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PER E-MAIL / MAIL

Dear Ms Govender

COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT SCOPING REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED BLANCO 400kV TO DROERIVIER TRANSMISSION LINE AND SUBSTATION UPGRADE IN THE WERSTERN CAPE AND EASTERN CAPE PROVINCES

The draft Scoping Report (SR) dated January 2017 and received by this Department on 11 January 2017 refers.

This Department has the following comments on the abovementioned application:

- i. Please include the Start, Middle and End point coordinates for the power line in the final SR.
- ii. Please ensure that all relevant listed activities are applied for in the application form and reports, are specific and that it can be linked to the development activity or infrastructure as described in the project description. This Department has also noted the frequent use of the word "may" when describing the project activity that triggers the listed activities applied for. The use of the word "may" will result in this Department concluding that the EAP is not confident and/or uncertain as to why the listed activities applied for are being triggered by the proposed activity. You are therefore requested to amend the application form and rephrase all project activity descriptions and also to refrain from the use of the word "may".
- iii. If the activities applied for in the application form differ from those mentioned in the final SR, an amended application form must be submitted. Please note that the Department's application form template has been amended and can be downloaded from the following link <https://www.environment.gov.za/documents/forms>.
- iv. 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.
- v. The final SR must investigate and identify all traffic impacts associated with the proposed development.
- vi. 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 Final SR. Proof of correspondence with the various stakeholders must be included in the Final SR. Should you be unable to obtain comments, proof should be submitted to the Department of the attempts that were made to obtain

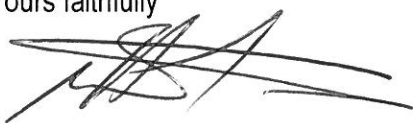
comments. The Public Participation Process must be conducted in terms of Regulation 39, 40 41, 42, 43 & 44 of the EIA Regulations 2014.

- vii. Should in-house specialists be used for any specialist study, the specialist study must be peer reviewed by external specialists.
- viii. In terms of Appendix 2 of the EIA Regulations, 2014, the report 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.
- ix. In accordance with Appendix 2 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.
- x. You are further reminded that the final SR to be submitted to this Department must comply with all the requirements in terms of the scope of assessment and content of scoping reports in accordance with Appendix 2 and Regulation 21(1) of the EIA Regulations, 2014.

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

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Date: 02/09/17

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PER EMAIL / MAIL

Dear Sir/Madam

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT OF THE NEW APPLICATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL
AUTHORISATION (ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT PROCESS) AND SCOPING REPORT
FOR THE PROPOSED THE PROPOSED BLANCO 400KV TO DROERIVIER TRANSMISSION LINE,
AND SUBSTATION UPGRADE IN THE WESTERN CAPE AND EASTERN CAPE PROVINCE**

The Department confirms having received the Application for Environmental Authorisation and Draft Scoping Report for the abovementioned project on 11 January 2017. You have submitted these documents to comply with the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations (EIA), 2014.

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 time-frames prescribed in terms of these Regulations, unless an extension has been granted by the Department in terms of Regulation 3(7) of the EIA Regulations, 2014.

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 Sabelo Malaza

**Chief Director: Integrated Environmental Authorisations
Department of Environmental Affairs**

Letter signed by: Ms Toinette van der Merwe

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Date: 12/01/2017

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Sheila Bolingo

From: Gesan Govender <gesan@envirolution.co.za>
Sent: Monday, January 23, 2017 8:28 AM
To: 'Sheila Bolingo'
Subject: FW: Clarification re Regulation 21 -b DEA Ref 14/12/16/3/3/2/921 and 922

Hi

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Dear Gesan

As discussed yesterday, you have to start afresh and submit a new application with the draft Scoping Report. The PP done initially can still be used, but you will have to put all relevant reports out for public review as per the regulations.

