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PER EMAIL / MAIL

Dear Ms Nailana

AMENDMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION ISSUED ON 01 SEPTEMBER 2016 FOR THE PROPOSED NARINA (BLANCO) 400/132kV MTS SUBSTATION AND DROERIVIER PROTEUS LOOP-IN LOOP-OUT POWERLINE PROJECT WITHIN THE BLANCO AREA, GEORGE LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, WESTERN CAPE PROVINCE

The Environmental Authorisation (EA) dated 01 September 2016 for the abovementioned project and your application for amendment to the EA received by this Department on 12 October 2016, refers.

Based on a review of the reasons for requesting the amendment of the Environmental Authorisation dated 01 September 2016 this Department, in terms of Chapter 5 of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014 decided to amend the EA as follows:

Condition 6 of the EA:

From:

This activity must commence within a period of 03 years from the date of issue of this authorisation. 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.

To:

This activity must commence within a period of five (5) years from the date of issue of this authorisation. 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.

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Reasons for the above amendment are as follows:

- The EA was erroneously issued with a 3 year validity period.
- A 3 year period is not sufficient for the implementation/ commencement of this project.
- Eskom needs to negotiate with affected landowners, and finalise the construction Environmental Management Programme with input from the specialists once the final walk down of the approved powerline route is undertaken.
- This will take time in terms of appointments, compilation, and implementation, and therefore additional time is required.
- The additional time is also required to ensure that all relevant permits are in place in order for construction to commence.

This letter must be read in conjunction with the Environmental Authorisation dated 01 September 2016.

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 Department's decision in respect of the amendment made as well as the provisions regarding the submission of appeals that are contained in the Regulations.

Your attention is drawn to Chapter 2 of Government Notice No. R.993, which prescribes the appeal procedure to be followed.

An appellant must submit an 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 applicant by the competent authority.

By post: Private Bag X447,
Pretoria,
0001; or

By hand: Environment House
473 Steve Biko Road,
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Appeals must be submitted in writing to:

Mr Z Hassam, Director: Appeals and Legal Review, of this Department at the above mentioned addresses. Mr Hassam can also be contacted at:

Tel: (012) 399 9356
Email: Appealsdirector@environment.gov.za

For guidance on appeals submitted to the Minister in terms of NEMA and the SEMAs, please find a copy of the guideline on the administration of appeals on the Department's website:

https://www.environment.gov.za/documents/forms#legal_authorisations

Kindly include a copy of this document with the letter of notification to interested and affected parties.

Yours faithfully



Mr Sabelo Malaza
Chief Director: Integrated Environmental Authorisations
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Date: 9/11/2016