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RE: COMMENTS ON PRE-APPLICATION PPP ON THE PROPOSED UPGRADE OF THE HOPETOWN SEWAGE LINE FROM STEYNVILLE TO THE EXISTING OXIDATION PONDS, HOPE TOWN, NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE

1. DEPARTMENTAL MANDATE

The Directorate: Forestry Management (Other Regions) in the Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF) is responsible for administration of the National Forests Act, Act 84 of 1998 (NFA) and the National Veld and Forest Fires Act, Act 101 of 1998 as amended. The developer must take note of the following sections of the NFA:

- 1.1 Section 12(1): "The Minister may declare-
- (a) a particular tree,
 - (b) a particular group of trees,
 - (c) a particular woodland; or
 - (d) trees belonging to a particular species, to be a protected tree, group of trees, woodland or species.
- 1.2 Section 15(1): "No person may-
- (a) Cut, disturb, damage or destroy any protected tree; or
 - (b) Possess, collect, remove, transport, export, purchase, sell, donate or in any other manner acquire or dispose of any protected tree, or any forest product derived from a protected tree, except-
 - (i) under a license granted by the Minister; or
 - (ii) in terms of an exemption from the provision of this subsection published by the Minister in the Gazette on the advice of the Council."

- 1.3 "Any person who contravenes the prohibition on-
- (i) The cutting, disturbance, damage or destruction of temporarily protected trees or groups of trees referred to in section 14(2) or protected trees referred to in section 15(1)(a); or
 - (ii) The possession, collection, removal, transport, export, purchase or sale of temporarily protected trees or groups of trees referred to in section 14(2) or protected trees referred to in section 15(1)(b), or any forest product derived from a temporarily protected tree, group of trees or protected tree, is guilty of a first category offence.
- 1.4 Section 58 (1): "Any person who is guilty of a first category offence referred to in sections 62 and 63 may be sentenced to a fine or imprisonment for a period of up to three years, or to both a fine and such imprisonment."
- 1.5 The list of protected tree species under section 12(1) (d) of the National Forests Act, 1998 (Act No. 84 of 1998) is published annually; the most recent publication was in GN690 of 8 September 2017.

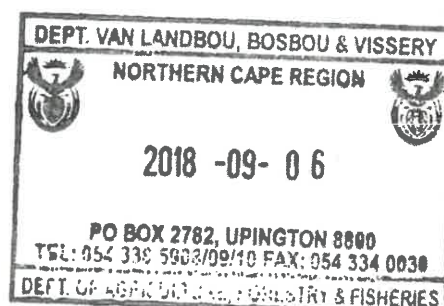
2. COMMENTS ON PRE-APPLICATION PPP

- 2.1 Protected trees such as Grey Camel thorn *Vachellia haematoxylon* are known to occur in the vicinity of Hopetown. Linear clearance of an area of up to 2.5 ha over a distance of 2.1 km and crossing watercourses may impact on provincially and nationally protected plants and trees. Please assess the potential impacts on protected plants and trees (if any) and where possible deviate the sewage line to move around protected trees where possible.
- 2.2 If the development of the upgrade of the waste water treatment works and associated bulk sewage line is authorised, the developer must obtain the necessary Flora Permit and Forest Act Licenses before damaging or disturbing any protected plant or tree (if any are present on site and will be affected).
- 2.3 Please overlay the pipeline route alignment on the Northern Cape Critical Biodiversity Area (CBA) map. If the site falls in a CBA 1, CBA 2 or Ecological Support Area (ESA) please ensure that comments are obtained from Nature Conservation.
- 2.4 If a Forest Act License is required, please note it can take up to 30 days to get such a license. A License (if granted) is only valid for a specific area/specific trees and for a maximum period of two years. The License application form is available at any Forestry Office or online at www.daff.gov.za

Kind Regards,



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Dear Sir/Madam

RE: THE PROPOSED UPGRADE OF THE HOPETOWN SEWAGE GRAVITY LINE/ OUTFALL FROM STEYNVILLE TO EXISTING OXIDATION PONDS, THEMBELIHLE LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, PIXLEY KA SEME DISTRICT.

This letter serves to inform you that the above-mentioned activity does trigger listed activities in-terms of schedule of the Government Notice, No. R327 of 07 April 2017 as amended. As such, a written authorization is required from the Department of Environment and Nature Conservation before undertaking the above proposed activity.

According to the given information and selected location with coordinates;

Start : Latitude(S) 29° 36' 38.14"S, Longitude (E) 24° 06' 19.73"E

Middle : Latitude(S) 29° 36' 36.57"S, Longitude (E) 24° 05' 52.73"E

End : Latitude(S) 29° 36' 36.22"S, Longitude (E) 24° 05' 24.49"E

The proposed development will cross various watercourses/drainage lines which drain into the Orange River, thus making activity 12&19 of GNR No. 327 applicable.

This Department reserves the right to revise/withdraw this comment and to request further information from the or alternatively that an application be

lodged with this Department, should any other information that contradicts the above qualification come to light.

Please do not hesitate to contact the Department should you have any further queries.

Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'MI Gwija', written over a horizontal line.

Mr. MI Gwija

Environmental Officer: Impact Management