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Dear Ben Mwasinga

SAHRA CASE ID: 11066

REVISED COVER LETTER: FARM 1341 DAL JOSEPHAT FARM PAARL DRAKENSTEIN LOCAL MUNICIPALITY (DLM) REVISED APPLICATION FOR GROUND TRUTHING

The receipt of the SAHRA Final Decision dated 12 June 2017 on the DLM application for ground truthing investigations on Farm 1341 Dal Josephat Paarl is confirmed. SAHRA decision states the non-support of a future application for a cemetery, and advises the applicant to revise the 'EMPr - MDP for Farm 1341 - Ground Truthing Exercise' document to reflect a broader survey of the site for alternative future land uses, that is not aligned to the 2014 Drakenstein Cemeteries Study.

In this revised application for ground-truthing, AECOM wishes to provide the following context:

- The 2014 Drakenstein Cemeteries Study identified the need for a 25 ha site to serve the cemetery needs of the municipal area for the next 50 years;
- Seven potential sites were identified for the cemetery, including Farm 1341 Dal Josephat Paarl, which is 233 ha. in extent;
- In a letter dated 29 March 2016, SAHRA granted the municipality provisional permission to conduct ground-truthing activities on the Farm to determine its suitability as a cemetery site, subject to obtaining a permit for such activities (hence this application);
- SAHRA also indicated that they would consider proposals from the DLM for additional land uses on the Farm, subject to the approval of a development potential plan for the site by SAHRA;
- Various municipal departments were then engaged and identified additional land uses that could potentially be accommodated on the Farm, and includes housing, an initiation site, a skills development and training centre, and learner driver's site.

Accordingly, the sole purpose of this application is for a permit to conduct ground-truthing studies in support of the compilation of a detailed baseline profile of Farm 1341. This baseline profile will inform a Master Plan to be developed by the DLM (in response to SAHRA's feedback in 2016), which will consider a number of different land uses. This application does not seek authorisation for any of the proposed land uses, as the suitability of the site for the proposed uses is yet to be determined. If and when required, the necessary statutory application will be submitted to SAHRA for consideration.

Yours sincerely

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