

Appendix G: Copies of Correspondence Received from I&APs

Copies of correspondence received from I&APs prior to the release of the Draft Scoping Report

From: Sandy Wren [sandy@publicprocess.co.za]
Sent: 08 September 2011 10:34 AM
To: 'Cindy Jonker (MB)'
Subject: RE: NOTICE OF SCOPING AND ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

Hi Cindy

The Scoping and EIA process was initiated for the project and an application for such was submitted to the Provincial Department of Economic Development Environmental Affairs and Tourism (DEDEAT) and is currently “on hold”. Below is an extract from correspondence received from DEDEAT regarding the status of the application.

I hereby confirm that we have had discussions regarding the appropriate waste listed activities that would be applicable to the project. I further confirm that we undertook to obtain clarity in this regard as it would determine whether the application has to follow the Basic Assessment Process or the process for full Scoping & EIA. The matter was referred to our Head Office in King Williamstown who subsequently have requested an opinion from the National Department of Environmental Affairs.

In the interim the application is deemed to be on hold until the clarity we are seeking has been received. As soon as we receive clarity in this regard, the application will be processed and you will be furnished with a reference number therefore.

We are not able to proceed with the process until we have feedback from DEDEAT. Once we have received feedback from DEDEAT we will notify all I&APs on our database accordingly.

Please don't hesitate to contact me should you require any further additional information.

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From: Cindy Jonker (MB) [cindy@goldlaw.co.za]
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Dear Madam

We confirm that we act on the instructions of the Trustees for the time being of the Grassridge Farm Trust who was registered via e-mail dated 8 July 2011 as an interested and effected party on your data base pertaining to the proposed Venter Fert, Composting and Fertilizing Processing Plan on Farm 715 Division Uitenhage, MR 00470 (Sunlands Road).

We enquire on the current status of the progress of the scoping process and report pertaining thereto.

Your advices with regard to the foregoing is awaited.

Yours faithfully

GOLDBERG & DE VILLIERS INC.

CINDY JONKER

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Sent: 18 January 2012 10:41 AM

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Hi Cindy

By late last year we still had not received feedback from DEDEAT on the process to be followed for the project. We subsequently made a recommendation to DEDEAT that a precautionary approach is adopted and Full Scoping and EIA should be applied to this application. This recommendation was accepted by DEDEAT and we will now proceed with compiling the Draft Scoping Report for the project, which will be released for I&AP review. All I&APs on the project database will be notified of the review period in writing. As a registered I&AP on the database for this project you will be notified of the comment period in writing.

Should you require any additional information on the project please don't hesitate to contact me.

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Dear Sandy

We refer to your e-mail of 8 September 2011 and enquire what the current status of the scoping and EIA process pertaining to this project is.

We await your report back shortly.

Yours faithfully
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Hi Cindy

The comments submitted on behalf of Johan Swart are noted and will be included in the Draft Scoping Report which will be made available to the public for a 40 day review period. As a registered interested and affected party on the database for this project you will be notified of the comment period in writing.

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Dear Madam

We act on the instructions of the Trustees for the time being of the Grassridge Farm Trust which is the registered owner of Grassridge Farm No 190, Sundays River Valley, Eastern Cape, which is adjacent to Farm 715, Uitenhage (the subject site) the subject site of the scoping and environmental impact assessment report.

Enclosed herewith duly completed form to register our client as an interested and affected party care of our contact details. We would appreciate it if you kindly keep us informed of all progress in the matter.

In addition, we enclose herewith a letter addressed to you on behalf of our client recording its main areas of concern regarding the proposed development of the subject site and those aspects which it requires particular attention to be had in the scoping and environmental impact assessment process with reference to the establishment and operation of a composting and fertilisation processing plant. We confirm that all our client's rights remain reserved including but not limited to responding further in respect of the proposed activities envisaged for the subject site and the effect that it would have on our client's use and enjoyment of its property.

Yours faithfully
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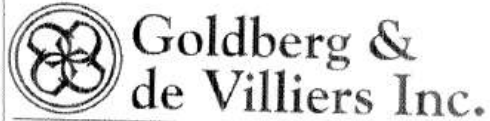
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NOTE: You are required to register as an I&AP in order to receive further information and correspondence regarding the EIA process.

Please clearly state any interest you may have in the project and/or list the issues or questions you may have (use additional pages if required)

Registration and comments form for Issues & Concerns



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8 July 2011

Dear Ms Wren,

Notice of Scoping and Environmental Assessment Process Proposed Composting and Fertiliser Processing Plant (Venter Fert) on Farm 715 Division Uitenhage, MR 00470 (Sunlands Road), Nelson Mandela Bay Municipality ("Subject Site") the Trustees for the time being of the Grassridge Farm Trust (IT964/2008)

We act on the instruction of the Trustees for the time being of the Grassridge Farm Trust (IT964/2008), the owner of Remainder Extent of Portion 2 of the Farm Blauw Baatjes Vley 189 in the Sundays River Valley Municipality, Division of Uitenhage, Easter Cape Province, which property is adjacent to Farm 715, Division Uitenhage, the Subject Site of the scoping and environmental impact assessment report.

