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Department of Environment & Development Planning
Directorate: Land Management (Region 2)
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Dear sir or madam,

Notice of Intent

IN TERMS OF THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT ACT, 1998 (ACT NO. 107 OF 1998), AS AMENDED AND THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT REGULATIONS, 2014 AS AMENDED FOR:

SANGASDRIFT TRUST: PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF HUT DAM, A BEE AGRICULTURAL INITIATIVE ON PORTION 3 & 5 OF THE FARM VAN DER WATSKRAAL NO. 394, SWELLENDAM (OVERBERG DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY).

Attached please find a notice of intent to construct a new irrigation dam (330 000 m³) with a maximum dam wall height of 14 m on Portion 3 and 5 of the farm Van Der Wattskraal No. 394, Swellendam (Swellendam Local Municipality, Overberg District Municipality, Western Cape Province). An existing weir on Remaining Extent of Farm 234 will be rehabilitated and a pipeline with the length of 300-350 m and a diameter of 300mm will be constructed to feed water to the dam. Water will be extracted from Eksteenskloof and a Water Use License Application is in progress.

Please note that this will be done as a BEE partnership based on the Partnership in Agri Land Solutions (PALS) principle. This is likely to be the biggest land reform project in the Overberg, with the aim of benefiting long time employees previously disadvantaged.

The proposed dam will be located on existing agricultural land. An area of approximately 7.175 ha of previously disturbed land will be lost in order to establish the dam and pipeline. The proposed dam will be located within an ESA 2 which is densely populated with alien vegetation.

If any additional information is required, kindly call EnviroAfrica on 021-851 1616.

Yours sincerely,

Inge Erasmus (BA Hons.)
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