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Department of Environment & Development Planning (DEA&DP)
Directorate: Land Management (Region 2)
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DEADP Ref: 16/3/3/2/E3/10/1005/17

Dear sir or madam,



REQUEST OR EXTENSION OF 50 DAYS TO HAND IN FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT REPORT (EIR) FOR DECISION IN TERMS OF THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT ACT, 1998 NO. 107 OF 1998 (NEMA), AS AMENDED AND THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT REGULATIONS, 2014 (AS AMENDED) FOR:

SANGASDRIFT TRUST: PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION ON PORTION 5 OF OF "HUT DAM" AND REHABILITATION OF A WEIR ON PORTION 3 & 5 VAN DER WATSKRAAL NO. 394 AND REMAINING EXTENT OF FARM 234, SWELLENDAM (OVERBERG DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY).

Comments from Cape Nature were received 22 March 2017 which will require some attention to address appropriately.

These comments require the EAP to obtain more information from the relevant specialists as well as the engineers with regards to the South African Scoring System macroinvertebrate-based assessment (SASS assessment) which was done with the Freshwater Impact Assessment as well as more information with regards to the ecological reserve to ensure the ecological reserve is adhered to.

After information is sourced, it would be ideal to conduct another round of public participation to ensure all interested and affected parties are satisfied.

Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the 50 days extension period be granted for the handing in of the final EIR.

Yours sincerely,



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