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**Public Process Consultants**  
Environmental Impact Assessment and  
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Dear Interested and Affected Party / Organ of State

**RE: NOTICE OF THE BASIC ASSESSMENT PROCESS: PROPOSED DECOMMISSIONING AND CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW FARM DAM (RESERVOIR) ON PORTION 387 OF FARM STRATHSOMERS ESTATE NO. 42, NQWEBA, SUNDAYS RIVER VALLEY MUNICIPALITY**

In terms of the National Environment Management Act (NEMA) EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended), you have been identified as an Interested and/or Affected Party (I&AP) for the above project. The project proponent, Habata Boerdery (Pty) Ltd, proposes the decommissioning of an existing farm dam and pumphouse (0.42 ha) on a portion of Portion 387 of Farm Strathsomers Estate No. 42, Nqweba (Kirkwood), Sundays River Valley Municipality as well as the construction of a new farm dam (~1.38 ha) including associated infrastructure. The proposed new farm dam will have the capacity to store 22 000 m<sup>3</sup> of water. A logistical services area (~1.46 ha) is proposed for construction on and around the location of the decommissioned dam. The total development footprint is anticipated to measure ~2.84 ha in extent. The farm portion measures ~16.21 ha and is zoned Agriculture, and forms part of an existing working farm known as Rebelsvlei.

In terms of the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended), published in GN R326, 327 and 324, promulgated under Chapter Five of NEMA (Act 107 of 1998), and published in Government Gazette 40772 on the 7 April 2017, the project requires Basic Assessment (BA), as it triggers, amongst others, the following listed activity in Listing Notice 1 (GN R327):

*"31. The closure of existing facilities, structures, or infrastructure for –*

*(i) any development and related operation activity or activities listed in this Notice, Listing Notice 2 of 2014 or Listing Notice 3 of 2014"*

And in Listing Notice 3 (GN R324):

*"2. The development of reservoirs, excluding dams, with a capacity of more than 250 cubic metres.*

*a. Eastern Cape*

*ii. Outside urban areas, in:*

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

A full list of the activities which may be triggered by the proposed development and which require Environmental Authorisation, prior to the commencement of any activities on site, are contained in the accompanying Background Information Document (BID).

Sandra Wren of Public Process Consultants has been appointed as the registered Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) to manage the Basic Assessment Process for this project. In order to ensure that any issues and / or concerns you may have are included in the **Draft Basic Assessment Report (DBAR)**, you are required to register your interest on the project database and submit your areas of concern/ interest to the EAP indicated above, during the **30-day comment period**, which extends from **5 May 2026 to 3 June 2026**.

#### **Availability of Information**

To assist you with your understanding of the Assessment Process and the submission of any comments you may have, please find attached to this correspondence, a **Background Information Document (BID)**, a **Comment Form** and a **Locality Map**. Available project information can be accessed by clicking on the following link: <https://publicprocess.co.za/2026/04/30/rebelsvlei-dam/>.

Please refer to the accompanying BID for an explanation of how compliance with the requirements of the Protection of Personal Information Act 4 of 2013 (POPIA) is being ensured. **If at any stage your contact details change, it is essential you notify the EAP of such changes to continue receiving information regarding this assessment process.**

We look forward to your input and participation in this process. Should you have any comments or queries regarding the above, please do not hesitate to contact Sandy Wren, Geena Pringle or Selina Clark using the contact details provided above.

Yours sincerely

**SANDY WREN**  
**PROJECT LEADER**