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Dear Mr Geeringh

**INSTALLATION OF A SERIES CAPACITOR BANK UNDER THE ARNOT-MAPUTO 400kV TRANSMISSION
LINE NEAR BABERTON**

Your letter dated 22 March 2002 regarding the above matter refers.

This department has evaluated your request for exemption from complying with the environmental impact assessment (EIA) regulations. Your motivation for exemption is accepted.

In terms of section 28A of the Environment Conservation Act, 1989 (Act No. 73 of 1989) I hereby exempt Eskom from complying with Government Notice No. R. 1183 for the construction of a series capacitor bank under the Arnot – Maputo 400kV transmission line on the farm Rouxville 309 JU portion 7 (- 944.13 and 2843 798.95) subject to the following conditions:

1. General conditions

- 1.1 Exemption is for the specific proposal at the specific sites and any changes in the proposal resulting in significant environmental impacts are only permissible if approved in writing by this department.
- 1.2 This exemption is granted only in terms of Section 28A of the Environment Conservation Act (Act No. 73 of 1998) and does not exempt the holder from compliance with other applicable legislation.
- 1.3 The applicant must in the event of non-compliance with any condition of this exemption inform the department within 48 hours.

- 1.4 A copy of this exemption shall be available at all times and all staff, contractors and sub-contractors shall be familiar with or be made aware of the contents of this exemption.
- 1.5 Records relating to the compliance/non-compliance with the conditions of this exemption must be kept in good order. Such records must be made available to this department within 7 days of receipt of a written request by this authority for such records.
- 1.6 This department reserves the right to review and amend the conditions of this exemption.
- 1.7 This department must be notified, within 30 days, of change of ownership/project developer. Conditions established in this exemption must be made known to the new owner/developer and are binding on the new owner/developer.
- 1.8 The conditions of this exemption should be brought to the attention of all persons (employees, sub-consultants, contractors etc.) associated with the undertaking of this activity and the applicant should take such measures necessary to bind such persons to these conditions. Eskom must carry out regular environmental audits to establish how well the contractor is complying with the conditions of this exemption.
- 1.9 National Government, Provincial Government, Local Authority or committees appointed in terms of the conditions of the application or any other public authority or organisation shall not be held responsible for any damaged or losses suffered by the applicant or his successor in title in any instance where construction or operation subsequent to construction be temporarily or permanently stopped for reasons of non-compliance by the applicant with the conditions of approval as set out in this document or any other subsequent document emanating from these conditions of approval.
- 1.10 Non-compliance with, or any deviation from, the conditions set out in this exemption constitutes a failure in compliance with this exemption. Such failure in compliance is regarded as an offence and will be dealt with in terms of Sections 29, 30 and 31 of the Environment Conservation Act (Act No. 73 of 1989), as well as, any other appropriate legal mechanisms.

2. Project specific conditions

- 2.1 Eskom's generic environmental management programme (EMP) for substation construction must be implemented. The EMP may be altered, where monitoring and auditing of the construction and operation of the project shows this to be beneficial.
- 2.2 Any alterations to the EMP shall be subject to approval by this department. The EMP must be made available to landowners on request.
- 2.3 The applicant must comply with all reasonable requirements from landowners during the execution of this activity.
- 2.4 Disturbance to vegetation must be restricted to the absolute minimum and areas disturbed as a result of construction must be rehabilitated as soon as possible.
- 2.5 Soil erosion must be prevented during construction and operation activities. Land degraded as a result of the above shall be rehabilitated as soon as possible.

2.6 Building rubble and solid waste (such as sand, gravel, concrete and waste material) and other litter and waste generated during the construction and operational phases must be removed from site and be disposed of safely and responsibly at a landfill licensed in terms of section 20 of the Environment Conservation Act, 1989 (Act No. 73 of 1989) and/or disposed of by means of a licensed incinerator facility.

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DIRECTOR-GENERAL (Acting)

DATE:

02/04/23.