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Dear Sir

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT FOR THE DRAFT BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT OF EXISTING ROAD AND CULVERT INFRASTRUCTURE LOCATED ALONG DIVISION ROAD (DR) 1602 KM 8.48, KLEINPLAAS ROAD, CROSSING FARM 338 AND PORTION 6 OF FARM 220 IN MOSSEL BAY LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, GARDEN ROUTE DISTRICT.

1. The Draft Basic Assessment Report ('DBAR')(SES Ref: CT6/DBAR/05/26) compiled and submitted in May 2026, by your appointed registered Environmental Assessment Practitioner ("EAP"), Betsy Ditcham (EAPASA No: 2020/1480) and assisted by candidate EAP, Jessica Gossman (EAPASA No: 2022/6154) of *Sharples Environmental Services cc*, on behalf of Western Cape Government, Department of Infrastructure: Transport Infrastructure, for the abovementioned matter. The documents received by this Directorate: Development Management (Region 3) ("this Directorate") on **14 May 2026**, refers.
2. This letter serves as acknowledgement of receipt of the abovementioned information by this Directorate.
3. The Department will consider the DBAR and provide comment on the document in accordance with the reckoning of days in terms of Regulation 3 of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014 ('EIA Regulations, 2014') (Government Notice No. R. 982 of 4 December 2014, as amended).
4. Please note that a listed activity may not commence prior to an environmental authorisation being granted by the Department. It is an offence in terms of Section 49A of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act no. 107 of 1998) ('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.

5. Kindly quote the above-mentioned reference number in any future correspondence in respect of this matter.
6. 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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