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**The Municipal Manager**  
**Nama Khoi Local Municipality**  
**P.O. Box 17**  
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Dear Sir/Madam



## **REQUEST FOR OWNERS CONSENT:**

### **PROPOSED HENKRIES MEGA-AGRIPARK DEVELOPMENT ON REMAINDER OF THE FARM STEINKOPF NO. 22, SPRINGBOK, NAMA KHOI LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, NORTHERN CAPE**

In terms of the National Environmental Management Act, Act 107 of 1998 (NEMA), and Section 39(1) of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) regulations (GN. R 982 of 4 December 2014) written consent must be obtained from the land owner or person in control of the land on which a listed activity is to be undertaken, before an application for environmental authorization of such an activity can be made, unless it is a linear activity or a strategic integrated project (SIP) contemplated in the Infrastructure Development Act, 2014.

The Northern Cape Department of Agriculture Land Reform and Rural Development proposes the establishment of a Mega-Agripark at Henkries to stimulate the economy of this region through agriculture. The scope of the project is to develop a further approximately 130 – 150 ha of virgin soils for the cultivation of grapes and dates, on the remainder of the Farm Steinkopf No. 22 (Springbok), between Henkries and Goodhouse, next to the Orange River (please refer to the map attached). This development will form part of the Orange River Emerging Farmer Settlement and Development Program which centres on economic growth, the development of rural communities and economic empowerment through the development of irrigation land into intensive agricultural production units in the Northern Cape. This development is also designed to act as catalyst for the development of a further 3 000 ha of arable land which is located in eleven distinct areas of the Namaqualand District.

The property on which the proposed Mega-Agripark will be developed forms part of the Steinkopf Commonage owned by the Nama Khoi Local Municipality. The Applicant (Department of Agriculture, Land