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Dear Sir

COMMENT ON THE ADDENDUM TO THE SITE SENSITIVITY VERIFICATION REPORT FOR HOUSE MARITZ PROPOSED ON ERF 390 & REMAINDER ERF 141, KEURBOOMSTRAND

1. The Addendum to the Site Sensitivity Verification Report in respect of the abovementioned matter, received by this Department via e-mail on 6 October 2021, refers.

2. This Directorate hereby acknowledges receipt of the said document.

3. This Directorate has reviewed the Addendum to the Site Sensitivity Verification Report ("SSVR") compiled by the EAP and provides comment in respect of the following:

   (i) Aquatic Biodiversity Sensitivity (Low Sensitivity)

   The STR states that the sensitivity in terms of aquatic biodiversity is Low and the EAP has refuted this rating in the Addendum to the Site Sensitivity Verification Report.

4. This Directorate acknowledges the evidence provided in the addendum to the SSVR and accepts the motivation that a compliance statement will not be required for the Aquatic Biodiversity Theme.

   Nonetheless, the EAP must consult the *Breede Gouritz Catchment Management Agency* (BGCMA) and *CapeNature* in the public participation process and specifically obtain written confirmation from said organs of state regarding the delineation of the theme, and necessity for any further studies regarding the Aquatic Biodiversity Theme (if any).

Where applicable, the Public Participation Plan agreed to by this Directorate (correspondence dated 11 November 2021) must be updated to include said organs of state.

5. Please note that it is an offence in terms of Section 49A(1)(a) of the NEMA for a person to commence with a listed activity unless the Competent Authority has granted an Environmental Authorisation for undertaking it. Failure to comply with the requirements of Section 24F of the NEMA shall result in the matter being referred to the Environmental Compliance and Enforcement Directorate of this Department. A person convicted of an offence in terms of the above is liable to a fine not exceeding R10 million or to imprisonment for a period not exceeding 10 years, or to both such fine and imprisonment.

6. Please note that the activity may not commence prior to an Environmental Authorisation being granted by the Department.

7. Kindly quote the above-mentioned reference number in any future correspondence in respect of this matter.

8. This Department reserves the right to revise or withdraw initial comments or request further information from you based on any information received.

Yours faithfully

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