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Dear Mr Spammer

APPLICATION FOR INTEGRATED ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION IN TERMS OF THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT ACT, 1998: GN R. 543 AND NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT: WASTE ACT, 2008 GOVERNMENT NOTICE 921: EXTENSION OF ASH DISPOSAL FACILITY FOR CAMDEN POWER STATION MPUMALANGA PROVINCE

With reference to the above application, please be advised that the Department has decided to grant authorisation. The environmental authorisation (EA) and reasons for the decision are attached herewith.

In terms of regulation 10(2) of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2010 (the Regulations), you are instructed to notify all registered interested and affected parties, in writing and within 12 (twelve) days of the date of the EA, of the Department's decision in respect of your application as well as the provisions regarding the submission of appeals that are contained in the Regulations.

Your attention is drawn to Chapter 7 of the Regulations, which prescribes the appeal procedure to be followed. This procedure is summarised in the attached document. Kindly include a copy of this document with the letter of notification to interested and affected parties.

Should the applicant or any other party wish to appeal any aspect of the decision a notice of intention to appeal must be lodged by all prospective appellants with the Minister, within 20 days of the date of the EA, by means of one of the following methods:

By post:

Private Bag X447,

Pretoria, 0001; or

By hand:

**Environment House** 

473 Steve Biko. Arcadia. Pretoria, 0083

If the applicant wishes to lodge an appeal, it must also serve a copy of the notice of intention to appeal on all registered interested and affected parties as well as a notice indicating where, and for what period, the appeal submission will be available for inspection, should you intend to submit an appeal.

# Appeals must be submitted in writing to:

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

Tel:

(012) 399 9356

Email: AppealsDirectorate@environment.gov.za

The authorised activities shall not commence within twenty (20) days of the date of signature of the authorisation. Further, 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.

Yours faithfully

Chief Director: Integrated Environmental Authorisations

**Department of Environmental Affairs** 

04/08/2015

Date:

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APPEALS PROCEDURE IN TERMS OF CHAPTER 7 OF THE NEMA EIA REGULATIONS, 2010 (THE REGULATIONS) AS PER GN R. 543 OF 2010 TO BE FOLLOWED BY THE APPLICANT AND INTERESTED AND AFFECTED PARTIES UPON RECEIPT OF NOTIFICATION OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION (EA)

	APPLICANT	T	INTERESTED AND AFFECTED PARTIES (IAPs)
1.	Receive EA from the relevant Competent Authority (the Department of Environmental Affairs [DEA]).	1.	Receive EA from Applicant/Consultant.
2.	Within 12 days of date of the EA notify all IAPs of the EA and draw their attention to their right to appeal against the EA in terms of Chapter 7 of the Regulations.	2.	N/A.
3.	If you want to appeal against the EA, submit a notice of intention to appeal within 20 days of the date of the EA with the Minister of Environmental Affairs (the Minister).	3.	If you want to appeal against the EA, submit a notice of intention to appeal within 20 days of the date of the EA. with the Minister of Environmental Affairs (the Minister).
4.	After having submitted your notice of intention to appeal to the Minister, provide each registered IAP with a copy of the notice of intention to appeal within 10 days of lodging the notice.	4.	After having submitted your notice of intention to appeal to the Minister, provide the applicant with a copy of the notice of intention to appeal within 10 days of lodging the notice.
5.	The Applicant must also serve on each IAP:  a notice indicating where and for what period the appeal submission will be available for inspection.	5.	<ul> <li>Appellant must also serve on the Applicant within 10 days of lodging the notice,</li> <li>a notice indicating where and for what period the appeal submission will be available for inspection by the applicant.</li> </ul>
6.	The appeal must be submitted in writing to the Minister within 30 days after the lapsing of the period of 20 days provided for the lodging of the notice of intention to appeal.	6.	The appeal must be submitted to the Minister within 30 days after the lapsing of the period of 20 days provided for the lodging of the notice of intention to appeal.
7.	Any IAP who received a notice of intention to appeal may submit a responding statement to that appeal to the Minister within 30 days from the date that the appeal submission was lodged with the Minister.	7.	An Applicant who received notice of intention to may submit a responding statement to the appeal to the Minister within 30 days from the date that the appeal submission was lodged with the Minister.

# **NOTES:**

# 1. An appeal must be:-

- a) submitted in writing;
- b) accompanied by:
- a statement setting out the grounds of appeal;
- supporting documentation which is referred to in the appeal; and
- a statement that the appellant has complied with regulation 62 (2) or (3) together with copies of the notices referred to in regulation 62.



# Integrated Environmental Authorisation Issued in terms of

# The National Environmental Management Act, 1998 and the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations 2010

# And

The National Environmental Management: Waste Act, 2008 and Government Notice 921 of 2013

# Extension of ash disposal facility for the Camden Power Station, Mpumalanga Province

# **Gert Sibande District Municipality**

Authorisation register number:	12/12/20/2300	
Last amended:	First Issue	
Holder of integrated authorisation:	Eskom Holding SOC Limited: Camden Power Station	
Location of activities:	MPUMALANGA PROVINCE: On Portin 18 of the Farm Uitkomst 292 IT , within Msukaligwa Local Municipality	

This authorisation does not negate the holder of the authorisation's responsibility to comply with any other statutory requirements that may be applicable to the undertaking of the activity.

Department of Environmental Affairs Environmental Authorisation Reg. No. 12/12/20/2300 & DEA/EIA/0000399/2011

1. **DECISIONS** 

The Department is satisfied, on the basis of information available to it and subject to

compliance with the conditions of this integrated environmental authorisation ("the

environmental authorisation") that the applicant should be authorised to undertake the NEMA

EIA and NEMWA listed activities specified below.

Details regarding the basis on which the Department reached this decision are set out in

Annexure "I" to this environmental authorisation.

