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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 received by this Directorate on 4 June 2025, 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 the following issues of non-compliance have been identified in the audit report dated May 2025:
 - 3.1. No drip trays are placed beneath the generator and crane truck;
 - 3.2. Working areas are not properly demarcated;
 - 3.3. Toilets are not properly secured;
 - 3.4. Topsoil is not covered where required and topsoil is not removed along the required pipeline routes; and
 - 3.5. Litter was not appropriately cleared at the HAV1 drilling site.
4. Recommendations have been made by the ECO to rectify the above issues of non-compliance and must be implemented. The implementation of the recommendations must be reported on in the next Audit. **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.**
5. This Directorate notes the ECO's effort towards ensuring compliance with the Environmental Management Programme ("EMPr") and the conditions of the EA.
6. We look forward to receiving your co-operation in ensuring continuous compliance with the conditions of the EA and the EMPr.
7. Be advised that the Department may conduct compliance site audits as deemed necessary.

8. Kindly quote the abovementioned reference number in any future correspondence in respect of the ECO audit report
9. This Directorate reserves the right to revise initial comments and request further information based on any new or revised information received.
10. Thank you for your interest in the future of our environment.

Yours faithfully

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