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Dear Mrs Litsoane,

# APPLICATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION: PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF THE SKYWALK PROJECT - GOD'S WINDOW ON THE FARMS DE HOUTBOSCH 503 KT AND PORTION 2 OF FARM LISBON 531 KT, MPUMALANGA PROVINCE

The Application Form for Environmental Authorization was submitted to the Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA) on 01 August 2013. In a letter dated 13 August 2013, the DEA acknowledged and accepted the Application for Environmental Authorisation. The Draft Scoping Report (DSR) was submitted to the DEA on 26 August 2013; and subsequently the Final Scoping Report (FSR) and Plan of Study (PoS) which was approved by the DEA on 27 November 2013.

The approval for the FSR and the PoS contains the list of amendments and additional information required for the Environmental Impact Report (EIR). Such amendments and additional information include specific project details like the layout plans and the long term plans for the project.

The initial layout plan and concept of the project had to be revised subsequent to the findings of the specialist studies. As such, the applicant is currently working on the layout plan, concept and other information required to satisfy the requirements listed in the approval for the FSR and PoS. At this stage, it is crucial for the applicant to have information that is almost accurate to be presented in the EIR for the DEA to make a decision.

In light of the above, SEF, on behalf of the Mpumalanga Tourism and Parks Agency, wishes to request for a six (6) months extension of the timeframe for submission of the Draft EIR. This will enable the applicant to present the required information of satisfactory detail and accuracy.

I trust that you find the above in order. However, should you require further information please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Yours sincerely,

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