Enclosed herewith is duly completed form to register our client as an interested and affected party on the project database in terms of Chapter 6 of GNR 543.

Our client has an interest in the above matter as a result of being a direct neighbour to the Subject Site being situated adjacent to the Subject Site.

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We are instructed to raise the following preliminary issues for inclusion in the Draft Scoping Report:-

1. Air Quality Specialist Assessment

- 1.1. Odour - Our client is very concerned about the potential odour emanating from the proposed Composting Facility and the Fertiliser Processing Plant. Any odour would severely impact our client's use and enjoyment of its property. No mention is made of odour and the proposed assessment of the impact thereof in any of the information pieces that were made available to us whether via yourselves or your website. Kindly include this in the Draft Scoping Report.
- 1.2. Greenhouse gasses – The use of chicken litter as an essential ingredient in the production of fertiliser leads to the release of methane, nitrous oxide, ammonia, and carbon dioxide in varying quantities, depending on the form of the litter (solid or liquid) and litter management (collection, storage and spreading). What steps will be taken to limit or eliminate this kind of pollution?

2. Ecological Specialist Assessment

- 2.1. Location - The Subject Site for the proposed Composting Facility and Fertiliser Processing Plant is situated within an important, biodiverse agricultural area, of which approximately 10.5ha would have to be cleared to build the proposed facilities. Were alternative sites for this development considered and why were they deemed as unsuitable?
- 2.2. Supply of chicken litter – We note that there appears to be no chicken farms within the immediate vicinity of the Subject Site to meet the demand for chicken litter, with the result that chicken litter would have to be sourced from some distance and be trucked to the proposed facilities, thus adding to the greenhouse gasses emissions. This indicates the unsuitability of the Subject Site for the proposed project.

3. Water Management

- 3.1. Potential runoff - In the Background Information Document, June 2011, potential runoff is mentioned, "draining surface with suitable stormwater infrastructure to manage potential runoff

from the site.” Our client is concerned about what this runoff water would contain and what the long-term effect of such runoff will be on the soil as well as the water supply. As our client’s game drinks from boreholes, which is supplied by underground water. The potential contamination of this water source is of concern.

3.2. Flash floods – No mention is made on whether the windrows will be covered or open. What would the consequences of heavy rain, such as we have experienced in the last couple of days, be on the timing within the production cycle? Would the chicken litter wash away?

4. Engineering input for bulk services and Geohydrological Study

4.1. Water Supply – Our client is concerned about the amount of water that would be utilised by the proposed Composting Facility as well as the Fertiliser Processing Plant. How will this added usage impact the long-term enjoyment of water to all members of the community within the vicinity? Mention is made that the chicken litter is irrigated once during the first week of the cycle – how much water would potentially be utilised? It appears that the source of this water would be underground water, which reiterates the concern of contamination and consequent effects on our client’s game, which drinks from boreholes supplied by this underground water source.

5. Geological overview

5.1. What would the long-term effect of the runoff water, which could potentially contain heavy metals, pharmaceuticals and/or steroids given to the chickens at the chicken farms, be on the soil as well as the water supply?

5.2. What would the long-term effect of salt leaching from the chicken litter into the soil as well as the water supply be?

6. Heritage Assessment

6.1. Aesthetics – In the Background Information Document, June 2011, windrows are mentioned as well as that “it is estimated that the footprint (*of the windrows*) will comprise 120 rows over

approximately 10ha. It is proposed that the composting site is ideally located on a gentle sloping, well draining surface with suitable stormwater infrastructure to manage potential run off from the site." Our client is concerned that these "gentle sloping" windrows occupying approximately 10ha will severely impair the aesthetics of the area.

7. Traffic

7.1. Road maintenance – In the Background Information Document, June 2011 it is mentioned that the proposed Composting Facility would receive approximately 75 000m³ (30 000 tons) of poultry litter annually. Once this litter has been processed into fertiliser it would also need to be transported from the proposed facility. We assume that transportation of the chicken litter as well as the produced fertiliser would be by truck, utilising the existing road network, which was not designed to carry such burdens on a regular basis. Are there plans to improve the carrying capacity of the current road infrastructure prior to commence building of the proposed facilities? What is the proposed road maintenance plans? How regularly will road maintenance be carried out? What is the live expectancy of these road maintenance plans? How many trucks would actually be using the roads? How often would they be on the roads?

