

NOTIFICATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION FOR THE INCREASED PIG PROCESSING CAPACITY AT LYNCA MEATS, SITUATED ON PORTION 88 OF THE FARM LANGKUIL 363 IR, MEYERTON, MIDVAAL LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, GAUTENG PROVINCE
GDARD Ref: 002/22-23/E3323

Authorisation particulars:

Environmental Assurance (Pty) Ltd, on behalf of the applicant, New Style Pork (Pty) Ltd and trading as Lynca Meats, hereby wish to inform registered interested and affected parties and stakeholders that the Gauteng Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (GDARD) has granted an Environmental Authorisation (EA) in terms of Regulation 24(2)(a) of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) [as amended] (NEMA) in respect of Government Notice No. 327 of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations of 4 December 2014 [as amended] to the applicant on 28 March 2023. The EA was granted for the proposed expansion of Lynca Meats operation in order to increase the number of pigs slaughtered per week from 7 000 to 15 000 pigs and the construction of a pig holding facility, truck parking bays, a security office, a weigh bridge, and a vehicle washbay on Portion 88 of the Farm Langkuil 363 IR, Meyerton, Midvaal Local Municipality, Gauteng Province.

Authorised Activity:

NEMA: GN R 327 as amended - Activity 38

Appeal Process:

The EA outlines the conditions as well as the reasons for the decision and appeal process. The EA is amended to this letter (Annexure A) and can also be accessed on the ENVASS website: <https://www.envass.co.za/download-documents/>

Your attention is drawn to Chapter 2 of the National Appeal Regulations, 2014, as amended, which sets out the appeal procedure to be followed. Should any party wish to appeal any aspect of this decision, an appeal should be submitted in writing to the Appeal Administrator in accordance with Chapter 2 of the National Appeal Regulations, 2014. The appeal must be submitted in the prescribed form obtainable from the appeal administrator, Ms Tsholofelo Mere, at telephone number: 011 240 3204 or email address: tsholofelo.mere@gauteng.gov.za. The appeal form is also available from the website: www.gauteng.gov.za. A copy of the appeal must be submitted to any registered I&APs and any Organ of State with an interest in the matter within 20 days of the notification of the EA (i.e. no later than **24 April 2023**). The appeal must be lodged in writing by any of the following methods prescribed below:

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The Appeals Administrator
Department of Agriculture, Rural Development and Environment
P.O.Box 8769
Johannesburg
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Physical Address:

The Appeals Administrator
Department of Agriculture, Rural Development and Environment
56 Eloff Street, Umnotho House, 23rd Floor
Johannesburg
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Fax No: 011 240 3158/2700

Email Address: appeals@gauteng.gov.za

Should you have any queries or require additional information regarding the appeal process, you can contact the appeal administrator on any of the aforementioned contact details.

Kind regards,
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Annexure A: Environmental Authorisation
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Dear Mr. Brent Fairlie,

ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION GRANTED FOR THE PROPOSED EXPANSION OF LYNCA MEATS ON PORTION 88 OF THE FARM LANGKUIL 363-IR, MEYERTON, MIDVAAL LOCAL MUNICIPALITY.

With reference to the above subject, please be advised that the Department has decided to grant environmental authorisation. An Environmental Authorisation (EA) and reasons for the decision are attached herewith.

In terms of Regulation 4(2) of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014, as amended, you must notify all registered interested and affected parties, in writing, within 14 days of the date of this EA, of the Department's decision in respect of your application as well as the provisions that are contained on the Appeal Regulations regarding the submission of appeals. A copy of this EA must also be appended to the letter of notification to the interested and affected parties.

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Kindly take note that in terms of Section 43(7) of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (NEMA), as amended, the lodging of an appeal suspends an environmental authorisation as well as its associated Environmental Management Programme. This means that the activity authorised by this EA must not commence until such time that the appeal is finalised.

Kind regards,



MS. MATILDA GASELA
HEAD OF DEPARTMENT: AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT

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| Reference Number: | GAUT 002/22-23/E3323 |
| Holder of Authorisation: | New Style Pork (Pty) Ltd (Lynca Meats) |
| Location of Activity / Activities: | Portion 88 of the farm Langkuil 363-IR |

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| Coordinates: | Latitude (S) | Longitude (E) |
| | 26°31' 9,06000 | 28°1' 12,83000 |

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1. Decision

The Department is satisfied, on the basis of the information available to it and subject to compliance with the conditions of this environmental authorisation, that the applicant should be authorised to undertake the activities specified below.

