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Sharples Environmental Services 102 Merriman Street **GEORGE** 6530

Attention: Ms B Ditcham (Electronic: betsy@sescc.net)

Dear Madam,

CONTRACT C1117: PAVEMENT STRENGTHENING OF TR75/1 (KM 16.50 TO KM 31.22) NEAR **OUDTSHOORN**

GEOTECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS

We refer to the discussions between our Mr A Smith and your Ms B Ditcham as well as the issues raised by DEA&DP regarding the geotechnical aspects of the abovementioned project.

We note that our site investigation revealed two locations where a mesh drapery system has been used to contain loose rocks on the cut faces, located at km 22.20 and km 23.00. These systems and the road cuttings at these locations will not be affected by the proposed road cross-section upgrade and will be maintained by removing all loose rock material currently being retained by the system.

The proposed cut batter at affected cuttings has been designed to match the existing cut batters, which vary in accordance with the material type encountered. These existing batters have proven reliable over their existing service life regarding slope stability, as our visual assessment did not reveal any apparent slope stability issues.

High level design discussions have been had with our geotechnical engineers who have indicated that the proposed design is adequate regarding potential slope stability issues. We further note that the concerns raised by DEA&DP regarding slope stability have been taken into account in the proposed design.

We therefore believe that the appointment of a specialist geotechnical engineer or a detailed geotechnical investigation into the stability of the cut slopes is not required for this project.

Yours faithfully

KANTEY & TEMPLER



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