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Dear Sir

COMMENT ON THE DRAFT SCOPING REPORT AND PLAN OF STUDY FOR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT FOR THE PROPOSED MARINE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM (EQUIANO CABLE SYSTEM) TO BE LANDED AT MELKBOSSTRAND

The Draft Scoping Report ("DSR") dated February 2020 as received by the Department on 10 February 2020, and the e-mail notification of 12 February 2020 notifying interested and affected parties of the availability of the DSR, refer.

Thank you for your proactive engagement with the Department on the application via a pre-application meeting and the distribution of a Background Information Document. Please find consolidated comment from various directorates within the Department on the DSR and Plan of Study for Environmental Impact Assessment ("EIA").

1. Directorate: Development Management (Region 1) – Ms Rondine Isaacs (Rondine.Isaacs@westerncape.gov.za; Tel: (021) 483 4098):
 - 1.1 This Directorate has no comments on the DSR and Plan of Study for EIA. The Directorate awaits the Draft EIA Report for further comment.
2. Directorate: Waste Management – Mr Muneeb Baderoon (Muneeb.Baderoon@westerncape.gov.za; Tel: (021) 483 2965):
 - 2.1 This Directorate has reviewed the DSR and awaits the Draft EIA Report for comment.
3. Directorate: Pollution and Chemicals Management – Mr Gunther Frantz (Gunther.Frantz@westerncape.gov.za; Tel: (021) 483 2975):
 - 3.1 This Directorate has no comments on the DSR and awaits the Draft EIA Report with specialist studies to provide further comment.
4. Please direct any enquiries to the official/s indicated in this correspondence should you require any clarity on any of the comments provided.
5. The Department reserves the right to revise initial comments and request further information based on any information received.

Yours faithfully



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