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COMMENTS ON THE PRE-APPLICATION DRAFT BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF A PILOT DEPOLYMERISATION PROCESSING PLANT ON PORTION 21 OF THE REMAINDER OF THE FARM RHEEBOKSFONTEIN NO.142 IN MOSSEL BAY, WESTERN CAPE

- 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. 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.
 - b. Request that a Plant Species Assessment of above property be conducted by a Specialist and that this Specialist report be forwarded to the Department for perusal for species verification
- 3 Due to the Nation-Wide COVID-19 Lockdown, officials are working remotely for the duration of the lockdown period; and thus site inspections are not conducted at this stage. Site inspection might be required at a later stage, in due course, once safe to do so
- 4 DAFF reserves the right to revise initial comment based on any additional information that may be received or obtained

Yours Faithfully

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