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Dear Ms. Mahaba,

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT OF COMPLETED APPLICATION FORM AND DRAFT SCOPING REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED CLEARANCE OF INDIGENOUS VEGETATION FOR CULTIVATION ON VARIOUS FARM PORTION IN THE HOOPSTAD DISTRICT, NEAR BLOEMHOF DAM, FREE STATE.**

The Department of Economic, Small Business Development, Tourism and Environmental Affairs (DESTEA) - "The Department" hereby acknowledge receipt of the application form on 21 October 2020, for the above-mentioned project.

Kindly note that your application is assigned to **Ms. Dimakatso Mokoena** as the case officer and all the correspondence regarding this application should be forwarded to case officer at above mentioned contact details. The application has been allocated the Department reference number (Ref No): **EMS/15,12(b)/20/03** and **National Environmental Authorisation System (NEAS)** Ref No: **FSP/EIA/0000357/2020**. Both the indicated reference numbers should be quoted at all times throughout the EIA process and project life cycle e.g. documents, emails, letters etc. as indicated below:

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The official is at present reviewing draft scoping report which is subjected to 30 days of public participation process as per sub-regulation 21 (1) and chapter 6 in terms of the 2014 EIA Regulations (as amended).

The NEMA EIA Regulations (as amended) Regulation 45 cautions that, this application will be deemed as having lapsed by the Competent Authority (CA) in this case DESTEA, if the application fails to meet any of the time frames prescribed in terms of these Regulations, unless the extension has been granted in terms of Regulation 3(7).

Please note that the activity applied for may not commence prior to an Environmental Authorisation being granted by the CA.

Regards,

**Ms. D. Mokoena**  
**Environmental Officer Production Grade A: EIM**

Date: 27/10/2020