



## **environmental affairs**

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### **PER FACSIMILE / MAIL**

Dear Ms Makanza

### **ACCEPTANCE OF SCOPING REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF ± 2 KM 400 kV POWERLINES BY LOOPING IN AND OUT OF THE EXISTING BIGHORN-MARANG/MEDUPI-MARANG/MARANG-MIDAS 400kV POWERLINE AND 400/132kV MARANG B SUBSTATION WITHIN RUSTENBURG LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, NORTH WEST PROVINCE**

The Final Scoping Report (FSR) and Plan of Study for Environmental Impact Assessment dated June 2014 and received by the Department on 27 June 2014 refer.

The Department has evaluated the submitted FSR and the Plan of Study for Environmental Impact Assessment dated June 2014 and is satisfied that the documents comply with the minimum requirements of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2010. The FSR is hereby accepted by the Department in terms of regulation 30(1) (a) of the EIA Regulations, 2010.

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, 2010.

Notwithstanding the above you are requested to identify and assess alternatives for the proposed access road and also provide the coordinates of the proposed substation, the powerline, access road (start, middle and end) in the EIR

Please ensure that comments and issues raised by/from all relevant stakeholders are addressed and submitted in 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.

The applicant is hereby reminded to comply with the requirements of Regulations 56 and 57 with regard to the allowance of a comment period for interested and affected parties on all reports submitted to the competent authority for decision-making. The reports referred to are listed in regulation 56(3a-3h).

Please ensure that the Final EIR includes at least one A3 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. The maps must be of acceptable quality and as a minimum, have the following attributes:

- Maps are relatable to one another;
- Cardinal points;
- Co-ordinates;
- Legible legends;
- Indicate alternatives;
- Latest land cover;
- 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, 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 must be provided.

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

In terms of Regulation 67 of GN R.543, an application in terms of the EIA Regulations, 2010, lapses if the applicant, after having submitted the application/report, fails for a period of six months to comply with a requirement in terms of the EIA Regulations.

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 faithfully



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**Department of Environmental Affairs**

**Letter signed by: Ms Milicent Solomons**

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