

13 February 2026

Our ref: 1680/JJ/mts

To whom it may concern

Dear Registered Interested and Affected Party (I&AP):

NOTIFICATION: ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION IN TERMS OF THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT ACT (ACT 107 OF 1998): ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT REGULATIONS (2014) FOR THE PROPOSED AQUA FARMING DROOGFONTEIN PIVOT, IN THE SOL PLAATJE LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE, SOUTH AFRICA.

Notice is given in terms of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations (Government Notice R982 as amended, promulgated under the National Environmental Management (Act 107 of 1998-NEMA), that the above-mentioned project was granted an Environmental Authorisation (Authorisation reference number NC/EIA/04/FB/SOL/KIM2/2025) on the 10th of February 2026 by the Northern Cape Department of Agriculture, Environmental Affairs, Rural Development, and Land Reform for the following:

- Environmental Authorisation (EA) in accordance with the NEMA- Listed activity:
 - GN R984 (2014, as amended): Activity 15 (clearance of more than 20 hectares of indigenous vegetation).
 - GN R984 (2014, as amended): Activity 15 (The development of a dam where the highest part of the dam wall, as measured from the outside toe of the wall to the highest part of the wall, is 5 meters or higher or where the high-water mark of the dam covers an area of 10 hectares or more.)
 - NEMA GN R985 (2014, as amended): Activity 12 (The clearance of an area of 300 square metres or more of indigenous vegetation except where such clearance of indigenous vegetation is required for maintenance purposes undertaken in accordance with a maintenance management plan; within critical biodiversity areas identified in bioregional plans.)

The reasons for the decision provided by the competent authority are provided as an attachment hereto. A copy of the decision and Environmental Authorisation (EA) is available upon request from EIMS at the details provided below:

- Contact Person: Mbali Tshabalala
- EIMS Reference Number: 1680
- Postal Address: P.O. Box 2083; Pinetown; 2123
- Telephone: (011) 789 7170
- Fax: (086) 571 9047
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Please include the project reference number **1680** in all correspondence.

Should you wish to Appeal any aspect of the decision, an appeal may be lodged against the decision in terms of the National Appeal Regulations, 2025 (Government Notice R5985/2025) within 20 calendar days¹ of the date of this notification and must be submitted in writing in the prescribed appeal form obtainable from the relevant appeal administrator.

An extract from Chapter 2 of the National Appeals Regulations is presented below for your convenience

4(1) An appellant must submit an appeal—

- (a) within 20 calendar days from the date that the decision is sent by the decision-maker, or, where applicable, by the applicant to registered interested and affected parties; or*
- (b) within 30 calendar days from the date that the decision is received, where the appeal is submitted in terms of section 43(8) of the Act.*

4(2) The appellant must submit the appeal—

- (a) to the appeal administrator;*
- (b) to the applicant, where the appellant is not the applicant; and*
- (c) where applicable, to any registered interested and affected party where the appellant is the applicant.*

4(3) An appeal submitted in terms of sub-regulation (1) must

- (a) be in writing;*
- (b) be in the form obtainable from the relevant website of the appeal authority;*
- (c) include supporting documentation, which is referred to in the appeal; and*
- (d) include proof of payment of a non-refundable appeal fee, if prescribed.*

Should any person wish to lodge an appeal against this decision, he/she must submit the appeal to the appeal administrator, and a copy of the appeal to the applicant, any registered interested and affected party, and any organ of state with interest in the matter. An appeal, including any supporting documentation, must be submitted in writing to the Appeals Administrator whose contact details are presented below:

Attention: The Member of the Executive Council, Ministry Department of Agriculture, Environmental Affairs, Rural Development, and Land Reform

By Facsimile: (053) 8077328

By Post: Private Bag X 6102, Kimberley, 8300

Or

By Hand: 90 Long Street, Kimberley, 8300

Please feel free to contact the undersigned if you have any queries or concerns.

Kind Regards,

EIMS Public Participation Team

¹ When a period of days must in terms of these Regulations be reckoned from or after a particular day, that period must be reckoned as from the start of the day following that particular day to the end of the last day of the period. If the last day of the period falls on a Saturday, Sunday or public holiday, that period must be extended to the end of the next day which is not a Saturday, Sunday or public holiday. The period of 15 December to 5 January, as well as any public holidays must be excluded in the reckoning of days.

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Aan wie dit mag aangaan

Geagte Geregistreerde Belangstellende en Geaffekteerde Party (B&GP):

KENNISGEWING: OMGEWINGSMAGTIGING INGEVOLGE DIE NASIONALE OMGEWINGSBESTUURSWET (WET 107 VAN 1998): OMGEWINGSIMPAKASSESSERINGSREGULASIES (2014) VIR DIE VOORGESTELDE AQUA FARMING DROOGFONTEIN SPILPUNT, IN DIE SOL PLAATJE PLAASLIKE MUNISIPALITEIT, NOORD-KAAPPROVINSIE, SUID-AFRIKA.

