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Dear Interested and Affected Party

NOTIFICATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION GRANTED: INSTALLATION OF ABOVE-GROUND DIESEL STORAGE TANKS FOR THE STORAGE OF DANGEROUS GOODS ON PORTION 76 OF FARM BULTFONTEIN 80, KIMBERLEY, SOL PLAATJE LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, FRANCES BAARD DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY, NORTHERN CAPE

The purpose of this letter is to notify you as a registered Interested and/or Affected Party that the Northern Cape Department of Environment and Nature Conservation (**DENC**) granted an Environmental Authorisation in terms of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations (December 2014), as amended, promulgated under the National Environmental Management Act (NEMA), 1998 (Act 107 of 1998) for the following activities on Portion 76 of Farm Bultfontein 80, as listed in Listing Notice 1(GNR 327) of 2014:

Listed Activities	Activity/Project Description
GN 327 Item 14: <i>The development and related operation of facilities or infrastructure, for the storage, or for the storage and handling, of a dangerous good, where such storage occurs in containers with a combined capacity of 80 m³ or more but less than 500 m³.</i>	The proposed installation of an above-ground storage tank for the storage of diesel with a capacity of just under 300 m ³ .

The applicant, locality and project reference number are given below

<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>DENC Ref. Number</u>	<u>NEAS Ref. Number</u>	<u>Date Approved</u>
DG Carriers (PTY) Ltd	Portion 76 of the Farm Bultfontein 80 outside Kimberley, Northern Cape	NC/BA/05/FB/SOL/KIM1/2020		18/03/2021

Site coordinates:

Latitude (S)	Longitude (E)
28°47'34.83"S	24°43'12.13"E
28°47'34.13"S	24°43'10.05"E
28°47'31.91"S	24°43'11.76"E
28°47'34.14"S	24°43'13.36"E
28°47'33.86"S	24°43'14.63"E
28°47'35.54"S	24°43'15.57"E
28°47'36.58"S	24°43'13.62"E

Reasons for Decision

The Department is satisfied on the basis of information available to it and subject to compliance with the conditions of the environmental authorisation, that the applicant should be authorised to undertake the activity as specified above. In reaching its decision, DENC took the following into consideration:

1. The Environmental Assessment Practitioner complied with Regulation 19 of 04 December 2014.
2. Public participation followed is in line with regulation 41 of 04 December 2014 and proof was submitted together with the Basic Assessment Report in October 2020.
3. The information contained in the Basic Assessment Report (**BAR**) dated October 2020 completed by EKO Environmental Consultants as well as the accompanying Environmental Management Plan (**EMP**).
4. The comments received from interested and affected parties as included in the Basic Assessment Report.
5. The objectives and requirements of relevant legislation, policies and guidelines, including Section 2 and 23 of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) and the Northern Cape Conservation Act, 2009 (Act No. 9 of 2009).
6. The findings of the site visit that was undertaken by Mr. Williamson and Mrs D. Werth of DENC on the 25th February 2021.

Appeal

A copy of the approved environmental authorisation can be obtained from EKO Environmental on request. Parties wishing to appeal against the decision should lodge a notice of intention to appeal with the Member of the Executive Council (**MEC**) in terms of the EIA Regulations and National Appeal Regulations within 20 days of the date of the Environmental Authorisation or of the date of the notification document stating that Environmental Authorisation was obtained (i.e. this document).

An appellant must submit the appeal to the appeal administrator (DENC), and a copy of the appeal to the applicant, any registered interested and affected part and any organ of state with interest in the matter within 20 days from the date that the notification of the decision was sent to the applicant by the competent authority.

Appeals must be submitted in writing to:

The Member of the Executive Council
Ministry of Environment and Nature Conservation
Private Bag X6102
Kimberley
8300
Tel: 053 807 7300
Fax: (053) 832 1026

Please note that an appeal not submitted to the MEC (DENC) will not be regarded as valid.

Please note that in terms of section 43(7) of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998, an appeal under section 43 of that Act will suspend the environmental authorisation or any provision or condition attached thereto. In the instance where an appeal is lodged, you may not commence with the activity until such time that the appeals is finalised.

An appeal submission must be submitted in writing in the form obtainable from the appeal administrator and must be accompanied by:

- i. A statement setting out the grounds of appeal;
- ii. Supporting documentation which is referred to in the appeal submission; and
- iii. A statement, including supporting documentation, by the appellant to confirm that all interested and affected parties, including the applicant and organs of state, received the appeal.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at 051 444 4700 or richard@ekogroup.co.za if you have any queries or concerns regarding this project.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Williamson', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Richard Williamson