



## **environmental affairs**

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**PER FACSIMILE / MAIL**

Dear Mr Makhura

**ACCEPTANCE OF THE SCOPING REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF THE ARNOT GUMENI DOUBLE CIRCUIT 400KV TRANSMISSION LINE AND INSTALLATION OF A 2<sup>ND</sup> 500MVA 400/1232KV TRANSFORMER AT GUMENI SUBSTATION, WITHIN EMAKHAZENI AND STEVE TSHWETE LOCAL MUNICIPALITIES, MPUMALANGA PROVINCE**

The Final Scoping Report (FSR) and Plan of Study for Environmental Impact Assessment dated July 2012 and received by the Department on 06 July 2012 refers.

The Department has evaluated the submitted FSR and the Plan of Study for Environmental Impact Assessment dated July 2012 and is satisfied that the documents comply with the minimum requirements of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2010. The FSR is hereby accepted by the Department in terms of regulation 30(1)(a) of the EIA Regulations, 2010.

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, 2010.

Please ensure that comments from all relevant stakeholders are submitted to the Department with the Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR). Proof of correspondence with the various stakeholders must be included in the FEIR. Should you be unable to obtain comments, proof should be submitted to the Department of the attempts that were made to obtain comments.

The applicant is hereby reminded to comply with the requirements of regulation 67 with regard to the time period allowed for complying with the requirements of the Regulations, and regulations 56 and 57 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 regulation 56(3a-3h).

Please ensure that the FEIR includes at least one A3 regional map of the area and the locality maps included in the final EIR illustrate the different proposed alignments. The maps must be of acceptable quality and as a minimum, have the following attributes:

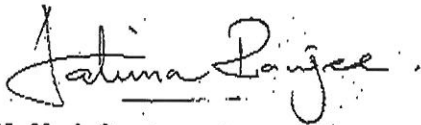
- Maps are relatable to one another;
- Cardinal points;
- Co-ordinates;
- Legible legends;
- Indicate alternatives;
- Latest land cover;
- Vegetation types of the study area; and
- A3 size locality map.

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 requested to submit two (2) copies of the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) to the Department as per regulation 34(1)(b) of the EIA Regulations, 2010. Please submit at least one electronic copy (CD/DVD) of the complete final report with the hard copy documents.

You are hereby reminded of Section 24F of the National Environmental Management Act, Act No 107 of 1998, as amended, that no activity may commence prior to an environmental authorisation being granted by the Department.

Yours sincerely



**Mr Mark Gordon**

**Chief Director: Integrated Environmental Authorisations  
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