2. **NEMA EIA AND NEMWA ACTIVITIES AUTHORISED** 

By virtue of the powers conferred on it by NEMA, the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2010, NEMWA

and Government Notice 921 of November 2013 the Department hereby authorises -

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to undertake the following activities (hereafter referred to as "the activities"):

#### Listed activities

#### GN R. 544 Item 9:

The construction of facilities or infrastructure exceeding 1000 metres in length for the bulk transportation of water, sewage or storm water -

- (i) with an internal diameter of 0,36 metres or more; or
- (ii) with a peak throughput of 120 litres per second or more, excluding where:
- a. such facilities or infrastructure are for bulk transportation of water, sewage or storm water or storm water drainage inside a road reserve; or
- b. where such construction will occur within urban areas but further than 32 metres from a watercourse, measured from the edge of the watercourse.

#### Activity/Project description

The six (6) existing 300NB pipelines will be replaced with six (6) 350NB pipelines. Two (2) additional steel pipelines, 350 mm in diameter, will be installed parallel to the six (6) replaced pipelines from the existing ash sumps to the take-off point to the new ADF will be constructed from the existing ash sumps to the take-off point to the new ashing facility.

# GN R. 544 Item 11:

The construction of:

- (ii) channels;
- (xi) infrastructure or structures covering 50 square metres or more where such construction occurs within a watercourse or within 32 metres of a watercourse, measured from the edge of a watercourse, excluding where such construction will occur behind the development setback line.

The six (6) existing 300NB pipelines will be replaced with six (6) 350NB pipelines. Two (2) additional steel pipelines, 350 mm in diameter, will be installed parallel to the six (6) replaced pipelines from the existing ash sumps to the take-off point to the new ADF will be constructed from the existing ash sumps to the take-off point to the new ashing facility.

#### GN R. 544 Item 18:

The infilling or depositing of any material of more than 5 cubic metres into, or the dredging, excavation, removal or moving of soil, sand, shells, shell grit, pebbles or rock or more than 5 cubic metres from a watercourse

The following pipelines will extend through a wetland which is situated south-east of the proposed ADF:

- Slurry Pipe Lines: Eight (8) 350NB steel pipelines will be installed, extending for a distance of 3km from the existing ash sumps to the proposed Ash Disposal Facility; and
- Ash Water Return Pipe Lines: Four
   (4) 600 mm diameter steel return water pipelines will be installed, extending for a distance of 4.8km, from the new Ash Water Return Dam (AWRD) back to

Listed activities	Activity/Project description
	the existing AWRD at the Camden
	Power Station.
GN R. 544 Item 22:	The existing access roads will be
The construction of a road, outside urban areas,	extended to provide access to the
(i) with a reserve wider than 13,5 meters or,	proposed Ash Disposal Facility and
(ii) where no reserve exists where the road is wider than 8	associated infrastructure.
metres, or	
(iii) for which an environmental authorisation was obtained	1
for the route determination in terms of activity 5 in	
Government Notice 387 of 2006 or activity 18 in Notice 545	5
of 2010.	
GN R. 544 Item 28:	As the proposed Slurry Pipe Lines and
The expansion of or changes to existing facilities for any	Ash Water Return Pipeline triggers
process or activity where such expansion or changes to	Section 21(c) and 21(i) Water Uses, and
will result in the need for a permit or license in terms of	therefore requires a Water Use License in
national or provincial legislation governing the release of	terms of the National Water Act, 1998 (36
emissions or pollution, excluding where the facility, process	of 1998). Furthermore the existing
or activity is included in the list of waste management	Atmospheric Emissions License will be
activities published in terms of section 19 of the National	amended to reflect the new ADF and
Environmental Management: Waste Act, 2008 (Act No. 59	supporting infrastructure in terms of the
of 2008) in which case that Act will apply.	National Environmental Management: Air
	Quality Act, 2004.
GN R. 544 Item 37:	The length of the new pipelines is
The expansion of facilities or infrastructure for the bulk	approximately 3.0 km each. The two (2)
transportation of water, sewage or storm water where:	new steel pipelines constructed parallel to
(a) the facility or infrastructure is expanded by more than	the six (6) existing pipelines from the ash
1000 metres in length;	sumps to the take-off (T-off) point is
excluding where such expansion:	approximately 1.5km in length each.
(i) relates to transportation of water, sewage or storm water	
within a road reserve; or	
(ii) where such expansion will occur within urban areas but	
further than 32 metres from a watercourse, measured from	
the edge of the watercourse.	
GN R. 544 Item 39:	Slurry pipelines to the existing facility's
The expansion of	discharge point will be discontinued once
(ii) channels;	the facility has reached its capacity. The
within a watercourse or within 32 metres of a watercourse,	sections of the existing pipeline no longer

#### Listed activities

measured from the edge of a watercourse, where such expansion will result in an increased development footprint but excluding where such expansion will occur behind the development setback line

# Activity/Project description

required will be dismantled and the areas affected will be rehabilitated. The pipelines will be extended from the existing pipeline route to the new facility by the 350 mm diameter steel pipelines. Taking the aforementioned into account eight (8) pipelines are required in total, with six (6) four (4) operational at any given time. Each of the eight (8) slurry pipelines will convey 950 m³/hr. while each of the Ash Water Return Pipelines will convey 2100 m³/hr.

# GN R. 545 Item 5:

The construction of facilities or infrastructure for any process or activity which requires a permit or license in terms of national or provincial legislation governing the generation or release of emissions, pollution or effluent and which is not identified in Notice No. 544 of 2010 or included in the list of waste management activities published in terms of section 19 of the National Environmental Management: Waste Act, 2008 (Act No.59 of 2008) in which case that Act will apply.

As the proposed Slurry Pipe Lines and Ash Water Return Pipeline triggers Section 21(c) and 21(i) Water Uses, and therefore requires a Water Use License in terms of the National Water Act, 1998 (36 of 1998). Furthermore the existing Atmospheric Emissions License will be amended to reflect the new ADF and supporting infrastructure in terms of the National Environmental Management: Air Quality Act, 2004.

