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Dear «Title» «Surname»

RE: NOTICE OF COMMENT PERIOD: DRAFT CONSULTATION SCOPING REPORT - AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT ON PORTION 525 OF FARM NO. 42 STRATHSOMERS ESTATE AND ASSOCIATED IRRIGATION INFRASTRUCTURE ON PORTION 523 OF FARM NO. 42 STRATHSOMERS ESTATE, SUNDAYS RIVER VALLEY MUNICIPALITY

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 Consultation Scoping Report (Draft CSR) for a non-legislated **30-day** comment period, extending from the **10 October 2018 to 9 November 2018**.

The Draft CSR has been prepared in terms of the NEMA EIA Regulations 2014 (as amended). A comprehensive list of the listed activities which may require Environmental Authorisation is included in Chapter Four of the report and are summarised in the attached Executive Summary.

Availability of Information

To assist you with the submission of any comments you may have on the report, please find 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. The issues that have been raised to date by I&APs and Organs of State, as well as the responses provided, are included in the Comments and Responses Trail in Chapter Four of the report.

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 report 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. You are required to submit any comments that you may have on the Draft CSR by the **9 November 2018**, 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 Consultation Scoping Report (CSR), the submission of the Application Form to the competent authority and the release of the CSR for the legislated minimum 30-day comment period. Comments received during the review of the CSR 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.

We look forward to your participation during this Scoping and EIA Process.

Yours sincerely



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