

NO.	DATE	AFFILIATION	REFERENCE NO.	COMMENTS	RESPONSE	RESPONDENT
INITIAL PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PHASE						
1.	17-07-2017	Zeekoegat Farms CC (Mrs AM Forbes)		<p>AM Forbes request inclusion as an I&AP.</p> <p>The Riet River is fed from the Winkelhooks river in turn fed from the Houdenbek river and catchment area. The Riet River in turn is a feeder river to the Dooring River.</p> <p>The proposed damming of this river and catchment area would result in the removal of our essential water source.</p>	<p>Noted and added.</p> <p>Please refer to the email response from Sarel Bester Engineers in Appendix 5.1.7</p>	Sarel Bester Engineers
2.	19-07-2017	Neil Lyners and Associates (Mr Mario Filippi)		<p>Ons is besorg oor die impak van die voorgestelde dam op die stroomafvloei van die rivier asook die impak op die bewarings gebied.</p> <p>Is dit moontlik dat jy asb. vir ons die voorgestelde dam posisies en opsies kan aanstuur, die verslae van die verskeie spesialiste (ek neem aan "river aquatic", plantkundige, ens.) asook die bepaling van die basis stroom vir die rivier vir die stroomaf vereistes? Enige ander verslae wat relevant is, sal ook vir ons beter insae gee asb.?</p>	<p>Noted and added. The Scoping report and all future reports will be forwarded to you.</p>	
3.	10-07-2017	Zeekoegat Farm CC (Mrs Gail Hunter)		<p>Gail Hunter request inclusion as an I&AP.</p> <p>The Riet River is fed from the Winkelhooks river in turn fed from the Houdenbek river and catchment area.</p>	<p>Noted and added.</p> <p>PPlease refer to the email response from Sarel Bester Engineers in Appendix 5.1.7</p>	

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4.	21-07-2017	Cape Nature (Alana Duffel-canham)	SSD14/2/6/1/9/6/415_ Water_Dams_Houdenbek	<p>CapeNature would like to thank you for the opportunity to comment on this application.</p> <p>Please note that CapeNature does not support new instream dams or enlargement of existing instream dams unless it can be shown that the ecological condition of the river/stream in which the dam is located can be improved and no significant terrestrial or aquatic habitat will be lost.</p> <p>Harmony Dam is not supported by CapeNature as it located within a proclaimed Mountain Catchment Area (Kouebokkeveld MCA). No activities which result in loss of habitat or alteration of water flow or quality should be permitted in MCAs. MCAs are of very high conservation value and should be treated and managed as formal protected areas. Runoff from this MCA assists in maintaining the water quality of the Houdenbeks River and groundwater recharge. It should</p>	<p>A freshwater and botanical specialist have been appointed to investigate this concern. Findings to the included in the impact report.</p> <p>The Mountain Catchment Management Plan was requested from Cape Nature for inclusion in the EMPr to ensure the correct management of the MCA.</p> <p>The Biodiversity specialist still to provide comment on this concern.</p>	EnviroAfrica

				<p>be noted that a significant amount of water is already being captured by the dams in the Houdenbeks River and the many smaller dams in the Quaternary Catchment Area.</p> <p>Toeka Dam is not within the MCA, however, it is proposed within an area determined as Ecological Support Area (ESA). Although it is acknowledged by the 2017 Biodiversity Spatial Plan that some of the ESA is degraded, the ESAs on this site have been determined as such because they are important for groundwater recharge, watercourse protection and the presence of a channelled valley bottom wetland. Ideally this area should be rehabilitated to allow for improved water flow and ecological functioning.</p> <p>Should the applicant wish to pursue the applications for these dams, a freshwater specialist must be appointed to consider direct and cumulative impacts and to determine Ecological Flow Reserve and river rehabilitation requirements. However, our objection to Harmony Dam is likely to remain in place as development of a dam in the proposed</p>	<p>A freshwater and biodiversity specialist was appointed to conduct an impact assessment of the impact of the proposed dam Findings to be included in the impact report.</p>	
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				location is contrary to the conservation objectives of a MCA.		
5.	21-07-2017	Zeekoegat Farms CC (Mr Alexander David Frew)		<p>I, Alexander David Frew, request to be registered as an Interested and Affected Party in respect of the above project.</p> <p>I am a member of Zeekoegat Farms CC through which the Riet River runs. The Riet River, WHICH IS OUR ONLY WATER SOURCE, is fed from the Winkelhaaks River which in turn is fed from the Houdenbeks River and catchment area.</p> <p>The proposed damming of the Houdenbeks River and catchment area would result in the removal of our essential water source.</p>	<p>Noted and added</p> <p>Please refer to the email response from Sarel Bester Engineers in Appendix 5.1.7</p>	
6.	21-07-2017	Zeekoegat Farms CC (Mrs Marie Sylva Stobie)		<p>I, Marie Sylva Stobie, request to be registered as an Interested and Affected Party in respect of the above project.</p> <p>I am a member of Zeekoegat Farms CC through which the Riet River runs. The Riet River, WHICH IS OUR ONLY WATER SOURCE, is fed from the Winkelhaaks River which in turn is fed from the Houdenbeks River and catchment area.</p> <p>The proposed damming of the Houdenbeks River and catchment area would result in the removal of our essential water source.</p>	<p>Noted and added</p> <p>Please refer to the email response from Sarel Bester Engineers in Appendix 5.1.7</p>	

