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ENQUIRIES: Ms. M. Schippers
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The Director
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Dear Sir

APPLICATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION IN TERMS OF THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT ACT, 1998 (ACT 107 OF 1998) AND THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT REGULATIONS, 2014 (AS AMENDED): THE PROPOSED EXPANSION OF AN ABATTOIR ON ERF 536, HOPEFIELD.

1. With reference to the above application, the Department hereby notifies you of its decision to **grant** Environmental Authorisation, attached herewith, together with the reasons for the decision.
2. In terms of Regulation 4 of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014 (as amended), you are instructed to ensure, within 14 days of the date of the decision on the application, that all registered interested and affected parties ("I&APs") are provided with access to the decision and reasons for the decision, and that all registered I&APs are notified of their right to appeal.
3. Your attention is drawn to Chapter 2 of the Appeal Regulations, 2014, which prescribes the appeal procedure to be followed. This procedure is summarised in the attached Environmental Authorisation.

Yours faithfully

ZAHIR TOEFPY

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ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION

ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION IN TERMS OF THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT ACT, 1998 (ACT NO. 107 OF 1998) AND THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT REGULATIONS, 2014 (AS AMENDED) FOR THE PROPOSED EXPANSION OF AN ABATTOIR ON ERF ON ERF 536, HOPEFIELD.

With reference to your application for the abovementioned, find below the outcome with respect to this application.

DECISION

By virtue of the powers conferred on it by the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998), the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014 as amended on 07 April 2017 ("NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014") the competent authority herewith **grants environmental authorisation** to the applicant to undertake the listed activity specified in section B below with respect to the preferred alternative described in the Final Basic Assessment Report ("BAR") dated August 2018.

The granting of this environmental authorisation is subject to compliance with the conditions set out in section E below.

A. DETAILS OF THE APPLICANT FOR THIS ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION

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The abovementioned company is the holder of this environmental authorisation and is hereinafter referred to as "the applicant".

B. LISTED ACTIVITY AUTHORISED

The listed activity in terms of the NEMA EIA Regulations as amended on 07 April 2017.

Listed activity	Activity/Project description
<p>Listing Notice 1 of the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended):</p> <p>Activity Number: 38 Activity Description:</p> <p>The expansion and related operation of facilities for the slaughter of animals where the daily product throughput will be increased by more than—</p> <p>(i) 50 poultry;</p> <p>(ii) 6 units of reptiles, red meat and game; or</p> <p>(iii) 20 000 kg wet weight per annum of fish, crustaceans or amphibians.</p>	<p>The proposed developed will entail the expansion of the existing abattoir to increase its throughput capacity from slaughtering 850 poultry to 2000 poultry.</p>

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

The applicant is herein authorised to undertake the following alternative related to the listed activity:

The proposed development entails the expansion of the existing abattoir including internal renovations on Erf 536, Hopefield. The abattoir will increase its throughput capacity for the slaughtering of chickens from 850 to 2 000 chickens per day. Chickens will be brought to the farm in crates where they will be slaughtered. Waste such as fat, stomach linings, and manure will be placed in spill proof drums and will be taken to the existing composting facility located on the proposed site where it will be composted and sold off. The composting facility does not trigger a listed activity in terms of the National Environmental Management: Waste Act (Act No 59 of 2008). Feathers will be disposed of at a licenced landfill site.

Waste water will be captured in septic tanks and removed on a regular basis by the local authority. Blood and some waste water will be used in the composting process.

Potable water will be obtained from the local authority (in this instance the Saldanha Bay municipality) to accommodate the proposed expansion.

C. PROPERTY DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION

The listed activity will take place on the Remainder of Erf 536, Hopefield.

The SG 21 digit code is: C04600040000053600000

Co-ordinates of the site:

33° 03' 23" South
18° 19' 49" East

Refer to Annexure 1: Locality Map and Annexure 2: Site Plan

hereinafter referred to as "the site".

D. DETAILS OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT PRACTITIONER

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E. CONDITIONS OF AUTHORISATION

Scope of Authorisation

1. The holder is authorised to undertake the listed activity specified in Section B above in accordance with and restricted to the preferred Alternative described in the BAR dated August 2018 on the site as described in Section C above.
2. The holder must commence with the listed activity within the stipulated validity period which this Environmental Authorisation is granted for, or this Environmental Authorisation shall lapse and a new application for Environmental Authorisation must be submitted to the competent authority.
3. This Environmental Authorisation is granted for a period of five (5) years, from the date of issue, during which period the holder must commence with the authorised listed activity.
4. 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.
5. Any changes to, or deviations from the scope of the preferred alternative described in section B 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 in order 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.

Written notice to the Competent Authority

6. A minimum of seven calendar days notice, in writing, must be given to the competent authority before commencement of the development phase.
 - 6.1. The notice must make clear reference to the site details and EIA Reference number given above.
 - 6.2. The notice must also include proof of compliance with the following conditions described herein:

Conditions: 7 and 13.

Notification and administration of appeal

7. The applicant must in writing, within 14 (fourteen) calendar days of the date of this decision and in accordance with Regulation 4 (2) –
 - 7.1. Notify all registered interested and affected parties of –
 - 7.1.1. the outcome of the application;
 - 7.1.2. the reasons for the decision as included in Annexure 3;
 - 7.1.3. the date of the decision; and
 - 7.1.4. the date of issue of the decision;
 - 7.2. Draw the attention of all registered interested and affected parties to the fact that an appeal may be lodged against the decision in terms of the National Appeal Regulations, 2014 detailed in section F below;
 - 7.3. Draw the attention of all registered interested and affected parties to the manner in which they may access the decision;
 - 7.4. Provide the registered Interested and Affected Parties with-
 - 7.4.1. the name of the holder (entity) of this environmental authorisation;
 - 7.4.2. the name of the responsible person for this environmental authorisation;
 - 7.4.3. the postal address of the holder;
 - 7.4.4. the telephonic and fax details of the holder;
 - 7.4.5. the e-mail address if any; and
 - 7.4.6. 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 2014 National Appeals Regulations.

Commencement

8. The listed activity, including site preparation, must not be commenced with within twenty (20) calendar days from the date the applicant notified the registered I&APs of this decision.
9. 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.

Management of activity

10. The draft Environmental Management Programme ("EMPr") submitted as part of the application for environmental authorisation is hereby approved and must be implemented.
11. An application for amendment to the EMPr must be submitted to the competent authority if any amendments are to be made to the EMPr, and this may only be implemented once the amended EMPr has been authorised by the competent authority.
12. The EMPr must be included in all contract documentation for all phases of implementation.

Monitoring

13. The holder must appoint a suitably experienced Environmental Control Officer ("ECO"), or site agent where appropriate to ensure compliance with the EMPr and the conditions contained herein.

14. A copy of the environmental authorisation and the EMPr, audit reports and compliance monitoring reports must be kept at the site and must be made available to anyone on request.
15. Access to the site referred to in section C above must be granted and, the environmental authorisation and EMPr 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. The environmental authorisation and EMPr must also be made available for inspection by any employee or agent of the applicant who works or undertakes work at the site.

Auditing

17. In terms of Regulation 34 of the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014, the holder must conduct environmental audits to determine compliance with the conditions of the environmental authorisation and the EMPr and submit Environmental Audit Reports to the Competent Authority.
 - 17.1. The audit reports must be prepared by an independent person and must contain all the information required in Appendix 7 of the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended);
 - 17.2. A first audit report must be submitted to the Competent Authority within three (3) months of commencement of the proposed expansion;
 - 17.3. A final audit report must be submitted to the competent authority within one (1) year of the proposed expansion;
 - 17.4. The audit reports must indicate compliance status with the conditions of this environmental authorisation, and the EMPr and make recommendations for improved environmental management;
 - 17.5. The holder must, within 7 days of the submission of an audit report to the Competent Authority, notify potential and registered I&APs of the submission and make the report available to anyone on request; and
 - 17.6. If the audit reports are not submitted, the competent authority may give 30 days written notice and may have such an audit undertaken at the expense of the applicant and may authorise any person to take such measures necessary for this purpose.

