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Dear Mr Bodenstein

EXISTENCE OF EMERALDINE POULTRY FARM AND PROPOSED EXPANSION

As per our telephone conversation of 1 July 2007, herewith please find not only our registration as an 'interested and concerned party' in the upcoming EIA you are conducting for and on behalf of the Emeraldine Chicken Farm but also our strongest objection to the operation of a poultry farm in such close proximity to a residential development. Had we been aware of its existence within the Zinkwazi boundary we would not have purchased a property within this apparently pristine coastal village.

Our objection is based on numerous grounds.

1. Our primary objection is based on health issues. There are potentially fatal air-borne diseases scientifically linked to birds of all sorts including chickens. Exposure to these diseases and viruses could prove potentially fatal.
2. Our concern with health and safety necessarily elevates our mental distress and stress levels which in turn negate our constitutional right to the full enjoyment of our property.
3. Despite the ZRRA stating that they had "not received any complaints of flies and unpleasant odours", our family has since our arrival in, noticed a dour stench and an inordinate number of flies. The likelihood of this increasing with the proposed expansion can be taken as a given.
4. The proposed application directly opposes the growing tendency within the world at large to seek greener alternatives. The chicken farm creates significant environmental concerns and is a major catastrophe for the area.
5. The negative implication for tourism development within the area so actively advocated by the KwaZulu Natal and national government needs to be explored and reported upon. The contrast to certain areas with the western Cape and elsewhere in the country is remarkable.
6. From a town planning perspective, it is inconceivable that any municipal council would have approved the existence and operation of a poultry farm in such close proximity to a

residential development especially of this magnitude - 126 000 chickens (!!!) according to the letter received from Mrs Balcomb from the ZRRA.

7. Negative financial implications for the large majority of residents, ratepayers and workers must also be taken into account. No doubt the owners of the chicken farm have already benefited from the existence of such an enterprise and the proposed expansion is undoubtedly motivated by securing increased profits. While this is laudable for the individual owners, it cannot be implemented to the detriment of so many others who stand to lose from the potential devaluation of their investment (and sometimes only investment) and who faithfully contribute their rates and taxes. The question arises as to who would be liable for damages were it would be proven that the potential devaluation of properties was directly linked to the existence of a poultry farm at the entrance to Zinkwazi.

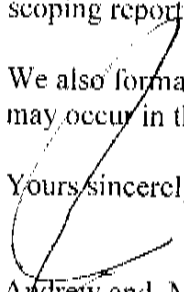
In conclusion, the market knowledge that a poultry farm exists at the entrance to Zinkwazi and its proposed expansion will without doubt sound the death knell to the growing perception of Zinkwazi as a pristine and sought-after coastal destination. The large majority of residents, ratepayers and workers stand to lose a great deal.

In the interest of a fully democratic and transparent process it would seem prudent to inform everyone in Zinkwazi and all the surrounding villages of the existence of this farm and the application for expansion.

Please note that as "an interested and concerned" party, we hereby place on record our request for a complete copy of the application, the grounds for the application and the terms of your proposed scoping report. In fact, we would like every document dealing with this application for our perusal.

We also formally request to be informed by email and/or fax of any developments/ meetings that may occur in this regard.

Yours sincerely


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