# GN R. 545 Item 6:

The construction of facilities or infrastructure for the bulk transportation of dangerous goods –

(iii) in solid form, outside an industrial complex, using funiculars or conveyors with a throughput capacity of more than 50 tons day.

Additional pipelines required for the transportation of ash slurry to the Ash Disposal Facility will be constructed. The wet ash in slurry form is pumped to the Ash Disposal Facility. The length of the proposed slurry pipelines will extend across 3 km, therefore exceeding the 1000 meters (i.e. 1 km) threshold of Activity 6 listed in GN No.545. It is likely that the throughput capacity of the proposed slurry pipelines will exceed 50 cubic meters per day.

#### GN R. 545 Item 15:

Physical alteration of undeveloped, vacant or derelict land

The footprint of the following project activities will exceed 20 hectares and will

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	Listed activities	Activity/Project description
	for residential, retail, commercial, recreational, industrial of	necessitate the development of vacant
	institutional use, where the total area to be transformed is	
	20 hectares or more	
	GN R. 545 Item 19:	The height of the proposed Ash Disposal
	The construction of a dam, where the highest part of the	Facility as well as the height of the
	dam wall, as measured from the outside toe of the wall to	proposed Ash Water Return Dam will
	the highest part of the wall, is 5 metres or higher or where	exceed a height of 5 meters. Furthermore
	the high-water mark of the dam covers an area of 10	the footprint of the proposed Continuous
	hectares or more.	Ash Disposal Facility and the proposed
		Ash Water Return Dam will exceed 10
1		hectares.
ľ	GN R. 545 Item 26:	The existing Atmospheric Emissions
	Commencing of an activity, which requires an atmospheric	License will be amended to reflect the
	emission license in terms of section 21 of the National	new ADF and supporting infrastructure in
	Environmental Management: Air Quality Act, 2004 (Act No.	terms of the National Environmental
l	39 of 2004), except where such commencement requires	Management: Air Quality Act, 2004.
l	basic assessment in terms of Notice of No. R544 of 2010.	
Γ	GN R. 921 Category B Item 1	Wet ash disposal is employed at the
	The storage of hazardous waste in lagoons excluding	Camden Power Station. The ash and ash
	storage of effluent, wastewater or sewage	return water received by the current ash
		disposal facilities is transported via slurry
		pipelines to the ash disposal facility from
		the various source areas. The wet ash in
		slurry form is pumped to the Ash Disposal
		Facility ash containment facility, where
		some water is evaporated and some is
		retained through penstocks. The ash
		return water is stored in a Ash Return
		Water Reservoir (AWRR)
	GN R. 921 Category B Item 7	The dry ash generated by the combustion
1	The disposal of any quantity of hazardous waste to land.	of coal in theelectricity generation process
		will be disposed of at the Continuous Ash
		Disposal Facility. Owing to the nature and
		composition of the ash that is generated
		by the combustion of coal, it is considered
		to be hazardous waste (Type 3 waste).

Listed activities	Activity/Project description
GN R. 921 Category B Item 10	The proposed CPS ADF Project will
The construction of a facility for a waste management	include the following
activity listed in Category B of this Schedule (not in	activities:
isolation to associated waste management activity).	Construction of Ash Disposal Facility
	Clean and dirty water separation and
	containment facilities
	Pipelines for the transportation of ash
	slurry to the Ash Disposal Facility
	Return water pipelines from the new
	AWRD leading back to the existing
	AWRR at the power station; and
	Extension of the existing access roads
	around the facility, fencing around the
	facility and access control.

as described in the Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIR) dated November 2014 at:

Description	Coordinates	Coordinates		
	SOUTH	EAST		
Ash Disposal Facility	26° 35'36.37"S	30°4'11.06"E	98.8 Ha	
Pipelines and pump station for slurry deposition	26° 37'21.43"S	30°5'21.13"E	1.7 Ha	
	26° 36'58.06"S	30°4'53.83"E		
	26° 36'12.18"S	30°4'19.20"E		
	26° 36'20.54"S	30°4'37.52"E		
Ash Return Water Dam	26° 36'5.05"S	30°3'54.13"E	9.7 Ha	
Pipelines for return water and pump station	26° 35'31.84"S	30°4'10.61"E	1.9 Ha	
pump station	26° 36'16.34"S	30°4'28.53"E		
	26° 37'20.61"S	30°5'5.01"E		
	26° 35'32.58"S	30°4'9.34"E		
Dirty water channel	26° 35'46.46"S	30°3'57.06"E	3.1 Ha	
	26° 36'15.57"S	30°4'15.74"E		
	26° 35'44.98"S	30°4'2.25 <b>"</b> E		
	26° 35'38.96"S	30°4'11.15"E		

Clean Storm water Diversion Channel	26° 36'2.37"S	30°3'23.80"E	0.9 Ha
	26° 36'20.52"S	30°3'37.95"E	
	26° 36'9.10"S	30°4'23.43"E	
	26° 35'42.67"S	30°3'51.37"E	<del></del> -
Ash Disposal Facility Ring Road	26° 36'4.40"S	30°3'25.59"E	2 Ha
	26° 36'20.35"S	30°3'38.03"E	
	26° 36'9.06"S	30°4'23.24"E	
	26° 35'46.21"S	30°3'57.06"E	
Pipeline Maintenance Road	26° 37'29.62"S	30°5'24.46"E	5.1 Ha
	26° 36'57.99"S	30°4'53.62"E	
	26° 36'16.22"S	30°4'28.68"E	
	26° 35'32.06"S	30°4'10.67"E	
Interconnecting Road	26° 35'51.70"S	30°4'19.73"E	1.2 Ha
	26° 35'48.87"S	30°4'39.34"E	
	26° 35'45.96"S	30°4'18.49"E	-
	26° 35'40.25"S	30°4'13.21"E	

for the extension of the ash disposal facility and associated infrastructure for Camden Power Station on Portin 18 of the Farm Uitkomst 292 IT within Msukaligwa Local Municipality in the Mpumalanga Province, hereafter referred to as "the property".

