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24 March 2005

Dear Madam/Sir

AUTHORISATION FOR THE RETURN-TO-SERVICE OF THE GROOTVLEI POWER STATION, MPUMALANGA PROVINCE PROVINCE

Please be advised that the Mpumalanga Department of Agriculture and Land Administration (M DALA) has issued a Record of Decision (RoD) for the above project, subject to certain conditions. The relevant environmental department has evaluated and approved the Environmental Scoping Report submitted in September 2004. In terms of this RoD, M DALA have granted authorisation in terms of section 22(3) of the Environment Conservation Act (Act No 73 of 1989), subject to the conditions listed in the RoD (Schedule 1 of GN R1182: Item 1(a)). This authorisation is for the return to service of the Grootvlei Power Station

A copy of the RoD from M DALA outlining the conditions of approval for construction has been attached for your review.

In terms of Regulation 11 of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations (Government Notices R1182 and R1183 of 5 September 1997), formal appeals regarding the Record of Decision can be directed in writing to MEC, Agriculture and Land Administration (Private Bag X11219, Nelspruit, 1200).

- 1. An appeal to the MEC under section 35(3) of the Act must be lodged in writing within 30 days from the date on which the RoD was issued to the applicant (in terms of regulation 10(1)).
- 2. The applicant received the authorisation on 23 March 2005, and therefore appeals must be lodged by 21 April 2005.
- 3. An appeal must set out all the facts, as well as the grounds of appeal, and must be accompanied by all relevant documents or certified copies of documents.

The MEC shall after considering the relevant facts and supporting documents received during the appeal process:

- Uphold the original decision; or
- Uphold the original decision with modifications; or
- Reverse the original decision.

Please note that appeals should not be sent to Bohlweki Environmental or Eskom.

Kind Regards

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