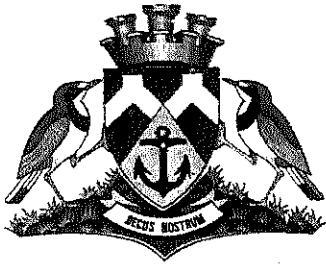


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For attention: Inge Erasmus

RE: POST-APPLICATION SCOPING REPORT – SANGASDRIFT TRUST: THE PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION FOR HUT DAM ON PORTION 3 & 5 OF THE FARM VAN DER WATSKRAAL NO. 394, AND REHABILITATION OF THE WEIR ON REMAINING EXTENT OF FARM 234/0, SWELLENDAM

DEA&DP REF: 16/3/3/6/7/2/E3/10/1163/17

The Overberg District Municipality's department of Environmental Management Services values to opportunity to give input on the proposed development.

It is noted that the development site does intersect with a Critical Biodiversity Area and Ecological Support Area that does give the site some level of conservation value. According to the vegetation map the site falls within Greyton Shale Fynbos, that is listed as an endangered ecosystem with irreversible loss of natural habitat. It is therefore important that all natural areas be conserved as far as possible and further degradation prevented. A botanical assessment is required in order to determine the impact the development will have on the abovementioned ecosystem and to further assess the application in terms of the alternative site proposals.

An assessment should also be done pertaining to the impact of the development (dam of 130 000m³ and weir) on the immediate flooded area as well as downstream habitats and/or users.

The wetland/riparian habitat within the development site should be rehabilitated to restore the integrity of the hydrological and vegetative components of the system and to enhance the ecosystem services rendered by these wetlands. This will include the removal of alien invasive vegetation followed by the active replanting of indigenous wetland species.

As per the Alien and Invasive Species Regulation of 2014 each land owner is responsible for the management of invasive species on their properties. Therefore any listed alien and invasive

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species should be removed as part of the construction phase and a follow-up must be conducted within 12 months and annually thereafter as part of a maintenance programme.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D.P. BERETTI', is written over the typed name.

D.P. BERETTI
MUNICIPAL MANAGER