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DEA&DP Ref nr: 16/3/3/1/A1/41/3042/25

Attention: Kabelo Phakwago and Ayesha Hamdulay

11 December 2025

Good day,

THE PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF THE N7 VISSERSHOK WEIGHBRIDGE ON FARM 153 VISSERSHOK OUTSPAN, MORNING STAR 25/141 AND MORNING STAR RE/141 (C1038: UPGRADING OF TR11/1), CITY OF CAPE TOWN MUNICIPALITY, WESTERN CAPE PROVINCE.

Our letter dates 17 November 2025, refers.

Sharples Environmental Services cc has been appointed by HATCH Engineering on behalf of Western Cape Government: Department of Infrastructure to oversee the environmental processing requirements for the proposed N7 Viessershok Weighbridge, located along the N7, City of Cape Town Local Municipality, Western Cape Province. As such, the Application Form for the proposed development was submitted to the Department Environmental Affairs and Development Planning (DEA&DP) on 22 August 2025.

Our letter notifying the competent authority, as per the requirements of Regulation 19(1)(b) of the EIA Regulations, as amended, that the Final Basic Assessment Report, including its appendices, will be submitted to the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and Environment within 140 days of receipt of the application by the competent authority, refers.

Two alternative site locations for the Proposed Development, based on comments received during the initial 30-day Public Participation Period for the Draft EIAR, are being investigated for the proposal.

Unfortunately, due to the need for revised specialist reports to assess these alternative sites, including new site visits and the time constraints experienced during the festive season, in terms of Regulation 3(7) of Government Notice No. R.326 of 07 April 2017, we hereby request the Western Cape Government: Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning (DEADP) that the timeframe for submission of the Final Environmental Impact Assessment be extended by an additional **80 days** in order to accommodate the new significant information and the required 30-day public commenting period on the revised Draft BAR.

"(7) In the event where the scope of work must be expanded based on the outcome of an assessment done in accordance with these Regulations, which outcome could not be anticipated prior to the undertaking of the assessment, or in the event where exceptional circumstances can be demonstrated, the competent authority may, prior to the lapsing of the relevant prescribed timeframe, in writing, extend the relevant prescribed timeframe and agree with the applicant on the length of such extension."

The amended Draft BAR will be made available for a period of 30 days to all registered Interested and Affected Parties and relevant Authorities, with the date of the Public Participation Period will be confirmed in due course.

I trust that you find the above in order. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries.

Kind regards,

Betsy Ditcham
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