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Dear Mr Bila

APPROVAL OF MAINTENANCE MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE RESTORATION AND MAINTENANCE OF THE BLUE STONE QUARRY WALL, ROBBEN ISLAND, WESTERN CAPE PROVINCE

The Maintenance Management Plan (MMP) dated June 2021 and received by this Department on 28 June 2021 refer.

The MMP was submitted in terms of the following listed activity of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2014 as amended:

Listed activities

Listing Notice 1 Item 19A:

"The infilling or depositing of any material of more than 5 cubic metres into, or the dredging, excavation, removal or moving of soil, sand, shells, shell grit, pebbles or rock of more than 5 cubic metres from—

(ii) the littoral active zone, an estuary or a distance of 100 metres inland of the high-water mark of the sea or an estuary, whichever distance is the greater

but excluding where such infilling, depositing, dredging, excavation, removal or moving—

(g) is for maintenance purposes undertaken in accordance with a maintenance management plan;"

Where "**Maintenance**" is defined in the EIA Regulations, 2014 as amended, as: "actions performed to keep a structure or system functioning or in service. It does not include an increase in footprint or throughput capacity. It includes reconstruction, if on the same location, capacity and footprint."

This Department has evaluated the MMP submitted and hereby approves it. The MMP adequately addresses all possible impacts associated with the maintenance work.

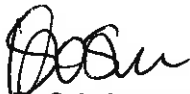
Since the proposed maintenance activity will be undertaken in accordance with the agreed to MMP, environmental authorisation is therefore not required in terms of the EIA Regulations, 2014 as amended.

With regards to this Maintenance Management Plan, please note that:

- The Maintenance Management Plan is agreed to in terms of the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014 as amended, only as it relates to the listed activity mentioned above. If any of the other listed activities are triggered, an environmental authorisation will have to be obtained in terms of the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014. It remains the responsibility of the proponent to determine if any other listed activities are triggered.
- The fact that the Maintenance Management Plan is agreed to by the competent authority does not absolve you from your general "**duty of care**" set out in Section 28(1) of the NEMA which states that "*Every person who causes, has caused or may cause significant pollution or degradation of the environment must take reasonable measures to prevent such pollution or degradation from occurring, continuing or recurring, or, in so far as such harm to the environment is authorised by law or cannot reasonably be avoided or stopped, to minimise and rectify such pollution or degradation of the environment.*" (Note: When interpreting their "duty of care" responsibility, cognisance must be taken of the principles of sustainability as contained in Section 2 of the NEMA).

The approved MMP should be regarded as a 'living document', which may be amended from time to time as and when the need arises. The proponent is reminded that should new information be presented at any stage, or the development deviate from the project description contained in the MMP, this Department reserves the right to reconsider this approval.

Yours faithfully



Mr Sabelo Malaza

Chief Director: Integrated Environmental Authorisations

Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment

Letter signed by: Mr Vusi Skosana

Designation: Director: National Infrastructure Development

Date: 07 July 2021

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Ms. Solomons
Director: Strategic Infrastructure Development

Dear Mrs. Solomons

APPOINTMENT AS ACTING CHIEF DIRECTOR: INTEGRATED ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATIONS FOR THE PERIOD 12 JULY 2021 UNTIL 23 JULY 2021.

This serves to confirm your appointment as Acting Chief Director: integrated environmental authorisations, from 12 July 2021 until 23 July 2021, whilst Mr Sabelo Malaza is on Annual I Leave.

You will act in this capacity with the full responsibilities and duties attached to the post, including the activities entrusted to the Acting Chief Director: integrated environmental authorisations by or in terms of the Acts administered by the Department.

Your appointment in the above acting position remains subject to the provisions of the Public Service Act, 1994 (Proclamation No. 103 of 1994), as amended, the Government Employees Pension Fund Act, 1996 (Proclamation No. 21 of 1998), the regulations promulgated under these Acts and relevant circulars.

In the execution of your duties and the exercising of the powers delegated to you, you will furthermore be subjected to the provisions of the Public Finance Management Act, compliance with the promotion of Access to Information Act, Promotion of Administrative Justice Act, the Minimum Information Security Standards, Departmental Policies and other applicable legislations with the Republic of South Africa. You are therefore advised to make yourself familiar with the provisions of the legislations and policies and the amendments thereof. (Copies of departmental policies can be obtained from the Human Resource Office).

Yours Sincerely

Devinagie Bendeman

Acting Deputy Director-General: RCSM (Regulatory Compliance and Sector Monitoring)

Date: 9/07/2021



ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I ACCEPT / ~~DO NOT ACCEPT~~ appointment as Acting Chief Director: integrated environmental authorizations

Signed: JL Solomons

Date: 12/07/2021