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Dear Mr Geeringh

**REQUEST FOR EXTENSION: BETA-DELPHI 400KV ESKOM TRANSMISSION LINE**

Your request dated 18 November 2004 regarding the above matter refers.

The department has noted that the record of decision for the above-mentioned project was issued on 18 December 2004. As you have indicated, the department has also noted that the said record of decision has been issued without the validity period and date of expiry. Your assumption is however correct that the expiry date was 18 December 2004, on the basis that the departmental records of decision are being issued with the validity period of two (2) years. It is therefore considered to be the correct procedure that you have applied for an extension amid these circumstances.

The department had further noted the reasons why the project did not commence as authorised. It is on this basis that the validity period of the record of decision for the construction of Beta-Delphi 400kV line is further extended by another two (2) years to expire on 18 December 2006.

Should this record of decision expire again prior to commencement of this activity, an external independent review of the environmental impact report and other associated studies might be required as a condition for further extension of the record of decision.

Yours sincerely

**DIRECTOR-GENERAL**

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