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Dear State Department

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AVAILABILITY OF THE DRAFT SCOPING REPORT FOR THE FOR THE PROPOSED SWARTFONTEIN SECURE CARE CENTRE ON PORTION 0 OF THE FARM ZWARTFONTEIN 227 JT, MBOMBELA LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, MPUMALANGA

Mpumalanga Department of Public Works Roads and Transport (MDPWRT) intends to develop the Swartfontein Secure Care Centre on Portion 0 of the Farm Zwartfontein 227 JT in the Mbombela Local Municipality, Mpumalanga. The proposed development will have a footprint of 107.6 hectares.

Mowana Consultants (Pty) Ltd on behalf of the MDPWRT has appointed Strategic Environmental Focus (Pty) Ltd (SEF) as an independent Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) to facilitate the Scoping and Environmental Impact Reporting (S&EIR) and Water Use License Application processes.

In terms of Government Notice No. 544 (Listing Notice 1, Activities 11 and 55A) and Government Notice No.545 (Listing Notice 2, Activity 15) the listed activities triggers both the Basic Assessment (BA) and the Scoping and Environmental Impact (S & EIR) reporting processes however the S & EIR process will be followed in order to obtain an Environmental Authorisation from the Mpumalanga Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, Land and Environmental Affairs (MDARDLEA) for the proposed project. The triggered activities are listed in the table below.

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Table 1: NEMA EIA Listed Activities requiring Environmental Authorisation

Table with 2 columns: Listing Notice (GN NO. R.544 Listing Notice 1 (BAR Process)) and Activity (11). The activity description includes construction of canals, channels, bridges, dams, weirs, bulk storm water outlet structures, marinas, jetties, slipways, buildings, and infrastructure exceeding 50 square metres in size, and infrastructure or structures covering 50 square metres or more. A note specifies that construction occurs within a watercourse or within 32 metres of a watercourse, measured from the edge of a watercourse, excluding where such construction will occur behind the development setback line.

	55A	The construction of facilities for the treatment of effluent, wastewater or sewage with a daily throughput capacity of more than 2000 cubic metres but less than 15 000 cubic metres.
GN NO. R.545 Listing Notice 2 (S&EIR Process)	15	Physical alteration of undeveloped, vacant or derelict land for residential, retail, commercial, recreational, industrial or institutional use where the total area to be transformed is 20 hectares or more;  except where such physical alteration takes place for: (i) Linear Activities; or (ii) Agriculture or afforestation where activity 16 in this Schedule will apply

In terms of Section 21 (a), (b), (c), (f), (g) and (i) of the National Water Act, 1998 (Act No. 36 of 1998) the proposed development also requires a Water Use License which will be administered by the Department of Water Affairs and Sanitation (DWAS).

Interested and affected parties (I&APs) have an opportunity to comment on the Draft Scoping Report by providing issues of concern and/or suggestions for enhanced benefits and/or alternatives and to ensure that the MDARDLEA has sufficient information to make a decision.

*State Departments will receive a hardcopy and/ or a cd of the Draft Scoping Report for review and comment from **Friday, 22 August 2014 to Thursday, 2 October 2014**. If you haven't received such by Friday, 29 August 2014 and would like to obtain a copy please contact Kagiso Motlhasedi on the contact details provided below*

The comments are due on or before **Thursday, 2 October 2014**.

Meanwhile, should you have any questions, or would like to obtain more information, please feel free to contact Kagiso Motlhasedi at Tel: (012) 349 1307, Fax: (012) 349 1229 or E-mail: [kagiso@sefsa.co.za](mailto:kagiso@sefsa.co.za)

Yours sincerely

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