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### **PER E-MAIL / MAIL**

Dear Ms Phiri

### **ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION IN TERMS OF THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT ACT, 1998: GN R. 982/983/984/985: FOR THE PROPOSED SALDANHA BAY NETWORK STRENGTHENING PROJECT WITHIN THE SALDANHA BAY LOCAL MUNICIPALITY IN THE WESTERN CAPE PROVINCE**

With reference to the above application, please be advised that the Department has decided to **grant environmental authorisation**. The environmental authorisation (EA) and reasons for the decision are attached herewith.

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 provisions regarding the submission of appeals that are 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 Road,  
Arcadia,  
Pretoria, or

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By post: Private Bag X447,  
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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 faithfully



**Mr Obopeng Gaoraelwe**  
**Acting Chief Director: Integrated Environmental Authorisations**  
**Department of Environmental Affairs**

Date: 28/06/2017

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# Environmental Authorisation

In terms of regulation 25 of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014

**PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF THE SALDANHA BAY NETWORK STRENGTHENING PROJECT  
WITHIN THE SALDANHA BAY LOCAL MUNICIPALITY IN THE WESTERN CAPE PROVINCE**

**WEST COAST DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY**

<b>Authorisation register number:</b>	<i>14/12/16/3/3/2/926</i>
<b>Last amended:</b>	<i>First issue</i>
<b>Holder of authorisation:</b>	<i>Eskom Holdings SOC Ltd</i>
<b>Location of activity:</b>	<i>Saldanha Bay Local Municipality: within Wards 5, 6, 7, and 8 approximately 130km North West of Cape Town, near Langebaan and Vredenburg towns.</i>

This environmental authorisation does not negate the holder of the authorisation's responsibility to comply with any other statutory requirements that may be applicable to the undertaking of the activity.

## Decision

The Department is satisfied, on the basis of information available to it and subject to compliance with the conditions of this environmental authorisation, that the applicant should be authorised to undertake the activities specified below.

Non-compliance with a condition of this environmental authorisation may result in criminal prosecution or other actions provided for in the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 and the EIA regulations.

Details regarding the basis on which the Department reached this decision are set out in Annexure 1.

## Activities authorised

By virtue of the powers conferred on it by the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No.107 of 1998) and the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014 the Department hereby authorises –

**ESKOM HOLDINGS SOC LTD**

(hereafter referred to as the **holder of the authorisation**)

with the following contact details –

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to undertake the following activities (hereafter referred to as “the activity”) indicated in Listing Notice 1 (GN R. 983, 984, and 985):

Listed activities	Activity/Project description
<p><b><u>GN R. 983 Item 11:</u></b></p> <p>The development of facilities or infrastructure for the transmission and distribution of electricity-</p> <p>(i) Outside urban areas or industrial complexes with a capacity of more than 33 but less than 275 kilovolts; or more.</p>	<p>A distribution substation of 132kV is proposed and 132kV lines connecting it to existing 132kV lines and the proposed 400kV substation.</p>
<p><b><u>GN R. 983 Item 12</u></b></p> <p>The development of-</p> <p>(xii) infrastructure or structure covering 50square metres or more, where such development occurs-</p> <p>(a) within a watercourse,</p> <p>(c) If no development setback exists within 32m of a watercourse measured from the edge of a watercourse.</p>	<p>The proposed power line towers and associated access road may impede upon watercourses or tower structures and access roads situated within 32 metres of a watercourse.</p>
<p><b><u>GN R. 983 Item 19</u></b></p> <p>The infilling or depositing of any material of more than 5 cubic metres into, or the dredging, excavation, removal or moving of soil, sand, shells, shell grit, pebbles or rock of more than 5 cubic metres from-</p> <p>(i) a watercourse,</p>	<p>The power lines, access roads and substations would require the removal or infilling of material more than 5 cubic metres from a watercourse, where these are affected by the infrastructure.</p>
<p><b><u>GN R. 983 Item 24</u></b></p> <p>The development of:</p> <p>ii) a road with a reserve wider than 13,5 meters, or where no reserve exists where the road is wider than 8 metres.</p>	<p>New access roads will need to be constructed to access the power lines. Some will be wider than 8m.</p>
<p><b><u>GN R. 983 Item 28</u></b></p> <p>Residential, mixed, retail, commercial, industrial or institutional developments where such land was</p>	

