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Dear Ms McKenzie

COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED CAPACITY UPGRADES TO THE N3 FROM CATO RIDGE INTERCHANGE (KM 19.4) TO LYNNFIELD PARK (KM 30.6), KWAZULU NATAL PROVINCE

The Directorate: Biodiversity Conservation reviewed and evaluated the aforementioned draft report and its specialist's studies. Therefore, if no new information arises from the Final Basic Assessment phase and its public participation process, the following recommendations can be regarded as final and be included in the Environment Authorisation by the competent authority as conditions.

- The development footprint must be minimized, especially within the high sensitivity area as far as possible;
- All disturbed and cleared areas must be re-vegetated with indigenous perennial shrubs and grasses from the local area;
- Alien invasive plant species in and around the proposed site must be removed in terms of Conservation of Agricultural Resources Act (CARA), and follow up-actions for at least five years need to take place;
- Removal or disturbance of any TOPs, Red Data listed or Provincially protected species may only be done after obtaining permits from relevant authorities;
- Where endangered species occur in the wetlands, records should be ideally kept of sightings in order to help establish whether or not wetland management practices and rehabilitation efforts are having a positive impact on these species of conservation importance;
- Implement applicable weirs, infillings and berms to stop on-going erosions and drains within wetlands and encourage sediment trapping.

Yours faithfully

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