

APPENDIX B: CORRESPONDENCE WITH DEDEAT

Correspondence sent to DEDEAT

APPLICATION AND SCOPING PHASE: SUBMISSION OF FINAL SCOPING REPORT

1. Notice of Submission of the FSR

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14 November 2018

Attention: Mr Andries Struwig

Department of Economic Development, Environmental Affairs and Tourism
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Dear Sir,

RE: NOTICE OF SUBMISSION OF THE FINAL SCOPING REPORT: AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE REMAINDER OF PORTION 7 OF THE FARM SCHEEPERS VLAKTE NO. 98, IN THE SUNDAYS RIVER VALLEY MUNICIPALITY (DEDEAT REFERENCE: EC/06/C/LN2/M/47-2018)

With reference to our previous correspondence submitted to your offices dated 29 August 2017, 25 October 2017 and 5 October 2018, please find included herewith, a copy of the Final Scoping Report (FSR) for the abovementioned proposed agricultural development. Please note, based on correspondence from DEDEAT, dated 5 November 2018, the Final Scoping Report has been updated to include the requirement to undertake a Visual Impact Assessment in the list of specialist studies to be undertaken during the EIA phase of the assessment. Changes that have been made from the Draft to the Final Report have been summarised in a table in the foreword to the report (page i. of the FSR) and are indicated in text by means of underlining.

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, this serves as notification to the competent authority, in this case the Provincial Department of Economic Development, Environmental Affairs and Tourism, Sarah Baartman Region, of the submission of the Final Scoping Report (FSR) for the proposed agricultural development on the Remainder of Portion 7 of the Farm Scheepers Vlakke No. 98, SRVM, on behalf of Scheepersvlakte Farms (Pty) Ltd (the project applicant).

Please find included herewith the following:

- One hard copy of the FSR, including Appendices and an Executive Summary.
- One electronic copy of the FSR, including Appendices and an Executive Summary, on CD.
- Project information can also be accessed through the website www.publicprocess.co.za

All I&APs registered on the database for the above project will be informed of the submission of the FSR to the competent authority and will be notified of the outcome of the decision-making process on the FSR.

We trust that you will find the above in order. Please do not hesitate to contact Sandy Wren, Marisa Jacoby or Zandri Grobbelaar at the contact details above, should you have any comments or queries with regards to this submission.

Regards,



Sandy Wren
Environmental Assessment Project Leader



2. Email Notice of Submission of the FSR

From: Marisa Jacoby
Sent: Wednesday, 14 November 2018 11:43 AM
To: Andries.Struwig@dedea.gov.za; Nicole Jane Gerber
Cc: Sandra Wren; Zandri Grobbelaar
Subject: NOTICE OF SUBMISSION OF THE FINAL SCOPING REPORT: AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE REMAINDER OF PORTION 7 OF THE FARM SCHEEPERS VLAKTE NO. 98, IN THE SUNDAYS RIVER VALLEY MUNICIPALITY (DEDEAT REFERENCE: EC/06/C/LN2/M/47-2018)
Attachments: Scheepersvlakte Citrus - DEDEAT - FSR Submission - final - 14Nov2018.pdf

Morning Andries

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Please find attached correspondence delivered to your offices this morning along with a Hard Copy and a CD copy of the Final Scoping Report including Appendices as well as an Executive Summary, for the abovementioned project. All I&APs on the project database will be notified of the submission of the Final Scoping Report and provided with an Executive Summary thereof. Organs of State and State Departments who have jurisdiction in the matter, will be provided with a copy of the report in the preferred format, as discussed with the respective departments.

We trust you will find the above in order. Please do not hesitate to contact us should you have any queries in this regard.

Thank you.

Regards
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1. Acknowledgment of Receipt of the FSR



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Attention: Ms Marisa Jacoby

APPLICATION FOR AUTHORISATION IN TERMS OF SECTION 24 OF THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT ACT, ACT 107 OF 1998 TO UNDERTAKE A LISTED ACTIVITY AS SCHEDULED IN THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT REGULATIONS, 2014, AS AMENDED: PROPOSED AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE ON THE REMAINDER OF PORTION 7 OF THE FARM SCHEEPERSVLAKTE NO. 98, WITHIN THE SUNDAYS RIVER VALLEY MUNICIPAL AREA.

