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Attention: Mr Petrus Saal

Dear Sir

**APPLICATION IN TERMS OF SECTION 24G OF THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT ACT, 1998 (ACT 107 OF 1998) ("NEMA") FOR THE UNLAWFUL COMMENCEMENT OF A LISTED ACTIVITY: THE EXPANSION OF THE NOOITGEDACHT POULTRY FARM ON PORTION 36 OF THE FARM 20 KLEIN DASSENBERG, ATLANTIS INDUSTRIAL**

With reference to your application dated 23 November 2018 and the revised section 24G application dated 19 February 2019 in terms of section 24G of the NEMA for the consequences of unlawful commencement of listed activities identified in terms of the NEMA, find below the decision in respect of your application.

**ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION**

**A. DECISION**

By virtue of the powers conferred by section 24G of the NEMA and the *Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014* ("EIA Regulations, 2014") (as amended), the competent authority herewith **grants environmental authorisation** to the applicant to continue with the listed activities specified in Section C below in accordance with Preferred Alternative as described in the application and environmental assessment dated 19 February 2019.

The granting of this Environmental Authorisation is for the continuation, conducting or undertaking of the listed activities as described in Section C below and is subject to compliance with the conditions set out in Section G. This Environmental Authorisation shall only take effect from the date on which it has been issued.

The Environmental Authorisation does not exempt the holder thereof from compliance with any other applicable legislation.

## B. DETAILS OF THE APPLICANT FOR THIS ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION

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The abovementioned applicant is the holder of this Environmental Authorisation and is hereinafter referred to as "the holder".

## C. LIST OF ACTIVITIES AUTHORISED

Listed Activities	Activity/Project Description
<p>Government Notice No. R544 of 18 June 2010 –</p> <p><b>Activity Number: 32</b></p> <p>Activity Description: <i>The expansion of facilities for the concentration of poultry, excluding chicks younger than 20 days, where the capacity of the facility will be increased by:</i></p>	<p>The applicant purchased the farm in 2005 with four chicken houses with a holding capacity of ±45 000 chickens for egg laying purposes.</p> <p>In 2013, internal modifications were made to two of the four existing chicken houses involving the installation of automated</p>

<p>(i) more than 1 000 poultry where the facility is situated within an urban area; or</p> <p><b>(ii) more than 5 000 poultry per facility situated outside an urban area.</b></p>	<p>systems, increasing the holding capacity from 45 000 to 65 000 chickens, thus triggering this listed activity.</p>
<p>As similarly listed in Government Notice No. R. 327 of 7 April 2017–</p> <p><b>Activity Number: 40</b></p> <p>Activity Description: <i>The expansion and related operation of facilities for the concentration of poultry, excluding chicks younger than 20 days, where the capacity of the facility will be increased by—</i></p> <p>(i) more than 1 000 poultry where the facility is situated within an urban area; or</p> <p><b>(ii) more than 5 000 poultry per facility situated outside an urban area.</b></p>	<p>As above.</p> <p>The activity was commenced with the intension to further expand the poultry facility by increasing the holding capacity to ±200 000 chickens.</p> <p>The footprints of Chicken Houses 3 and 4 will be increased by extending the existing lengths. Chicken House 3 is 72m long and will be extended 90mx12m, a footprint expansion of 216m<sup>2</sup>.</p> <p>Chicken House 4 is 65m long and will be extended to 90mx12m wide, a footprint expansion of 300m<sup>2</sup>.</p> <p>The facility's holding capacity expansion also involves the construction of a fifth chicken house (Chicken House 5) with a physical footprint of 12mx90m on a transformed area to the east of the site, adjacent the existing chicken houses.</p> <p>Automated systems will be installed in all chicken houses.</p>

The abovementioned list is hereinafter referred to as "the listed activity".

#### D. PROPERTY DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION

The listed activity commenced on Portion 36 of Farm 20 Klein Dassenberg, Atlantis Industrial.

The SG digit code is: C0160000000002000036

The co-ordinates for the site are:

Point	Latitude (S)	Longitude (E)
1	33° 35' 20.84" South	18° 31' 58.52" East

Refer to Annexure 1: Locality Plan and Annexure 2: Site Plan.  
Herein-after referred to as "the site".

#### E. DETAILS OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT PRACTITIONER ("EAP")

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#### F. DETAILS OF THE ACTIVITY/IES UNDERTAKEN

The applicant purchased the farm in 2005 with four chicken houses with a holding capacity of ±45 000 chickens for egg laying purposes. In 2013, internal modifications were made to two of the four existing chicken houses involving the installation of automated systems, increasing the holding capacity from 45 000 to 65 000 chickens.

