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Division Policy and Water Law Administration

17 October 2025

Re: Environmental Scoping Assessment and Environmental Management Plan for Agricultural Activities and the Environmental Release of Genetically Modified Maize, Otjozondjupa Region

Dear Sir/Madam,

In terms of the Environmental Management Act (No. 7 of 2007) and the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations (Government Notice No. 30 of 2012) an Environmental Assessment Report is hereby submitted to the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries, Water & Land Reform, in support of an application for an environmental clearance certificate. The submission to the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries, Water & Land Reform as the competent authority, is made in terms of Section 6(B) of the above mentioned government notice. In terms of section 10 of the same government notice, the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries, Water & Land Reform is required to forward to the Environmental Commissioner, the application for the environmental clearance certificate as well as related documentation and their comments.

The project details are as follows:

Project: Environmental Scoping Assessment and Environmental Management Plan for Environmental Scoping Assessment and Environmental Management Plan for Irrigation-Based Agricultural Activities and the Environmental Release of Genetically Modified Maize on Portions 11 and 12 of the Farm Elephantenberg FMB/00793, Otjozondjupa Region

Proponent: H Diekmann

Environmental Assessment Practitioner: Geo Pollution Technologies (Pty) Ltd

Attached to this letter are the following:

- Hard copy of the complete EIA including specialist studies.

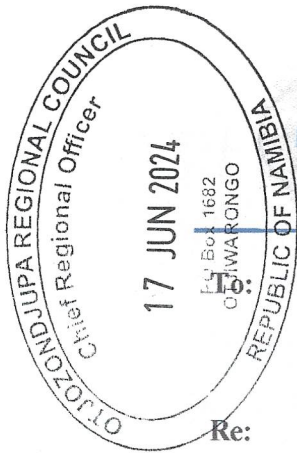
Comments may be submitted to the consultant, however should kindly also be forwarded to the Environmental Commissioner. Please contact our offices should you require any additional information as per the contact details below:

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Sincerely,
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Chief Regional Officer
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Re: Environmental Scoping Assessment and Environmental Management Plan for Irrigation-Based Agricultural Activities and the Environmental Release of Genetically Modified Maize and on Portions 11 and 12 Farm Elefantenberg FMB/00793, Otjozondjupa Region

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The Proponent plans to initially cultivate 45 ha under irrigation. A further 30 ha is planned should feasibility assessment for fruit tree cultivation be favourable. Irrigation will be from registered boreholes. The main crops to be cultivated are maize, wheat and Rhodes grass. In order to improve productivity, the Proponent wishes to replace the traditional maize cultivars, as employed in Namibia, with insect and/or roundup resistant GM strains.

The main operational activities that will be addressed in the report will pertain to the transport, storage and planting of GM maize, the management of the crops during the growing period, the application of pesticides to the crops, harvesting of the crops, and the handling and transport of the harvested maize and cotton to the markets. Groundwater will be abstracted from production boreholes for irrigation purposes via centre pivot irrigation systems. General operations also include activities such as electricity supply, fuel storage, waste handling and sewage disposal, all of which will be included in the report.

The Regional Council is invited to register with the environmental consultant to receive further documentation and communication regarding the project. By registering, a communication channel will be established between the Regional Council and the environmental practitioner. The Regional Council will further be provided with an opportunity to provide input that will be considered in the drafting of the environmental assessment report and management plan. Please register either by:

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To: Interested and / or Affected Party

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Interested and affected parties or neighbours are invited to register with the environmental consultant, to receive further documentation and communication regarding the project, or to provide comments related to the project, for inclusion in the assessment. Please register or submit comments at:

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