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Circular: 5/2008

PROTOCOL FOR DEALING WITH EIA APPLICATIONS DURING THE FESTIVE PERIOD 2008/9

After due consideration of the requirements of the respective environmental impact assessment regulations and Departmental guidelines and furthermore to ensure a fair appeal and public participation process; the Department hereby wishes to inform all stakeholders of the following protocol over the 2008/9 festive period:

1. Environmental Decisions

1.1. The Department will issue the last environmental decisions (i.e. Records of Decision and Environmental Authorisations) for this year in terms of the Environment Conservation Act, 1989 (Act No. 73 of 1989, as amended) ("ECA") and the National Environment Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998, as amended) ("NEMA") on 24 November 2008 and will resume with the issuing of decisions on 5 January 2009.

2. Administration of applications

2.1. The Department recommends that applicants and/or their appointed environmental assessment practitioners ("EAP's") refrain from submitting Notices of Intent, Application Forms and Reports (Basic Assessment, Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment) after 24 November 2008. Such documents should be submitted again from 5 January 2009.

3. Public Participation Process

3.1. To ensure a transparent public participation process ("PPP"), the Department recommends that applicants and/or EAP's do not conduct a PPP over the festive season, i.e. between 12 December 2008 and 5 January 2009. Therefore, the commenting periods for Interested and Affected Parties ("I&AP's") must end 12 December 2008.

3.2. However, should the PPP extend into the festive period, the Department recommends that the applicant and/or EAP adjust the PPP period and/or extend it to ensure that that I&AP's have sufficient time to participate in the PPP. Extenuating circumstances (e.g. if the location of the proposed activity is in a recognized holiday destination, such as coastal towns) must be discussed with the Department beforehand, as adequate motivation is required should the applicant wish to proceed with a PPP during the festive period.

4. Enquiries

4.1. Any enquiries with regard to the above protocol may be directed to:

Mr. A. Mohammed Director: Integrated Environmental Management Tel: (021) 483 4793 Fax: (021) 483 3633	Region A: City of Cape Town (Tygerberg and Oostenberg Administrations); Breede River/ Winelands District Municipal area; Eden District Municipal area and Central Karoo District Municipal area
Mr. A. Barnes Director: Integrated Environmental Management Tel: (021) 483 4094 Fax: (021) 483 4372	Region B: City of Cape Town (Helderberg, South Peninsula, Cape Town and Blaauwberg Administrations); Overberg District Municipal area and West Coast District Municipal area

5. Appeals

5.1. Please note that the content of this circular does not affect the finalisation of appeal decisions by the Minister of Local Government, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning.

Thanking you for your cooperation.

Yours faithfully



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