The activity was commenced with the intension to further expand the poultry facility by increasing the holding capacity to ±200 000 chickens. The footprints of Chicken Houses 3 and 4 will be increased by extending the existing lengths. Chicken House 3 is 72m long and will be extended 90mx12m, a footprint expansion of 216m<sup>2</sup>. Chicken House 4 is 65m long and will be extended to 90mx12m wide, a footprint expansion of 300m<sup>2</sup>. The facility's holding capacity expansion also involves the construction of a fifth chicken house (Chicken House 5) with a physical footprint of 12mx90m on a transformed area to the east of the site, adjacent the existing chicken houses. Furthermore, automated systems will be installed in all chicken houses.

## **G. CONDITIONS OF AUTHORISATION**

The following are conditions of authorisation that are set and must be implemented for this Environmental Authorisation.

### **PART I**

#### **Scope of authorisation**

1. The holder is authorised to undertake the listed activity/ies specified in Section C above in accordance with and restricted to the Preferred Alternative described in the application dated 19 February 2019 on the site as described in Section D above.
2. The holder shall be responsible for ensuring compliance with the conditions by any person acting on his/her behalf, including an agent, sub-contractor, employee or any person rendering a service to the holder.
3. Any changes to, or deviations from the scope of the alternative described in Section F above must be accepted or approved, in writing, by the competent authority before such changes or deviations may be implemented. In assessing whether to grant such acceptance/approval or not, the competent authority may request information to evaluate the significance and impacts of such changes or deviations, and it may be necessary for the holder to apply for further authorisation in terms of the applicable legislation.

## **PART II**

### **Written notice to the competent authority**

4. Seven (7) calendar days' notice, in writing, must be given to the competent authority before continuation of commencement of expansion activities.
  - 4.1 The notice must make clear reference to the site details and 24G Reference number given above.
  - 4.2 The notice must also include proof of compliance with the conditions of 5, 6 and 9.

## **PART III**

### **Notification and administration of an appeal**

5. The holder must in writing, within 14 (fourteen) calendar days of the date of this decision—
  - 5.1 notify all registered Interested and Affected Parties ("I&APs") of –
    - 5.1.1 the outcome of the application;
    - 5.1.2 the reasons for the decision as included in Annexure 3;
    - 5.1.3 the date of the decision; and
    - 5.1.4 the date when the decision was issued.
  - 5.2 draw the attention of all registered I&APs to the fact that an appeal may be lodged against the decision in terms of the *National Appeals Regulations, 2014* detailed in Section I below.
  - 5.3 draw the attention of all registered I&APs to the manner in which they may access the decision.
  - 5.4 provide the registered I&APs with:
    - 5.4.1 the name of the holder (entity) of this Environmental Authorisation;
    - 5.4.2 name of the responsible person for this Environmental Authorisation;
    - 5.4.3 postal address of the holder;
    - 5.4.4 telephonic and fax details of the holder;
    - 5.4.5 e-mail address, if any, of the holder; and

5.4.6 the contact details (postal and/or physical address, contact number, facsimile and e-mail address) of the decision-maker and all registered I&APs in the event that an appeal is lodged in terms of the *National Appeal Regulations, 2014*.

6. The listed activity, including site preparation, may not continue to commence within 34 (thirty-four) calendar days from the date of issue of this Environmental Authorisation. In the event that an appeal is lodged with the Appeal Authority, the effect of this Environmental Authorisation is suspended until the appeal is decided.

#### **PART IV**

##### **Management of the activity/development**

7. The draft Environmental Management Programme ("EMPr") dated 19 February 2019 compiled by Cornerstone Environmental Consultants (Pty) Ltd and submitted as part of the application for environmental authorisation is hereby approved and must be implemented.

8. The EMPr must be included in all contract documentation for all phases of implementation.

#### **PART V**

##### **Monitoring**

9. The holder must appoint a suitably experienced Environmental Control Officer ("ECO") before continuing with any construction activities to ensure compliance with the EMPr and the conditions contained herein.

10. A copy of the Environmental Authorisation, EMPr, audit reports and compliance monitoring reports must be kept at the site of the authorised activity, and must be made available to anyone on request.

11. Access to the site referred to in Section D must be granted, and the environmental reports mentioned above must be produced, to any authorised official representing the competent authority who requests to see it for the purposes of assessing and/or monitoring compliance with the conditions contained herein.