Listed activities	Activity/Project description
<p>used for agriculture or afforestation on or after 01 April 1998 and where such development:</p> <p>(ii) Will occur outside an urban area, where the total land to be developed is bigger than 1 hectare.</p>	<p>The area to be transformed for the proposed substations and power lines will be greater than 1 ha and less than 20ha in extent.</p>
<p><b><u>GN R. 983 Item 31</u></b></p> <p>The decommissioning of existing facilities, structures or infrastructure for-</p> <p>(i) any development and related operation activity or activities listed in this Notice, LN 2 of 2014 or LN 4 of 2014.</p>	<p>The decommissioning of existing Dx substation (Blouwater Substation) and its associated infrastructure.</p>
<p><b><u>GN R. 983 Item 56</u></b></p> <p>The widening of road by more than 6 meters, or the lengthening of a road by more than 1 kilometre-</p> <p>(ii) where no reserve exists, where the existing road is wider than 8 metres.</p>	<p>The widening and/lengthening of existing roads will be required when existing lines are being switched or interchanged to connect to the proposed substations.</p>
<p><b><u>GN R. 984 Item 9</u></b></p> <p>The development of facilities or infrastructure for the transmission or distribution of electricity with a capacity of 275kV or more, outside an urban area or industrial complex.</p>	<p>Two 400kV power lines and 400kV substation are proposed to be constructed outside an urban area.</p>
<p><b><u>GN R. 984 Item 15</u></b></p> <p>The clearance of an area of 20 hectares or more of indigenous vegetation.</p>	<p>The clearing of more than 20 hectares of indigenous vegetation will be undertaken during construction of the project infrastructure.</p>
<p><b><u>GN R. 985 Item 4</u></b></p> <p>The development of a road wider than 4 metres with a reserve less than 13,5 metres</p> <p>(f) In Western Cape:</p> <p>(i) Areas outside urban areas;</p> <p>(aa) Areas containing indigenous vegetation.</p>	<p>The project is proposed in an area containing indigenous vegetation and will require the development of access roads wider than 4m.</p>

Listed activities	Activity/Project description
<p><b><u>GN R. 985 Item 10</u></b></p> <p>The construction of facilities or infrastructure for the storage, or storage and handling of a dangerous good, where such storage occurs in containers with a combined capacity of 30 but not exceeding 80 cubic metres</p> <p>(g) In <b>Western Cape</b>:</p> <p>(i) All areas outside urban areas</p>	<p>Fuel to be used during construction will exceed 30 cubic metres, and will need to be stored on-site in areas falling outside urban areas.</p>
<p><b><u>GN R. 985 Item 12</u></b></p> <p>The clearance of an area of 300 square metres or more of indigenous vegetation,</p> <p>(a) In <b>Western Cape</b>:</p> <p>(ii) Critical biodiversity areas as identified in systematic biodiversity plans.</p>	<p>The project (for substations and lines) will require the clearance of 300 square metres or more of vegetation. The study area falls within an area defined as a CBA.</p>
<p><b><u>GN R. 985 Item 14</u></b></p> <p>The development of:</p> <p>(xii) infrastructure or structures with a physical footprint of 10 square metres or more, where such development occurs, within 32m of a watercourse:</p> <p>(f) In the <b>Western Cape</b>:</p> <p>(i) Outside urban areas in:</p> <p>(ff) Critical biodiversity areas or ecosystem service areas as identified in systematic biodiversity plans adopted by the competent authority or in bioregional plans.</p>	<p>There are drainage lines within the proposed study area which will be impacted by the proposed infrastructure within an area defined as a CBA.</p>
<p><b><u>GN R. 985 Item 18</u></b></p> <p>The widening of a road by more than 4 metres, or the lengthening of a road by more than 1 kilometre.</p> <p>(f) In the <b>Western Cape</b>:</p> <p>(i) All areas outside urban areas, in:</p>	<p>Access roads will be widened or lengthened within areas containing indigenous vegetation.</p>

Listed activities	Activity/Project description
(aa) Areas containing indigenous vegetation;	

As described in the Environmental Impact Assessment report (EIAr) dated March 2017 at:

The sites are located on the following farms:

- Langeberg RE/187, **SG-Code:** C0460000000018700000.
- Everts Hope RE/190, **SG-Code:** C0460000000019000000.
- Adjoining Springfontein 174, **SG-Code:** C0460000000017400000.
- Zoutekuilen 179, **SG-Code:** C0460000000017900000.
- Yzerfontein 8/178, **SG-Code:** C0460000000017800008.
- Yzerfontein 3/178, **SG-Code:** C0460000000017800003.
- Waschklip 183, **SG-Code:** C0460000000018300000.
- Langeberg 1/187, **SG-Code:** C0460000000018700001.
- Uyekraal RE/189, **SG-Code:** C0460000000018900000.
- Farm 1162, **SG-Code:** C04600000000116200000.
- Driehoeks Fontein RE/176, **SG-Code:** C0460000000017600000.
- Uyekraal 1/189, **SG-Code:** C0460000000018900001.
- Uyekraal 3/189, **SG-Code:** C0460000000018900003.
- Langeberg RE/188, **SG-Code:** C0460000000018800000.
- Langeberg 4/187, **SG-Code:** C0460000000018700004.
- Langeberg 6/188, **SG-Code:** C0460000000018800006.

Powerline corridor alternative 3, Substations (Transmission site A and Distribution site A)		
Transmission line	Latitude	Longitude
Starting point of activity	32° 59' 43.263" S	18° 4' 52.128" E
Middle point of activity	33° 3' 7.389" S	18° 9' 23.403" E
End point of activity	32° 59' 53.429" S	18° 4' 55.665" E
Distribution line		
Starting point of activity	32° 58' 9.938" S	18° 5' 6.605" E
Middle point of activity	32° 58' 18.691" S	18° 3' 55.247" E
End point of activity	32° 58' 49.379" S	18° 3' 5.426" E



<b>Transmission substation site alternative A</b>	<b>Latitude</b>	<b>Longitude</b>
Centre coordinates	32° 59' 43.263" S	18° 4' 52.128" E
<b>Distribution substation site alternative A</b>	<b>Latitude</b>	<b>Longitude</b>
Centre coordinates	32° 58' 48.667" S	18° 3' 2.129" E

- for the construction of the Saldanha Bay Network Strengthening Project within the Saldanha Bay Local Municipality in the Western Cape Province, hereafter referred to as "the property".

The proposed project is intending to construct the following:

- Construction of a new 400/132kV Transmission Substation in the Saldanha Bay area with a planned capacity of 3 x 500 MVA transformers. The transmission substation footprint will be 600m x 600m.
- Construction of a new 132/66/11kV Distribution Substation near the current Blouwater Substation in the Saldanha Bay area and decommissioning of the existing Blouwater Substation. The new substation footprint will be 160m x 300m.
- The construction of two 400kV power lines (approximately 20km in length) from the Aurora Substation to the new proposed distribution and transmission substations. A servitude of 55m is required for each power line.
- Three 132kV servitudes (31m each) are required to integrate the new 132/66/11kV substation into the proposed 400/132kV main transmission station. These will be double circuit lines.
- Replacing two of the four existing 250 MVA 400/132kV transformers at Aurora Substation with 2 x 500 MVA transformers.
- Establishing 2 x 132kV feeder bays at Aurora Substation.
- The development and/or widening of access roads.

The infrastructure associated with this facility includes:

- Conduct pre-construction surveys.
- Establishment of access roads.
- Undertaking site preparation (i.e. including clearance of vegetation; and stripping and stockpiling of topsoil).
- Transportation of equipment to site and establishment of laydown areas (i.e. including storage facilities, site equipment camp, etc.).
- Tower pegging and construction of foundations.
- Assembly and erection of towers and substation components.

- Stringing of power line conductors and connection of conductors to substation infrastructure.
- Rehabilitation of disturbed areas and protection of erosion sensitive areas.
- Testing and commissioning.

