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The Board of Directors Black Orchid Farming Pty (Ltd). P. O. Box 6100 **ROGGEBAAI** 8012

Attention: Ms. M. van Wyk

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Dear Madam

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT OF THE DRAFT BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED EXPANSION OF AN INSTREAM DAM ON THE REMAINDER OF FARM ZWARTFONTEIN NO. 792 AND PORTION 8 OF THE FARM ZWARTFONTEIN NO. 792, ZWARTFONTEIN, MALMESBURY.

- 1. The Draft Basic Assessment Report dated January 2021, as received by this Department via electronic mail correspondence on 11 January 2021, refers.
- 2. This letter serves as an acknowledgement of receipt of the aforementioned document by this Department.
- 3. This Department will provide comments on the Draft Basic Assessment Report within the prescribed time period and advise you accordingly.
- 4. Please note that the activity must not be commenced with prior to an environmental authorisation being granted by the Department. It is prohibited in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) for a person to commence with a listed activity unless the competent authority has granted an environmental authorisation for the undertaking of the activity. Failure to comply in terms of this prohibition will result in the matter being referred to the Environmental Law Enforcement Directorate of this Department for possible prosecution. A person convicted of an offence in terms of the above is liable for a fine not exceeding R5 million or to imprisonment for a period not exceeding 10 years, or to both such fine and imprisonment.
- 5. Kindly quote the abovementioned reference number in any future correspondence in respect of the application.

6. This Department reserves the right to revise its initial comments and request further information from you based on any new or revised information received.

Yours faithfully

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