## **PART VI**

### **Auditing**

12. In terms of regulation 34 of the *EIA Regulations, 2014* the holder must conduct environmental audits to determine compliance with the conditions of the Environmental Authorisation and the EMPr upon receiving such request in writing from the competent authority. The Audit Report must be prepared by an independent person and must consider all the information required in Appendix 7 of the *EIA Regulations, 2014*.

## **PART VII**

### **Activity/ Development Specific Conditions**

13. Should any heritage remains be exposed during excavations or any other actions on the site, these must immediately be reported to the Provincial Heritage Resources Authority of the Western Cape, Heritage Western Cape. Heritage remains uncovered or disturbed during earthworks must not be further disturbed until the necessary approval has been obtained from Heritage Western Cape.

Heritage remains include: meteorites, archaeological and/or paleontological remains (including fossil shells and trace fossils); coins; indigenous and/or colonial ceramics; any articles of value or antiquity; marine shell heaps; stone artefacts and bone remains; structures and other built features with heritage significance; rock art and rock engravings; and/or graves or unmarked human burials including grave goods and/or associated burial material.

14. A qualified archaeologist and/or palaeontologist must be contracted where necessary (at the expense of the holder) to remove any heritage remains. Heritage remains can only be disturbed by a suitably qualified heritage specialist working under a directive from the relevant heritage resources authority.
15. Chicken carcasses are prohibited from being burned or buried on the site.
16. Chicken carcasses must be contained and disposed of at a registered hazardous landfill or alternative suitable facility, by an approved third-party waste removal company. Proof of compliance must be retained for compliance monitoring purposes and be made available upon request by the competent authority.



## H. GENERAL MATTERS

1. Notwithstanding this Environmental Authorisation, the holder must comply with any other statutory requirements that may be applicable when undertaking the listed activity.
2. Non-compliance with a condition or term of this Environmental Authorisation or EMPr may render the holder liable to criminal prosecution.
3. The holder must submit an application for amendment of the Environmental Authorisation to the competent authority where any detail with respect to the Environmental Authorisation must be amended, added, substituted, corrected, removed or updated. If a new holder is proposed, an application for Amendment in terms of Part 1 of the *EIA Regulations, 2014* must be submitted.

Please note that an amendment is not required if there is a change in the contact details of the holder. In this case, the competent authority must only be notified of such changes.

4. The manner and frequency for updating the EMPr is as follows:  
Amendments to the EMPr must be done in accordance with regulations 35 to 37 of the *EIA Regulations, 2014* or any relevant legislation that may be applicable at the time.

## I. APPEALS

Appeals must comply with the provisions contained in the *National Appeal Regulations, 2014*.

1. An appellant (if the holder) must –
  - 1.1 submit an appeal in accordance with regulation 4 *National Appeal Regulations, 2014* to the Appeal Administrator and a copy of the appeal to any registered I&APs, any Organ of State with interest in the matter and the decision maker within 20 (twenty) calendar days from the date the holder was notified by the competent authority of this decision.

2. An appellant (if NOT the holder) must –
  - 2.1 submit an appeal in accordance with regulation 4 *National Appeal Regulations, 2014* to the Appeal Administrator, and a copy of the appeal to the holder, any registered I&APs, any Organ of State with interest in the matter and the decision maker within 20 (twenty) calendar days from the date the holder notified the registered I&APs of this decision.
3. The holder (if not the appellant), the decision-maker, I&APs and Organ of State must submit their responding statements, if any, to the Appeal Authority and the appellant within 20 (twenty) calendar days from the date of receipt of the appeal submission.
4. This appeal and responding statement must be submitted to the address listed below:

By post:                    Attention: Marius Venter  
Western Cape Ministry of Local Government, Environmental Affairs &  
Development Planning  
Private Bag X9186, Cape Town, 8000; or

By facsimile:            (021) 483 4174; or

By hand:                 Attention: Mr Marius Venter (Tel: 021-483 3721)  
Room 809, 8th floor Utilitas Building  
1 Dorp Street, Cape Town, 8000; or

By e-mail:                [DEADP.Appeals@westerncape.gov.za](mailto:DEADP.Appeals@westerncape.gov.za)

**Note:** You are also requested to submit an electronic copy (Microsoft Word format) of the appeal and any supporting documents to the Appeal Administrator to the address listed above and/ or via e-mail to [DEADP.Appeals@westerncape.gov.za](mailto:DEADP.Appeals@westerncape.gov.za).

