

Appendix B - Correspondence with Authorities

Appendix B.1 NEMA Scoping and EIA Application form submitted to Provincial DEDEAT

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7 February 2012

Attention: Mr Andries Struwig

Department of Economic Development and Environmental Affairs
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Dear Sir,

RE: NOTIFICATION OF SCOPING AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT: EXPANSION OF AGRICULTURE ON RIVER BEND CITRUS FARM, SUNDAYS RIVER VALLEY MUNICIPALITY

In terms of the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2010: GN R543, 544, 545 and 546 promulgated under Chapter 5 of the National Environmental Management Act (as amended), and published in Government Gazette 33306 on 18 June 2010, this serves as notification to the competent authority, in this case the Provincial Department of Economic Development Environmental Affairs and Tourism, that a Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment process is being conducted for the expansion of agricultural activities on River Bend Citrus Farm, Sundays River Valley Municipality.

PROJECT NAME: Agricultural Expansion of River Bend Citrus Farm, Sundays River Valley Municipality, Sundays River Valley.

APPLICANT: San Miguel Fruits SA (Pty) Ltd

AFFECTED PROPERTIES: Remainder of Farm 82 Wolve Kop (~908 ha), Portion 1 of Farm 77 Wellshaven (~22ha) and Portion 3 of Farm 77 Honeyvale (~128ha)

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

The applicant, San Miguel Fruits SA (Pty) Ltd, is proposing the expansion of existing citrus cultivation operations on River Bend Citrus Farm near Kirkwood in the Sundays River Valley Municipality. The proposed project will take place on three properties which form part of the existing farming operation, in the Addo/Kirkwood area. The affected properties include; Remainder of Farm 82 Wolve Kop (~908 ha), Portion 1 of Farm 77 Wellshaven (~22ha) and Portion 3 of Farm 77 Honeyvale (~128ha). The farm has established farming infrastructure such as offices; workshops; storage sheds; workers rest-areas and ablution facilities.

The proposed development will entail the following activities on the site:

- Clearing of vegetation from portions of the site proposed for agriculture
- Levelling and landscaping the site to provide runoff control and to facilitate planting
- Establishment of internal roads to provide access to orchards
- Installation of irrigation infrastructure
- Construction of a balancing dam
- Planting of suitable windbreaks

The existing farming infrastructure will be used to provide technical and logistical support to the proposed expanded farming operation.

The size and configuration of the area to be developed will be determined in consultation with project specialists during the assessment process; however it is proposed that approximately 300 ha of undeveloped land will be cleared for citrus cultivation.

PROJECT LOCALITY

River Bend Citrus Farm is an existing farming operation with approximately 400 hectares currently under cultivation. The study area comprises three properties which straddle the Addo-Enon gravel road, and can be reached by travelling approximately 2.1 km along the Zuurberg road (R335) (See attached locality map).

APPLICABLE LEGISLATION

The Scoping and EIA process is being undertaken in line with the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2010 (as Amended): GN R543, 544, 545 and 546 promulgated under Chapter 5 of the National Environmental Management Act (as amended), and published in Government Gazette 33306 on 18 June 2010. The proposed project requires Scoping and EIA, in particular because the project includes, amongst others, Activity Number 16. in GN R 545 published in Government Gazette No 33306 of 2 August 2010 (as amended):

16. The physical alteration of virgin soil to agriculture, or afforestation for the purposes of commercial tree, timber or wood production of 100 hectares or more.

The portions of the site earmarked for development are currently undeveloped and are covered predominantly by indigenous thicket vegetation. It is anticipated that the area to be cleared will exceed 100 hectares.

All other listed activities triggered by the proposed project have been included in the attached Application Form and will be assessed as part of the EIA process.

Public Process Consultants has been appointed by San Miguel Fruits SA (Pty) Ltd as the Environmental Assessment Practitioner to undertake Scoping and EIA, including the public participation process for the proposed project. The purpose of this letter is to notify the competent authority of the submission of an application for Environmental Authorisation in respect of the above project.

