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Re: HARMONY TRUST: PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF A DAM ON REMAINDER OF THE FARM HOUDENBEK NO. 415, CERES

To Whom it Concerns:

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.

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 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.

Yours sincerely



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