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Dear «Title» «Surname»

RE: NOTICE OF SCOPING AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT: AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT ON PORTION 11 OF FARM KREMLIN NO 100, 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 proposed project. The proponent, Venter Wildlife Trust, proposes to develop a portion of Portion 11 of Farm Kremlin No 100 (~109ha), in the Sundays River Valley Municipality, for the establishment of citrus orchards and associated infrastructure (internal irrigation pipes, internal roads), hereafter referred to as Tango. The area to be cultivated will be confirmed by the various specialist assessments which will be undertaken during the EIA process. The irrigation water required for the proposed agricultural development will be supplied from an existing dam on the Farm 713 Hopefield, owned by the applicant and located to the south of the area under assessment. Additionally, the proposed development will require the installation of internal irrigation pipelines of various diameters. Tango falls within the Sundays River Valley Municipal area (SRVM) and the nearest town is Sunland, which is located approximately ~9 km south of the farm.

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 full Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment because it includes, amongst others, the following listed activity in GN R325 (Listing Notice 2):

“15. The clearance of an area of 20 hectares or more of indigenous vegetation,...”

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 the Scoping and EIA process 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 Scoping Report**, you are kindly requested to submit your comments to the Environmental Assessment Practitioner indicated above, during the comment period, which extends from the **16 September to 17 October 2019**. To assist you in the submission of your comments we have enclosed with this correspondence, a **Background Information Document and 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, contact Sandy Wren, Marisa Jacoby or JP Hechter using the contact details provided above.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S Wren'.

SANDY WREN
EIA PROJECT LEADER