7.	26-07-2017	EET Group (Ida Usgaard and Federick Anderson)		On behalf of all of Rietvlei farm construction plans are of great concern to nature and people dependant on water resources. Don't construct a dam.	Please refer to the email response from Sarel Bester Engineers in Appendix 5.1.7	
8.	26-07-2017	Klein Cederberg Private Nature Reserve (Nik Wullschleger)		Please register Klein Cedarberg Private Nature Reserve (Nik Wullschleger) as an interested and affected party in this matter.	Noted and added	
9.	26-07-2017	Paul Gray (Farm Knolfontein and Swartruggens Conservancy)		Good day, Please can you register me as an I & A P for the above proposed dam on the Houdenbeck river. I am a shareholder on the Farm Knolfontein, as well as a committee member of the Swartruggens Conservancy. Please submit data as written to the below listed address as well as per e-mail Thanking you	Noted and added Please refer to the email response from Sarel Bester Engineers in Appendix 5.1.7	
10.	26-07-2017	Swartruggens conservancy (Volker Miros)		We would like to submit as interested parties on behalf of the Swartruggens Conservancy.	Noted and added	
11.	31-07-2017	Molenrivier Landgoed (Pty) Ltd (Tian Erasmus)		We hereby want to register as an Interested and Affected Party to the Proposed Construction of a new dam on Remainder of Farm Houdenbek no 415, Ceres by Harmony Trust.	Noted and added Please refer to the email response from Sarel Bester Engineers in Appendix 5.1.7	

				The company owns properties that gets water from the Houdenberg's River and any further development in and around the river may impact on the sustainability of the company and its operations		
12.	31-07-2017	Sandberg Eiendomme (Pty) Ltd (Tian Erasmus)		<p>We hereby want to register as an Interested and Affected Party to the Proposed Construction of a new dam on Remainder of Farm Houdenberg no 415, Ceres by Harmony Trust.</p> <p>The company owns properties that gets water from the Houdenberg's River and any further development in and around the river may impact on the sustainability of the company and its operations</p>	<p>Noted and added</p> <p>Please refer to the email response from Sarel Bester Engineers in Appendix 5.1.7</p>	
13.	31-07-2017	TSR Boerdery (Pty) Ltd (Tian Erasmus)		<p>We hereby want to register as an Interested and Affected Party to the Proposed Construction of a new dam on Remainder of Farm Houdenberg no 415, Ceres by Harmony Trust.</p> <p>The company owns properties that gets water from the Houdenberg's River and any further</p>	<p>Noted and added</p> <p>Please refer to the email response from Sarel Bester Engineers in Appendix 5.1.7</p>	

				development in and around the river may impact on the sustainability of the company and its operations		
14	02-08-2917	Zeekoegat Farm CC Bruce Johnson		<p>Bruce Johnson request to be registered as an Interested and Affected Party in respect of the above project.</p> <p>I am a member of Zeekoegat Farms CC through which the Riet River runs. The Riet River, WHICH IS OUR ONLY WATER SOURCE, is fed from the Winkelhaaks River which in turn is fed from the Houdenbeks River and catchment area.</p> <p>The proposed damming of the Houdenbeks River and catchment area would result in the removal of our essential water source.</p>	<p>Noted and added</p> <p>Please refer to the email response from Sarel Bester Engineers in Appendix 5.1.7</p>	
15	02-08-2017	Zeekoegat Farm CC (Dr David A.H Buckley)		<p>I wish to register as an interested and affected party in regard to the proposed construction of a dam on the property Houdenbek 415 Ceres. I am a member of Zeekoegat Farm CC, a co-owner of the property Zeekoegat.</p> <p>Our property is bordered to the east by the Riet River, into which the Houdenbek and Winkelhaak Rivers flow. Any disruption to the flow of the Houdenbek River and its catchment will have a direct</p>	<p>Noted and added</p> <p>Please refer to the email response from Sarel Bester Engineers in Appendix 5.1.7</p>	

