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**EVALUATION OF AN APPLICATION FOR AN ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION IN TERMS OF REGULATION 17 OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT REGULATIONS, 2014 AS AMENDED (HEREIN REFERRED TO AS THE EIA REGULATIONS) FOR PROSPECTING IN RESPECT OF THE FARMS PANFONTEIN 185, DEELPAN 1867 AND HONINGKOPJE 354, SITUATED IN THE MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT OF BLOEMFONTEIN IN THE FREE STATE PROVINCE. APPLICANT: LICO 3 (PTY) LTD.**

1. The abovementioned application received by this Department on the **01<sup>st</sup> of August 2023** and acknowledged on **04<sup>th</sup> of August 2023** refers.
2. Your application has been checked as required in terms of regulation 17 of the EIA Regulations and it was found that no area of concern concerning the application form submitted.

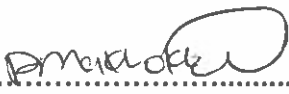


3. In view of the application form and paragraph 2 above, you are hereby requested to submit by the **20<sup>th</sup> of November 2023**, **three (3) copies manually and one (1) electronic copy through SAMRAD, of a basic assessment report, inclusive of specialist reports and an EMPr** which have been subjected to the public participation process of at least 30 days incorporating the comments received, including all comments from the competent authority. Kindly refer to section 24N(2) of National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act 107 of 1998) as amended and 4 & 6 of the EIA Regulations for the minimum requirements set for the aforementioned reports.
4. **The public participation process should be conducted as stipulated in chapter 6 of the EIA Regulations 2014 as amended and taking into considerations any guideline applicable for public participation.**
7. You should also take into account the minimum requirements with regard to specific specialist studies which should be undertaken for any development or projects such as a **Heritage Impact Assessment Studies, Biodiversity/Ecological Studies and Wetland delineation**. It is the EAP's responsibility to identify the specialist studies required for this environmental authorisation in order to avoid delay in processing and finalisation of the application.
8. The basic assessment report and an EMPr to be submitted as mentioned on paragraph 4 above must also first be subjected to a 30 days consultation process with every state department which administers a law relating to a matter affecting the environment, **and this include this department (regional office)**.
9. Your consultation must be extended to the Department of Land Affairs if the land is state owned or in the event the land is subject to land restitution, consult the office of the Commission on Restitution and Land Rights and submit proof and result of such consultation as part of the reports requested on paragraph 5 above.
10. Kindly note that acknowledgement of your environmental authorisation application does not grant you a right to commence with the listed activity/ies (prospecting operation) applied for. Your application will be processed and a recommendation on granting, or refusal of an environmental authorisation will be forwarded to the Minister

or his delegate for consideration, and the decision will be communicated as stipulated in regulation 4(1) of the EIA Regulations.

11. You should also note that commencement with a listed activity without an environmental authorisation contravenes the provisions of section 24F (1) of NEMA and constitutes an offence in terms of section 49A (1) (a) of the said Act.
  
12. Further note that in terms of regulation 45 of the EIA Regulations, your failure to submit the documents or meet any timeframes prescribed in terms of the said Regulations will result in your application deemed to have lapsed (**refer to paragraph 3 above**). The provisions or regulation 19(1)(b) of the EIA Regulations should be used where deemed necessary as once this application lapses, the department will not process any documentation submitted outside the prescribed timeframe.

Yours faithfully

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**REGIONAL MANAGER: MINERAL AND PETROLEUM REGULATION**

**FREE STATE REGION**

DATE... 01/09/2023

*Please quote this office file number as reference for any correspondence regarding this application.*