

## **APPENDIX G: Correspondence from I&APs**

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### **Comments Received During the Review of the Draft EIA Report**

**From:** GcinileD [<mailto:GcinileD@nda.agric.za>]

**Sent:** 19 November 2012 11:39 AM

**To:** Sandy Wren

**Cc:** [ruffus.maloma@agr.ecprov.gov.za](mailto:ruffus.maloma@agr.ecprov.gov.za)

**Subject:** DAFF LUSM CONSENT TO PROPOSED AGRICULTURE EXPANSION RIVER BEND FARM ADDO

Dear Sandy

Please find the attached as per the new land applications requirements.

Regards

Gcinile Dumse  
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**COMMENT FORM****DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT AND EMPR****Applicant:** San Miguel Fruits SA (Pty) Ltd**Project:** The proposed expansion of existing agricultural activities on River Bend Citrus Farm, near Addo, Sundays River Valley Municipality.**Location:** The Remainder of Farm 82 Wolve Kop, Portion 1 of Farm 77 Wellshaven and Portion 3 of Farm 77 Honeyvale which have a combined extent of approximately 1058 hectares.**Return Completed Reply Form to:**

Public Process Consultants, PO Box 27688, Greenacres 6057

Phone: 041 - 374 8426 or Fax 041-373 2002 or Email [sandy@publicprocess.co.za](mailto:sandy@publicprocess.co.za)For further information visit the project website: [www.publicprocess.co.za](http://www.publicprocess.co.za)**Please Complete all Relevant Sections Below and Return By:****5 DECEMBER 2012**

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**Outline any comments you have in relation to the Draft EIA and EMPr, use additional pages if required.**



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### **REGISTERING AS AN INTERESTED AND AFFECTED PARTY FOR THE CULTIVATION OF VIRGIN LAND APPLICATION FOR DRAFT EIA & EMPr FOR THE PROPOSED EXPANSION OF AGRICULTURAL ACTIVITIES ON RIVER BEND CITRUS FARM IN ADDO AREA.**

The Directorate Land Use & Soil Management is mandated in terms of Conservation of Agricultural Resource Act 43 of 1983 (CARA). The CARA Act makes provision for the conservation of natural agricultural resources of the country through:

- The maintenance of the agricultural potential of the land
- Combating and prevention of soil erosion
- Preventing the weakening or destruction of water resources
- Protection of natural vegetation
- Combating weeds and invader plants

The provisions of Regulation 2 of CARA related cultivation of virgin or new land are applicable to the proposed expansion of the agricultural activities on the properties. The land owner or applicant must obtain permission in terms of Regulation 2 of the CARA Act, before the virgin soil may be disturbed mechanically.

The establishment of windbreakers for protecting the citrus trees from wind destruction also require a permission in terms of Regulation 15 B (2) (a) of the

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CARA Act, only Category 2 declared invader plants will be permitted for planting as wind breakers or else indigenous species if ever possible.

The LUSM office will be required to conduct a joint site inspection with Rural Development and Agrarian Reform, Resource Planning Section based in Port Elizabeth before a decision may be taken. The land user will be required to lodge an application before site inspection.

New/virgin land application form and the demarcation application form attached

Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "G. P. ...", enclosed within a hand-drawn oval.

Resource Auditor: Western Region

Date: 19 November 2012



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File No: .....

## 1. GENERAL DETAILS

Name of applicant: .....

Status: Owner/Occupier/Lessee: ..... ID NO.: .....

Postal Address: ..... Postal Code: .....

Farm Unit: ..... Magisterial District: .....

Name of Registered owner: .....

Tel: ..... Cell: ..... Fax: .....

(Attach a copy of title deed if available)

Description according to Deed of Transfer	Deed of Transfer		Extent (ha)
	Number	Date	
Total size (ha)			

Annual Rainfall: ..... mm

## 2. TYPE OF APPLICATION (Mark with X where applicable)

	2.1 Denuding virgin soil of natural vegetation		2.5 Damaging or destroying of vegetation in a natural water course flood area
	2.2 Cultivation of virgin soil by disturbing the top soil mechanically.		2.6 Damaging or destroying of vegetation within 10 metres horizontally outside a water course flood area.
	2.3 Cultivation by mechanically disturbing the top soil of land with a slope of more than 20%.		2.7 Mechanically disturbing the top soil in flood area of a water course.
	2.4 Burning of Crop Residue and other Organic material on lands.		2.8 Mechanically disturbing the top soil within 10 metres horizontally outside a water course.