Please find attached with this correspondence the following documentation:

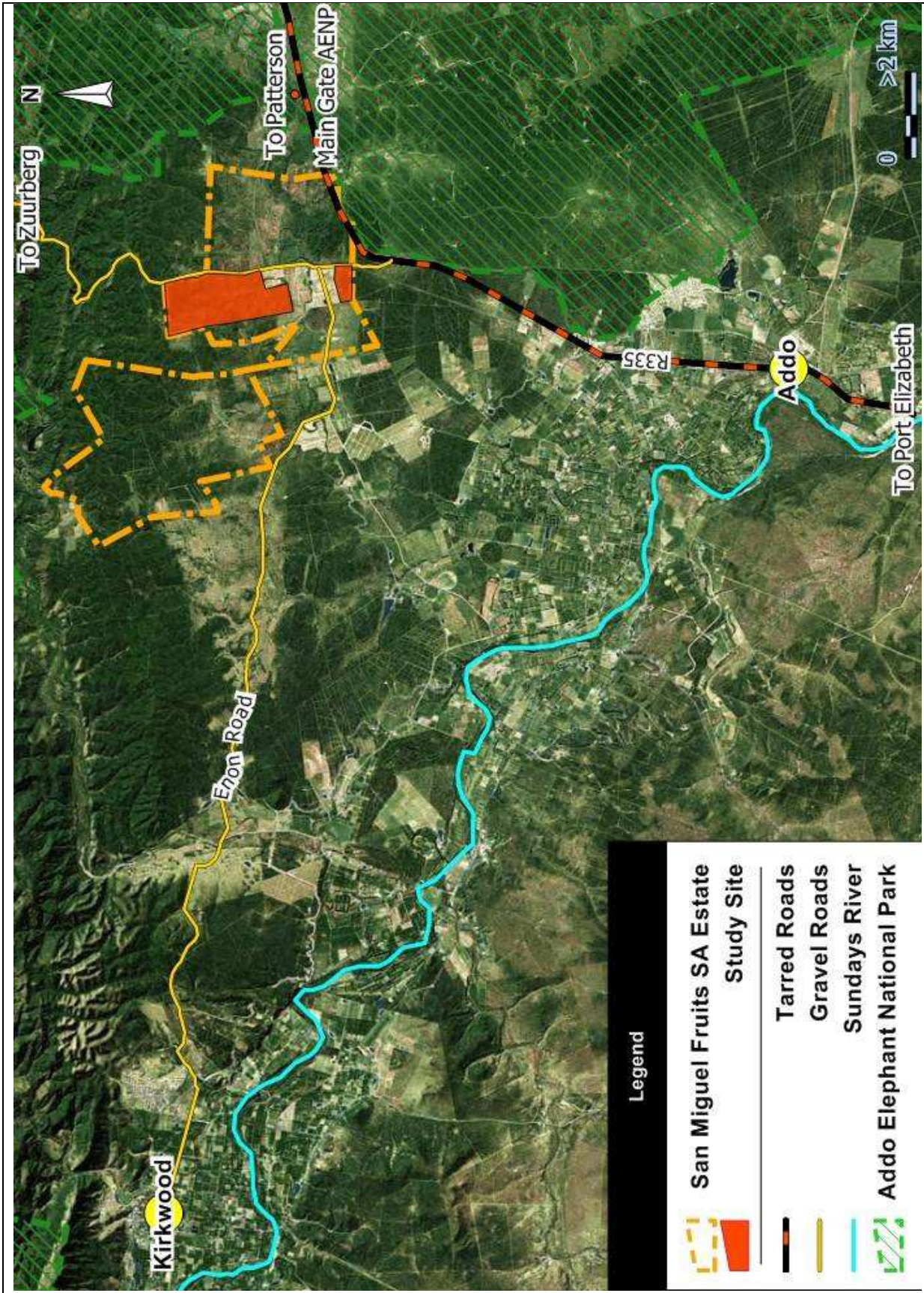
- Application Form for Environmental Authorisation
- Details of EAP and Declaration of Interest

We trust that you will find the above in order. Please do not hesitate to contact Sandy or Paul at the contact details above should you have any comments or queries with regards to this submission.

Regards



Paul-Pierre Steyn
Environmental Scientist



Map 1. Locality map showing the location of the River Bend Citrus farm, and the site under assessment.



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DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND
ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS**

APPLICATION FORM FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION

	(For official use only)
File Reference Number:	
NEAS Reference Number:	
Date Received:	

Application for authorisation in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998), as amended and the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2010

PROJECT TITLE

Agricultural Expansion of River Bend Citrus Farms, Sundays River Valley Municipality.

