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Dear «Title» «Surname»

RE: NOTICE OF BASIC ASSESSMENT PROCESS: ROCKY COAST HOUSING DEVELOPMENT - PROPOSED RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT OF A PORTION OF PORTIONS 78 & 79 OF FARM ONGEGUNDE VRYHEID NO. 746, CAPE ST. FRANCIS, KOUGA LOCAL 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, Rocky Coast Farm (Pty) Ltd, proposes the residential development of a portion of Portions 78 and 79 of Farm Ongegunde Vryheid No. 746, Cape St. Francis, Kouga Local Municipality. It is proposed that a maximum of 46 residential erven, measuring 950m² each, as well as associated services infrastructure are developed (approximately 6.5 ha or 1.42% of the site), and the remainder is proposed to be zoned Open Space III and declared as a private Nature Reserve (approximately 451.98 ha or 98.58 % of the site), with continued public recreational access to the coastline. The farm portions, measuring 458.48 in combined extent are currently zoned as Agriculture I.

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 a Basic Assessment (BA), because it triggers, amongst others, the following listed activity, in Listing Notice 1 (GN R327):

“27. The clearance of an area of 1 hectares or more, but less than 20 hectares of indigenous vegetation, ...”

A full list of the listed activities which may be triggered by the proposed development and which require Environmental Authorisation are contained in the accompanying Background Information Document (BID). In addition, application may have to be made for a Water Use Licence in terms of Section 21 water uses as stipulated in the Water Use Licence Application and Appeals Regulations, 2017 published in GN R267.

Public Process Consultants has been appointed as the independent Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) to undertake Basic Assessment 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. In order to ensure that any issues and/ or concerns you may have are included in the **Draft Consultation Basic Assessment Report**, you are kindly requested to submit any comments to the EAP indicated above, during the 32-day comment period, which extends from the **25 July 2019 to the 26 August 2019**. To assist you in the submission of your comments, we have enclosed with this correspondence a **Background Information Document, locality map, draft layout map** and 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 JP Hechter using the contact details provided above.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'SW', is written over a horizontal line.

SANDY WREN
EIA PROJECT LEADER