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Applicant: Exxaro Coal (Pty) (Ltd)

#### COMMENTS ON THE PROPOSED TOWNSHIP DEVELOPMENT (TO BE KNOWN AS MARAPONG EXTENSION 7) LOCATED ON THE REMAINDER AND PORTION 1 OF THE NELSONSKOP 464LQ, LEPHALALE LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, WATERBERG DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY, LIMPOPO PROVINCE

- The Department doesn't have any objection on the proposed development, provided mitigation measures are applied to prevent negative impact on the water resource if there's any prior implementation of the Project.
- On page 43 it has been stated that Zongezien WWTP is currently being upgraded to 16MI/d and will be able to accommodate the 5.30MI/day sewage generation from the proposed development. Please note that the disposal of wastewater must be disposed at an authorized disposal facility.
- On page 6 it has been stated that the proposed township development (to be known as Marapong Extension 7 located on the remainder and portion 1 of the Nelsonskop 464LQ, therefore clarity is required with regard to the source of water and the quantity of water required for the development.
- On page 6 it has been indicated that the remainder extent of the farm Zongezien 467LQ falls within the application area where there are several land uses and portion 6 of the farm Nelsonskop 464LQ is outside the application area, Therefore clarity is required in respect to the property ownership as it has been indicated in the report that the development will encroach to the Grootegeluck Coal Mine(Exxaro) and Matimba Power Station.

- Please note that taking water from a water resource and is a water use in terms of the National Water Act, Act no 36 of 1998 that need to be applied for water authorization.

For any further information do not hesitate to contact the Department

Yours sincerely



Acting Chief Executive Officer: Limpopo North West Proto CMA

22/02/2017  
Date



# LIMPOPO

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DEPARTMENT OF  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, ENVIRONMENT & TOURISM

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Project Reference Number: 12/1/9/2-W74 NEAS Reference Number: LIM/EIA/0000303/2017

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**RE: THE APPLICATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION FOR THE PROPOSED TOWNSHIP DEVELOPMENT TO BE KNOWN AS MARAPONG EXTENSION 7 ON THE REMAINDER AND PORTION 1 OF THE FARM NELSONSKOP 464 LQ WITHIN LEPHALALE LOCAL MUNICIPALITY OF WATERBERG DISTRICT**

1. The above matter refers.
2. The Department acknowledges receipt of the application for Environmental Authorisation and the consultation Scoping Report compiled by Tekplan Environmental Consultants and received by the Department on 07 February 2017.
3. Please note that the application form and the scoping report for consultation are under review and the outcome thereof will be communicated in due course.
4. You may proceed with the Scoping and Environmental Impact Reporting (S&EIR) Process as required in terms of Regulation 21 (1) of the EIA Regulations of 2014, promulgated in terms of the National Environmental Management Act (Act 107 of 1998) as amended.
5. As per Regulation 40(3) of the EIA Regulations of 2014, once an application has been submitted to the competent authority the interested and affected parties must be provided with an opportunity to comment on reports.
6. You are therefore required to submit three (3) hard copies and one (1) electronic Scoping Report which has been subjected to a public participation process of at least 30 days and which reflects the incorporation of comments received, including comments of the competent authority within 44 days of submission of this application.

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- 7. Your application has been allocated Project Reference Number 12/1/9/2-W74 as well as NEAS Reference Number remains and LIM/EIA/0000303/2017. Kindly quote both reference numbers in all future correspondence regarding this application.
- 8. Please note that Regulation 45 of the EIA Regulations R. 982 of 2014 states that an application in terms of EIA Regulations lapses, if the applicant fails to meet any timeframes prescribed in terms of these Regulations.

Kindly bring to the attention of the applicant the fact that this development must not commence without an Environmental Authorisation having been issued by this Department.

Yours faithfully,

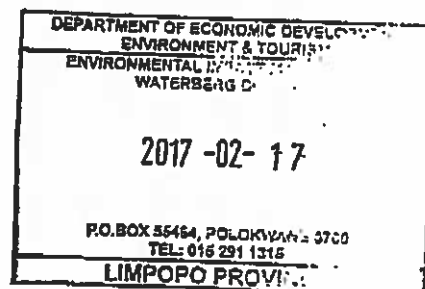
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1. The above matter refers.
2. The Department has reviewed the content of the Scoping Report (SR) compiled by Tekplan Environmental Consultants dated 07 February 2017 and received by the Department on 07 February 2017.
3. You may proceed with the finalisation and submission of the Scoping Report (SR) in accordance with Appendix 2 of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations of 2014. You can submit two (2) hard copies and one (1) soft copy of the reports to the Department within 43 days of submission of the application to the Department.
4. The Department has reviewed the SR and submits the following comments:
  - 4.1 The proofs of submission of the Consultation SR to all the identified interested and affected parties (I&APs) including the residents of the informal settlement located within the remaining extent of the farm Nelsonskop must be included in the forthcoming SR;
  - 4.2 The comments raised by the all I&APs and the responses thereof must be included within the forthcoming SR;
  - 4.3 All identified specialist studies must be undertaken during the environmental impact Assessment phase;
  - 4.4 Geotechnical and Visual Impact Assessments must be undertaken in respect of the proposed development; and