Specific conditions

18. An integrated waste management approach, which is based on waste minimisation and incorporates reduction, recycling, re-use and disposal, where appropriate, must be employed. Any solid waste must be disposed of at a landfill licensed in terms of the applicable legislation.
19. All noise and sounds generated during the proposed expansion must comply with the relevant SANS codes and standards and the relevant noise regulations.

F. GENERAL MATTERS

1. The holder is 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.
2. Any changes to, or deviations from the scope of the description set out in section B 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 such information as it deems necessary 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.
3. The applicant must notify the competent authority in writing, within 24 hours thereof if any condition herein stipulated is not being complied with.
4. The applicant must submit an application for amendment in terms of Chapter 5 of the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended) of the environmental authorisation to the competent authority where any detail or scope with respect to the environmental authorisation must be amended, added, substituted, corrected, removed or updated.
5. 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.
6. Non-compliance with a condition of this environmental authorisation or EMPr may result in suspension of this environmental authorisation and may render the holder liable for criminal prosecution.

G. 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 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 to the Appeal Administrator, and a copy of the appeal to the holder, any registered I&AP, 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 the decision.
3. The holder (if not the appellant), the decision-maker, I&AP 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: Western Cape Ministry of Local Government, Environmental Affairs and
Development Planning
Private Bag X9186
CAPE TOWN
8000

By facsimile: (021) 483 4174; or

By hand: Attention: Mr Jaap de Villiers (Tel: 021 483 3721)
Room 809, 8th Floor Utilitas Building, 1 Dorp Street, Cape Town, 8001

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 Jaap.DeVilliers@westerncape.gov.za.

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

H. DISCLAIMER

The Western Cape Government, the Local Authority, committees or any other public authority or organisation appointed in terms of the conditions of this environmental authorisation shall not be responsible for any damages or losses suffered by the holder, developer or his/her successor in any instance where development or operation subsequent to development 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.

Your interest in the future of our environment is appreciated.

Yours faithfully



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DATE OF DECISION: 14/12/2018

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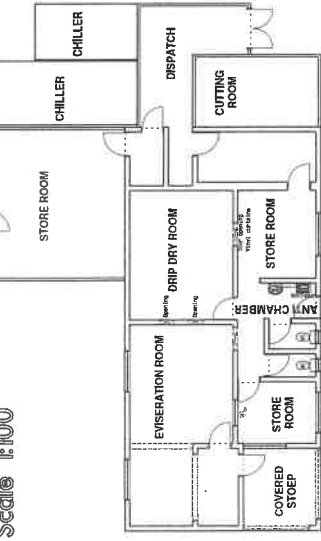
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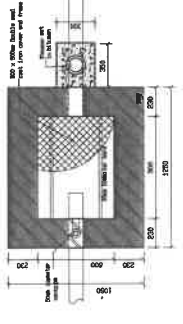
Hopefield Abattoir Locality Map. No increase in external footprint.

ANNEXURE 2: SITE PLAN

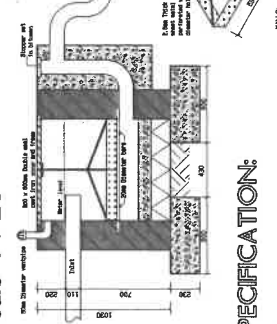
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PLAN OF GREASE TRAP
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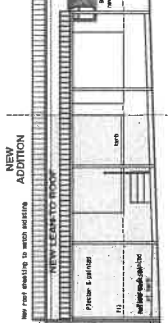
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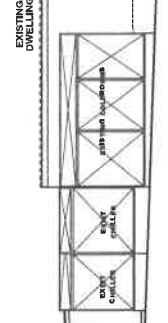
SPECIFICATION:

