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Dear Sir/Madam

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT OF A NEW APPLICATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION (SCOPING PROCESS) AND A DRAFT SCOPING REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED SALDANHA BAY NETWORK STRENGTHENING PROJECT, WESTERN CAPE PROVINCE

The Department confirms having received the application for environmental authorisation and the Draft Scoping report for the abovementioned project on 18 April 2016. You have submitted these documents to comply with the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014.

Further note that in terms of regulation 45 of the EIA Regulations, 2014 this application will lapse if the applicant fails to meet any of the time-frames prescribed in terms of these Regulations, unless an extension has been granted in terms of regulation 3(7).

You are hereby reminded of Section 24F of the National Environmental Management Act, Act No 107 of 1998, as amended, that no activity may commence prior to an environmental authorisation being granted by the Department.

Yours sincerely

Mr Sabelo Malaza

Chief Director: Integrated Environmental Authorisations

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Dear Sir/Madam

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT OF FINAL SCOPING REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED
SALDANHA BAY STRENGTHENING PROJECT, WESTERN CAPE PROVINCE**

The Department confirms having received the Final Scoping Report for Environmental Authorisation for the above-mentioned project on 02 June 2016.

You are hereby reminded that the activity may not commence prior to an environmental authorisation being granted by the Department.

Yours sincerely

Mr Sabelo Malaza
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Dear Ms Thomas

ACCEPTANCE OF THE SCOPING REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED SALDANHA BAY NETWORK STRENGTHENING PROJECT WITHIN THE SALDANHA BAY LOCAL MUNICIPALITY IN THE WESTERN CAPE PROVINCE

The Final Scoping Report (FSR) and Plan of Study for Environmental Impact Assessment dated May 2016 and received by the Department on 2 June 2016 refers.

The Department has evaluated the submitted FSR and the Plan of Study for Environmental Impact Assessment dated May 2016 and is satisfied that the documents comply with the minimum requirements of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2014. The FSR is hereby **accepted** by the Department in terms of regulation 22(1)(a) of the EIA Regulations, 2014.

You may proceed with the environmental impact assessment process in accordance with the tasks contemplated in the Plan of Study for Environmental Impact Assessment as required in terms of the EIA Regulations, 2014.

Please ensure that comments from all relevant stakeholders are submitted to the Department with the Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR). Proof of correspondence with the various stakeholders must be included in the Final EIR. Should you be unable to obtain comments, proof should be submitted to the Department of the attempts that were made to obtain comments.

In addition, the following amendments and additional information are required for the EIR:

- a) The No-go option is mandatory and must be investigated and assessed and be included in the EIR.
- b) Details of the future plans for the site and infrastructure after decommissioning in 20-30 years and the possibility of upgrading the proposed infrastructure to more advanced technologies.
- c) Should a Water Use License be required, proof of application for a license must be submitted.
- d) Possible impacts and effects of the development on the surrounding industrial area.
- e) The final EIR must provide clear assessment and comparison of all power line alternatives and provide clear motivation to the preferred power line alternative and substation site alternative as to why it proves to be the preferred as compared to other sites and routes.

- f) Clear project description and location of the project must be included in the EIR. Furthermore, co-ordinates of the all power line alternatives, (more especial the preferred power line alternative) must be included in the EIR.

The applicant is hereby reminded to comply with the requirements of regulation 45 with regard to the time period allowed for complying with the requirements of the Regulations. Please ensure that the Final EIR includes at least one A0 regional map of the area and the locality maps included in the final EIR illustrate the different proposed alignments and above ground storage of fuel. Google maps will not be accepted. The maps must be of acceptable quality and as a minimum, have the following attributes:

- Maps are relatable to one another;
- Cardinal points and Co-ordinates;
- Legible legends;
- Indicate alternatives;
- Latest land cover and vegetation types of the study area; and
- A3 size locality map.

Further, it must be reiterated that, should an application for Environmental Authorisation be subject to the provisions of Chapter II, Section 38 of the National Heritage Resources Act, Act 25 of 1999, then this Department will require a letter from the pertinent heritage authority categorically stating that the application fulfils the requirements of the relevant heritage resources authority as described in Chapter II, Section 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act, Act 25 of 1999.

You are requested to submit two (2) copies of the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) to the Department and at least one electronic copy (CD) of the complete final report with the hard copy documents.

You are hereby reminded of Section 24F of the National Environmental Management Act, Act No 107 of 1998, as amended, that no activity may commence prior to an environmental authorisation being granted by the Department.

Yours sincerely



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Dear Mr von Mayer

EXTENSION OF TIMEFRAME FOR THE SUBMISSION OF FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED SALDANHA BAY NETWORK STRENGTHENING PROJECT WITHIN THE SALDANHA BAY LOCAL MUNICIPALITY IN THE WESTERN CAPE PROVINCE

Your letter dated 5 September 2016 and received by this Department on 13 September 2016, requesting an extension of timeframes for submission of the final environmental impact assessment report (EIAR) for the abovementioned project, refers.

As per your correspondence, you are requesting extension of timeframe to submit the final EIAR due to the amendment of alternatives for the power lines routes and revised corridors were provided to the specialists to be assessed in the EIA phase. In addition, you indicate that some landowners are still not completely satisfied with the corridors being assessed for the project, because they are concerned that the current proposed routes potentially conflict with various options for other developments on their properties. In this regard meetings are scheduled with landowners for 26 and 27 September 2016 respectively, in order to clarify their concern prior to the release of the EIA report. This will affect the timeframe of submitting the final EIAR.

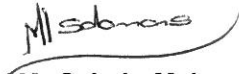
Based on a review of the reason for requesting an extension of timeframes to submit the reports, in terms of Chapter 2 Regulation 3(7) of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations 2014, this Department has decided to **grant** an additional 50days, from the date of this letter to submit final EIAR.

Failure to submit the final EIAR by this date will result in the Department closing the abovementioned file for all administration purposes. Should you then decide to further pursue the application after closure of the file, a new application for environmental authorisation in terms of the EIA Regulations, 2014, must be submitted to this Department prior to the commencement of such activity (ies).

Please be advised that all future correspondences with respect to the abovementioned application shall be submitted to the writer with the contact details as indicated above.

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Yours sincerely



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