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Dear Sir / Madam

RE: APPLICATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION AND REGISTRATION OF WATER USES ON THE REMAINING EXTENT OF THE FARM NGODWANA 1030 JT, MPUMALANGA, CITY OF MBOMBELA LOCAL MUNICIPALITY.

1. Background:

The application for Environmental Authorisation as well as registration of section 21(c) & (i) water uses under General Authorisation for remediation activities of the Sappi Ngodwana Dam, on the remaining extent of the Farm Ngodwana 1030 JT under the jurisdiction of the City of Mbombela Local Municipality submitted by your company has been assessed by the Mpumalanga Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development (DALRRD) Provincial Shared Service Centre (PSSC) based on the mandate and functions performed by DALRRD.

- 1.1. Status of the land ownership and adjacent properties, existing land uses and the proposed activities.
- 1.2. The exiting departmental projects, programmes and initiatives on the application site and on adjacent properties.
- 1.3. The impact of the proposed application towards Land reform and Rural development.

2. Assessment outcomes:

- 2.1. Land ownership of the application site is not conflicted to DALRRD's programme and projects and the attached title deed is explicit in terms of the current ownership.
- 2.2. In terms of the District Rural Development Plan (2019) DRDP the application property is located in the vicinity of functional region-2, and the proposed activity has no negative impact on the DRDP.
- 2.3. The proposed activity is acknowledged as for the registration of water rights on the application property and does not have negative impact on the mandate of DALRRD in relation to the property and the proposed activity.

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3. Comments :

- 3.1. DALRRD has no objection against the registration of water rights of the property and authorisations thereof in terms of environmental prescripts. However these comments do not rescind, replace or overrule any previous pronouncement made by DALRRD on the property. Such pronouncement shall take precedence over these comments.
- 3.2. Based on the above deliberations, DALRRD would like to give advice that the proposed initiative aligns and abides to the prescripts, statutory bodies, stakeholders and conditions as may be indicated by the controlling authority within which the application site and the activity is located.

For clarity, please do not hesitate to contact the Director for Spatial Planning and Land Use Management Services on 013 762 8000.

Kind Regards,



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