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PER EMAIL / MAIL

Dear Ms Mare

AMENDMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION ISSUED ON 11 OCTOBER 2017 FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE 132kV ESKOM DIAMOND-BYNES (BOSCHKOP) POWER LINE WITHIN THE CITY OF TSHWANE METROPOLITAN MUNICIPALITY IN GAUTENG PROVINCE

The Environmental Authorisation (EA) issued for the abovementioned application by this Department on 11 October 2017 and your application for amendment to the EA received on 03 November 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 specific condition 25 of the EA dated 11 October 2017 as follows:**

Condition 25 is amended:

From:

A 1 kilometres buffer for all FEPA wetlands, rivers and wetland clusters must be implemented and adhered to.

To:

A 32m buffer for all FEPA wetlands, rivers and wetland clusters must be implemented and adhered to.

The applicant applied to amend the abovementioned condition as the 1km buffer will result in the construction of the power line taking place outside the assessed 500m corridor and also deviation from the approved power line route. The applicant request the amendment of the buffer to be reduced to 32m as recommended by the wetland specialist, as this will serve to maintain the wetland integrity and its function in the area.

This letter must be read in conjunction with the EA dated 11 October 2017.

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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 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;

By post: Private Bag X 447,
Pretoria,
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By hand: Environment House
473 Steve Biko,
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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 or request a copy of the documents at appealsdirector@environment.gov.za.

Yours faithfully



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