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Dear «Title» «Surname»

**RE: NOTICE OF COMMENT PERIOD: DRAFT CONSULTATION SCOPING REPORT: AGRICULTURAL EXPANSION ON PORTION 2 OF FARM 92 TREGARON, KNOWN AS SYLVANIA, SUNDAYS RIVER VALLEY MUNICIPALITY.**

As a registered interested and affected party on the database for the above project you are hereby notified of the release of the Draft Consultation Scoping Report (CSR) for a non-legislated **31-day comment period** extending from the **24 July 2017 to 25 August 2017**.

The Scoping and EIA process for the proposed agricultural expansion was originally initiated in terms of the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014 published in Government Notice R982, 983, 984 and 985 on the 4 December 2014 in Government Gazette 38282. However, these regulations have subsequently been amended by the publication of GN R326, 327, 325 and 324 in Government Gazette 40772 on the 7 April 2017. Therefore, the Draft CSR has been prepared in terms of the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended). A comprehensive list of the listed activities, in terms of the amended EIA Regulations, which may be triggered by the proposed development is included in Chapter Four of the Report and are summarised in the attached Executive Summary.

**Availability of Information**

In order to assist you with the submission of any comments you may have on the report, we have enclosed with this correspondence, an Executive Summary of the Draft CSR, as well as a comment form. Full copies of the report can be downloaded from the website [www.publicprocess.co.za](http://www.publicprocess.co.za). The issues that have been raised to date by I&APs and organs of state are included in the Comments and Responses Trail in Chapter Four of the Draft CSR and responses have been provided to the issues raised.

Input received from I&APs and organs of state forms an important part of the Scoping Process and assists in determining the scope and Terms of Reference for specialist studies as well as the assessment of alternatives, to be undertaken in the EIA Phase of the assessment. Chapter Six of the Draft CSR provides an outline of the specialist studies proposed to form part of the EIA phase of the assessment, as well as the aspects that need to be assessed. The comments made by I&APs during the current comment period, will be included in the Consultation Scoping Report (CSR), prior to it being released for a legislated 30-day comment period. You are required to submit any comments that you may have on the Draft CSR by the **25 August 2017**, to the Environmental Assessment Practitioner, contact details above.

**Next Step in the Process**

The next step in the Scoping Process entails the inclusion of the comments received from I&APs during this comment period, into the CSR, the submission of the application form to the competent authority and the release of the CSR for the legislated 30-day comment period. Comments received will be incorporated into the Final Scoping Report (FSR), prior to it being submitted to the competent authority, for their decision making. As a registered I&AP on the project database you will be notified in writing of the submission of the FSR to the competent authority.

Should you have any comments or queries regarding the above please do not hesitate to contact Sandy Wren, Marisa Jacoby or Zandri Grobbelaar at the contact details above.

Yours sincerely

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