From: Ursina Rusch
To: "tmeregi@environment.gov.za"; "PKhati@environment.gov.za"; "SPhungula@environment.gov.za"
Cc: Jenny Barnard; wyngaaJO@eskom.co.za; "uvbloem@environment.gov.za"
Subject: RE: Outstanding Comment Eskom Robberg-Bitou Powerline
Date: 24 April 2013 01:59:00 PM
Importance: High

Hi Thilivali

With reference to Rachelle Stofberg's email from 13th February 2013 below, we are still waiting for comment from your Department with regards to the Eskom Robberg-Bitou powerline. In addition to emails sent to you (see below), as well as numerous phone calls since January 2013, we have attempted to contact you via telephone the past three days with no success. We were told you were in Pretoria today but would return to your office tomorrow, Thursday April 25th. A message has been left requesting that you please return our call.

The project has been delayed due to the commissioning of additional specialists, therefore the Final BAR has not been finalised yet. We urgently request that your Department provide comment on the above-mentioned project by this upcoming Friday, 26 April 2013. We are commencing with the PPP for the Final BAR early next week. **Should we not receive comment from your Department by Friday we will assume that your Department does not have comment on the project and we will commence with the Final BAR distribution and PPP next week.**

Please acknowledge receipt of this email and advise whether your Department will be providing any comments with regards to the project.

Regards,

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From: Rachelle Stofberg
Sent: 13 February 2013 12:06 PM
To: tmeregi@environment.gov.za; Potlako Khati (PKhati@environment.gov.za); Sihle Phungula (SPhungula@environment.gov.za)
Cc: Jenny Barnard; Ursina Rusch; Jana Jordaan; WyngaaJO@eskom.co.za; Ulric Van Bloemestein (uvbloem@environment.gov.za)
Subject: FW: Outstanding comments query - Eskom Robberg-Bitou Powerline
Importance: High

Dear Thilivali,

Various emails and telephone enquiries to yourself has reference.

We have now been trying to get comments from your Department for approx. 6 months for the proposed Eskom Robberg-Bitou Powerline and Substation Development (Robberg Bitou – Plettenberg Bay area). You have confirmed that you have received copies of the Draft BAR and EMP. Your email dated 14 January 2013 confirmed that you are were finalizing the draft comments that week. To date we have not received any comment.

The proposed development is within 100m of the HWM of the Bitou estuary and therefore your Departments comment and input is crucial, specifically if a GA is required in i.t.o ICMA etc..

Please note: Should we not receive your comments **before or by close of business on Friday 15/02/13** – we assume that you have no comment or input w.r.t. this development. We will then proceed with the Final BAR PPP and submission to DEA for consideration.

Regards,
Rachelle

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From: Rachelle Stofberg
Sent: Tuesday, February 05, 2013 1:17 PM
To: tmeregi@environment.gov.za
Cc: Jenny Barnard; Jana Jordaan; Ursina Rusch
Subject: FW: Outstanding comments query - Eskom developments
Importance: High

Hi Thilivali,

Our telephone discussion last week and emails below refers. Please urgently provide us with an update on the outstanding comments for Eskoms Robberg Bitou SS Development.

Thank you.
Rachelle

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From: Thilivhali Meregi [mailto:TMeregi@environment.gov.za]
Sent: Monday, January 14, 2013 9:12 AM
To: Rachelle Stofberg
Subject: RE: Outstanding comments query - Eskom developments
Importance: High

Hi Rachelle,

Thanks for the reminder and apologies for the delay. We will be finalizing the draft comments this week. I will forward you the approved comments as soon as they are available.

Regards,
Thilivhali

>>> Rachelle Stofberg <RachelleS@sivest.co.za> 2013/01/08 12:23 PM >>>
Hi Thilivhali,

All the best for 2013!

Your email below refers. Please advise when we can expect the comments on the Draft BAR's, specifically for the proposed Eskom Robberg-Bitou Powerline and Substation Development (dated 22 June 2012). We would like to proceed with the Final BAR a.s.a.p. Your Department comment on this Application is crucial as the site lies within proximity to the estuary.

Please advise.

Regards,
Rachelle

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From: Thilivhali Meregi [mailto:TMeregi@environment.gov.za]
Sent: Thursday, November 29, 2012 12:06 PM
To: Rachelle Stofberg
Cc: Potlako Khati; Sihle Phungula
Subject: Re: Outstanding comments query - Eskom developments
Importance: High

Dear Rachelle,

This email serves as a confirmation of your email below; Draft Basic Assessment Reports dated 27 August 2012 (Proposed Eskom Koberg-Dassenberg Powerline Development) and dated 22 June 2012 (Proposed Eskom Robberg-Bitou Powerline and Substation Development) were received. We are busy looking at it and you will receive our comments in due time.

Regards,

Ms. Thilivhali Meregi

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<RachelleS@sivest.co.za> 11/27/2012 3:58 PM >>>
Dear Ms. Merengi

Thank your assisting us!

As mentioned earlier, we have two proposed Eskom developments on which your Department, as a key stakeholder, were requested to provide comment on:

1. Proposed Eskom Robberg-Bitou Powerline and Substation Development *
2. Proposed Eskom Koberg-Dassenberg Powerline Development *

*Refer to the attached registered letters for project information (DEA reference numbers, project scope, erven details etc.)

Please also see attached the proof of deliveries to your Department for both projects. The Draft Basic Assessment Report and EMP for Robberg was delivered to your Department on **22/06/12** and the documents for Koeberg on **24/08/12**. The 40 day PPP for these projects have closed and unfortunately we have not received any comments from your Department.

Please could you confirm that you have the reports and please advise on the status of your Departments comments. Should you not have the reports, please advise and we can forward them electronically to you.

Please contact me should you require any additional information.

Kind regards,
Rachelle

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