5. A prescribed appeal form, as well as assistance regarding the appeal processes is obtainable from the office of the appeal authority/ at: Tel. (021) 483 3721, E-mail [DEADP.Appeals@westerncape.gov.za](mailto:DEADP.Appeals@westerncape.gov.za) or URL <http://www.westerncape.gov.za/eadp>.

## J. CONSEQUENCES OF NON-COMPLIANCE WITH CONDITIONS

Non-compliance with a condition or term of this Environmental Authorisation or EMPr may result in suspension or withdrawal of this Environmental Authorisation and may render the holder liable for criminal prosecution.

## K. DISCLAIMER

The Western Cape Government shall not be responsible for any damages or losses suffered by the holder, developer or his/her successor in any instance where construction or operation subsequent to construction is temporarily or permanently stopped for reasons of non-compliance with the conditions as set out herein or any other subsequent document or legal action emanating from this decision.

Yours faithfully



**ZAIDAH TOEFY**

**ACTING DIRECTOR: ENVIRONMENTAL GOVERNANCE**

DATE OF DECISION: 10 December 2019

Copied to:

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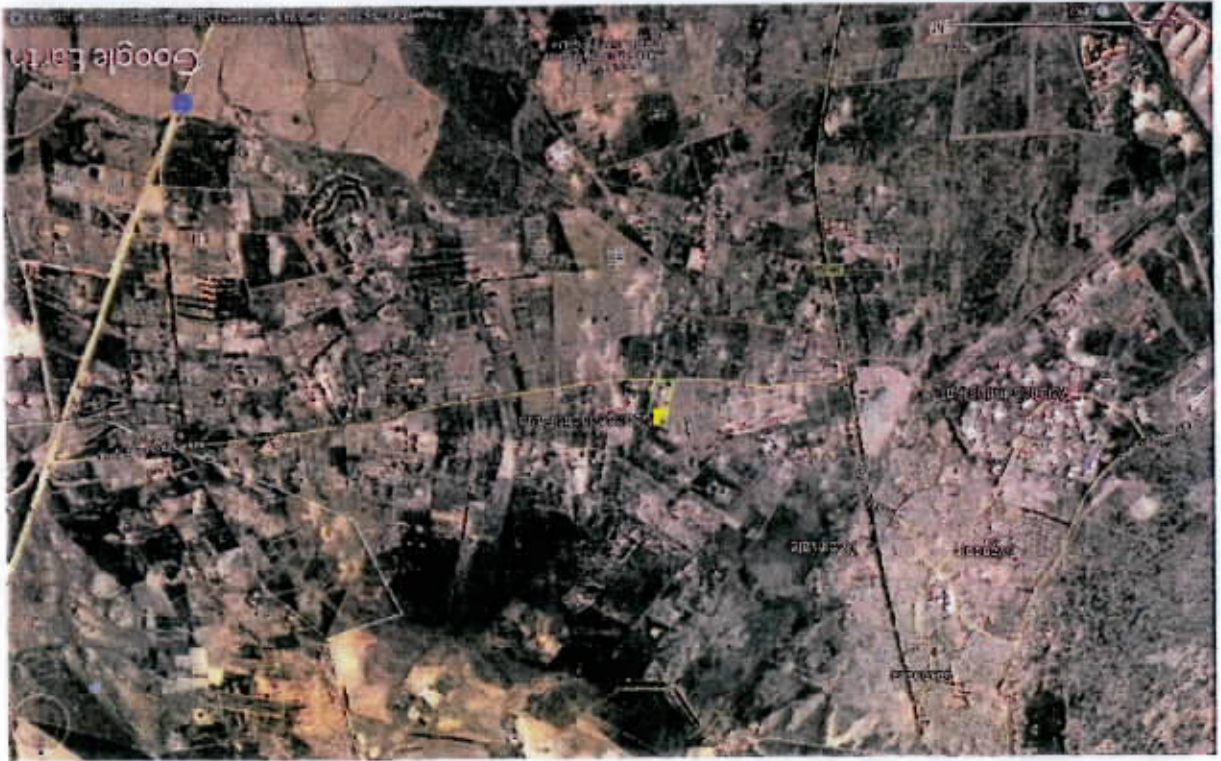
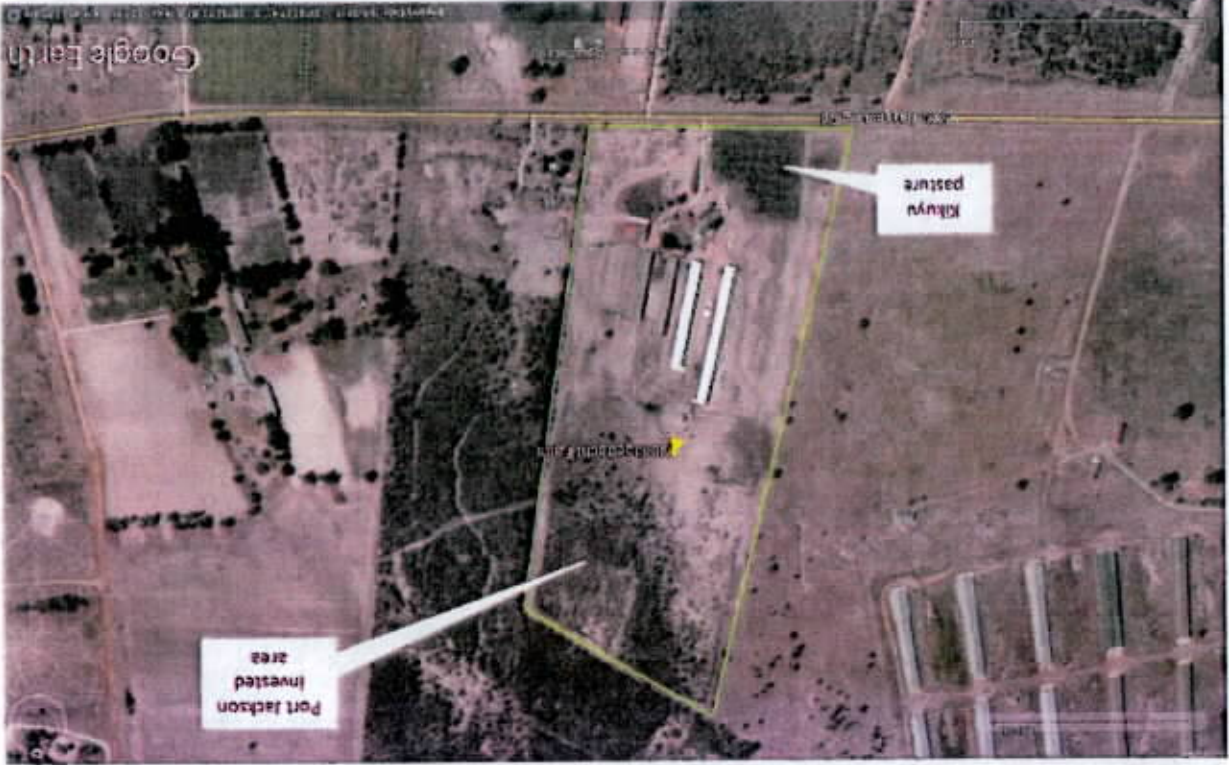
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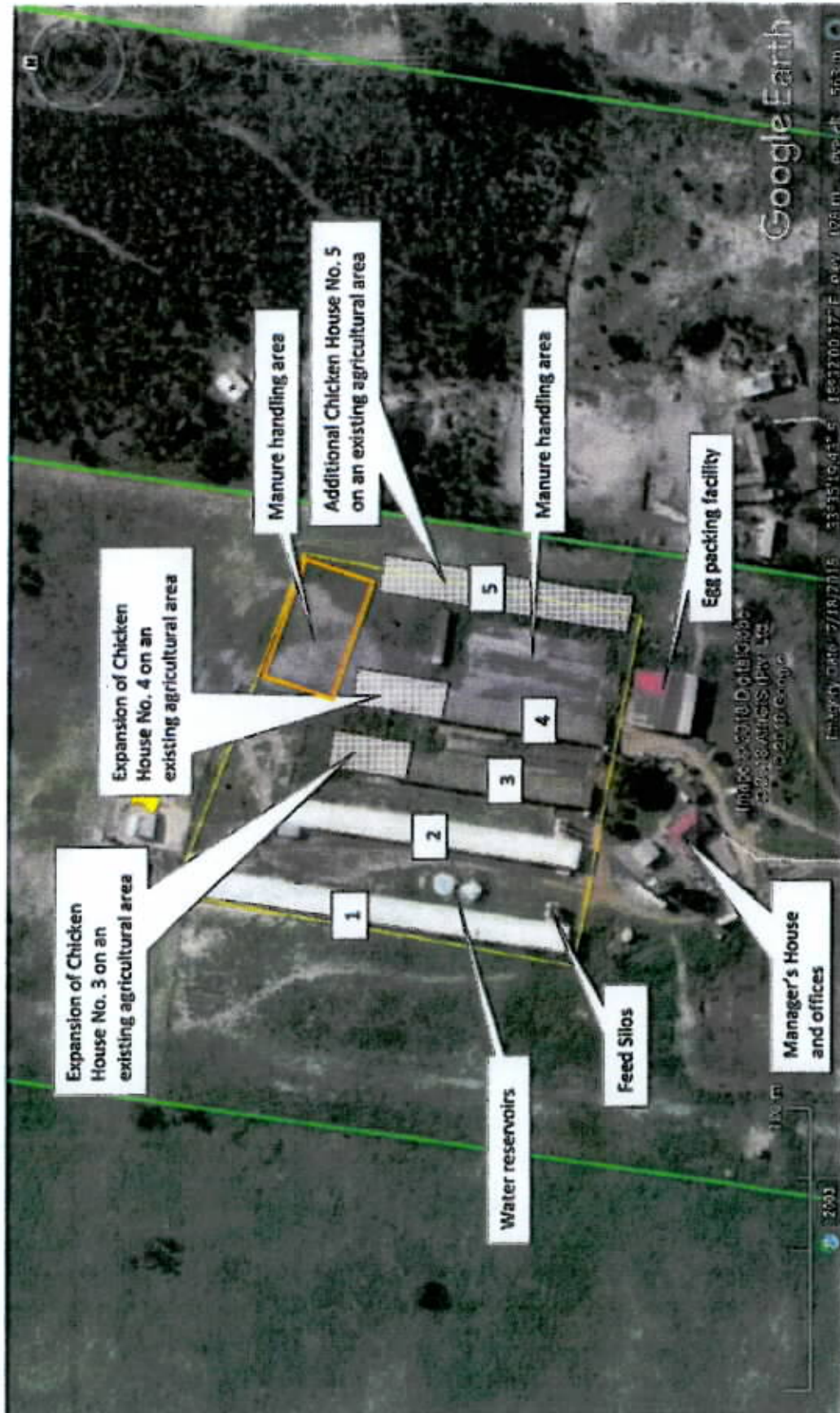
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ANNEXURE 1: LOCALITY MAP