Kennisgewing word gegee ingevolge die Omgewingsimpakassesserings (OIA) Regulasies (Regeringskennisgewing R982 soos gewysig, afgekondig kragtens die Nasionale Omgewingsbestuur (Wet 107 van 1998-NEMA), dat bogenoemde projek op 10 Februarie 2026 'n Omgewingsmagtiging (Magtigingsverwysingsnommer NC/EIA/04/FB/SOL/KIM2/2025) deur die Noord-Kaapse Departement van Landbou toegestaan is, Omgewingsake, Landelike Ontwikkeling en Grondhervorming vir die volgende:

- Omgewingsmagtiging (OM) in ooreenstemming met die NEMA- Gelyste aktiwiteit:
 - GN R984 (2014, soos gewysig): Aktiwiteit 15 (verwydering van meer as 20 hektaar inheemse plantegroei).
 - GN R984 (2014, soos gewysig): Aktiwiteit 15 (Die ontwikkeling van 'n dam waar die hoogste deel van die dammuur, soos gemeet van die buitekant van die muur tot die hoogste deel van die muur, 5 meter of hoër is of waar die hoogwatermerk van die dam 'n oppervlakte van 10 hektaar of meer beslaan.)
 - NEMA GN R985 (2014, soos gewysig): Aktiwiteit 12 (Die ontruiming van 'n area van 300 vierkante meter of meer inheemse plantegroei, behalwe waar sodanige verwydering van inheemse plantegroei vereis word vir instandhoudingsdoeleindes wat volgens 'n instandhoudingsbestuursplan uitgevoer word; binne kritieke biodiversiteitsgebiede wat in biostreekplanne geïdentifiseer is.)

Die redes vir die besluit wat deur die bevoegde owerheid verskaf is, word as 'n aanhangsel hieraan verskaf. 'n Afskrif van die besluit en Omgewingsmagtiging (OM) is op versoek beskikbaar by EIMS by die onderstaande:

- Kontakpersoon: Mbali Tshabalala
- EIMS Verwysingsnommer: 1680
- Posadres: Posbus 2083; Pinegowrie; 2123
- Telefoon: (011) 789 7170
- Faks: (086) 571 9047
- E-pos: aqua@eims.co.za

Sluit asseblief die projekverwysingsnommer **1680** in alle korrespondensie in.

Indien u enige aspek van die besluit wil appelleer, kan 'n appèl teen die besluit ingevolge die Nasionale Appèlregulasies, 2025 (Regeringskennisgewing R5985/2025) binne 20 kalenderdae¹ vanaf die datum van hierdie kennisgewing ingedien word en moet skriftelik ingedien word in die voorgeskrewe appèlvorm wat van die betrokke appèladministrateur verkry kan word.

'n Uittreksel uit Hoofstuk 2 van die Nasionale Appèlregulasies word hieronder aangebied vir jou gerief

4(1) 'n Appellant moet 'n appèl indien—

- (a) binne 20 kalenderdae vanaf die datum waarop die besluit deur die besluitnemer gestuur word, of, waar van toepassing, deur die aansoeker aan geregistreerde belanghebbendes en geraakte partye; of*
- (b) binne 30 kalenderdae vanaf die datum waarop die besluit ontvang is, waar die appèl ingevolge artikel 43(8) van die Wet ingedien word.*

4(2) Die appellant moet die appèl indien—

- (a) aan die appèladministrateur;*
- (b) aan die aplikant, waar die appellant nie die aplikant is nie; en*
- (c) waar van toepassing, op enige geregistreerde belanghebbende en geraakte party waar die appellant die aansoeker is.*

4(3) 'n Appèl ingedien ingevolge subregulasie (1) moet

- (a) skriftelik wees;*
- (b) in die vorm verkrygbaar is vanaf die relevante webwerf van die appèlgesag;*
- (c) sluit ondersteunende dokumentasie in, waarna in die appèl verwys word; en*
- (d) Sluit bewys in van betaling van 'n nie-terugbetaalbare appèlfooi, indien voorgeskryf.*

Indien iemand 'n appèl teen hierdie besluit wil indien, moet hy/sy die appèl aan die appèladministrateur voorlê, en 'n afskrif van die appèl aan die aansoeker, enige geregistreerde belanghebbende en geraakte party, en enige staatsorgaan met belang in die saak. 'n Appèl, insluitend enige ondersteunende dokumentasie, moet skriftelik aan die Appèladministrateur ingedien word, wie se kontakbesonderhede hieronder aangebied word:

Aandag: Die Lid van die Uitvoerende Raad, Ministerie Departement van Landbou, Omgewingsake, Landelike Ontwikkeling en Grondhervorming

Per faksimilee: (053) 8077328

Per pos: Private Sak X 6102, Kimberley, 8300

Of

Met die Hand: 90 Longstraat, Kimberley, 8300

Kontak gerus die ondertekende as u enige navrae of bekommernisse het.

Vriendelike groete

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¹ Wanneer 'n tydperk van dae volgens hierdie Regulasies vanaf of na 'n bepaalde dag getel moet word, moet daardie tydperk gereken word as vanaf die begin van die dag na daardie spesifieke dag tot die einde van die laaste dag van die tydperk. As die laaste dag van die tydperk op 'n Saterdag, Sondag of openbare vakansiedag val, moet daardie tydperk verleng word tot die einde van die volgende dag wat nie 'n Saterdag, Sondag of openbare vakansiedag is nie. Die tydperk van 15 Desember tot 5 Januarie, sowel as enige openbare vakansiedae, moet uitgesluit word in die telling van dae.

