

APPENDIX B: CORRESPONDENCE WITH DEDEAT

Correspondence sent to DEDEAT

APPLICATION AND SCOPING PHASE: SUBMISSION OF FINAL SCOPING REPORT

1. Email Notice of Submission of the FSR

From: Marisa Jacoby
Sent: Wednesday, 14 November 2018 11:43 AM
To: Andries.Struwig@dedea.gov.za; Nicole Jane Gerber
Cc: Sandra Wren; Zandri Grobbelaar
Subject: NOTICE OF SUBMISSION OF THE FINAL SCOPING REPORT: AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE REMAINDER OF PORTION 7 OF THE FARM SCHEEPERS VLAKTE NO. 98, IN THE SUNDAYS RIVER VALLEY MUNICIPALITY (DEDEAT REFERENCE: EC/06/C/LN2/M/47-2018)
Attachments: Scheepersvlakte Citrus - DEDEAT - FSR Submission - final - 14Nov2018.pdf

Morning Andries

NOTICE OF SUBMISSION OF THE FINAL SCOPING REPORT: AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE REMAINDER OF PORTION 7 OF THE FARM SCHEEPERS VLAKTE NO. 98, IN THE SUNDAYS RIVER VALLEY MUNICIPALITY (DEDEAT REFERENCE: EC/06/C/LN2/M/47-2018)

Please find attached correspondence delivered to your offices this morning along with a Hard Copy and a CD copy of the Final Scoping Report including Appendices as well as an Executive Summary, for the abovementioned project. All I&APs on the project database will be notified of the submission of the Final Scoping Report and provided with an Executive Summary thereof. Organs of State and State Departments who have jurisdiction in the matter, will be provided with a copy of the report in the preferred format, as discussed with the respective departments.

We trust you will find the above in order. Please do not hesitate to contact us should you have any queries in this regard.

Thank you.

Regards

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2. Letter: Notice of Submission of the FSR

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14 November 2018



Attention: Mr Andries Struwig

Department of Economic Development, Environmental Affairs and Tourism
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Dear Sir,

RE: NOTICE OF SUBMISSION OF THE FINAL SCOPING REPORT: AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE REMAINDER OF PORTION 7 OF THE FARM SCHEEPERS VLAKTE NO. 98, IN THE SUNDAYS RIVER VALLEY MUNICIPALITY (DEDEAT REFERENCE: EC/06/C/LN2/M/47-2018)

With reference to our previous correspondence submitted to your offices dated 29 August 2017, 25 October 2017 and 5 October 2018, please find included herewith, a copy of the Final Scoping Report (FSR) for the abovementioned proposed agricultural development. Please note, based on correspondence from DEDEAT, dated 5 November 2018, the Final Scoping Report has been updated to include the requirement to undertake a Visual Impact Assessment in the list of specialist studies to be undertaken during the EIA phase of the assessment. Changes that have been made from the Draft to the Final Report have been summarised in a table in the foreword to the report (page i. of the FSR) and are indicated in text by means of underlining.

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, this serves as notification to the competent authority, in this case the Provincial Department of Economic Development, Environmental Affairs and Tourism, Sarah Baartman Region, of the submission of the Final Scoping Report (FSR) for the proposed agricultural development on the Remainder of Portion 7 of the Farm Scheepers Vlakke No. 98, SRVM, on behalf of Scheepersvlakte Farms (Pty) Ltd (the project applicant).

Please find included herewith the following:

- One hard copy of the FSR, including Appendices and an Executive Summary.
- One electronic copy of the FSR, including Appendices and an Executive Summary, on CD.
- Project information can also be accessed through the website www.publicprocess.co.za

All I&APs registered on the database for the above project will be informed of the submission of the FSR to the competent authority and will be notified of the outcome of the decision-making process on the FSR.

We trust that you will find the above in order. Please do not hesitate to contact Sandy Wren, Marisa Jacoby or Zandri Grobbelaar at the contact details above, should you have any comments or queries with regards to this submission.

