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**Attention: Ms Q Bosman**

Dear Madam

**PERMISSION FOR THE REMOVAL OF SAND FROM THE FISH RIVER AT  
MARIENTAL, KACHAS INDUSTRIAL T/A SUPERSAND**

1. Your letter dated 18 October 2021, in the above-mentioned regard, refers.
2. Kindly be informed that Kachas Industrial T/A Supersand was issued with a permission for the removal of sand from the Fish River at Mariental by this Ministry.
3. Please take note that the Water Resources Management Act 11 of 2013 and related Regulations makes provision for the removal of sand from rivers and this legislation will commence soon.
4. As soon as the above-mentioned comes into effect, the permission that was issued to Kachas Industrial T/A Supersand will be renewed and therefore there will be no interference from our side with the current operations of the said company.
5. The operations are however still subjected to the following conditions:
  - 5.1 No sand mining is conducted or permitted between the dam wall and the cement weir 4.2 km downstream from the dam wall.
  - 5.2 Removal of islands and sand banks within the riverbed/channel only. No sand mining on the banks of the river, or in a manner which may divert or slow down the flow of water in the Fish River during floods or water releases from the Hardap Dam.
  - 5.3 Mining of sand islands which pose the greatest flood risk first.

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5.4 Mining to be conducted in a systematic approach at a specific depth and width to prevent new blockages being formed or holes being made. The improved flow of water in the river remains the main consideration.

5.5 No mining deeper than the original depth of the river (prior to the building of the Hardap Dam) will be conducted. Consideration is given to a 1972 riverbed survey.

Yours Sincerely



**DEPUTY DIRECTOR:  
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