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Attention: Mr. Eugene Marais

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Dear Sir

COMMENTS ON THE PROPOSED PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN RELATING TO THE APPLICATION FOR AMENDMENT OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION IN TERMS OF PART 2 OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT ("EIA") REGULATIONS, 2014 (AS AMENDED) FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT ON ERF RE 22180, KUILS RIVER.

1. The Public Participation Plan, as received by this Department via electronic mail correspondence on 21 August 2020, refers.
2. It is noted the Public Participation Plan referred to a Basic Assessment Report, which is incorrect. A draft amendment report will be circulated for comment since an application for a Part 2 amendment was submitted to this Department.
3. This Department has reviewed the abovementioned Public Participation Plan and notes that the public participation will meet the requirements of Regulation 41 of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended). The public participation process will comprise of the following:
 - 3.1 Sillito Environmental Consultants will provide the Kuils River Concerned Community Development Forum, with three hard copies of the amendment report, which can be viewed by potential interested and affected parties ("I&APs") at 173 Reuters Street, Kalkfontein (directly adjacent to the site).
 - 3.2 An A3 poster will be placed at the local spaza shop located in the Kalkfontein area.
 - 3.3 An advertisement will be placed in the local newspaper;
 - 3.4 E-mail notifications will be sent to relevant State Departments regarding the availability of the draft amendment report.
 - 3.5 Letters will be posted via registered mail to adjacent landowners.
 - 3.6 A copy of the amendment report will be placed on the website of Sillito Environmental Consultants.

4. Based on the information contained in the Public Participation Plan, this Department herewith provides the following comments:
 - 4.1 A copy of the draft amendment report 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. 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.
 - 4.2 Please ensure that where electronic copies cannot be accessed by I&APs, alternative access to copies of the amendment report are made available.
 - 4.3 Please be reminded that the Public Participation Process must fulfil the requirements outlined in Chapter 6 of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended), and must take into account any applicable guidelines published in terms of Section 24J of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) ("NEMA"), this Department's Circular EADP 0028/2014 on the "*One Environmental Management System*" and the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended), as well as any other guidance provided by this Department.
5. You are hereby informed that this Department agrees to your methods of conducting the Public Participation Process as outlined in the abovementioned Public Participation Plan and that you may proceed, as proposed, provided that the requirements of paragraphs 4.1 to 4.3 are also met.
6. Kindly quote the abovementioned reference number in any future correspondence in respect of the application.
7. Please note that it is prohibited in terms of the NEMA for a person to commence with a listed activity unless the competent authority has granted an environmental authorisation for the undertaking of the activity.
8. This Department reserves the right to revise or withdraw any comments or request further information from you based on any information received.

Yours faithfully



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DIRECTOR: DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT (REGION 1)