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SUBJECT: COMMENTS FOR THE FOLLOWING APPLICATIONS:

323-MERCURY-LETTER-DWAF-LICENCE APPLICATION-JAN 08

  
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**RE: EXPANSION OF MERCURY SUBSTATION NEAR VIERFONTEIN, FREE STATE TO INCLUDE A 765K HIGH VOLTAGE YARD: APPLICATION FOR DEVELOPMENT ON WETLAND.**

Dear Sir/Madam

Your consultation letter dated January 30, 2008 with reference: 323-mercury-letter-DWAF-licence Application-Jan 08 is hereby referred to:

The Department of Water Affairs and Forestry acknowledges receipt of the above Water Use Licence Application. After careful consideration of the application and the supporting documents attached, this Department has considered that encroachment of structures into the wetland will only affect a small portion and, therefore satisfied that the impact that will result from the upgrading of the mercury power station will be minimal.

However, before commencing with any construction/upgrading activity, it is advisable that the applicant consult the Department of Environmental Affairs and Tourism for final approval regarding the assessment on the Biodiversity, Socio and Economic Impact and, the overall functionality of the wetland ecosystem. Should the Department of Environmental Affairs and Tourism grant authorization to this project, no Water Use Licence will be required from the applicant.

For any clarity, please do not hesitate to contact this Department

  
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**CHIEF DIRECTOR: FREE STATE**

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