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PER EMAIL / MAIL

Dear Sir/Madam

RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR OF DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY FOR THE PROVINCIAL DEPARTMENT TO CONSIDER AN APPLICATION: THE PROPOSED HENKRIES MEGA-AGRIPARK ON REMAINDER OF FARM STEINKOPF 22, SPRINGBOK, NAMA KHOI MUNICIPALITY, NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE

The letter, dated 12 April 2016 and received on 25 April 2016, regarding the abovementioned matter refers.

Based on the information provided by you, the Minister is not the competent authority to consider the application in terms of Section 24C of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998 [NEMA]). The Department is therefore not in a position to consider the request.

Further note that the Department does not consider requests for Delegation of Powers from Environmental Assessment Practitioners, but engages directly with its provincial counterparts on such matters.

You are advised to either provide reasons for applying to the National Department of Environmental Affairs in terms of Section 24C of NEMA, where the Minister is the Competent Authority to consider the application or to lodge an application with the relevant provincial department responsible for environmental affairs.

Furthermore, you are reminded of section 24F of the NEMA which provides that no person may commence an activity listed in terms of section 24(2)(a) or (b) unless the competent authority has granted an environmental authorisation for the activity.

Yours faithfully

Mr Sabelo Malaza
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Date: 25/05/2016

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