Kindly note that:

1. This application form is current as of 2 August 2010. It is the responsibility of the applicant to ascertain whether subsequent versions of the form have been published or produced by the competent authority.
2. The application must be typed within the spaces provided in the form. The sizes of the spaces provided are not necessarily indicative of the amount of information to be provided. Spaces are provided in tabular format and will extend automatically when each space is filled with typing.
3. Where applicable **black out** the boxes that are not applicable in the form.
4. Incomplete applications may be returned to the applicant for revision.
5. The use of the phrase "not applicable" in the form must be done with circumspection. Should it be done in respect of material information required by the competent authority for assessing the application, it may result in the rejection of the application as provided for in the Regulations.
6. This application must be handed in at the offices of the relevant competent authority as determined by the Act and regulations.
7. No faxed or e-mailed applications will be accepted.
8. Unless protected by law, all information filled in on this application will become public information on receipt by the competent authority. Any interested and affected party should be provided with the information contained in this application on request, during any stage of the application process.

Queries must be addressed to the contact hereunder:

Departmental Details

Alfred Nzo Region	Amathole Region	Cacadu Region
<p>Regional Manager: Environmental Affairs Dept of Economic Development & Environmental Affairs Private Bag X3513 Kokstad, 4700</p> <p>PHYSICAL ADDRESS 100 Main Street Kokstad Opposite Municipal Hall</p> <p>Tel:[039]727 4499 Fax: [040] 727 3282</p>	<p>Regional Manager: Environmental Affairs Dept of Economic Development & Environmental Affairs Private Bag X9060 East London, 5200</p> <p>PHYSICAL ADDRESS Palm Square Business Park Alderwood House Beacon Bay, East London</p> <p>Tel:[043]707 4000 Fax:[043] 748 2069/97</p>	<p>Regional Manager: Environmental Affairs Dept of Economic Development & Environmental Affairs Private Bag X 5001 Greenacres, 6057</p> <p>PHYSICAL ADDRESS Collegiate House, Cnr Belmont Terrace & Castle Hill Central, Port Elizabeth</p> <p>Tel:[041] 508 5800 Fax:[041] 585 1958</p>
<p>Chris Hani Region Regional Manager: Environmental Affairs Dept of Economic Development & Environmental Affairs P O Box 9636 Queenstown, 5320</p> <p>PHYSICAL ADDRESS 104 Cathcart Road, Queenstown</p> <p>Tel: [045]808 4000 Fax:[045]838 3981</p>	<p>Joe Gqabi Region Regional Manager: Environmental Affairs Dept of Economic Development & Environmental Affairs Private Bag X016 Aliwal North, 9750</p> <p>PHYSICAL ADDRESS 10 Smith Street Aliwal North, 9750</p> <p>Tel:[051]6332901 Fax:[051]633 3117</p>	<p>OR Tambo Region Regional Manager: Environmental Affairs Dept of Economic Development & Environmental Affairs Private Bag X5029 Mthatha, 5100</p> <p>PHYSICAL ADDRESS Old Radio Transkei Building, Cnr Victoria & York Roads, Mthatha</p> <p>Tel:[047]531 1191 Fax:[047] 531 2887</p>
<p>Head Office- Bhisho (General Enquiries) Director: Environmental Impact Management Department of Economic Development & Environmental Affairs Private Bag X0054 Bhisho 5605</p> <p>PHYSICAL ADDRESS Bhisho Business Village Block C No. 5 Siwane Street Bhisho Tel: [040] 609 4712/4704 Fax:[040] 609 4700</p>		

View the Department's website at <http://www.deaet.ecape.gov.za/> for the latest version of the documents.

SITE IDENTIFICATION AND LINKAGE

Please indicate all the Surveyor-general 21 digit site (erf/farm/portion) reference numbers for all sites (including portions of sites) that are part of the application.

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(if there are more that 6, please attach a list with the rest of the numbers)
 (These numbers will be used to link various different applications, authorisations, permits etc. that may be connected to a specific site)

PROJECT TITLE

Agricultural Expansion of River Bend Citrus Farms, Sundays River Valley Municipality.

1. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Project applicant:	San Miguel Fruits South Africa (Pty) Ltd		
Trading name (if any):	N/A		
Contact person:	Rory Niven		
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Telephone:	046 622 4404	Fax:	042 233 0955
E-mail:	Rory.niven@riverbendcitrus.co.za		

Provincial Authority:	Department of Economic Development and Environmental Affairs - Western Region		
Contact person:	Andries Struwig		
Postal address:	Private Bag X 5001, Greenacres		
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Telephone:	041 -585 5800	Fax:	041-585 1958
E-mail:	andries.struwig@deaet.ecape.gov.za		

Landowner:	San Miguel Fruits South Africa (Pty) Ltd		
Contact person:	Alejandro Lucas		
Postal address:	9 Jutland crescent, St. Georges Park. Port Elizabeth		
Postal code:	6001	Cell:	082 040 2294
Telephone:	041 582 2885	Fax:	041 585 0299
E-mail:	alucas@sa-sanmiguel.com		

In instances where there is more than one landowner, please attach a list of landowners with their contact details to this application.

Local authority in whose jurisdiction the proposed activity will fall:	Sundays River Valley Local Municipality		
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Nearest town or districts:	Kirkwood		
Contact person:	Ms Vuyo Zitumane (Municipal Manager)		
Postal address:	PO Box 47, Kirkwood		
Postal code:	6120	Cell:	-
Telephone:	042 230 7750	Fax:	042 230 0069
E-mail:	nellyn@srvm.gov.za		

In instances where there is more than one local authority involved, please attach a list of local authorities with their contact details to this application.

2. ACTIVITIES APPLIED FOR TO BE AUTHORISED

For an application for authorisation that involves more than one listed or specified activity that, together, make up one development proposal, all the listed activities pertaining to this application must be indicated.

Indicate the number and date of the relevant notice: Activity No (s) (in terms of the relevant notice) : Describe each listed activity as per project description¹:

GN R545	16.	<p><i>16. The physical alteration of virgin soil to agriculture, or afforestation for the purposes of commercial tree, timber or wood production of 100 hectares or more.</i></p> <p><u>The applicant intends removing existing vegetation in order to expand agricultural activities to include an additional ca. 300 ha.</u></p>
GN R544	11 (iv)	<p><i>11. The construction of:</i> <i>(iv) dams;</i> <i>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.</i></p> <p><u>As part of the expansion of existing operations it may be necessary to construct a balancing dam or reservoir to enable irrigation of the additional 300 ha of cultivated land. The balancing dam may be located within 32 metres of a drainage line (watercourse).</u></p>
GN R544	42	<p><i>The expansion of facilities for the storage, or storage and handling, of a dangerous good, where the capacity of such storage facility will be expanded by 80 cubic metres or more.</i></p> <p><u>The storage volume for dangerous goods to be stored at the farm will be determined during the EIA process. It is anticipated that the existing chemical store has sufficient capacity to accommodate the increased storage needs of the expanded operation. The applicant will install additional shelving in the existing building, in which case this listed activity will not apply. However the activity has been included in the application until it can be confirmed through the EIA process, that the existing facility does not need to be expanded.</u></p>
GN R544	18 (i)	<p><i>18. The infilling or depositing of any material of more than 5 cubic metres into, or the dredging, excavation, removal or moving of soil, sand, shells, shell grit, pebbles or rock of more than 5 cubic metres from:</i> <i>(i) a watercourse;</i></p> <p><u>Two drainage lines traverse the proposed site. Roads and associated infrastructure may have to be constructed across these drainage lines to facilitate access and agricultural production at the site.</u></p>
GN R546	2 (a) iii (dd) & (ff)	<p><i>2. The construction of reservoirs for bulk water supply with a capacity of more than 250 cubic metres.</i></p> <p>(a) In Eastern Cape, Free State, KwaZulu-</p>

¹ Please note that this description should not be a verbatim repetition of the listed activity as contained in the relevant Government Notice, but should be a brief description of activities to be undertaken as per the project description

