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Dear Ms. Cathy Avierinos

SUBJECT: COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED RIVER BANK MAINTENANCE AT SILVERSTREAM ESTATE, PLETTENBERG BAY IN THE WESTERN CAPE BY THE SILVERSTREAM HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION.

The Chief Directorate: Integrated Coastal Management in the Oceans and Coasts Branch of the Department of Environmental Affairs values the opportunity to comment on the Draft Basic Assessment Report. The Oceans and Coasts Branch has no objection to the proposed river bank maintenance at Silverstream Estate by the Silverstream Homeowners Association.

The Department has identified sections and issues that need to be considered in terms of the National Environmental Management: Integrated Coastal Management Act, 2008 (Act No. 24 of 2008) (ICM Act) that are summarised below:

- (a) The Department supports the use of the sand bags in building a slope structure that will replace the vertical Creosote Treated Timber and will be vegetated with indigenous riparian vegetation.
- (b) The Department does not support the addition of floating jetties to the existing mooring poles due to the low impact on vegetation disturbance caused by access to the mooring poles.
- (c) Coastal Public Property (CPP) is a National Asset and the Department promotes development that will serve the collective interests of the whole community in the Coastal Public Property.
- (d) The applicant must consider Sections 7A and 13 of the ICM Act which deals with the purpose of Coastal Public Property and access to Coastal Public Property respectively.

Kindly note that the Department reserves the right to revise its initial comments and may request further information based on any additional information that may come to light. You are therefore advised to submit any future development proposals or amendments to the current proposal for the attention of the **Director: Coastal Conservation Strategies** via the address provided below. This should include both hard and electronic copies.

Physical Address: Department of Environment Affairs (DEA), Branch: Oceans and Coasts, 2 East Pier Building, East Pier Road, Victoria and Alfred Waterfront, Cape Town, 8001.

Yours Sincerely



CHIEF DIRECTOR: INTEGRATED COASTAL MANAGEMENT

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