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DDFE Ref nr: 16/3/3/1/D6/29/0028/26

Attention: Shireen Pullen

12 August 2026

Good day,

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF THE TIMEFRAME FOR THE APPLICATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION 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 LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, GARDEN ROUTE DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY, WESTERN CAPE PROVINCE.

Sharples Environmental Services cc have been appointed by Hartland Lifestyle Estate (Pty) Ltd to oversee the environmental processing requirements for the proposed hospital and school development on a portion of the Remainder of the Farm Vaale Valley, No. 219, Hartenbos, Mossel Bay Local Municipality, Garden Route District Municipality, Western Cape Province.

During the Public Participation Process (PPP) for the proposed development, comment was raised towards the requirement of the Applicant to obtain confirmation of the adequate supply of services from the Municipality. The process of obtaining the relevant confirmation has been ongoing. Based on the preliminary feedback received by the consulting engineers of the project pertaining to this matter, further information was requested by the Municipality prior to confirming the availability of services. This information was requested following the submission of the Application form and the circulation of the Draft Basic Assessment Report (DBAR) for commenting.

At the time of the submission of the Application form and the subsequent circulation of the Post-Application Draft BAR, 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 of the project pertaining to the matters raised in the preliminary feedback.

It is therefore hereby requested that an extension of the Application timeframe is granted by the Competent Authority in terms Regulation (3)(7) of the EIA Regulations of 2014, as amended (GNR 326 of 2017). This reads as follow:

"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 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 Applicant requests a seventy (70) day extension of the legislated timeframe (90 days from the date of submission of the Application form for Environmental Authorisation) for the purpose of the submission of the Final Basic Assessment Report (FBAR). Thereby making the last day of submission of the FBAR the 16th of November 2026 instead of the 4th of September 2026.

This 70-day extension period will be allocated towards providing the municipality with the requested information towards obtaining the relevant confirmations and will also include a 30-day public participation process as changes to the layout circulated to the public during the Post-Application PPP are anticipated.

Kindly confirm whether the extension as requested will be granted by the Competent Authority.

We look forward to hearing from you. Should you have any questions regarding the contents of this letter, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M Knoetze', with a stylized, cursive script.

Madeleine Knoetze
Sharples Environmental Services cc
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