Regards

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Sheila Muniongo

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Attachments: RE: Reference Numbers: Gourikwa - Blanco - Droerivier (24.7 KB); RE: Reference Numbers: Gourikwa - Blanco - Droerivier (24.6 KB)

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Subject: Clarification re Regulation 21

Dear Gesan

I confirmed my interpretation of the said regulation with our IQ Desk and unfortunately Regulation 21 does not apply as we did not refuse your application. The application lapsed.

Hence you have to start afresh and submit a new application form.

Regards

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Dear Sir/Madam

LAPSING OF APPLICATION: THE PROPOSED BLANCO TO DROERIVIER 400KV TRANSMISSION LINE AND SUBSTATION UPGRADE, WESTERN CAPE PROVINCE

Your application for Environmental Authorisation submitted on 04 April 2016, refers.

In terms of Regulation 45 of GN R982 of 04 December 2014, an application lapses and a Competent Authority will deem the application as having lapsed, if the applicant fails to meet any of the time-frames prescribed in terms of these Regulations, unless an extension has been granted in terms of Regulation 3(7) of GN R982 of 04 December 2014.

Please be informed that you have not submitted the Environmental Impact Assessment Report within the regulated timeframes and have failed to comply with Regulation 23(1) of GN R982 of 04 December 2014, which states that where Environmental Impact Assessment process is applicable, the applicant must within 106 days of acceptance of the Scoping Report by the Competent Authority, submit to the Competent Authority the Environmental Impact Assessment Report. The application has been lapsed and the file is accordingly closed.

Should you decide to further pursue the application, a new application for Environmental Authorisation in terms of the EIA Regulations, 2014, must be submitted to this Department before such activity/(ies) may commence.

Yours faithfully

Mr Sabelo Malaza

Chief Director: Integrated Environmental Authorisations

Department of Environmental Affairs

Letter signed by: Ms Pumeza Skepe-Mngciza

Designation: Director(Acting): Coordination, Strategic Planning and Support

Date: 30/11/2016

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Ms Pumeza Skepe-Mngcita
Deputy Director: IPS and S24G

Dear Ms Skepe-Mngcita

Appointment as Acting Director: Coordination, Strategic Planning and Support for the period 23-25 November 2016 while Ms. K Masinga will be on special Leave, and again from 27 November until 02 December 2016, while Ms. K Masinga will be on official business abroad.

I hereby inform you that I have decided to appoint you as the Acting Director: Coordination, Strategic Planning and Support for the period 23 November 2016 until 2 December 2016 while Ms. Khashiwe Masinga is on special leave from 23-25 November 2016 and on official business abroad from 27 November to 2 December 2016.

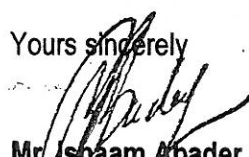
All the correspondence and other documents that are usually signed by the Director: Coordination, Strategic Planning and Support must be signed under Acting Director: Coordination, Strategic Planning and Support during the above-mentioned period.

Your appointment in the above acting position remains subject to the provisions of the Public Service Act, 1994 (Proclamation No. 103 of 1994), as amended, the Government Employees Pension Fund Act, 1996 (Proclamation No. 21 of 1996), the regulations promulgated under these Acts and relevant circulars.

In the execution of your duties and the exercising of the powers delegated to you, you will furthermore be subjected to the provisions of the Public Finance Management Act, compliance with the Promotion of Access to Information Act, Promotion of Administrative Justice Act, the Minimum Information Security Standard, Departmental Policies and other applicable legislations with the Republic of South Africa. You are therefore advised to make yourself familiar with the provisions of this legislations and policies and the amendments thereof. (Copies of Departmental policies can be obtained from the Human Resource Office).

Please accept my heartfelt gratitude for all your assistance on behalf of the department.

Yours sincerely


Mr. Ishaam Abader
DUG: LACE
Date: 23/11/2016

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I ☒ ACCEPT / DO NOT ACCEPT appointment
as Acting Director: Coordination, Strategic
Planning and Support

Signed: 

Date: 23/11/2016