8. General

8.1. Pathogens and microbes – The Background Information Document, June 2011 states "tests for pathogens and microbes are undertaken every third week during the estimated 2 to 4 month cycle." Our client is concerned about the potential spread of any of these pathogens or microbes to his animals in which he has made a substantial economic investment. There is a particular concern about the potential spread of avian flu to our client's wild ostriches.

8.2. Rezoning – It may further be rezoning the Subject Site from rural to industrial may not be inline with the Nelson Mandela Bay Municipality's Spatial Development Framework.

8.3. Waste – No mention is made of what will happen to the waste from the proposed Composting Facility or the Fertiliser Processing Plant. An estimated 75 000m³ of chicken litter will be delivered

to the proposed facility producing approximately 25 000m³ of fertilizer annually. What happens to the balance of the chicken litter?

8.4. Approval of building plans – Our instructions are that in terms of s.7 (1)(b)(ii)(ccc) of the National Building Regulations and Building Standards Act (No. 103 of 1977) the building plans for the erection of buildings on the Subject Site would not be approved.

8.5. Air Quality Act (39 of 2004) - According to s.39(c)(ii) of the above mentioned Act, the licensing authority should take the following factors into consideration when considering an application for an atmospheric emissions license: the best practicable environmental options available that could be taken – to protect the environment, including health, social conditions, economic conditions, cultural heritage and ambient air quality, from harm as a result of that pollution.

Our instructions are that the potential odour as well as the release of greenhouse gasses from the proposed Composting Facility and/or the Fertiliser Processing Plant will severely impact on all of these factors in the following ways:

- The environment (built and otherwise) – More than 10ha of land would have to be cleared to build the proposed facility which will not only be an eye sore in the vicinity but would also result in odour pollution as well as the release of greenhouse gasses. Further, once built the facility would result in the devaluation of our client's residential dwelling and the overall value of its property.
- Health – the health and enjoyment of all (humans and animals) living near this proposed Composting Facility and Compost Processing Plant would be negatively impacted.
- Social conditions – It is reported that people living near established fertiliser processing plants utilising chicken litter experience that the odour emanating from these plants greatly reduce their quality of living. Where possible they avoid spending any time outdoors to escape the stench. Hence our client's use and enjoyment of its property will be substantially negatively impaired by the proposed project on the Subject Site.

- Economic conditions – The proposed site along with the odour originating from there would have a negative impact on the value of adjacent properties as well as on the income generating potential of these properties.
- Cultural heritage – Currently the site of the proposed facilities is used as a game farm thereby preserving in some small way a part of all South Africans cultural heritage by providing “green lungs” for the environment and preserving animals in their natural environment.
- Ambient air quality – The odour originating from the proposed facilities will destroy the ambient air quality for all in the vicinity.

National Environmental Management Waste Act (No.59 of 2008)

In accordance with s.48 of the above Act, when considering an application for a waste management license, the licensing authority must take into account all relevant matters, including—

- (b) the pollution caused or likely to be caused by the activity that is the subject of the application, whether alone or together with existing operations or pollution and the effect or likely effect of that pollution on the environment, including health, social conditions, economic conditions and cultural heritage;
- (c) the best practicable environmental options available and alternatives that could be taken—
 - (i) to prevent, control, abate or mitigate pollution; and
 - (ii) to protect the environment, including health, social conditions, economic conditions and cultural heritage from harm as a result of the undertaking of the waste management activity;
- (d) any increased health and environmental risks that may arise as a result of the location where the waste management activity will be undertaken.

The long-term effect and the potential risk to humans, animals and the environment resulting from pathogens, nutrients, hormones and other contaminants that may be present in chicken litter is not yet fully understood or known. These contaminants can find their way to humans and animals by polluting the environment by runoff into surrounding surface water, leaching into ground water and wind. The resulting

damage will take years to rectify and will place an enormous economic burden on government and the community.

Yours faithfully
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CINDY JONKER

From: Eardley Rudman [eardley5@hotmail.com]
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Hi Sandy,I have completed the 3rd and 4th line in red.

Thank-you,
Eardley

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Subject: RE: Venter Fert

Date: Wed, 6 Jul 2011 10:33:10 +0200

Hi Eardley, see attached the comment form that you sent, in addition to the input below could you please directly transcribe the 3rd and 4th last line which I can only read in part at the moment. What I can see is as follows:

"The site is situated directly to the south where the prevailing winds originate too.Our gravel road will be degraded by increased truck activity too"

Please could you finish the sentence as you had it in the form and if I have incorrectly transcribed what "I think" I am seeing please correct this. We are legally bound to accurately capture all the comments that we receive.

Apologies if me email of yesterday was not very clear regarding what I needed.

