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Dear «Title» «Surname»

**RE: NOTICE OF SCOPING AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT: AGRICULTURAL EXPANSION ON PORTION 2 OF FARM 92 TREGARON, KNOWN AS SYLVANIA, SUNDAYS RIVER VALLEY MUNICIPALITY.**

In terms of the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014: GN R 982, 983, 984 and 985 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. The proponent, San Miguel Fruits SA (Pty) Ltd proposes to expand citrus production at their existing operations on Portion 2 of Farm 92 Tregaron, also referred to as Sylvania, which measures approximately 243.82ha in extent. Sylvania is currently a working farm and the proponent proposes to transform an area measuring approximately 115ha, on the western section of the farm. The area to be cultivated will be informed by the various specialist assessments which will be undertaken during the EIA process. Irrigation of the proposed agricultural development requires the construction of a new dam, with a capacity of approximately 30 000m<sup>3</sup> (0.5ha footprint) and the installation of irrigation pipelines of varying diameters. Sylvania falls within the Sundays River Valley Municipal area (SRVM) and the nearest town is Kirkwood, which is located approximately 9.3km northwest of the farm.

In terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) as amended ("NEMAA") and the NEMA EIA regulations, 2014: GN R 982, 983, 984 and 985 published in Government Gazette 38282 on the 4 December 2014, the project requires full Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment (S&EIA) because it includes, amongst others, the following listed activity in GN R 984 (Listing Notice 2):

***"15. The clearance of an area of 20 hectares or more of indigenous vegetation,..."***

A full list of the listed activities which may be triggered by the proposed development and require Environmental Authorisation are contained in the accompanying Background Information Document (BID).

Public Process Consultants has been appointed as the independent Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) to undertake the Scoping and EIA process for this project.

You have been identified as an interested and/or affected party (I&AP) for the above project and have been included on the project I&AP database. In order to ensure that any issues and/ or concerns you may have are included in the **Draft Consultation Scoping Report**, you are kindly requested to submit your comments to the Environmental Assessment Practitioner indicated above, during the comment period, which extends from the **11 April 2017 to the 16 May 2017**. To assist you in the submission of your comments we have enclosed with this correspondence, a **Background Information Document and Locality Map**, as well as a **Comment Form**. Further project information can be accessed on the website: [www.publicprocess.co.za](http://www.publicprocess.co.za)

We look forward to your input and participation in this process. Should you have any queries, contact Sandy Wren, Marisa Jacoby or Zandri Grobbelaar using the contact details provided above.

Yours sincerely

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