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30 November 2017

Ref: 16.9.1.1

Enquiries: Riaan van Wyk

Mr. E.C. Esquire  
EnviroAfrica (Ramskop Abattoir – Calvinia)  
PO Box 5367  
Helderberg  
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Dear Sir

## NEMA EIA PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS: RAMSKOP ABATTOIR CALVINIA: PROPOSED EXPANSION OF ABATTOIR: REGISTRATION AS INTERESTED AND AFFECTED PARTY

Given that the Ramskop Abattoir is located within the administrative area and jurisdiction of the Hantam Municipality, we hereby wish to request that we be registered as an Interested & Affected Party. Our details as I&AP are as follows:

**Contact Person:** Mr Riaan Van Wyk  
**Physical address:** Hoop Straat, Calvinia  
**Tel No.:** 083 320 2116  
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Our preferred means of communication is by e-mailed correspondence.

## **NOTICE OF INTENTION TO LODGE AN OBJECTION**

The Hantam Municipality hereby gives a formal notice of their intent to lodge an objection against the stated proposed expansion of the Ramskop Abattoir from a slaughter capacity of 600 sheep/goats per day to an expected 1000 sheep/goats per day.

Our reasons for this objection arise from the fact that the Ramskop Abattoir's effluent (wastewater) is currently pumped to the Calvinia Wastewater Treatment Plant. The current estimated quantities of water being received is in the order of 65 kilolitres of wastewater per day. The wastewater from the abattoir has an extremely high organic load and this has a negative effect on the performance of the Calvinia WWTP which utilizes a constructed wetland or reed bed treatment process for the treatment of the town's sewage which is primarily domestic in nature.

The Hantam Municipality currently have a written agreement with Ramskop Abattoir wherein it is agreed that Hantam Municipality will accept and treat the abattoir's effluent on condition that:

1. The Ramskop Abattoir install a flow measuring device and provide the Hantam Municipality with a monthly statement of volumes discharged.
2. That the Ramskop Abattoir will take samples of the discharged effluent on a monthly basis, have it analysed at an accredited water laboratory and provide such analysis results to the municipality for record purposes.
3. It was also agreed that when the effluent organic load exceeds 10 000mg/l COD, the municipality may levy a charge per cubic meter of water discharged.

Unfortunately, Ramskop Abattoir have been seriously lacking in keeping up with their part of the agreement and as such, the municipality is very sceptical about an increased flow and the effect that these higher volumes will have on the final effluent quality of the Calvinia Wastewater Treatment Plant. In addition, experience has shown that the levy charged for exceeding the organic load limit is much too low to be a deterrent, and as such has practically no effect on Ramskop Abattoir.

Legally, the quality of the Final Treated Effluent remains the responsibility of the Hantam Municipality as the local Water Services Authority. If Hantam Municipality accepts the effluent discharged from the Ramskop Abattoir for treatment, it has no remedy to control or regulate the quality or quantity being discharged.

The National Water Act is quite clear on the principal that the "polluter must pay", and as such, the Hantam Municipality is seriously concerned that the doubling of the slaughter capacity of the Ramskop Abattoir will lead to double the effluent discharged to the Calvinia WWTP with resulting negative effects for which the Hantam Municipality will remain responsible.

If it happens that the Ramskop Abattoir is doubled in capacity, the Hantam Municipality will in future decline to take any further effluent for treatment. This implies that Ramskop Abattoir will then need to provide their own treatment capacity for the discharge generated at the abattoir.

You are kindly requested to note our concerns in this regard and hope to hear from you soonest.

Yours sincerely



J. I. Swartz  
MUNICIPAL MANAGER

## Emile Esquire

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**From:** Emile Esquire <emile@enviroafrica.co.za>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 07 December 2017 2:17 PM  
**To:** 'Bernard de witt'  
**Cc:** 'socialdev1@hantam.gov.za'; 'Bernard de Witt' (bernard@enviroafrica.co.za);  
'EnviroAfrica :Admin'  
**Subject:** RE: Ramskop slagpale kommentaar

Dear Riaan,

Your comment dated 30 November 2017 refers.

Please note that you are now a registered Interested and Affected Party (I&AP).

EnviroAfrica takes note of your comment.

Please note that I will discuss the matter with the applicant and revert back to you in due course.

Kind regards,

Emile Esquire

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-----Original Message-----

From: Riaan van Wyk - Socialdev1 (Hantam Municipality) [mailto:socialdev1@hantam.gov.za]  
Sent: Friday, December 1, 2017 4:38 PM  
To: 'Bernard de witt'  
Cc: 'Gert Meiring'  
Subject: FW:

Bernard,

Skrywe om te registreer as geaffekteerde party.

Groete.

Riaan van Wyk

-----Original Message-----

From: scanner@hantam.gov.za [mailto:scanner@hantam.gov.za]

Sent: 01 Desember 2017 04:35 NM.

To: socialdev1@hantam.gov.za

Subject:

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**THE PROPOSED EXPANSION OF CALVINIA ABATTOIR RAMSKOP, ERF 3562,  
CALVINIA, NORTHERN CAPE**

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## **Final Comment**

**In terms of Section 38(3), 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999)**

Attention: Enviroafrica CC

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**Project Description & Location (31° 28' 16.60"S, 19° 45' 42.32"E) The Ramskop abattoir is currently registered to slaughter 600 sheep/ goats per day. It is proposed that the slaughter capacity be increased from 600 to 1000 sheep/goats per day. All waste products, as well as deceased sheep or carcasses (condemned material), gets buried in trenches at a designated area adjacent to the abattoir. All water used at the abattoir, emanating from the slaughter floor and pens/krale, gets pumped into a separator where solids gets separated from the liquid waste produced by the abattoir. After this, waste water than gets pumped through a pipeline to the municipality's oxidation dams; and any other remaining solid waste than also gets buried in the trenches mentioned above.**

EnviroAfrica CC was appointed by Calvinia Abattoir Ramskop KLK to conduct an Environmental Authorisation (EA) Application for the proposed expansion to the Calvinia Ramskop Abattoir, in Calvinia, Northern Cape Province. A Basic Assessment Report (BAR) and Environmental Management Programme (EMPr) has been conducted in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (NEMA) and the 2014 Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations.

The BAR notes that no heritage resources will be impacted by the proposed activities, however no Heritage Impact Assessment has been conducted as part of the EA Application process as per Section 38(8) and 38(3) of the National Heritage Resources Act, Act 25 of 1999 (NHRA). It is also noted that the proposed expansion is located 100 m from an existing cemetery.

### **Final Comment**

SAHRA cannot endorse this proposed development as no HIA has been conducted as part of the BAR process as required by Section 38 of the NHRA.

SAHRA therefore advises the Department of Environmental Affairs and the Department of Mineral Resources to reject the application for EA and expansion of the Calvinia Ramskop Abattoir, Calvinia, Northern Cape Province.

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This comment must be submitted directly to the competent authority and proof of delivery must be provided to SAHRA.

Should you have any further queries, please contact the designated official using the case number quoted above in the case header.

Yours faithfully

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Heritage Officer  
South African Heritage Resources Agency

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South African Heritage Resources Agency

**ADMIN:**

Direct URL to case: <http://www.sahra.org.za/node/409342>  
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