

APPENDIX B

DEFF ACCEPTANCE LETTER OF SCOPING REPORT



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PER E-MAIL / MAIL

Dear Mr Van der Hoven

ACCEPTANCE OF THE FINAL SCOPING REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF THE LIMPOPO CENTRAL HOSPITAL IN POLOKWANE, LIMPOPO PROVINCE.

The application form and the draft Scoping Report (SR) received by this Department on 12 July 2019; the acknowledgement thereof dated 16 July 2019; comments on the draft SR from this Department; the final SR dated August 2019 and received by the Department on 22 August 2019, refer.

The Department has evaluated the submitted final SR and the Plan of Study for Environmental Impact Assessment dated August 2019 and is satisfied that the documents comply with the minimum requirements of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2014, as amended. The final SR is hereby accepted by the Department in terms of Regulation 22(1)(a) of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended.

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, as amended.

Please ensure that comments from all relevant stakeholders are submitted to the Department with the Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR). This includes but is not limited to the Conservation and Biodiversity Chief Directorate of this Department, the provincial authority and the local municipality. Proof of correspondence with the various stakeholders must be included in the Final EIR. 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 amendments and additional information must be included in the EIR:

- i. Please ensure that all relevant listed activities are applied for, are specific and that it can be linked to the development activity or infrastructure as described in the project description. The onus is on the applicant to ensure that only the applicable listed activities are included in the application. A full assessment of impacts and proposed mitigation thereto of all the triggered activities must be provided in the Draft EIR.

- ii. If the activities applied for in the application form differ from those mentioned in the Draft EIR, an amended application form must be submitted with original signatures. 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>.
- iii. Please ensure that all issues raised and comments received during the circulation of the Draft EIR from registered I&APs and organs of state which have jurisdiction in respect of the proposed activity are adequately addressed and responded to in the Final EIR. Proof of correspondence with the various stakeholders must be included in the Final EIR. Should you be unable to obtain comments, proof should be submitted to the Department of the attempts that were made to obtain comments. The Public Participation Process must be conducted in terms of Regulation 39, 40, 41, 42, 43 & 44 of the EIA Regulations 2014, as amended.
- iv. Please ensure that the identified alternatives for the proposed activity 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 as per Appendix 2 (1) (c) (d) and 2 (h) of GN R.982 of 2014. Alternatively, you must submit written proof of an investigation and motivation, if no reasonable or feasible alternatives exist in terms of Appendix 2 (2)(x)(xi).
- v. You are further reminded that the Draft EIR to be submitted to this Department must comply with all the requirements in terms of the scope of assessment and content of Scoping reports in accordance with Appendix 2 and Regulation 21(1) of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended.
- vi. Please ensure that the Final EIR includes at least one A3 regional map of the area and the locality maps included in the Final EIR illustrate the different proposed alignments and above ground storage of fuel. The maps must be of acceptable quality and as a minimum, have the following attributes:
 - Maps are relatable to one another;
 - Cardinal points;
 - Co-ordinates;
 - Legible legends;
 - Indicate alternatives;
 - Latest land cover;
 - Vegetation types of the study area; and
 - A3 size locality map.

Further, it must be reiterated that, should an application for Environmental Authorisation be subject to the provisions of Chapter II, Section 38 of the National Heritage Resources Act, Act 25 of 1999, then this Department will not be able to make nor issue a decision in terms of your application for Environmental Authorisation pending a letter from the pertinent heritage authority categorically stating that the application fulfils the requirements of the relevant heritage resources authority as described in Chapter II, Section 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act, Act 25 of 1999.

The applicant is hereby reminded to comply with the requirements of Regulation 45 of GN R982 of 04 December 2014, as amended, with regard to the time period allowed for complying with the requirements of the Regulations.

You are requested to submit two (2) hard copies of the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) to the Department and at least one electronic copy (USB) of the complete final report with the hard copy documents.

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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