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Dear Mr Roods

ACCEPTANCE OF THE FINAL SCOPING REPORT IN TERMS OF ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION R. 387: PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF THE JOHANNESBURG EAST ELECTRICITY SUPPLY STRENGTHENING PROJECT, GAUTENG AND MPUMULANGA PROVINCES

The above mentioned document received by the Department in September 2009 refers.

The Department has evaluated the submitted Final Scoping Report (FSR) dated September 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 note that comments have been requested from the internal Directorate of Biodiversity. These comments will be made available to the EAP once received.

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: Mpumalanga Department of Agriculture, Rural Development and Land Administration (MDALA) and the Gauteng Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (GDARD) as well as the South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA).

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



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