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Dear Sir

**THE ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL OFFICER (“ECO”) AUDIT REPORT: THE PROPOSED EXPANSION OF THE HEMEL AND AARDE WELLFIELD ON PORTION 3 OF FARM NO. 585 AND PORTION 1 AND THE REMAINDER OF FARM NO. 586, HERMANUS.**

1. The ECO audit report dated 14 March 2024 and received by this Directorate on 28 March 2024, refers.
2. This letter serves as an acknowledgement of receipt of the ECO audit report and to provide comment on the report.
3. Based on the audit findings for borehole HAV1 and T4/5, no major issues of non-compliance have been identified by the ECO. However, the site's rehabilitation is inadequate. Recommendations have been made by the ECO that must be implemented. The implementation of the recommendations must be reported on in the next Audit. The audit report must clearly stipulate whether the specific conditions of the EA and/or the Environmental Management Programme have been complied with. **Non-compliance with any of the said conditions will result in the referral of the matter to the Directorate: Law Enforcement for further investigation and action.**
4. This Directorate notes the ECO's effort towards ensuring compliance with the Environmental Management Programme (“EMPr”) and the conditions of the EA.
5. We look forward to receiving your co-operation in ensuring continuous compliance with the conditions of the EA and the EMPr.
6. Be advised that the Department may conduct compliance site audits as deemed necessary.
7. Kindly quote the abovementioned reference number in any future correspondence in respect of the application.

8. This Department reserves the right to revise initial comments and request further information based on any new or revised information received.
9. Thank you for your interest in the future of our environment.

Yours faithfully

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