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Dear Ms. Ntene

**HYDRA-PERSEUS AND BETA-PERSEUS 765KV TRANSMISSION POWER LINES
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT: CHANGE IN PROJECT SCOPE**

Our initial Application for the proposed Hydra to Perseus 765kV transmission power line (the 'project') dated 26 August 2005 refers.

At a meeting held on 21 February 2006, a change in the project scope was communicated to yourselves as well as relevant officials from the Free State and Northern Cape Provincial Environmental Department.

It was indicated at this meeting that a further two 765 kV transmission power lines would now be considered as part of the EIA. The two additions to the original EIA application were as follows:

- A new 12 km transmission power line (765 kV) from the Beta Substation to the Perseus Substation (the Beta-Perseus line) and;
- A new 33 km transmission power line (765 kV) from the Perseus Substation to the existing 765 kV transmission power line which runs between the Beta Substation and the Hydra Substation (the Perseus-Hydra 2 line).

Revised application forms and a revised Plan of Study for Scoping were also submitted on 21 February 2006.

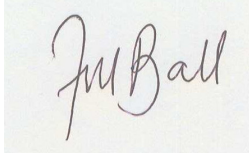
This letter serves to inform you of a modification to the project scope communicated to you on 21 February 2006. The modification to the change in the project scope indicated above is as follows:

- A proposed **double servitude** (2 x 765 kV lines) for the 12 km Beta-Perseus line;
- The 33 km Perseus-Hydra 2 line **will no longer be considered**.

We trust that this communication is satisfactory in terms of informing you of the change in project scope. Please note that the modification to the project scope does not constitute an increase in the project scope or the enlargement of the study area and the information within our revised application forms and Plan of Study for Scoping is thus still deemed to be accurate.

Should you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact us at the details provided above.

Yours sincerely
For ARCUS GIBB (Pty) Ltd

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