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PER E-MAIL / MAIL

Dear Ms Jones

ACCEPTANCE OF FINAL SCOPING REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED USED FUEL INTERIM STORAGE FACILITY AT KOEBERG NUCLEAR POWER STATION, FARM DUYNEFONTEIN 1552 IN THE WESTERN CAPE PROVINCE

The Final Scoping Report (FSR) and Plan of Study for Environmental Impact Assessment (PoSEIA) dated August 2016 and received by this Department on 22 August 2016 refers

This Department has evaluated the submitted FSR and the PoSEIA dated August 2016 and is satisfied that the documents comply with the minimum requirements of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2014. The SR is hereby accepted by the Department in terms of Regulation 22 (a) of the EIA Regulations, 2014.

You may proceed with the Environmental Impact Assessment process in accordance with the tasks contemplated in the PoSEIA and the requirements in Appendix 3 of the EIA Regulations, 2014.

Notwithstanding the above, the following additional information is required for the EIR:

- i. Please ensure that all relevant listed activities are applied for, are specific and that it can be linked to the development activity or infrastructure as described in the project description.
- ii. If the activities applied for in the application form differ from those mentioned in the EIR, an amended application form must be submitted.
- iii. Please ensure that the application form is signed by the applicant and that a signed land owner's notification form is submitted to this Department.
- iv. Please provide the Department with the proposed used fuel storage facility site's GPS coordinates points.
- Please ensure that all issues raised and comments received during the circulation of the SR from registered I&APs and organs of state which have jurisdiction (including this Department's Biodiversity Section) in respect of the proposed activity are adequately addressed in the EIR. Proof of correspondence with the various stakeholders must be included in the EIR. Should you be unable to obtain comments, proof should be submitted to the Department of the attempts that were made to obtain comments. The Public Participation Process must be conducted in terms of Regulation 39, 40 41, 42, 43 & 44 of the EIA Regulations 2014.

- vi. Should in-house specialists be used for any specialist study, the specialist study must be peer reviewed by external specialists.
- vii. In terms of Appendix 3 of the EIA Regulations, 2014, the EIR must include an undertaking under oath or affirmation by the EAP in relation to:
  - the correctness of the information provided in the reports;
  - the inclusion of comments and inputs from stakeholders and I&APs;
  - the inclusion of inputs and recommendations from the specialist reports where relevant;
  - any information provided by the EAP to interested and affected parties and
  - responses by the EAP to comments or inputs made by interested or affected parties.
- viii. In accordance with Appendix 3 of the EIA Regulations 2014, the details of—
  - (i) the EAP who prepared the report; and
  - (ii) the expertise of the EAP to carry out Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment procedures; must be submitted.
- ix. You are further reminded that the EIR to be submitted to this Department must comply with all the requirements in terms of the scope of assessment and content of EIRs in accordance with Appendix 3 and Regulation 23(1) of the EIA Regulations, 2014.

Please ensure that the Final EIR includes at least one A3 regional map of the area and the locality maps included in the final EIR illustrate the different proposed alignments and their start, middle and end points coordinates. The maps (Google maps is not acceptable) must be of acceptable quality and as a minimum, have the following attributes:

- Maps are relatable to one another;
- Cardinal points;
- GPS Co-ordinates;
- Legible legends;
- Indicate alternatives;
- Latest land cover;
- Vegetation types of the study area; and
- A3 size locality map.

Further note that in terms of Regulation 45 of the EIA Regulations 2014, this application will lapse if the applicant fails to meet any of the timeframes prescribed in terms of the these Regulations, unless an extension has been granted in terms of Regulation 3(7).

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 faithfully

Mr Sabelo Malaza

**Chief Director: Integrated Environmental Authorisations** 

**Department of Environmental Affairs** 

Signed by: Mr Wayne Hector

**Designation: Deputy Director: Strategic Infrastructure Developments** 

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