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From: van Wyk, Louise <Louise.vanWyk@sappi.com>
Sent: Monday, 06 April 2020 17:39
To: 'anne-mari@coreenviro.co.za'
Subject: RE: [EXT] Fwd: Background Information Document - Proposed farming activities on portion 3 of the farm Boerlands 631-JT

Good day Anne-mari

As per communication below, please register us for future feedback. We would like to review the Basic Assessment once available for review.

Our main concern as already discussed is water availability. On 21 February Sappi hosted a meeting for the IUCMA's Crocodile Catchment Forum. During this forum meeting the most highlighted topic was that of water availability. Many farmers in this region do not have access to water throughout the year and face extensive restrictions most part of the year.

The other concern is that there are no dams within this catchment area and for this reason there is no way to store water more available in the wet season for the dry season. It is predicted that there will be no water in the Barberton region for the dry season to come. Water will have to be sourced from any water resource possible, which again will place strain on that water system. This will not only have a socio-economic impact, but also ecological impacts for aquatic biota in these systems.

Further to this, due to the lack of water availability, surrounding farmers have sent requests to the timber plantations. Plantations within these regions have been there for many years, some for more than 50 years. Yet, when water availability starts getting low, farmers expects surrounding Timber plantations to extract and reduce areas of planted timber, thereby jeopardising an existing water use and sustainable business for a new water use, due to continual expansion of agriculture and over allocation of water within these catchments. This is not only true for forestry, but for other long standing agricultural practices and businesses in the region.

It is for this reason that we caution against further expansion in an already stressed catchment. There is simply not enough water and the applicant will need to clearly strategize and communicate how this will be mitigated for Sappi not to strongly object against this project.

Thank you kindly
Louise



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Sent: Tuesday, 31 March 2020 1:14 PM
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Cc: Brink, Richelle <Richelle.Brink@sappi.com>
Subject: FW: [EXT] Fwd: Background Information Document - Proposed farming activities on portion 3 of the farm Boerlands 631-JT

Good day Anne-Mari

Thank you kindly for the attached info. I will be the correct person to respond in this regard.

I will give feedback within the week, our main concern currently is that there is a water shortage in the region and water resources are over allocated without the possibility of storing water in this region. Therefore, expanding on agriculture here should not be an option until water availability is confirmed.

Thank you kindly
Louise

From: Jenkins, Penny
Sent: Monday, 23 March 2020 3:00 PM
To: Schroeder, Dietmar (Didi) <Dietmar.Schroeder@sappi.com>; van Wyk, Louise <Louise.vanWyk@sappi.com>
Cc: Stanger, Terry <Terry.Stanger@sappi.com>; Lethoko, Mpho <Mpho.Lethoko@sappi.com>
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Didi & Louise,

Please see the mail below and the attached documents. Please can you ensure that Annemarie of Core Enviro is aware of our contact person and address.

Thanks,

Penny

From: Lethoko, Mpho
Sent: Monday, 23 March 2020 2:43 PM
To: Jenkins, Penny <Penny.Jenkins@sappi.com>
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Are you aware of this?

From: Anne-Mari White <anne-mari@coreenviro.co.za>

Sent: Monday, 23 March 2020 2:38 PM

To: Lethoko, Mpho <Mpho.Lethoko@sappi.com>

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Dear Interested and Affected Party

SAPPI Manufacturing (Pty) Ltd has been identified as the registered land owner of portion 0 of the farm Middleton 630-JT and for this reason, you are receiving the attached notification the proposed agricultural activities currently being applied for, for the adjacent property (Ptn 3 of the farm Boerlands 631-JT, near Barberton, Mpumalanga.

Please see attached Background Information Document for the proposed farming activities. You have been added to the database and will receive future correspondence with regards to the EA Application for the proposed activity.

Should you not be the relevant contact person in this regard, it would be appreciated if you could please send me the details of the relevant contact person within SAPPI Manufacturing.

Regards

Anne-Mari