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PER EMAIL / MAIL

Dear Ms Seabe

AMENDMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION ISSUED ON 29 OCTOBER 2012 FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE 400kV SINGLE CIRCUIT TRANSMISSION POWER LINE FROM THE EXISTING PHILIPPI SUB-STATION TO THE PROPOSED MITCHELL'S PLAIN SUB-STATION AND THE UPGRADE OF THE PHILIPPI SUB-STATION: MITCHELLS PLAIN, WESTERN CAPE PROVINCE

The Environmental Authorisation (EA) issued for the above application by this Department on 29 October 2012, your application for amendment to the EA received by this Department on 28 August 2017 and the acknowledgement letter dated 07 September 2017 refer.

Based on a review of the reason for requesting an amendment to the above EA, this Department, in terms of Chapter 5 of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014 as amended, has decided to amend the EA dated 07 September 2012 (as amended) as follows:

## Amendment to extend the validity period of the EA:

The activity must commence within a period of five (05) years from the date of expiry of the EA issued on 29 October 2012 (i.e. the EA lapses on 29 October 2022). If commencement of the activity does not occur within that period, the authorisation lapses and a new application for environmental authorisation must be made in order for the activity to be undertaken.

The reason for this five years extension period is to accommodate the following:

- Walk down of the negotiated route alignment with the affected landowners (City of Cape Town and few private landowners) regarding the acquisition of the servitude rights for the power line;
- Applications for permits, if needed for vegetation clearance; and
- Process of tendering to appointment the construction contractors.

This proposed amendment letter must be read in conjunction with the EA dated 29 October 2012

In terms of Regulation 4(2) of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014 (the Regulations), you are instructed to notify all registered interested and affected parties in writing and within 14 (fourteen) days of

the date of the EA of the Department's decision in respect of your application as well as the fact that an appeal may be lodged against the decision in terms of the National Appeals Regulations, and the provisions regarding the submission of appeals as contained in the Regulations.

Should any person wish to lodge an appeal against this decision, he/she must submit the appeal to the appeal administrator, and a copy of the appeal to the applicant, any registered interested and affected party, and any organ of state with interest in the matter within 20 days from the date that the notification of the decision was sent to the registered interested and affected parties by the applicant; or the date that the notification of the decision was sent to the applicant by the Department, whichever is applicable.

Appeals must be submitted in writing in the prescribed form to:

Mr Z Hassam, Director: Appeals and Legal Review of this Department at the below mentioned addresses.

By email:

appealsdirectorate@environment.gov.za;

By hand:

**Environment House** 

473 Steve Biko,

Arcadia, Pretoria, 0083; or

By post:

Private Bag X 447.

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Please note that in terms of section 43(7) of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998, the lodging of an appeal will suspend the environmental authorisation or any provision or condition attached thereto. In the instance where an appeal is lodged, you may not commence with the activity until such time that the appeal is finalised.

To obtain the prescribed appeal form and for guidance on the submission of appeals, please visit the Department's website at https://www.environment.gov.za/documents/forms#legal\_authorisations or request a copy of the documents at appealsdirectorate@environment.gov.za.

Yours faithfully

Mr Sabelo Malaza

Chief Director: Integrated Environmental Authorisations

**Department of Environmental Affairs** 

Date: 22/09/2017

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