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Dear Mr Henry Prins

CAPE WINELANDS DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY: MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT (MOA): NOTICE OF DISCONTINUATION OF ROADS AGENCY AGREEMENT

The current Roads Agency Agreement, concluded by and between the Western Cape Government by its Department of Infrastructure and your District Municipality, is given effect to by a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) for the maintenance and construction of Proclaimed Provincial Roads.

The MOA has been in force since the 2016/17 Financial Year, effective 1 April 2016, with a termination date of 31 March 2019, being the date upon which the parties would have fulfilled their respective obligations in terms of the MOA. However, the MOA, has constantly been under review and has therefore been extended by means of Addenda as from the 2019/2020 Financial Year, to date.

Today, Monday, 7 April 2025, the Western Cape Minister of Infrastructure, Mr Tertuis Simmers, tabled his Department's Budget for the 2025/2026 Financial Year, noting key innovations to modernise and to accelerate the delivery of infrastructure in the Western Cape Province. These included a revised roads infrastructure delivery approach. This announcement by Mr Simmers will inevitably affect the Roads Agency Agreement between my Department and your District Municipality, This letter therefore serves as formal notification, as allowed for in Section 22, Agency Service, of the MOA, of the Department's twelve months' (12) notice of its intention to review the

Roads Agency Agreement, effective 1 April 2026. It should also be noted that Minister Simmers has consulted extensively with Mr Anton Bredell, Minister of Local Government, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning herein as to the underlying rationale and the decisions reached.

An evaluation by the Roads Team into performance and cost effectiveness has been undertaken and the Department is of the view that the system is not getting value for money, dual accountability is not conducive to focussed delivery and all funds and machinery should be under its control. It is therefore our intention to initiate a process to reconfigure the service and to consolidate the roads delivery team under the control of the Department.

A dedicated team will be appointed shortly to spearhead the various processes involved, led by Ms Marilise van Wyngaardt, Acting Chief Director: Road Departmental Operations.

With this in mind, and as provided for in the MOA, you and your staff are required to assist the above team with any information and other supporting and/or documentation which may be required from your District Municipality to address the matter at hand successfully. Furthermore, please note that no posts on the approved Roads Organogram, except those in a recruitment process [i.e. already scheduled for interviews] may be actioned, unless explicit prior approval has been obtained from the appointed team.

Further communication will follow.

Thank you for your assistance.

Kind regards



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