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Dear Marine Aquaculture Rights holders,

### **2020 ANNUAL REPORT ON THE SALDANHA BAY AQUACULTURE DEVELOPMENT ZONE PROGRESS BY THE AQUACULTURE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE TO THE DEPARTMENT ENVIROMENT FORESTRY AND FISHERIES: BRANCH ENVIRONMENT.**

This report serves to provide progress on developments of the Saldanha Bay Aquaculture Development Zone (ADZ) implementation by the Aquaculture Management Committee (AMC).

The then Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF) conducted an Environmental Impact Assessment process (Basic Assessment) for the establishment of a sea-based Aquaculture Development Zone (ADZ) in Saldanha Bay in 2016/2017. The Environmental Authorisation (EA) for the ADZ was granted on the 8th January 2018 by the then DEA, and appeals process followed where four (4) appeals were received. The Appeals decision was received on 7th June 2018 that the EA was upheld.

The Department has made significant progress with the implementation of the ADZ and this is briefly summarised in the below sections:

- 1. Authorisations received:**
  - 1.1 Appeal Decision was issued on 7th June 2018 by the DEFF: Branch Environment
  - 1.2 Letter of Clarity was issued on 18th November 2018 by the DEFF: Branch Environment
  - 1.3 Notification of commencement as the 11th February 2019 by the DEFF Branch Fisheries
  - 1.4 First Part 1 Amendment application approved on 10th July 2019 by the DEFF: Branch Environment.
  - 1.5 Second Part 1 Amendment application approved on the 16th September 2020 by the DEFF: Branch Environment however there were four appeals submitted on the application for amendment and the responding statement was submitted on the 12th November 2020. The decision on the appeals is still pending from the Minister.



**EXISTING, EXPANDING AND NEW OPERATORS IN THE SALDANHA BAY AQUACULTURE DEVELOPMENT ZONE.**

Madima General Agricultural Trading	Mussel Longline Project
Mika Growers	Mussel Longline Project
AquaFoods	Mussel Longline Project
Lagoon AquaFarm	Mussel Longline Project
African Olive Trading	Mussel Longline Project
Blue Lagoon Products	Oyster Longline Project
<b>EMPs endorsed in 2020</b>	
CEX Enterprises	Mussel Longline Project
Wada	Mussel Longline Project
Well Done works	Mussel Longline Project
K2019005713	Mussel Longline Project
K2019005725	Mussel Longline Project
Lagoon Aquafarm	Mussel Longline Project
Blue Ocean Mussels	Mussel Raft Project
Saldanha Bay Oyster Company	Oyster Longline Project
AquaFoods	Mussel and Oyster Longline Project
Imbaza Mussels	Mussel Raft Project

3.3 Consultative forum (CF) - the forum is a public platform and the first meeting was held on the 6<sup>th</sup> November 2018. These meetings are held every three months (Meetings held to date: 6<sup>th</sup> November 2018; 5<sup>th</sup> February 2019; 6<sup>th</sup> May 2019; 6<sup>th</sup> August 2019; 6<sup>th</sup> November 2019; 6<sup>th</sup> February 2020; 28<sup>th</sup> May 2020; 6<sup>th</sup> August 2020 and the 5<sup>th</sup> November 2020). There are an estimated 142 members of the forum.

**4 Guideline documents/forms and templates developed by the Department in compliance with the Environmental Authorisation:**

- 4.1 Checklist (before commencement) was developed for operators in the ADZ
- 4.2 Proposal for production thresholds was issued by the AMC to the operators in April 2019.
- 4.3 Terms of Reference for the AMC
- 4.4 Terms of Reference for the CF
- 4.5 Standard Operating Procedures for the AMC
- 4.6 Standard Operating Procedures for the CF
- 4.7 Guideline for EMPs presented to the AMC
- 4.8 Communications and document register for the ADZ
- 4.9 Template for the establishment of operators
- 4.10 Guideline for production thresholds
- 4.11 Lines of reporting by operators of the ADZ
- 4.12 Alien fish incident protocols
- 4.13 Minimum requirements for incident management
- 4.14 Incident and Emergency Response protocol
- 4.15 Disentanglement Protocol
- 4.16 Operational and Management guideline
- 4.17 Compliance Strategy
- 4.18 Year 1 audit conducted in February 2020
- 4.19 Monthly Farm Monitoring reports

**5 Environmental Control Officer:**