ANNEXURE 2: SITE PLAN



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**ANNEXURE 3: REASONS FOR THE DECISION**

This Environmental Authorisation is in respect of the consequences of commencement of the afore-mentioned illegal activities. An Environmental Assessment Practitioner ("EAP") was appointed to submit a section 24G Environmental Impact Assessment ("EIA") to the Department to obtain this Environmental Authorisation. The EIA was considered adequate for informed decision-making. In addition, the holder paid an administrative fine of R50 000 (Fifty thousand Rand) to meet the requirements of section 24G of the *National Environmental Management Act, 1998* ("NEMA").

In reaching its decision, the competent authority, *inter alia*, considered the following:

- a) The information contained in the application dated 19 February 2019, the section 24G assessment report and the Environmental Management Programme ("EMPr") dated 19 February 2019 submitted together with the application.
- b) The information contained in the Departmental information base, including, the Guidelines on Public Participation and Alternatives.
- c) The objectives and requirements of relevant legislation, policies and guidelines, including section 2 of the NEMA.
- d) The public participation process conducted for the application by the Environmental Assessment Practitioner ("EAP").
- e) The comments received from Interested and Affected Parties ("I&APs"), including the organs of state and the responses provided thereto.
- f) The site visit conducted on 2 August 2019 attended by officials from this Department.

All information presented to the competent authority was taken into account in the consideration of the application for environmental authorisation. A summary of the issues which, according to the competent authority, were the most significant reasons for the decision is set out below.

## 1. Public Participation Process

In terms of section 24G(1)(vii)(dd) of the NEMA, "...a description of the public participation process followed during the course of compiling the report, including all comments received from interested and affected parties and an indication of how the issues raised have been addressed ...", is required.

The public participation process conducted by the EAP comprised of the following:

- identification of and engagement with I&APs.
- fixing a notice board at the site where the listed activity unlawfully commenced.
- giving written notice to the owners and occupiers of land adjacent to the site where the listed activity was undertaken, the municipality and ward councillor, and the various organs of state having jurisdiction in respect of any aspect of the listed activity on 21 November 2018 and 23 November 2018.
- the placing of a newspaper advertisement in the **Weskus Nuus** newspaper on 11 September 2018.

