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PER EMAIL / MAIL

Dear Mr Mapaila

AMENDMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION ISSUED ON 02 MARCH 2023 FOR THE PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF A LOW-PRESSURE SYSTEM (LPS) PIPELINE AND THE 11kV POWER LINE WITHIN THE EMALAHLENI LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, NKANGALA DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY, IN THE MPUMALANGA PROVINCE

The Environmental Authorisation (EA) issued for the above-mentioned application by this Department on 02 March 2023, your application for amendment of the EA received by the Department on 26 May 2025, the acknowledgement thereof on 09 June 2025, and the additional information received by the Department on 17 June 2025, 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 02 March 2023 as amended, as follows:

Amendment 1: Change in contact person's details:

From:

Mr Vuyisile Mlandu
Eskom Holdings SOC Limited



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The reason for the amendment is as follows:

The previously designated contact person, Mr Vuyisile Mlandu, is no longer serving as the project manager for the development and Mr Thabo Mapaila is the new project manager and official contact person for the project.

Amendment 2: Change in the description of the pipeline diameter in the activity description of Activity 9 of Listing Notice 1, in page 3 of the EA:

From:

Activity number	Activity description
<u>Listing Notice 1, Activity 9</u> <i>"The construction of facilities or infrastructure exceeding 1 000 metres in length for the bulk transportation of water, sewage, or storm water –</i> <i>(i) with an internal diameter of 0,36 metres or more; or</i> <i>(ii) with a peak throughput of 120 litres per second or more..."</i>	The proposed Low-Pressure System pipeline is about 13 kilometres long and the diameter is 0.355 metres which is equivalent to 0.36 metres.

To:

Activity number	Activity description
<u>Listing Notice 1, Activity 9</u>	The proposed Low-Pressure System pipeline is about 13 kilometres long and the diameter is <u>in a</u>

<p>"The construction of facilities or infrastructure exceeding 1 000 metres in length for the bulk transportation of water, sewage, or storm water –</p> <p>(i) with an internal diameter of 0,36 metres or more; or</p> <p>(ii) with a peak throughput of 120 litres per second or more..."</p>	<p><u>range of 0.28 metres to 0.45 metres in some sections.</u></p>
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The reason for the amendment is as follows:

During the technical review phase prior to implementation, Eskom Holding SOC Limited determined that in some sections of the proposed pipeline route the pipe diameter will need to increase to between 0.36m to a range of 0.28 metres to 0.45 metres to meet design and capacity requirements.

The reason for the pipe size change is based on the analysis and design optimization during the detail design stage. The detail design analysis determine that a higher maximum flow rate is required to ensure compliance to 1:50 years spillage probability.

This proposed amendment letter must be read in conjunction with the EA dated 02 March 2023, as amended.

In terms of the Promotion of Administrative Justice Act, 2000 (Act No 3 of 2000), you are entitled to the right to fair, lawful and reasonable administrative action; and to written reasons for administrative action that affects you negatively. Further your attention is drawn to the provisions of the Protection of Personal Information Act, 2013 (Act no. 4 of 2013) which stipulate that the Department should conduct itself in a responsible manner when collecting, processing, storing and sharing an individual or another entity's personal information by holding the Department accountable should the Department abuse or compromise your personal information in any way.

In terms of Regulation 4(2) of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014, as amended (the EIA 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 as well as the provisions regarding the submission of appeals that are contained in the Regulations.

Your attention is drawn to Chapter 2 of National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) National Appeal Regulations published under Government Notice R993 in Government Gazette No. 38303 dated 08 December 2014 (National Appeal Regulations, 2014), which prescribes the appeal procedure to be followed. Kindly include a copy of this document (National Appeal Regulations, 2014) with the letter of notification to interested and affected parties in this matter.

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:

The Director: Appeals and Legal Review of this Department at the below mentioned addresses.

By email: appeals@dff.e.gov.za

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By hand: Environment House
 473 Steve Biko
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By post: Private Bag X447
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Please note that in terms of Section 43(7) of the National Environmental Management Act, Act No. 107 of 1998, as amended, 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 appeals@dff.e.gov.za

Yours faithfully


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