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Dear Sir / Madam

## PROCLAIMED FISHING HARBOURS MAINTENANCE MANAGEMENT PLAN (MMP) FOR LAAIPLEK HARBOUR (DEA Ref: 14/12/16/3/1/1/105)

## PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS AVAILABILITY OF THE MMP FOR COMMENT

This letter serves to inform you of the Public Participation Process (PPP) and availability of the Maintenance Management Plan (MMP) for comment pertaining to the above mentioned project.

Aurecon South Africa (Pty) Ltd (Aurecon) has been appointed by Coega Development Corporation (CDC) for the professional consulting services required to repair, maintain and upgrade the marine infrastructure for Laaiplek Harbour. This work will also include the removal of sunken vessels, routine maintenance dredging of sediment within the harbour basin as well as the disposal of dredged material.

This process is pursuant with the requirements of the National Environmental Management Act (Act 107 of 1998) (NEMA) regulations and requires that any person affected by the proposed project is given the opportunity to provide input to the proposed project. A draft MMP has been enclosed with this letter which provides more information on the proposed plan. This letter is therefore an invitation to provide comment on the attached MMP and submit these to the project team (contact details below).

A hard copy of the MMP will also be available for comment at the harbour and will be placed with the Harbour Master at the Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF) offices. The MMP can also be downloaded from the Aurecon website (<u>http://www.aurecongroup.com/en/public-participation.aspx</u>). Search for Laaiplek Harbour under *Find Project* to access the project. Kindly note that you will need to register for the website and for the specific project to access the report documents.

The MMP draft will be available for comment for a 30 day period from **4 September 2017** to **6 October 2017**.

For Further information on the Laaiplek Harbour Maintenance Management Plan, please contact the project team at Aurecon.

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Should you feel that a potential affected person is to be informed of the availability of the MMP for comment, please feel free to send the MMP directly to them or request that they contact the Aurecon project team for more information

Yours faithfully

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