



## environmental affairs

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### **PER E-MAIL / MAIL**

Dear Ms Gresse

### **ACCEPTANCE OF SCOPING REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED EXPANSION OF THE ASH DISPOSAL FACILITY FOR KRIEL POWER STATION IN THE MPUMALANGA PROVINCE**

The Final Scoping Report (FSR) and Plan of Study for Environmental Impact Assessment dated January 2017 and received by the Department on 11 January 2017 refers.

The Department has evaluated the submitted FSR and the Plan of Study for Environmental Impact Assessment dated January 2017 and is satisfied that the documents comply with the minimum requirements of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2014. The FSR is hereby accepted by the Department in terms of regulation 22(a) of the EIA Regulations, 2014.

You may proceed with the environmental impact assessment process in accordance with the tasks contemplated in the Plan of Study for Environmental Impact Assessment as required in terms of the EIA Regulations, 2014.

Please ensure that comments from all relevant stakeholders are submitted to the Department with the Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR). This includes but is not limited to comments from the Mpumalanga: Department of Economic Development Environment and Tourism as well as the National Department of Water and Sanitation. Proof of correspondence with the various stakeholders must be included in the Final EIR. Should you be unable to obtain comments, proof of the attempts made to obtain comments should be submitted to the Department.

In addition, the following amendments and additional information are required for the EIR:

- a) The geology of the area;
- b) Hydrogeology on site: structural features like, dyke etc.;
- c) Current groundwater quality on site;

- d) Hydrocensus of the groundwater quality in the area;
- e) Potential impact of the activity on surrounding groundwater users if any;
- f) Groundwater monitoring plan in terms of quality and quantity;
- g) Historical groundwater monitoring data if available; and,
- h) Storm water Management Plan.
- i) Design drawings which are designed by a professional Engineer
- j) Each liner must be specified.
- k) Information on services required on the site, e.g. sewage, refuse removal, water and electricity. Who will supply these services and has an agreement and confirmation of capacity been obtained?
- l) A construction and operational phase EMPr to include mitigation and monitoring measures.
- m) Should a Water Use License be required, proof of application for a license needs to be submitted.

The applicant is hereby reminded to comply with the requirements of Regulation 45 with regard to the time period allowed for complying with the requirements of the 2014 EIA Regulations.

Please ensure that the Final EIR includes at least one A3 regional map of the area and the locality maps included in the final EIR illustrate the different proposed alignments and above ground storage of fuel. The maps must be of acceptable quality and as a minimum, have the following attributes:

- Maps are relatable to one another;
- Cardinal points;
- Co-ordinates;
- Legible legends;
- Indicate alternatives;
- Latest land cover;
- Vegetation types of the study area; and
- A3 size locality map.

Further, it must be reiterated that, should an application for Environmental Authorisation be subject to the provisions of Chapter II, Section 38 of the National Heritage Resources Act, Act 25 of 1999, then this Department will not be able to make nor issue a decision in terms of your application for Environmental Authorisation pending a letter from the pertinent heritage authority categorically stating that the application fulfils the requirements of the relevant heritage resources authority as described in Chapter II, Section 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act, Act 25 of 1999.

You are requested to submit six (6) copies of the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) to the Department and at least one electronic copy (CD/DVD) of the complete final report with the hard copy documents.

You are hereby reminded of Section 24F of the National Environmental Management Act, Act No 107 of 1998, as amended, that no activity may commence prior to an environmental authorisation being granted by the Department.

Yours faithfully



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**Department of Environmental Affairs**

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