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Dear «Title» «Surname»

**RE: NOTICE OF BASIC ASSESSMENT PROCESS: PROPOSED EXPANSION OF PONDERS END PACKHOUSE ON PORTION 316 OF FARM COMMANDO KRAAL NO. 113, SUNDAYS RIVER VALLEY 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, San Miguel Fruits SA (Pty) Ltd, proposes to expand their existing Packhouse, namely Ponders End Packhouse, located on Portion 316 of Farm Commando Kraal No. 113, near Sunland in the Sundays River Valley Municipality. The site is currently zoned as Agriculture I and located on the site is an existing Packhouse (~8155m<sup>2</sup>), which consists of one production line and associated infrastructure. It is proposed that the existing Packhouse be expanded by ~29 055m<sup>2</sup> to include two additional lines under roof, as well as associated infrastructure. The total development footprint is thus anticipated to be ~37 210m<sup>2</sup> (~3.72ha).

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

*“43. The expansion and related operation of hatcheries or agri-industrial facilities outside industrial complexes, where the development footprint of the hatcheries or agri-industrial facilities will be increased by 2 000 square metres or more.”*

A full list of the listed activities which may be triggered by the proposed development and require Environmental Authorisation are contained in the accompanying Background Information Document (BID).

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 interested and/ or affected party (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 comment period which extends from the **13 September 2017 to the 16 October 2017**. To assist you in the submission of your comments, we have enclosed with this correspondence a **Background Information Document, locality map**, as well as a **comment form**. Further project information can be accessed on the website [www.publicprocess.co.za](http://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 Zandri Grobbelaar using the contact details provided above.

Yours sincerely

**SANDY WREN**  
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