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20 March 2014

Gauteng Department of Agriculture and Rural Development
Diamond Building,
11 Diagonal Street,
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**Attention: Administrative Unit of the Sustainable Utilisation of the
Environment (SUE) Branch**

**RE: Submission of the Final Scoping Report and Revised Application
Form for the Proposed Acetylene Gas Production Facility, Daleside,
south of Johannesburg**

ERM Ref: 0220780
GDARD Ref: Gaut:002/13-14/E0239

To Whom It May Concern,

Air Products South Africa (Pty) Ltd, are proposing to construct and operate a new acetylene gas production facility. The proposed facility is planned to be constructed on Stands 88 and 89 of Valley Settlements Agricultural Holdings, located just off Tillet Road; an area currently zoned for industrial use.

Environmental Resources Management Southern Africa (Pty) Ltd (ERM) has been appointed as the Independent Environmental Assessment Practitioners (EAP) to undertake the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process in terms of the National Environmental Management Act (Act No. 107 of 1998), as amended (NEMA).

The commenting period on the Draft Scoping Report (DSR) has been concluded (26 February 2014). The GDARD has acknowledged receipt of the Draft Scoping Report in a letter dated 05 February 2014. As requested in the letter, please find enclosed three (3) full colour hardcopies of the Final Scoping Report and two (2) CDs (combined PDF) for your consideration.

The Final Scoping Report is available for public review between 20 March 2014 and 10 April 2014. Any comments received during this time will be submitted to GDARD for review and consideration.

Please also find attached one (1) original revised application form for the Project. The application has been amended since the initial application made to the Department, submitted on 06 November 2013. The application has been amended to:

- Include Activity 3 (Listing Notice 2): *"The construction of facilities or*

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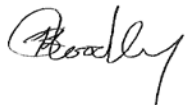
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infrastructure for the storage, or storage and handling of a dangerous good, where such storage occurs in containers with a combined capacity of more than 500 cubic metres."

- Exclude Activity 23 (Listing Notice 1): *"The transformation of undeveloped, vacant or derelict land to residential, retail, commercial, recreational, industrial or institutional use, outside an urban area and where the total area to be transformed is bigger than 1 hectare but less than 20 hectares."*

Please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned, should you have any queries.

Yours sincerely,



Kasantha Moodley
Project Manager

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Upper Vaal Case Officer
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**RE: Availability of the Final Scoping Report for the Proposed
Acetylene Gas Production Facility, Daleside, south of Johannesburg**

ERM Ref: 0220780
GDARD Ref: Gaut:002/13-14/E0239

Dear James,

With reference to the abovementioned project, please note that the commenting period for the Draft Scoping Report (DSR) has been concluded (26 February 2014).

This letter serves to confirm that ERM, as the independent environmental assessment practitioner has not received any comments from your Department on this application, to date.

Please find enclosed one (1) CD with the Final Scoping Report for your review and comment. Please note that this commenting period commences on **20 March 2014** and concludes on **10 April 2014**.

Please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned, should you have any queries.

Yours sincerely,

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Mr Jako Verster
Chief Environmental Health Practitioner
Midvaal Local Municipality
Midvaal Municipal Buildings,
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Meyerton

CC. Mr. Eugene Van Der Merwe/Michelle Coetzee

**RE: Availability of the Final Scoping Report for the Proposed
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Dear Jako,

With reference to the abovementioned project, please note that the commenting period for the Draft Scoping Report (DSR) has been concluded (26 February 2014).

This letter serves to confirm that Eugene Van Der Merwe and Michelle Coetzee of the Midvaal Local Municipality attended the Key Authorities Meeting, held on 12 February 2014. All comments made during that meeting has been captured in minutes as well as the Comments and Responses Report (CRR), appended to the Final Scoping Report.

We would also like to confirm that ERM has not received any written comments from the Municipality on this application, to date.

Please find enclosed one (1) CD with the Final Scoping Report for your review and comment. Please note that this commenting period commences on **20 March 2014** and concludes on **10 April 2014**.

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Yours sincerely,

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Provincial Heritage Resources Authority Gauteng
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Acetylene Gas Production Facility, Daleside, south of Johannesburg**

ERM Ref: 0220780
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Dear Maphata,

With reference to the abovementioned project, please note that the commenting period for the Draft Scoping Report (DSR) has been concluded (26 February 2014).

This letter serves to confirm that ERM, as the independent environmental assessment practitioner has not received any comments from your Department on this application, to date. Please however note that the South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA) has responded with a Final Decision on the project. SAHRA are of the opinion that no Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) is required for the proposed development. Their comments have been included in Annex E5 and E& of the Final Scoping Report.

Please find enclosed one (1) CD with the Final Scoping Report for your review and comment. Please note that this commenting period commences on **20 March 2014** and concludes on **10 April 2014**.

