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Dear Sir/Madam

RE: LOOKFORWARD CONSTRUCTION (PTY) LTD AND PARKDENE FILLING STATION. (PTY) LTD

"The original application for environmental authorisation was made in approximately 2011 and was granted in 2012. In 2015 application was made for site and retails licenses. Objections were lodged to the granting of those by 5 or 6 owners and /or operators of petrol filling stations in the George area. It was clear that these were trade/ competition objections. The applications were rejected by the Controller and appeals were lodged against those decisions on behalf of the applicant. Those were unsuccessful.

Application was then made to the high court for the review and setting aside of the appeal decisions which found that the appeal decisions were irrational. The applications were referred back to the controller for reconsideration. He then granted the site and retails licenses. All of these processes, particularly the litigation, were characterised by numerous delays.

During the later stages of that process, we began talks with BP which caused an exceptionally long delay. BP presented an offer to us which resulted in long negotiations, causing delays, and resulted in the offer being increased to meet the development needs. It was then a requirement for us to sign acceptance of the offer and then BP had to get approval from their Board of Directors. Again, there was a rather extended delay as the required signatories were unavailable to sign. After a long delay, BP forwarded all the legal documents for checking. A further delay followed due to changes required in the documentation and for BP to accept those changes. We then received the BP Board approval and returned the fully signed legal documentation back to BP. Then there was a further delay as BP then said they were no longer interested in this development which resulted in lengthy discussions with BP Head Office and their legal team. This process caused a delay of about 18 months to 2 years.

In addition to these delays, there were additional delays due to the covid pandemic during this period as most offices were working remotely and many departments were closed.

We trust that above is in order.



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