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**BY POST AND FACSIMILE**

Dear Sir

**APPROVAL OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PLAN IN RESPECT OF PROPOSED RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT ON PORTION 402 OF THE FARM DRIEFONTEIN 85-IR TO BE KNOWN AS ERPM VILLAGE WITHIN THE EKURHULENI METROPOLITAN MUNICIPALITY GAUT: 002/12-13/E0183.**

The above-mentioned proposal has reference.

The Department received the Scoping Report and Plan of Study on 19 March 2013 and the final Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) on 18 June 2013. In the review of the aforesaid reports, it was noted that the proposal is for the residential development on Portion 402 of the farm Driefontein 85 IR, which is 42.9955ha in extent. A site inspection was conducted on 01 August 2013 with the officials from Ekurhuleni Metropolitan Municipality and the Departmental officials, which revealed that the site is currently occupied by residential units used by mine on the aforesaid farm. It was confirmed that the intension of the application is to demolish the existing houses for the establishment of residential 4 units. It was also noted that the site is transformed due to the existing residential development.

Based on the above, the Department submits that the proposed activity is not listed in terms of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2010, (GN R. 544, R 545 or R 546) published under the National Environmental Management Act (NEMA) (Act No. 107 of 1998) (as amended). However, the Department decided to approve an Environmental Management Plan submitted attached in the EIAR to manage possible impact on the site.

The Department is satisfied that the submitted EMP as part of EIAR effectively addresses the concerns on the property. The following was taken into account:

- a. The Heritage Report dated 23 May 2012 compiled by Heritage Contracts and Archaeological Consulting indicates that the housing settlement on the site was in existence prior to the promulgation of the Environment Conservation Act 1989 (Act 73 of 1989) (the "ECA") and the National Environmental Management Act 1998 (Act 107 of 1998) (the "NEMA") (as amended).

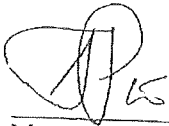
- b. In addition, the proposed activity will no longer trigger an Environmental Impact Assessment Process as the site is currently occupied by the housing settlement and the proposal is for formalisation of the residential development on site.

This letter serves to inform you that the Department has approved the Environmental Management Plan, subject to compliance with the following:

1. There were mining activities (New Comet Gold Mine) on the aforesaid property; therefore approval from the Department of Mineral Resources regarding the stability of the area for the proposed development must be obtained before the commencement of the activity and be submitted to this Department for record keeping.
2. The palaeontological impact assessment must be undertaken before any construction for approval by the SAHRA. Proof must be submitted to this Department for record keeping.
3. A signed submission by the applicant must be submitted to the Department before the commencement of the activity, stating that he/she knows and understands the contents of the EMP and will be ultimately held responsible for compliance with the requirements and procedures thereof.
4. An Environmental Control Officer ("ECO") must be appointed to monitor compliance to the EMP during construction.

Please contact the official at the above number should you have any queries with regards to the contents of this letter.

Yours faithfully



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