Regards,

Sandy Wren
Environmental Assessment Project Leader

EIA PHASE: REVIEW OF THE DRAFT EIA

1. Email: Notice of Draft EIA Submission and Comment Period

From: Marisa Jacoby
Sent: Tuesday, 05 March 2019 12:23 PM
To: Andries Struwig
Cc: 'Nicole Jane Gerber'; Sandra Wren; Zandri Grobbelaar
Subject: NOTICE OF COMMENT PERIOD - DRAFT EIA REPORT AND EMPr: AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE REMAINDER OF PORTION 7 OF THE FARM SCHEEPERS VLAKTE NO. 98, IN THE SUNDAYS RIVER VALLEY MUNICIPALITY (DEDEAT REFERENCE: EC/06/C/LN2/M/47-2018)
Attachments: Scheepersvlakte - DEDEAT - Draft EIA and EMPr - final - 5Mar2019.pdf

Afternoon Andries / Nicole

RE: NOTICE OF COMMENT PERIOD - DRAFT EIA REPORT AND EMPr: AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE REMAINDER OF PORTION 7 OF THE FARM SCHEEPERS VLAKTE NO. 98, IN THE SUNDAYS RIVER VALLEY MUNICIPALITY (DEDEAT REFERENCE: EC/06/C/LN2/M/47-2018)

Please find attached correspondence, a hard copy of which is being submitted to your offices today. Included with this correspondence is a hard copy and an electronic copy of the Draft EIA Report and EMPr as well as an Executive Summary and Comment Form. All I&APs and Organs of State on the database will be notified of the 31-day comment period extending from 5 March 2019 to 5 April 2019.

As per discussions held at the site visit of 12 December 2018 we anticipate that DEDEAT will require an additional visit to the site during this commenting period. Please advise at your earliest convenience what date would be most suitable for yourselves. As discussed, we will extend an invitation to SANParks commentators to also attend the site visit. We have requested that the applicant ensure that the fenceline be suitably cleared in order to provide access to the eastern portion of the farm.

We trust you will find the above in order.

Thank you.

Regards

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5 March 2019

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cc. Ms Nicole Gerber

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In order to assist the DEDEAT in making comments on the Draft EIA Report and EMPr, please find included with this correspondence the following:

- One hard copy of the Draft EIA Report and EMPr, including Appendices and an Executive Summary.
- One electronic copy (CD copy) of the Draft EIA Report and EMPr, including Appendices and an Executive Summary.
- A comment form.

Project information can also be accessed through the website www.publicprocess.co.za

All I&APs and affected/ Juristic Organs of State and State Departments registered on the database for the above project will be informed of the release of the Draft EIA Report and EMPr for the 31-day comment period, which will extend from **5 March 2019 to 5 April 2019**.

We trust that you will find the above in order. Please do not hesitate to contact Sandy Wren, Marisa Jacoby or Zandri Grobbelaar at the contact details above, should you have any comments or queries with regards to this submission.

Regards,



Sandy Wren
Environmental Assessment Project Leader



3. **Draft EIA Comment Form**

DRAFT EIA REPORT AND EMPR COMMENT FORM

Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment

Applicant: Scheepersvlakte Farms (Pty) Ltd
Project: Agricultural Development of the Remainder of Portion 7 of the Farm
Scheepers Vlakte No. 98, in the Sundays River Valley Municipality
Primary Listed Activity: GN R 325 (Listing Notice 2) Activity No. 15

Return Completed Reply Form to:

Public Process Consultants, PO Box 27688, Greenacres 6057

Phone: 041 – 374 8426 or Fax 041-373 2002 or Email sandy@publicprocess.co.za

Complete all Relevant Sections Below and Return By: 5 April 2019

Please provide your full contact details:

<i>FIRST NAME:</i>	<i>SURNAME:</i>
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<i>POSTAL ADDRESS:</i>	
<i>CODE:</i>	
<i>PHONE:</i>	<i>FAX:</i>
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Please clearly outline any issues or comments you may have in response to the Draft EIA Report and EMPr (use additional pages if required)

Comment form for Issues and Concerns

4. Request for meeting with DEDEAT and SANParks during Draft EIA Review Period

From: Sandra Wren
Sent: 13 March 2019 09:56 AM
To: Nicole Jane Gerber; Andries Struwig
Cc: Marisa Jacoby; Zandri Grobbelaar
Subject: FW: Scheepers Vlake draft EIA

Hi Nicole and Andries

See below the comment from Maretha Alant. As per our site meeting last year and email submitted with the Draft EIA, Maretha has requested a meeting to discuss her comments below in early April. The closure date for comment on the Draft EIA is the 5 April. While I am satisfied the issues raised by Maretha have been addressed in the Draft EIA I am following good practise by responding to the meeting requested below.

