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Dear Sir

**RE: SUBMISSION OF INITIAL ENVIRONMENTAL EVALUATION AND COMPREHENSIVE MITIGATION PLAN
(IEE/CMP) FOR THE PROPOSED BIOMASS PELLET PLANT FOR EMERALD RENEWABLES (PTY)LTD AT
MONTIGNY USUTHU MILL, BHUNYA**

This confirms that the above-mentioned project has completed the review process in accordance with the Environmental Assessment Regulations, 2022. It is considered that the report has adequately identified the environmental issues associated with the proposed development. You are therefore authorised to proceed with implementation of the proposed project, subject to full compliance with the following conditions:

1. The approved Initial Environmental Evaluation and Comprehensive Mitigation Plan (IEE/CMP) shall be implemented in full, and these documents shall be regarded as legally binding and guiding all activities throughout the lifecycle of the project.
2. All project activities, including detailed design, site establishment, construction, commissioning and operation, shall remain within the scope, footprint and layout as described and assessed in the approved IEE/CMP, and any significant changes shall be submitted to the Eswatini Environment Authority (EEA) for prior written approval.
3. Vegetation clearing shall be strictly limited to designated project areas required for the biomass pellet plant and associated infrastructure.
4. A fauna rescue and relocation operation shall be conducted by a suitably qualified ecologist prior to and during vegetation clearance, and any encounters with protected or sensitive species shall be recorded and managed in accordance with specialist recommendations.
5. The proponent shall ensure that erosion and sedimentation resulting from project activities are effectively controlled so that there is no significant loss of soil or degradation of nearby watercourses, and shall implement and maintain appropriate erosion and stormwater control measures.

6. Stormwater from disturbed and operational areas of the biomass pellet plant shall be effectively managed by separating clean and dirty runoff, directing dirty runoff to suitable containment or treatment structures, and ensuring that no contaminated water is discharged untreated into the environment.
7. The storage, handling and use of fuels, oils, chemicals and other hazardous substances shall be conducted within bunded or otherwise contained areas, and any spills shall be cleaned up immediately, with contaminated materials disposed of as per the Waste Regulations 2000..
8. Air emissions, including construction dust, biomass and sawdust dust, and exhaust emissions from vehicles and generators, shall be minimised through good housekeeping and maintenance of all combustion equipment in good working order.
9. Noise impacts during construction and commissioning shall be minimised by restricting noisy activities to daytime hours.
10. A project-specific waste management plan shall be developed, implemented and regularly reviewed to ensure proper management of waste.
11. Ensure that fire risk associated with the biomass pellet plant is effectively managed through the preparation and implementation of a site-specific fire management plan appropriate to the identified risks.
12. Regular fire safety and emergency response training shall be provided to all relevant staff, and emergency response procedures, including evacuation routes and communication protocols, shall be clearly communicated, displayed on site and periodically rehearsed.
13. The proponent shall adhere to the Occupational Health and Safety Act (2001) and any other applicable health and safety legislation, and shall ensure that appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) is provided, correctly used and maintained for all employees and contractors.
14. Regular training on environmental awareness, hazardous materials handling, safe operation of plant and equipment, and emergency response procedures shall be conducted, documented and records of such training shall be kept on site and made available to the EEA upon request.
15. An Environmental Compliance Officer (ECO) shall be appointed prior to commencement of construction to monitor adherence to the CMP and these environmental authorisation conditions, and the ECO shall provide regular written compliance reports to the EEA on a quarterly basis for the duration of the construction period.
16. You are required to submit to the EEA a Project Compliance Report (PCR) every three months during the construction period of the project, summarising construction progress, compliance status, monitoring results, incidents, corrective actions taken and any recommended improvements.
17. Progressively as construction areas are completed and no longer required, disturbed areas shall be cleared of waste and redundant infrastructure, stabilised and rehabilitated in accordance with the CMP and any additional requirements agreed with the EEA.
18. Any significant environmental incidents, including major spills, fires, serious non-compliance or significant community complaints, shall be reported to the EEA within the timeframe prescribed by applicable legislation, together with details of corrective and preventive measures implemented.

19. This authorisation does not supersede any other legal requirements, whether new or not specifically included in the legal review presented in the IEE/CMP, and the proponent remains responsible for identifying, obtaining and complying with all other permits, licences and statutory obligations applicable to the development.

Your cooperation shall be appreciated as we strive to promote environmental stewardship in our development process.

Yours Sincerely,



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For EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR