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By Registered Mail

Dear Mr./Ms. Thulani E. Mthembu

ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION GRANTED: THE PROPOSED MASETJABA RESERVOIR, ELEVATED TOWER AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE ON PORTION 107 OF THE FARM SPAARWATER 171, CITY OF EKURHULENI

Regarding the above-mentioned application, please be advised that the Department has decided to grant Environmental Authorisation (EA). The EA and reasons for the decisions are attached herewith.

In terms of Regulation 4 (2) of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014, you must notify all registered interested and affected parties, in writing, and within 14 days of the date of this letter, of the Department's decision in respect of your application as well as the provisions regarding the making of appeals.

Your attention is drawn to Chapter 2 of the National Appeals Regulations, 2014 which regulates the appeal process. Should you wish to appeal any aspect of the decision, you must within 20 days of the date of the notification of the decision submit your appeal, including supporting documents, to the appeal administrator 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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The Appeals Administrator
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Email Address: appeals@gauteng.gov.za

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. The appeal form is also available from our website: www.gdard.gpg.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.

Kind regards,



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

DATE: 01 July 2019

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ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION

Reference Number:	GAUT 002/18-19/E0201		
Holder of Authorisation:	City of Ekurhuleni		
Location of Activity / Activities:	Portion 107 of the Farm Spaarwater 171		
Coordinates Linear Activity:		Latitude (S)	Longitude (E)
		26°23'50.78"S	28°23'26.51"E

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1. Decision

The Department is satisfied, based on the information available to it and subject to compliance with the conditions of this Environmental Authorisation (EA), 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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to undertake the activities listed as Activity 2(c)(iv), 4(c)(iv) and 12(c)(iv) of Listing Notice 3 of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014 for the proposed Masetjaba View Reservoir, elevated tower and associated infrastructure that falls within the jurisdiction of City of Ekurhuleni.

The Granting of this EA is subject to the conditions set out below.

3. Specific Conditions

- 3.1 The Environmental Authorisation is granted for the preferred alternative ("the proposal") for Masetjaba View Reservoir, elevated tower and associated infrastructure. The proposed Reservoir will include a 15ML Water Reservoir approximately 8m in height, 2ML concrete water tower approximately 32m in height, pump station, standby generator, interconnecting pipework and chambers, storm water provisions and access road approximately 170m in length.
- 3.2 Soil erosion and sediment controls must be properly installed
- 3.3 The construction area must be clearly demarcated before any construction activity takes place and signage must be displayed during the construction phase to inform the general public about potential dangerous conditions on site.
- 3.4 Site clearing must be strictly limited to the construction area, and no damage to sensitive environmental features is permitted.
- 3.5 It must be mandatory for all personnel and construction team members to wear appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE).
- 3.6 Waste must be stored, handled and disposed of or recycled in line with the "3 Rs"; Reuse, Reduce and Recycle principles of waste management. Appropriate waste bins must be provided for the entire development.
- 3.7 If any subsurface archaeological material, bones or fossils are discovered, construction must be stopped immediately, and a qualified archaeologist must be contacted to assess the finds and also contact the Gauteng Provincial Heritage resources Agency.

4. Management of the Activities

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

- 4.1 Compliance with the approved EMPr is considered an extension to the conditions of this Environmental Authorisation.
- 4.2 The contents of the EMPr and its objectives must be made known to all contractors, subcontractors, agents and other people working on the site
- 4.3 Proper waste handling facilities must be provided on the construction site and emptied at prescribed intervals.
- 4.4 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 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. Monitoring and Reporting

- 5.1 An independent Environmental Control Officer (ECO) must be appointed to oversee the development activities and provide advice in terms of compliance with the conditions of this authorisation. An Environmental Control Officer (ECO) must submit compliance report at least once during preparation and construction phase of the activity.

6. General Conditions

- 6.1 The conditions of this EA are binding on the holder of the EA ("The Holder"), 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 holder of the EA.
- 6.2 The activities authorised may only be carried out at the property or site indicated in this EA.
- 6.3 The activity / activities must commence within a period of 10 years from the date of issue of this EA. If commencement of the activities does not occur within that period, the EA lapses and a new application for EA must be made for the activity or activities to be undertaken.
- 6.4 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 or not, 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 holder of EA to apply for further authorisations in terms of the Regulations.
- 6.5 Where any of the applicant's contact details changes, including the name of the holder of the EA, 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.
- 6.6 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.
- 6.7 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.
- 6.8 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.

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6.9 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.

Date of the Environmental Authorisation:

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ANNEXURE 1: REASON FOR DECISION

1. Background

The applicant, City of Ekurhuleni Metropolitan Municipality, applied for EA to undertake the activity or activities listed as Activity 2(c)(iv), 4(c)(iv) and 12(c)(iv) of Listing Notice 3 of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, promulgated in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998, (Act No. 107 of 1998) (as amended) for the proposed Masetjaba View Reservoir, elevated tower and associated infrastructure, which falls within the jurisdiction of the City of Ekurhuleni.

The applicant appointed Savannah Environmental (Pty) Ltd to undertake BAR.

2. Information Considered in Making the Decision

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

- 2.1 The information contained in the Basic Assessment Report dated May 2019 received by the Department on 27 May 2019 including:
 - 2.1.1 Ecological Impact Assessment compiled by Savannah Environmental dated January 2019.
 - 2.1.2 Soil and Agricultural potential impacts assessment report compiled by TerraAfrica dated January 2019;
- 2.2 The comments received from Interested and Affected Parties as included in the Basic Assessment Report dated May 2019.
- 2.3 The relevant information contained in the Departmental information base including the Geographical Information System (GIS), Gauteng Conservation Plan Version 3.3 and the Gauteng Provincial Environmental Management Framework (GPEMF), 2015.
- 2.4 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).
- 2.5 The finding of the site inspection undertaken by Sheila Muthivhi and G. Thiyadani Netshiozwi, the official of the Department on 17 April 2019.

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3. Key Factors Considered in Making the Decision

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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:

- 3.1 Public participation process undertaken in accordance with the requirements of the regulation;
- 3.2 Sensitive environmental features associated with the site;
- 3.3 Compatibility of the proposed development with the surrounding land uses;
- 3.4 The Gauteng Provincial Environmental Management Framework 2015.

4. Findings

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

- 4.1 Public participation was done according to the requirements of 2014 EIA Regulations, as the proof of newspaper advert was attached in the final Basic Assessment report and site notices were put on strategic positions on the proposed site.

- 4.2 Part of the proposed site is environmental sensitive. However, the impacts are deemed low and mitigation measures will be implemented.
- 4.3 The proposed development is compatible with the surround land use as the purpose of the project is to improve water supply to the Masetjaba View community.
- 4.4 According to GPEMF 2015, the proposed site falls within Environmental Management Zone Zone 3 which is a high control sensitive zone outside urban development zone and Zone 4 which is a normal control zone dominated by agricultural uses outside urban development zone.

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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