The Final Scoping Report (FSR) with accompanying cover letter for the above application dated and received on 14 November 2018, to undertake listed activities as contained in GN R. 327, GN R. 325 and GN R. 324 of the 2014 NEMA EIA Regulations as amended, is hereby acknowledged.

You are reminded that the activity may not commence prior to an environmental authorisation being granted by the Department.

NICOLE GERBER
ENVIRONMENTAL OFFICER: EIM
CACADU REGION

DATE: 16/11/2018

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2. Acceptance of the FSR and Plan of Study for EIA



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Attention: Ms Sandy Wren and Ms Marisa Jacoby

APPLICATION FOR AUTHORISATION IN TERMS OF SECTION 24 OF THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT ACT, ACT 107 OF 1998 TO UNDERTAKE A LISTED ACTIVITY AS SCHEDULED IN THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT REGULATIONS, 2014, AS AMENDED: PROPOSED AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE ON THE REMAINDER OF PORTION 7 OF THE FARM SCHEEPERSVLAKTE NO. 98, WITHIN THE SUNDAYS RIVER VALLEY MUNICIPAL AREA.

1. Refer to the Final Scoping Report (FSR) dated November 2018 and received on 14 November 2018, to undertake listed activities as contained in the 2014 NEMA EIA Regulations, as amended.
2. Refer also to the discussions held during the site visit conducted on 12 December 2018.
3. The Department has reviewed the FSR and hereby notes the following:
 - a. Conservation targets for all vegetation types must be included in the EIR.
 - b. Maintaining a buffer between the orchards and the boundary of the property must be considered as an alternative layout during the EIR Phase.
 - i. Clarity is required regarding the construction methodology for the irrigation dams; and
 - ii. Details of the pipelines must be provided including the co-ordinates (start, middle and end), the length and diameter of the pipeline, and amount of vegetation to be removed.
 - b. It is noted that Mr Mark Marshall of Sandula Conservation has been proposed as the specialist to conduct the Visual Impact Assessment. Confirmation of his expertise in this area must be provided in the EIR.
4. The FSR is hereby accepted and the Plan of Study is approved taking cognisance of the above. You are thus to proceed to the EIA phase as per the provision of Section 23(a) of the NEMA: EIA Regulations as published in GN R982 of 14 December 2014, as amended. You are reminded that the Final EIR is to be submitted within **106 days from the date of signature of this letter, i.e. by the end of business on 25 April 2019**. An environmental impact assessment report must contain all information set out in Appendix 3 to these Regulations or comply with

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- a protocol or minimum information requirements relevant to the application as identified and gazetted by the Minister in a government notice.
5. The Environmental Assessment Practitioner is required to notify and inform the applicant in writing that the activity may not commence prior to an environmental authorisation being granted by the competent authority.



ANDRIES STRUWIG
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR: EIM
CACADU REGION

DATE: 19 December 2018

3. Correspondence from DEDEAT After the Acceptance of the FSR and Plan of Study for EIA

From: Nicole Jane Gerber <Nicole.Gerber@dedea.gov.za>
Sent: Thursday, 31 January 2019 2:53 PM
To: Sandra Wren; Marisa Jacoby
Cc: Andries Struwig
Subject: Scheepersvlakte application
Attachments: 19-12-2018 Acc. of FSR.pdf

Good day Ms Wren and Ms Jacoby

The attached letter of acceptance of the FSR refers. It has been noted that the Department included a date of 25 April 2019 as the final day for submission of the FEIR. It has come to our attention that the electronic applications system has indicated that this date is actually 24 April 2019. You are hereby advised that the FEIR must be submitted before or on 24 April 2019. Apologies for any inconvenience.

Kind regards

Nicole Gerber
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4. DEDEAT Site Meeting Register, 12 December 2018

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Site Attendance Register

SITE VISIT 12 December 2018

Proposed agricultural development and associated infrastructure on the remainder of portion 7 of the farm Scheepersvlakte no. 98, within the Sundays River Valley Municipality
Reference Number: EC06/C/LN2/M/47-2018

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