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Attention : Ayanda Ngcobo
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Dear Sir / Madam

APPLICATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION FOR THE PROPOSED ESTABLISHMENT OF A MIX USE HUMAN SETTLEMENT DEVELOPMENT IN DIRKIESDORP WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF MKHONDO LOCAL MUNICIPALITY: MPUMALANGA PROVINCE

The above matter refers:

The Department has received the final Scoping Report which was submitted on the 01 August 2016. However the Department requests you to address the following concerns first before continuing to the Environmental Impact Assessment Stage / Process:

1. You are requested to look for an alternative site based on the following findings by the Department and the objections received from the Mpumalanga Tourism and Parks Agency:
 - i. The site falls within Critical Biodiversity Area (CBA Irreplaceable) in terms of the Terrestrial Assessment of the Mpumalanga Biodiversity Sector Plan.
 - ii. The grassland forms part of the KaNgwane Montane Grassland and Wakkerstroom Montane Grassland and it is protected in terms of NEM:BA in terms of the Vegmap of the Mpumalanga Biodiversity Sector Plan.
 - iii. According to Mpumalanga Biodiversity Sector Plan Freshwater Assessment the site has important sub-catchments which are part of the Ecological Support Area (ESA).
2. Should you have any queries with this letter, please do not hesitate to contact the abovementioned Officer. Please draw the applicant's attention to the fact that the activity may not commence prior to an environmental authorisation being granted by the Department.

Yours sincerely,

Ms. D.T. Mahlaku-Mahlalela
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Date: 14/09/2016

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