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Application for integrated environmental authorisation and waste management licence in terms of the-

- (1) National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998), as amended and the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2010; and
- (2) National Environmental Management: Waste Act, 2008 (Act No. 59 of 2008) and Government Notice 718 of 2009.

PROJECT TITLE

Environmental Impact Assessment and Waste Management License Application for Continued Ashing at the Existing Ash Disposal Facilities, at Majuba Power Station, Mpumalanga Province

PART A: INFORMATION AND APPLICATION PROCESS

1. DEFINITIONS

Definitions in this form are as per the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) (NEMA), the Environmental Impact Assessment ("EIA") Regulations, 2010, the National Environmental Management: Waste Act, 1998 (Act No. 59 of 2008) ("NEMWA") and the Schedule contained in Government Notice 718, published on 3 July 2009 in terms of section 19 of NEMWA.

2. APPLICABILITY OF INTEGRATED ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION PROCESS

The integrated environmental authorisation process only apply in instances where the **Minister** is both the-

- (a) competent authority for the environmental authorisation applied for in terms of NEMA and the EIA Regulations, 2010; and
- (b) the licencing authority for the waste management licence in terms of NEMWA.

Kindly refer to paragraph 3.2 of this part of the application to determine in which instances the Minister would be the competent authority in terms of NEMA and the licencing authority in terms of NEMWA.

3. APPLICATION PROCESS EXPLAINED:

3.1 Integrated environmental authorisation process:

3.1.1 The environmental authorisation process prescribed for listed activities under Listing Notices 1, 2 and 3 published in *Government Gazette* Numbers R544, R545 and R546 respectively and the waste licensing process for listed activities contained in the Schedule in Government Notice 718, 2009 published in terms of section 19 of NEMWA are as defined in the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations made under section 24(5) of the National Environmental Management Act, 2008 (Act No. 107 of 1998) ("NEMA").

3.1.2 This integrated application form is the official form in terms of regulation 12(2)(a) of the EIA Regulations, 2010 and must accompany every integrated environmental authorization application pertaining to-

- listed activities in terms of NEMA; and
- waste activities in terms of NEMWA.

3.2 Competent Authority (Where to submit applications)

3.2.1 The Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs is the-

- competent authority in respect of the activities listed in Listing Notices 1, 2 and 3, published in *Government Gazette* numbers R544, R545, and R546 respectively, in terms of NEMA if the activity-
 - (a) has implications for international environmental commitments or relations;
 - (b) will take place within an area protected by means of an international environmental instrument, other than-
 - (i) any area falling within the sea-shore or within 150 meters seawards from the high-water mark, whichever is the greater;
 - (ii) a conservancy;
 - (iii) a protected natural environment;
 - (iv) a proclaimed private nature reserve;
 - (v) a natural heritage site; and
 - (vi) the buffer zone or transitional area of a world heritage site;
 - (c) has a development footprint that falls within the boundaries of more than one province or traverses international boundaries;
 - (d) Is undertaken, or is to be undertaken by-
 - (i) A national department;
 - (ii) A provincial department responsible for environmental affairs or any other organ of state performing a regulatory function and reporting to the MEC; or
 - (iii) A statutory body, excluding any municipality, performing an exclusive competence of the national sphere of government; or
 - (e) Will take place within a national proclaimed protected area or other conservation area under control of a national authority.
- licencing authority in respect of all activities listed in both categories of the Schedule contained in Government Notice 718, 2009 published in terms of section 19 of NEMWA where –

- (a) Unless otherwise indicated by the Minister by notice in the *Gazette*, the waste management activity involves the establishment, operation, cessation or decommissioning of a facility at which hazardous waste has been or is to be stored, treated or disposed of;
- (b) The waste management activity involves obligations in terms of an international obligation, including the importation or exportation of hazardous waste;
- (c) The waste management activity is to be undertaken by-
 - (i) A national department;
 - (ii) A provincial department responsible for environmental affairs; or
 - (iii) A statutory body, excluding any municipality, performing an exclusive competence of the national sphere of government;
- (d) The waste management activity will affect more than one province or traverse international boundaries; or
- (e) Two or more waste management activities are to be undertaken at the same facility and the Minister is the licencing authority for any of those activities.