				<p>impact on the Riet River, negatively impacting on this important water resource for us and others downstream of the Houdenbek River. We rely on the permanent water holes of the Riet River which are threatened with silting and encroachment of reeds should the flow of the river be reduced. We have already seen a cessation of the annual winter flows of the Riet River, which in past years helped to clear the build up of sand, silt and reeds in the river bed. This proposed dam will only exacerbate this situation and further compromise the ecology of this river.</p>		
16	02-08-2017	Rietkloof/ Rietvlei dam (Chris Sparks)		<p>Please register me as an interested and effected person with regards the "Harmony Trust - Proposed dam on the farm Houdenbek Farm 415/RE, Koue Bokkeveld" I am one of the property owners of Rietkloof / Rietvlei dam</p>	Noted and added	
17	02-08-2017	Justus & Marguerite Bruwer		<p>Application Proposed Dam: Harmony Dam - on remainder of the farm Houdenbek NO. 415 Morester Landgoed, Ceres. Objection: De Naauwte Erf 136 District of Ceres Karoo We, Justus W R Bruwer & Marguerite A Bruwer of the farm</p>	<p>Noted and added</p> <p>Please refer to the email response from Sarel Bester Engineers in Appendix 5.1.7</p>	

				<p>De Naauwte, hereby wish to register our objection to the above mentioned application.</p> <p>Reasons for our objection:</p> <p>The farm De Naauwte is severely impacted by the flow of water in the Rietrivier. The section of river that runs through our farm has been dry for the past 3 years. The river is our only source of water.</p> <p>The river water has been used mainly for domestic purposes up to this point in time.</p> <p>- The Houdenbek river feeds into the Rietrivier. - there is extensive agriculture in this catchment area thus the groundwater use exceeds recharge and levels have dropped alarmingly.</p> <p>Groundwater contributes significantly to river base flow.</p> <p>3) Please take note that in April of 2012 the Final Project Report done by the Department of Water Affairs Chief Directorate: Resource Directed Measure” and we quote a few points mentioned in the Report.</p>		
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				<p>“ Koue Bokkeveldd IUA, which has 2% of the population accounts for 18% of the water usage in the WMA”</p> <p>“ No large dams or large water wier development on the mainstream of the Doring, Groot, Riet, Verlorenvlei, Langvlei, Jakkels and Papkuils rivers”</p> <p>No new licenses for water abstraction in summer (low flow) period of the year in the mainstream of the Olifants upstream of the Clanwilliam Dam, Doring, Groot, Riet, Verlorenvlei, Langvlei, Jakkels and Papkuils rivers.”</p> <p>“ The Houdenbeks is fully developed”</p> <p>4) Aproximately 95% of water use in the WMA is used in the agricultural sector. The above mentioned study/report found that future growth in demand for water is therefore likely to be linked to increased demand from the agriculture sector and not due to increased demand linked to population growth.</p> <p>5) Groundwater defects after taking surface water EWR low flow into account. The Kouebokke veld ground water exceeds recharge and water</p>		
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				<p>levels are dropping. Ground water is shallow. Ground water supply is at risk.</p> <p>We are not adverse to the fruit farmers at all but have the same right to water. Yet another large dam will have further severe implications for our human consumption and for the wildlife on our farm not to mention the fish species endemic to the Rietrivier.</p> <p>Please be so kind as to acknowledge receipt of this email and letter of objection.</p> <p>Contact: bruwerm@mweb.co.za</p> <p>Kind Regards,</p> <p>Justus & Marguerite Bruwer (Computer generated signature)</p> <p>De Naauwte,</p>		
18	03-08-2017	Fanie van der Merwe		Would like to register as an IAP		
19	04-08-2017	Guillaume Nel		GNEC is aangestel deur die volgende eiendomme om te registreer as I&AP	Noted and added	

				<p>vir die voorgestelde damme op die plaas Houdenbek.</p> <p>Ons verteenwoordig die volgende eiendomme:</p> <p>1 – Leeuwenhoek – T36588/2005</p> <p>2 – Zuurvlaakte – T55074/2007</p> <p>3 – Winkelhaak – T4841/2009</p> <p>4 – Nougá – T17855/2014</p> <p>5 – Championberg – T47848/2016</p> <p>Sal julle ons asb van alle inligting voorsien deur die proses om ons in die posisie te plaas om die nodige impakte op die genoemde eiendomme te bepaal.</p> <p>Ek kry nie die projek op jul webtuiste nie, maar neem aan dis omdat jul nog nie met die formele EIA begin het nie.</p> <p>Sal julle asb bevestig dat ons geregistreerd is en ook wanneer julle met die proses sal begin asb.</p>	The Scoping report and all future reports will be forwarded to you.	
20	22-04-2017	Antoy & Rory Mitchell		<p>I have just learnt that there is a proposal to build an in-stream dam on the above property on a tributary of the Doring River . Our property is downstream on the Doring River and I would like to know why we were not contacted directly about this project as required by law.</p>	The Scoping report and all future reports will be forwarded to you.	EnviroAfrica

