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Dear Madam

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT OF THE APPLICATION FORM AND THE DRAFT SCOPING REPORT FOR SCOPING AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORTING ("EIR") PROCESS IN TERMS OF THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT ACT, 1998 (ACT NO. 107 OF 1998) AND THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT REGULATIONS, 2014 (AS AMENDED) FOR THE PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF HUT DAM ON PORTIONS 3 AND 5 OF FARM VAN DER WATSKRAAL NO. 394 AND THE RECONSTRUCTION OF AN EXISTING WEIR ON REMAINDER OF FARM NO. 234, SWELLENDAM**

1. The Application Form and the draft Scoping Report submitted to the Department on 22 September 2017, refer.
2. This letter serves as an acknowledgement of receipt of the aforementioned documents by the Department.
3. Following review of the information submitted to this Department, the following is noted:
  - 3.1.1 The proposal entails the construction of a dam and the reconstruction of an existing weir on the abovementioned farms.
  - 3.1.2 The capacity of the dam will be 330 000m<sup>3</sup> and the height of the dam wall will be 14m.
  - 3.1.3 The total footprint of the dam will be 6.8ha.
  - 3.1.4 A new pipeline of 300mm in diameter will be constructed to feed water from the weir to the storage dam.
  - 3.1.5 The existing weir will be rehabilitated with a steel-enforced concrete weir with piped outlet works.
  - 3.1.6 The weir will be based on a foundation of approximately 3.6m and will be equipped with a downstream flush valve.
  - 3.1.7 The current zoning of the site is Agriculture.

- 3.1.8 The excavated soil will be used in the construction of the dam wall.
- 3.1.9 The vegetation on the site is classified as vulnerable as per Section 52 of the National Environmental Management: Biodiversity Act (Act No. 10 of 2004).
4. Furthermore, it must be noted that this Department will consider the draft Scoping Report and issue a comment within the prescribed 30 day period.
5. Kindly quote the abovementioned number in future correspondence in respect of the application.
6. Please note that the activity may not commence prior to an Environmental Authorisation being granted by the Department. It is an offence in terms of Section 49A of the NEMA for a person to commence with a listed activity unless the Department has granted an Environmental Authorisation for the undertaking of the activity. Failure to comply with the requirements of Section 24F and 49A of the NEMA will result in the matter being referred to the Environmental Compliance and Enforcement Directorate of this Department for prosecution. A person convicted of an offence in terms of the above is liable to a fine not exceeding R10 million or to imprisonment for a period not exceeding 10 years, or to both such fine and imprisonment.
7. The Department reserves the right to revise initial comments and request further information based on the information received.

Yours faithfully



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