However, despite the above-mentioned legislative provisions, the Minister and an MEC may agree that an application for a waste management activity or an environmental authorisation in respect of the above-mentioned activities, where the Minister is the competent/licencing authority, may be dealt with by the relevant MEC within whose province the activity(ies) will take place. Similarly the Minister and the MEC may agree that an application for an environmental authorisation or a waste management activity where the MEC has been identified as the competent/licencing authority, may be dealt with by the Minister. [Section 24C(3) of NEMA and section 43(3) of NEMWA]

The integrated application for environmental authorisation must be submitted by lodging an application with the National Department of Environmental Affairs. The application must be marked for the attention of:

The Director: Environmental Impact Evaluation
Private Bag X447
Pretoria 0001
Tel: 012 310 3230

3.3 Making an Application

- 3.3.1 This application form is current as of 1 September 2010. It is the responsibility of the applicant to ascertain whether subsequent versions of the form have been published or produced by the competent authority. It is the applicant's responsibility to download the current version of the application form from the website of the Department at <http://www.deat.gov.za>.
- 3.3.2 The application must be typed within the spaces provided in the form. The sizes of the spaces provided are not necessarily indicative of the amount of information to be provided. Spaces are provided in tabular format and will extend automatically when each space is filled with typing.
- 3.3.3 The applicant must clearly mark confidential sections of the information submitted in the application form and supporting documents. Unless protected by law, all information filled in on this application will become public information on receipt by the competent authority. Any interested and affected party should be provided with the information contained in this application on request, during any stage of the application process.
- 3.3.4 The applicant must fill in all relevant sections of this form. Incomplete applications will not be processed. The applicant will be notified of the missing information in the acknowledgement letter that will be sent within 14 days of receipt of the application.
- 3.3.5 Incomplete applications may be returned to the applicant for revision.
- 3.3.6 Sections in the form that do not apply to the applicant must be marked "not applicable". However, the use of the phrase "not applicable" in the form must be done with circumspection. Should it be done in respect of material information required by the competent authority for assessing the application, it may result in the rejection of the application as provided for in the Regulations.
- 3.3.7 Where applicable **black out** the boxes that are not applicable in the form.
- 3.3.8 This application form (together with four hard copies of this application form), must be handed in at the offices of the relevant competent authority as determined by the relevant Acts and Regulations and as indicated in this application form. All application forms must be signed as stipulated in the form. Applications that are not signed or completed accordingly will not be considered.
- 3.3.9 No faxed or e-mailed applications will be accepted.
- 3.3.10 There is currently no prescribed fee.

3.4 Appointment of an EAP

- The applicant must appoint an EAP in terms of EIA Regulations, 2010;
- The EAP must comply with general requirements as given in EIA regulations, 2010; and
- The EAP may be disqualified in terms of EIA Regulations, 2010.

3.5 Criteria for determining whether basic assessment or scoping is to be applied to applications

3.5.1 NEMA activities

- (a) Basic assessment must be applied to an application if the authorisation applied for is in respect of an activity listed in Listing Notices 1 and/or 3 published in Government Gazette Numbers R544 and R546, 2010 respectively and which must follow the process described in sections 21-25 of the EIA Regulations, 2010; and
- (b) Scoping and Environmental Impact Reporting Process ("S&EIR") must be applied to an application if the authorisation applied for is in respect of an activity listed in Listing Notice 2 published in Government Gazette Number R545, 2010 and which must follow the process described in sections 26-35 of the EIA Regulations, 2010.

3.5.2 NEMWA activities

- (a) Basic assessment, in terms of sections 21-25 of the EIA Regulations, 2010, must be applied to an application if the authorisation applied for is in respect of an activity listed in Category A of the Schedule contained in Government Notice 718, published on 3 July 2009, in terms of section 19 of NEMWA; and
- (b) S&EIR, in terms of sections 26-35 of the EIA Regulations, 2010, must be applied to an application if the authorisation applied for is in respect of an activity Category B of the Schedule contained in Government Notice 718, published on 3 July 2009, in terms of section 19 of NEMWA.

3.5.3 Combination of NEMA and NEMWA activities

Should any of the NEMA or NEMWA activities applied for require the application of the S&EIR process, the S&EIR process will be applied to this application for integrated environmental authorisation.

Queries must be addressed to the contact hereunder:

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