframes prescribed in terms of these Regulations, unless an extension has been granted in terms of Regulation 3(7).
- f) You are requested to submit two (2) electronic copies (CD/DVD and two (2) hard copies of the Environmental Impact Report (EIAr) to the Department.

- g) 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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