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Dear Madam

**COMMENT ON THE DRAFT SCOPING REPORT AND PLAN OF STUDY FOR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT REPORTING IN TERMS OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT REGULATIONS, 2014 (AS AMENDED) FOR THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF AN IN-STREAM DAM ON PORTION 2 AND 3 OF THE FARM NO. 1100, BONATHABA, MALMESBURY.**

1. The application form dated March 2021 and received by this Department via electronic mail correspondence on 07 April 2021, this Directorate's electronic mail correspondence dated 08 April 2021, the electronic mail correspondence from the Environmental Assessment Practitioner ("EAP") dated 12 April 2021, the draft Scoping Report ("dSR") dated March 2021 and received by this Department via electronic mail correspondence on 07 April 2021 and this Directorate's acknowledgment thereof dated 26 April 2021, refer.
2. Comments on the draft Scoping Report are as follows:
  - 2.1. Application for Environmental Authorisation
    - 2.1.1. As indicated in this Directorate's correspondence dated 26 April 2021, you are **urgently required to submit** the duly **dated and signed declarations** of the **applicant and EAP**.
  - 2.2. Activity Description
    - 2.2.1. The draft Scoping Report indicates that an access road will be developed and that no new access roads will be developed. Clarification is therefore required.
  - 2.3. Potential impacts
    - 2.3.1. The potential impacts on the down-stream users must be identified in the Scoping Report.
  - 2.4. General
    - 2.4.1. The cover page of the draft SR contains the incorrect reference number. Please correct this error.

- 2.4.2. All reference to "Pre-application Scoping Report" where the draft Scoping Report should be referred to must be removed.
- 2.4.3. Page 46 of the draft Scoping Report indicates that "*It is therefore recommended that authorization for the commencement of an EIA for the proposed development is granted.*" Please note that upon the submission of the final Scoping Report, in accordance with Regulation 22 of the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended) the competent authority must accept the scoping report or refuse environmental authorization. Please correct this error.
3. The BAR to be submitted to the competent authority for decision making must be submitted via email to the case officer, with attached pdf versions of the report or, if too large to attach to an email, to be made available via an electronic link provided in the email that is accessible by the Directorate.
  4. The Directorate may require that a hard copy of the reports also be submitted to the Department by a certain date, but will advise you accordingly.
  5. You are reminded that the Scoping Report must contain all the information outlined I Appendix 2 of the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended) and must include the information requested in this letter. Omission of any of the said information may result in the refusal of Environmental Authorisation.
  6. You are reminded that the Scoping Report must be **duly dated and signed by the applicant** and the **environmental assessment practitioner**. In addition, you are reminded that the Scoping Report must be submitted **within 44 days of the date of receipt of the application by the Department**.

The Directorate reserves the right to revise or withdraw comments or request further information based on any information received.

Yours faithfully

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