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Attention: Ms. Vivienne Vorster

PROPOSED PHONGOLA (MBOZA) RIVER BRIDGE, OFF DISTRICT ROAD D1834 WITHIN UMKHANYAKUDE DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY, KWAZULU-NATAL.

The Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF) appreciates the opportunity given to review and comment on Background Information Document (BID) received on the 15th of June 2017 for the above mentioned project. DAFF through the Sub-Directorate Forestry Regulations and Support is mandated to regulate activities affecting natural forests and tree species protected in terms of the National Forests Act, 1998 (Act No. 84 of 1998) in South Africa.

The information provided on the Background Information Document is not sufficient for the department to provide informed comments. Therefore, a Draft Basic Assessment Report including Ecological Assessment Report must fully address how natural forests and protected trees will be potentially affected and the department will comment further upon receipt and review of this document.

This letter does not exempt you from considering other environmental legislations. Should any further information be required please do not hesitate to contact this office.

Yours faithfully

Mr. Thembalakhe Sibozana

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