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Dear Sophie Mogotlane,

**ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION GRANTED: PROPOSED HAAKDOORNLAAGTE BROILERS ON PORTION 11 OF THE FARM HAAKDOORNLAAGTE 277-JR, CITY OF TSHWANE METROPOLITAN MUNICIPALITY**

With reference to the above application, please be advised that the Department has decided to grant environmental authorisation. An Environmental Authorization (EA) and reasons for the decisions 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.

Your attention is drawn to Chapter 2 of the National Appeals Regulations, 2014, which prescribes the appeal procedure to be followed. Should any person wish to lodge an appeal against this decision or any aspect of this decision, he/she must submit the appeal to the appeal administrator, and a copy of the appeal to the applicant, any registered interested and affected party, and any organ of state with interest on the matter within 20 days from the date that the notification of the decision was sent to the registered interested and affected parties by the applicant; or the date that the notification of the decision was sent to the applicant by the Department, whichever, is applicable. The appeal(s) must be submitted in writing by any of the following means:

**Postal Address:**

The Appeals Administrator  
Department of Agriculture and Rural Development  
P.O. Box 8769  
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Your appeal must be submitted in the prescribed appeal form obtainable from the appeal administrator, Ms. Tsholofelo Mere, at telephone number 011 240 3204 or email address [tsholofelo.mere@gauteng.gov.za](mailto:tsholofelo.mere@gauteng.gov.za). The appeal form is also available from our website: [www.gauteng.gov.za](http://www.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 mentioned contact details.

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.

Yours faithfully



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

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### ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION

<b>Reference Number:</b>	GAUT 002/20-21/E2814
<b>Holder of Authorisation:</b>	Phaahle Mosadi Enterprise CC
<b>Location of Activity / Activities:</b>	Portion 11 of the Farm Haakdoornlaagte 277-JR

Central Coordinates of all proposed sites:	Latitude (S)	Longitude (E)
	25° 35' 46.35"	28° 16' 30.72"

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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-

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with the following contact details-

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to undertake the activities (hereafter referred to as "activity") listed in the table below:

<b>Activity number and description</b>	<b>Proposed activity/development description</b>
<b>Listing Notice 1: Activity 5</b>  <i>"The development and related operation of facilities or infrastructure for the concentration of-</i> <i>ii) more than 5000 poultry per facility situated outside an urban area, excluding chicks younger than 20 days and</i> <i>iv) more than 25 000 chicks younger than 20 days per facility situated outside an urban area"</i>	"The proposed expansion of existing broiler facility by 4 broiler houses"
<b>Listing Notice 1: Activity 27</b>  <i>"The clearance of an area of 1 hectares or more, but less than 20 hectares of indigenous vegetation"</i>	The clearance of an area of 1 hectare or more, for the purpose of erecting

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<p><b>Listing Notice 1: Activity 40:</b></p> <p><i>"The expansion and related operation of facilities for the concentration of poultry, excluding chicks younger than 20 days, where the capacity of the facility will be increased by-</i></p> <p><i>i) more than 1000 poultry where the facility is situated within an urban area; or</i></p> <p><i>ii) more than 5000 poultry per facility situated outside an urban area"</i></p>	<p>"The proposed expansion of 4 broiler house"</p>
<p><b>Listing Notice 1: Activity 67</b></p> <p><i>"Phased activities for all activities (i) listed in this Notice, which commenced on or after the effective date of this Notice or similarly listed in any of the previous NEMA notices, which commenced on or after the effective date of such previous NEMA Notices"</i></p>	<p>The 4 broiler houses will be constructed in phases</p> <p>Phase 1- existing three (3) houses (1800 chickens)</p> <p>Phase 2- two (2) new broiler houses</p> <p>Phase 3- two (2) new broiler houses</p>
<p><b>Listing Notice 3: Activity 12</b></p> <p><i>"The clearance of an area of 300 square meters or more of indigenous vegetation except where such clearance of indigenous vegetation is required for maintenance purposes undertaken in accordance with a maintenance management plan."</i></p>	<p>"The proposed development will result in the clearance of more than 300 square meters of indigenous vegetation."</p>

-for the proposed Haakdoornlaagte broilers on portion 11 of the farm Haakdoornlaagte 277-JR, which falls within the jurisdiction of City of Tshwane Metropolitan Municipality.

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#### 3. Specific Conditions

- 3.1 Environmental Authorisation is granted for the proposal, the expansion of existing chicken broiler house by 4 broiler houses.
- 3.2 The recommendations made by Dark Fibre Africa, attached as Appendix 4 of the Basic Assessment Report should be adhered to.
- 3.3 If any archeological material or human burials are uncovered during development, then work in the area must be halted then reported to the Heritage authorities for inspection by a qualified archeologist and thereafter the archeologist's recommendations must be adhered to.
- 3.4 The cages and floor area of the battery system must be constructed of concrete or of an impervious or other durable material.
- 3.5 Fuel and other hazardous materials must be stored in lockable containers and must be stored in a bunded area to avoid soil and ground and/ or surface water pollution.
- 3.6 Plant and equipment must be maintained in good order, to avoid nuisances such as noise and air pollution. Ensure that dust, odor, noise and traffic noise from the operation of the facility do not become a nuisance to persons inside and outside the farm;
- 3.7 Building waste generated during the construction phase must be re-used as filling material on site and as firm paving or trackway for trucks to travel on, particularly during rainy days;
- 3.8 All surface run-off 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.

#### **4. Commencement and completion of the activity/activities**

- 4.1 The development and/or construction of the authorised activity, including post development/construction rehabilitation must be concluded within a period of 10 years from the date of signature of this environmental authorisation. If the authorised activity has not been concluded within that period, the authorisation lapses.
- 4.2 Continuation of the authorised activities after the lapsing period of this EA and where such continuation will meet the threshold of any listed activity or activities, will constitute an offense.
- 4.3 Commencement with one listed activity authorised in terms of this environmental authorisation constitutes commencement with all other authorised activities.

