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To whom it may concern.

Regarding the plan to increase the wheat storage facility at 341 Sydney Road:

There are several factors which have recently made the increasing of wheat storage capacity at the Durban Mill essential:

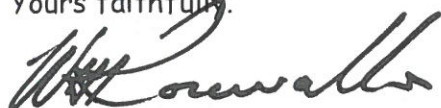
- Due to recent worldwide pressures, availability of maritime vessels has become increasingly stressed. This has resulted in the lots of imported wheat becoming much larger. Smaller lots are just not viable any longer. Once landed the wheat needs to be cleared from the harbour facilities within two weeks.
- South Africa is a net importer of wheat. Our current crop supplies less than half the countries consumption. Most wheat imported into South Africa, arrives through the Durban harbour.
- The increase in yield of crops like maize has led to higher tonnages being available for export. This in turn puts pressure on the harbour facilities to clear the imported grain (Wheat) to make space for the exports.
- A large percentage of wheat in South Africa is currently produced in the Western Cape. Previous wheat growing areas in the eastern parts of the country have turned to crops like sunflower and soya. Storage for this Western Cape wheat in the eastern parts of the country, has thus become a recent prerequisite.

Conclusion:

When looking at recent events such as the COVID-19 pandemic and the war in the Ukraine, wheat supply worldwide will come under even greater pressure. This leads to concerns surrounding food security. Storage facilities become increasingly important - not from a private business perspective, but from a national strategic perspective and national food security perspective.

The Minister of agriculture has already called on all senior industry roll players to plan solutions to deal with the possible food security crisis looming.

Yours faithfully,



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