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Dear Registered Interested and Affected Party

21st April 2022

NOTICE TO REGISTERED INTERESTED AND AFFECTED PARTIES

ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION FOR THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF A LOW LEVEL CROSSING ON THE MOKOLO RIVER BETWEEN THE FARMS LAUREL 159 Q AND MOKOLO RIVER NATURE RESERVE 660 Q IN KAINGO PRIVATE NATURE RESERVE WITHIN LEPHALALE LOCAL MUNICIPALITY OF WATERBERG DISTRICT

With reference to the abovementioned application, kindly be advised that the Department (LEDET) has decided to grant an Environmental Authorisation (Reference N.: 12/1/9/1-W230) dated 19th April 2022.

The Environmental Authorisation was received by its holder (Jurie Willemse of Kaingo Reserve (Pty) Ltd) and the environmental consultant (Shannon Farnsworth of ecoleges) via email at 10:27 on Wednesday 20th April 2022.

MEMBERS: J.A. Bowers (M Tech, Pr.Sci.Nat.) & S.D. MacGregor (M.Sc., Pr.Sci.Nat.)
Reg: 2006/023163/23

Reasons for the Decision:

<p>4. Key factors considered in making the decision</p> <p>4.1 Public Participation</p> <p>Name of newspaper: MOGOL POS</p> <p>Date of advert in the newspaper: 29 October 2021</p> <p>Site Notices: Site notices were placed on strategic places around the site.</p> <p>Notification of interested and affected parties about the development: Notifications were sent by e-mail, hand and post.</p> <p>Issues raised by I&APs; and responses from the EAP and Department:</p>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <p>DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, ENVIRONMENT AND TOURISM</p> <p>HEAD OFFICE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT MANAGEMENT</p> <p style="font-size: 1.2em;">19 -04- 2022</p> <p>P.O. BOX 55464 POLOKWANE. 0700 LIMPOPO PROVINCE</p> </div>
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Issue	Comment by EAP	Comment by the Department
The Lephalale Local Municipality stipulated the requirement to submit of a building plan.	Confirmed that applicant will be made aware of requirement to submit building Plans to the Municipality	Low level crossing design has been included in Concept Design Report by PG Consulting Engineers.
The Waterberg District Municipality requested information on farmers downstream that are affected, and neighbours contact details.	The land-use downstream is the Provincial Nature Reserve and Mokolo Dam.	Addressed appropriately by EAP
The Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment required the application for a license with regards to Natural Forests and Protected Trees, keeping the disturbance to a minimum and rehabilitation as soon as possible.	No protected trees will be directly affected by the project. Recommendations addressed and included as mitigation measures in BAR and EMPr.	Issues were addressed by the EAP and are part of Standard Conditions in the EA.
SAHRA instructed to register project on SAHRIS online platform.	Confirmed that case was created on SAHRIS.	Project registered on SAHRIS on 04 November 2021 with Case ID 17471.
Welgevonden Game Reserve commented that the reasoning for the crossing seems reasonable	Registered as I&AP and will be kept informed.	Positive comment.

4.2 Findings

Activity/Report	Finding
Concept Design Report	No fatal flaws are evident for the proposed project.
Environmental Impacts on Aquatic Biodiversity Report	The report indicated that in order to protect the Mokolo River in its current condition from any degradation, a buffer of 10 m wide on both sides and the low-level crossing bridge structure will be constructed with culverts that will maintain longitudinal stream connectivity at different flow levels.
Terrestrial Assessment Report	The report recommends that the construction of the activity be undertaken during winter months.
Heritage Assessment Report	The report revealed that during the rainy season the water level in the Mokolo River is often high; therefore, no archaeological deposits are expected.

In view of the above, the Department is satisfied that, subject to compliance with the conditions contained in the EA, the proposed activity will not conflict with the general objectives of integrated environmental management laid down in Chapter 5 of the NEMA and that any potentially detrimental environmental impacts resulting from the proposed activity can be mitigated to acceptable levels. The authorisation is accordingly granted.

Appeal Procedure:

Your **ATTENTION** is drawn to the fact that an appeal may be lodged against the decision in accordance with Regulation 4 of the National Appeal Regulations, 2014 as amended.

An appeal must be submitted in writing on the prescribed form obtainable from the Department to the appeal administrator within 20 calendar days from the date that this notice was sent to you (21st April 2022). The appeal administrator is:

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Limpopo Department: Economic Development, Environment and Tourism (LEDET)
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The prescribed Appeal form can be download directly from the LDEDET's website: http://www.ledet.gov.za/?page_id=198. Alternatively, you can Contact Mr E.V. Maluleke (malulekeev@ledet.gov.za) should you require any assistance.

A copy of the appeal must be submitted to the holder (Kaingo Reserve (Pty) Ltd), any registered interested and affected party and any organ of state with interest in the matter, as well as the decision maker, e.g., the Department that issued the decision. Please do not hesitate to contact ecoleges should you require the list of interested and affected parties, including organs of state, registered for this development.

The appeal submission must be accompanied by (a) a statement setting out the grounds of appeal, (b) supporting documentation, which is referred to in the appeal submission, and (c) a statement, including supporting documentation, by the appellant to confirm that copies of the appeal were also submitted to the applicant, any registered interested and affected party and any organ of state with interest in the matter.

A description of the appeal process is provided on the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment website:

https://www.environment.gov.za/projectsprogrammes/appeals_legalreview

The Department has also prepared a Guideline on the Administration of Appeals (2015):

<https://www.environment.gov.za/sites/default/files/docs/appealsguideline2015.pdf>

If you still have any comments or queries in respect of appeals, feel free to contact Appealsdirector@environment.gov.za

Please do not hesitate to contact Mr Shaun MacGregor (contact details below) should you require a copy of the Environmental Authorisation, and/or have any queries or concerns relating to this notice.



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