#### **5. Commencement of the operational activity/activities**

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 authorisation must be made in order for the activity to be undertake.

#### **6. 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:

- 6.1 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.
- 6.2 The surface storm water management plan must be based on Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems (SUDS) Principles and consider source, local and regional controls.
- 6.3 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.
- 6.4 The request to amend the EMPr must contain recommendations or mitigation to rectify the shortcomings identified in the environmental audit report.
- 6.5 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.
- 6.6 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.

#### **7. Bio-security measures**

- 7.1 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 so as to minimise the possibility of security and health breaches;
- 7.2 Personnel must not enter the chicken farm for 48 hours if they have visited a farm with livestock or been in contact with someone who has other avian species or pigs;
- 7.3 Fire-fighting equipment must be readily available on site and these must be maintained and checked on a weekly basis;

- 7.4 A wheel washing system must be installed at the main entrance of the farm to disinfect vehicles before entering the farm;
- 7.5 It is recommended that trucks delivering feed at the facility do not enter the facilities. The bins for delivery of feed must be placed at the entrance of the gate so that feed can be off-loaded into the bins without the trucks entering the facility to prevent possible spread of diseases. Where it is necessary that the trucks enter the facility, they must be washed before going in and going out;
- 7.6 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;
- 7.7 Pests and vermin must be controlled using approved pest-control company or trained personnel. Pesticides must be inaccessible to wild birds and bait boxes should be secure;
- 7.8 Fly control measures must be implemented at all times to prevent the ingress of flies in the poultry houses. Buildings should be made secure against wild birds. Feed spillages should be removed immediately to avoid the attraction of vermin and wild birds;
- 7.9 No poultry must be disposed of in a form of burning or burying on site;
- 7.10 Manure must not be disposed of onsite and must be timeously disposed of at an approved disposal facility. If manure is not disposed of daily, it must be sterilized to avoid the risk of salmonella to personal;
- 7.11 Mortality should be picked up daily and disposed of in a timely and approved method. Stock-piling mortality and allowing carcasses to decompose before disposal is not allowed as this increases the risk of spreading disease via rodents and insects;
- 7.12 If dead chickens are not disposed of daily; they must be stored in a designated freezer on the farm. The freezer should have sufficient capacity to adequately handle one (1) to three (3) days of normal broiler mortality, and should not be used for any other purpose;
- 7.13 The applicant must establish regular cleaning and disinfecting procedures on the farm to disinfect poultry and all equipment going into and moving between poultry houses on a regular basis;
- 7.14 Levels of ammonia, methane, carbon monoxide, carbon dioxide and hydrogen sulfide in poultry houses must be monitored annually to ensure it does not affect the health of poultry and workers;
- 7.15 The applicant must register with the Local State Veterinary and Health Inspector;
- 7.16 Poultry must be given the relevant immunization injections to reduce the risk of becoming infected and avoiding the spread of infectious diseases;
- 7.17 In case of disease outbreaks and high mortalities of poultry, the nearest Local State Veterinary and Health Inspector must be contacted immediately.

**8. Monitoring and Reporting**

- 8.1 An independent 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 development.
- 8.2 An ECO must be appointed prior to any commencement of the authorised activity or activities.
- 8.3 Once appointed, the name and contact details of the ECO must be submitted to the Department's Compliance Monitoring Section in the Department; documentation such as audit/monitoring/compliance reports and notifications, required to be submitted, must be submitted thereto.
- 8.4 Frequency of the submission of environmental audit report must be within 30 days after completion of the construction phase and a final environmental audit report within 30 days after the completion of the development including associated post development rehabilitation and monitoring actions.
- 8.5 The ECO must keep record of all activities on the site, problems identified, transgressions identified / noted, and a task schedule of the functions undertaken by the ECO.

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- 8.6 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 environmental authorisation conditions as well as the requirements of the EMPr.
- 8.7 Records relating to monitoring and auditing must be kept on the site and made available to any authorised person(s) acting on behalf of the relevant competent authority in respect of the development.

**9. Notification of commencement of activity**

- 9.1 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 Director: Compliance Monitoring Ms Sasa Sekhotha, the official of the Department at the email address: [Sasa.Sekhotha@gauteng.gov.za](mailto:Sasa.Sekhotha@gauteng.gov.za).

**10. General Conditions**

- 10.1 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.
- 10.2 The activities authorised may only be carried out at the property or site indicated in this EA.
- 10.3 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.
- 10.4 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.
- 10.5 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.
- 10.6 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.
- 10.7 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.
- 10.8 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 01 April 2021 including:
  - 1.1.1 Environmental Management Programme Report attached
  - 1.1.2 The comments received from Interested and Affected Parties as included in the Basic Assessment Report.
- 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 Site inspection undertaken on 26 April 2021.

### 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 Proposed site situated within zone 1 of the Gauteng Provincial Environmental Management Framework (GPEMF) (2015).
- 2.2 Public participation process complies with the requirements of the EIA Regulations, 2014.

### 3. Findings

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

- 3.1 The site is situated within the development zone 1 in terms of the Gauteng Provincial Environmental Management Framework, 2015 which promotes development infill, densification, and concentration of urban development within urban development zones. The proposed activity (chicken broiler houses) already exists on site and this application is for expansion.
- 3.2 Public Participation Process was done in accordance with the requirements outlined in the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulation, 2014. Comments and issues raised by interested and affected were responded to and incorporated into the report.

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 acceptable levels. The Environmental Authorisation is accordingly granted.

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