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Dear Sir

COMPLIANCE AUDIT: THE PROPOSED REED MAINTENANCE WITHIN THE ONRUS RIVER ESTUARY, ONRUS RIVER

1. The adoption of the Maintenance Management Plan ("MMP") issued on 22 April 2021 and the compliance site visit undertaken by officials from this Department on 7 July 2022, refer.
2. The purpose of the site visit was to monitor compliance with the above-mentioned MMP.
3. The compliance site visit revealed that work undertaken in terms of the adopted MMP for the reed removal and maintenance activities within the Onrus River Estuary is currently underway and will continue until the end of July 2022, whereafter it will be continued as per the timeframes stipulated in the MMP.
4. The issues of alleged non-compliance as raised by an adjacent landowner were discussed during the site visit, in the presence of the Overstrand Municipality. The issue of refuelling of reed cutters outside of specified refuelling areas was discussed. It was confirmed by OREF that refuelling in inappropriate areas occurred when a new team was appointed to carry out the maintenance work, but that this has been rectified subsequently. This Department questioned a team that were busy chipping reeds prior to the commencement of the compliance site visit, and it was clear that they were aware of the procedure for refuelling of reed cutters. This confirms the statements of OREF that the matter has been addressed successfully and is no longer considered to be a matter of non-compliance.
5. Based on the findings of the compliance site visit, the Department herewith confirms that the maintenance work that was undertaken to date, and which is currently underway, is in line with the parameters as set out in the adopted MMP. No aspects of non-compliance were found on the site.

6. The Department is satisfied that the relevant requirements as set out in the abovementioned MMP have been complied with. This Department would like to thank you for complying with the MMP requirements and look forward to receiving your continued co-operation in ensuring continuous compliance with the agreed to MMP.
7. The Department reserves the right to revise or withdraw comments or request further information based on any information received

Yours faithfully

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