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From: Van der Walt, Cor <CorvdW@elsenburg.com>
Sent: Thursday, 15 July 2021 14:52
To: Melissa Mackay; Landuse.elsenburg; Layman, Brandon
Subject: RE: Portion 1 of Farm 182 Hoogekraal

Melissa
No AIA not necessary. We will comment on the EIA.

Groete/Kind regards

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Morning Cor

Thanks for your response, the attachments were included with the original email.

I understand that you need to see hard copies and as a commenting stakeholder you will receive the Draft BAR.

My questions here stems from the meeting with DFFE regarding specialist studies for the site and the Screening Tool which shows that Agriculture is of a High Sensitivity. Our feeling is that the dam is in furtherance of more intensive agriculture on the property and thus improves the agricultural potential of the site. As such it does not require an Agricultural Impact Assessment as indicated by the Screening Tool.

The department thus wants you guys to provide guidance on whether or not you think such a study is required.

I hope you can assist via email correspondence.

Regards

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Hi Melissa

No presentation was attached. We cannot receive more than 6MB files/attachments and also cannot access "wetransfer", dropbox" etc. We will need to understand the topography, surrounding and immediate area. Hence I think a hard copy should be made available. See message below. I know it is a "painful".

Dear Applicant

Due to Audit Regulations ensuring orderly, just and fair commenting, the following changes will take effect from 01 July 2021. This is to ensure that all services/advice provided is officially recorded and can be reported upon.

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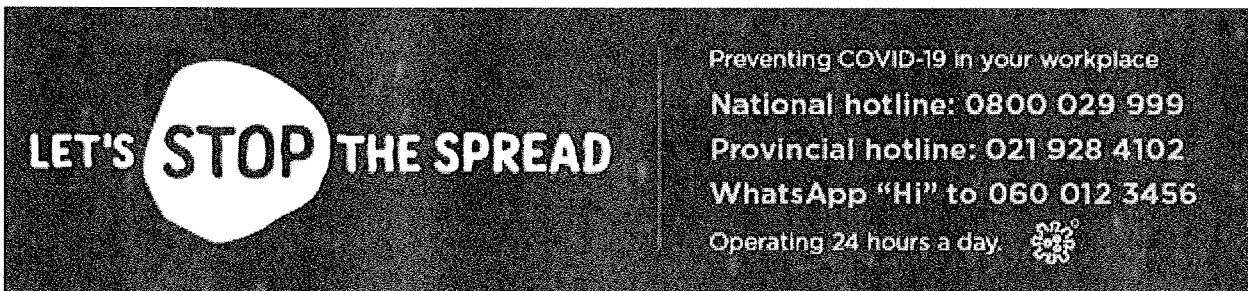
Please ensure that this office receives a hard copy of the formal application. We do not have an electronic filing system yet and cannot print applications. You can courier your application to address below, it will be received at reception within office hours 08:00 – 16:30.

Groete/Kind regards

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Importance: High

Good morning gentlemen

Please would you let me have a response to the email sent below.

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Subject: Portion 1 of Farm 182 Hoogekraal

Good afternoon Cor and Brandon

I trust this email finds you well. We are starting an EIA process for the construction of an offstream storage dam on Portion 1 of Farm 182 Hoogekraal near Sedgefield. The applicant wishes to replace four of the existing dams with one dam as the others were poorly constructed and two have already failed due to the poor material used (page 3 of the attached document shows the redundant dams in purple). The new dam will be located on old lands in an area where they have found sufficient clay. It will have a volume of approximately 106 000m³ and cover an area of ±3ha. The property previously grew seasonal crops, vegetables, lucerne etc and the owner wishes to put in 85ha of orchards (avocados and macadamias).

The project will fall under the mandate of the national Department of Forestry, Fisheries & the Environment (DFFE). According to the Screening Tool, the theme for Agriculture is High Sensitivity (see table below and attached is the full report). However this application is in support of agriculture in the area, will retain the current landuse and uses existing lands / agricultural areas for the dam and the orchards. We had a pre application meeting with them this morning, and they have requested that you provide us with correspondence confirming that an Agricultural Impact Assessment will not be necessary.

Theme	Very High sensitivity	High sensitivity	Medium sensitivity	Low sensitivity
Agriculture Theme		X		
Animal Species Theme			X	
Aquatic Biodiversity Theme	X			
Archaeological and Cultural Heritage Theme	X			
Civil Aviation Theme		X		
Defence Theme				X
Paleontology Theme			X	
Plant Species Theme				X
Terrestrial Biodiversity Theme	X			

I have attached a copy of the presentation given to DFFE this morning which includes location plans and photos of the area proposed for the dam. I would be most grateful if you could take a look and advise on the matter soonest. DFFE want your input with the Application Form.

Please feel free to contact me directly should you require any further information.

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