

Appendix 3B

Issues and Response Report		
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Comments received during the registration period		
<p>The proposed location of the dam, is down stream of our Houtboschoek plantation and upstream of our Mooifontein plantation.</p> <p>Our concerns currently relates to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The blue Swallow pair within in this region, utilising the upper reaches of Sappi's grasslands. 1. The water quantity and quality, as our Mooifontein plantation is a downstream user. 2. We hope that specialist studies will be made available to indicate the significance of the impacts highlighted above, from which Sappi Forests will respond, whether these concerns have been addressed adequately. 	<p>Ms Louise van Wyk SAPPI Forests</p> <p>08 March 2017</p>	<p>Response by the EAP:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The impact on the Blue Swallows found in the area was communicated telephonically and during a site visit with Ms Louise van Wyk and Dr Batchelor as well as through the provision of a specialist report by Ian Whyte Ecological Consultant. The impact was shown to be low. It was advised by the specialist that construction of the dams should be initiated and completed while the birds are away in the northern parts of their migratory range during May to August, so as to minimise any construction-related disturbances in the vicinity. <p>Further work is also done by Dr Garth Batchelor to identify actual breeding site and to provide alternative breeding sites.</p> <p>More information will be provided in the EIA Report.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. The Mooifontein plantation is downstream adjacent the Crocodile River after the confluence of Devil's Creek and Crocodile River. There should not be an impact of the proposed dam on the Mooifontein plantation but it will be assessed in the EIA.
<p>With reference to correspondence from EAP, the MTPA had the following comments:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The MTPA has reviewed the scoping report forwarded to us by you. This report takes into account the Mpumalanga Biodiversity Sector Plan (MBSP; MTPA, 2014) terrestrial and freshwater assessments. It also mentions the presence of critically endangered Blue Swallows in proposed area of development. 2. The MTPA is satisfied with the different specialist studies that will be done on the area and is 	<p>Mr JJ Eksteen: MTPA</p> <p>31 March 2017</p>	<p>Comments received following the distribution of scoping report.</p>

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anticipating the EIA report and EMP. Further comments will be given after the review of these documents.		
At this stage we are quite happy with the position of the dam and look forward to receiving the EIA and specialist studies.	Laura-ann: Kilmorna Manor Guest House and Private Nature Reserve (Land owner approximately 11km from Dam site) 3 April 2017	Comment received following enquiry by EIP on receipt of Scoping report and desire to comment and future involvement in the EIA process.

Wording of notice in Lowvelder:

NOTICE OF SCOPING and ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT PROCESS

Bruintjieslaagte Dam – Devils Creek - Schoemanskloof

Notice is given in terms of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014, Government Notice No. R.982 as published under the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act no. 107 of 1998) (NEMA) of the intent to:

Activity: Construction of a dam with capacity of approximately 500 000m³ on the farm Bruintjieslaagte 499JT, Devils Creek River, Schoemanskloof, Mbombela Local Municipality, Mpumalanga Province.

R.984, 2014: Activity 16 - The development of a dam where the highest part of the dam wall, as measured from the outside toe of the wall to the highest part of the wall, is 5 metres or higher or where the highwater mark of the dam covers an area of 10 hectares or more.

Applicant: FJ Joubert & Seuns (Pty) Ltd

Date of notice: 17 February 2017

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Scoping Report is available for comment and Interested and/or Affected Parties are invited to register, comment or raise concerns with regards to the application. Register and comment on the Scoping Report by sending your name, contact details and interest in the matter to the contact person given above before 22 March 2017.

Site Notice



Photo 1 and 2: A Site Notice was placed at the site on 19 February 2017.

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