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Dear Ms Herbst

AMENDMENT OF THE EXEMPTION FROM LINING REQUIREMENTS ISSUED ON 05 MAY 2016 FOR THE PROPOSED CONTINUOUS ASHING AT THE TUTUKA POWER STATION ASH DISPOSAL FACILITY, MPUMALANGA PROVINCE

The amendment refusal of the exemption extension issued for the above application by this Department on 24 March 2020, the Minister's appeal decision dated 04 September 2020, refer.

Based on the appeal decision issued by the Minister, this Department, in terms of Chapter 5 of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014 as amended, has decided to amend the exemption dated 05 May 2016 as per paragraph 1.41 of the Minister's appeal decision as follows:

Amendment 1: Amendment to extend the validity period of the Exemption:

The exemption from lining requirements issued on 05 May 2016 validity period is hereby extended by a period of **12 months** as from 04 September 2020.

Please note that this letter must be read in conjunction with the Exemption dated 05 May 2016, as amended.

Yours faithfully

Mr Sabelo Malaza

Chief Director: Integrated Environmental Authorisations
Department of Environment, Forestry and Fisheries

Date: 05/10/2020

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Dear Madam

REQUEST FOR DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY TO CONSIDER AN APPLICATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND OPERATION OF A FERROCHROME RECOVERY AND BENEFICIATION FACILITY AT SAMANCOR, FERROBANK, EMALAHLENI

Your request in the subject above dated **28 August 2020** and received by the Department of Environment, Forestry and Fisheries (DEFF) on the **03rd of September 2020** and the telephone conversation we had on the **29th of September 2020**, refer.

The Department's familiarity with the Integrated Permitting System lends it to believe that there will be no actual benefits to the service recipient, if their application was to be processed by the Department of Environment, Forestry and Fisheries, as the shortage of capacity at the Department of Water and Sanitation will result in further delays. This lack of capacity has had material effects on the processing efficiency of such applications relative to the traditional separation of applications, which had waste activities separated from waste activities. Flowing from this point, the Department wishes to implore the Mpumalanga Province, as a Competent Authority, to process the Environmental Impact Assessment aspect of the application and then only get the applicant to refer the waste related activities for processing at national level. This request will be in keeping with the legislative mandate as transferring the entire application in a form of an Integrated Permit to the DEFF, will not result in any material improvement in the processing efficiency of the application.

Yours faithfully

Mr Sabelo Malaza

Chief Director: Integrated Environmental Authorisations

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Date: 02/10/2020

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