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Dear Sir

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT OF THE APPLICATION FORM FOR BASIC ASSESSMENT IN TERMS OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT REGULATIONS, 2014, FOR THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF A SCHOOL AND HOSPITAL ON A PORTION OF THE REMAINDER OF THE FARM VAALE VALLEY NO. 219, HARTENBOS, MOSSEL BAY

1. The undated application form compiled on your behalf by your appointed Environmental Assessment Practitioner ('EAP'), Ms. Madeleine Knoetze (EAPASA No: 2021/3230) of *Sharples Environmental Services cc* ('SES'), and received by this Department on 4 June 2026 refers.
2. The application form appears to be in order in accordance with regulation 16. This letter serves as an acknowledgment of receipt of the aforementioned document by this Department on **4 June 2026**.
3. It is understood that the proposal entails the following:
 - A secondary school (with the capacity to accommodate 2600 learners) with a school hostel, an administrative building and main hall. This portion of the development will also include a clubhouse and the rugby fields/athletics track. A total number of three rugby fields will be established within the proposed development site.
 - A tertiary education centre with the capacity to accommodate approximately 450 students and student accommodation with the capacity to accommodate approximately 136 students.
 - A hospital and associated infrastructure, including staff Accommodation and a helicopter landing pad.
 - Internal and external auxiliary infrastructure including network of internal roads and parking bays catered specifically toward the portion of the proposed development to be serviced. The number of parking bays allocated to the proposed development aligns with the requirements of the Mossel Bay Municipal Zoning Scheme; the installation of a new sewer pump station on site as well as a new pressure line, leading from the proposed development site to the Hartenbos Regional WWTW and an access road with a width of between 5.2 m and 7.4 m with the widest reserve being 20 m.

All services (water, sewer, electricity, and solid waste) will be provided by the Mossel Bay Local Municipality. No additional bulk water infrastructure will be required, as there is a Ø500 mm bulk supply line leading from the 7Mℓ Jakkalskop Reservoir leading along the southern boundary of the proposed development site along which the project will tie into. However, confirmation of services from Mossel Bay Municipality: Infrastructure Services must be submitted with the BAR.

4. Please remind your EAP that the requirements in terms of the Environmental Management Act (Act No. 107 of 1998) ("NEMA") and the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014 (as amended) ('EIA Regulations, 2014') must be complied with in respect of the application for Environmental Authorisation.
5. *Applicable listed activities*
Only the listed activities applied for can be considered for authorisation. Kindly note that the onus remains on the applicant to ensure that all the applicable listed activities are applied for and assessed as part of the Basic Assessment process.
6. *Site Development Plan*
The preferred SDP attached to the application form is noted. You are reminded that the EIA Regulations require that a map (i.e., a site development plan) at an appropriate scale which superimposes the proposed activity and its associated structures and infrastructure on the environmental sensitivities of the preferred site indicating any areas that should be avoided, including buffers; be submitted with the relevant EIA reports. The SDP must be submitted in a digital format with the Application and the Shape Files (.shp) for the site development plans must be in the Hartebeesthoek94 WGS84 co-ordinate system, and such plans must be included in an electronic copy of the report submitted to the competent authority.
7. *Project Plan*
Your Project Plan (submitted together with the Application Form), is hereby acknowledged and largely appears to be in order.
8. *Public Participation Process*
Please be advised that you must comply with the requirements of Regulation 41 of the EIA Regulations, 2014, during the application phase. This includes inter alia the placement of an advertisement in the local newspaper, the placement of a site notice at the site and informing owners, persons in control of, and occupiers of land adjacent to the site; and informing relevant State Departments and Organs of State which administers a law in respect of the proposed development.

Failure to comply with Regulation 41 may prejudice the outcome of this application for environmental authorisation.
9. *Consideration of Government Policies and Plans, Guidelines, Environmental Management Instruments*
You are advised that when undertaking the EIA process, it is the responsibility of the EAP and Specialists to take into account all the government policies and plans, guidelines, environmental management instruments and other decision making instruments in respect of the application process or the kind of activity which will be the subject of the application, including the guidelines, information documents or circulars developed by this Department.
10. *BAR Requirements*

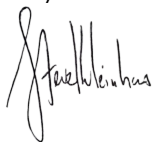
The BAR must contain all the information outlined in Appendix 1 of GN No. R. 982 of 4 December 2014 (as amended) and must also include and address any information requested in any previous correspondence/ processes in respect of this matter. The previous correspondence (Ref: 16/3/3/6/7/1/D6/29/0273/25) refers in this regard.

In accordance with Regulation 19 of the EIA Regulations, 2014, the Department hereby stipulates that the BAR (which has been subjected to public participation) must be submitted to this Department for decision within **90 days** from the date of receipt of the application by the Department. If however, significant changes have been made, or significant new information has been added to the BAR, the applicant/EAP must notify the Department that an additional 50 days (i.e. 140 days from receipt of the application) would be required for the submission of the BAR. The additional 50 days must include a minimum 30-day commenting period to allow registered I&APs to comment on the revised report/additional information.

If the BAR is not submitted within 90 days or 140 days, where an extension is applicable, the application will lapse in terms of Regulation 45 of the EIA Regulations, 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.

11. Please note that it is an offence in terms of Section 24F and 49A of the NEMA for a person to commence with a listed activity unless the competent authority has granted an environmental authorisation for the undertaking of the activity. A person convicted of an offence in terms of the above is liable to a fine not exceeding R10 million or to imprisonment for a period not exceeding 10 years, or to both such fine and imprisonment.
12. Kindly quote the above-mentioned reference number in any future correspondence in respect of this matter.
13. This Department reserves the right to revise or withdraw initial comments or request further information from you based on any information received.

Yours faithfully



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