

ANNEXURE 1: REASONS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION**1. Background**

The Applicant, **Supreme Poultry (Pty) Ltd** applied for Environmental Authorisation to carry out the following activities:

The expansion of the Supreme poultry chicken processing plant's slaughtering throughput from 120 000 units to 150 000 units per day on Portion 0 of Erf 9907, Mahikeng Local Municipality, North West Province.

The applicant appointed **Enviroworks (Pty) Ltd** to undertake the Environmental Impact Assessment process as required by Regulation 12 of the EIA Regulations 04 December 2014, as amended.

2. Information considered in making the decision

In reaching its decision, the Department took, *inter alia*, the following into consideration -

- a) The information contained in the Basic Assessment Report received on the 01 September 2022 compiled by **Enviroworks (Pty) Ltd**.
- b) All mitigation measures and recommendations as contained in the Basic Assessment Report and the Environmental Management Programme included in the report received on the 01 September 2022.
- c) The objectives and requirements of relevant legislation, policies and guidelines, including Section 2 of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) as amended.
- d) The mitigation measures of impacts contained in the EMP and mentioned in the Basic Assessment Report are acceptable and practical for implementation.
- e) The findings of a site visit undertaken by the Department's officials: Ms. Neo Mokotedi, Ms. Kefentse Resane with S Lubbe of Supreme Poultry on 04 August 2022.

3. Key factors considered in making the decision

All information presented to the Department was taken into account in the Department's consideration of the application. A summary of the issues which, in the Department's view, were of the most significance is set out below:

- a) The Basic Assessment Report received on the 01 September 2022, sufficiently deduced how the proposed project will vehemently have minimal impacts on the environment.
- b) The Basic Assessment Report was compiled in terms of the process prescribed Regulations, Appendix 1 of Government Notice Number R.326.
- c) A sufficient public participation process was undertaken and the applicant has satisfied the minimum requirements as prescribed in the EIA Regulations of 04 December 2014, as amended, for public involvement. The development was advertised in Mahikeng Mail newspaper on 10 June 2022 as part of the public participation process.

- d) The legal and procedural requirements have been complied with and the information contained in the document is to the satisfaction of this Department.
- e) Letter received from Sub-Directorate: Air Quality of this Department, dated 21 July 2022 indicating that they do not have any objection regarding expansion of poultry slaughtering from 120 000 to 150 000 units per day.
- f) Letter dated 01 June 2022 from Wilkor services for recycled material and waste removed for May 2022.

4. Findings

After consideration of the information and factors listed above, the Department made the following findings –

- a) The processing plant for slaughtering of poultry is an already established facility with the current slaughtering capacity of 120 000 units per day and there is no Environmental Authorisation of the current facility for slaughtering of poultry.
- b) The facility has an Atmospheric Emission License issued on 21 July 2020 by this Department (DEDECT) for operation of the rendering plant within the facility.
- c) Should the Emissions from the rendering plant be increased by the increase in processing plant throughput, then the need to amend AEL must be considered.

In view of the above, the Department is satisfied that, subject to compliance with the conditions contained in the Environmental Authorisation, the activity will not conflict with the general objectives of Integrated Environmental Management laid down in Section 23 (2) (a-f) of Chapter 5 of National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) and that any potentially detrimental environmental impacts resulting from the activity can be mitigated to acceptable levels. **The application is accordingly granted.**