

ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION FOR THE PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF A 32M TELECOMMUNICATION MAST AT THE SERUMULA CAPACITOR BANK STATION, KOPPIESFONTEIN 108 ON REMAINDER OF DE DRAAI 566, FREE STATE (Reference Number: 12/12/20/1486).

The Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA) on the 14th September 2009 granted authorisation for the above-mentioned Application in terms of GNR 386, activity number 14, to Eskom Holdings Limited to construct a 32m Telecommunication Mast at the Serumula Capacitor Bank Station on the Farm Koppiesfontein, on the Remainder of Farm De Draai, 10 km from Smithfield, Free State.

A copy of the authorisation is available on the Eskom Website: www.eskom.co.za/eia.

The authorisation was based on the review of the Basic Assessment Report (BAR) submitted to DEA in July 2009. The authorisation lists the activity that has been authorised, including the conditions and the reasons for the decision.

The DEA has listed the following as key factors considered in making the decision:

- The proposed telecommunication mast for the Serumula Capacitor Bank Station is an existing tower that will be moved from the Perseus substation. The proposed 32m Telecommunication mast will be installed in the existing Serumula Capacitor Bank Station next to the control room.
- Site location options available to the applicant were limited by the technical constraint that the telecommunication tower should be placed inside the station next to the existing control room of the Capacitor Bank Station. The proposed site or location (i.e. next to the control room of the Capacitor Bank Station) is the most economical for logistics, as well as service. The feasible alternatives identified were limited and not closer to the control room of the Capacitor Bank Station.
- The Nelson Mandela Bay Municipality and the Coega Development Company in the Coega Industrial Development Zone in the Eastern Cape will benefit from the activity due to the additional energy transfer of about 300MW created by the series capacitors, whereas the additional energy to be transferred to the Western Cape will be 50MW. However, the series capacitors cannot be commissioned and operated without the microwave towers.
- A sufficient public participation process was undertaken and the consultant has satisfied the minimum requirements as prescribed in the EIA Regulations, 2006, for public involvement.
- As part of the EIA process, Bemani Sustainability Training (Pty) Ltd, being the EAP, identified potential environmental impacts associated with the proposed construction works and proposed feasible mitigation measures to mitigate the identified impacts.

Appeals Process

The Appeals procedure to be followed is outlined below. Please follow the procedure as indicated. Notify the Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs within 10 days of receiving this notification of the intention to appeal and submit the appeal within 30 days of lodging the notice of the intention to appeal. Appeals must be lodged on an official form that can be obtained from:

- Mr PKM Retief, Appeals Administrator, Tel: (012) 310 3705, pretief@deat.gov.za; or
- Mr H Grove, Appeals Administrator, Tel: (012) 310 3070, hgrove@deat.gov.za, at the Department.

Notice of the intention to appeal can be lodged by means of one of the following methods:

- By facsimile: (012) 320 7561;
- By post: Private Bag X447, Pretoria, 0001; or
- By hand: 2nd floor, Fedsure Form Building, North Tower, cor. Van der Walt and Pretorius Streets, Pretoria.

Appeals Procedure in terms of Chapter 7 of R385 of 2006 to be followed by the Applicant and Interested and Affected Parties upon receipt of Notification of an Environmental Authorisation

APPLICANT	INTERESTED AND AFFECTED PARTIES
Receive notice for Environmental Authorisation from the relevant Competent Authority	Receive notice of Environmental Authorisation from Applicant/Consultant
Within 10 days of receipt of notification, notify the relevant Competent Authority and all IAPs of intention to appeal	Within 10 days of receipt of notification, notify the relevant Competent Authority of intention to appeal
Notification served by the Applicant must include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A copy of the notice of intention to appeal; and • A notice indicating where and for what period the appeal submission will be available for inspection by all IAPs 	Appellant must serve on the Applicant: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A copy of the notice of intention to appeal; • A notice indicating where and for what period the appeal submission will be available for inspection by the applicant
The appeal must be submitted to the relevant Competent Authority or delegated organ of State within 30 days of lodging of the notice of intention to appeal	The appeal must be submitted to the relevant Competent Authority or delegated organ of State within 30 days of lodging of the notice of intention to appeal
A person or organ of state that receives notice of an appeal may submit a responding statement to the relevant Competent Authority or delegated organ of state within 30 days from the date that the appeal submission was made available for inspection by the appellant	An applicant that receives notice of an appeal may submit a responding statement to the relevant Competent Authority or delegated organ of State within 30 days from the date the appeal submission was made available for inspection by the appellant

NOTES:

1. An appeal against a decision must be lodged with:-

- a) the Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs if the decision was issued by the Director-General of the Department of Environmental Affairs (or another official) acting in his/her capacity as the delegated Competent Authority;
- b) the MEC if the decision was issued by the Head of Department (or another official) acting in his/her capacity as the delegated Competent Authority;
- c) the delegated organ of state where relevant.

2. An appeal lodged with:-

- a) the Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs must be submitted to the Department of Environmental Affairs;
- b) the MEC must be submitted to the provincial department responsible for environmental affairs;
- c) the delegated organ of state, where relevant, must be submitted to the delegated organ of state.

3. An appeal must be:-

- a) on an official form obtainable or published by the relevant department;
- b) accompanied by:
 - a statement setting out the ground of appeal;
 - supporting documentation which is referred to in the appeal and is not available to the relevant Competent Authority;
 - a statement that the appellant has complied with regulation 62(2) or (3) together with copies of the notices referred to in regulation 62;
 - the prescribed appeal fee, if any.

4. A copy of the official appeal form can be obtained from:

- Mr PKM Retief, Appeals Administrator, Tel: (012) 310 3705, pretief@deat.gov.za; or
- Mr H Grovè, Appeals Administrator, Tel: (012) 310 3070, hgrove@deat.gov.za