Thanks and Regards

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Hi Sandy,

My residence and that of my staff's housing is situated 7km to the North from this property of the proposed development. The prevailing winds in the summer are generally from the South. I am warning that should the biological hazards of such a proposed development affect us here there will be serious problems for the developer and any authority that authorised such a development.

I am also warning that the surface of the gravel road is not in a state to accommodate heavy trucks transporting hazardous biological waste that stands the risk of spilling from the trucks into the surrounding environment.

The gravel road itself will be seriously degraded by increased truck activity.

Yours sincerely,

Eardley Rudman

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Hi Eardley

As discussed the comment form did not come out very clearly, can you possibly email it to me, I can't read the 4th and 3rd last lines of the comment form.

Thanks and regards

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I AND MY FAMILY AND STAFF WITH THEIR FAMILIES LIVE IN CLOSE PROXIMITY TO THE PROPOSED SITE. WE ARE NOT IN FAVOUR OF THIS WASTE SITE BEING ESTABLISHED. THIS SITE IS SITUATED DIRECTLY TO THE SOUTH OF OUR GRAVEL ROAD AND OUR GRAVEL ROAD WILL BE DEGRADED BY INCREASED TRUCK ACTIVITY TOO.



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2011/06/14

Dear Sir/Madam

This serves as a notice of receipt and confirms that your application has been captured in our electronic AgriLand tracking and management system. It is strongly recommended that you use the on-line AgriLand application facility in future.

Detail of your application as captured:

Type: **Scoping & Environmental Assessment:**
Your reference number: Farm 715 (Venter Fert)
Dated: 6 June 2011

Please use the following reference number in all enquiries:

AgriLand reference number: 2011_06_0125

Enquiries can be made to the above postal, fax or e-mail address.

Yours sincerely,

HJ Buys
pp DIRECTOR: LAND USE AND SOIL MANAGEMENT

Online application available at: <http://www.agis.agric.za/agriland>

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2. Wet manure in rows/windrows can be responsible for significant odour intensity and offensiveness, causing nuisance conditions.
3. Impact of rainfall/watering the windrows on odour concentrations, which can peaked at 2-3 days after rainfall and at a moisture content of 60-67%.
4. Why is the animal manure not classified as hazardous waste in terms of NEMWA, as the waste contains organic compounds that may have a detrimental impact on health and the environment (offensive odours) by way of open storage? On what basis has the DEA come to this conclusion?

Registration and comments form for Issues & Concerns



water affairs

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Water Use Authorization, Private Bag X6041, Port Elizabeth, 6000

Tel: 041 586 4884
Enquiries: M. Bloem

Fax: 086 560 5042
Ref: Fertilizer Processing Plant (Venter Fert)

E-mail: bloemm@dwa.gov.za

120 Diaz Road
Adcockvale
PORT ELIZABETH
6001

Attention Ms. S Wren

COMMENTS: BACKGROUND INFORMATION DOCUMENT FOR THE PROPOSED COMPOSTING AND FERTILIZER PROCESSING PLANT (VENTER FERT) ON FARM 715 DIVISION UITENHAGE, NELSON MANDELA BAY MUNICIPALITY.

The Department of Water Affairs acknowledges receipt of the Background Information Document (BID) for the above-mentioned proposed development from the Water Use Authorisation Unit.

Comments from Water Resource Protection Unit

Water Use Entitlements

After the evaluation of the BID this office has the following comments and concerns:

- The proximity of the processing plant and composting facilities to the extent of the watercourse i.e. 1:100 year floodline of or riparian habitat, whichever is greatest in the vicinity; and
- The proximity of the waste site to the extent of the watercourse (as defined above).

Any activity which may take place within the extent of a watercourse requires a water use authorization obtained from this department in terms of Section 21 (c) & (i) of the National Water Act, 1998 (Act No. 36 of 1998) (the Act) for impeding and diverting flow of water in a watercourse; and altering the bed, banks, course or characteristics of a watercourse, respectively.

Therefore, if the proposed processing plant, the composting facilities as well as the waste site will be located within the extent of the watercourse, a water use authorization will be required.

Following are the list of other activities that may require a water use authorization in terms of Section 21 (c) & (i) of the Act:

- The removal of riparian vegetation; and
- Associated infrastructure or structures i.e. bridges, pipes etc within the extent of a watercourse.

Please note that for the purpose of the Act, natural channels and non-perennial streams are also regarded as watercourses.

Additional information required

1. The applicant should provide this department with technical reports with the following information once compiled/completed:

- Description of the affected watercourse;
- Details regarding the proposed development's effect and/or impact on the watercourses in the vicinity including alternatives and mitigation measures; and
- Clear and detailed layout plan indicating the location of the proposed project activities in relation to the 1:100 year floodline or riparian habitat, whichever is the greatest.