2. Activities Authorised

Under the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) (as amended) and the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014, the Department hereby authorises-

New Style Pork (Pty) Ltd (hereafter referred to as the Applicant and trading as Lynca Meats))

with the following contact details-

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to undertake the activities (hereafter referred to as "The Activity / Activities") listed in the table below:

| Activity number and description | Proposed description | activity/development |
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| GN R. 327: Activity 38 <i>The expansion and related operation of facilities for the slaughter of animals where the daily product throughput will be increased by more than -</i> <i>(i) 50 poultry.</i> <i>(ii) 6 units of reptiles, red meat and game; or</i> <i>(iii) 20 000 kg wet weight per annum of fish, crustaceans or amphibians.</i> | Lynca Meats will expand the existing operation capacity for the slaughtering of pigs from 7000 to 15 000 per week. | |

- for the proposed expansion of Lynca Meats piggery facility on Portion 88 of the farm Langkuil 363-IR, Meyerton, which falls within the jurisdiction of Midvaal Local Municipality.

Conditions of this Environmental Authorisation.

3. Scope of Environmental Authorisation

3.1 Environmental Authorisation is granted for the proposed expansion of Lynca Meats operation in order to increase the number of pigs slaughtered per week from 7 000 to 15 000 pigs and the construction of a pig holding facility, truck parking bays, security office, weigh bridge and vehicle washbay.

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- 3.2 Necessary approval in terms of other legislations such as the Meat Safety Act (Act No:40 of 2000) and subsequent Red Meat Regulations, (R. 1072 of September 2004) must be obtained in order to ensure that the proposed expansion is compliant with the relevant legislations.
- 3.3 All surface run-offs must be managed to ensure prevention of soil erosion, protection of the soil must be sought either through cladding with biodegradable material or with seeded topsoil.
- 3.4 The area disturbed during construction must be rehabilitated.
- 3.5 All permits or licenses required for any of the proposed and associated activities must be obtained from the relevant authorities.

4. Commencement of the operational activity/activities

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- 4.1 The construction and related operation of the proposed activity must commence within a period of 10 years from the date of signature of this environmental authorisation. If commencement of the proposed activity does not occur within the said period (10 years), the environmental authorisation lapses and a new application for environmental authorisation must be made in order for the activity to be undertake.

5. Management of the activity or activities

The Environmental Management Programme ("EMPr") submitted as part of the application for environmental authorisation is also authorised in terms of this EA and must be implemented. In addition, the following is considered part of the subject EMPr:

- 5.1 Applicant must ensure that no refuse generated on site may be placed, dumped, or deposited on adjacent properties or public places and open spaces during or after construction.
- 5.2 Dust suppression techniques such as water sprinkling must be implemented to minimize dust pollution on the site during construction phase of the development.
- 5.3 All alien and invasive plants must be removed from the site as part of the rehabilitation plan. Rehabilitation of natural vegetation must proceed in accordance with a rehabilitation plan.
- 5.4 Rehabilitation must be done immediately after construction activities on site.
- 5.5 All waste streams to be generated during construction and operational phase must be managed in accordance with the hierarchy of waste management principles and disposal at an authorised landfill or waste disposal site must be the last option. Proof of disposal of waste must be kept on site and made available to the Department upon request.
- 5.6 The surface storm water management plan must be based on Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems (SUDS) Principles and consider source, local and regional controls.
- 5.7 The Applicant must submit recommendations to amend the EMPr where the findings of the environmental audit reports indicate insufficient mitigation of environmental impacts associated with the undertaking of the activity, or insufficient levels of compliance with the environmental authorisation or the EMPr and where applicable, the closure plan.
- 5.8 The request to amend the EMPr must contain recommendations or mitigation to rectify the shortcomings identified in the environmental audit report.
- 5.9 The recommendation to amend the EMPr must be submitted to the Department for approval together with the environmental audit report in accordance with the regulations. Such updated EMPr must have been subjected to public participation process, which has been agreed to by the competent authority prior submission.
- 5.10 In assessing whether to grant approval of an amended EMPr because of an audit report, the competent authority may request such amendments to the EMPr as it deems appropriate to ensure that the EMPr or closure plan sufficiently provides for avoidance, management and mitigation of environmental impacts associated with the undertaking of the activity.