		<p>Natal, Limpopo, Mpumalanga and Northern Cape provinces:</p> <p>iii. Outside urban areas, in:</p> <p>(dd) Critical biodiversity areas as identified in systematic biodiversity plans adopted by the competent authority or in bioregional plans;</p> <p>(ff) Areas within 10 kilometres from national parks or world heritage sites or 5 kilometres from any other protected area identified in terms of NEMPAA or from the core area of a biosphere reserve;</p> <p><u>This site is adjacent to the Addo Elephant National Park; and portions of the site fall within a CBA1 as defined in the ECBCP. As part of the expansion of existing operations it may be necessary to construct a balancing dam or reservoir to enable irrigation of the additional orchards. The volume of the balancing dam will be determined in consultation with the technical specialists during the EIA process.</u></p>
GN R546	4 (a) ii (ee) & (gg)	<p>4. The construction of a road wider than 4 metres with a reserve less than 13,5 metres.</p> <p>(a) In Eastern Cape, Free State, KwaZulu-Natal, Limpopo, Mpumalanga and Northern Cape provinces:</p> <p>ii. Outside urban areas, in:</p> <p>(ee) Critical biodiversity areas as identified in systematic biodiversity plans adopted by the competent authority or in bioregional plans;</p> <p>(gg) Areas within 10 kilometres from national parks or world heritage sites or 5 kilometres from any other protected area identified in terms of NEMPAA or from the core areas of a biosphere reserve;</p> <p><u>This site is adjacent to the Addo Elephant National Park and portions of the site fall within a CBA1 as defined in the ECBCP. Internal roads wider than 4 meters will be created to facilitate access and agricultural production at the site.</u></p>
GN R546	12 (a)	<p>12. The clearance of an area of 300 square metres or more of vegetation where 75% or more of the vegetative cover constitutes indigenous vegetation.</p> <p>(a) Within any critically endangered or endangered ecosystem listed in terms of section 52 of the NEMBA or prior to the publication of such a list, within an area that has been identified as critically endangered in the National Spatial Biodiversity Assessment 2004;</p> <p><u>The study site includes vegetation identified as Albany Alluvial Vegetation which has been listed in terms of section 52 of the NEMBA as an Endangered ecosystem. The project may require the clearing of >300m² portions of indigenous Albany Alluvial Vegetation, and may exceed 300m².</u></p>
GN R546	13 (a) & (c) ii (ff)	<p>13. The clearance of an area of 1 hectare or more of vegetation where 75% or more of the vegetative cover constitutes indigenous vegetation,</p>

		<p>...</p> <p>(a) <i>Critical biodiversity areas and ecological support areas as identified in systematic biodiversity plans adopted by the competent authority.</i></p> <p>(c) In Eastern Cape, Free State, KwaZulu-Natal, Limpopo, Mpumalanga, Northern Cape and Western Cape:</p> <p>ii. <i>Outside urban areas, the following:</i></p> <p>(ff) <i>Areas within 10 kilometres from national parks or world heritage sites or 5 kilometres from any other protected area identified in terms of NEMPAA or from the core area of a biosphere reserve;</i></p> <p><u>This site is adjacent to the Addo Elephant National Park and portions of the site fall within a CBA1 as defined in the ECBCP. The vegetation proposed for clearing will exceed 1 ha and is predominantly indigenous.</u></p>
GN R546	14 (a) i	<p>14. <i>The clearance of an area of 5 hectares or more of vegetation where 75% or more of the vegetative cover constitutes indigenous vegetation,...</i></p> <p>(a) In Eastern Cape, Free State, KwaZulu-Natal, Gauteng, Limpopo, Mpumalanga, Northern Cape, Northwest and Western Cape:</p> <p>i. <i>All areas outside urban areas.</i></p> <p><u>The vegetation proposed for clearing will exceed 5 ha and is predominantly indigenous. No spatial instruments identifying areas for agriculture or afforestation have been adopted by the competent authority. The site is located outside an urban area.</u></p>
GN R546	23 (a) ii. (gg)	<p><i>The expansion of facilities or infrastructure for the storage, or storage and handling of a dangerous good, where such storage facilities will be expanded by 30 cubic metres or more but less than 80 cubic metres.</i></p> <p>(a) In Eastern Cape, Free State, KwaZulu-Natal, Limpopo, Mpumalanga and Northern Cape provinces:</p> <p>ii. <i>Outside urban areas, in:</i></p> <p>gg) <i>Areas within 10 kilometres from national parks or world heritage sites or 5 kilometres from any other protected area identified in terms of NEMPAA or from the core area of a biosphere reserve;</i></p> <p><u>The site is located within 10 km of Addo Elephant National Park. The storage volume for dangerous goods to be stored at the farm will be determined during the EIA process. It is anticipated that the existing chemical store has sufficient capacity to accommodate the increased storage needs of the expanded operation. The applicant will install additional shelving in the existing building, in which case this listed activity will not apply. However the activity has been included in the application until it can be confirmed through the EIA process, that the existing facility does not need to be expanded.</u></p>

Please note that any authorisation that may result from this application will only cover activities specifically applied for.

