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COMMENTS ON THE PRE-APPLICATION DRAFT BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORT: PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF HEROLDS BAY COUNTRY ESTATE ON A PORTION OF PORTION 7, FARM BUFFELSFONTEIN NO. 204, HEROLDS BAY

- 1 The Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF) is responsible for the implementation and the enforcement of the National Forest Act (NFA), Act 84 of 1998 as amended and the National Veld and Forest Fire Act, Act 101 of 1998 as amended (NVFFA). Thank you for giving DAFF this opportunity to comment on above application.
- 2 DAFF studied the supporting documents for the above mentioned application and the following points related to DAFF's mandate i.e. the implementation of the NFA are applicable
 - a. According to the report as well as site inspection the area where the development footprint is proposed consists mainly of invasive alien trees; a patch of indigenous forest occur on the north-eastern side of the property
 - b. Section 15 of the National Forest Act (NFA) (Act No. 84 of 1998) as amended prohibits the cutting, disturbing, damaging or destroying of protected tree species without a licence. Section 7 of the National Forest Act (NFA), act no 84 of 1998 as amended provides for the prohibition of the destruction of indigenous trees in any natural forest without a license.
 - c. The indigenous forest patch will remain intact and falls outside the development footprint. DAFF request that this indigenous forest patch be clearly marked as a no-go area during the development phase
 - d. DAFF recommend that Owner become a member of the Southern Cape Fire Protection Association (SCFPA) and that DAFF: Fire Advisor Paul Gerber (044- 302 6920; PaulGe@daff.gov.za) be consulted for advise under the NVFFA
 - e. Forestry request that the Department Agriculture's: Land Use Manager: Cor Van Der Walt be approached for input as well, according to their mandate (tel: 021 808 5093; email: CorvdW@elsenburg.com)
- 3 DAFF reserves the right to revise initial comment based on any additional information that may be received

Yours Faithfully


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