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Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning Directorate: Development Management, Region 3 4th Floor York Park Building 93 York Street George

Dear Mr. Naudé

NOTIFICATION OF EXTENSION OF TIME FOR THE APPLICATION FOR AMENDMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION (REF: 16/3/3/1/D1/14/0028/22 ISSUED ON 31 JULY 2024) IN TERMS OF PART 2 OF CHAPTER 5 OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT REGULATIONS, 2014 (AS AMENDED) FOR THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF A BEACHFRONT SECURITY ESTATE ON PORTION 66 & 67 OF FARM 443, PLETTENBERG BAY, WESTERN CAPE PROVINCE.

This letter serves as notification to the Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning (DEA&DP) of the extension of an additional 50-days in terms of Regulation 19(1)(b) of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations 2014, in order to provide the additional information as requested by DEA&DP on 26 September 2025, described below.

1. Section 19(b) - Application for Environmental Authorisation:

A notification in writing that the basic assessment report, inclusive of specialist reports, an EMPr, and where applicable, a closure plan, will be submitted within 140 days of receipt of the application by the competent authority, as significant changes have been made or <u>significant new information</u> has been added to the basic assessment report or EMPr which changes or information was not contained in the reports or plans consulted on during the initial public participation process contemplated in subregulation (1)(a) and that the revised reports or EMPr will be subject to another public participation process of at least 30 days.

Extension of time is required as a result of the following:

- 1. A separate Environmental Impact report as prescribed in terms of Regulation 32(1)(a) of the EIA Regulations (2014) must be submitted to the Department for review.
- 2. The Environmental Impact report must address all the minimum information requirements set out in Regulation 32(1)(b), namely that a report is submitted, reflecting
 - i. an assessment of all impacts related to the proposed change;
 - ii. advantages and disadvantages associated with the proposed change; and
 - iii. measures to ensure avoidance, management and mitigation of impacts associated with such proposed change; and
 - iv. any changes to the EMPr.
- 3. Inclusion of specialist's inputs regarding the specialist reports in terms of Regulation 32(1)(a) of the EIA Regulations for
 - Visual Impact Assessment
 - Terrestrial Biodiversity and Fauna Assessment
 - Botanical Compliance Statement
 - Freshwater Assessment

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As per the letter from the Department dated 26 September 2025, in accordance with Regulation 8(b), the competent authority (DEA&DP) must advise the proponent or applicant of any matter that may prejudice the success of an application. Through this corrective measure, an opportunity becomes available to inform the Applicant of any matter which will prejudice the success of the application. As such, the 90-day legislated period referenced in Regulation 19(1) has not lapsed.

Due to the additional information required as detailed above, we require that deadline is extended by an additional 50 days. This will greatly assist us with ensuring that all the required information and documents are included in the final submission.

A further 30-day Public Participation Process will be undertaken to allow registered I&APs to comment on the revised report/additional information. We kindly request that you confirm in writing that no further newspaper advertisement or site notice boards are required for the additional PPP as this was undertaken as detailed in the attached Comment and Response Report. The commenting period is estimated to commence on 06 October 2026 and end on 05 November 2025.

I trust you will find the above in order. Please confirm receipt and the decision in writing.

Kind Regards

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