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National Department of Environmental Affairs
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Attention: Toinette van der Merwe
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**RESPONSE TO DEA- APPLICATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION:
THE PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF A BIOMASS CO-FIRING
DEMONSTRATION FACILITY AT THE ARNOT POWER STATION,
MPUMALANGA**

Dear Toinette

Eskom Holdings SOC Limited submitted an application for authorisation to the National Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA Ref No. 12/12/20/2380) for the construction of a Biomass Co-Firing Demonstration Facility at the Arnot Power Station, Mpumalanga. The Final Basic Assessment (BA) Report was submitted to DEA on 15 February 2012. Your correspondence dated 03 April 2012 has reference. This letter together with its attachments serves as an addendum to the Final BA Report.

» **Documentary proof of public participation:**

Proof of delivery (waybills) from courierit indicating various stakeholders that received a copy of the draft basic assessment report for review is attached in Appendix A.

**1. (i) Mpumalanga Department of Economic Development,
Environment and Tourism**

A copy of the draft BAR was submitted to the Mpumalanga Department of Economic Development, Environment and Tourism on the 08 December 2011. A telephonic follow up for comment was made on the 10 April 2012 to Dr Batchelor as well as a follow up email sent on 12 April 2012. To date no comment has been received (see proof of communication in Appendix A).

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(ii) Water Use Licence

Attached is a copy of the existing Water Use Licence for the Arnot coal fired power station, as well as a supporting letter from Eskom in reference to the proposed bio-mass facility. The letter states that proposed facility will have little or no impact on the water use performance (refer to Appendix B).

(iii) SAHRA

See attached comments from SAHRA (refer to Appendix C).

I trust that the above addresses your queries. Please contact me with any additional queries in this regard.

Sincerely

Alicia Govender

**APPENDIX A:
PROOF OF SUBMISSION OF REPORTS TO
STAKEHOLDERS &
STAKEHOLDER CORRESPONDENCE**

**APPENDIX B:
WATER USE LICENCE INFORMATION**

APPENDIX C
COMMENT RECEIVED FROM SAHRA