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Dear Mr Heydenrych

APPLICATION FOR AUTHORISATION: KUDU INTEGRATION PROJECT: 400kV TRANSMISSION LINE AND ASSOCIATED SUBSTATION INFRASTRUCTURE

I refer to the plan of study for the environmental impact assessment you have submitted to this department in fulfilment of the requirements of the Environment Conservation Act, 1989 (Act No. 73 of 1989) dated May 2006.

This department in consultation with the Northern Cape Department of Tourism, Environment and Conservation have evaluated the above-mentioned plan of study and is satisfied that the plan complies with the requirements of GN No. R.1183 of 5 September 1997. The plan of study for EIA is hereby accepted. Your organisation is advised to submit an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) as defined in Regulation 8 to the authorities for review and acceptance.

However, informed by the nature of the environmental setting to be traversed, the EIR should among others include the following

1. Study of a possible corridor for the proposed power line bypassing the Namakwa National Park on its eastern boundary.
2. A public participation process that satisfies the requirements of Government Notice No. R.1183 and gives the public ample opportunity to assess the draft EIR for comments. Special effort should be made to ensure that all the possibly affected landowners have been informed about the process, especially those on the final proposed corridor.
3. A clear indication on a map that shows the range of land uses as well as sensitive areas in the study area traversed by the proposed power line.

4. A detailed design drawing of the proposed current and future extensions at Oranjemond substation as well as the area affected at Juno substation to accommodate the new power line.
5. Written comments from Local, Provincial and National authorities on the EIR.
6. Written comments from SAHRA, SANPARKS, Cape Nature, Wessa and other NGOs on the EIR.
7. An EMP for the construction phase to give IAPs the opportunity to comment on the EMP. The EMP should include but not be limited to the following:
 - Minimisation and management of disturbance of topsoil at construction sites.
 - Rehabilitation plans and recommendations for disturbed areas, as well as erosion and sediment control measures.
 - Management of access roads and rehabilitation measures for any non-permanent roads.
 - Management of waste.
 - Recommendations for and management of construction camps, ablution facilities and store areas for materials and hazardous substances.
 - Protection of heritage sites and other infrastructure.
 - Protection of fauna and flora and specifically avifaunal interaction with the power line. Penalties for removal and wilful destruction of fauna and flora should be included in the EMP.
 - Fire management plan should the line cross any areas of sensitive vegetation.

Yours sincerely



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