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Our Ref: KNY652/08

DFFE Ref: 2021-06-0004

Dear Registered and Potential Interested and Affected Party

Via post / email / fax

RE: NOTIFICATION OF AVAILABILITY OF DRAFT BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF AN OFF STREAM STORAGE DAM ON PORTION 1 OF FARM 182, HOOGEKRAAL, SEDGEFIELD

You are receiving this notice because:

1. You have been identified by Cape EAPrac as a potential Stakeholder / Authority, or
2. You registered as an Interested & Affected Party (I&AP).

Cape Environmental Assessment Practitioners (Pty) Ltd. (Cape EAPrac) has been appointed by the applicant, **Swartvlei Equestrian Estate (Pty) Ltd**, as independent environmental assessment practitioner (EAP), to facilitate an application for Environmental Authorisation in terms of the National Environmental Management Act (NEMA, Act 107 of 1998) and 2014 EIA Regulations for the construction of an off stream storage dam on Portion 1 of Farm 182, Hoogekraal, Sedgefield in the Western Cape Province. This notice gives effect to Sections 24O(2) & (3) of the NEMA.

The applicant wishes to replace four existing off stream dams with one single dam with the following specifications:

- Off-stream dam of ± 3 ha on old crop fields to replace 4 existing off-stream dams;
- Storage capacity of the new dam is expected to be $\pm 106\ 000\text{m}^3$;
- The dam wall will not exceed 5m in height.

The dam will not require any additional abstraction of water from what is already authorised for the property. The activity requires the necessary Environmental Authorisation (EA) in order to commence and the national Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE) is the competent authority to consider this application. An Application for Basic Assessment (BA) has been submitted to DFFE.

As an identified stakeholder, neighbouring property owner, registered Interested & Affected Party (I&AP) or authority, you have been identified as part of the public participation process for the application.

The BA process considers the construction and operational activities in terms of the legislation applicable. As such, the following listed activity in terms of the NEMA 2014 EIA Regulations, as amended (R327) is applicable:

Activity No(s):	Basic Assessment Activity(ies) as set out in Listing Notice 1	Description
13	(i) The development of facilities or infrastructure for the off-stream storage of water, including dams and reservoirs, with a combined capacity of 50 000 cubic metres or more, unless such storage falls within the ambit of activity 16 in Listing Notice 2 of 2014.	Construction of an off-stream storage dam with a volume of $\pm 106\ 000\text{m}^3$ with a wall height of less than 5m and covering an area of ± 3 ha.

The Draft Basic Assessment Report along with all the supplementary appendices are available to all registered and potential Interested and Affected Parties (I&AP's) for a 30 day comment period extending from **20 January – 18 February 2022**.

Digital copies of the Draft Basic Assessment Report is available on the Cape EAPrac website at: www.cape-eaprac.co.za.

These documents are also available as a direct download at the link below:

<https://we.tl/t-l7T1wppYy0>

Please note: if the link expires before you are able to download the documents, please try the website link or contact this office directly.

In terms of the approved public participation plan, the following alternative mechanisms for accessing the reports are available to any I&AP's that may not have access to the digital platforms listed above, and make a request directly to this office to use the alternative options. Please contact this office to arrange alternative access.

Comments must be provided in writing on or before Friday 18 February 2022 to be included in the Final Basic Assessment Report to be submitted to DFFE for decision-making.

Comments can be submitted in writing to:

Cape EAPrac

ATT: Melissa Mackay

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Should you wish **not to receive any further information**, please inform this office in writing. Please provide this office with the names and contact details of any other persons that may have an interest in this proposal along with your own comments.

If you have any enquiries in this regard, or would like any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact this office directly.



Ms Melissa Mackay

Snr Consultant

EAPASA Registration: 2019/4446

Comment Period:

**Thursday 20 January to Friday 18 February
2022**

In the event that you or your organization have been wrongly identified as a stakeholder, or in the event that the responsibility of providing comment on this application lies with another party within your organization, either forward this notice to them or notify Cape EAPrac within one week of receiving this notice of the correct party that should be informed. Should you be aware of any relevant legislation that needs to be complied with, in addition to this process, please inform us of such as soon as possible. Should you be aware of any party that may not be able to effectively participate in this environmental process due to illiteracy, disability or any other disadvantage, please contact Cape EAPrac during office hours and we shall assist where required.