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### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION DOCUMENT: COMMENTS FOR THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF THE VICTORIA MOTHER AND CHILD CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE HOSPITAL, STEPDOWN FACILITY AND BOUTIQUE HOTEL ON ERF 9194, PIETERMARITZBURG, KWAZULU-NATAL.**

The Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF) appreciates the opportunity given to review and comment on the BID for the above mentioned development. DAFF through the sub-directorate Forestry Regulations and Support is the authority mandated to implement the National Forest Act, (Act No. 84 of 1998) by regulating the use of natural forests and protected tree species in terms of the said Act.

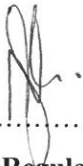
With regards to the document received on the 12<sup>th</sup> of January 2016, the potential environmental impacts which have initially been identified include the impacts on biodiversity through the clearing of indigenous vegetation. Therefore, the Department requests that a Vegetation Assessment is conducted for the site and the report should be incorporated in the Draft Basic Assessment Report (DBAR). Furthermore a technical/infrastructure services layout plan including roads, pipelines, electricity i.e. should also be incorporated in the

DBAR. This required documentation will assist in determining the impact that the development may have on the indigenous trees and/or protected tree species in terms of the National Forests Act of 1998 (Act no. 84 of 1998). Further comments will be provided upon receipt and review of the DBAR.

Should any further information be required, please do not hesitate to contact this office.

Yours faithfully

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