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Dear «Title» «Surname»

RE: NOTICE OF BASIC ASSESSMENT PROCESS: PROPOSED EXPANSION OF AN EXISTING DAM ON FARM 682, SUNLAND, 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 proponent, Die Boeram Venter Trust, proposes to expand an existing farm dam on Farm 682, measuring ~52ha in extent, near Sunland, in the Sundays River Valley Municipality. It is proposed that the existing dam, which has a capacity of ~15 000m³ (~0.98ha), be expanded by ~49 200m³ (~1.99ha), to have a total storage capacity of ~64 200m³ (~2.98ha). Farm 682 is zoned as Agriculture I and is currently under cultivation. The existing dam is proposed to be expanded into an area which predominantly represents existing cultivated fields.

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):

“50. The expansion of facilities or infrastructure for the off-stream storage of water, including dams and reservoirs, where the combined capacity will be increased by 50 000 cubic metres or more.”

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).

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 **Consultation Basic Assessment Report**, you are kindly requested to submit any comments to the EAP indicated above, during the 30-day comment period, which extends from the **21 August 2018 to the 20 September 2018**. 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.

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

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