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Dear Mr Rhode

APPLICATION FOR THE AMENDMENT OF THE APPEAL ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION GRANTED FOR THE CITY OF CAPE TOWN BULK WATER AUGMENTATION SCHEME, MULDESVLEI COMPONENT

Your application for the amendment of the Appeal Environmental Authorisation ("EA") refers.

By virtue of the powers conferred on me by the 2014 EIA Regulations (Government Notice No. R. 326 in Government Gazette No. 40772 of 7 April 2017), I have decided to amend the last paragraph of the LIST OF ACTIVITIES AUTHORISED" on page 7 of 24 of the EA granted on 30 January 2013 and the EMP which was approved in the conditions of the amended Appeal EA, applied for in the amendment application to read as follows:-

1. LIST OF ACTIVITIES AUTHORISED

The entire development will be undertaken in two overlapping phases. The reservoir and its links to the Wemmershoek pipeline will be constructed first, followed by the construction of the water treatment plant and its pipelines from Dasbos to Spes Bona.

The preferred Route Alternative from WA2 to M1 on the attached site development plans submitted as part of the amendment application which was authorised in the Appeal EA is amended to run from the N1 (at point WA3 on the attached site development plans) and along the eastern boundary of the Hoopenberg

Farm property until it reaches the dirt road (point B on the attached site development plan submitted with the amendment application).

From point B on the attached site development submitted with the amendment application the pipeline will turn west and run along the southern boundary of the dirt road until it joins the original route at point M1 on the attached site development plans submitted with the amendment application.

2. AMENDMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAMME ("EMP")

The aerial image which depicts the initial pipeline route on page 15 of the EMP is replaced with an aerial image showing the new pipeline route, attached hereto.

The wording of the first bullet point at the top of page 16 of the EMP is changed as follows in order to make it more relevant to the proposed new route: "*Avoid bisecting or encroaching on vineyards and tunnel farming infrastructure.*"

1. REASONS FOR THE DECISION:

Find below the reasons to amend the Amended Appeal EA:

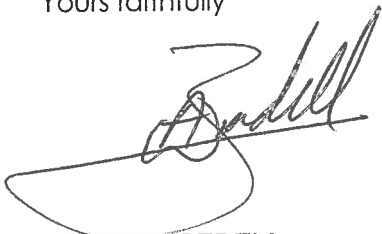
- i. The preferred Route Alternative approved in the Appeal EA on 16 September 2013 and was for the route from WA2 to M1 of the attached site developments submitted as part of the amendment application. However, the property has since been sold and the new owner was not aware of the EA or the intention of the holder of the Appeal EA i.e. to place the water pipeline across the property. The new owner plans to establish several organic farming tunnels on the site for the purpose of producing berries. The approved alternative will cross through the area where the tunnels will be constructed and where some of the tunnels have already been constructed as per the attached site development plan submitted as part of the amendment application.
- ii. It is not feasible to place the pipeline underneath the tunnels as this will result in a very costly and complicated process when pipeline maintenance has to be undertaken. If the pipeline route remains the same, the new property owner will either not be able to construct tunnels in this area of the farm or the tunnels will have to be removed during any future maintenance activities of the pipeline.
- iii. The granting of the proposed amendments is not likely to adversely affect the environment or the rights or interests of other parties. Therefore, no public participation process is required for the proposed amendment. During the original EIA process the part of the proposed route along the dirt road (from point of B to M1 of the proposed route alternative contained in the site development plan submitted as part of the amendment application) was assessed for the placement of the of raw water pipeline.

Although this route will cross a wetland and run in close proximity to a second wetland, the impacts of this route on the wetlands have already been assessed. In addition, a raw water pipeline will cross the same wetland and will be in close proximity to the same wetland as originally authorised in this Appeal EA.

- iv. The EMP which was approved in the conditions of the Amended Appeal EA is required to ensure that:
 - a. The aerial image which depicts the initial pipeline route on page 15 of the EMP is replaced with an aerial image showing the new pipeline route.
 - b. The wording of the first bullet point at the top of page 16 of the EMP is changed as follows in order to make it more relevant to the proposed new route: "*Avoid bisecting or encroaching on vineyards and tunnel farming infrastructure.*"
- v. The proposed amendments will not change the scope of a valid EA nor increase the level or nature of the impact, which impact was initially assessed and considered when application was made for the original authorisation.
- vi. No new activities are triggered by the proposed amendments in terms of the 2014 EIA Regulations (Government Notice No. R. 324, R. 325 and R. 327 in Government Gazette No. 40772 of 7 April 2017) promulgated in terms of the NEMA.

Your interest in the future of our environment is appreciated.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Anton Bredehl', with a large, stylized flourish underneath.

**ANTON BREDELL
PROVINCIAL MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT,
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