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Date: 20 October 2022

Ref: 14/12/16/3/3/3/406

WITHDRAWAL OF APPLICATION FOR AN INTEGRATED ENVIRONMENTAL APPLICATION: BATTERY PROCESSING AND RECOVERY PLANT AT BATCON BATTERIES CC, LOCATED ON PORTION 0 OF THE ERF 65 IN DASPOORT 319 JR, HERMANSTAD, CITY OF TSHWANE METROPOLITAN MUNICIPALITY, GAUTENG PROVINCE (REFERENCE: 14/12/16/3/3/3/406).

With reference to the written correspondence received from the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE), Chief Director: Integrated Environmental Authorisations on 17 October 2022, Environmental Assurance (Pty) Ltd (ENVASS) was requested to withdraw the application that was submitted on 30 September 2022 for an Integrated Environmental Authorisation (Reference 14/12/16/3/3/3/406) .

A meeting was held with the DFFE on 17 October 2022, to obtain clarification regarding the request received from the DFFE to withdraw the application. The DFFE stated during this meeting and confirmed in writing that the Minister is not identified in terms of Section 24C of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998), as amended (NEMA) (Chapter 5). It was also stated that there was no agreement between the provincial authority, the Gauteng Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (GDARD), and DFFE to process the application as an Integrated Environmental Authorisation.

DFFE indicated that an Environmental Authorisation (EA) application for the Listed Activity triggered in terms of the Environmental Impact Assessment, 2014 (as amended) will require a Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment. This application will need to be submitted as a separate application to the provincial authority, GDARD.

A Waste Management Licence Application and Basic Assessment Report for the licensing of waste activities that have, or are likely to have, a detrimental effect on the environment in terms of the National Environmental Waste Management Act, 2008 (Act No. 59 of 2008) will need to be submitted separately to DFFE. Therefore, two (2)

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separate applications will need to be submitted to obtain an Environmental Authorisation and a Waste Management Licence.

ENVASS on behalf of the applicant, Batcon Batteries CC, hereby withdraws the Integrated Environmental Application (Reference 14/12/16/3/3/3/406) submitted on the 30th of September 2022.

Please acknowledge receipt of the withdrawal of the application.

Yours Sincerely,

Jana Liebenberg (Environmental Assessment Practitioner)



Environmental Assurance (Pty) Ltd.