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To whom it may concern

COMMENT: PRE-APPLICATION BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED WATER ABSTRACTION AND DISTRIBUTION STRUCTURE AND PIPELINE IN THE SNEL RIVER/ WABOOMS RIVER FOR THE WAGENBOOMSRIVIER AND DARLINGBRUG IRRIGATION BOARDS, WOLSELEY RD.

DEA:DP ref No. 16/3/3/6/7/1/B5/16/1358/17

The pre-application Basic Assessment Report for the abovementioned project, dated 14 August 2018, received by the Breede-Gouritz Catchment Management Agency (BGCMA) for comment, as well as the detailed discussions with Mr. Douglas van Niekerk (Secretary of the two Irrigation Boards), and site visits with the relevant stakeholders and design team to confirm the placement and siting of the structures and pipelines the BGCMA comment as follows:

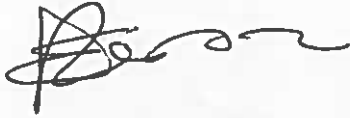
After having had the opportunity to peruse both the DBAR and the detailed specialist reports, the BGCMA confirms that all considerations as discussed in the site- and other meetings were addressed by the applicant. The BGCMA has received the Water Use Licence Application for this project and the processes to provide a formal authorisation is ongoing. Should the specialists of the DWS require additional information, not reflected in the reports, this will be managed outside of the NEMA authorisation process.

The BGCMA would like to reiterate that the structure may not abstract more water than the confirmed Existing Lawful Use of the properties and that any additional water use must be applied for by the relevant property owners. The release of environmental flows as discussed with the design engineer must be monitored by the Irrigation Board and the flows monitored downstream of the structure at the previous abstraction point should be included in monitoring process to ensure that there is no unlawful uptake of environmental flows by riparian land owners.

The comments provided are in the interest of responsible water resource management. The BGCMA will gladly comment on any additional information provided for review. The BGCMA reserves the right to revise initial comments and request further information based on any additional information that might be received.

Please do not hesitate to contact this office if you have any further queries. Please ensure to quote the above reference in doing so.

Yours faithfully.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jan van Staden', written in a cursive style.

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