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ENQUIRIES:

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Dear Madam

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT OF THE NOTFICATION OF EXTENSION TO SUBMIT THE FINAL BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED UPGRADE OF THE KLAARSTROOM OXIDATION POND WASTE WATER TREATMENT SYSTEM, PRINCE ALBERT LOCAL MUNICIPALITY

- 1. The abovementioned notification that was received by this Department on 26 July 2019 from your Environmental Assessment Practitioner, EnviroAfrica, Ms Inge Erasmus, refers.
- 2. This Directorate takes note of your EAP's notification in terms of Regulation 19(1)(b) of the NEMA EIA Regulations 2014 (GN. No. R 982 of 4 December 2014, as amended 7 April 2017).
- 3. In terms of Regulation 8(b) of the NEMA EIA Regulations (GN. R.982 of 4 December 2014, as amended 7 April 2017), with reference to the abovementioned written notification, the final Basic Assessment Report (FBAR), inclusive of specialist reports and the EMPr, must be submitted within 140-days of <u>5 June 2019</u>, which is the date of receipt of the application by the competent authority.
- 4. Your EAP is required to provide a separate summary and list of the sections where significant changes or significant new information which has been added to the revised report or EMPr, which changes or information was not contained in the reports or plans consulted on during the initial public participation process contemplated in sub-regulation 19(1)(a). The EAP should provide an explanation why these changes or new information are regarded as significant.

- 5. Kindly take note that failure to submit the document within the 140-day period will result in the application lapsing and case file being closed and a new application will need to be submitted if the applicant wishes to pursue the proposed development.
 - If the submission of the document will not be achieved within the relevant prescribed timeframe, you or your EAP must liaise with this office beforehand to determine what recourse (if any) may be available.
- 6. Please note that the activity may not commence prior to an Environmental Authorisation being granted by the Department. It is an offence in terms of Section 49A of the NEMA for a person to commence with a listed activity unless the Department has granted an Environmental Authorisation for the undertaking of the activity. Failure to comply with the requirements of Section 24F and 49A of the NEMA will result in the matter being referred to the Environmental Compliance and Enforcement Directorate of this Department for prosecution. A person convicted of an offence in terms of the above is liable to a fine not exceeding R10 million or to imprisonment for a period not exceeding 10 years, or to both such fine and imprisonment.
- 7. Kindly quote the abovementioned reference number (16/3/3/1/C2/3/0008/19) in any future correspondence in respect of the application.
- 8. The Department reserves the right to revise initial comments and request further information based on the information received.

Yours faithfully

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