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To whom it may concern,

In re: PNP Bird removal

Definitions:

Cradle-to-grave responsibility principle	Refers to an environmental management principle of the National Environmental Management Act, 107 of 1998 (NEMA) in that responsibility for the environmental health consequences of a policy, programme, project, product, process, service or activity exists throughout its life cycle.
Duty of care principle	Refers to Section 28 of the National Environmental Management Act, 107 of 1998 (NEMA) and the duty of care provisions which place an independent and autonomous duty on each and every person to ensure that harm is not caused to the environment and what reasonable measures are required to be taken in order to comply with this duty.
Equipment	The whole or any part of any implement, machine, instrument, apparatus, device or other object which can be used, capable of being used or adapted for the purpose of hunting a pest bird in order to manage a pest bird.
Invasive species	Any species whose establishment and spread outside its natural distribution range – threatens ecosystems, habitats or other species or has demonstrable potential to threaten ecosystems, habitats or other species; and may result in economic
Permit	A permit issued by the relevant permitting

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	authority.
Pest bird	A bird, when interacting with humans or interfering with human activities, is a nuisance, destructive or it is harmful to agriculture, causes damage to cultivated trees, crops, natural flora, fauna or other property, or presents a threat to human life.
Precautionary principle	Refers to an environmental management principle of the National Environmental Management Act, 107 of 1998 (NEMA) in that a risk-averse and cautious approach must be applied, which takes into account the limits of current knowledge about the consequences of decisions and actions.
Species	A group of animals that do not normally interbreed with individuals of another group, and includes any sub-species, geographic race, ecotype, strain, hybrid or geographically separate population.
Wild animal	Any live vertebrate or invertebrate animal (including its egg or spawn) belonging to a non-domestic species and includes any such animal which is kept or has been born in captivity.

Introduction:

APS is a professionally permitted bird control company that is engaging in the lawful and environmentally friendly removal of unwanted pest birds. Avian Pest Solutions conducts work for Strong Point Projects on PnP sites.

APS utilizes the services of Mr. Bird Pest Control (Pty) Ltd, 2015/264648/7, to render services in the Cape Town area.

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Pest bird information:

Birds are well adapted to survive in a modern city and our metropolitan areas have become artificial breeding grounds for once rural birds in the form of buildings structures, similar to their cliff and tree homes, where they are safe from predators. With this man is now also providing an unnatural and unlimited supply of food for these pests in the form of grain farms on the city borders. Pest birds understandably gravitate towards warm, dry places where they can set up home as PnP have found on all their sites that have a problem with pest birds.

Birds cause tens of millions of Rands of damage every year to buildings, machinery, cars, roofs, ventilation systems and more. Bird droppings and nesting materials which are allowed to accumulate pose a host of physical problems which can become very serious if they are not corrected immediately. These include damage to roofs by droppings, damage to roofs by nests, damage to machinery, fires started by birds' nests, blocked ventilation systems and damage to the image of the business.

The accumulation of the pest bird faeces is extreme, and removal is a time-consuming and expensive practice as protective clothing and specialized working procedures need to be addressed.

The faeces of these birds represent a health and safety issue to employees who have to remove or work in close proximity with this and to members of the public. The risk of contagion is higher when faeces and detritus build up inside a building. These pest birds are carriers of several serious human diseases. Unfortunately, many of these pest birds have chosen to set up roost within PnP sites exposing PnP and their clients to significant health and safety risks. Examples of the diseases carried by these pest birds include but are not limited to:

1. **Cryptosporidiosis:** acquired by contact and accidental ingestion of faecal material. It can cause gastrointestinal symptoms in humans.
2. **Campylobacteriosis:** transmitted through bird faeces. It is a common bacterial infection that causes diarrhea, fever, and cramps.

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3. **Avian flu:** Highly contagious viral disease of birds caused by influenza A viruses. Exposure to animal influenza viruses can lead to infection and disease in humans, ranging from mild flu-like symptoms to severe respiratory disease or death.
4. **Histoplasmosis:** This respiratory disease results from a fungus growing in dried bird droppings. It can be fatal if left untreated.
5. **Cryptococcosis:** Caused by yeast found in the intestinal tract of pigeons and starlings, it often begins as a pulmonary disease and may later affect the central nervous system.
6. **Salmonellosis:** Often traced to pigeons, starlings, and sparrows, this bacterial infection can cause food poisoning. Dust from bird droppings can contaminate food and surfaces.

Bird removal:

APS through Mr. Bird Pest Control (Pty) Ltd on behalf of Strong Point Projects renders bird removal services for PnP sites in Cape Town area.

Mr. Bird Pest Control (Pty) Ltd is permitted by Western Cape Province under Cape Nature to render bird removal services under permit number **CN43-37-30436** (*Attached as Annexure A*).

Pest birds removed from the PnP site include Pigeons (Columbiformes) and Perching Birds (Passeriformes).

Bird removal is conducted by using a pre-charged pellet gun as the charge can be adjusted to suit the specific need according to the range the pest birds will be shot at.

Should you have any further queries in this regard, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,

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