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## RE: DRAFT BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORT FOR THE MACCORKINDALE POULTRY FARM EXPANSION.

### 1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 This serves as comments in response to the Draft Basic Assessment report for the Maccorkindale poultry farm Expansion, submitted in terms of the Environmental impact assessment regulations, 2014 promulgated in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998(Act No. 107 of 1998).
- 1.2 This application is for Environmental Authorization subject to Notices 1 or 3, 2014 for listed activity (Government Notices No. R983 or No. R 985 dated 8 December 2014); or Waste Management Licence for an activity that is listed in terms of section 20(b) of the National Environmental Management: Waste Act, 2008 (Act No. 59 of 2008).

### 2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 A similar application for the proposed expansion foot print for MacCorkindale Farms for the development of a chicken waste pelleting plant with a capacity to handle waste from production operation and a new pack shed was approved according to the letter dated 20/10/2015.
- 2.2 The current application affect portion 11 of the Farm MacCorkindale's Grant No. 1810 which 4.3240 Ha in extent, comprising of four rearing houses and, the Farm Rencken No. 17364 (previously known as Rem of Lot W No. 2891), 4.2313 Ha in extent and their ancillary activities. A proposal is forwarded for the above properties to develop two additional rearing houses respectively, with associated infrastructural services on application sites and a total foot print of 4000 m<sup>2</sup> for both Farms.
- 2.3 The applicant site, rearing Farm situated on portion 11 of the Farm MacCorkindale's Grant No.1810 is located west of the N2 and immediately south of District Road P111 approximately 1Km from the R102/P111 intersection and is located at 29°15'21.722" S; 31°23'16.50" E. The Farm Rencken No. 17364, is located east of N2. The site is situated immediately south of and adjacent the P403 to Zinkwazi approximately 2km from town on coordinates 29°16'39.29" S; 31°24'49.60" E
- 2.4 Both Farms are situated on agricultural land outside of existing Zinkwazi town planning scheme. According to the Basic Assessment report, Water is supplied to the poultry farm by means of boreholes (in the process of being registered with the Department of Water and Sanitation in terms of the National Water Act). The Farms are serviced by an

engineered storm water control system, septic tanks for the disposal of domestic sewage, reticulated electricity from Eskom and gravel access roads.

2.5 There are presently four rearing houses located at MacCorkingdale Farm which supply 13000 chickens on a 6 weekly rotation to the laying houses at Emeraldene where there is capacity for 100000 chickens. Egg is produced and distributed along the central KZN Coast from Umlazi to Mkuze.

### 3. COMMENTS

3.1 The MacCorkindale and Rencken Farms are existing agricultural enterprises that specialise in Production of Broilers and Eggs.

3.2 The two existing poultry operations are to be expanded by constructing two new rearing houses respectively, where chicks younger than 20 days will be kept until they are ready to lay eggs, where more than 5000 poultry per facility will be produced on Farms situated outside urban areas.

3.3 The site is located on an undulating landscape and as such adequate care need be taken to ensure that land degradation is avoided during all activities at any given time on these farms.

### 4. RECOMMENDATION.

4.1 This office has **No Objection** to these proposed developments but, we strongly recommend that adequate care be taken to ensure that soil degradation is prevented during and after any development activities on project sites in terms of Conservation of Agricultural Resources Act (43 of 1983).

  
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