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Dear Dr Heinsohn

ACCEPTANCE OF THE FINAL SCOPING REPORT IN TERMS OF ENVIRONMENTAL
AUTHORISATION R. 387: PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION EXPANSION OF THE ARIADNE
SUBSTATION AND THE REALIGNMENT OF EXISTING TRANSMISSION LINES TO
ACCOMMODATE THE NEW TRANSMISSION POWER LINE, KWAZULU NATAL
PROVINCE (R. 387 ITEM 1(c),(l) & 2, R 386 ITEM 12, 14, 15 & 20)

The above document dated November 2009 and received by the Department on 05 November
2009 refers.

The Department has evaluated the submitted Final Scoping Report (FSR) dated November
2009 and is satisfied that the FSR complies with the minimum requirements of the
Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2006. The FSR is hereby accepted by
the Department in terms of GN R.385 (31) (1) (a) of the EIA Regulations, 2006.

You may proceed with the environmental impact assessment process in accordance with the
tasks contemplated in the plan of study for environmental impact assessment as required in
terms of the EIA Regulations, 2006.

Please ensure that comments from all relevant authorities are submitted to the Department with
the Final Environmental Impact Report. This includes but is not limited to: The Department of
Water Affairs and the Kwa-Zulu Natal Provincial Department of Agriculture and Environmental
Affairs.

The applicant is hereby reminded to comply with the requirements of GN R.385 (77) with
regard to the time period allowed for complying with the requirements of the Regulations, and
GN R. 385 (58) and (59) with regard to the allowance of a comment period for interested and
affected parties on all reports submitted to the competent authority for decision-making. The
reports referred to are listed in GN R. 385 (58) (3a-3g).

Further, it must be reiterated that, should an application for Environmental Authorisation be subject to the provisions of Chapter II, Section 38 of the National Heritage Resources Act, Act 25 of 1999, then this Department will not be able to make nor issue a decision in terms of your application for Environmental Authorisation pending a letter from the pertinent heritage authority categorically stating that the application fulfils the requirements of the relevant heritage resources authority as described in Chapter II, Section 38 (8) of the National Heritage Resources Act, Act 25 of 1999.

You are hereby reminded that the activity may not commence prior to an environmental authorisation being granted by the Department.

Yours faithfully



Ms Lize McCourt

Chief Director: Environmental Impact Management

Department of Environmental Affairs

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Please receive herein the attached Letter for your attention.

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