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Dear Madam

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT OF THE NOTIFICATION OF EXTENSION TO SUBMIT THE FINAL BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORT IN TERMS OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT REGULATIONS, 2014, 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 Application Form dated April 2026 (SES REF: CT6/AEA/04/26), as received by this Department on 14 May 2026; the draft Basic Assessment Report ("BAR") (SES REF: CT6/DBAR/05/26) dated May 2026 and the abovementioned document dated 11 August 2026, compiled by the appointed Environmental Assessment Practitioner ("EAP"), Ms. Betsy Dicham (EAPASA No: 2020/1480), and assisted by Candidate Environmental Assessment Practitioner ("Candidate EAP"), Ms. Jessica Gossman (EAPASA No: 2022/6154) of Sharples Environmental Services cc, and received by this Department on 11 August 2026, refer.
2. This letter serves as acknowledgment of receipt of the aforementioned document by this Department.
3. The Department notes that in terms of sub-regulation 19(1)(b) of Government Notice ("GN") No. R.982 of 4 December 2014, the final Basic Assessment Report for decision must be submitted within 140 days of receipt of the application by the Department. Thus, the Basic Assessment Report must be submitted to the Department by no later than **Monday, 5 October 2026**.
4. In the event that the final BAR is not received within the specified timeframe, the application will lapse in terms of Regulation 45 of GN No. R.982 of 4 December 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 and the prescribed application fee would have to be paid again.

5. Please be reminded that the additional 50 days must include a minimum 30-day comment period to allow registered interested and affected parties to comment on the revised report/additional information.
6. Your EAP is required to append a separate summary and list of the sections to the BAR, describing where significant changes or significant new information which has been added to the revised report, EMPr or specialist studies, which changes, or information was not contained in the reports or plans consulted on during the initial public participation process contemplated in sub-regulation 19(1)(a). The EAP should provide an explanation why these changes or new information are regarded as significant.
7. Kindly quote the abovementioned reference number in any future correspondence in respect of the application.
8. Please note that it is prohibited in terms of Section 24F 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. Offences in terms of the NEMA and the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014, will render the offender liable for criminal prosecution. A person convicted of an offence in terms of the above is liable for a fine not exceeding R10 000 000 or imprisonment for a period not exceeding 10 years, or to both such fine and imprisonment.
9. This Department reserves the right to revise or withdraw any comments or request further information from you based on any information received.

Yours faithfully

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