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RE: NOTICE OF COMMENT PERIOD - DRAFT EIA REPORT AND EMPr: AGRICULTURAL EXPANSION ON PORTION 2 OF FARM 92 TREGARON, KNOWN AS SYLVANIA, SUNDAYS RIVER VALLEY MUNICIPALITY (DEDEAT REFERENCE: EC06/C/LN2/M/64-2017)

The project applicant, San Miguel Fruits SA Pty Ltd, proposes to expand their existing agricultural activities for the establishment of citrus orchards. The agricultural expansion is proposed to take place Portion 2 of Farm 92 Tregaron, known as Sylvania, Sundays River Valley Municipality (SRVM). The area proposed to be transformed measures ~65ha in extent. Approximately 50ha of citrus is proposed to be established and ~15ha is proposed to be cleared for associated infrastructure (roads, irrigation, dam etc.). Irrigation of the proposed agricultural development requires the construction of a new dam with a capacity to store ~30 000m³ (~2.1ha footprint) of irrigation water, as well as the installation of irrigation pipelines of varying diameters. The nearest town to the farm portion is Kirkwood, which is located ~9.3km northwest of the farm.

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 Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Report and Environmental Management Programme (EMPr) for a **30-day comment period** extending from the **13 February 2018 to 15 March 2018**.

Availability of Information

In order to assist you with the submission of any comments you may have on the report we have enclosed with this correspondence, an Executive Summary of the Draft EIA Report, as well as a comment form. Full copies of the report can be downloaded from the website www.publicprocess.co.za

You are required to submit any comments that you may have on the Draft EIA Report or EMPr by the **15 March 2018**, to the Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP), contact details above.

Next Step in the Process

This Draft EIA Report has been compiled in line with the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended). The next step in the process entails the incorporation of the comments received from I&APs during this comment period, into the Final EIA Report, which will then be submitted to the competent authority, the Department of Economic Development, Environmental Affairs and Tourism (DEDEAT) Cacadu Region, for their decision making. As a registered I&AP on the project database you will be notified in writing of the submission of the Final EIA Report 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 in this stage of the process.

Yours sincerely

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