



## **environmental affairs**

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### **PER EMAIL / MAIL**

Dear Ms Phiri

### **AMENDMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION ISSUED ON 27 OCTOBER 2008 FOR THE PROPOSED GAMMA-GRASSRIDGE 765kV TRANSMISSION POWER LINES (X2) BETWEEN GAMMA SUBSTATION IN THE NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE AND GRASSRIDGE SUBSTATION IN THE EASTERN CAPE PROVINCE**

The Environmental Authorisation (EA) issued for the abovementioned application by this Department on 27 October 2008, the EA amendment issued on 08 October 2012 and 05 October 2015, your application for amendment to the EA received by this Department on 11 October 2017 and the acknowledgement letter dated 19 October 2017 refer.

Based on a review of the reason for requesting an amendment to the above EA, this Department, in terms of Chapter 5 of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014 as amended, has decided to amend the EA dated 27 October 2008 as amended, as follows:

#### **Amendment to extend the validity period of the EA**

The activity must commence within a period of five (05) years from the date of expiry of the EA issued on 27 October 2008 (i.e. the EA lapses on 27 October 2023). 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.

This letter must be read in conjunction with the EA dated 27 October 2008.

The applicant applied to extend the validity period of the EA due to the land owners refusing to give servitude rights to Eskom for the power line construction in their farms on the authorised corridor.

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 EA, of the Department's decision in respect of your application as well as the fact that an

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appeal may be lodged against the decision in terms of the National Appeals Regulations, and the provisions regarding the submission of appeals as contained in the Regulations.

Should any person wish to lodge an appeal against this decision, he/she must submit the 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 registered interested and affected parties by the applicant; or the date that the notification of the decision was sent to the applicant by the Department, whichever is applicable.

Appeals must be submitted in writing in the prescribed form to:

Mr Z Hassam, Director: Appeals and Legal Review of this Department at the below mentioned addresses.

By email: [appealsdirector@environment.gov.za](mailto:appealsdirector@environment.gov.za);

By hand: Environment House  
473 Steve Biko,  
Arcadia,  
Pretoria,  
0083; or

By post: Private Bag X 447,  
Pretoria,  
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Please note that in terms of section 43(7) of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998, the lodging of an appeal will suspend the environmental authorisation or any provision or condition attached thereto. In the instance where an appeal is lodged, you may not commence with the activity until such time that the appeal is finalised.

To obtain the prescribed appeal form and for guidance on the submission of appeals, please visit the Department's website at [https://www.environment.gov.za/documents/forms#legal\\_authorisations](https://www.environment.gov.za/documents/forms#legal_authorisations) or request a copy of the documents at [appealsdirector@environment.gov.za](mailto:appealsdirector@environment.gov.za).

Yours sincerely



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