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PER EMAIL / MAIL

Dear Ms Phiri

AMENDMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION ISSUED ON 10 MAY 2012 FOR THE PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF APPROXIMATELY 240KM 400kV AGGENEIS-ORANGEMOND TRANSMISSION LINE AND SUBSTATIONS UPGRADE IN THE NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE

The Environmental Authorisation (EA) dated 10 May 2012 for the abovementioned project and your application for amendment to the EA received by this Department on 24 April 2017, refers.

Based on a review of the reasons for requesting an extension of the validity period of the Environmental Authorisation dated 10 May 2012, this Department, in terms of Chapter 5 of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014, has decided to grant an extension of a validity period of the EA as follows:

- i. The activity must commence within a period of five (5) years from the expiry date of the EA issued on 10 May 2012 which lapses on 10 May 2017, now extended to 10 May 2022. If commencement of the activity does not occur within that period, the authorisation lapses and a new application for environmental authorisation must be made in order for the activity to be undertaken.
- ii. This correspondence is only for the extension of the validity period as stated herein above and all conditions set out in the Environmental Authorisation dated 10 May 2012 remain unchanged and must be adhered to.

Reasons the amendment:

The proposed construction of a 400kV transmission line has not commenced due to delays in the securement of land rights and the dependency on the customer (Nampower) to authorise the need of the project. Hence, an extension of the EA is required by Eskom. In addition, the specialists/EMPr final walk down of power line still needs to be done before the commencement of the activity as well as getting the required permits.

This letter must be read in conjunction with the Environmental Authorisation dated 10 May 2012.

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In terms of Regulation 4(2) of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014 (the Regulations), you are instructed to notify all registered interested and affected parties, in writing and within 14 (fourteen) days of the date of the Department's decision in respect of the amendment made as well as the provisions regarding the submission of appeals that are contained in the Regulations.

Should any person wish to lodge an appeal against this decision, he/she must submit the appeal to the appeal administrator, and a copy of the appeal to the applicant, any registered interested and affected party, and any organ of state with interest in the matter within 20 days from the date that the notification of the decision was sent to the registered interested and affected parties by the applicant; or the date that the notification of the decision was sent to the applicant by the Department, whichever is applicable.

Appeals must be submitted in writing in the prescribed form to:

Mr Z Hassam, Director: Appeals and Legal Review of this Department at the below mentioned addresses.
By email: appealsdirector@environment.gov.za;

By hand: Environment House
473 Steve Biko Road,
Arcadia,
Pretoria.

By post: Private Bag X447,
Pretoria,
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To obtain the prescribed appeal form and for guidance on the submission of appeals, please visit the Department's website at https://www.environment.gov.za/documents/forms#legal_authorisations or request a copy of the documents at appealsdirector@environment.gov.za.

Kindly include a copy of this document with the letter of notification to interested and affected parties.

Yours faithfully


Mr Sabelo Malaza
Chief Director: Integrated Environmental Authorisations
Department of Environmental Affairs
Date: 31/05/2017