The public participation process raised issues related to the poultry facility's waste management practices. This includes the disposal of chicken carcasses in burying pits which has allegedly resulted in dogs digging to find rotting carcasses and taking it home as a "prize". Odours resulting from the burying of chicken carcasses and the burning of chicken feathers (and the associated increase of flies) was also raised as a concern. The EMPr has been revised to include mitigation measures that arose from the assessment, thereby addressing these concerns.

### Consultation with organs of state in terms of section 24O of the NEMA

The following organs of state provided comment on the application:

- CapeNature
- City of Cape Town (CoCT): Environmental & Heritage Management Branch ("CoCT: E&HM")
- CoCT: Air Quality Management ("CoCT: AQM")
- CoCT: Solid Waste Management ("CoCT: SWM")

### CapeNature

CapeNature advised that the site is classified as "No Natural", i.e. no natural vegetation is evident within the footprint. There are no freshwater features mapped for the property. CapeNature is therefore satisfied that there was no natural

vegetation that was lost as a result of the expansion nor within the further expansion footprint. Regarding the storage of manure on the farm as well as wastewater from the chicken houses, they requested that confirmation be provided that these activities do not significantly impact on groundwater.

In considering CapeNature's comment, the EMPr has been revised to address manure and wastewater management. The EMPr states that manure should be stored on an impermeable surface or a secondary containment area preventing rain runoff and removed in waste skips. Wastewater should be contained and a water management strategy should be implemented by the applicant. At the end of the PPP, CapeNature was satisfied that their concerns were addressed in the EMPr.

#### CoCT: E&HM

The CoCT: E&HM requested that the draft EMPr should include a clause indicating that the environmental auditing reports that will emanate from the construction phase must be submitted to them. They agree with the recommendations of the EAP regarding the preferred outcome of the s24G application, as well as the motivation for each impact index for the quantum of the admin fine. The EMPr has therefore been revised to address the CoCT's concerns.

#### CoCT: AQM

The CoCT: AQM commented that only approved means of disposal of carcasses or any incidental hazardous waste, as proposed in the operational phase of the EMPr, must be strictly adhered to. Should it become necessary to clear the property of alien vegetation, open burning of vegetation will not be permitted without prior authorisation from the CoCT: AQM branch.

The applicant was advised that the use of potable water is not recommended for use in dust suppression and that should complaints be received or conditions so warrant, the CoCT reserves the right to call for the submission of a dust management plan which complies with the provision of the *National Dust Control Regulations, 2013*.

It was further advised that the site must at all times comply with all the provisions of the *City of Cape Town Air Quality Management By-law, 2016*. The EAP noted the above and advised that applicant has been informed.



### CoCT: SWM

An integrated waste management plan must be submitted to the CoCT: SWM Planning Department for approval. Confirmation was provided that CoCT: SWM (collections) has sufficient unallocated capacity to accept, collect and dispose of all types of waste to a designated licensed landfill site. The EAP noted the above and advised that applicant has been informed.

All the concerns raised by I&APs were responded to and adequately addressed during the public participation process. Specific management and mitigation measures have been considered in this Environmental Authorisation and in the EMPr to adequately address the concerns raised.

The competent authority concurs with the EAP's responses to the issues raised during the public participation process and has included appropriate conditions in this Environmental Authorisation and in the EMPr.

## **2. Alternatives**

### 2.1 Alternative 1: The Preferred Alternative (herewith authorised)

The preferred alternative involves the initial expansion of the poultry facility done in 2013 which entailed the installation of automated systems to Chicken Houses 1 and 2, two of the four existing chicken houses. This increased the holding capacity from 45 000 chickens to approximately 65 000 chicken. Chicken House 1 is 136mx12m wide and will remain as is, while Chicken House 2 is 105mx12m wide and will also remain as is.

The applicant commenced with the intention to further expand the facility's chicken holding capacity by extending Chicken House 3 and Chicken House 4 as follows:

- Chicken House 3 is 72m long and will be extended to 90mx12m, the expansion will cover 216m<sup>2</sup>;
- Chicken House 4 is 65m long and will be extended to 90mx12m wide, the expansion will cover 300m<sup>2</sup>.

An additional chicken house (Chicken House 5) will be constructed with the dimensions 12mx90m. The preferred alternative also involves the installation of

automated systems in all chicken houses. With the implementation of the additional expansion, the facility's holding capacity will be increased from 65 000 birds to 200 000 birds.

