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To: LAW FOR ALL

Attention: Walter Sibeko

Email: walters@lawforall.co.za

REF: C6748-7-2025

RE: COMPLAINT BY MR. RASHID SHEIK OMAR – ALLEGED NOISE AND AIR POLLUTION FROM PPC LAUDIUM QUARRY

Dear Mr. Sibeko,

1. We acknowledge receipt of your correspondence dated 1 September 2025 addressed to PPC Aggregate Quarries ("**PPC**"), in which you raised concerns on behalf of your client, Mr. Rashid Sheik Omar, regarding alleged dust, noise, and vibration impacts said to emanate from our Laudium Quarry operations ("**Laudium Quarry**").

2. PPC's Position

2.1. PPC conducts its mining and related operations in full compliance with the Mine Health and Safety Act 29 of 1996 ("**MHSA**"), the National Environmental Management Act 107 of 1998 ("**NEMA**"), and all related Codes of Practice ("**COPs**"), Regulations and Permits applicable to mining activities.

2.2. Our operations are subject to regular internal monitoring and independent environmental audits to ensure compliance to the statutory thresholds governing dust emissions, noise levels, and vibrations. To date, PPC has not been found non-compliant by the relevant regulatory authorities.

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3. Initial Engagement and Assessments

3.1. Initial Site Assessment

Following receipt of your client's initial complaint, our representatives attended at his residence to conduct a preliminary inspection. At this meeting, your client raised concerns regarding dust, noise, and possible water ingress. PPC undertook to install monitoring systems for objective verification.

3.2. Independent Monitoring

An independent, accredited consultant was subsequently appointed to ensure transparency and credibility in assessing dust, noise, and vibration levels. Monitoring systems were installed following consultation with your client.

4. Monitoring Results

PPC structured the matter by segmenting the concerns into dust, noise, and vibration, to address each separately.

4.1. Dust

A dust monitoring bucket was installed in February 2025. Since its installation, PPC has never exceeded the regulatory dust limits.

4.2. Noise

Independent monitoring indicates that noise levels have remained within acceptable thresholds, with only one month since February 2025 showing a marginal exceedance.

4.3. Vibration

Blasting activities are conducted only during the day. Vibrations are actively monitored and remain consistently within statutory limits.

5. Operational Context

PPC confirms that there have been no material changes in our quarrying methods, equipment, or processes at our Laudium Quarry, that could have introduced new environmental impacts. We note that your client only recently took up residence in a property in close proximity to an established quarry, and it is therefore foreseeable that certain ambient impacts associated with lawful quarrying may be perceptible.

6. Health and Environmental Claims

Your client has alleged respiratory conditions, allergies, and sleep disturbances. While PPC takes such concerns seriously, no independent medical or environmental evidence has been provided to

substantiate a causal link between these alleged conditions and our operations. Accordingly, PPC rejects any liability for such claims as presently advanced.

7. Way Forward

Without prejudice to our rights, defences and remedies in law, and in the spirit of constructive and good faith engagement, PPC is prepared to:

8.1. provide your office and client with independent monitoring reports for dust, noise, and vibration;
8.2. continue with transparent and independent assessments through accredited consultants; and
8.3. convene a technical site meeting with your client and experts to review monitoring results and consider reasonable remedial measures if substantiated.

8. Reservation of Rights

PPC expressly reserves all rights in law and equity, including the right to rely on statutory authorisations, environmental approvals, and common-law defences. Nothing in this letter should be construed as an admission of liability or waiver of any rights, all of which are fully reserved.

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