## 3. REASON

Par. No.	Reason(s)

## 4. DETAILS OF AREA CONCERNED

Unit No.	Size (ha)	Soil Form	Series/Family	Effective Depth (mm)	Slope of ground (%)	Water-and/or Wind-erosion Potential

I understand not to commence with any action before written approval has been obtained. No other area except for those marked on the map will be disturbed.

Signature of applicant: ..... Date: .....

The area(s) was/were pointed out to me by ..... and is/are indicated on the attached map No. .... dated as .....

Signature of Officer: ..... Date: .....



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**DEMARCATIION APPLICATION**

Application for Demarcation of Category 2 Species in terms of Regulation 15B (2) (a)  
of the Conservation of Agricultural Resources Act, 1983 (Act 43 of 1983)

**IMPORTANT: Please complete in full where after the application must be submitted to the above address.**

- 1. Applicant: .....
- 2. Postal address: .....  
.....
- 3. Telephone number: ..... Fax: .....  
Cell phone: ..... Contact Name: .....
- 4. Farm Name & Farm Number ( description, e.g. Portion 2 of the farm Witrivier 245 ):  
.....
- 5. District/Area: .....
- 6. Location ( **attach** a sketch or map of location and indicate (x) where trees will be planted )  
.....
- 7. 7.1 Species to be planted: .....  
7.2 Total number of trees to be planted: .....  
7.3 Total hectare for demarcation (if woodlot or plantation): .....
- 8. Commercial purpose [ e.g. windbreak / replacement ( "inboet" ) / woodlot / animal fodder ]  
.....

Signature: Land user

Signature: Land Owner

Date: .....

Date: .....

**Office only:**

- 1. Comments from DWA: .....
- 2. Comments from DEDEAT: .....

**From:** Sandy Wren  
**Sent:** 14 November 2012 09:59 AM  
**To:** 'John Adendorff'  
**Cc:** Marisa Jacoby  
**Subject:** RE: Riverbend citrus farm  
**Attachments:** River Bend Citrus - FSR - Appendix E - Correspondence from I&APs.pdf; Amending Concession Agreement signed.pdf; River Bend Citrus - Draft EIA - Ch2 - Proj Description - final - 29Oct2012.pdf; River Bend Citrus - Draft EIA - Ch6 - Ecology - final - 29Oct2012.pdf

Hi John

As per our discussion of yesterday I have attached the following documents:

- Appendix E of the Final Scoping Report.
  - This includes the comments from interested and affected parties during the Scoping process. I personally spoke to Mike Knight and to Peter Bradshaw and we have the official response from them in the Final Scoping Report. See pages E10 to E.16, the comments received are in line with the concession agreement reached between SANParks and River Bend et al.
- Amended Concession agreement – see attached a copy of the concession agreement between SANParks and River Bend et al, which has been signed by SANParks CEO David Mabunda.
- Chapter 2 of the Draft EIA – this is the project description and page 2.2 indicates the boundaries of the affected properties, which includes the concession area. It further explains on page 2.1 and 2.2 what properties are included in the assessment and what properties are excluded from the assessment. Map 2.2 on page 2.4 further indicates the no-go areas which are proposed for this assessment. This includes a no-go corridor at the base of the Zuurberg Mountains.
- Chapter 6 of the Draft EIA – this entails the ecological assessment which has been undertaken for the project. The thicket vegetation on the River Bend Farm which is considered to have a high conservation value has been included as part of the no-go area for development. Approximately 51% of the original extent of the thicket which occurs on River Bend is proposed for conservation. As noted above a key area is the intact thicket on the northern portion of the property which is a no-go area as it would inter alia form an important ecological corridor and play a key role in maintaining ecological patterns and processes at the base of the Zuurberg Mountains.

The full reports (Final Scoping Report and draft EIA report can be downloaded from our website [www.publicprocess.co.za](http://www.publicprocess.co.za). If there are any other specific Chapters you would like to access I will gladly email these.

I will phone you to discuss further.

Regards

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Hi Sandy

Hope you are well. I have received your notice regarding the expansion of the Riverbend citrus farm.

I would appreciate it if you could send me a map indicating the 500ha's. Once I have this we will issue a formal response. Can you also let me know who you sent this notice to. I do believe that we need to involve someone like Dr. Richard Cowling and Dr. Mike Knight. making a mistake here could have far reaching implications into the future. There is a strong possibility that the property you refer to, forms and ecotone between the bondt veldt and the thicket and is crucial part of land in creating and viable passage way between the Kabouga, Zuurberg and Addo thicket components.

I will reserve further comment, until such time we have a map of the planned area.



Regards,

*John Adendorff*  
*Conservation Manager / Regional Ranger*  
*Addo Elephant National Park*

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