Comments from Water Quality Management Unit

A Management Plan should be in place to ensure that the chicken litter is managed in such a manner that it does not have an adversely impact on the watercourse. Efforts must be undertaken to ensure that the application of poultry litter on the land does not pose any risk to both groundwater and surface water or have a negative impact on the watercourse or receiving environment during rainfall or runoff.

Yours Faithfully



Acting CHIEF DIRECTOR: EASTERN CAPE

Date: 27 OCT 2011

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Access to / and effect of development on Provincial Roads.


 M.T. KEYSER
 District Roads Engineer

From: Mark Ralph [MRalph@sovfoods.co.za]
Sent: 17 June 2011 11:12 AM
To: Sandy Wren
Cc: Boeram Venter
Subject: Disco manure composting site

Good morning Sandy

We would like to be registered as an Interested party w.r.t. the Venter's Disco manure composting application, given that we will be supplying the majority of the manure to this facility.

Could you please update me as to where we are in the process and provide me with information on this application?

Thank you

Mark

From: Patrick Cull [pdhcull@iafrica.com]
Sent: 11 June 2011 02:16 PM
To: sandy@publicprocess.co.za
Subject: Die Boeram Venter Trust

Hello Sandy

This makes a change from wind!

Would you be so kind as to register me as an interested party for the above.

Many thanks and best wishes

Patrick Cull

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To: 'Renier Meintjes'; 'Andries Struwig'; 'Jill Miller'; 'Kobus Slabbert'; 'Templeton Titima'
Cc: 'boeram@svalley.co.za'; 'Le Roux Venter'
Subject: RE: Notice of Scoping and EIA process, Venter Fert

Hi Renier

Thank you for your input, we will include the SRV Municipality on the project database, however at this stage potential footprints on the property will be located on portions of the property that fall within the jurisdiction of the NMBM. Johan van der Westhuizen of Urban Dynamics will be liaising with you with regards to the rezoning of the footprints.

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-----Original Message-----

From: Renier Meintjes [mailto:rmeintjes@mandelametro.gov.za]
Sent: 06 June 2011 09:37 AM
To: 'Andries Struwig'; Jill Miller; Kobus Slabbert; Templeton Titima; Sandy Wren
Cc: boeram@srvalley.co.za; 'Le Roux Venter'
Subject: Re: Notice of Scoping and EIA process, Venter Fert

Kindly note that a portion of the Farm 715 is situated outside the municipal boundary of NMBM and is situated in the Sundays River municipality area.

Kindly also note that a Rezoning application must be submitted to the NMBM for consideration.

R Meintjes



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OUR REF: 9/2/095/0001

Ms Sandy Wren
Public Process Consultants
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6057

Dear Ms Wren,

**RE: COMPOSTING AND FERTILISER PROCESSING PLANT (VENTER FERT)
ON FARM 715 DIVISION UITENHAGE, MR 00470 (SUNLANDS ROAD),
NELSON MANDELA BAY MUNICIPALITY**

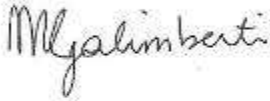
Thank you for your indication that development is to take place in this area.

In terms of the National Heritage Resources Act, no 25 of 1999, heritage resources, including archaeological or palaeontological sites over 100 years old, graves older than 60 years, structures older than 60 years are protected. They may not be disturbed without a permit from the relevant heritage resources authority. This means that before such sites are disturbed by development it is incumbent on the developer to ensure that a **Heritage Impact Assessment** is done. This must include the archaeological component (Phase 1) and any other applicable heritage components.

In the Background Information Document it is stated that an archaeological and a palaeontological impact assessments are already planned, therefore SAHRA will comment on the heritage impacted by this project once the two assessments are received.

Any other heritage resources that may be impacted such as built structures over 60 years old, sites of cultural significance associated with oral histories, burial grounds and graves, graves of victims of conflict, and cultural landscapes or viewsapes must also be assessed.

Yours sincerely



PP Mrs Nonofho Ndobochani
SAHRA: Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorite Unit
For: CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Copy: PHRA Eastern Cape Office

Appendices: List of accredited Palaeontologists and Mining Pamphlet

From: ThembiN [ThembiN@daff.gov.za]
Sent: 18 July 2011 11:09 AM
To: Sandy Wren
Subject: RE: Farm 715 Division Uitenhage

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Thank you for the reply. Actually. I need the location where is this farm located and the distance from the nearest town.

From: Sandy Wren [<mailto:sandy@publicprocess.co.za>]
Sent: 18 July 2011 10:31 AM
To: ThembiN
Subject: Farm 715 Division Uitenhage

Hi Thembi

As per your fax of the 15 July 2011 please find attached the Background Information Document for the proposed composting and fertiliser processing facility on Farm 715 Division Uitenhage.