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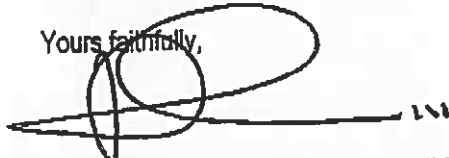
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- 4.5 All specialist must complete and sign with an original signature the EIA specialist declaration forms obtainable from the Departmental website at [www.ledet.gov.za](http://www.ledet.gov.za) as well as the Specialist Reports.
- 5. Please note that in terms of section 24F(1) of the National Environmental Management Act (Act 107 of 1998) as amended (NEMA) and notwithstanding the provisions of any other Act; "no person may commence an activity listed in terms of section 24(2) (a) or (b) unless the competent authority has granted an Environmental Authorization (EA) for the activity, and no person may continue an existing activity listed in terms of section 24(2) (d) if an application for an EA is refused".
- 6. Commencement of this proposed development prior to an EA being granted by the relevant competent authority (Department of Environmental Affairs) is prohibited and such non-compliance will result in a directive being issued to address the non-compliance, including an order to stop the activity as well as instituting criminal and/or civil proceedings to enforce compliance.

Kindly bring to the attention of the applicant the fact that this development must not commence without an Environmental Authorisation having been issued by this Department.

Please do not hesitate to contact this Department should you have further queries in this regard.

Yours faithfully,



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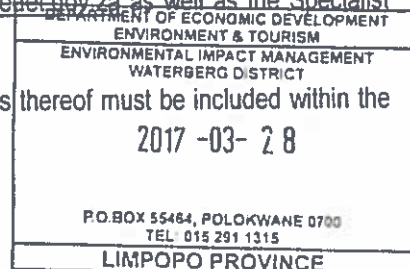
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1. The above matter refers.
2. The Department hereby accepts the Scoping Report (SR) for the above mentioned proposed development compiled by compiled by Tekplan Environmental Consultants and received by the Department on 13 March 2017.
3. You may accordingly proceed with the application by undertaking the tasks contemplated in the Plan of Study for Environmental Impact Reporting and compile the Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) which complies with the requirements of Appendix 3 of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations of 2014.
4. The following must be considered and addressed in the forthcoming EIAR for consideration by the Department:
  - a) All identified specialist studies must be undertaken at the EIAR phase;
  - b) All specialist must complete and sign with an original signature the EIA specialist declaration form obtainable from the Departmental website at [www.ledet.gov.za](http://www.ledet.gov.za) as well as the Specialist Reports;
  - c) The comments raised by the all I&APs and the responses thereof must be included within the forthcoming EIAR; and



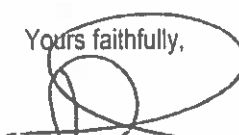
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- d) You are required to submit three (3) hard copies and one (1) soft copy of EIAR which has been subjected to a public participation process of at least 30 days and which reflects the incorporation of comments received, including comments of the competent authority and the proofs of consultation thereof to the Department for consideration within 106 days of the acceptance of the Scoping Report by the Department.

Kindly bring to the attention of the applicant the fact that this development must not commence without an Environmental Authorisation having been issued by this Department.

Yours faithfully,



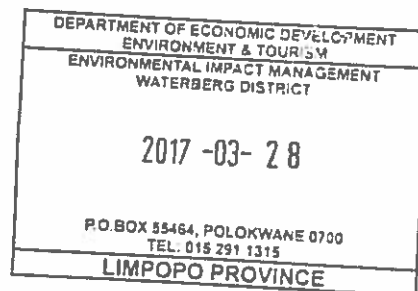
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**From:** Mogashoa M S <MogashoaMS@ledet.gov.za>  
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**Subject:** Marapong ext 7 Re 12/1/9/ 2- W74

Good day Danie

Please find the below biodiversity related comments ( as an addendum to the comments already issued by the Department on the SR) for your consideration and address them within the forthcoming Consultative EIAR.

Plant community classification and description- a representative sample of 10 to 15 % of the total area to be developed should be sampled. A map depicting the plant communities be presented in the EIA report.

### **Ecosystem Assessment**

Methodology

Results

Impacts

Mitigation measures

### **Aquatic Ecology**

Methodology

Results

Impacts

Mitigation measures

### **Terrestrial Ecology**

Methodology

Results

Implications

Mitigation measures

### **National and regional protected species ( of conservation concern)**

SA red data list

LEMA\Results

Implications

Mitigation measures

Terms of reference from the proponent should include

Objectives of all studies to be undertaken

A game management plan must be submitted,

Brief conservation plan the two colonies of *S Africana* be developed and incorporated into EIA. A bird attrition park can be developed around the two communities

Regards

Mokgadi

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