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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 reports received by this Directorate on 11 August 2025 and 8 September 2025, respectively, refers.
2. This letter serves as an acknowledgement of receipt of the ECO audit reports and to provide comment on the reports.
3. Based on the audit findings the following issues of non-compliance have been identified in the audit report dated 31 July 2025:
 - 3.1. Environmental induction training of new contractor was not done;
 - 3.2. Drip trays are full of rain water;
 - 3.3. Stockpiles are placed outside demarcated areas;;
 - 3.4. Topsoil not sufficiently covered;
 - 3.5. The site is not kept neat and tidy;
 - 3.6. The barrier tape along the pipeline route is missing in some locations;
 - 3.7. A leaking excavator is kept on site; and
 - 3.8. An excavator drove in the 'no-go' areas.

4. It is noted that some of the non-compliance issues highlighted in the ECO report dated 31 July 2025 were not rectified, as they were again raised in the ECO report dated 28 August 2025. These issues pertain to the following:
 - 4.1. Stockpiles are placed outside demarcated areas;
 - 4.2. Topsoil not sufficiently covered; and
 - 4.3. The site is not kept neat and tidy.
5. It is further noted that various issues of non-compliance were identified in the ECO Report dated 28 August 2025 which includes the following:
 - 5.1. Sufficient bins are not available on site;
 - 5.2. Hydrocarbons and hazardous substances are not being stored appropriately on site;
 - 5.3. Concrete mixing is taking place directly on the ground; and
 - 5.4. Cement bags are not being stored appropriately.
6. Recommendations have been made by the ECO to rectify the above issues of non-compliance. The recommendations must be implemented, and all issues of non-compliance must be rectified. This 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.**
7. This Directorate notes the ECO's effort towards ensuring compliance with the Environmental Management Programme ("EMPr") and the conditions of the EA.
8. We look forward to receiving your co-operation in ensuring continuous compliance with the conditions of the EA and the EMPr.
9. Be advised that this Directorate may conduct compliance site audits as deemed necessary.
10. Kindly quote the abovementioned reference number in any future correspondence in respect of the ECO audit report.
11. This Directorate reserves the right to revise initial comments and request further information based on any new or revised information received.
12. Thank you for your interest in the future of our environment.

Yours faithfully

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