## Conditions of this Environmental Authorisation

### Scope of authorisation

1. The Powerline Route Corridor 3, Transmission Substation Site Alternative A and Distribution Substation Site Alternative A for the construction of the Saldanha Bay Network Strengthening Project within the Saldanha Bay Local Municipality in the Western Cape Province **are approved** as per the geographic coordinates cited in the table reflected on page 6 and 7 above.
2. Authorisation of the activity is subject to the conditions contained in this environmental authorisation, which form part of the environmental authorisation and are binding on the holder of the authorisation.
3. The holder of the authorisation is responsible for ensuring compliance with the conditions contained in this environmental authorisation. This includes any person acting on the holder's behalf, including but not limited to, an agent, servant, contractor, sub-contractor, employee, consultant or person rendering a service to the holder of the authorisation.
4. The activities authorised may only be carried out at the property as described above.
5. Any changes to, or deviations from, the project description set out in this environmental authorisation must be approved, in writing, by the Department before such changes or deviations may be effected. In assessing whether to grant such approval or not, the Department may request such information as it deems necessary to evaluate the significance and impacts of such changes or deviations and it may be necessary for the holder of the authorisation to apply for further environmental authorisation in terms of the regulations.
6. The holder of an environmental authorisation must apply for an amendment of the environmental authorisation with the competent authority for any alienation, transfer or change of ownership rights in the property on which the activity is to take place.
7. This activity must commence within a period of **five (5) years** from the date of issue of this environmental authorisation. 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.

8. Commencement with one activity listed in terms of this environmental authorisation constitutes commencement of all authorised activities.

#### **Notification of authorisation and right to appeal**

9. The holder of the authorisation must notify every registered interested and affected party, in writing and within 14 (fourteen) calendar days of the date of this environmental authorisation, of the decision to authorise the activity.
10. The notification referred to must –
- 10.1. specify the date on which the authorisation was issued;
  - 10.2. inform the interested and affected party of the appeal procedure provided for in the National Appeal Regulations, 2014;
  - 10.3. advise the interested and affected party that a copy of the authorisation will be furnished on request; and
  - 10.4. give the reasons of the competent authority for the decision.

#### **Commencement of the activity**

11. The authorised activity shall not commence until the period for the submission of appeals has lapsed as per the National Appeal Regulations, 2014 and no appeal has been lodged against the decision. In terms of section 43(7), an appeal under section 43 of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 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 has been finalised.

#### **Management of the activity**

12. The Environmental Management Programme (EMPr) submitted as part of the Application for EA is hereby approved. This EMPr must be implemented and strictly adhered to.

#### **Frequency and process of updating the EMPr**

13. The EMPr must be updated where the findings of the environmental audit reports, contemplated in Condition 23 below, indicate insufficient mitigation of environmental impacts associated with the

- undertaking of the activity, or insufficient levels of compliance with the environmental authorisation or EMPr.
14. The updated EMPr must contain recommendations to rectify the shortcomings identified in the environmental audit report.
  15. The updated EMPr must be submitted to the Department for approval together with the environmental audit report, as per Regulation 34 of GN R. 982. The updated EMPr must have been subjected to a public participation process, which process has been agreed to by the Department, prior to submission of the updated EMPr to the Department for approval.
  16. In assessing whether to grant approval of an EMPr which has been updated as a result of an audit, the Department will consider the processes prescribed in Regulation 35 of GN R.982. Prior to approving an amended EMPr, the Department may request such amendments to the EMPr as it deems appropriate to ensure that the EMPr sufficiently provides for avoidance, management and mitigation of environmental impacts associated with the undertaking of the activity.
  17. The holder of the authorisation may apply for an amendment of an EMPr, if such amendment is required before an audit is required. The holder must notify the Department of its intention to amend the EMPr at least 60 days prior to submitting such amendments to the EMPr to the Department for approval. In assessing whether to grant such approval or not, the Department will consider the processes and requirements prescribed in Regulation 37 of GN R. 982.

## Monitoring

18. The holder of the authorisation must appoint an experienced independent Environmental Control Officer (ECO) for the construction phase of the development that will have the responsibility to ensure that the mitigation/rehabilitation measures and recommendations referred to in this environmental authorisation are implemented and to ensure compliance with the provisions of the approved EMPr.
  - 18.1. The ECO must be appointed before commencement of any authorised activities.
  - 18.2. Once appointed, the name and contact details of the ECO must be submitted to the *Director: Compliance Monitoring* of the Department at [Directorcompliance@environment.gov.za](mailto:Directorcompliance@environment.gov.za).
  - 18.3. The ECO must keep record of all activities on site, problems identified, transgressions noted and a task schedule of tasks undertaken by the ECO.
  - 18.4. The ECO must remain employed until all rehabilitation measures, as required for implementation due to construction damage, are completed and the site is ready for operation.