6. Bio-security measures

- 6.1 The bio-security plan must be read in conjunction with the EMPr and must be updated to incorporate conditions given in this EA. Regular review of plans must be undertaken to update the documents according to the prevailing circumstances to minimise the possibility of security and health breaches.
- 6.2 The operation of the facility must comply with the Occupational Health and Safety Act (No. 85 of 1993).
- 6.3 The slurry dam must be placed in a more sensible area and proper management measures must be implemented to mitigate impact on air quality and ground water.
- 6.4 Pests and vermin must be controlled using approved pest-control company or trained personnel;
- 6.5 Fly control measures must be implemented in the piggery's holding area. Buildings should be made secure against wild birds. Feed spillages should be removed immediately to avoid the attraction of vermin and wild birds.
- 6.6 In case of disease outbreaks and high mortalities of pigs, the nearest Local State Veterinary and Health Inspector must be contacted immediately.
- 6.7 The applicant must ensure that wastewater disposal does not pose any ground water pollution, if any groundwater or surface water pollution incident occurs; the Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) must be notified.
- 6.8 Fire-fighting equipment must be readily available on site, and these must be maintained and checked on a weekly basis.
- 6.9 Personal protective equipment must be used during the operational phase, this includes eye protection or respiratory protection (dust masks) in case of airborne pathogens that could be mechanically spread by mucous membrane contamination.

7. Monitoring and Reporting

- 7.1 An Environmental Control Officer (ECO) must be appointed to oversee the development activities and guide compliance with the conditions of environmental authorisation and EMPr. An ECO must submit compliance report at least once during preparation and construction phase of the development and one post development rehabilitation phase to mark completion of construction.
- 7.2 An ECO must be appointed prior to any commencement of the authorised activity or activities.
- 7.3 Once appointed, the name and contact details of the ECO must be submitted to the Department's Compliance Monitoring Section. Documentation such as monitoring or audit or compliance reports and notifications, required to be submitted, must be submitted thereto.
- 7.4 The applicant/ECO must keep records of all activities on the site, problems identified, transgressions identified / noted, and a task schedule of the functions undertaken by the ECO.
- 7.5 The environmental audit report must be compiled in accordance with Appendix 7 of the EIA Regulations, 2014 and must indicate the date of the audit, the name of the auditor and the outcome of the audit in terms of compliance with the conditions of the environmental authorisation as well as the requirements of the EMPr.
- 7.6 Records relating to monitoring and auditing must be kept on the site and be made available to any authorised person(s) acting on behalf of the relevant competent authority in respect of the development.

8. Notification of commencement of activity

- 8.1 A written notification of commencement of the activity, including site preparation, must be given to the Department 14 days prior to commencement of the activity on the site. The notice must include the date on which it is anticipated that the activity will commence as well as the EA reference number and be submitted to the Director: Compliance Monitoring,

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Ms. Sasa Sekhotha, the official of the Department at the email address: Sasa.Sekhotha@gauteng.gov.za.

9. General Conditions

- 9.1 The conditions of this EA are binding on the applicant ("Holder of EA"), including any person acting on his or her behalf, including but not limited to an agent, sub-contractor, employee or person rendering a service to the applicant.
- 9.2 The activities authorised may only be carried out at the property or site indicated in this EA.
- 9.3 Any changes to, or deviation from, the activity or activities' description set out in this EA must follow the appropriate amendment process described in the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, and be approved, in writing, by the Department before such changes or deviation are effected. In assessing whether to approve such changes, the Department may request such information as it deems necessary to evaluate the significance and impacts of such changes or deviations and it may be necessary for the applicant to apply for further authorisations in terms of the Regulations.
- 9.4 Where any of the applicant's contact details changes, including the name of the applicant, the physical or postal address and/or telephonic details, the applicant must follow the relevant amendment process as prescribed in the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, by submitting an amendment application to the Department for consideration and decision making as soon as the new details become known to the applicant.
- 9.5 This EA does not negate the holder's responsibility to comply with any other statutory requirements that may be applicable to the undertaking of the activities.
- 9.6 This EA and EMPr must be kept at the property or site where the activity or activities will be undertaken. The documents must be produced to any authorised official of the Department who requests to inspect them and must also be made available for inspection by any employee or agent of the holder of the EA who works or undertakes work at the property.
- 9.7 Non-compliance with a condition of this EA may result in criminal prosecution or other actions provided for in the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) (as amended) and the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations.
- 9.8 If the Department has reason to believe that the EA was obtained through fraud, non-disclosure of material information or misrepresentation of a material fact, the Department may, in writing, suspend or partially suspend, with immediate effect, the EA and direct the holder of such EA forthwith, to cease any activities that have been commenced with or to refrain from commencing any activity, pending a decision to withdraw the EA.

