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REFERENCE: 4/10/2/K30C/ERF 2003, WILDERNESS

DATE: 06 FEBRUARY 2024

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Attention: Ms S. Teeluckdhari

RE: NOTICE OF PUBLIC PARTICIPATION FOR THE PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING AND FOUR GUEST COTTAGES ON ERF 2003, WILDERNESS

Reference is made to the above mentioned Draft Basic Assessment Report made available to Breede-Olifants Catchment Management Agency (BOCMA) for comments.

The following are BOCMA comments relating to the Draft Basic Assessment Report for the proposed construction of a residential dwelling and four self-catering guest cottages on Erf 2003, which should be adhered to:

1. The water supply of the proposed development that will be provided for by a Water Services Provider (WSP) i.e. municipality, there must be an agreement in place between the user and the municipality and water charges must be paid directly to the municipality.
2. Please note that no water shall be derived from any water resource and used on Erf 2003 for any purposes without prior approval by means of a water use authorisation in terms of section 22 of the National Water Act, 1998 (Act No. 36 of 1998).
3. The disposal of treated effluent from the sewerage treatment plant to the open environment is not allowed. There are various methods that can be used e.g. treat the wastewater and irrigate the landscapes which will trigger water use(s) in terms of section 21(e) of the National Water Act, which refers to engaging in a controlled activity or appoint a services provider to remove the wastewater and take it to the nearby wastewater treatment works facility.

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4. Any disposal or discharge of wastewater to the environment must be regulated and/or authorised, where necessary, in terms of the water uses triggered, as contemplated in section 21 of National Water Act.
5. It is recommended to use conservancy tank(s) instead of septic tanks/french drains to dispose domestic wastewater and conservancy tanks must be emptied on regular basis to prevent detrimental impacts on groundwater resources.
6. All reasonable measures shall have to be taken to prevent the potential pollution of the groundwater resources due to the proposed onsite sanitation facilities i.e. a service provider must be appointed to remove domestic wastewater from septic/conservancy tanks.
7. As required by section 22 of the National Water Act, 1998 (Act No. 36 of 1998), a Water Use Authorisation is required prior to commencement with any water use activity contemplated in section 21 of National Water Act. Moreover, commencement with any water use activity without an authorisation as required by section 22 of National Water Act constitutes an offence in terms of section 151(1) (a) of the National Water Act. In terms of section 151(2) of the National Water Act, any person who contravenes is guilty of an offence and liable, on first conviction to a fine or an imprisonment of a period not exceeding five years or both such a fine and imprisonment.
8. In light of the above, you are advised that the onus remains with the property owner to adhere to the National Water Act, prior to commencement with any water use contemplated in section 21 of National Water Act that is associated with the proposed development.
9. Kindly note that this office reserves the right to amend and revise its comments as well as to request any further information.
10. The BOCMA office can be contacted for further information related to the requirement for, or the application for a Water Use Authorisation.
11. Should you wish to apply for a water use authorisation for unregistered water uses triggered by the proposed activities, you may apply electronically by logging onto the Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) website at <http://www.dws.gov.za/e-WULAAS>.
12. Should you have further enquiries, the office can be contacted or alternatively contact Mr. SI Ndlovu at the above-mentioned contact number or on sndlovu@bocma.co.za

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Yours faithfully,

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**MR. JAN VAN STADEN
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