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ATTENTION: NICOLENE VENTER

RE-EIA NEWSLETTER: PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF NEW 2 X 400KV POWER LINES FROM ETNA SUBSTATION TO A NEW PROPOSED QUATTRO SUBSTATION IN SOWETO, GAUTENG PROVIVE (DEA REF: 12/12/20/984)

- 1. Your newsletter providing an update as per response from the Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA) on the above mentioned matter is acknowledged and has reference.
- 2. The comments that we submit on the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process for the mentioned development include:
- 2.1 The applicant to address all issues highlighted by the Department of Environmental Affairs in all proposed sites (Site A, B, C and Site D).
- 2.2 The applicant to note that wetlands are sensitive environments which require protection at all times and the buffer zone of 30m as recommended by the City of Johannesburg must be maintained unless the municipality agrees on a lesser restriction.
- 2.3 It is recommended that all town planning restrictions on the proposed sites be investigated and addressed with relevant authorities with regard for the proposed development.
- 2.4 The social impact assessment (SIA) to be undertaken must not overlook issues of heritage if any exist in all proposed sites.

We trust you find the above information in order. For more information please do not hesitate to contact the writer at (012) 337 3276.

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