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Dear Mr. Nishal Sewruttan

COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORT (DBAR): THE PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF A FILLING STATION AND A RETAIL CENTRE ON HOLDING 63 AT JOHANDEO AGRICULTURAL HOLDINGS, EMFULENI LOCAL MUNICIPALITY

The Draft Basic Assessment Report (DBAR) regarding the above-mentioned development received by the Department on 11 September 2017 has reference.

The proposal entails a filling station and associated facilities such as retail facilities, food outlets, hardware store and internal roads.

The Department hereby comments as follows:

1. Alignment of the activity with applicable legislations and policies

The establishment has a direct bearing on the National Environmental Management Act (NEMA) (Act No. 107 of 1998) (as amended) at both national and provincial levels. The proposed development corresponds with the activity applied for under the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2017, (GN R.327) Listing notice 1 published under the National Environmental Management Act (NEMA) (Act No. 107 of 1998) (as amended). Furthermore the site falls within Zone 1 of the Gauteng Provincial Environmental Management Programme (2015) which is conditionally compatible with the land uses within the surrounding neighbourhood.

2. Alternatives

Motivation has been given for the reasons that no alternative sites have been considered and the reasons for the proposed activity have also been justified. The proposal mentions the Layout Alternative only, therefore it must still be included in the final BAR, however it must be inclusive of the No-go option, water and energy saving technologies.

3. Significant rating of impacts

The identification, assessment and rating of impacts that has been provided in the DBAR must form part of the final BAR.

4. Locality map and layout plans or facility illustrations

A site plan, locality map and a layout diagram for the development has been attached in the report and they must still be attached in the final BAR.

5. EMPr

An Environmental Management Programme (EMPr) is attached in the report and it must still be attached in the final BAR.

6. Public participation process

It is noted that the draft report has been circulated for comments. Any further comments and responses from key stakeholders including proof of consultation, written notice, site notice, and newspaper advertisement must be attached in appropriate appendices in the final BAR.

7. Specific issues

- a. Kindly reflect the exact footprint size of the proposed activity because it is contradicting, in the Application form it reflects 2 hectares in extent, in the report under Description it reflects 2.1339 hectares in extent while in the report under Cultural/ Historical Features: Extract from Heritage Impact Assessment it reflects 3.1 hectares in extent.

If you have any queries regarding this letter, contact the official at the contact details provided above.

Yours faithfully



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