# The project will include the following components:

- A lined ash disposal facility (wet facility);
- Clean and dirty water separation and containment facilities, including:
  - Ash Water Return Dam (AWRD), Pump station and trenches / drains;
  - Clean water diversion channels;
  - Dirty water diversion channels;
  - Storm water diversion canals and discharge; and
  - Monitoring boreholes;
- Installation of additional pipelines for the transportation of ash slurry to the Ash Disposal Facility (containment dam) and the replacement of existing pipelines;

- Return water pipelines from the new AWRD leading back to the existing AWRR at the power station;
- Extension of the existing access roads around the facility, fencing around the facility and access control.

#### 3. SCOPE OF AUTHORISATION

- 3.1 Authorisation is granted for the extension of ash disposal facility for Camden Coal Power station within site co-ordinates as indicated above. Site Alternative 1 for ash disposal facility is hereby approved.
- 3.2 Authorisation of the activities is subject to the conditions contained in this authorisation, which form part of the environmental authorisation and are binding on the holder of the environmental authorisation.
- 3.3 The Department shall by written notice to the holder of an environmental authorisation suspend with immediate effect an environmental authorisation if suspension of the authorisation is necessary to prevent harm or further harm to the environment.
- 3.4 The activities must commence within a period of five (5) years from the date of issue. If commencement of the activity does not occur within that period, the environmental authorisation lapses and a new application for an environmental authorisation must be made for the activities to be undertaken. Commencement with one activity listed in terms of this authorisation constitutes commencement of all authorised activities.
- 3.5 The holder of the environmental authorisation shall be responsible for ensuring compliance with the conditions contained in this environmental authorisation. This includes any person acting on the holder's behalf, including but not limited to, an agent, servant, contractor, sub-contractor, employee, consultant or person rendering a service to the holder of the authorisation.
- 3.6 Any changes to, or deviations from, the project description set out in this authorisation must follow the amendment processes as prescribed in Chapter 4 (Parts 1-3) of the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2010 and be approved, in writing, by the Department before such changes or deviations may be effected. In assessing whether to grant such approval or not, the Department may request such information as it deems necessary to evaluate the significance and impacts of such changes or deviations and it may be necessary for the holder of the authorisation to apply for further authorisation in terms of the regulations.

# 4. NOTIFICATION OF AUTHORISATION AND RIGHT TO APPEAL

- 4.1 The holder of the authorisation must notify every registered interested and affected party, in writing and within 12 (twelve) calendar days of the date of this environmental authorisation, of the decision to authorise the activity.
- 4.2 The notification referred to must
  - 4.2.1 specify the date on which the authorisation was issued;
  - 4.2.2 inform the interested and affected party of the appeal procedure provided for in Chapter7 of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2010;
  - 4.2.3 advise the interested and affected party that a copy of the authorisation will be furnished on request; and
  - 4.2.4 give the reasons for the decision.
- 4.3 The holder of the authorisation must publish a notice
  - 4.3.1 informing interested and affected parties of the decision;
  - 4.3.2 informing interested and affected parties where the decision can be accessed; and
  - 4.3.3 drawing the attention of interested and affected parties to the fact that an appeal may be lodged against this decision in the newspaper(s) contemplated and used in terms of regulation 54(2)(c) and (d) and which newspaper was used for the placing of advertisements as part of the public participation process.
- 4.4 The holder of the environmental authorisation must, in writing, within 12 days of the date of the decision on the application—
  - (a) notify all registered interested and affected parties of-
    - (i) the outcome of the application; and
    - (ii) the reasons for the decision;
  - (b) draw the attention of all registered interested and affected parties to the fact that an appeal may be lodged against the decision in terms of Chapter 7 of the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2010 if such appeal is available in the circumstances of the decision;
  - (c) draw the attention of all interested and affected parties to the manner in which they can access the decision; and
  - (d) publish a notice-
    - (i) informing interested and affected parties of the decision;
    - (ii) informing interested and affected parties where the decision can be accessed; and
    - (iii) drawing the attention of interested and affected parties to the fact that an appeal may be lodged against the decision in terms of Chapter 7 of the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2010, if such appeal is available under the circumstances of the decision; in the

newspapers contemplated in regulation 54(2)(c) and (d) of the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2010 and which newspaper was used for the placing of advertisements as part of the public participation process.

## 5. MANAGEMENT OF THE ACTIVITY

- 5.1. The Environmental Management Programme (EMPr) submitted as part of the Application for EA is hereby approved. This EMPr must be implemented and adhered to.
- 5.2. Should there be changes in the operation and management of the authorised activities; the EMPr must be amended to accommodate those changes and be submitted to this Department for written approval before implementation incorporated as part of the EMPr. Once approved, the EMPr must be implemented and adhered to.
- 5.3. The approved EMPr and operational EMPr for the disposal facility must be implemented and strictly enforced during all phases of the project. It shall be seen as a dynamic document and shall be included in all contract documentation for all phases of the development.
- 5.4. Changes to the EMPr and the operational EMPr for the disposal facility which are environmentally defendable, shall be submitted to this Department for acceptance before such changes could be effected.
- 5.5. The Department reserves the right to request amendments to the EMPr and the operational EMPr for the disposal facility should any impacts that were not anticipated or covered in the EIR be discovered.
- 5.6. The provisions of the approved EMPr and the operational EMPr for the disposal facility including the mitigation measures identified in the EIR and specialist' studies shall be an extension of the conditions of this EA and therefore noncompliance with them would constitute non-compliance with the EA.
- 5.7. The effluent management system must be managed and operated:
- 5.7.1. In accordance with an Environmental Management System (EMS), that inter alia identifies and minimises risks of pollution, including those arising from operations, maintenance, accidents, incidents and non-conformances and those drawn to the attention of the holder of the environmental authorisation as a result of complaints;
- 5.7.2. By sufficient persons who are competent in respect of the responsibilities to be undertaken by them in connection with the operation of the activities.
- 5.8. The holder of authorisation must maintain and ensure continued functioning of a Monitoring Committee for the normal operative lifetime of the site operational process and for a period of at

