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**IRRIGATION BASED AGRICULTURAL ACTIVITIES ON FARMS KARUCHAS
AND STARNBERG, OTJOZONDJUPA REGION**

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PUBLIC NOTICE:

Environmental Scoping Assessment and Environmental Management Plan for Agriculture Activities and the Environmental Release of Genetically Modified Maize on Farms Karuchas and Starnberg, Otjozondjupa Region

In terms of the Environmental Management Act (No. 7 of 2007) and the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations (Government Notice No. 30 of 2012), notice is hereby given to all potential interested and affected parties that an application will be made with the environmental commissioner for an environmental clearance certificate for the following:

Project: Environmental Scoping Assessment and Environmental Management Plan for Agricultural Activities and the Environmental Release of Genetically Modified Maize on Farms Karuchas and Starnberg, Otjozondjupa Region.

Proponent: F Blume

Environmental Practitioner: Geo Pollution Technologies (Pty) Ltd

The Proponent has a total area of 102.2 ha under cultivation, while an additional 55 ha is planned to be cultivated. Of the current area cultivated, 32.2 ha is irrigated by means of centre pivot, drip and micro sprayer irrigation and 70 ha is used for dry land cropping. The main crops cultivated are tomatoes, cabbage, maize, wheat, sorghum and lablab legume. In order to improve productivity, the Proponent wishes to replace the traditional maize cultivars with insect and/or roundup resistant GM strains. The Proponent is also in the process of clearing additional land for dry land cropping.

The environmental scoping assessment will include all pertaining to the transport, storage and planting of GM maize seeds, the management of the crops during the growing period, the application of pesticides to the crops, harvesting of the crops, and the handling and transport of the harvested maize to the markets. Fuel for farm vehicles is stored in aboveground diesel tanks. Bush clearing of approximately 10 ha per year is conducted to create additional dry land cropping areas. General operations also include activities such as water abstraction, electricity supply, waste handling and sewage disposal.

As part of the assessment Geo Pollution Technologies consult with interested and affected parties. You are hereby invited to register as an interested and affected party with Geo Pollution Technologies. Registration provides you with an opportunity to submit comments, issues or concerns related to the farm, for consideration in the environmental assessment. Please send your written registration or comments to:

Fax: 088-62-6368 or **E-mail:** karuchas@thenamib.com

Should you require any additional information please contact Geo Pollution Technologies at 061-257411.

Thank you in advance.

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