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Dear Ms Pawandiwa

Development of 19 freehold residential sites on a portion of the Beachwood Golf Course, including portions of Erf 3485 (currently zoned Open Space), and Erven 2229 and 3147 (currently zoned Special Residential), Durban North, KwaZulu-Natal

Your letter dated 08 November 2013 has reference. Apologies for the delay in responding to your letter, as we did not receive any notification that a decision had been taken by Amafa on this project.

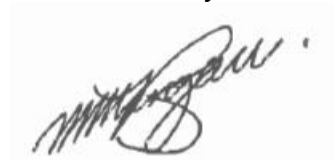
While the proposed site for this proposed development is located in close proximity to the Beachwood Mangroves Nature Reserve (as a proclaimed heritage resource), it is brought to your attention that the whole of the proposed site is on previously transformed land. MER has commissioned a series of specialist studies to assess the potential impact of the proposed development on the protected area as a sensitive receiving area located approximately 300m to the south of the proposed site. These specialist studies have included assessment of the vegetation, wetlands, mangroves, dunes and beaches on or in close proximity to the proposed site. The results of these specialist studies have shown that it is highly improbable that the proposed development will have any direct or indirect detrimental impacts on the Beachwood Mangroves Nature Reserve, or the dunes and beaches east of the proposed site. For this reason, MER wishes to motivate for an exemption from the need to conduct a Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA).



The Draft Basic Assessment Report prepared in support of the application for environmental authorization to the Department of Agriculture and Environmental Affairs (DM/0033/2013) includes copies of all the relevant specialist studies conducted to date, and a copy of the report will be provided to Amafa in the hope that these studies will meet your information requirements for this project.

Please let us know if you would require further information to support our motivation for an exemption from conducting a full HIA. We look forward to your response.

Yours sincerely,



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