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PER EMAIL / MAIL

Dear Ms Van Gensen

AMENDMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION ISSUED 08 DECEMBER 2015 FOR THE ELECTRIFYING OF TRANSNET INFRASTRUCTURE: NEW WITLOOP AND VLERMUISLAAGTE SUBSTATIONS AND ASSOCIATED LOOP-IN AND LOOP-OUT 132KV POWER LINES, HOTAZEL, NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE.

The Environmental Authorisation (EA) issued for the above application by this Department on 08 December 2015 and the application for amendment of the EA received by this Department on 07 February 2018, 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 2014 Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, as amended, has decided to amend the EA dated 08 December 2015, as follows:

Amendment 1: Amendment of size of the Vlermuislaagte and Witloop substations:

Page 4 of the EA, typed as:

"The total size of the activity is as follows

- Witloop Substation : 1 850m²
- Vlermuislaagte Substation : 1 850m²"

Is amended to:

"The total size of the activity is as follows

- Witloop Substation : 2 985m²
- Vlermuislaagte Substation : 2 985m²"

This letter must be read in conjunction with the EA dated 08 December 2015.

In terms of Regulation 4(2) of the 2014 Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, as amended (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 Department's decision in respect of the amendment made as well as the provisions regarding the submission of appeals that are contained in the Regulations.

Your attention is drawn to Chapter 2 of Government Notice No. R.993, which prescribes the appeal procedure to be followed.

An appellant must submit an 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 applicant by the competent authority.

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Appeals must be submitted in writing to:

Mr Z Hassam, Director: Appeals and Legal Review, of this Department at the above mentioned addresses. Mr Hassam can also be contacted at:

Tel: (012) 399 9356

Email: Appealsdirector@environment.gov.za

Please note that in terms of section 43(7) of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998, an appeal under section 43 of that Act 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.

For guidance on appeals submitted to the Minister in terms of NEMA and the SEMAs, please find a copy of the guideline on the administration of appeals on the Department's website:

(https://www.environment.gov.za/documents/forms/legal_authorisations).

Kindly include a copy of this document with the letter of notification to interested and affected parties.

Yours faithfully


Mr Sabelo Malaza
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Date: 13/03/2018