- least two years after the closure of the site, or at such longer period as may be determined by the Director.
- 5.9. The Monitoring Committee must formulate terms of reference and code of conduct, according to the Minimum Requirements, Second Edition 1998 by Department of Water Affairs and Forestry.
- 5.10. The Monitoring Committee must be comprised of relevant interested and affected parties.
- 5.11. The Monitoring Committee must meet at least twice a year and not later than 30 days after the external audit report specified in Condition 17.4.2 has been submitted according to Condition 17.4.2. (c).
- 5.12. The holder of authorisation must keep minutes of all the meetings of the Monitoring Committee and distribute these minutes to all members of the Monitoring Committee within 14 days after the meeting.

# 6. ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL OFFICER (ECO)

- The holder of this authorisation must appoint an independent Environmental Control Officer (ECO) with experience or expertise in the field for the construction phase of the development. The ECO will have the responsibility to ensure that the conditions referred to in this authorisation are implemented and to ensure compliance with the provisions of the EMPr.
- 6.2 The ECO must be appointed before commencement of any authorised activity.
- 6.3 Once appointed, the name and contact details of the ECO must be submitted to the Director: Compliance Monitoring of the Department.
- 6.4 The ECO must remain employed until all rehabilitation measures, as required for implementation due to construction damage, are completed and the site is ready for operation.
  - 6.4.1 The ECO must:
  - 6.4.2 Keep record of all activities on site, problems identified, transgressions noted and a schedule of tasks undertaken by the ECO.
  - 6.4.3 Keep and maintain a detailed incident (including spillage of bitumen, fuels, chemicals, or any other material) and complaint register on site indicating how these issues were addressed, what rehabilitation measures were taken and what preventative measures were implemented to avoid re-occurrence of incidents/complaints.
  - 6.4.4 Keep and maintain a daily site diary.
  - 6.4.5 Keep copies of all reports submitted to the Department.
  - 6.4.6 Keep and maintain a schedule of current site activities including the monitoring of such activities.

- 6.4.7 Obtain and keep record of all documentation, permits, licences and authorisations such as waste disposal certificates, hazardous waste landfill site licences etc. required by this facility.
- 6.4.8 Compile a monthly monitoring report.

# 7. WASTE MANAGEMENT CONTROL OFFICER (WMCO)

- 7.1 The applicant must designate a Waste Management Control Officer (WMCO) in writing, who will monitor and ensure compliance and correct implementation of all conditions and provisions as stipulated in the environmental authorisation and approved EMPr related to the ash disposal facility.
- 7.2 The WMCO must report any non-compliance with any environmental authorisation conditions or requirements or provisions of NEMWA to the Department through the means reasonably available.
- 7.3 The duties and responsibility of the WMCO should not be seen as exempting the holder of the environmental authorisation from the legal obligations in terms of the NEMWA.

# 8. RECORDING AND REPORTING TO THE DEPARTMENT

- 8.1 The holder of this authorisation must keep all records relating to monitoring and auditing on site and make it available for inspection to any relevant and competent authority in respect of this development.
- 8.2 All records and/or reports required or resulting from activities relating to this environmental authorisation must:
  - 8.2.1 be legible;
  - 8.2.2 be submitted as required and must form part of the external audit report;
  - 8.2.3 if amended, the record and/or report must be amended in such a way that the original and any subsequent amendments remain legible and are easily retrievable; and
  - 8.2.4 be retained in accordance with documented procedures which are approved by the Department.
- 8.3 All documentation e.g. audit/monitoring/compliance reports and notifications, required to be submitted to the Department in terms of this authorisation, must be submitted to the Director: Compliance Monitoring at the Department.
- 8.4 Records demonstrating compliance with conditions of this EA must be maintained for five years.

8.5 The holder of the environmental authorisation must keep records and update all the information referred to in Annexure II and submit this information to the Department on an annual basis.

# 9. ENVIRONMENTAL AUDIT REPORT FOR CONSTRUCTION

- 9.1 The holder of the authorisation must submit an environmental audit report to the Department within 30 days of completion of the construction phase (i.e. within 30 days of site handover) and within 30 days of completion of rehabilitation activities.
- 9.2 The environmental audit report must:
  - 9.2.1 Be compiled by an independent environmental auditor;
  - 9.2.2 Indicate the date of the audit, the name of the auditor and the outcome of the audit:
  - 9.2.3 Evaluate compliance with the requirements of the approved EMPr and this environmental authorisation;
  - 9.2.4 Include measures to be implemented to attend to any non-compliances or degradation noted;
  - 9.2.5 Include copies of any approvals granted by other authorities relevant to the development for the reporting period;
  - 9.2.6 Highlight any outstanding environmental issues that must be addressed, along with recommendations for ensuring these issues are appropriately addressed;
  - 9.2.7 Include a copy of this authorisation and the approved EMPr:
  - 9.2.8 Include all documentation such as waste disposal certificates, hazardous waste landfill site licences etc. pertaining to this authorisation for waste streams that will be generated during construction; and
  - 9.2.9 Include evidence of adherence to the conditions of this authorisation and the EMPr where relevant such as training records and attendance records.