- 1. SEE ATTACHED DRAWINGS.
- 2. ALL WORK SHALL BE ACCORDING TO THE SPECIFICATIONS AND STANDARDS OF THE NATIONAL BUREAU OF STANDARDS (NBS) AND THE NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CODE (NEC).
- 3. ALL MATERIALS AND EQUIPMENT TO BE USED SHALL BE OF THE HIGHEST QUALITY AVAILABLE.
- 4. ALL WORK SHALL BE COMPLETED WITHIN THE SPECIFIED TIME FRAME.
- 5. ALL WORK SHALL BE SUBJECT TO INSPECTION AND APPROVAL BY THE RELEVANT AUTHORITIES.
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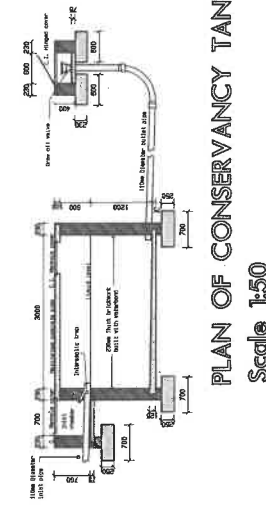
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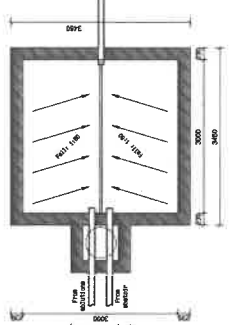
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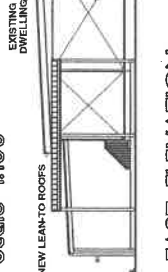
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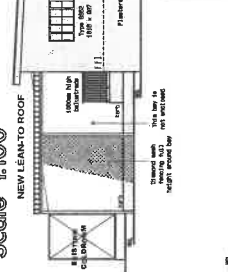
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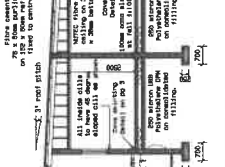
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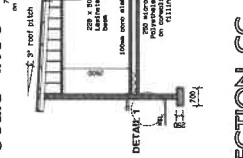
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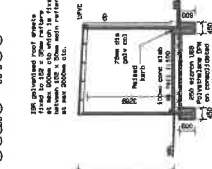
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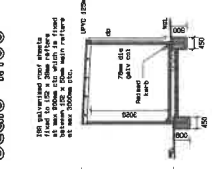
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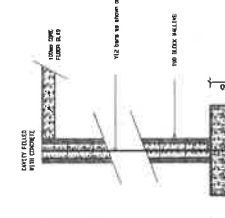
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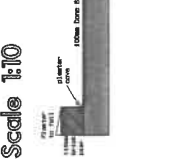
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ALTERATIONS TO EXISTING CHICKEN ABATOIR FOR HOPERLED ABATOIR

CONSTRUCTION DRAWING

These documents and their contents remain the property of CASIDRA and shall not be used for any other project without the written consent of CASIDRA. The Designer accepts no responsibility for any structural design and requirements that the contractor registers and specifies on site, before starting installation and construction. The Designer shall not be held liable for any damages or costs incurred by the contractor due to any errors or omissions on the drawings.

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Project Engineer: ...

DESCRIPTION OF DRAWINGS

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ANNEXURE 3: REASONS FOR THE DECISION

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

- a) The listed activity applicable in terms of the NEMA EIA Regulations as amended on 07 April 2017.
- b) The information contained in the application form dated 05 July 2018 and received by the competent authority on 14 July 2018, the BAR received by the competent authority on 14 September 2018 and the EMPr submitted together with the BAR and the additional information (service confirmation) received by this Directorate on 13 November 2018 and 03 December 2018, respectively;
- c) The assessment of the activity in the BAR received by the competent authority on 14 September 2018;
- d) Relevant information contained in the Departmental information base, including, the Guidelines on Public Participation, Alternatives and Exemptions (dated March 2013);
- e) The objectives and requirements of relevant legislation, policies and guidelines, including section 2 of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998);
- f) The comments received from interested and affected parties and the responses provided thereon, as included in the BAR received by the Department on 14 September 2018; and
- g) No site visits were conducted. The competent authority had sufficient information before it to make an informed decision without conducting a site visit.

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

The public participation process ("PPP") included, *inter alia*, the following:

- identification of and engagement with interested and affected parties;
- fixing a notice board at the site where the listed activity is to be undertaken;
- giving written notice to the owners of the land and owners and occupiers of land adjacent to the site where the listed activity is to be undertaken, the municipality and ward councillor, and the various organs of state having jurisdiction in respect of any aspect of the listed activity; and
- the placing of a newspaper advertisement in the 'Welander' on 29 March 2018.