We will ensure that you are kept on the project database and kept update on the progress on the Environmental Impact Assessment and comment periods.

If you require any additional information please don't hesitate to contact me.

Regards

Sandy Wren

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Date 15/07/2011

To: Sandy Wren
Organization: Public process consultants
Fax: 011 373 2002

From: Thembi Nyoka / Thembi N @ deff.gov.za
Tel: 012 319 7464
Fax: 012 329 5938

No. Pages 1

Message:

2011-06-0125
Please send more information on the following
scoping report from 715 Division of Heritage.

So that will finalize your application. You can
email to me

Regards

Signature: [Handwritten Signature]

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TITLE:

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From: Zunel Fourie [jcron.mac@xsinet.co.za]
Sent: 22 June 2011 04:51 PM
To: sandy@publicprocess.co.za
Subject: VENTER FERT (COMPOSTING AND FERTILISER PLANT) - FARM 715

JOHAN CRONJE
Attorneys & Conveyancers
25 Upper Drostdy Street, Uitenhage
(Consulting Rooms 144 Cape Road, Port Elizabeth)

We represent Gideon Simeon Barnard and we have been instructed to address this letter to yourself.

Your Notice on the Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment published in the Burger and information contained on your website regarding the Venter Fert (Composting and Fertiliser Plant) envisaged for Farm 715 refers.

Our client is to become owner of Remainder of Portion 1 of the Farm Centlivres Number 231 which is adjacent to the site proposed for the establishment of the Composting and Fertiliser Plant . May we kindly request that you confirm that our client has been noted as a interested and affected party.

Consequently our client has instructed us to raise the following issues for inclusion in the draft scoping report:

1. Road infrastructure.

The current road between the R75 route and Sunlands/Addo is a gravel road. This road services our client's property as well as the site proposed in your notice. Our client's concern is that with the increased vehicular traffic suggested in your information document, especially the nature of the vehicles which will traverse the road, that such road will deteriorate to the detriment of the neighbouring farms. We shall be pleased to receive your advices what measures will be undertaken so as to not cause undue deterioration of the road infrastructure.

2. Avian illness

Our client has not yet taken transfer of the property, but transfer thereof is eminent. Once our client becomes owner of the property he is of the intention to establish an aviary and bird farm. Our client is concerned and request that you address what procedures will be put in place to prevent the spread of any avian illnesses. We note that additional testing for pathogens and microbes are to be undertaken every third week on a 2 to 4 month cycle. Our client is concerned that the scale of the activity proposed by your client increases the risk of an outbreak of avian illness and request that this concern be addressed in your Impact Assessment.

3. Tourism

Once our client has established the aviary and bird farm he is of the intention to market same as a tourism attraction. The storing, handling and composting of poultry litter may cause a offensive smell on the surrounding farm properties and if this is so, our client will be unable to market his farm as a tourist attraction. You are requested to include this aspect in the your report.

4. Waste and by-products

Our client is concerned that in the process of composting, by-products may be created and if so you are to advise how such by-products will be disposed of.

We look forward to your advices by return of post.

ZUNEL FOURIE
on behalf of COLIN MAC KENZIE
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P O Box 143, Uitenhage, 6230
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Copies of correspondence received from I&APs during the Draft Scoping Report review period

Correspondence with Councillor Lennard

EDTA Cllr - Lennard [dlennard@mandelametro.gov.za]
01 March 1980 03:19 AM
paul@publicprocess.co.za
marisa@publicprocess.co.za; sandy@publicprocess.co.za
VenterFert Compost EIA

Dear Paul

I have receive the whole report of this project. I have no objection regarding to the project, because it is taking place outside residential areas.

I will like to know is there no vacancies available at this project for community members within my ward.

Your response on this regard will be highly appreciated.

Kind regards,
Dick Lennard
078 104 3855

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Correspondence from Gideon Barnard

From: Sandy Wren [sandy@publicprocess.co.za]
Sent: 28 May 2012 10:46 AM
To: 'Janene Ferreira'
Subject: RE: Composting & Fertilizer Processing plant (Venter Fert) on farm 715 Division Uitenhage, MR 0040 (Sunlands Road) Nelson Mandela Bay Municipality

Hi Gideon

Would you kindly forward us your postal address for future correspondence.

