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The Board of Trustees
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Attention: Mr. John Roberson

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Dear Sir

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT OF THE APPLICATION FOR SCOPING AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORTING FOR THE PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF OUDRIFT FARM DAM ON THE REMAINDER OF PORTION 3 AND THE REMAINDER PORTION 13 OF THE FARM KLIPHEUVEL NO. 143, KLEIN BRAK RIVER, MOSSEL BAY

1. The undated application form submitted on your behalf by your appointed registered Environmental Assessment Practitioner ('EAP'), Ms. Louise-Mari van Zyl (EAPASA No: 2019/1444) of *Cape Environmental Assessment Practitioners* ('Cape EAPrac'), as received by the Department on 15 June 2026, refers.
2. The application form appears to be in order in accordance with regulation 16. Kindly note that the that the operational hours of the Department are weekdays from 07h30 to 16h00. The application form was submitted on Sunday, 14 June 2026. Therefore, the date of receipt of the application form by this Department has been recorded as **15 June 2026**.
3. *Project Plan*
Your Project Plan (submitted together with the Application Form), is hereby acknowledged and largely appears to be in order where the allocation of different periods is concerned. Kindly consider updating the existing project plan by adding specific dates to the different tasks allocated.

4. *Public Participation Process*

Please be advised that you must comply with the requirements of Regulation 41 of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014 ('EIA Regulations, 2014') (Government Notice No. R.982 of 4 December 2014, as amended), during the application phase. This includes inter alia the placement of an advertisement in the local newspaper, the placement of a site notice at the site and informing owners, persons in control of, and occupiers of land adjacent to the site; and informing relevant State Departments and Organs of State which administers a law in respect of the proposed development.

Failure to comply with Regulation 41 may prejudice the outcome of this application for environmental authorisation.

5. Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIR) Requirements

The EIR must contain all the information outlined in Appendix 3 of the EIA Regulations, 2014 and must also include the information requested in the correspondence issued by the Department. In this regard, the letter issued by this Directorate on 12 June 2026 (DEA&DP Ref: 16/3/3/6/7/1/D6/25/0453/25) refers. Failure to submit any information prescribed in Appendix 3 of the EIA Regulations, 2014 may prejudice the outcome of the Environmental Authorisation.

The Department awaits the submission of the EIR as prescribed by Regulation 23 of the EIA Regulations, 2014. In accordance with Regulation 23, the Department stipulates that the EIR must be submitted to this Department for decision within 2 years from acceptance of the Scoping Report, viz. **by no later than 31 July 2026**.

If the EIR is not submitted within the prescribed timeframe, the application will lapse in terms of Regulation 45 of the EIA Regulations, 2014 and your file will be closed. Should you wish to pursue the application again, a new application process would have to be initiated. A new Application Form would have to be submitted, and the prescribed application fee would have to be paid again (.

6. Please note that it is an offence in terms of Section 24F and 49A of the NEMA for a person to commence with a listed activity unless the competent authority has granted an environmental authorisation for the undertaking of the activity. 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.
7. Kindly quote the above-mentioned reference number in any future correspondence in respect of this application.
8. The Department reserves the right to revise initial comments and request further information based on any new or revised information received.

Yours faithfully

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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING

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