

12 March 2020

Attention: The City of Cape Town Metropolitan Municipality:

To: The Municipal Council  
City of Cape Town Metropolitan Municipality

And to: Cllr Dan Plato  
The Executive Mayor  
City of Cape Town  
Metropolitan Municipality

c/o: Speaker  
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Dear Sirs,

**LETTER OF ENGAGEMENT TO ADDRESS THE ONGOING SEWAGE POLLUTION  
PROBLEM WITHIN THE DIEP RIVER AND MILNERTON LAGOON – REQUEST FOR  
INFORMATION AND DOCUMENTATION**

**OUR REF: L9/BD/04**


**YOUR REF: UNKNOWN**

1. Our letter dated 25 February 2020 bears reference.
2. We herewith wish to confirm that we have arranged to meet with city officials on Wednesday, 18 March 2020.

3. In anticipation of our meeting on the 18<sup>th</sup> of March 2020, we would wish to request that the city provide us with the following documentation:
  - a) A copy of the Water Quality Monitoring Reports for Potsdam, for the past 12 months;
  - b) A copy of the current Water Use Licence for the Potsdam Wastewater Treatment Works;
  - c) A copy of the Potsdam Environmental Management System Plan, as per point 2.1.1 of the Potsdam Water Use Licence;
  - d) A copy of the Potsdam Emergency Preparedness Plan, as per point 2.3.1 of the Potsdam Water Use Licence;
  - e) A copy of the Potsdam General Operational and Impact Management Plan, as per point 5 of the Potsdam Water Use Licence;
  - f) A copy of the Diep River Pollution Abatement Plan;
  - g) A copy of the Notice issued by the Department of Water and Sanitation to the City of Cape Town, requesting compliance with the Potsdam Wastewater Treatment Works Water Use Licence;
  - h) A copy the city's action plan to be sent to the Department of Water and Sanitation by 13 March 2020, before our meeting on 18 March 2020.
  
4. Furthermore, we would also wish to request that the city provide us with the following information:
  - a) Clarify how many outlets are exiting the Diep River;
  - b) Advise whom the current Waste Management Control Officer of the Potsdam Wastewater Treatment Works are;
  - c) The Potsdam Wastewater Treatment Works was found to be non-compliant in February 2019, why has it taken over a year to fix the problems and how will operational problems be resolved quicker going forward;

5. We appreciate that we will be able to meet with city officials on 18 March 2020 and we look forward to a collegial and fruitful meeting.
6. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact our Miss Andrea Korff on [andrea.korff@outa.co.za](mailto:andrea.korff@outa.co.za).
7. We trust you find the above in order and kindly await your response in anticipation.
8. Kindly acknowledge receipt of this letter.

Yours Sincerely,



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