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ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAMME FRAMEWORK: CONSTRUCTION PHASE OF THE PRIMARY ALUMINIUM SMELTER IN THE COEGA IDZ

We hereby acknowledge receipt of the final Environmental Management Programme Framework for the construction phase of the proposed primary aluminium smelter in the Coega IDZ that was delivered to this office on 25 June 2003.

We have perused the final Environmental Management Programme Framework and are generally satisfied that it incorporates the comments supplied by this office on the draft document. We however wish to point out the following:

- On page 5-8 of the document it is stated that timeframes for submission of Management plans to authorities for approval, approval thereof and commencement of construction for that activity is to be clarified in writing prior to the start of full-scale construction. Please note that this will not only be a point of clarification but that the timeframes referred to will have to be discussed and agreed to by relevant authorities.

- The diagram on page 8-4 does not reflect that management plans must incorporate sections of the environmental monitoring programmes that are specific to particular management plans.

It is our understanding that the Environmental Management Programme Framework is a document that provides a framework for the implementation of and compliance with the Record of Decision and the management of environmental impacts associated with the construction of the aluminium smelter. It is further understood that detailed Management Plans will be compiled as the next phase of the Environmental Management Programme and that these management plans will contain specific Method Statements and the next level of detail that are not catered for in the framework document.
The Environmental Management Programme Framework is hereby approved with the understanding that it is a framework document as discussed in the previous paragraph. This approval is subject to the submission and approval of detailed Management Plans and incorporation of the comments contained in the second paragraph of this letter.

If you have any questions regarding this issue, you can contact Andries Struwig of our Port Elizabeth office.

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