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Ms Masina Litsoane
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Dear Masina,

**SUBMISSION OF INFORMATION ADDITIONAL TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT
ASSESSMENT:**

**PROPOSED EXPANSION OF ASH DISPOSAL FACILITY AT KRIEL POWER STATION,
MPUMALANGA**

DEA Ref. No.: 14/12/16/3/3/3/217

This letter has reference to the proposed expansion of the ash disposal facility at Kriel Power Station (Mpumalanga) and the comments received from Department of Environmental Affairs: Integrated Environmental Authorisations (DEA:EIA), dated 11 August 2017. In order to contextualise this submission it should be noted that the comments were received after submission of the final EIR outside timeframes as set by the National Environmental Management Act, Act No 107 of 1998, EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended)¹. The comments and requirements have been addressed as explained below.

Please find enclosed the following documentation:

- An updated Comment Response Report (CRR).
 - Note that the comments received from the DEA, dated 11 August 2017, have been included and responded to in the CRR.
 - Aurecon also received comment from DAFF on 14 August 2017, which was subsequently included in the CRR.
- An updated EMPr addressing the comments raised.
- An updated project description map of infrastructure, main coordinates and properties on which these components are proposed are provided herewith, as **Annexure A** to the CRR. A map of the facility roads, both existing and new/proposed, is also provided herewith, as **Annexure A** to the CRR. The anticipated location of the additional power line is also available in **Annexure A**. It must, however be noted that the existing line would be re-aligned and would remain/fall below the threshold of 33 kilovolts as listed in terms of the 2014 NEMA EIA Regulations (as amended) and

¹ Aurecon letter dated 15 May 2017 requesting extension of submission timeframe was accepted by DEA: IEA on 08 June 2017. The extension was granted for submitting the EIR by no later than 10 August 2017. Subsequently the final EIR was submitted on 10 August 2017 to DEA: IEA, as acknowledged in the letter dated 14 August 2017.

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was, therefore, not included in the application form. Aurecon can, however, confirm that the power lines were considered by the relevant specialists as part of their assessments.

Furthermore, the listed activities in terms of NEMWA, GN No. 921 of November 2013 have been amended in the application submitted to DEA: IEA with the final EIR on 10 August 2017.

We remain available to if you have any further request or would like to discuss any aspect of the EIA.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Franci Gresse", is shown above the name.

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