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Dear Vanessa and Haresh

We would like to place on record the following activities that have already commenced at Engen Refinery at Tara Road, Wentworth. Fenceline residents to the refinery have made numerous complaints about the ongoing noise emanating from the refinery.

Fraser and Charmers have been appointed as the contractors responsible for carrying out the decommissioning process that has already commenced. They have proceeded without:

1. submitting an application to the Department of Economic Development, Tourism and Environmental Affairs (EDTEA) for the decommissioning process.
2. Stakeholders and Interested and Affected Parties have not been consulted

We the South Durban Community Environmental Alliance (SDCEA) have consistently engaged with Engen and have not been notified of such application to EDTEA regarding Engen's decommissioning. Further to this Engen has consulted us on the Engen Zenex Blend Plant Decommissioning, Island View, so how has the refinery site been exempt from acquiring an Environmental Authorisation from EDTEA for this process?

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Please could you clarify in writing the status of Engen Refinery and its decommissioning process? What procedures have been followed and which consultancy has Engen appointed to carry out the decommissioning in accordance with Section 19 of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations?

Yours Sincerely,



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