<p>20</p>	<p>10-11-2017</p>	<p>DEADP (D Mathews)</p>	<p>16/3/3/6/7/1/B5/2/1367/17</p>	<p>Acknowledgment and Acceptance of the NOI</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The correspondence dated 26 October 2017, as received by the Department on 2 Nov 2017 refer 2. Review of information submitted to the department: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dam wall length: 270m • Dam wall height: 13m • Dam capacity: 250 000m³ • Dam surface area: 5ha 3. Please note the following advice pertaining to the NOI: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3.1 It is noted that a NOI for the construction of Harmony Dam on the same property description a the Toeka Dam is being proposed. You are required to provide an explanation as to why two separate NOI's have been submitted, since the applications are the same for both dams. Furthermore, the Department recommends that one process be followed for the two dam options being proposed instead of two separate processes. 3.2 Section 5.2 of the NOI form indicates the requirement for the WULA ito the National 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Noted 2. Please see reveiwe measurements as stated in the Scoping report and Prelim Design Report from the engineers Appendix 7. 3. X <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3.1 This was discussed in the Pre-Application meeting held with DWS and DEADP, it was decided to do the two dams as two separate applications so the objection against one dam does not impact the other application. 3.2 Noted. Sarel Bester Engineers is conducting the WULA. Proof to be provided once the WULA is logged. 	
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				<p>Water Act. In terms of the Agreement for the One Environmental System (sect 50A of the NEMA and sections 41(50 and 164A of the NWA) the processes for a WULA and for an EIA must be aligned and intergrated with respect to the fixed synchronised timeframes, as prescribed in the EIA Regs, 2014 (as amended) as well as the 2017 WUAL Regs</p> <p><u>Process:</u></p> <p>4. A Scoping/ EIR must be followed in order to apply for EA. Only those activities applies for shall be considered for authorisation. The onus is on the applicant to ensure that all the applicable listed activities are applies for and assessed as part of the Scoping/ EIR process</p> <p>5. You are advised that when undertaking the Scoping/ EIR process, you must take into account the applicable guidelines including the guidelines developed by the Department. The Department’s guidelines can be downloaded from the</p>	<p>4. Noted and agreed. Please refer to the Pre-App Scoping and plan of study for comment.</p> <p>5. Noted and agreed. Please refer to the Pre-App Scoping and plan of study for comment.</p>	
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				<p>Departments website... In particular guidelines stated in the acknowledgement letter from DEADP (10-11-2017) should be followed.</p> <p>6. Please ensure the Scoping, EIR and EMPr contains all the information outlined in App 2,3,5 of the GN No. 326.</p> <p><u>Public Participation:</u></p> <p>7. A PPP that meets the requirements of Reg 41 of the EIA Regs, 2014 (as amended) must be undertaken. You are advised that pp may undertaken prior to the submission of the application, although this is not mandatory. It is that EAPs discretion at what stage the requirements of Reg 41 are met, whether during the proposed application (pre-application) process or formal application process. You are reminded that a period of at least 30 days must be provided to all potential or registered I&APs to submit comment on the Scoping/EIR and EMPR.</p> <p>8. Should a PPP which nuclide the circulation pre-app</p>	<p>6. Noted and Agreed.</p> <p>7. Noted and agreed and initial round of ppp was conducted. Please refer to Appendix 5.1.</p>	
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				<p>Scoping for comment be undertaken prior to submission of an Application to the Department, in terms of Reg 40, the pre-app Scoping may be submitted to the Department for comment. Please ensure a minimum of two printed copies pd the pre-app scoping is submitted to the Department for comment.</p> <p>9. In terms of Section 240(2) and (3) of NEMA and Regs 7(2) and 43(2) of the EIA Regs, 2014(as amended), any state department and administers a law relating to a matter of affecting the environment relevant to the application must be requested to comment within 30 days, Pleas not the EAP is responsible for such consultation, therefore, is requested that the EAP included proof of such notification to the relevant State Department in term of Section 240(2) and (3) of NEMA in the Scoping and EIR.</p> <p>10. Please note that it is an offence in terms of Section 49A(1)(a) of the NEMA for a</p>	<p>8. Noted and agreed. Please refer to the Pre-App Scoping and plan of study for comment.</p> <p>9. Noted and agreed. The Pre-App Scoping and plan of study will be sent out the all I&APs and state organisations for comment. Proof to be proved in the next round.</p>	
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