

REFERENCE: 14/1/1/E2/4/2/3/0859/24

ENQUIRIES: Najah Ben Jeddou

The Board of Directors
Staytus Collection (Pty) Ltd
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Dear Sir

**RE: ALLEGED ILLEGAL DEVELOPMENT WITHIN 32 M OF WATERCOURSE ON ERF 18717
(BOTHMASKOP ESTATE), STELLENBOSCH**

1. I refer to the following:
 - 1.1. the Department's Pre-Compliance Notice dated 5 November 2024;
 - 1.2. the Compliance Notice dated 28 January 2025, issued to Staytus Collections (Pty) Ltd;
 - 1.3. the Amended Environmental Authorisation ("EA") issued to Botmaskop Fynbos Estate (Pty) Ltd on 1 April 2025, (Ref no. **16/3/3/5/B4/45/1015/25**);
 - 1.4. the Department's request for additional information to verify the development footprint, dated 9 April, 2025, and the response letter received from Ms. Chantel Muller of Sillito Environmetatl Consulting dated 30 April 2025;
 - 1.5. the follow up compliance audit inspection conducted by officials from the Department's Directorates, Environmental Law Enforcement and Development Management, on 14 April 2025, at the property; and
 - 1.6. the email received from Ms. Chantel Muller on 23 April 2025, regarding the requirement to notify I&APs of the EA Amendment and additional document submitted to the Department pertaining to the development footprint, received on 26 May 2025.

2. This letter serves to inform you of the outcome of the Department's investigation into the above matter and advise the following:
 - 2.1 The Directorate: Environmental Law Enforcement is satisfied that the Compliance Notice issued to Staytus Collections has been complied with.
 - 2.2 Furthermore, based on the representations and supporting documentation received on 26 May 2025, this Directorate hereby confirms that the development footprint was not expanded.
3. As such, you are advised to inform/notify the I&APs of the recent amendment of EA, as required in terms of regulation 4(2) of the NEMA EIA Regulations, and to furnish this Directorate with proof of such notification **within 21 (twenty-one) calendar days** of receipt of this letter.
4. You are reminded to adhere to the EA conditions and the EMPr as stipulated in the Amended EA and of your Duty of Care in terms of Section 28 of the National Environmental Management Act ("NEMA") to take all reasonable measures to prevent pollution and degradation of the environment on the said property.
5. Please be advised that this Directorate's investigation will be concluded and closed upon receipt of the proof provided as stipulated in paragraph 3 above.



Mr A. Bassier

Director: Environmental Law Enforcement

Grade 1 Environmental Management Inspector

Date: 25/06/2025

Cc:

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