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ANNEXURE 1: REASON FOR DECISION

1. Information considered in making the decision

In reaching its decision, the Department took, inter alia, the following into consideration:

- 1.1 The information contained in the Final Basic Assessment Report received by the Department on 15 December 2022.
- 1.2 The relevant information contained in the Departmental information base including the Geographical Information System (GIS), Gauteng Conservation Plan Version 3.3, the Gauteng Pollution Buffer Zone Guidelines, 2017 and the Gauteng Provincial Environmental Management Framework (GPEMF), 2015.
- 1.3 The objectives and requirements of relevant legislation, policies and guidelines, including Section 2 of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) (as amended).
- 1.4 Screening tool report generated on 07/04/2021.
- 1.5 The finding of the site inspection undertaken by the officials of the Department on 28 October 2022.

2. Key factors considered in making the decision.

All information presented to the Department was taken into account in the Department's consideration of the application. A summary of the issues which, in the Department's view, were of the most significance is set out below.

- 2.1 Gauteng Provincial Environmental Management Framework, 2015 (GPEMF, 2015) and compatibility with activities adjacent to the proposed site.
- 2.2 Impacts the activity may have on the environment on the site.
- 2.3 Agricultural potential of the site in terms of Gauteng Agricultural Potential Atlas (GAPA3).
- 2.4 Unpleasant odour and nuisances arising from the piggery operation.
- 2.5 Contamination risk of soil and ground water because of effluent and wastewater treatment.
- 2.6 Public Participation process conducted in accordance with the minimum requirements of the EIA Regulations.

3. Findings

After consideration of the information and factors listed above, the Department made the following findings:

- 3.1 The GPEMF identifies the proposed site as Environmental Management Zone 1 (Urban Development Zone). However, the site is bordered by Environmental Management Zone 4 (Normal Control Zone) dominated by agricultural uses outside the urban development zone. The proposal is for the expansion of the existing facility, and it is currently zoned for agriculture and therefore compatible with the land use zoning and surrounding activities in the area.
- 3.2 There are no species of conservation value identified on site. Therefore, the proposed activity will not have significant potential negative environmental impacts as the area is highly transformed by existing facility and ongoing anthropogenic activities.
- 3.3 In terms of the Gauteng Agricultural Potential Atlas, part of the proposed area does fall within an area designated as Important Agricultural Site, on a land with a moderate agriculture potential, therefore the proposed activity is an agricultural activity in nature and therefore compatible with the designation of the site as an important agricultural site.
- 3.4 Rodent control Programme will be in place to minimize the risk of rodents in the piggery facility.

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- 3.5 The pig holding facility should be adequately ventilated to avoid odours and regularly remove manure from holding areas and wash the surface using low volume high pressure sprayer to reduce odours. Ensure abattoir wastewater treatment systems are operated and maintained to minimise the emission of odours.
- 3.6 No sites of cultural importance were identified in the study area; however, SAHRA will be alerted immediately in case evidence of artifacts, paleontological fossils, graves or other heritage resources are discovered during the construction.
- 3.7 Public Participation process met the minimum requirements of EIA Regulations, and no issues were raised by I&As during public participation process.

In view of the above, the Department is satisfied that, subject to compliance with the conditions contained in this EA, the activities will not conflict with the general objectives of integrated environmental management laid down in the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) (as amended) and that any potentially detrimental environmental impacts resulting from the proposed activities can be mitigated to an acceptable level. The Environmental Authorisation **is accordingly granted.**

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