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Dear «Title» «Surname»

RE: NOTICE OF BASIC ASSESSMENT PROCESS: PROPOSED EXPANSION OF AFRICANOS COUNTRY ESTATE ON PORTION 228 TO A PORTION OF PORTION 74 OF FARM COMMANDO KRAAL ESTATE NO 113, ADDO, 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, JN Venter Beleggings Trust, proposes to expand the existing Africanos Country Estate on Portion 228 of Commando Kraal Estate No. 113. onto a portion of the adjacent property, namely, Portion A of Remainder Portion 74 of the farm Commando Kraal Estate No. 113, measuring 5 hectares in extent. The majority of the proposed expansion is to take place on this adjacent portion of land and, where possible, will tie into existing infrastructure, subject to the outcome of the various specialist assessments. The property is in the process of being transferred to the JN Venter Beleggings Trust and will in future be allocated a new property number.

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 3 (GN R324):

“17. The expansion of a resort, lodge, hotel, tourism or hospitality facilities where the development footprint will be expanded and the expanded facility can accommodate an additional 15 people or more.

a. Eastern Cape

i. Outside urban areas:

(gg) Areas within 10 kilometres from national parks or world heritage sites or 5 kilometres from any other protected area identified in terms of NEMPAA or from the core area of a biosphere reserve;”

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). In addition, application may have to be made for a Water Use Licence in terms of Section 21 water uses as stipulated in the Water Use Licence Application and Appeals Regulations, 2017 published in GN R267.

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 **Draft Consultation Basic Assessment Report**, you are kindly requested to submit any comments to the EAP indicated above, during the 32-day comment period, which extends from the **08 August to 09 September 2019**. To assist you in the submission of your comments, we have enclosed with this correspondence a **Background Information Document** including a **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 JP Hechter using the contact details provided above.

Yours sincerely

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