3. OTHER AUTHORISATIONS REQUIRED

3.1 DO YOU NEED ANY AUTHORISATIONS IN TERMS OF ANY OF THE FOLLOWING LAWS?

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| 3.1.1 National Environmental Management: Waste Act | Yes/No |
| 3.1.2 National Environmental Management: Air Quality Act | Yes/No |
| 3.1.3 National Environmental Management: Protected Areas Act | Yes/No |
| 3.1.4 National Environmental Management: Biodiversity Act | Yes/No |
| 3.1.5 Mineral Petroleum Development Resources Act | Yes/No |
| 3.1.6 National Water Act | Yes/No |
| 3.1.7 National Heritage Resources Act | Yes/No |
| 3.1.8 Other (please specify) | Yes/No |

Note from Public Process Consultants:

The need for additional authorisations / permits or licences will be determined in consultation with the project specialists during the EIA process. No additional applications with regards to the above have been lodged to date.

3.2 Have such applications been lodged already? Yes/No

3.3 If so list the applications that have been lodged already N/A

4. DECLARATIONS

4.1 The Applicant

I, **Rory Niven**, declare that I -

- am, or represent², the applicant in this application;
- have appointed ~~/will appoint~~ (delete that which is not applicable) an environmental assessment practitioner to act as the independent environmental assessment practitioner for this application ~~/ will obtain exemption from the requirement to obtain an environmental assessment practitioner³~~;
- will provide the environmental assessment practitioner and the competent authority with access to all information at my disposal that is relevant to the application;
- will be responsible for the costs incurred in complying with the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2010, including but not limited to –
 - costs incurred in connection with the appointment of the environmental assessment practitioner or any person contracted by the environmental assessment practitioner;
 - costs incurred in respect of the undertaking of any process required in terms of the Regulations;
 - costs in respect of any fee prescribed by the Minister or MEC in respect of the Regulations;
 - costs in respect of specialist reviews, if the competent authority decides to recover costs; and
 - the provision of security to ensure compliance with conditions attached to an environmental authorisation, should it be required by the competent authority;
- will ensure that the environmental assessment practitioner is competent to comply with the requirements of these Regulations and will take reasonable steps to verify whether the EAP complies with the Regulations;
- will inform all registered interested and affected parties of any suspension of the application as well as of any decisions taken by the competent authority in this regard;
- am responsible for complying with the conditions of any environmental authorisation issued by the competent authority;
- hereby indemnify the Government of the Republic, the competent authority and all its officers, agents and employees, from any liability arising out of the content of any report, any procedure or any action which the applicant or environmental assessment practitioner is responsible for in terms of these Regulations;
- will not hold the competent authority responsible for any costs that may be incurred by the applicant in proceeding with an activity prior to obtaining an environmental authorisation or prior to an appeal being decided in terms of these Regulations;
- will perform all other obligations as expected from an applicant in terms of the Regulations;
- all the particulars furnished by me in this form are true and correct; and



² If this is signed on behalf of the applicant, proof of such authority from the applicant must be attached.

³ If exemption is obtained from appointing an EAP, the responsibilities of an EAP will automatically apply to the person conducting the environmental impact assessment in terms of the Regulations.

- I realise that a false declaration is an offence in terms of regulation 71 and is punishable in terms of section 24F of the Act.



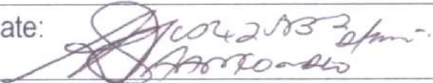
Signature of the applicant⁴/ Signature on behalf of the applicant:

San Miguel Fruits South Africa (Pty) Ltd

Name of company (if applicable):

6 FEBRUARY 2012

Date:



Signature of the Commissioner of Oaths:

2012-02-06

Date:



Designation:

Official stamp (below)



⁴ If the applicant is a juristic person, a signature on behalf of the applicant is required as well as proof of such authority. An EAP may not sign on behalf of an applicant.

