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Dear Registered Interested and Affected Party

**PROPOSED REVERSE OSMOSIS PLANT AT HENDRINA POWER STATION, MPUMALANGA
(DEA REF. NO. 12/12/20/2273): NOTIFICATION OF INTEGRATED ENVIRONMENTAL
AUTHORISATION AND CORRECTION**

Our previous correspondence dated 8 August 2011, notifying you of the submission of the Final Basic Assessment report to the Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA) for decision-making, has reference.

Please note that a letter, dated 22 February 2012 regarding a different project, was sent in error and should be ignored.

We wish to inform you that DEA has issued a positive Integrated Environmental Authorisation (IEA) in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) (as amended) (NEMA), on **6 February 2012**. Please note that the IEA incorrectly refers to the project location as Gauteng Province, but this is an error. The authorities have corrected this error, from Gauteng to Mpumalanga province, in a correction notice dated **22 February 2012**.

The IEA authorises **Eskom Holdings SOC Ltd** (the applicant) for the construction of a reverse osmosis effluent treatment plant and for the recycling of concentrated cooling water, at Hendrina Power Station. Authorisation has been granted for the Cooling Water North site alternative within the confines of the Hendrina Power Station precinct.

The IEA outlines the conditions of authorisation, reasons for the authorisation and the appeal process. A copy of the IEA and correction notice is attached to this letter and is also available on request from Miss Louise Corbett of Aurecon South Africa (Pty) Ltd (Aurecon) (tel: 021 526 6027, fax: 021 526 9500 or email: louise.corbett@aurecongroup.com) or on Aurecon's website (www.aurecongroup.com change "Current Location" to South Africa and click on "Public Participation").

The IEA includes, amongst others, the following:

- Section 1 of IEA: Decisions
- Section 2 of IEA: NEMA EIA and NEMWA Activities Authorised;
- Section 3 of IEA: Scope of Authorisation;
- Annexure 1 of IEA: Reasons for Decision

We would like to draw your attention to your right to appeal against the decision of the Minister, DEA in terms of Chapter 7 of Government Notice No. R543 of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2010, as governed by NEMA. Any person who wishes to appeal must lodge a Notice of Intent to Appeal with the Minister within 20 days after notification of the decision. Should you wish to appeal, the appellant must serve on the applicant, a copy of the Notice of Intent to Appeal form as well as a notice indicating where and for

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what period the appeal submission will be available for inspection by the applicant, within 10 days of having lodged the Notice of Intent to Appeal form with DEA. The Appeal must be submitted within 30 days of the lapsing of the 20 day period allowed for the submission of the Notice of Intent to Appeal. A simplified copy of the appeals procedure is included in the attached IEA for your information.

Lodging may occur by any of the following methods:

By facsimile: 012 320 7561
By post: Department of Environmental Affairs
Private Bag X447
Pretoria
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By hand: Attention: Minister of Environmental Affairs
2nd Floor, Fedsure Building, North Tower
Cnr. Van Der Walt and Pretorius Streets
Pretoria

An appeal submitted to the Minister must comply with the requirements of Chapter 7 of the EIA Regulations of 2010 in terms of the NEMA and must be submitted in writing to Mr T Zwane, Senior Legal Administration Officer (Appeals) of DEA. Mr Zwane can also be contacted at tel (012) 310 3929 or e-mail tzwane@environment.gov.za.

Please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned should you have any queries.

Yours sincerely
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