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**RE: APPLICATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION FOR THE REFURBISHMENT AND UPGRADE OF THE DIPHITSHI CLUSTER WATER MINI SCHEME WITHIN THE MOGALAKWENA LOCAL MUNICIPALITY OF WATERBERG DISTRICT**

The Basic Assessment Report (BAR) for consultation for the above-mentioned proposed development received on 11 July 2018 refers.

1. While the 30 day consultation period is indicated as 04 July 2018 to 02 August 2018, the Department only received the application on 11 July 2018. The due date for comments is considered to be 13 August 2018.
2. It is required that for the application for the expansion/upgrade of an existing activity, the status in terms of environmental legislation of the existing development/infrastructure be indicated and verified. The identification of site alternatives has limitations when an application is for the expansion of an existing activities situated within Critical Biodiversity Area.
3. The geographical coordinates for the site/s where listed activities are proposed and applied for must be indicated in the application form. Based on the site visit conducted on 31 July 2018, the Department is of the opinion that activity 16e.(ff) of Listing Notice 3 of the EIA Regulations is applicable to the project. While the Booster pump station site where a 440m<sup>3</sup> reservoir is proposed in addition to existing reservoirs (water storage tanks) is more than 5km away from the Masebe Nature Reserve, it is situated within a Critical Biodiversity Area level 2.
4. With the application for Environmental Authorisation (EA) only being submitted in July 2018, it should have been possible to address concerns with regards to seasonal aspect in the limitations identified in the Biodiversity Assessment dated May 2017. It is noted that the Limpopo Environmental Management Act (LEMA), 2003 (Act No 7 of 2003) and species included in it schedules on protected species are relevant due to the occurrence of such protected species.

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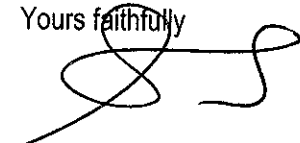
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5. The layout plan of the new pump station for the sand pit pump station adjacent to the Mogalakwena River seems to be located on the position where a Leadwood tree (*Combretum imberbe*) that is protected in terms of the National Forests Act, 1998 (Act No 84 of 1998) stands according to observation during site visit on 31 July 2018. Unless an alternative layout can be considered, it is required to include consultation with the authority if the trees will be disturbed. The site layout for the booster pump station must take into consideration the Tamboti trees (*Spirostachys africana*) protected in terms of the LEMA. The layout for the sand pit station doesn't include any new sand pit referred to in the application form.
6. Bring to the attention of the applicant the fact that this development must not commence prior to the Department deciding on the application.

Please do not hesitate to contact the Department should you have any queries in this respect.

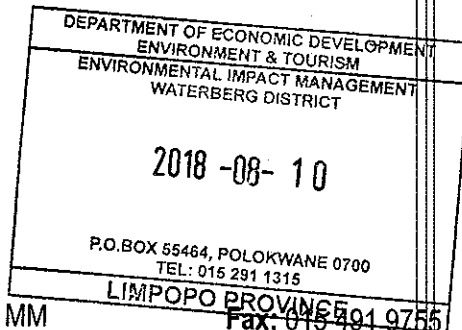
Yours faithfully



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