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Dear Mr Kok

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT AND ACCEPTANCE OF NEW APPLICATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION (SCOPING/EIA PROCESS) FOR THE PROPOSED A NEW 30 YEAR ASH DISPOSAL FACILITY FOR KENDAL POWER STATION KENDAL, EMALAHLENI LOCAL MUNICIPALITY IN MPUMALANGA PROVINCE

The Department confirms having received the following documents for integrated environmental authorisation and waste management licence for the abovementioned project from you: Integrated Application Form, locality map, temporary delegation of authority and the details of EAP and the declaration of interest submitted by you on 3 January 2013 and the details of EAP and declaration of interest form on 17 January 2013. You have submitted these documents to comply with the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2010 and Government Notice 718 of 2009. The application is accepted.

However, please submit a project schedule indicating the different phases and expected timelines of the project.

Please include both reference numbers (NEAS Reference and DEA Reference), as listed above, on all documents and correspondence submitted to the Department.

Please note that <u>one hard copy and one electronic copy</u> (saved on CD/DVD) of <u>draft reports</u>, and <u>five hard copies and one electronic copy of final reports</u> must be submitted to the Department.

In addition, please consider the following during compilation of reports for this application for environmental authorisation:

- All applicable Departmental Guidelines must be considered throughout the application process. These can be downloaded from the Department's website: www.environment.gov.za, Environmental Impact Management button, listed under "EIA Administration": Integrated Environmental Management Information Series link. These include, but are not limited to, the following topics: Scoping, Environmental Impact Reporting, Stakeholder Engagement, Specialist Studies, Impact Significance, Cumulative Effects Assessments, Alternatives in EIA and Environmental Management Plans.
- Please be advised that in terms of the EIA Regulations and NEMA the investigation of
 alternatives is mandatory. Alternatives must therefore be identified, investigated to
 determine if they are feasible and reasonable. It is also mandatory to investigate and
 assess the option of not proceeding with the proposed activity (the "no-go" option).
- Should water, solid waste removal, effluent discharge, stormwater management and
 electricity services be provided by the municipality, you are requested to provide this office
 with written proof that the municipality has sufficient capacity to provide the necessary
 services to the proposed development. Confirmation of the availability of services from the
 service providers must be provided together with the reports to be submitted.
- In the reports to be submitted it must clearly be demonstrated in which way the proposed development will meet the requirements of sustainable development. You must also consider energy efficient technologies and water saving devices and technologies for the proposed development. This could include measures such as the recycling of waste, the use of low voltage or compact fluorescent lights instead of incandescent globes, maximising the use of solar heating, the use of dual flush toilets and low-flow shower heads and taps, the management of storm water, the capture and use of rainwater from gutters and roofs, the use of locally indigenous vegetation during landscaping and the training of staff to implement good housekeeping techniques.
- The applicant/EAP is required to inform this Department in writing upon submission of any draft report, of the contact details of the relevant State Departments (that administer laws relating to a matter affecting the environment) to whom copies of the draft report were submitted for comment. Upon receipt of this confirmation, this Department will in accordance with Section 24O(2) & (3) of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act 107 of 1998) inform the relevant State Departments of the commencement date of the 40 day commenting period, or 60 days in the case of the Department of Water Affairs for waste management activities which also require a licence in terms of the National Water Act, 1998 (Act 36 of 1998).
- A detailed and complete EMPr must be submitted with the EIR. This EMPr must not
 provide recommendations but must indicate actual remediation activities which will be
 binding on the applicant. Without this EMPr the documents will be regarded as not
 meeting the requirements and will be returned to the applicant for correction.
- Should it be necessary to apply for a permit in terms of the National Heritage Resources
 Act, 1999 (Act 25 of 1999), please submit the necessary application to SAHRA or the
 relevant provincial heritage agency and submit proof thereof with the Basic Assessment
 Report/Environmental Impact Assessment Report. The relevant heritage agency should
 also be involved during the public participation process and have the opportunity to
 comment on all the reports to be submitted to this Department.

In terms of regulation 67 of the EIA Regulations, 2010 this application will lapse if the applicant (or the EAP on behalf of the applicant) fails to comply with a requirement in terms of the Regulations for a period of six months after having submitted the application, unless the reasons for failure have been communicated to and accepted by this Department.

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.

Yours sincerely

Mr Mark Gordon

Chief Director: Integrated Environmental authorisations

Department of Environmental Affairs Letter signed by: Ms Mmatlala Rabothata

Designation: Environmental Officer: Integrated Environmental Authorisations

Date: 31/01/13

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Dear Dr Vosloo

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT OF PROJECT SCHEDULE FOR THE PROPOSED 30 YEAR ASH DISPOSAL FACILITY FOR KENDAL POWER STATION, EMALAHLENI LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, MPUMALANGA PROVINCE

The Department confirms having received the Project Schedule dated 04 April 2013 for the above-mentioned project on 08 April 2013.

The Department acknowledges receipt of the above-mentioned document.

Yours sincerely

Mr Mark Gordon

Chief Director: Integrated Environmental Authorisations

Department of Environmental Affairs Letter signed by: Mr Herman Alberts

Designation: Environmental Officer: Integrated Environmental Authorisations

Date: 19/04/2013