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The Director
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Dear Sir

APPLICATION IN TERMS OF THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT ACT, 1998 (ACT NO. 107 OF 1998) AND THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT REGULATIONS, 2014 (AS AMENDED) FOR THE PART 1 AMENDMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION ISSUED BY THIS DEPARTMENT ON 22 NOVEMBER 2010 (REF. NO. E12/2/3/1-F4/19-0554/08) FOR THE UPGRADE OF THE WEST POINT FISH PROCESSING PLANT ON PORTION 3 OF ERF 1097, ST HELENA BAY.

- 1. With reference to the above application, the Department hereby notifies you of its decision to **grant** an amendment of the Environmental Authorisation, attached herewith, together with the reasons for the decision.
- 2. In terms of Regulation 4 of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014 (as amended), you are instructed to ensure, within 14 days of the date of the decision on the application, that all registered interested and affected parties ("I&APs") are provided with access to the decision and reasons for the decision, and that all registered I&APs are notified of their right to appeal.
- 3. Your attention is drawn to Chapter 2 of the National Appeal Regulations, 2025, which prescribes the appeal procedure to be followed. This procedure is summarised in the amended Environmental Authorisation below.

Yours faithfully

MR. ZAAHIR TOEFY

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AMENDED ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION

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With reference to your application, find below the amendment to the Environmental Authorisation in respect of this application.

A. BACKGROUND

- 1. An Environmental Authorisation ("EA") was issued by this Department on 22 November 2010 for the proposed upgrade of the West Point Fish Processing Plant on Portion 3 of Erf 1097, St Helena Bay (Ref. No. E12/2/3/1-F4/19-0554/08).
- 2. An amended EA was issued by this Department on 07 July 2016 to revise the project description (Ref. No. 16/3/3/5/F4/20/3035/16).
- 3. An amendment application was received by this Department via electronic mail correspondence on 05 June 2025. Based on the information contained in the application for amendment of the EA (Ref. No. E12/2/3/1-F4/19-0554/08), the proposed amendment entails the inclusion of fish material (off-cuts and trimmings) from frozen or fresh demersal fish into the existing processes.

B. DECISION

By virtue of the powers conferred on it by the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) ("NEMA") and the Environmental Impact Assessment ("EIA") Regulations, 2014 (as amended), the Department hereby **grants** the amendment to the Environmental Authorisation ("EA") issued by this Department on 22 November 2010 (Ref. No. E12/2/3/1-F4/19-0554/08) in terms of Part 1 of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended). The EA (Ref. No. E12/2/3/1-F4/19-0554/08) (attached as Appendix A) is amended as set out below:

1. All reference to "pelagic fish" is herewith replaced with "pelagic fish and/or demersal fish".

C. REASONS FOR THE DECISION:

In reaching its decision, the Department took, inter alia, the following into consideration:

1. The information contained in the application for the amendment dated and received by this Department on 05 June 2025.

- 2. The application for an amendment to the EA (Ref. No. E12/2/3/1-F4/19-0554/08) is considered as a Part 1 amendment in terms of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended) due to the following:
 - 2.1. Although the scope of the EA (Ref. No. E12/2/3/1-F4/19-0554/08) will change, the proposed amendment will not result in an increased level or change in the nature of impact.
 - 2.2. The input provided by DDA Environmental Engineers (air quality specialist) dated 13 March 2025 indicated that introduction of this fish material to the processing facility will not increase the plant's capacity, and the facility will operate within the approved capacity range.
 - 2.3. The EA (Ref. No. E12/2/3/1-F4/19-0554/08) is still similarly listed in terms of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended), as follows:
 - 2.3.1. Activities 3, 19(A), 38 and 55 of Listing Notice 1 of the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended).
 - 2.4. The introduction of this fish material to the existing processing facility will not increase the existing plant throughput capacity or the developed footprint.
- 3. The environment and the rights and interests of interested and affected parties are not likely to be adversely affected by this decision.
- 4. All other conditions contained in the EA (Ref. No. E12/2/3/1-F4/19-0554/08) remain unchanged and in force.