### **Recording and reporting to the Department**

19. All documentation e.g. audit/monitoring/compliance reports and notifications, required to be submitted to the Department in terms of this environmental authorisation, must be submitted to the *Director: Compliance Monitoring* of the Department at [Directorcompliance@environment.gov.za](mailto:Directorcompliance@environment.gov.za).
20. The holder of the environmental authorisation must, for the period during which the environmental authorisation and EMPr remain valid, ensure that project compliance with the conditions of the environmental authorisation and the EMPr are audited, and that the audit reports are submitted to the *Director: Compliance Monitoring* of the Department at [Directorcompliance@environment.gov.za](mailto:Directorcompliance@environment.gov.za).
21. The frequency of auditing and of submission of the environmental audit reports must be as per the frequency indicated in the EMPr, taking into account the processes for such auditing as prescribed in Regulation 34 of GN R. 982.
22. The holder of the authorisation must, in addition, submit an environmental audit reports to the Department within 30 days of completion of the construction phase (i.e. within 30 days of site handover) and a final environmental audit report within 30 days of completion of rehabilitation activities.
23. The environmental audit reports must be compiled in accordance with appendix 7 of the EIA Regulations, 2014 and must indicate the date of the audit, the name of the auditor and the outcome of the audit in terms of compliance with the environmental authorisation conditions as well as the requirements of the approved EMPr.
24. Records relating to monitoring and auditing must be kept on site and made available for inspection to any relevant and competent authority in respect of this development.

### **Notification to authorities**

25. A written notification of commencement must be given to the Department no later than fourteen (14) days prior to the commencement of the activity. Commencement for the purposes of this condition includes site preparation. The notice must include a date on which it is anticipated that the activity will commence, as well as a reference number.

### **Operation of the activity**

26. A written notification of operation must be given to the Department no later than fourteen (14) days prior to the commencement of the activity operational phase.

### **Site closure and decommissioning**

27. Should the activity ever cease or become redundant, the holder of the authorisation must undertake the required actions as prescribed by legislation at the time and comply with all relevant legal requirements administered by any relevant and competent authority at that time.

### **Specific conditions**

28. A botanist must be appointed to perform a final walkthrough within the entire proposed power line corridor prior to construction to identify sensitive plant species, and assist in identifying the areas that require protection.
29. Anti-collision devices such as bird flappers must be installed where power lines cross avifaunal corridors, as recommended by the Ecological Specialist.
30. If any further archaeological and/ or palaeontological material or human burials are uncovered during the course of development then work in the immediate area should be halted. The find would need to be reported to the heritage authorities and may require inspection by an archaeologist or palaeontologist. Such heritage is the property of the state and may require excavation and removal in an approved collection repository.
31. A permit must be obtained from the relevant nature conservation agency for the removal or destruction of indigenous, protected or endangered plant or animal species and a copy of such permit/s must be submitted to the Department for record keeping.
32. Vegetation clearing must be kept to an absolute minimum. Mitigation measures as specified in the EIAr dated March 2017 must be implemented to reduce the risk of erosion and the invasion of alien species.
33. An integrated waste management approach must be implemented that is based on waste minimisation and must incorporate reduction, recycling, re-use and disposal where appropriate. Any solid waste must be disposed of at a landfill licensed in terms of section 20 (b) of the National Environment Management Waste Act, 2008 (Act No.59 of 2008).

## General

34. A copy of this environmental authorisation, the audit and compliance monitoring reports, and the approved EMPr, must be made available for inspection and copying-
- 34.1. at the site of the authorised activity;
  - 34.2. to anyone on request; and
  - 34.3. where the holder of the environmental authorisation has a website, on such publicly accessible website.
35. National government, provincial government, local authorities or committees appointed in terms of the conditions of this authorisation or any other public authority shall not be held responsible for any damages or losses suffered by the holder of the authorisation or his/her successor in title in any instance where construction or operation subsequent to construction be temporarily or permanently stopped for reasons of non-compliance by the holder of the authorisation with the conditions of authorisation as set out in this document or any other subsequent document emanating from these conditions of authorisation.

