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Dear Madam/Sir

RE: DC22/0017/2022: ACCEPTANCE OF THE FINAL SCOPING REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED SMERO/CALUZA LOW-COST HOUSING DEVELOPMENT ON ERF 770 EDENDALE RR, REGISTRATION DIVISION FT, IN WARD 20, EDENDALE, LOCATED WITHIN MSUNDUZI LOCAL MUNICIPALITY.

1. The Final Scoping Report (FSR) for the abovementioned activity, submitted in terms of the requirements of Regulation 21(1) of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2014 (as amended), was received by the Department of Economic Development, Tourism and Environmental Affairs (herein referred to as "this Department") on 20 September 2022.
2. Following a review of the Final Scoping Report (FSR) and Plan of Study for an Environmental Impact Assessment; this Department advises in terms of Regulation 22 (a) of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended) **that the FSR is accepted** and you may proceed with the environmental impact assessment process in accordance with the tasks contemplated in the Plan of Study for Environmental Impact Assessment as required in terms of the NEMA EIA Regulations 2014 (as amended) subject to the following conditions:
 - 2.1. A detailed assessment on the need and desirability of the proposed activity, in the context of the preferred location must be included in the final Environmental Impact Report.
 - 2.2. Site alternatives must be explored through a detailed site selection process, which includes identification of impacts and inclusive of identification of cumulative impacts and a ranking process of all the identified alternatives focusing on the geographical, physical, biological, social, economic, and cultural aspects of the environment.



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- 2.3. The Biodiversity Impact Assessment to be compiled by a reputable specialist must be informed by Ezemvelo KwaZulu-Natal Wildlife Biodiversity Impact Assessment Guideline.
- 2.4. Given that there proposed site and area has limited infrastructure to service the proposed development, it must be documented in the Environmental Impact Report there is an assured supply of potable water, sanitation and electricity to the site identified for the proposed development.
- 2.5. Additional public participation is required therefore, a notice through a comprehensive public participation process as per Regulation 40 and 41(2)(e) of the EIA Regulations 2014 (as amended) must be given to all interested and affected parties by placing an advertisement in a local newspaper conspicuous to the local language viz. English and isiZulu.
- 2.6. All relevant specified listed activities must be included and the application form must be amended accordingly viz. LN1 activity 56.
- 2.7. Kindly confirm who signed the landowner consent in the application form on behalf of Neliswe Ngcobo?
- 2.8. A Traffic Impact Assessment must be compiled and ensure that consideration is given for public transport infrastructure such as taxi/bus stops.
- 2.9. Comments must be obtained from all units within the Msunduzi Local Municipality.
- 2.10. A comprehensive storm water management plan must be included in the Environmental Impact Report to ensure storm water is attenuated adequately.
- 2.11. A Green Design Study must be undertaken in order to inform the proposed development and layout (viz. stormwater management considerations incorporative of aspects such as Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems; energy efficiency and renewable energy considerations incorporative of aspects such as solar panels and rainwater harvesting).
- 2.12. A Heritage Impact Assessment must be undertaken to assess for any heritage artifacts or resources.
- 2.13. The Departments correspondence dated 18 October 2022 (request for additional information) must be fully addressed in the final Environmental Impact Report.
- 2.14. Vulnerable areas viz. biodiversity and wetlands must be cited and included in the property description and on the Layout Plan. The relevant specialists must be appointed to undertaken the specific studies.
- 2.15. A comprehensive Engineering and Geotechnical reports must be included in the Environmental Impact Report for bulk services and site suitability.
- 2.16. All specialist studies undertaken must meet the requirements of Appendix 6 of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended) and the final Environmental Impact Report must meet the requirements of Appendix 3 of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended).
- 2.17. The layout plans; locality maps and facility illustrations must be legible; in colour; and, at an appropriate scale with clear legend.



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3. The final EIA must meet the requirements of Appendix 3 of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended).
4. This Department looks forward to the submission of a Final EIA (inclusive of the 30 day public participation period) that meets the above requirements **within 106 days of acceptance of the Scoping Report**. As such, the final EIA is expected to be submitted to this Department for review by 10 **March 2023**.
5. Please note that the activities applied for may not commence (including site preparation and other action on the site) prior to an Environmental Authorisation being granted by this Department.
6. All enquiries regarding this application may be directed to **Mrs. Mavis Padayachee/Shawn Janneker/Ms Nombasa Kama**.

Yours faithfully

for: Mr. N. Nkontwana

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Signed by: Ms. Nombasa Kama

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