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Dear Interested and Affected Party

02 April 2019

NOTIFICATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION: EXPANSION OF CHICKEN LAYER HOUSES ON FARM TOCHGELUK 37, BRANDFORT, FREE STATE

The purpose of this letter is to notify you as a registered Interested and/or Affected Party that the Free State Department of Economic, Small Business Development, Tourism and Environmental Affairs (**DESTEA**) granted an Environmental Authorisation in terms of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations (December 2014) promulgated under the National Environmental Management Act (NEMA), 1998 (Act 107 of 1998) for the following activities on the farm Tochgeluk 37 just outside Brandort, as listed in Listing Notice 1(GNR 327) of 2014, as amended:

Listed Activities	Activity/Project Description
GN 327 Item 40: The expansion and related operation of facilities for the concentration of poultry, excluding chicks younger than 20 days, where the capacity of the of the facility will be increased by – i. More than 1000 poultry where the facility is situated within an urban area, ii. More than 5000 poultry where the facility is situated outside an urban area,	Two chicken layer houses of 15 000 chickens each will be constructed for the production of eggs.
GN 327 Item 27: The clearance of 1 ha or more, but less than 20 hectares of indigenous vegetation.	An area of approximately 2 ha of indigenous vegetation will be cleared to construct the road infrastructure and chicken houses

The applicant, locality and project reference number are given below:

<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>DESTEA Ref. Number</u>	<u>NEAS Ref. Number</u>	<u>Date Approved</u>
Mr Barry Bekker	Farm Tochgeluk 37, Brandfort, Free State	EMB/40(ii)27/18/61	FSP/EIA/0000251/2018	20/03/2019

Site coordinates:

Latitude (S)	Longitude (E)
28°46'21.20"	26°22'01.34"

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, DESTEA took the following into consideration:

1. The information contained in the Basic Assessment Report (**BAR**) dated November 2018 completed by Eko Environmental Consultants as well as the accompanying Environmental Management Programme (**EMPr**).
2. Mitigation measures as proposed in the BAR dated 16 November 2018 and the EMPr.
3. The objectives and requirements of relevant legislation, policies and guidelines and Section 2 of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998);
4. The findings of the site visit that was undertaken by Ms. D Mokoena from DESTEA on the 08th February 2019.

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 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 (DESTEA), 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. The original copies of notice of intention to appeal and appeal should be sent to the MEC (DESTEA) and should be directed to:

Attention: Mr B. Nazo
MEC (DESTEA)
Private Bag X20801
Bloemfontein
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Tel: 051 400 4903
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Contact person: Mr B Nazo

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

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



Richard Williamson