#### 10. COMMENCEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

- 10.1 The authorised activity shall not commence within twenty (20) days of the date of signature of the authorisation.
- 10.2 An appeal under section 43 of the National Environmental Management Act (NEMA), Act 107 of 1998 (as amended), suspend an environmental authorisation or exemption, or any provisions or conditions attached thereto.

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- 10.3 Should you be notified by the Minister of a suspension of the authorisation pending appeal procedures, you may not commence with the activity until such time that the Minister allows you to commence with such an activity in writing.
- The holder of this authorisation must obtain a Water Use Licence from the Department of Water Affairs (DWA) prior to the commencement of the project should the holder impact on any wetland or water resource. A copy of the license must be submitted to the Chief Director:

  Integrated Environmental Authorisations at the Department.
- The holder of this authorisation must obtain Atmospheric Emission Licence from relevant authority prior to commencement of the project should the project trigger listed activities in terms of the National Environmental Management: Air Quality Act 39 of 2004. The copy of the licence obtained must be included in the first audit submitted to the Department.

# 11. NOTIFICATION TO AUTHORITIES

- 11.1 Fourteen (14) days written notice must be given to the Department that the activity will commence. Commencement for the purposes of this condition includes site preparation. The notice must include a date on which it is anticipated that the activity will commence. This notification period may coincide with the Notice of Intent to Appeal period, within which construction may not commence.
- 11.2 After construction of the site or further development within the site, the EA holder shall notify the Chief Director: Integrated Environmental Authorisations thereof and the Registered Professional Engineer shall submit a certificate or alternatively a letter to the Chief Director: Integrated Environmental Authorisations that the construction of the site or further development within the site, as proposed by the EA holder and approved by the Chief Director: Integrated Environmental Authorisations is in accordance with recognised civil engineering practice and the requirements in this EA before disposal may commence on the site. If the Chief Director: Integrated Environmental Authorisations is satisfied with the construction of the site or any further development within the site and has given written permission, the EA holder may use the site or any further development within the site for the disposal of waste.

# 12. OPERATION OF THE ACTIVITY

12.1 Fourteen (14) days written notice must be given to the Department that the activity operational phase will commence.

12.2 The holder of this authorisation must compile an operational EMPr for the operational phase of the activity or alternatively, if the holder has an existing operational environmental management system, it must be amended to include the operation of the authorised activity.

#### 13. SITE CLOSURE AND DECOMMISSIONING

13.1 Should the activity ever cease or become redundant, the applicant shall undertake the required actions as prescribed by legislation at the time and comply with all relevant legal requirements administered by any relevant and competent authority at that time.

## 14. LEASING AND ALIENATION OF THE SITE

14.1 Should the holder of the environmental authorisation want to alienate or lease the site, he/she shall notify the Department in writing of such an intention at least 120 days prior to the said transaction. Should the approval be granted, the subsequent holder of the environmental authorisation shall remain liable to compliance with all licence conditions.

#### 15. TRANSFER OF ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION

- 15.1 Should the holder of the environmental authorisation transfer holdership of this environmental authorisation due to a change of ownership [as provided for in terms of S24E(c) of NEMA], he/she must apply in terms of Section 52 of NEMWA.
- 15.2 Should the transfer of holder ship of this environmental authorisation mentioned above be for any reason other than the change of ownership in the property, the holder of this environmental authorisation must inform the Department of any change in ownership in the property and must request an amendment to this environmental authorisation to reflect such change in ownership.
- 15.3 Any subsequent holder of an environmental authorisation shall be bound by conditions of this environmental authorisation.

#### 16. INVESTIGATIONS

16.1 If, in the opinion of the Department, pollution, nuisances or health risks may be or are occurring on the site, the holder of the environmental authorisation must initiate an investigation into the cause of the problem or suspected problem, including such investigations as identified by the Department related to the risks posed. Such investigation must include the monitoring of water

- quality variables at those monitoring points and at such frequency as may be specified by Director: Department of Water and Sanitation.
- 16.2 Should the investigation carried out as per conditions 16.1 above reveal any unacceptable levels of pollution, the holder of the environmental authorisation must submit mitigation measures to the satisfaction of the relevant Department.

# 17. SPECIFIC CONDITIONS RELATED TO THE DISPOSAL FACILITY

# 17.1 Site Security and Access Control

17.1.1 The holder of the environmental authorisation must ensure effective access control to the effluent management system to prevent unauthorised entry. Weatherproof, durable and legible signs in at least three official languages applicable in the area must be displayed at each entrance to the site. The signs must indicate the risks involved in entering the site as well as the person responsible for the operation of the site.

#### 17.2 Permissible waste

- 17.2.1 Any portion of the Site which has been constructed or developed according to condition 2, may be used for the disposal of waste as indicated in the Waste Management Licence Application Form submitted for the purpose of obtaining this EA.
- 17.2.2 The classification, acceptance and treatment criteria as listed in the Waste Classification and Management Regulations in Government Notice 634, dated 23 August 2013 must be conformed to.

# 17.3 Construction and commissioning of activities

17.3.1 Construction and further development within the proposed waste disposal site must be in accordance with the approved EMPr, Report Number 12670 dated November 2014 prepared by Zitholele Consulting (Pty) Ltd, the signed Conceptual Engineering Design Report for the Extension of the Ash Disposal Facility at Camden Power Station with reference 12670-REP-ENG-001 dated 02 September 2014; compiled by Zitholele Consulting (Pty) Ltd, the Eighteen signed drawings: 12670/01-002 Site 1 General Arrangement; 12670/02-001 to 12670/02-0012 Camden Ash Disposal Facility Site 1 Solution Storm water Tranches Layout Sections & Details & Silt Trap Details & Liner Details; 12670/02-14 to 12670/02-018 and Layout & Longitudinal Section of Return Water Pipeline (Sheet 1 to 5). The letter dated 18 December 2014 from DWS Chief Directorate: Engineering Services.

