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Dear Dr Van Geems

AMENDMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION ISSUED ON ISSUED ON 31 OCTOBER 2013, AS AMENDED FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A 132KV OVERHEAD POWER LINE FROM THE EXISTING OUTENIQUA SUBSTATION TO THE EXISTING OUDTSHOORN SUBSTATION, EDEN DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY, WESTERN CAPE PROVINCE

The Environmental Authorisation (EA) issued for the above-mentioned application by this Department on 31 October 2013, EA amendment dated 04 August 2017, your application for amendment of the EA received by the Department on 18 July 2017, Department acknowledgement of receipt and request for additional information dated 21 July 2017, the additional information received by the Department on 31 July 2017, Department email requesting further clarity dated 3 August 2017 and your response letter dated 5 August 2017 and received by Department on 7 August 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 the EA dated 31 October 2013.

## **Amendment 1**

The approved corridor is here by amended as follows:

The proposed deviation of approximately 0.393km in length at Outeniqua Substation and the development layout plan titled "Project ID No. WS-STM-1009-0853" with the coordinates indicated below is approved.

## Coordinates

Towers	Latitude	Longitude
Tower 112	22° 21' 22.6" S	33° 45′ 41.5″ E
Tower 113	22° 21' 24.7" S	33° 45' 42.5" E
Tower 114	22° 21' 25.6" S	33° 45' 42.6" E
Tower 115	22° 21' 22.8" S	33° 45' 50.6" E
Gantry	22° 21' 22.3" S	33° 45' 51.8" E

## Reason for amendment:

The Applicant applied for a line deviation as a result of engineering design requirements and entrance of the new Outeniqua-Oudtshoorn line into the existing Outeniqua Substation. Due to the existing infrastructure and the technical limitations it presents in connecting the new line into the substation, the engineering design found that the line can only enter the substation as per the proposed deviation.

This amendment letter must be read in conjunction with the EA dated 31 October 2013 and its amendment dated 4 August 2017.

In terms of Regulation 4(2) of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014 (the Regulations), as amended, 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: <a href="mailto:appealsdirectorate@environment.gov.za">appealsdirectorate@environment.gov.za</a>

By hand: Environment House

473 Steve Biko.

Arcadia, Pretoria, 0083; or

By post: Private Bag X447.

Pretoria, 0001

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 appealsdirectorate@environment.gov.za.

Yours faithfully

Mr Sabelo Majaza

**Chief Director: Integrated Environmental Authorisations** 

**Department of Environmental Affairs** 

Date: 15/01/2017

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