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Attention: Dr. Mxolisi Dlamuka

Premier FMCG (Pty) Ltd. - Congela – Motivation to Continue with Limited Civil Construction

Vstruct is responsible for the civil and structural design and site supervision of Silo 1, Silo 2 and Silo 3 – each having a holding capacity of 4000T silos at Premier Milling – 341 Sydney Road, Congela, Ethekwini.

We respectfully request that construction continues at Silo 2 in order to avoid the degradation of structural elements recently installed, in particular we wish to:

1. Complete column construction to make sure the column reinforcing won't be subject to corrosion.
2. Backfill the foundation excavations to prevent rainfall saturation of the excavation which will require de-watering.
3. Complete the suspended slab so that the formwork which is on hire at a daily rate can be returned to the supplier.
4. The works are due for completion on the 30th April 2022.

Premier Milling have undertaken to demolish the suspended slab and columns at Silo 2 and make good the paving area should the formal application not be approved by AMAFA.

It is not Premier's intention to proceed with the construction of Silo 1 and Silo 3 at this time.

Best Regards,

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