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Dear Mr Msiza

REGULATION 27(4) CORRECTION TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION ISSUED ON 23 JANUARY 2025 FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF EROSION PROTECTION STRUCTURES ON THE BANKS OF THE ASH RIVER AS PART OF THE LESOTHO HIGHLANDS WATER PROJECT LOCATED BETWEEN CLARENS AND BETHLEHEM WITHIN THE DIHLABENG LOCAL MUNICIPALITY FREE STATE PROVINCE

The Environmental Authorisation (EA) issued for the abovementioned application by this Department on 23 January 2025, and the letter received by the Department on 29 January 2025, requesting the correction of administrative errors included in the EA through the amendment to the EA dated 23 January 2025, refer.

In terms of Regulation 27(4) of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2014, as amended this Department has decided to amend the abovementioned decision to correct an administrative error included in the EA through the Amendment to the EA dated 23 January 2025, as follows:

Inclusion of a listed activity on page 4 of the EA:

Activity number	Activity description
GNR. 324, Activity 23(i)(a)(b)(i)(bb)(gg) <i>"The expansion of- dams or weirs where the dam or weir is expanded by 10 square meter, including where such expansion occurs</i>	An existing weir located at Critical Section C1 will be expanded by 40 m ² , with the addition of a flank wall thereby exceeding the 10 m ² threshold of this activity. Expansion will take place outside an urban area and within the Ash River (i.e., within a watercourse), a



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<p>(a) within a watercourse</p> <p>b. Free State</p> <p>i. Outside urban areas:</p> <p>(bb) National Protected Area Expansion Strategy Focus Areas;</p> <p>(gg) Areas within 10 kilometres from national parks or world heritage sites or 5 kilometres from any other protected area identified in terms of NEMPAA or from the core area of a biosphere reserve."</p>	<p>National Protected Area Expansion Strategy Focus Area, and within 3.56 km of the Vaalbank No 156 Remainder Nature Reserve (i.e., a protected area in terms of NEMPAA).</p>
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Please note that this correction letter must be read in conjunction with the Environmental Authorisation dated 23 January 2025, as amended.

Yours faithfully



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