- 17.3.2 Construction and further development within the site must be in accordance with the approved drawings, the final design report that demonstrates compliance with the Norms and Standards for Disposal of Waste to Landfill, GN 636, dated 23 August 2013, clause 3(2) requirements must be submitted and approved by the Chief Director: Integrated Environmental Authorisations before construction may commence. The EA Holder must adhere to the comments and recommendations contained in the letter from the Department of Water and Sanitation, Chief Directorate: Engineering Services dated 18 December 2014.
- 17.3.3 A construction quality assurance (CQA) plan must be developed for the site and product specific materials (including specification of standards to be complied with) that are adequate to ensure that the construction of the ash disposal facility is in accordance with the approved designs must be submitted for approval to the Chief Director: Integrated Environmental Authorisation.
- 17.3.4 Works must be constructed and maintained on a continuous basis by the holder of environmental authorisation to divert and drain from the Site in a legal manner, all runoff water arising on land adjacent to the Site, which could be expected as a result of the estimated maximum precipitation during a period of 24 hours with an average frequency of once in fifty (50) years (hereinafter referred to as the "estimated maximum precipitation"). Such works must, under the said rainfall event, maintain a freeboard of 800mm.
- 17.3.5 Works must be constructed and maintained on a continuous basis by the holder of authorisation to divert and drain from the working face of the Site, all runoff water arising on the Site, which could be expected as a result of the estimated maximum precipitation and to prevent such runoff water from coming into contact with leachate from the Site. Such works must, under the said rainfall event, maintain a freeboard of 800mm and be lined to the satisfaction of the competent authority, to prevent pollution to groundwater.
- 17.3.6 Runoff water referred to in Condition 17.3.5 must comply with the quality requirements of the General and Special Standard, prescribed in terms of section 21(1)(a) of the Water Act, 1956 (Act 54 of 1956) as published in Government Notice 991 of 18 May 1984, or with such quality requirements as may from time to time be determined by the competent authority and must be drained from the Site in a legal manner.
- 17.3.7 Runoff water referred to in Condition 17.3.6 which does not comply with the quality requirements applicable in terms of Condition 17.3.6 shall, by means of works lined to the satisfaction of the Chief Director: Integrated Environmental Authorisation and shall be drained from the Site in a legal manner
  - (i) be treated to comply with the aforementioned standard and discharged in a legal manner; and/or

- (ii) be discharged into any convenient sewer if accepted by the authority in control of that sewer.
- 17.3.8 All runoff must be prevented from entering local watercourses including wetlands.
- 17.3.9 The EA holder must ensure that the integrity of the waterproof base and walls are routinely monitored and corrective action taken before containment integrity is breached.
- 17.3.10 Any development which occurs within 1:100 year flood line and/or within 500m from the boundary of wetlands would require a water use licence in terms of section 40 of the National Water Act, 1998.

# 17.4 Environmental auditing and reporting

#### 17.4.1 Internal Audits

(a) Internal audits must be conducted quarterly by the holder of the environmental authorisation in order to audit compliance with conditions related to this environmental authorisation and the approved EMPr, and on each audit occasion an official report must be compiled by the relevant auditor to report the findings of the audits, which must be made available to the external auditor specified in condition below.

#### 17.4.2 External Audits

- (a) The holder of the environmental authorisation and approved EMPr must appoint an independent external auditor to audit the power plant bi-annually subject to the environmental authorisation and this auditor must compile an audit report documenting the findings of the audit, which must be submitted by the holder of the environmental authorisation.
- (b) The audit report must-
  - (i) Specifically state whether conditions and requirements related to this environmental authorisation are adhered to;
  - (ii) Include an interpretation of all available data and test results regarding the operation of the site and all its impacts on the environment;
  - (iii) Specify target dates for the implementation of the recommendations by the holder of the environmental authorisation to achieve compliance;
  - (iv) Contain recommendations regarding non-compliance or potential non-compliance and must specify target dates for the implementation of the recommendations by the holder of the environmental authorisation and whether corrective action taken for the previous audit non conformities was adequate;
  - (v) Show results graphically and conduct trend analysis; and

- (vi) Include the information required in Annexure II.
- (c) Each **ex**ternal audit report referred to in condition 17.4.2 must be submitted to the Department within 30 days from the date on which the external auditor finalised the audit.

# 17.4.3 Reporting

- (a) The holder of the environmental authorisation must, within 24 hours, notify the Director of the occurrence or detection of any incident on the site, or incidental to the operation of the site, which has the potential to cause, or has caused pollution of the environment, health risks, nuisance conditions or water pollution.
- (b) The holder of the environmental authorisation must, within 14 days inform the Department from the occurrence or detection of any incident referred to in condition 16.1, must within 14 days period of time specified by the Department submit an action plan, which must –
  - (i) Correct the impact resulting from the incident;
  - (ii) Prevent the incident from causing any further impact; and
  - (iii) Prevent a recurrence of a similar incident to the satisfaction of the Department.
- (c) In the event that measures have not been implemented within 21 days of the incident, or within the time period identified by the Department, or the measures which have been implemented are inadequate, the Department may implement the necessary measures at the cost and risk of the holder of the environmental authorisation.
- (d) The holder of the environmental authorisation must keep an incident report and complaints register, which must be made available to the external auditor, representatives of this Department and Department of Water and Sanitation for the purpose of audit.
- (e) The Department must be notified as soon as the holder of this environmental authorisation becomes aware of the following incidents:
  - (i) Any malfunction, breakdown or failure of equipment or techniques, accident or fugitive emission which has caused, is causing or may cause significant pollution:
  - (ii) The breach of this environmental authorisation; and
  - (iii) Any significant adverse environmental and health effects.

# 17.5 General operation and impact management of waste management activities

- 17.5.1 Waste, which is not sewage from the authorised development, must be dealt with according to relevant legislation or the Department's policies and practices.
- 17.5.2 The holder of environmental authorisation must prevent spillages. Where the spillages occur, the holder of authorisation must ensure the effective and safe cleaning of such spillages.

