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Dear «Title» «Surname»

RE: NOTICE OF SCOPING AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT: AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT ON PORTION 525 OF FARM STRATHSOMERS ESTATE NO. 42, AND ASSOCIATED IRRIGATION INFRASTRUCTURE ON PORTION 523 OF FARM STRATHSOMERS ESTATE NO. 42, 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 (Act 107 of 1998) (NEMAA), and published in Government Gazette 40772 on the 7 April 2017, you have been identified as an Interested and/or Affected Party (I&AP) for the above project. The proponent, Umgambo Trading (Pty) Ltd, proposes to develop a portion of Portion 525 of Farm 42 (~154.60ha), in the Sundays River Valley Municipality, for the establishment of citrus orchards and associated infrastructure (dam, internal roads, internal irrigation pipes, logistical services area). To supply the proposed development with the necessary irrigation water, an irrigation water pipeline is proposed to be installed on a portion of an adjacent property, Portion 523 of Farm 42, owned by the same landowner. The farms are currently zoned 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 Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process.

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 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 I&AP for the above project and have been included on the project I&AP database. To ensure that any issues and/or concerns you may have are included in the **Draft Consultation Scoping Report (Draft CSR)**, you are kindly requested to submit your comments to the EAP indicated above, during the comment period, which extends from the **23 May 2018 to the 25 June 2018**. To assist you in the submission of your comments we have enclosed with this correspondence, a **BID and Locality Map**, as well as a **Comment Form**. Further project information can be accessed on the website: 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

SANDY WREN
EIA PROJECT LEADER