## 2.2 The option of not implementing or continuing with the activity ("No-Go" Alternative)

The "no-go" alternative involves the poultry facility not being expanded or developed further and without the implementation of the proposed mitigation measures.

### 3. **Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and Mitigation Measures**

In reaching its decision, the competent authority, considered the following in respect of the EIA and mitigation measures:

#### 3.1. Activity Need and Desirability

Nooitgedacht Farmers Trust is currently pursuing a Comprehensive Agricultural Support Programme ("CASP") funding application to expand the facility's capacity from 65 000 birds to 200 000 birds. Environmental authorisation is required before this application for funding will be further processed.

The poultry facility has a contribution to the local community's income. The assessment notes that the people residing in the Atlantis area rely on farms like these for employment. These farms also contribute to the production of food (the production of chicken eggs) for the local and regional markets.

#### 3.2. Regional/ Planning Context

The commenced activities are agricultural in nature which is in line with the Agricultural zoning of the property. The surrounding land uses are smallholdings and other agricultural farms.

#### 3.3. Pollution Impacts

##### *Chicken manure*

Chicken manure produced is used on the farm as manure for lawn purposes and is also sold to third parties as fertiliser or cattle feed. This manure is temporarily stored on site before it is taken off-site. There is no effluent from the facility. The

chicken manure residue that remains after the chicken houses have been washed with high pressure hoses is left on the concrete floor to dry out. The dried manure is then scooped up with brooms and spades, before being scattered on the lawn as fertilizer.

It is proposed that biodegradable detergents be used in the washing and disinfecting phases of the equipment and then left to dry. In terms of wastewater; it is proposed that waste wash-water be contained by the implementation of a water management strategy.

#### *Chicken carcasses*

Chicken carcasses have, until recently, been disposed by means of on-site incineration. Any remaining ash was mixed with the chicken manure and used as fertiliser on the farm. The applicant has advised that the facility will no longer make use of this method of carcass disposal as they will not be applying for an Air Emission Licence ("AEL") for the incineration of more than 10kg/day of chicken carcasses.

Part of the improved waste management practices that arose out of the assessment is that carcasses be contained and removed off-site to a registered hazardous landfill site or an alternative suitable facility; by means of an approved third-party waste removal company. Carcasses is no longer allowed to be burned or buried on the site.

### 3.4. Biodiversity Impacts

The assessment determined that the activity has not impacted on the receiving environment's biodiversity aspects. According to the assessment, the site was already transformed when the poultry facility's holding capacity increased from 45 000 to 65 000 chickens in that existing chicken houses were expanded. Internal modifications were made to two of the four existing chicken houses on the farm, involving the installation of automated systems.

The applicant intends to further increase the farm's holding capacity from 65 000 to ±200 000 birds by installing new automated systems in the houses, expanding Chicken Houses 3 and 4 and by constructing another chicken house (Chicken House 5) on an already disturbed footprint on the farm. Suitable

mitigation measures have been provided for; including the risk to dust and for improved manure handling practices.

### 3.5. Visual / Sense of Place

The commenced activities and the further expansion are in line with the sense of place of the affected area and its surrounds. The site is adjacent to other smallholdings where agriculture related activities are practised, with other poultry farms to the west of the farm.

### 3.6. Socio-economic Impacts

The assessment concluded that the construction phase of the continued expansion of the facility will result in 12 new employment opportunities and 18 employment opportunities during the operational phase of the activity.

## 4. **NEMA Principles**

The National Environmental Management Principles (set out in section 2 of the NEMA), which apply to the actions of all organs of state, serve as guidelines by reference to which any organ of state must exercise any function when taking any decision, and which must guide the interpretation, administration and implementation of any other law concerned with the protection or management of the environment), *inter alia*, provides for:

- the effects of decisions on all aspects of the environment to be taken into account;
- the consideration, assessment and evaluation of the social, economic and environmental impacts of activities (disadvantages and benefits), and for decisions to be appropriate in the light of such consideration and assessment;
- the co-ordination and harmonisation of policies, legislation and actions relating to the environment;
- the resolving of actual or potential conflicts of interest between organs of state through conflict resolution procedures; and
- the selection of the best practicable environmental option.

In view of the above, the NEMA principles, compliance with the conditions stipulated in this Environmental Authorisation, and compliance with the EMPr, the competent authority is satisfied that the listed activity will not conflict with the general objectives of integrated environmental management stipulated in Chapter 5 of the NEMA and that any potentially detrimental environmental impacts resulting from the listed activity can be mitigated to acceptable levels.

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