The Department is satisfied that the PPP that was followed met the minimum legal requirements and all the comments raised and responses thereto were included in the comments and response report.

Specific management and mitigation measures have been considered in this environmental authorisation and in the EMPr to adequately address significant concerns raised.

2. Alternatives

Preferred Alternative (herewith authorised)

The preferred alternative entails the expansion of the existing abattoir including internal renovations on Erf 536, Hopefield. The abattoir will increase its throughput capacity for the slaughtering of chickens from 850 to 2 000 chickens per day. Chickens will be brought to the farm in crates where they will be slaughtered. Waste such as fat, stomach linings, and manure will be placed in spill proof drums and will be taken to the existing composting facility located on the proposed site where it will be composted

and sold off. The composting facility does not trigger a listed activity in terms of the National Environmental Management: Waste Act (Act No 59 of 2008). Feathers will be disposed of at a licenced landfill site.

Waste water will be captured in septic tanks and removed on a regular basis by the local authority. Blood and some waste water will be used in the composting process.

Potable water will be obtained from the local authority (in this instance the Saldanha Bay municipality) to accommodate the proposed expansion.

"No-Go" Alternative

The "no-go" alternative will result in the status quo being maintained. The preferred alternative will not result in unacceptable environmental impacts, therefore the "no-go" alternative was not warranted.

3. Impacts, assessment and mitigation measures

3.1. Activity Need and Desirability

The proposed site has been earmarked for agricultural purposes in terms of the Saldanha Bay Spatial Development Framework (2010). The local authority has confirmed (in correspondence dated 03 December 2018) that they have sufficient water capacity available to accommodate the proposed development. The applicant requires the expansion of the abattoir as there is an increased demand in the market for poultry.

3.2. Biophysical Environment

The site has been transformed due to the existing activities on the site. No watercourses are located on or in close proximity to the site.

3.3. Groundwater contamination

The proposed development may potentially have a negative impact on groundwater. However, to minimise the potential impacts, waste water from the abattoir will be captured in septic tanks for disposal by the local authority. With the implementation of effective management and mitigation measures prescribed in the EMPr and this environmental authorisation, the potential environmental impacts are expected to be managed to acceptable levels.

3.4. Emission of odours

Odours as a result of the proposed development may have negative impacts on local air quality. With the implementation of effective management and mitigation measures prescribed in the EMPr and this environmental authorisation, the potential impacts are expected to be managed to acceptable levels.

3.5. Biosecurity risk

The transmission of diseases may have a negative impact on the environment. With the implementation of effective management and mitigation measures prescribed in the EMPr and this environmental authorisation, the potential environmental impacts are expected to be managed to acceptable levels.

3.6. Impact Assessment and significance rating

3.6.1. Potential soil and groundwater contamination has been identified in the BAR as being of low negative significance after mitigation. Potential impacts will be mitigated by the implementation of the EMPr and conditions of this environmental authorisation.

3.6.2. Odour emissions has been identified in the BAR as being of low negative significance after mitigation. Potential impacts will be mitigated with the implementation of the EMPr and conditions of this environmental authorisation.

3.6.3. Potential biosecurity risks have been identified in the BAR as being of low negative significance after mitigation. Potential impacts will be mitigated by the implementation of the EMPr and conditions of this environmental authorisation.

National Environmental Management Act Principles

The National Environmental Management Act 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.

The development will result in both negative and positive impacts.

Negative Impacts Include:

- Potential groundwater contamination;
- Potential odour emissions; and
- Potential biosecurity risks.

Positive impacts Include:

- The proposed development will create some permanent employment opportunities; and
- Economic benefits.

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 proposed listed activity will not conflict with the general objectives of integrated environmental management stipulated in Chapter 5 of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) and that any potentially detrimental environmental impacts resulting from the listed activity can be mitigated to acceptable levels.

You are reminded of the general duty of care towards the environment in terms of Section 28(1) of the NEMA which states: *“Every person who causes, has caused or may cause significant pollution or degradation of the environment must take reasonable measures to prevent such pollution or degradation from occurring, continuing or recurring, or, in so far as such harm to the environment is authorised by law or cannot reasonably be avoided or stopped, to minimise and rectify such pollution or degradation of the environment.”*

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