D. CONDITIONS

- 1. The holder must in writing, within 14 (fourteen) calendar days of the date of this decision-
 - 1.1. Notify all registered interested and affected parties ("I&APs") of -
 - 1.1.1. the outcome of the application;
 - 1.1.2. the reasons for the decision as included in Section B;
 - 1.1.3. the date of the decision; and
 - 1.1.4. the date when the decision was issued.
 - 1.2. Draw the attention of all registered I&APs to the fact that an appeal may be lodged against the decision in terms of the National Appeal Regulations, 2025 detailed in Section D below;
 - 1.3. Draw the attention of all registered I&APs to the manner in which they may access the decision; and
 - 1.4. Provide the registered I&APs with:
 - 1.4.1. the name of the holder (entity) of this Environmental Authorisation;
 - 1.4.2. name of the responsible person for this Environmental Authorisation;
 - 1.4.3. postal address of the holder;
 - 1.4.4. telephonic and fax details of the holder;
 - 1.4.5. e-mail address, if any, of the holder; and
 - 1.4.6. the contact details (postal and/or physical address, contact number, facsimile and e-mail address) of the decision-maker and all registered I&APs in the event that an appeal is lodged in terms of the National Appeal Regulations, 2025.

E. APPEALS

Appeals must comply the National Appeal Regulations, 2025 (Government Notice No. R. 5985 in Government Gazette No. 52269 of 13 March 2025. Please note the provisions of Regulation 1(2) & (3) of the National Appeal Regulations, 2025 when calculating the period of days.

- 1. The holder (applicant) of this decision must submit an appeal to the Appeal Administrator, any registered Interested and Affected Parties (I&AP's) and the decision maker (Competent Authority who issued the decision) within **20 calendar** days from the date this decision was sent by the decision maker.
- 2. The I&AP's (not the holder of this decision) must submit an appeal to the Appeal Administrator, the holder (applicant) of the decision and the decision maker within **20 calendar days** from the date this decision was sent to the registered I&AP's by the holder (applicant) of the decision.
- 3. All appeals submitted must:
 - a. be in writing in the appeal form obtainable from the Departmental website;
 - b. include supporting documents referred to in the appeal; and
 - c. include proof of payment of the prescribed non-refundable appeal fee, if prescribed.
- 4. The holder (applicant) of the decision must:
 - a. notify registered I&AP's and affected organs of state of any appeal received, and make the appeal available to them, within **5 calendar days** after the 20-day appeal period ends.
 - b. notify registered I&AP's and affected organs of state of any appeal received, and make the appeal available to them, within 5 calendar days after the 20-day appeal period ends.
- 5. The applicant, where applicable, the decision-maker, or any person notified under regulation 4 of the National Appeal Regulations, 2025 may submit a Responding Statement within **20 calendar days** from the date they received the appeal, in the form obtainable from the Department website to the Appeal Administrator and to the appellant, where the appellant is not the applicant
- 6. Appeals, Responding Statements and supporting documents must be submitted to the Appeal Administrator by means of one of the following methods:
 - a. Bv e-mail:

DEADP.Appeals@westerncape.gov.za or

b. By hand where that person submitting does not hold an electronic mail account:

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Note: You are also requested to submit an electronic copy (Microsoft Word format) of the appeal, responding statement and any supporting documents to the Appeal Administrator via email or to the address listed above.

A prescribed appeal form, responding statement form as well as assistance regarding the appeal processes is obtainable from the relevant website of the appeal authority: http://www.westerncape.gov.za/eadp or the office of the Minister at: Tel. (021) 483 3721 or email DEADP.Appeals@westerncape.gov.za.

F. DISCLAIMER

The Western Cape Government, the Local Authority, committees or any other public authority or organisation appointed in terms of the conditions of this environmental authorisation shall not be responsible for any damages or losses suffered by the holder, developer or his/her successor in any instance where construction or operation subsequent to construction is temporarily or permanently stopped for reasons of non-compliance with the conditions as set out herein or any other subsequent document or legal action emanating from this decision.

Your interest in the environment is greatly appreciated.

Yours faithfully

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APPENDIX A

A copy of the Environmental Authorisation issued by this Department on 22 November 2010 (Ref. No. E12/2/3/1-F4/19-0554/08).

APPENDIX B

A copy of the amended Environmental Authorisation issued by this Department on 07 July 2016 (Ref. No. E12/2/3/1-F4/19-0554/08).