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**RE: Notice of Joint Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment, Proposed Biofuels Processing Plant in Zone 5 of the Coega Industrial Development Zone (IDZ), Nelson Mandela Bay Municipality (NMBM)** (DEA Reference No: 14/12/16/3/3/2/321 and NEAS Reference No: DEA/EIA/0001144/2012).

In terms of the National Environmental Management Act (Act no 107 of 1998), as amended (NEMA), referred to as the NEMA EIA regulations 2010, published in Government Notice R 543, 544, 545 and 546 on the 18 June 2010 in Government Gazette 33306, notice is hereby given that a full Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process is required for the project described hereunder. In terms of the NEMA EIA regulations, 2010 you have been identified as an interested and/ or affected party (I&AP) for the above project and have been included on the project I&AP database.

PhytoAmandla (Pty) Ltd proposes to construct and operate a Biofuels Processing Plant in the Coega Industrial Development Zone (IDZ), Zone 5, Nelson Mandela Bay Municipality (NMBM), Eastern Cape Province. The project will entail a canola oil-pressing and trans-esterification plant for the production of approximately 400 000 metric tons annually of biodiesel (biofuel), predominantly for the export market. Around 600 000 tons annually of oilcake (pelletized meal) will be produced as a by-product and be sold to the local market as animal feed.

In terms of the NEMA EIA regulations, 2010 (as amended) a full Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) is required, as the project includes, amongst others, the following activity listed in GN R 545;

15. "Physical alteration of undeveloped, vacant or derelict land for residential, retail, commercial, recreational, industrial or institutional use where the total area to be transformed is 20 hectares or more."

The enclosed Background Information Document provides an overview of the listed activities, which form part of the Scoping and EIA process and require environmental authorisation from the National Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA).

#### **Notice of Atmospheric Emissions Licence Application**

In terms of Section 38 (3) of the National Environmental Management: Air Quality Act, Act 39 of 2004, (NEM:AQA) the project requires a new Atmospheric Emissions Licence (AEL). The proposed facility is classified under Category 6: Subcategory 6.1: Organic chemical manufacturing, a listed activity in terms of Section 21 of NEM:AQA. The licensing authority for the AEL is the Nelson Mandela Bay Municipality.

### **Notice of a Waste Licence Application**

The project also requires a Waste Licence in terms of the National Environmental Management: Waste Act (Act No. 59 of 2008) in terms of GN R 718 published on 3 July 2009, Category A listed activities, numbers 1, 9 and 18. The licensing authority is the Provincial Department of Economic Development, Environmental Affairs and Tourism (DEDEAT), Cacadu Region.

The CSIR has been appointed by PhytoAmandla (Pty) Ltd to undertake the Joint Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) required for the project and Public Process Consultants will manage the public participation component of the EIA.

In order to ensure that you are placed on the project database as well as to raise issues and/ or concerns for inclusion in the Draft Scoping Report, you are requested to submit any comments you may have to the participation consultant at the address details indicated above, by no later than **28 May 2012**.

To assist you in the submission of any issues or concerns you may have with regards to the environmental authorisation, waste licence and Atmospheric Emissions Licence, we have enclosed with this correspondence a Background Information Document (BID) on the project as well as a comment form. Available information on the project can be downloaded from the website [www.publicprocess.co.za](http://www.publicprocess.co.za). Additional issues and concerns may be raised once the Draft Scoping Report is released for a 40 day I&AP review period. As a registered I&AP on the project database you will be notified of this comment period in writing.

Should you have any queries or require additional information please contact Sandy Wren, Paul-Pierre Steyn or Wandile Junundu using the contact details provided above.

Yours sincerely



**SANDY WREN**