EAP Declaration (DEDEAT)



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DETAILS OF EAP AND DECLARATION OF INTEREST

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File Reference Number:	12/12/20/
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Date Received:	

Application for authorisation in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998), as amended and the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2010

PROJECT TITLE

Agricultural Expansion of River Bend Citrus Farms, Sundays River Valley Municipality.

Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP): ⁵	Public Process Consultants		
Contact person:	Paul-Pierre Steyn		
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E-mail:	paul@publicprocess.co.za		
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Project Consultant:	Rory Niven		
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E-mail:	Rory.niven@riverbendcitrus.co.za		

4.2 The Environmental Assessment Practitioner

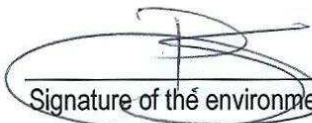
I, **Paul-Pierre Steyn**, declare that –

General declaration:

- I act as the independent environmental practitioner in this application
- I will perform the work relating to the application in an objective manner, even if this results in views and findings that are not favourable to the applicant
- I declare that there are no circumstances that may compromise my objectivity in performing such work;
- I have expertise in conducting environmental impact assessments, including knowledge of the Act, regulations and any guidelines that have relevance to the proposed activity;
- I will comply with the Act, regulations and all other applicable legislation;
- I will take into account, to the extent possible, the matters listed in regulation 8 of the regulations when preparing the application and any report relating to the application;
- I have no, and will not engage in, conflicting interests in the undertaking of the activity;
- I undertake to disclose to the applicant and the competent authority all material information in my possession that reasonably has or may have the potential of influencing - any decision to be taken with respect to the application by the competent authority; and - the objectivity of any report, plan or document to be prepared by myself for submission to the competent authority;
- I will ensure that information containing all relevant facts in respect of the application is distributed or made available to interested and affected parties and the public and that participation by interested and affected parties is facilitated in such a manner that all interested and affected parties will be provided with a reasonable opportunity to participate and to provide comments on documents that are produced to support the application;
- I will ensure that the comments of all interested and affected parties are considered and recorded in reports that are submitted to the competent authority in respect of the application, provided that comments that are made by interested and affected parties in respect of a final report that will be submitted to the competent authority may be attached to the report without further amendment to the report;
- I will keep a register of all interested and affected parties that participated in a public participation process; and
- I will provide the competent authority with access to all information at my disposal regarding the application, whether such information is favourable to the applicant or not
- all the particulars furnished by me in this form are true and correct;
- will perform all other obligations as expected from an environmental assessment practitioner in terms of the Regulations; and
- I realise that a false declaration is an offence in terms of regulation 71 and is punishable in terms of section 24F of the Act.

Disclosure of Vested Interest (delete whichever is not applicable)

- I do not have and will not have any vested interest (either business, financial, personal or other) in the proposed activity proceeding other than remuneration for work performed in terms of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2010;



Signature of the environmental assessment practitioner:

Public Process Consultants

Name of company:

7 February 2012

Date:



Signature of the Commissioner of Oaths:

2012-02-07

Date:

W/O : 0463988-0 SAPS: Mount Road

Designation:

Official stamp (below)



Appendix B.2 Confirmation of Receipt of NEMA Scoping and EIA application form from Provincial DEDEAT



Province of the
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Attention: Paul-Pierre Steyn

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT: APPLICATION FOR AUTHORISATION IN TERMS OF SECTION 24 OF THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT ACT, ACT 107 OF 1998 TO UNDERTAKE A LISTED ACTIVITY AS SCHEDULED IN THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT REGULATIONS, 2010: PROPOSED AGRICULTURAL EXPANSION OF RIVER BEND CITRUS FARMS, WITHIN THE SUNDAYS RIVER VALLEY MUNICIPAL AREA.

Receipt of the application by yourself on behalf of San Miguel Fruits South Africa (Pty) Ltd, dated 07 February 2012 and received on 08 February 2012 to undertake listed activities as scheduled in Government Notice R. 544, R545 and R. 546 of 18 June 2010 is hereby acknowledged.

The reference number assigned to your application is EC06/LN2/M/12-10. Please quote the reference number provided in the event of any correspondence/queries in this regard.

The applicant's attention must be drawn to the fact that the activity may not commence prior to an environmental authorisation being granted by DEDEAT.


NDILEKA MJACU
ENVIRONMENTAL OFFICER: EIM
CACADU REGION

DATE: 22 February 2012