Thanks and Regards

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From: Janene Ferreira [janeneferreira@yahoo.com]
Sent: 14 May 2012 10:39 PM
To: sandy@publicprocess.co.za
Cc: jcron.mac@xsinet.co.za
Subject: Composting & Fertilizer Processing plant (Venter Fert) on farm 715 Division Uitenhage, MR 0040 (Sunlands Road) Nelson Mandela Bay Municipality

Dear Sandy

I registered as an Interested and Affected party for the above mentioned processing plant. I have the following issues at heart (basically stated by Johan Swart)

1. Air quality specialist assessment
 - * Odour and Greenhouse gasses
2. Ecological specialist assessment
 - * Location: biodiverse agricultural area
 - * Supply of chicken litter: litter would have to be sourced from some distance and be trucked
3. Water management
 - * Potential runoff
 - * Flash floods
4. Engineering input for bulk services and geohydrological study
 - * Water supply
5. Geological overview
 - * long term effect of runoff water
6. Road maintenance
7. Spread of diseases (humans, animals and avian illness)
8. Waste and by-products
9. Tourism

Thank you

Kind Regards

Gideon Barnard

Correspondence from the Kobus Slabbert (NMBM Air Quality)

Kobus Slabbert [kslabbert@mandelametro.gov.za]

14 May 2012 03:40 PM

Sandy Wren

Busisiwe Zungu; Darryl Bailey; Nickie Oliphant; Templeton Titima

Re: Venter Fert Notes and Presentation - Meeting of 4 May 2012

Follow Up Flag: Follow up

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Hi Sandy

With regards to your notes re above meeting and site visit, the following correction/additions under heading "Kobus Slabbert":

1. Bullet point 2 - Replace with the following wording: The air quality specialist needs to evaluate the impact of the proposed activity (gaseous compounds) on the ambient air quality with special reference to the environmental nuisance risks (offensive odours), including during temperature inversion conditions, that might lead to a statutory offensive odour/public nuisance by nearby neighbours.
2. The report must include a detailed emission inventory for the operation, all pollutants of concern (i.e. emission of greenhouse gases, particulate and volatile compounds including VOC's, hydrogen sulphide and ammonia) and their emission rates, inclusive of worst case scenarios.
3. The report must include areas that are potentially impacted by the proposed operations, i.e. dispersion model indicating the extent of the impact (ambient & odour).
4. The report must include odour abatement measures to prevent odorous emissions from the proposed site and ambient air quality monitoring program, specifically for ammonia and hydrogen sulphide.
5. Fugitive dust emissions emanating from the site together with proper abatement measures should be considered.
6. An air quality specialist with competency in environmental nuisance risks, i.e. offensive odours, should be considered.
7. The impact of truck and equipment noise to nearby residents during the site preparation and site operation should be investigated, together with mitigation measures.
8. Levels of certain heavy metals in particular, copper, zinc and arsenic in litter and public health issues for example pathogenic organisms in poultry litter contaminating water tables and streams, pathogen re-growth of surviving Salmonella organisms in stored compost should be considered.

Regards
Kobus Slabbert

>>> "Sandy Wren" <sandy@publicprocess.co.za> 09-05-2012 02:45 PM >>>
Hi All

As per our meeting of last week please find attached our notes from the meeting and the presentation, as agreed. The notes from the meeting will go into our Final Scoping Report as comments raised by the Air Quality Division of the NMBM.

Once again, thank you for your time and valuable input.

Regards

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Correspondence from Schalk Potgieter (NMBM Housing & Land)

From: Sandy Wren [sandy@publicprocess.co.za]
Sent: 14 May 2012 11:40 AM
To: 'Schalk Potgieter'
Subject: Venter Fert Draft Scoping

Hi Schalk

Further to confirm our conversation of this morning, your specific concerns with regards to the impact of the proposed activity are as follows:

Visual impacts to surrounding landowners
Potential odour impacts
Potential pollution to groundwater

And the impact this may have on game farms in the area. As noted by you, should the facility be fenced in, and game from surrounding farms did not have access to the facility, this would address potential direct impacts on game from surrounding farms.

Regards

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Correspondence with Bernard Venter (PPC)

Mr Bernard Venter

Re.: VenterFert Composting Project

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Regards

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Correspondence with Vanessa Lessing (PPC)

From: Vanessa Lessing <Vanessa.Lessing@ppc.co.za>
Sent: 14 May 2012 12:10 PM
To: Paul Steyn
Subject: RE: VenterFert Composting Project Discussion

Thank you.

Regards
VANESSA LESSING

Environmental and Sustainability Specialist
Pretoria Portland Cement Company Ltd
Tel: +27 (0)41 4862272; Fax: +27 (0)41 4862145; E-mail: vlessing@ppc.co.za

From: Paul Steyn [<mailto:paul@publicprocess.co.za>]
Sent: 14 May 2012 12:09 PM
To: Vanessa Lessing
Subject: Re.: VenterFert Composting Project Discussion

Hi Vanessa

Re.: VenterFert Composting Project
Our discussion of this morning regarding the VenterFert Composting project refers. Please see below the transcript of my conversation of 14 May 2012 with Mr Bernard Venter; as discussed.