Please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned, should you have any queries.

Yours sincerely,

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Head of Department
Provincial Department of Roads and Transport
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13th floor, 41 Simmonds Street,
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Acetylene Gas Production Facility, Daleside, south of Johannesburg**

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Dear Mr. Swartz,

With reference to the abovementioned project, please note that the commenting period for the Draft Scoping Report (DSR) has been concluded (26 February 2014).

This letter serves to confirm that ERM, as the independent environmental assessment practitioner has not received any comments from your Department on this application, to date.

Please find enclosed one (1) CD with the Final Scoping Report for your review and comment. Please note that this commenting period commences on **20 March 2014** and concludes on **10 April 2014**.

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CaseID: 4445

Dear Itumeleng,

With reference to the abovementioned project, please note that the commenting period for the Draft Scoping Report (DSR) has been concluded (26 February 2014).

This letter serves to confirm that ERM has received SAHRAs Final Decision on this application, dated 19 February 2014. It is acknowledged that the Final Decision does exempt the project from a Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA).

Please find enclosed one (1) CD with the Final Scoping Report for your review and comment. Please note that this commenting period commences on **20 March 2014** and concludes on **10 April 2014**.

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Musa Mahlatji
Sedibeng District Municipality
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Dear Musa,

With reference to the abovementioned project, please note that the commenting period for the Draft Scoping Report (DSR) has been concluded (26 February 2014).

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This letter also serves to confirm that ERM has not received any written comments from your Department on this application, to date.

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Midvaal Local Municipality, Ward 5
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Dear Rob,

With reference to the abovementioned project, please note that the commenting period for the Draft Scoping Report (DSR) has been concluded (26 February 2014).

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This letter also serves to confirm that ERM has not received any written comments from you on this application, to date.

Please find enclosed one (1) CD with the Final Scoping Report for your review and comment. Please note that this commenting period commences on **20 March 2014** and concludes on **10 April 2014**.

We would appreciate your assistance in the distribution and notification of the availability of the Final Scoping Report via the Midvaal Local website as well as through your local notification process (newsletter).

Please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned, should you have any queries.

Yours sincerely,

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Lisa Otten

From: Janet Mkhabela
Sent: 20 March 2014 12:42 PM
Subject: Availability of the Final Scoping Report for the Proposed Acetylene Gas Production Facility, Daleside, South of Johannesburg
Attachments: Letter of Notification .pdf

Dear Stakeholder,

Please find attached letter of notification for the Availability of the Final Scoping Report for the Proposed Acetylene Gas Production Facility, Daleside, south of Johannesburg.

Kind Regards,
Janet Mkhabela
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Yours sincerely,

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

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Dear Stakeholder,

Air Products South Africa (Pty) Ltd, are proposing to construct and operate a new acetylene gas production facility. The proposed facility is planned to be constructed on Stands 88 and 89 of Valley Settlements Agricultural Holdings, located just off Tillet Road; an area currently zoned for industrial use.

The proposed activity requires environmental authorisation from the Gauteng Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (GDARD) through a full Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process. Environmental Resources Management Southern Africa (Pty) Ltd (ERM) has been appointed as the Independent Environmental Assessment Practitioners (EAP) to undertake the EIA process.

This letter serves to inform you that the commenting period on the Draft Scoping Report (DSR) has been concluded (26 February 2014). All comments received during this commenting period as well as those comments made during the public meeting, held on 20 February 2014 have been captured in a Comments and Responses Report (CRR), appended to the Final Scoping Report.

We would like to therefore invite you as an interested and/or affected party to review and comment on the Final Scoping Report, which is available at the following locations.

Location	Contact
Henley on Klip Public Library Cnr of Regatta Road and Nuneham Henley on Klip	Mary Walker (016 366 0112)
Randvaal Public Library Houtkapper Road Randvaal	Moira Frost (016) 365 5093
Project Website: http://www.erm.com/AirproductsEIA	Janet Mkhabela (011) 798 4300

Please note that the commenting period commences on **20 March 2014** and concludes on **10 April 2014**. Kindly quote the relevant GDARD and ERM reference numbers on all correspondence:

We thank you for your participation in this process. Please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned, should you have any queries.

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Lisa Otten

From: ERM Southern Africa EIA Mailbox
Sent: 08 April 2014 02:07 PM
Subject: REMINDER: Availability of the Final Scoping Report for the Proposed Acetylene Gas Production Facility, Daleside, South of Johannesburg
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Dear Stakeholder,

This communication serves to remind you that the comment period for the Final Scoping Report for the Proposed Acetylene Gas Production Facility is coming to an end on the 10th April 2014. Please see the attached letter to access the report.

Thanks and regards,
Janet Mkhabela
Consultant

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