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RE: DC22/0016/2022: REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO SUBMIT THE FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED SINATHINGI LOW-COST HOUSING PROJECT WHICH IS LOCATED IN WARD 11 IN THE PIETERMARITZBURG AREA UNDER MSUNDUZI LOCAL MUNICIPALITY.

1. Your letter dated 08 March 2023 was received by this Department in respect of an extension of timeframe to submit the final Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the above mentioned application, refers.
2. According to regulation 23 (1) (b) of GNR 326 dated 07 April 2017 *"Where environmental impact report must be applied to an application, the applicant must, within 106 days of receipt of the application by the competent authority, submit to the competent authority - (a) an environmental impact assessment report inclusive of any specialist reports, and an EMPr, which must have been subjected to a public participation process of at least 30 days and which reflects the incorporation of comments received, including any comments of the competent authority; or (b) a notification in writing that the reports, and an EMPr, will be submitted within 156 days of receipt of the application by the competent authority, as significant changes have been made or significant new information has been added to the environmental impact assessment report or EMPr, which changes or information was not contained in the reports consulted on during the initial public participation process contemplated in subregulation (1)(a), and that the revised environmental impact assessment report or EMPr will be subjected to another public participation process of at least 30 days.*



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3. As such and in accordance with this, it is noted that the Final EIR was due within 106 days of receipt of the application viz. 10 March 2023.
4. From your letter dated 08 March 2023, it is noted that Sin Hydro Consultants (Pty) Ltd requests for an extension of time to complete all specialist studies and to circulate to Interested and Affected Parties to comment.
5. In lieu of the above, and in accordance with Regulation 23 (1)(b), **the Department extends the timeframe to submit the final EIR by an additional 50 (fifty) calendar days to the 03 May 2023.** This is inclusive of the public participation process of 30 (thirty) days.
6. Should the EAP not be able to fulfill any such obligations arising out of the public consultation process or any specialist reports within this 50 (fifty) day timeframe, the application will be lapsed and withdrawn as no further extensions will be permitted and the applicant will be required to reapply to this Department. The Department requires a written response by the **03 May 2023** so as to confirm whether the applicant and EAP are able to adhere to the 50 (fifty) day extension timeframe or to confirm whether it is preferable to withdraw the application at present.
7. Please note that the activities applied for in the Environmental Authorisation application may not commence (including site preparation and other action on the site) prior to an Environmental Authorisation being granted by this Department. All enquiries regarding this application may be directed to **Ms.Nontokoze Mvelase/Mr.Shawn Janneker/Ms.Nombasa Kama.**

Yours faithfully

Date: 10/03/2023

For: Head of Department:

KwaZulu Natal Department of Economic Development, Tourism and Environmental Affairs

Signed by: Ms. Nombasa Kama

Designation: Control Environmental Officer: Environmental Management

EAPASA Registration No.: 2022/5515