

18 November 2015

EIA REF: 17/2/3/GS-281; NEAS No.: MPP/EIA/0001023/2014; SMS REF: TOP-VIL-14-04-09

**South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA)**

PO Box 4637

Cape Town

8000

Attention: Nokukhanya Khumalo

**NOTIFICATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION: TOPIGS SA MERINO  
PIGGERY PROJECT ON PORTION 0 (REMAINING EXTENT) OF THE FARM MERINO  
641 IR, MPUMALANGA**

Your are hereby notified that the Mpumalanga Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, Land and Environmental Affairs (MDARDLEA) has decided to grant Environmental Authorisation for the above mentioned project in terms of the powers vested in it by the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998), as amended, and the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2010. The decision to grant the Environmental Authorisation was signed by the MDARDLEA on the 10<sup>th</sup> of November 2015 and issued on the 11<sup>th</sup> of November 2015. In terms of regulation 10(2) of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2010, all registered interested and affected parties must be notified within 12 calendar days of the Department's decision in respect of this Environmental Authorisation as well as the provisions regarding the making of appeals that are provided for in the regulations.

In accordance with Chapter 7 of the EIA Regulations, 2010, should you wish to appeal any aspect of the decision of granting the environmental authorisation, you must, *inter alia*, lodge a notice of intention to appeal with the MEC for the Mpumalanga Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, Land and Environmental Affairs, within **20 days after the date of the decision**, by means of one of the following methods:

- By facsimile: 013 766 6067/8;
- By post: Private Bag X11219, Nelspruit, 1200; or
- By hand: Building 6, No. 7 Government Boulevard, Riverside Park Extension, Nelspruit, 1200.

The expiry date for the submission of the appeal to the MDARDLEA is therefore **30 November 2015 (20 days from the date of decision)**.

In the event of appealing, you must provide the applicant, Topigs SA (Pty) Ltd, as well as all registered Interested and Affected Parties, within ten (10) days of having lodged the notice of intention to appeal, with a copy of the notice of intention to appeal and a notice indicating where and for what period the appeal submission will be available for inspection. The MEC may, in writing, on good cause extend the period within which a notice of intention to appeal must be submitted. The appeal must be lodged with the appeal authority within thirty (30) days of the lapsing of the twenty (20) days after the date of the decision. The appeal must be submitted in writing and accompanied by:

- A statement setting out the grounds of the appeal;
- Supporting documentation which is referred to in the appeal and which is not in the possession of the MEC or designated organ of state;
- A statement by the appellant that the notice of intention to appeal has been compiled;
- Copies of the notice of intention to appeal; and
- The prescribed appeal fee, if any.

If you require additional information or a copy of the decision of the Department and reasons for the decision, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at the details provided. Shangoni Management Services (Pty) Ltd. **Contact person:** Lizette Crous. **Tel:** 012 807 7036, **E-mail:** lizette@shangoni.co.za, **Fax:** 012 807 1014/086 643 5360, **Postal Address:** PO Box 74726, Lynnwood Ridge, 0040.

Regards,



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Lizette Crous

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