Regards

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From: Maretha Alant [<mailto:maretha.alant@sanparks.org>]
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To: Sandra Wren <sandy@publicprocess.co.za>
Cc: Nick De Goede <nick.degoede@sanparks.org>; Marisa Jacoby <marisa@publicprocess.co.za>; Zandri Grobbelaar <zandri@publicprocess.co.za>; Dries Engelbrecht <Dries.Engelbrecht@sanparks.org>
Subject: RE: Scheepers Vlake draft EIA

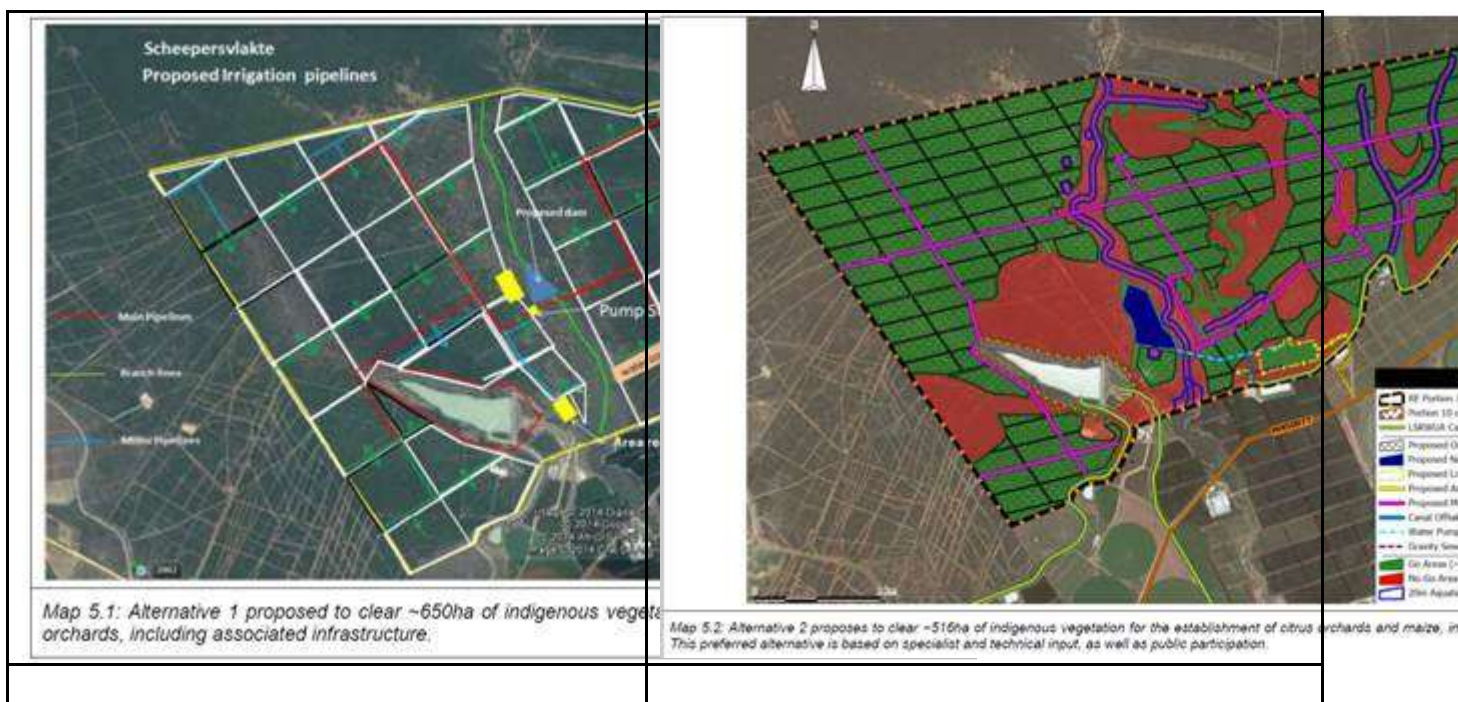
Hi Sandy

A brief summary of our discussion today:

1. I am taking this case to the National Park Planning meeting in Pretoria on 19 March to obtain approval to negotiate a Biodiversity Stewardship agreement on the property. Regional support has been given.
2. The current 'no go' areas seem to have pipelines and roads that fragment the landscape (where no disturbance is desirable) in places as well as other infrastructure. Alternative 2 in its current format cannot be supported.
3. A landscape-scale approach that links up with adjacent CBAs/nature reserves to form a functional conservation network with a good biodiversity conservation outcome is the desired state for this CBA area. The map should state "conservation area" not only "no go" area. The best potential for a functional conservation corridor appears to be the eastern and northern portions of the property. The conservation area should be managed with an approved Management Plan.

- The applicant has obtained a Water Use Licence from DWS for the taking of water from a water resource in terms of Section 21(a) of the National Water Act which entitles them to utilise 650ha (5 850 000m³ per annum) of water from the LSRWUA canal system. In order to irrigate the proposed agricultural development, the construction of a new irrigation water storage dam (140 000m³ storage capacity; 7ha footprint), as well as the installation of irrigation pipelines of varying diameters is required.

Size of property 852 ha. Proposed disturbance footprint (Go Areas) is 580 ha. Proposed no go areas is 272 ha. EIA application is for clearing of 516 ha. Conservation area should be determined taking landscape connectivity and biodiversity conservation into account. As a default 272 ha was proposed but the size may have to increase.



I suggest we have a meeting to discuss an improved Site Development Plan that takes conservation adequately into consideration. SANParks may be able to assist with alien clearing.

Please let me know about a proposed date early in April. It will be great if Andries Struwig can be present.

Regards
Maretha

From: Sandra Wren [<mailto:sandy@publicprocess.co.za>]
Sent: 12 March 2019 10:55 AM
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Cc: Nick De Goede; Marisa Jacoby; Zandri Grobbelaar
Subject: RE: Scheepers Vlake draft EIA

Hi Maretha

Please see the screen shot attached of our webpage, circled in red at the bottom of the page and highlighted in yellow is the word “next”, click on this to navigate between and open the various Chapters and Appendices of the Draft EIA.

For your ease of reference attached are the following Chapters of the Draft EIA:

Executive Summary (as requested)
Chapter 2: Project Description
Chapter 5: Assessment of Alternatives (as requested)
Chapter 6: Ecological
Chapter 7: Aquatic Assessment

Should you require any additional Chapters please do not hesitate to contact us.

Further note that we have sent to you via registered mail a CD copy of the report, which includes all Chapters and Appendices of the Draft EIA.

Regards

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Hi Sandy

I can't open the Chapters or Draft EIA from the website, can only open appendixes. Can you perhaps email Chapter 5 and the executive summary.

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Regards
Maretha

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APPLICATION AND SCOPING PHASE: FINAL SCOPING REPORT

1. Acknowledgment of Receipt of the FSR



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Attention: Ms Marisa Jacoby

APPLICATION FOR AUTHORISATION IN TERMS OF SECTION 24 OF THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT ACT, ACT 107 OF 1998 TO UNDERTAKE A LISTED ACTIVITY AS SCHEDULED IN THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT REGULATIONS, 2014, AS AMENDED: PROPOSED AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE ON THE REMAINDER OF PORTION 7 OF THE FARM SCHEEPERSVLAKTE NO. 98, WITHIN THE SUNDAYS RIVER VALLEY MUNICIPAL AREA.

The Final Scoping Report (FSR) with accompanying cover letter for the above application dated and received on 14 November 2018, to undertake listed activities as contained in GN R. 327, GN R. 325 and GN R. 324 of the 2014 NEMA EIA Regulations as amended, is hereby acknowledged.

You are reminded that the activity may not commence prior to an environmental authorisation being granted by the Department.



