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## Per Mail

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Attention: Mr JJ Moolman

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APPLICATION FOR AN INTEGRATED ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION FOR VARIOUS ACTIVITIES LISTED IN TERMS OF THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT ACT, 1998 (ACT NO. 107 OF 1998): EIA REGULATIONS (983 AND 984) 2014 (AS AMENDED) COVERING THE VARIOUS PORTIONS OF FARMS WATERVAL 174IQ, LUIPAARDSVLEI 246 IQ, UITVALFONTEIN 244 IQ, WITPOORTJE 245 IQ, RIETVALEI 241 IQ AND RANDFONTEIN 247 IQ, SITUATED IN THE MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT OF KRUGERSDORP.

A Scoping Report (SR) and Plan of Study for Environmental Impact Assessment dated **13 June 2022** as received by this Department refers.

- 1. The Department is hereby acknowledges the amended SR as referred above.
- 2. The Department is satisfied that the abovementioned amended SR and Plan of Study for Environmental Impact Assessment complies with the minimum requirements of Appendix 2(2) of the EIA Regulations, 2014(as amended).
- 3. The SR is hereby accepted by the Department in terms of regulation 22(a) of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended).
- 4. You may proceed with the Environmental Impact Assessment process in accordance with the abovementioned SR.
- 5. Please ensure that comments from all relevant stakeholders are submitted to the Department with the Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR). This includes but is not limited to the Land Claims Commission, Provincial Heritage Resources Authority, Gauteng Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (GDARD), Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF), Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) and the Local Municipality.

- 6. The applicant is hereby reminded to comply with the requirements of Regulation 3 of the EIA Regulations, 2014 with regards to the stipulated timeframes for complying with the requirements of the Regulations.
- 7. Further, it must be reiterated that, should an application for Environmental Authorisation be subjected to any permits or authorisations in terms of the provisions of any Specific Environmental Management Acts (SEMAs), proof of such application will be required.
- 8. You are requested to submit three (3') hard copies of the EIAR inclusive of any specialist reports and EMPr and at least one electronic copy, through SAMRAD, of the complete EIAR and EMPr to this Regional Office on or before 10 November 202. The EIAR and EMPr must have been subjected to the public participation process of at least 30 days. Kindly refer to section 24N(2) of the NEMA and Appendix 2, 4 and 6 of the EIA Regulations, 2014 for the minimum requirements set for the aforementioned reports. The public participation process should be conducted as stipulated in chapter 6 of the EIA Regulations and taking into considerations any guidelines applicable to public participation.
- 9. Kindly note that acceptance of your scoping report application does not grant you a right to commence with the listed activities applied for. Acceptance simply confirms that your application will be processed further and a recommendation on granting or refusal of an environmental authorisation will be forwarded to the Minister or his delegate for consideration, and the decision will be communicated as stipulated in regulation 4(1) of the EIA Regulations, 2014.
- 10. Further note that in terms of regulation 45 of the EIA Regulations, 2014, failure to submit the documents or meet any timeframes prescribed in terms of the EIA Regulations, 2014 will result in your application deemed as having lapsed.
- 11. Your attention is brought to Section 24F of the NEMA which stipulates "that no activity may commence prior to an environmental authorisation being granted by the competent authority". Commencement with a listed activity without an environmental authorisation contravenes the provisions of section 24F(1) of NEMA and constitutes an offence in terms of section 49A (1) (a) of NEMA.

Yours faithfully

REGIONAL MANAGER

MINERAL AND PETROLEUM REGULATION

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