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Dear Mr Lochan

RE: CLARITY IN TERMS OF THE EXTENDED PRODUCER RESPONSIBILITY FEE CONCURRENCE FOR 2022, 2023 AND 2024

The Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE) would like to confirm that the South African Industrial Containers Association (SAICRA), a non-profit company (NPC), is registered as a Producer Responsibility Organisation (PRO) in terms of regulation 10 of the Regulations Regarding Extended Producer Responsibility, 2020 (EPR Regulations). SAICRA registered with the DFFE on 22 June 2021 under the Paper and Packaging sector and was issued with the EPR Registration number 19/7/5/P/PRO/20210722/006 as proof of registration.

Questions have been raised regarding the 2022 EPR fee concurrence, this letter seeks to provide clarity that SAICRA submitted its proposed EPR fee, annual financial plan and budget to the DFFE late in July 2022, which were assessed by the DFFE and included in the EPR fee applications for 2023. These were then sent to the Minister of Finance for concurrence in a letter dated 14 February 2023.

In a response letter dated 5 April 2023, the Minister of Finance refused to grant concurrence to the 2023 EPR fee applications. However, he granted a continuation of the 2022 EPR fee for paper and packaging, lighting and electrical and electronic equipment in respect of the applications which were submitted and assessed by the DFFE. This included the late EPR fee application from SAICRA.

Furthermore, SAICRA submitted its 2023 and its 2024 proposed EPR fee applications to the DFFE within the stipulated timeframes and these were submitted to the Minister of Finance for concurrence.



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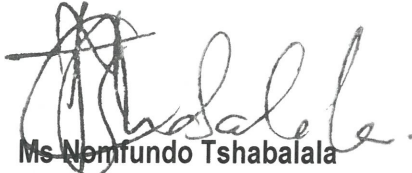
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FOR 2022, 2023 AND 2024**

You are hereby advised that the SAICRA EPR scheme is compliant with the EPR Regulations' fee concurrence requirements for the Paper and Packaging sector Notice until a new decision on concurrence is issued.

For further engagement with the DFFE on your enquiry, kindly contact Mr Kgauta Mokoena at KMokoena@dffe.gov.za or on 012 399 9825.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nomfundo Tshabalala', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Ms Nomfundo Tshabalala
DIRECTOR-GENERAL
DATE: 05/02/2025