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Dear Ms Thomas

APPLICATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION: THE PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF A BIOMASS CO-FIRING DEMONSTRATION FACILITY AT THE ARNOT POWER STATION, MPUMALANGA

The final Basic Assessment Report (BAR) received by the Department on 17 February 2012 refers. This review brought to light issues that need attention and clarification by you so that an informed decision regarding the abovementioned application can be made. The Department therefore, in terms of sub regulation 24(1)(b) and 24(3) of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2010, rejects the BAR based on the following:

The details of the public participation process does not comply with the requirements of sub-regulation 22(2)(f) and sub-regulation 57 of GN R.543 of 18 June 2010. No documentary proof (i.e. no courier/registered mail/hand delivery notes or proof of receipt) were appended to the final BAR dated February 2012 to serve as evidence that the notices was forwarded to the stakeholders.

You are hereby requested to submit the following additional information:

1. That the comment from the following stakeholders be included in the amended BAR as their comment were not appended to the final BAR dated February 2012:
 - i. The Mpumalanga Department of Economic Development, Environment and Tourism;
 - ii. The Department of Water Affairs (copy of existing Water Use Licence and confirmation that proposed activity is within existing water use allocation); and
 - iii. The South African Heritage Resources Agency ("SAHRA") (Section 38(1) as the proposed activity is in excess of 5000m²).

Also be reminded that one (1) complete electronic copy of the amended report must also be submitted to this Department when the hardcopies thereof is submitted.

The above requested information must be provided to the Department before a decision can be reached regarding the BAR received.

The applicant is hereby reminded to comply with the requirements of regulation 67 of GN 543 with regard to the time period allowed for complying with the requirements of the regulations, and GN 543(56) with regard to the allowance of a comment period for interested and affected parties on all reports submitted to the competent authority for decision-making. The reports referred to are listed in GN 543, sub regulation 56(3).

The Department awaits the requested information before further processing the abovementioned application.

You are hereby reminded that the activity may not commence prior to an environmental authorisation being granted by the Department.

Yours sincerely



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