NICOLE GERBER
ENVIRONMENTAL OFFICER: EIM
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DATE: 16/11/2018

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2. Acceptance of the FSR and Plan of Study for EIA



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1. Refer to the Final Scoping Report (FSR) dated November 2018 and received on 14 November 2018, to undertake listed activities as contained in the 2014 NEMA EIA Regulations, as amended.
2. Refer also to the discussions held during the site visit conducted on 12 December 2018.
3. The Department has reviewed the FSR and hereby notes the following:
 - a. Conservation targets for all vegetation types must be included in the EIR.
 - b. Maintaining a buffer between the orchards and the boundary of the property must be considered as an alternative layout during the EIR Phase.
 - i. Clarity is required regarding the construction methodology for the irrigation dams; and
 - ii. Details of the pipelines must be provided including the co-ordinates (start, middle and end), the length and diameter of the pipeline, and amount of vegetation to be removed.
 - b. It is noted that Mr Mark Marshall of Sandula Conservation has been proposed as the specialist to conduct the Visual Impact Assessment. Confirmation of his expertise in this area must be provided in the EIR.
4. The FSR is hereby accepted and the Plan of Study is approved taking cognisance of the above. You are thus to proceed to the EIA phase as per the provision of Section 23(a) of the NEMA: EIA Regulations as published in GN R982 of 14 December 2014, as amended. You are reminded that the Final EIR is to be submitted within **106 days from the date of signature of this letter, i.e. by the end of business on 25 April 2019**. An environmental impact assessment report must contain all information set out in Appendix 3 to these Regulations or comply with

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- a protocol or minimum information requirements relevant to the application as identified and gazetted by the Minister in a government notice.
5. The Environmental Assessment Practitioner is required to notify and inform the applicant in writing that the activity may not commence prior to an environmental authorisation being granted by the competent authority.



ANDRIES STRUWIG
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR: EIM
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DATE: 19 December 2018

3. Correspondence from DEDEAT After the Acceptance of the FSR and Plan of Study for EIA

From: Nicole Jane Gerber <Nicole.Gerber@dedea.gov.za>
Sent: Thursday, 31 January 2019 2:53 PM
To: Sandra Wren; Marisa Jacoby
Cc: Andries Struwig
Subject: Scheepersvlakte application
Attachments: 19-12-2018 Acc. of FSR.pdf

Good day Ms Wren and Ms Jacoby

The attached letter of acceptance of the FSR refers. It has been noted that the Department included a date of 25 April 2019 as the final day for submission of the FEIR. It has come to our attention that the electronic applications system has indicated that this date is actually 24 April 2019. You are hereby advised that the FEIR must be submitted before or on 24 April 2019. Apologies for any inconvenience.

Kind regards

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4. DEDEAT Site Meeting Register, 12 December 2018

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Site Attendance Register

SITE VISIT 12 December 2018

Proposed agricultural development and associated infrastructure on the remainder of portion 7 of the farm Scheepersvlakte no. 98, within the Sundays River Valley Municipality
Reference Number: EC06/C/LN2/M/47-2018

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EIA PHASE: DRAFT EIA

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The Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) submitted by Public Process Consultants, on behalf of Scheepersvlakte Farms (Pty) Ltd, dated and received on 05 March 2019, for the above project is hereby acknowledged.

The Department notes that the commenting period extends from 05 March 2019 to 05 April 2019. The Department will review the DEIR and provide comment by 05 April 2019. You are reminded that the activity may not commence prior to an environmental authorisation being granted by the Department.

NICOLE GERBER
ENVIRONMENTAL OFFICER: EIM
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DATE: 07 MARCH 2019

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2. Comments on Draft EIA Report



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1. Refer to the Department's letter accepting the FSR dated 19 December 2018, as well as the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) submitted by Public Process Consultants on behalf of Scheepersvlakte Farms (Pty) Ltd, dated and received on 05 March 2019, to undertake listed activities as contained in the 2014 NEMA EIA Regulations, as amended for the above application.
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 - a. Conservation targets for all vegetation types have been included in the EIR;
 - b. The issue of maintaining a buffer between the orchards and the boundary of the property has been addressed;
 - c. Clarity regarding the construction methodology for the irrigation dams has been provided;
 - d. Details of the pipelines have been provided; and
 - e. It is noted that the expertise of the specialist for the Visual Impact Assessment has been provided.
3. There is no further comment on the DEIR and the report has been found to fulfil the requirements as contained in the EIA Regulations
4. You are reminded that the Final EIR is to be submitted by close of business on **24 April 2019**.

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5. The Environmental Assessment Practitioner is reminded to notify and inform the applicant in writing that the activity may not commence prior to an environmental authorisation being granted by the competent authority.



ANDRIES STRUWIG
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR: EIM
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DATE: 9 April 2019