

### C.3. Letter to stakeholders





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## Attention: Stakeholder

Dear Sir / Madam

### **NOTICE OF AN APPLICATION FOR A WATER USE LICENCE FOR THE ABSTRACTION OF GROUNDWATER AT THE BOKPOORT OPERATIONS OF GREENWAY FARMS (PTY) LTD, LIMPOPO PROVINCE**

Notice is hereby given in terms of the National Water, Act 36 of 1998 (NWA) regarding Greenway Farms (Proprietary) Limited's (Greenway Farms) intent to apply for a Water Use Licence (WUL) for their Bokpoort operations, situated approximately 20 km north-west of the town Mookgophong in the Limpopo province.

#### 1. **BACKGROUND**

Greenway Farms supply over 40% of South Africa's carrots and has operations in Tarlton in the Gauteng Province, and in the Mookgophong area in the Limpopo Province.

Its Mookgophong operations consist of two farming entities namely the Bokpoort operations, approximately 20 km north-west of the town of Mookgophong; and the Phalala operations (also referred to as Khomanani operations), approximately 33 km north-west of the town of Mookgophong.

Water for the production of carrots at these operations is obtained from the Bokpoortspruit and a tributary of the Lephala River (respectively) in terms of existing lawful abstraction rights.

An application was submitted to the Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) in 2016 to transfer a portion of the lawful irrigation rights from the Phalala operations to the Bokpoort operations, and a decision is still awaited.

The irrigation requirements for the production at the Bokpoort operations are therefore met through the existing lawful abstraction rights from the surface water resources as indicated above. However, in addition to the irrigation of carrots, the following ancillary water demands exist at the Bokpoort operations:

- Domestic purposes: 183 m<sup>3</sup>/month (2 196 m<sup>3</sup>/annum) for farm workers;
- Stock watering (cattle): 456 m<sup>3</sup>/month (5 472 m<sup>3</sup>/annum);
- Crop spraying, i.e. the application of fertilisers and pesticides for a six-month period: 864 m<sup>3</sup>/month (5 184 m<sup>3</sup>/annum);

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The total ancillary requirement is therefore 12 852 m<sup>3</sup>/annum. Water to supply in these demands is abstracted from existing boreholes on the farm.

The image below provides an orientation of the area, the existing boreholes and the boundaries of farm Bokpoort 312 KR, portion 3 and 5.



Jones & Wagener Engineering and Environmental Consultants (J&W) has been appointed by Greenway Farms, to compile a Water Use Licence Application (WULA) for the authorisation of the abstraction of groundwater for these purposes.

## **2. LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS AND CONTEXT**

The abstraction of groundwater for the ancillary purposes at the Bokpoort operations is a S21(a) water use (“*Taking water from a water resource*”) as defined in the NWA, and hence, a water use licence application should be submitted to the Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS).

The application process entails the compilation of a Water Use Licence Application Report, which should be made available for public review and comment. Comments received will be considered and the report will be finalised and submitted to the DWS for their consideration.

## **3. DRAFT INTEGRATED WATER USE LICENCE REPORT FOR YOUR REVIEW**

A draft Integrated Water Use Licence Application Report (Report) was compiled and is available for stakeholder review and comment from 12 January to 12 March 2018.

The draft Report, includes a detailed description of the proposed groundwater abstraction and use, the current environmental situation, relevant maps and a motivation for the licence application.

The draft Report is available on the Jones & Wagener website – [www.jaws.co.za](http://www.jaws.co.za), where any person can obtain and review the report.

We would appreciate your comments on the Report by 12 March 2018.

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