Date of environmental authorisation: 23/06/2017



Mr. Obopeng Gaoraelwe

**Acting Chief Director: Integrated Environmental Authorisations**  
**Department of Environmental Affairs**

## Annexure 1: Reasons for Decision

### 1. Information considered in making the decision

In reaching its decision, the Department took, *inter alia*, the following into consideration -

- a) The information contained in the EIAr dated March 2017.
- b) The comments received from all interested and affected parties as included in the EIAr dated March 2017.
- c) Mitigation measures as proposed in the EIAr dated March 2017 and the EMPr.
- d) The information contained in the specialist studies contained within Appendix D of the EIAr (volume 1).
- e) The objectives and requirements of relevant legislation, policies and guidelines, including section 2 of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No.107 of 1998).

### 2. Key factors considered in making the decision

All information presented to the Department was taken into account in the Department's consideration of the application. A summary of the issues which, in the Department's view, were of the most significance is set out below.

- a) The findings of all the specialist studies conducted and their recommended mitigation measures.
- b) The need for the proposed project stems from strengthening electricity supply around Saldanha Bay for planned developments.
- c) The EIAr dated March 2017, identified all legislation and guidelines that have been considered in the preparation of the EIAr dated March 2017.
- d) The methodology used in assessing the potential impacts identified in the EIAr dated March 2017, and the specialist studies have been adequately indicated.
- e) A sufficient public participation process was undertaken and the applicant has satisfied the minimum requirements as prescribed in the EIA Regulations, 2014 for public involvement.



### 3. Findings

After consideration of the information and factors listed above, the Department made the following findings -

- a) The identification and assessment of impacts are detailed in the EIAr dated March 2017 and sufficient assessment of the key identified issues and impacts have been completed.
- b) The procedure followed for impact assessment is adequate for the decision-making process.
- c) The proposed mitigation of impacts identified and assessed adequately curtails the identified impacts.
- d) The information contained in the EIAr dated March 2017 is accurate and credible.
- e) EMPr measures for the pre-construction, construction and rehabilitation phases of the development were proposed and included in the EIAr and will be implemented to manage the identified environmental impacts during the construction phase.

In view of the above, the Department is satisfied that, subject to compliance with the conditions contained in the environmental authorisation, the authorised activities will not conflict with the general objectives of integrated environmental management laid down in Chapter 5 of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 and that any potentially detrimental environmental impacts resulting from the authorised activities can be mitigated to acceptable levels. The environmental authorisation is accordingly granted.



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Mr. Obopeng Gaoraelwe  
Director: Integrated Environmental Authorisations

Dear Mr. Gaoraelwe

### **APPOINTMENT AS ACTING CHIEF DIRECTOR: INTEGRATED ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATIONS FOR THE PERIOD 19 JUNE 2017 UNTIL 30 JUNE 2017.**

I hereby inform you that I have decided to appoint you as the Acting Chief Director: integrated environmental authorisations for the period 19 June 2017 until 30 June 2017 while Mr. Sabelo Malaza will be on annual leave.

All the correspondence and other documents that are usually signed by the Chief Director: integrated environmental authorisations must be signed under Acting Chief Director: integrated environmental authorisations during the above-mentioned period.

Your appointment in the above acting position remains subject to the provisions of the Public Service Act, 1994 (Proclamation No. 103 of 1994), as amended, the Government Employees Pension Fund Act, 1996 (Proclamation No. 21 of 1996), the regulations promulgated under these Acts and relevant circulars.

In the execution of your duties and the exercising of the powers delegated to you, you will furthermore be subjected to the provisions of the Public Finance Management Act, compliance with the Promotion of Access to Information Act, Promotion of Administrative Justice Act, the Minimum Information Security Standard, Departmental Policies and other applicable legislations with the Republic of South Africa. You are therefore advised to make yourself familiar with the provisions of this legislations and policies and the amendments thereof. (Copies of Departmental policies can be obtained from the Human Resource Office).

Please accept my heartfelt gratitude for all your assistance on behalf of the department.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. Ishaam Abader

DDG: LACE

Date: 14.06.17

#### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

I ~~ACCEPT / DO NOT ACCEPT~~ appointment as Acting Chief Director: integrated environmental authorisations

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

15/06/2017