**OBJECTION TO**

**Lease of City land, Portions of erven 593 and 1102, Poplar avenue, Thornton for sporting facility Purposes: Santos Sports and Educational Foundation (SSEF) NPC**

Name: ………………………………………………………………………………………………..

Address: …………….………………………………………….…………………….……………., Thornton, 7460

Telephone: ………………………………………….. Email:……………………………………………………………………..

As a resident of Thornton I hereby object to Santos Sports and Educational Foundation (SSEF) getting a 10 year lease of Portions of Erven 593 and 1102, Poplar Avenue, Thornton.

My reasons for objecting are as follows:

* The City of Cape Town (CoCT) has not been clear on what criteria will be used to assess the proposals and what the weighting of this criteria is, thereby providing Santos an advantage above other proposals.
* Santos, as far as I am aware, have not made any social or professional investment in the Thornton community. Given the number of children that live in Thornton and attend the various educational facilities in the area, they have not contributed nor helped to build or enhance the Thornton community.
* Community involvement has not been encouraged by Santos and changes made to the facilities has not benefitted the Thornton community in any way.
* STC 1478/2 (Erf 1102) is currently being leased to the Thornton Islamic Society (TIS) and is part of the proposed lease to Santos. The TIS have been using this space for the last 16 years and deserve consideration from CoCT. What is CoCT plan for the TIS?
* The current lease to Santos does not address the sporting needs of the Thornton community as soccer is the only sport that is offered.

Santos Football Club has been operating in Thornton for the past decade and has deprived the Thornton community of a much needed community and social facility. Having a sporting facility in Thornton with various sporting codes which is inclusive of young, old, women and men will serve to unite and instil a sense of community in Thornton.

I trust that the reasons described above will convince the CoCT to reconsider its proposal and NOT grant Santos Sports and Educational Foundation a 10 year lease but rather to lease the land to the Thornton Ratepayers and Residents Association.

If the proposed lease is granted to any entity other than the TRRA, please ensure that the terms of the lease stipulate that the Thornton community be represented on the facilities management board/committee to safeguard the needs of Thornton and to ensure that community involvement takes place.

I request a personal reply to my objection and expect to be invited to an interview when the decision is being made.