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ATTENTION: Ms. A. Yahpi (ayaphi@ncpg.gov.za)
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RE: COMMENTS ON DRAFT SCOPING REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED NEW POSTMASBURG WASTE WATER TREATMENT WORKS AND SEWER (DENC REF: NC/EIA/20/ZFM/TSA/POS1/2014)

1. DEPARTMENTAL MANDATE

1.1 The Directorate: Forestry Management (Other Regions) in the Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF) is mainly concerned about the potential impact on protected tree species. See the National Forests Act, Act 84 of 1998 (NFA) as amended, section 12(1)(d) read with s15(1) and s62(2)(c). The most recent list of protected tree species was published in GN 877 of 22 November 2013. **No protected tree may be damaged, disturbed, cut or destroyed without a valid Forest Act License.**

1.2 The DAFF is also responsible for the administration of the National Veld and Forest Fires Act, Act 101 of 1998 (NVFFA) as amended. Please take note of roles and responsibilities in terms of the NVFFA

2. COMMENTS ON DRAFT SCOPING REPORT

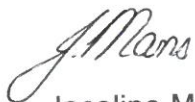
2.1 The clearing of 10 ha of vegetation consisting predominantly of the indigenous bush encroacher, *Acacia mellifera*, is not much of a concern. A greater concern is the sewer line route along the Groenwater Spruit. The potential impact of tree roots on the sewer line may be problematic if the sewer line is placed in close contact with tree roots, more so if there is a leakage on the line. It is recommended that 'biobarrier' or a similar product, be wrapped around the sewer pipeline during construction. It would prohibit tree roots growing towards the sewer line, without affecting the trees.

2.2 Kindly ensure that you assess the potential impact on protected trees (if any) and try to place the infrastructure, especially the sewer pipeline along the Groenwater Spruit area, in areas where protected trees can be avoided.

2.3 Please supply this office with a copy of the Biodiversity Assessment for comments (when available).

Thank you for allowing this Department to comment.

Yours truly,



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