Kind regards
Paul-Pierre

From: Paul Steyn [<mailto:paul@publicprocess.co.za>]
Sent: 14 May 2012 11:04 AM
To: 'bventer@ppc.co.za'
Cc: sandy@publicprocess.co.za; marisa@publicprocess.co.za
Subject: Re.: VenterFert Composting Project

Mr Bernard Venter

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Correspondence from Sovereign Foods

12 April 2012

Dear Stakeholder,

We would like to take this opportunity of first and foremost thanking you for your engagement with Sovereign Foods who may have registered or be deemed an Interested and Affected Party pertaining to your various environmental projects.

Please take cognizance that I shall soon be leaving Sovereign Foods and that all environmental correspondence and matters alike that involve Sovereign Foods are being handled by Mr Clifford Bartman, whose contact details are provided below for your convenience.

Please update your IAP database accordingly.

Mr Clifford Bartman
Group Legal Counsel
Sovereign Foods
Cell): 082 417 8128
Tel): 041 995 1724
Email): cbartman@sovfoods.co.za

Thank You and Kind Regards



Mark Ralph
Environmental Officer
Sovereign Foods

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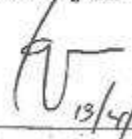
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CELL: <u>0836061598</u>	EMAIL:

Please clearly outline comments you may have in response to the Draft Scoping Report (use additional pages if needed)

The Traffic Impact Assessment should also cover safety aspects at the access to Provincial Road 470.

M.T. KEYSER
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13/4/2012

Registration and comments form

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- 1) THE SMELL!!
- 2) THE TRAFFIC ON THE ALREADY BAD GRAVEL ROADS!
- 3) THE VALUE OF MY PROPERTY NEXT TO AN FACTORY.
- 4) THE CONTAMINATION OF UNDERGROUND WATER RESOURCES
SINCE THAT MY FARM IS ADJACENT OF ON THE LOWER
PART OF THE SCOPE
PECT PLANT
- 5) IMPACT OF ^{PECT PLANT} ONTOURISM & HUNTING INDUSTRY!!
- 6)

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**DRAFT SCOPING REPORT
COMMENT FORM**

Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment

Applicant: Die Boeram Venter Trust

Project: Proposed Venter Fert Composting and Fertiliser Processing Plant

Location: Farm 715 Division Uitenhage, MR 00470 (Sunlands Road), Nelson Mandela Bay Municipality.

Primary Listed Activity: NEM: Waste Act (No. 59 of 2008): GN R 718, Category A. (17.)

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Can you please advise and confirm whether the implications of the proposed activity on the surrounding game farming activities has been assessed.

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4 May 2012

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Darryl Bailey – NMBM Environmental Health: Uitenhage Office

- The odour associated with poultry manure makes the siting of a poultry manure composting facility critical.
- The smaller sites in the peri-urban areas west of Port Elizabeth are unsuitable for such a facility; the area north of Port Elizabeth / Uitenhage is more suitable. The areas to the south of Port Elizabeth are not considered as suitable for such a facility.
- When the poultry manure is moved the odour problem is the greatest. Due to the rearing cycle on broiler farms there is almost always manure being removed.
- When the poultry manure/compost is mature, the odour is not a problem. I anticipate that problem odours from the composted manure will be greatest during the 1st and 2nd month after delivery to the composting site.
- Our experience at a composting facility in St Albans has shown that odour from these facilities can reach nuisance levels as far as 5 kilometers away.
- What may be considered to be an acceptable odour by one individual in an agricultural area, may be considered a “nuisance odour” by another in the same area.
- NMBM would like to consult with other municipalities to ascertain how they have dealt with the problems (mitigation of odour) related to similar facilities that have been licensed and are operating legally.

Kobus Slabbert – NMBM Environmental Health: Air Quality

- While dispersion is an important factor in the dissipation of odour, one also needs to consider stable atmospheric conditions during which the odour is not dispersed. Both scenarios should therefore be modelled in the Air Quality Assessment.
- The air quality specialist needs to evaluate the impact of the proposed activity (gaseous compounds) on the ambient air quality with special reference to the environmental nuisance risks (offensive odours), including during temperature inversion conditions, that might lead to a statutory offensive odour/public nuisance by nearby neighbours.
- In terms of legal compliance; if the odour is perceived as a nuisance by a “reasonable person”, the generation of such odour represents a contravention of the legislation governing air quality.

Templeton Titima – NMBM Environmental Health: Air Quality

- The NMBM will require that dispersion modelling is undertaken as part of the air quality specialist study.
- If the facility is going to be open (not enclosed) the applicant will have to consider other mitigation measures to control odour.
- If the facility is not going to be covered, what will an effective mitigation measure for the control of odours be? (Investigate what measures have been used in similar facilities).
- The Air Quality Specialist Assessment must assess the effectiveness of mitigation measures for the minimisation/management of odours.