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Mr. E.C. Esquire
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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:

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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.

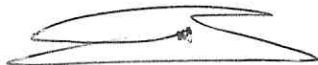
Legally, the quality of the Final Treated Effluent remains the responsibility of the Hantam Municipality as the local Water Services Authority. If Hantam Municipality accepts the effluent discharged from the Ramskop Abattoir for treatment, it has no remedy to control or regulate the quality or quantity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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. I. Swartz', with a horizontal line underneath it.

J. I. Swartz
MUNICIPAL MANAGER