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Dredging News # 2

Dear POMA Clients and Stakeholders,

It is with regret that we have to inform you that we have struck a snag with our dredging programme.

The departments of Public Works and Environmental Affairs and Development Planning now require POMA to apply for a further 3 permits in terms of the Integrated Coastal Management Act, before we can continue.

Needless to say, this is the first time this POMA Board was advised of this requirement. The Department of Water Affairs claims to have written to POMA with this instruction in 2014. We have asked for a copy of this instruction.

So, this is almost like a knockdown blow in the first round of a boxing match(!), but we have grown accustomed to all the obstacles that have been placed in our way and view this as a temporary setback.

What is the Plan?

We are consulting with our advisors and will formulate plans over the next week. There is an emergency application route in terms of the Act, and we shall follow that if required. If successful, an applicant may continue with the work whilst the permit application is under consideration.

We shall, of course, follow the advice of our consultants to clear this matter as soon as possible.

How will this affect waterway users?

The vessel Santa Isabel will remain in the Marina in its present position until further notice. Our agreement makes provision for these type of hiccups and we shall handle the situation in terms of the agreement.

The Marina Manager will keep the waterways open and you should enjoy unrestricted use.

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