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**RE: NOTICE OF COMMENT PERIOD - DRAFT EIA REPORT AND EMPR: IKAMVA LETHU AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT ON THE REMAINDER OF FARM 653, SUNLAND, SUNDAYS RIVER VALLEY MUNICIPALITY AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE (DEDEAT REFERENCE: EC06/C/LN2/M/11-2018).**

The applicant, Ikamva Lethu Farms (Pty) Ltd, intends to transform ~650ha of vegetation on the Remainder of Farm 653, measuring ~1163ha in extent, for the establishment of ~586ha of citrus, and the installation of associated infrastructure (~64ha). Associated infrastructure includes, internal roads, access points and roads, low-level gabion crossing, laydown areas, windbreaks (if required) and dams. Existing infrastructure on Farm 653 is proposed to be renovated and used for storage of vehicles, pesticides, herbicides and to provide administrative support, as well as permanent accommodation for five individuals. In addition, an area of ~5.6ha will be disturbed to accommodate the installation of irrigation pipelines across the following properties, not located on Farm 653:

- Remainder of Farm 714
- Portion 3 of Farm 558
- Portion 39 of Farm 558
- Portion 6 of Farm 558

Sections of the proposed pipelines are also required to be installed in the reserve of a proclaimed public road (MR00470). The nearest town to the farm is Sunland, which is located ~3.5km northeast of Farm 653.

As a registered interested and affected party (I&AP) on the database for the above project you are hereby notified of the release of the Draft Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Report and Environmental Management Programme (EMPr) for a **41-day comment period** extending from the **7 August 2018 to 17 September 2018**.

#### **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 EIA Report, 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)

You are required to submit any comments that you may have on the Draft EIA Report or EMPr by the **17 September 2018**, to the Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP), contact details above.

#### **Next Step in the Process**

This Draft EIA Report has been compiled in line with the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended). The next step in the process entails the incorporation of the comments received from I&APs during this comment period, into the Final EIA Report, which will then be submitted to the competent authority, the Department of Economic Development, Environmental Affairs and Tourism (DEDEAT) Sarah Baartman Region, for their decision making. As a registered I&AP on the project database you will be notified in writing of the submission of the Final EIA Report to the competent authority.

Should you have any comments or queries regarding the above, please do not hesitate to contact Sandy Wren, Marisa Jacoby, Zandri Grobbelaar or Wandile Junundu at the contact details above. We look forward to your participation in this stage of the process.

Yours sincerely

**SANDY WREN**  
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