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Dear Madam;

RE: DRAFT BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORT: PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF AN INTEGRATED ENERGY CENTRE IN GLENDALE, WITHIN MAPHUMULO LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, ILEMBE DISTRICT, KWA-ZULU NATAL

1. The above mentioned Draft Basic Assessment Report (DBAR), received by this Department on 25 October 2018 for the above matter, has reference.
2. The DBAR has been reviewed and the Department has the following comments:
 - 2.1 The project description must provide more details, specifically on how the activity being applied for is triggered by the proposed development. The project description must link with the activity being applied for. It must also include how many cubic meters, what will the underground storage tanks contain or store. This must all be included within the project description.
 - 2.2 Please provide a clearer and bigger locality map on your final BAR.
 - 2.3 Page 9 of the said report has reference, under alternatives. The DBAR does not include the "No-go" alternative. Please also investigate the "No-go" alternative and include it on your final BAR.

- 2.4 Please note that the preferred alternative of the proposed project must also be accompanied by the specialist recommendations as well. Please address this on your final report.
- 2.5 Please indicate what will be the total construction footprint of this development.
- 2.6 Page 6 of the Site Assessment report, dated 20 December 2016, as prepared by Sivest has reference. On this report, there is mention that there are existing graves on site, however, there is no Heritage Impact Assessment conducted and included on the DBAR. Please conduct a Heritage Impact Assessment and include it on your final BAR.
- 2.7 As per the objectives of the Basic Assessment Report, EMPr and Specialist studies, under the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations 2014, the EAP who prepared the BAR, EMPr and the Specialist who prepared the specialist reports must include their curriculum vitae's. However, there are no curriculum vitae's included on the document. Please include all the relevant CV's on your final BAR.
3. The following comments pertain to the EMPr:
- 3.1 When issuing an instruction to the construction team, the word must is to be used throughout the EMPr. Words like should, needs to, may, avoid, regularly, adequately, appropriate, suitable, where possible e.t.c are ambiguous and cannot be audited. Please address this accordingly throughout your EMPr and remove all the above-mentioned words in order to make instructions more enforceable.
- 3.2 Page 9 and 17 of the EMPr, under Sanitation, please remove "*or other approved toilets facilities such as septic drain*". Only chemical toilets must be provided on site during the construction phase.
- 3.3 Page 27 of the EMPr, under Fauna and Flora, under point 5, please remove DWS and only include the Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF) as they are the authority who issues permits to cut or remove protected trees and indigenous vegetation. Please amend this condition.
- 3.4 A Rehabilitation Plan (after construction) of areas and alien invasive vegetation management must be included in the EMPr.

4. Please don't hesitate to contact this office should you have any queries on the above.

Yours faithfully



for: Acting Head of Department:

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