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REFERENCE: 16/3/3/5/D2/19/0007/20 ENQUIRIES: Ms Jessica Christie DATE OF ISSUE: 13-OCT-2020

The Director
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Attention: Mr. N. Murray Tel: 044 874 7614

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Dear Sir

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT OF THE APPLICATION FOR AMENDMENT FOR THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION (DEA&DP REF: EG12/2/4/1-D2/11-0011/11) FOR THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF A RETIREMENT VILLAGE AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE ON PORTION 3 OF THE FARM KRAAIBOSCH 195, GEORGE

- 1. The Environmental Authorisation ("EA") issued on 25 November 2011 and the abovementioned document dated 9 October 2020, as received by this Department on 9 October 2020, refer.
- 2. In accordance with sub-regulation 3(1) and 3(2) of the EIA Regulations, 2014, the date of receipt of the application form is determined to be **9 October 2020**.
- 3. Following review of the information submitted to this Department, the following is noted:
 - 3.1. Groenkloof Ontwikkelings (Pty) Ltd is proposing a revised layout of the development that would change the scope existing Environmental Authorisation. The new development includes land uses such as an administrative building, a small business zone as well as assisted living units.
- 4. The application is regarded as a substantive amendment to the EA. You are therefore required to:
 - Submit to the competent authority an Amendment Application Report which complies
 with the information requirements outlined in Regulation 32 of Government Notice
 ("GN") No. R. 982 of 4 December 2014, which report has been subjected to the Public
 Participation Plan agreed to by this Department on 27 July 2020 (please refer to letter
 dated 27 July 2020, ref. 16/3/3/6/7/1/D2/19/0252/19).

Therefore, the aforementioned report must be made available to this Department and all the relevant State Departments / Organs of State for a **30-day** commenting period. The report must also be made available to potential and registered Interested and Affected Parties ("I&APs") for a **minimum 30-day** commenting period. All comments received must be incorporated into the report.

• In accordance with Regulation 32 of GN No. R. 982 of 4 December 2014, the Department hereby stipulates that the aforementioned report must be submitted to this Department for decision within **90 days** from the date of receipt of the application by the Department (i.e. 9 October 2020).

If however, significant changes have been made or significant new information has been added to the report, the applicant/Environmental Assessment Practitioner ("EAP") must notify the Department that an additional 50 days (i.e. 140 days from the date of receipt of the application) would be required for the submission of the report. The additional 50 days <u>must</u> include a minimum 30-day commenting period to allow registered I&APs to comment on the revised report/additional information.

Should the report not be submitted within 90 days or 140 days, where an extension is applicable, the application will lapse in terms of Regulation 45 of Government Notice Regulation No. 982 of 4 December 2014 and your file will be closed. Should you wish to pursue the application again, a new application process would have to be initiated. A new Application Form would have to be submitted and the prescribed application fee would have to be paid.

- 5. Please note that the conditions stipulated in the EA issued on 25 November 2011 (DEA&DP REF: EG12/2/4/1-D2/11-0011/11) remain applicable until such time a decision on this amendment application is taken by this Department.
- 6. Kindly quote the abovementioned reference number in any future correspondence in respect of the application.
- 7. The Department reserves the right to revise initial comments and request further information based on any new or revised information received.

Yours faithfully

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ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT MANAGEMENT SERVICES: REGION 3

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING

Ref: 16/3/3/5/D2/19/0007/20

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