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Dear Madam

APPLICATION FOR AN AMENDMENT OF THE 2010 ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAMME CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL FOR DE BEERS CONSOLIDATED MINES (PTY) LTD (HEREIN REFERRED AS COMPANY) OPERATION LODGED IN TERMS OF SECTION 31 OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESMENT REGULATIONS, 2014 (HEREIN REFERRED TO AS THE "EIA REGULATIONS") IN RESPECT OF FARM VOORSPOED 2480 (CONSOLIDATION OF SUBDIVISION 1 OF THE FARM VOORSPOED 401, SUBDIVISION 1 OF THE FARM GELDENHUYS 1477 AND SUBDIVISION 2 OF THE FARM MORGENSTER 772), VOORSPOED 401, GELDENHUYS 1477 AND MORGENSTER 772, SITUATED MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT OF KROONSTAD: FREE STATE REGION.

Reference is made to the EA granted to you on **17 February 2020**, an appeal lodged by your company against certain conditions of the granted Environmental Authorisation, the meeting held on **5 August 2020** in respect of an application for an amendment of the 2010 Environmental Management Programme with its conditions, our letter dated **02 September 2020**, the appeal outcome communicated to the Department of Mineral Resources and Energy (DMRE) via email on **26 January 2023** by the appeal competent authority and the EMPr submitted to the Department on 13 June 2023.

1. The review of the report revealed that during the public participation process the Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) consulted the Department of Water and Sanitation in relation to the amendment application.
2. The Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) commented in writing and the comments were forwarded via email to your Environmental Assessment Practitioner (GCS Water and Environmental Consultant) on **20 June 2023** for consideration and the Department of Mineral Resources and Energy (DMRE) was also copied on that email (*see attached email*).
3. To comply with section 24O of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998, the Department of Mineral Resources and Energy (DMRE) consulted the Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS), and the comments were received on **20 September 2023**. The comments received by this Department and your EAP were reviewed and it was established that the recommendations are the same.
4. Amongst other recommendations, the Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) recommended on item 4 of the letter that **“a Geotechnical study must be conducted to determine the pit stability for all the scenarios outlined in the geochemical report as option 1, Alternatively, the Department of Mineral Resources and Energy must proceed to process the application based on the available information as another option”**.
5. Up to date, there is no proof that such studies were conducted and submitted to this Department and or the Department of Water and Sanitation. It is on that basis that this Department is requesting your company to address the DWS recommendations before the finalisation of this application.
6. You are afforded an opportunity to comply with the request outlined on the attached letter **on or before 27th of November 2023**. Failure to submit such report to all departments, it will compel this Department to take a decision based on the available information.

7. If you have any query relating to this correspondence, please contact the official stipulated above.

Yours faithfully



K. KEWUTI

REGIONAL MANAGER: MINERAL AND PETROLEUM REGULATION

FREE STATE REGION

DATE 29/09/2023

Please quote this office file number as reference for any correspondence regarding this application.