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GDARD Reference: Gaut 002/08-09 N0772

Our Reference: Avianto Mixed-use Development

Dear Ms Mokoena,

PROPOSED AVIANTO ESTATE MIXED-USE DEVELOPMENT ON VARIOUS PORTIONS OF THE FARM DRIEFONTEIN 179 IQ AND PORTION 172 OF RIETVALLEI 180 IQ IN MOGALE CITY LOCAL MUNICIPALITY: UPDATE ON THE STATUS OF THE EIA APPLICATION

We refer to the correspondence received from your department on 2 August 2010. The memorandum referred to in the letter was in respect of the DFA Application which the proponents have submitted in terms of the Development Facilitation Act, 1995. The DFA process is separate from the EIA. In terms of that process, and at the behest of the Applicant, a letter of motivation/support may be issued if deemed appropriate by the Municipality. Should the department intend to issue comments such a letter should be provided in time for the DFA Tribunal Hearing which is scheduled for 23 September 2010.

Tholoana Consulting is tasked with undertaking the Environmental Impact Assessment in order to comply with the EIA Regulations 2010. We confirm that the Proponents are committed to complying with the Integrated Environmental Management section's guidelines and procedures for the protection of wetlands and ridges as per the National Water Act, 1998 and Provincial Guidelines for development on ridges (2003). As the development will still be subject to an Environmental Authorisation from the Gauteng Department of Agriculture and Rural Development, we have no objection to the department issuing any positive comments on the application for the DFA Hearing.

In terms of the EIA process, a Public Meeting took place on 21 August 2010. We are now in the process of finalising the Draft EIA Report. As the local authority, your office will be provided with a copy of the draft EIA Report and afforded an opportunity to comment once the report is released for public comment.

We trust that this status update will be of benefit to you.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Woghiren', with a circular mark at the beginning of the first letter.

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