- 17.5.3 The holder of environmental authorisation must prevent the occurrence of nuisance conditions or health hazards.
- 17.5.4 The holder of environmental authorisation must ensure that all personnel who work with hazardous waste are trained to deal with these potential hazardous situations so as to minimise the risks involved. Records of training and verification of competence must be kept by the Authorisation Holder.
- 17.5.5 No effluent must be discharged into any storm water drain or furrow, whether by commission or by omission.

# 17.6 Water quality monitoring

- 17.6.1 The holder of the environmental authorisation must carry out all tests required in terms of this environmental authorisation in accordance with published laboratory analysis methods or those prescribed by and obtainable from the South African Bureau of Standards (SABS), referred to in the Standards Act, 2008 (Act 08 of 2008).
- 17.6.2 A monitoring borehole network for the site must be submitted and be approved by the Chief Director: Integrated Environmental Authorisations before operations commence.
- 17.6.3 Numerical groundwater flow mass and transport model must be submitted and approved by the Chief Director: Integrated Environmental Authorisations before operation commence.
- 17.6.4 A groundwater monitoring plan, including remedial actions for the contaminated shallow perch aquifer must be submitted and approved by the Chief Director: Integrated Environmental Authorisations before operation commence.
- 17.6.5 Monitoring boreholes must be equipped with lockable caps. The Chief Director: Integrated Environmental Authorisation reserves the right to take water samples at any time and to analyse these samples or have them analysed.

#### 17.6.6 Surface water quality monitoring network

17.6.6.1A monitoring plan must be submitted and approved for surface water and shall be conducted at locations as indicated in the plan approved by the Chief Director: Integrated Environmental Authorisations.

## 17.6.7 Background monitoring

17.6.7.1 Samples from the borehole where groundwater in the borehole is at an expected higher hydraulic pressure level than the hydraulic pressure level of the groundwater under the site shall be considered as background monitoring.



- 17.6.7.2Background groundwater monitoring must be conducted during each monitoring occasion in terms of condition 17.6.8 and 17.6.9 for water quality variables listed in Annexure III.
- 17.6.8 Detection Monitoring
- 17.6.8.1 Groundwater and surface water quality monitoring must be conducted -
  - (a) for variables listed in Annexure III quarterly or such frequency as may be determined by the Chief Director: Integrated Environmental Authorisation.
- 17.6.9 Investigative Monitoring
- 17.6.9.1 lf, in the opinion of the Chief Director: Integrated Environmental Authorisation, a water quality variable listed under the detection monitoring programme, as referred to in condition 17.6.4 shows an increasing trend, the holder of authorisation shall initiate a monthly monitoring programme.

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# **Annexure I: Reasons for Decision**

# 1. Key factors considered in making the decision

All In reaching its decision, the Department took, inter alia, the following into consideration -

- a) The information contained in the EIR dated November 2014;
- b) The mitigation measures included in the EIR dated November 2014; and the EMPr:
- c) The comments received from the Directorate: Authorisations & Waste Disposal Management and comments from interested and affected parties as included in the EIR dated November 2014; and
- d) The objectives and requirements of relevant legislation, policies and guidelines, including section 2 of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998).

#### 2. Conclusions

After consideration of the information and factors listed above the Department reached the following conclusions:

- a) The extension of the disposal facility will take place next to the already existing ash disposal facility.
- b) The identification and assessment of impacts are detailed in the EIR dated November 2014; and sufficient assessment of the key identified issues and impacts have been completed.
- c) The procedure followed for impact assessment is adequate for the decision-making process.
- d) The proposed mitigation of impacts identified and assessed adequately curtails the identified impacts.
- e) A sufficient public participation process was undertaken and the applicant has satisfied the minimum requirements as prescribed in the EIA regulations, 2010, for public involvement.

In view of the above, the Department is satisfied that, subject to compliance with the conditions contained in the environmental authorisation, the activities will not conflict with the general objectives of integrated environmental management laid down in Chapter 5 of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 and that any potentially detrimental environmental impacts resulting from the activity can be mitigated to acceptable levels. The environmental authorisation is accordingly granted.

# **ANNEXURE II**

# INFORMATION WHICH SHALL BE SUBMITTED ON AN ANNUAL BASIS CONDITION 8.5

* = Indicate with an X. F	Please print legibly.		
NAME OF SITE: DATE OF REPORT:(y/m/d)			
Registered ov	vner(s) of property on	which the disposal facility is situated:	
Name		Telephone	
Postal Address		Fax	
		Postal Code	
2. Operator in co	ontrol of the disposal fa	acility:	
Name		Telephone	
Identity number		Tel. After hours	
Educational Qualifications			<u> </u>
Other Relevant competencie	·s:		
3. Indicate the ty	pe of waste and appro	ximate quantities of ash disposed dur	ing the year:
Type of waste (Specify)	Quantity (m	annum'y	
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TOTAL			<del>_</del>
4. Indicate the ty	pe of waste and approx	ximate quantities of ash reused, recyc	led during the
year:			
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status at the	effluent ti	reatment facility.	
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Place:		Date	
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# **ANNEXURE III**

# WATER QUALITY VARIABLES REQUIRED FOR DETECTION MONITORING

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Alkalinity (P.Alk)
Mercury (Hg)
Calcium (Ca)
Dissolved Oxygen
Chloride (CI)
Electrical Conductivity (EC)
Iron (Fe)
Fluoride (F)
Magnesium (Mg)
Manganese (Mn)
Nitrate (NO <sub>2</sub> )
Nitrate (NO <sub>3</sub> -N)
рН
Potassium (K)
Silicon (Si)
Sodium (Na)
Sulphate (SO <sub>4</sub> )
Total Dissolved Solids (TDS)

