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Attention: Mr. Andrew Salomon

**NOTIFICATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION GRANTED: CONSTRUCTION AND INSTALLATION OF STERKSPRUIT WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE ON ERF 1 OF STERKSPRUIT WITHIN SENQU LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, SOL PLAATJE LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, JOE QGABI DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY, EASTERN CAPE**

The purpose of this letter is to notify you as a registered Interested and/or Affected Party that the Eastern Cape Department of Economic Development, Environmental Affairs & Tourism (**DEDEAT**) 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 Erf 1 of Sterkspruit as listed in Listing Notice 1(GNR 327) of 2014:

Listed Activities	Activity/Project Description
GN 327 Item 10 (i): <i>The development and related operation of infrastructure exceeding 1000 metres in length for the bulk transportation of sewerage, effluent, process water, wastewater, return water, industrial discharge or slimes: with an internal diameter of 0.36 metres in diameter.</i>	The project will entail the construction of a network of bulk sewage pipelines and this have an approximate length of 23 km. The pipeline will have a diameter varying between 0.16 m and 0.4 m.
GN 327 Item 12 (i) (c): The development of infrastructure with a physical footprint of 100 square meters or more; where such development occurs within 32 meters of a watercourse.	The Waste Water Treatment Works (WWTW) is situated within a bend in the Kromspruit and is situated between 20 and 30 meters from the river.
GN 327 Item 11 (i) (xi): The construction of: canals and infrastructure or structures covering 50 square metres or more, where such construction occurs within a watercourse or within 32 metres of a watercourse, measured from the edge of a watercourse, excluding where such construction will occur behind the development setback line.	The WWTW is situated within a bend in the Kromspruit and is situated between 20 and 30 meters from the river.
GN 327 Item 25: The development and related operation of facilities and infrastructure for the treatment of effluent, wastewater or sewage with a daily throughput capacity of more than 2000 cubic meters but less than 15 000 cubic meters,	The project entails the construction of a WWTW with a daily capacity of approximately 7MI (7000 m <sup>3</sup> ).
GN 327 Item 27: The clearance of an area of 1 hectare or more, but less than 20 hectares of indigenous vegetation.	The new WWTW to be constructed will be located on the border of the town of Sterkspruit but will be located outside the urban edge. The construction of the WWTW will require clearance of an area larger than 1 hectare (approximately 3.6 hectares)

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>
Joe Gqabi District Municipality	Erf 1 of the town of Sterkspruit within Senqu Local Municipality, Joe Gqabi District Municipality, Eastern Cape Province	EC 142/JG/LN1/M/20/04	ECP/EIA/0001008/21	28/06/2021

Site coordinates:

Latitude (S)	Longitude (E)
30°31'00.23"	27°22'10.35"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. Details provided about the qualifications of the EAP indicate that the EAP is competent to carry out the environmental impact assessment procedures.
2. The assessment of the potential benefits (Environmental protection and social responsibility) of the project was satisfactory.
3. The engagement and consultation of stakeholders during the public participation by the EAP compiling of Basic Assessment Report was satisfactory and meets required standards.
4. The inclusion of the project in the Spatial Development Framework (SDF) and integrated Development Plan (IDP) of Joe Gqabi District Municipality 2020/2025.
5. Availability of budget and commitment made by Joe Gqabi District Municipality for the construction of the project and operation of the activity.
6. A sufficient public participation process was undertaken, and the applicant has satisfied the minimum requirements as prescribed in the EIA regulations of 2014 for public involvement.
7. Mitigation and rehabilitation measures that are contemplated in the Basic Assessment Report.

## **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, in writing, with the Member of the Executive Council (**MEC**) for DEDEAT in terms of the EIA Regulations and National Appeal Regulations within 20 days after the date of this notification letter.

An appellant must submit the appeal to the appeal administrator (DEDEAT), 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 of this notification.

Appeals must be submitted in writing to:

**Attention: Manager Environmental Affairs**  
**Department of Economic Development & Environmental Affairs**  
**Private Bag X0054**  
**Bhisho**  
**5605**

**Tel: 051 633 2901**  
**Fax: (043) 605 7300**

**Please note that it is strongly encouraged by DEDEAT that electronic copies of all appeal documentation also be e-mailed. Email addresses will be supplied on request by DEDEAT.**

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, the holder of the authorisation 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 [info@ekogroup.co.za](mailto:info@ekogroup.co.za) if you have any queries or concerns regarding this project.

Kind regards



Richard Williamson