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Dear Mrs Wyngaardt

# AMENDMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION ISSUED ON 09 OCTOBER 2017 FOR THE ESKOM DAGBREEK BYPASS PROJECT SITUATED WITHIN THE WESTERN CAPE PROVINCE

The Environmental Authorisation (EA) issued for the above-mentioned application on 09 October 2017, the application for amendment of the EA dated 08 November 2017 and received by the Department on 16 November 2017 and the additional information received by the Department on 24 November 2017, refer.

Based on a review of the reason for requesting an amendment to the above EA, this Department, in terms of Chapter 5 of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014 as amended, has decided to amend the EA dated 09 October 2017 as follows:

#### **Amendment 1:**

## Page 3 of the EA dated 09 October 2017

#### Current details:

Preferred alternative: Hotazel Substation	Latitude	Longitude
Starting point of the activity	33° 25' 49.08" S	18° 58' 33.97" E
Middle point of the activity	33° 25′ 53.02" S	18° 58' 38.83" E
End point of the activity	33° 25' 56.10" S	18° 58' 41.49" E

#### is hereby amended to:

Preferred Powerline route	Latitude	Longitude
Starting point of the activity	33° 25' 49.08" S	18° 58' 33.97" E
Middle point of the activity	33° 25' 53.02" S	18° 58' 38.83" E
End point of the activity	33° 25' 56.10" S	18° 58' 41.49" E

# Reason for amendment:

An incorrect reference to the Hotazel Substation has been used. This project is only for a 380m bypass to connect to an existing powerline. This amendment is recommended.

## **Amendment 2:**

Removal of condition 33 on page 8 of the EA reading as follows:

"Anti-collision devices such as bird flappers must be installed within the bypass power lines. The input of a Flora and Fauna specialist must be obtained for the fitting of the anti-collision devices onto specific sections of the line".

The above condition is hereby removed.

## Reason for amendment:

Anti-collision devices are applicable to longer lines where there is potential for collision with earth wires that are not easily visible and are not recommended by the specialist. The installation of bird flappers will thus not be applicable for this project.

This letter must be read in conjunction with the EA dated 09 October 2017.

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 EA, of the Department's decision in respect of your application as well as the fact that an appeal may be lodged against the decision in terms of the National Appeals Regulations, and the provisions regarding the submission of appeals as 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: <a href="mailto:appealsdirectorate@environment.gov.za">appealsdirectorate@environment.gov.za</a>;

By hand: Environment House

473 Steve Biko.

Arcadia, Pretoria, 0083; or

By post: Private Bag X447,

Pretoria, 0001

Please note that in terms of section 43(7) of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998, the lodging of an appeal will suspend the decision or any provision or condition attached thereto. In the instance where an appeal is lodged, you may not commence with the activity until such time that the appeal is finalised. 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 appealsdirectorate@environment.gov.za.

Yours faithfully.

Mr Sabelo Malaza

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**Department of Environmental Affairs** 

Date: 08/12/2019