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Dear Interested and Affected Party / Organ of State / State Department

RE: NOTICE OF COMMENT PERIOD: DRAFT EIA REPORT and EMPr: SONTULE CITRUS: AGRICULTURAL EXPANSION ON REMAINDER OF FARM 632, SUNLAND, SUNDAYS RIVER VALLEY MUNICIPALITY (DEDEAT Ref: EC06/C/LN2/M/23-2022).

As a registered Interested and Affected Party (I&AP) on the database for the above project, you are hereby notified of the release of the Draft EIA Report (Draft EIA) and Environmental Management Programme (EMPr) for a legislated **32-day** comment period, extending from the **8 September 2022 to 10 October 2022**.

The Draft EIA Report has been prepared in terms of the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended). Specialist Studies that have been undertaken as part of this assessment are included in Chapters Six to Twelve and the assessment of alternatives is outlined in Chapter Five of this report.

Availability of Information

To assist you with the submission of any comments you may have on the Draft EIA Report, please find attached to this correspondence, an **Executive Summary of the Draft EIA Report**, and a **Comment Form**. The Draft EIA Report including Appendices and Draft EMPr can be accessed via the following link: <https://publicprocess.co.za/active-projects/23-sontule-citrus>

Please Note: If your preferred format was not via a link to the website, a copy of the report will be sent to you according to the preferred format previously confirmed via email. Please inform us if, at any stage, your preferred format changes.

You are required to submit any comments that you may have on the Draft EIA by the **10 October 2022**, to the Environmental Assessment Practitioner, contact details above.

Next Step in the Process

The next step in the process entails the incorporation of the comments received from I&APs during this comment period, into the Final EIA Report, which will then be submitted to the competent authority, the Department of Economic Development, Environmental Affairs and Tourism (DEDEAT), Sarah Baartman Region, for their decision making. As a registered I&AP on the project database you will be notified in writing of the submission of the Final EIA Report to the competent authority.

Should you have any comments or queries regarding the above please do not hesitate to contact Sandy Wren, JP Hechter, Emily Whitfield or Geena Pringle at the contact details above.

We look forward to your participation in this stage of the process.

Yours sincerely

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