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REFERENCE: 4/10/2/K60G/FARM 501, BITOU

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SES Environmental Services
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Good day

RE: BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORT FOR PROPOSED REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT OF THE EXISTING ROAD AND CULVERT INFRASTRUCTURE LOCATED ALONG DIVISION ROAD (DR) 1791 KM 1.59, STOFPAD ROAD, CROSSING FARM 501 AND FARM 306 ON PORTION 22 WITTEDRIFT, BITOU LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, GARDEN ROUTE DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY.

The Breede-Olifants Catchment Management Agency (BOCMA) has assessed the above-referenced submission and provides the following comments which must be duly considered and addressed:

1. The proposed project triggers water uses in terms of Section 21(c) and 21(i) of the National Water Act, 1998 (Act No. 36 of 1998) (NWA):
 - Section 21(c): Impeding or diverting the flow of water in a watercourse.
 - Section 21(i): Altering the bed, banks, course, or characteristics of a watercourse.This is because certain activities associated with the project will occur within the regulated area of a watercourse.
2. A water use authorisation must be obtained before any such water use activities commence, as required by Section 22 of the NWA read with Section 21.

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3. These office may be contacted for any queries and guidance related to the water use authorization process and requirement .
4. Please note that commencing with any Section 21 water use without the required authorisation constitutes an offence in terms of Section 151(1)(a) of the NWA. Non-compliance may result in a criminal case being opened with the South African Police Service.
5. These comments are are given in the interest of responsible water resource management, and the responsibility to comply with all applicable provisions of the NWA rests with the property owner or person in control of the land.
6. BOCMA reserves the right to amend or supplement these comments and to request any additional information deemed necessary.

Yours faithfully,



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