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To whom it may concern,

RE: COMPLAINT REGARDING FUEL RESIDUE WITHIN THE SERPENTINE RIVER

HilLand Environmental have been appointed as the Environmental Control Officer to monitor the road upgrade and construction activities that are to occur with the maintenance activities on the MR352, Contract C823.01.

A complaint was received by the Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning (DEADP) in regards to fuel (diesel) present within the Serpentine River particularly at the Serpentine River Bridge crossing on the 16th of January 2018. The Department informed HilLand Environmental of the complaint and the matter was investigated.

The Eden District Disaster Management Team were notified of the complaint and went to inspect the area in question. Their findings indicated that it was fuel residue that was present on the water and that no spill had occurred which would require remedial action.

Henra, the contractor presently working on MR352, were questioned and a site visit was undertaken to ensure that they are in compliance with the Environmental Management Plan which details methods that are to be followed to ensure that no fuel leakages enter the watercourse.

Upon inspection by HilLand, no fuel residue was present within the River at the Serpentine River Bridge and no evidence of any fuel spill or accident could be seen.



Upstream of the Serpentine River Bridge



Downstream of the Serpentine River Bridge

SANParks were contacted to notify them of the incident and that the Eden Disaster Management Team had been to site to determine validity and seriousness of complaint and incident and found that no remedial action was required. The source of the fuel residue was suspected to have occurred upstream from the Serpentine Bridge.

The contractor was found to be in compliance with the EMP and is monitored biweekly. All machinery are inspected daily for any fuel leakages and whenever stationary are to be fitted with a drip tray to mitigate any potential pollution that may arise.

If you require any further information or assistance, please contact us on (044) 889 0229 (Tel) or Email: anje@hilland.co.za.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Anjé', written in a cursive style.

Anjé Taljaard
For HillLand Environmental