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Dear «Title» «Surname»

**RE: NOTICE OF SCOPING AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT: AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE REMAINDER OF PORTION 7 OF THE FARM SCHEEPERS VLAKTE NO. 98, IN THE SUNDAYS RIVER VALLEY MUNICIPALITY.**

In terms of the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended), published in GN R326, 327, 325 and 324, promulgated under Chapter Five 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 project proponent, Scheepersvlakte Farms (Pty) Ltd, proposes to develop the Remainder of Portion 7 of the Farm Scheepers Vlake 98 (~852.12ha), Sundays River Valley Municipality (SRVM), for the cultivation of annual crops (e.g. maize) and the establishment of a variety of citrus. The area which will form part of this assessment process measures ~852ha and is located approximately 6km north of Sunland. The Farm is currently zoned for agriculture and the area to be cultivated, including associated infrastructure, will be determined by the outcome of the various specialist assessments forming part of this Scoping and EIA process. In order to irrigate the proposed agricultural development, a new dam/ s will have to be constructed. Additionally, the proposed development will require the installation of irrigation pipelines of various diameters.

In terms of the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended), published in GN R326, 327, 325 and 324, promulgated under Chapter Five of the National Environmental Management Act (Act 107 of 1998) (NEMAA), and published in Government Gazette 40772 on the 7 April 2017, the project requires full Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment (Scoping & EIA), because it includes, amongst others, the following listed activity in GN R325 (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 any comments to the EAP indicated above, during the comment period which extends from the **30 August 2017 to the 2 October 2017**. To assist you in the submission of your comments, we have enclosed with this correspondence a **Background Information Document, 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, please contact Sandy Wren, Marisa Jacoby or Zandri Grobbelaar using the contact details provided above.

Yours sincerely

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