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Dear Madam

EIA/UNLISTED ACTIVITY: THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT/UPGRADE OF PHASE 1 OF THE MKHUPHULA IRRIGATION SCHEME, MSINGA LOCAL MUNICIPALITY (28° 47' 50" S 30° 33' 45" E)

1. The updated Environmental Screening Report, dated September 2018, which was received at the Dundee District Office on 25 September 2018, regarding the abovementioned has reference.
2. This Department has studied all of the information provided and is of the opinion that the proposed development/upgrade of the Mkhuphula Irrigation Scheme by the Department of Rural Development & Land Reform does not constitute an activity which is identified in terms of sections 24(2) and 24D of the National Environmental Management Act (Act 107 of 1998) (NEMA) and therefore does not require environmental authorization.
3. The Department of Rural Development & Land Reform is reminded of section 28 of NEMA and their duty regarding care and remediation of any environmental damage that may occur during the lifetime of the project.

Yours faithfully

for: Head of Department:

Department of Economic Development, Tourism & Environmental Affairs