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Dear Ms Peer

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT OF THE FINAL BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED ESKOM DISTRIBUTED BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEM (BESS) PROJECT (PHASE 1) - PONGOLA STATION, UPHONGOLO LOCAL MUNICIPALITY WITHIN THE ZULULAND DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY, KWAZULU-NATAL PROVINCE

The Department confirms having received the Final Basic Assessment Report and Amended Application form for the above-mentioned project on 03 March 2020.

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.

Kindly quote the abovementioned reference number in any future correspondence in respect of the application.

Yours sincerely

Mr Sabelo Malaza

Chief Director: Integrated Environmental Authorisations

Department of Environmental Affairs Letter signed by: Mr Rhulani Kubayi

Designation: Environmental Control Officer: IEM Systems and Tools Coordination

Date: 06 March 2020