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Dear Mr Bodenstein

Proposed Expansion – Emeraldene Poultry Farm

Thank you for the Background Information Document (BID) for the application to expand the Emeraldene Poultry Farm. However, we find that the BID contains little information on which to base meaningful comment and information such as:

- exact nature, particularly the feed mill, of the expansion,
- scale of the expansion,
- location of existing operation.

will be useful.

In the interim the following comments are submitted for consideration –

1. Boreholes. Licensing of existing boreholes in line with the National Water Act is positive. With regard this resource the availability and possible contamination is a concern. Has either of the above been ascertained with a view to Cumulative Impacts on this resource?
2. We would support measures taken to recycle water by possibly refining the effluent treatment system to allow water re-use.
3. Alternative energy resources are considered for use where possible.
4. Detergents. We would like the selection of detergents to be used in washing and disinfecting the facilities to be sensitive to the environment considering that effluent is disposed of through groundwater percolation. This it applies, too, to fly and rodent pesticides.
5. Traffic impacts of the expanded operation.

We look forward to receiving further information.

Yours sincerely

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