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Dear Sir

RE: THE REQUEST FOR EXTENSION IN TERMS 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 following in respect of the abovementioned matter refers:
 - 1.1. 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;
 - 1.2. the Draft Basic Assessment Report (Ref: CT04/HBD/Post-DBAR/06/25) dated 12 June 2026 ('DBAR') compiled on your behalf by your appointed EAP and received by this Department on 12 June 2026; and
 - 1.3. the request for extension in terms of Regulation 3(7) of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014 ('EIA Regulations, 2014') (Government Notice No. R. 982 of 4 December 2014, as amended), received from you appointed EAP on 12 August 2026.
2. This Department notes your request to extend the lapsing period for the submission of the Basic Assessment Report contemplated in terms of Regulation 3(7) of the EIA Regulations, 2014.
3. According to the information provided in the letter received on 12 August 2026, the process for obtaining confirmation of adequate capacity of municipal service infrastructure to accommodate proposed development has ongoing. It is understood that further information was requested from the Mossel Bay Municipality prior to confirming the availability of services. The information was requested following the submission of the application form and the circulation of the DBAR. According to the EAP it was not anticipated that further changes to the services infrastructure would be required by the municipality as numerous discussions have been held between them and the consulting engineers. However, no detail has been provided as to what information and / or further changes are required by the Mossel Bay Municipality.

4. With reference to Point 18 of this Department's letter (Ref: 16/3/3/6/7/1/D6/29/0273/25) issued on 11 August 2025, the matter of obtaining confirmation from the Mossel Bay Municipality was already highlighted as a crucial aspect of the application at that stage.
5. Considering the above, the Department is of the view that the request does NOT fall within the ambit of Regulation 3(7) of the EIA Regulations, 2014. Therefore, your request for the extension of the timeframe for the submission of the BAR is NOT agreed to by the Department.
6. Notwithstanding the above and with reference to Regulation 19(1)(b) of the EIA Regulations, 2014, provision has been made that an additional 50 days can be utilised where significant changes have been made, or significant new information has been added to the BAR. In such an event, the Department must be notified, in writing, 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 Interested and Affected Parties ('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.

Considering the date of receipt of the application, the date by which the BAR, or notification that the BAR will be submitted within 140 days (where significant changes have been made, or significant new information has been added to the BAR) must be submitted, is determined to be **4 September 2026**.

7. 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.
8. Kindly quote the above-mentioned reference number in any future correspondence in respect of this matter.
9. 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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