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RE: NOTICE OF BASIC ASSESSMENT PROCESS – PROPOSED HABATA PACKHOUSE ON PORTION 5 OF FARM 194 AND ACCESS ROAD ON PORTION 2 OF FARM 194, UITENHAGE, NELSON MANDELA BAY MUNICIPALITY

In terms of the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2010: GN R543, 544 and 546 promulgated under Chapter 5 of the National Environmental Management Act (as amended), you have been identified as an interested and/or affected party (I&AP) for the above project. This serves as notification that a Basic Assessment is being conducted on behalf of Habata Boerdery (the applicant) for the proposed construction and operation of a Packhouse on Portion 5 of Farm No 194 Lot De B Oliphants Kop, Uitenhage, Nelson Mandela Bay Municipality (17.54 ha in extent). Access to the facility will be provided through the adjacent farm, Portion 2 of Farm 194 Uitenhage, NMBM measuring approximately 0.7ha. The farm portions under assessment fall within the Nelson Mandela Bay Municipal area (NMBM) however the nearest town is Addo, which is approximately 8km north of the site. An application has been submitted to the Provincial Department of Economic Development, Environmental Affairs and Tourism (Cacadu Region).

The applicant proposes to construct and operate a Packhouse, including associated infrastructure (the approximate development footprint is 4 ha in extent). The need for a Basic Assessment is triggered by the inclusion of, but not limited to, the following activity listed activity in GN R 544:

“8. The construction of a hatchery or agri-industrial infrastructure outside industrial complexes where the development footprint covers an area of 2000 square metres or more.”

Other listed activities triggered by the project, and which require authorisation from the Department of Economic Development, Environmental Affairs and Tourism (DEDEAT), are included in the attached Background Information Document.

Public Process Consultants has been appointed as the independent Environmental Assessment Practitioner to undertake the Basic Assessment including Public Participation for the project. In order to be placed on the project database and receive further information on the project, you are required to register your interest in writing. Kindly notify us of your request to register, and state your area of interest / concern in this matter, within 32 days of receipt of this notification, by **6 October 2014**. Additional issues and concerns may be raised once the Draft Basic Assessment Report is released for a 40 day public review period, anticipated to be mid October 2014.

To assist you in the submission of issues and concerns we have included with this correspondence a Background Information Document, Locality Map and a Comment Form. Project information can be accessed through the website www.publicprocess.co.za

Should you have any queries or require additional information please contact Sandy Wren or Marisa Jacoby using the contact details provided above.

Yours sincerely

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