



## environmental affairs

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### PER FACSIMILE / MAIL

Dear Ms Phiri

### **APPLICATION FOR AMENDMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION: PROPOSED GAMMA – GRASSRIDGE 765kV TRANSMISSION POWER LINES (X2) BETWEEN GAMMA SUBSTATION IN THE NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE AND GRASSRIDGE SUBSTATION IN THE EASTERN CAPE PROVINCE**

The environmental authorisation (EA) (Reference No: 12/12/20/801) issued by the Department on 27 October 2008, and the extension of validity period dated 08 October 2012 as well as your application for an extension of the validity period of the EA and change of contact person dated August 2015 and received by the Department on 24 August 2015, refer.

Based on a review of the reason for requesting an amendment to the above EA, this Department, in terms of Chapter 5 of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014, has decided to amend the EA dated 27 October 2008 as follows:

#### **Amendment 1:**

The Department has decided to grant an extension of the validity period of your authorisation for an additional three (3) years. Note that the EA can only be validated for a period of ten (10) years, and looking at the lapsed time frame the EA is already valid for a period of seven (7) years.

The extension is subject to the following conditions:

- i. The activity must commence within a period of Three (3) years from the date of expiry of the EA extension issued on 08 October 2012 (i.e. 08 October 2018). If commencement of the activity does not occur within that period, the authorisation lapses and a new application for environmental authorisation must be made in order for the activity to be undertaken.
- ii. The correspondence is only for the extension of the validity period as stated herein above and all conditions set out in the original Environmental Authorisation dated 27 October 2008 remain unchanged and must be adhered to.

*Ms*

**Amendment 2:**

The contact details of the holder of the EA are amended:

**From:**

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Ms Martina Phiri  
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Kindly quote the abovementioned reference number in any future correspondence in respect of the application.

In terms of Regulation 4(2) of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014 (the Regulations), you are instructed to notify all registered interested and affected parties, in writing and within 14 (fourteen) days of the date of the Department's decision in respect of the amendment made as well as the provisions regarding the submission of appeals that are contained in the Regulations.

Your attention is drawn to Chapter 2 of Government Notice No. R.993, which prescribes the appeal procedure to be followed.

An appellant must submit an appeal to the appeal administrator, and a copy of the appeal to the applicant, any registered interested and affected party and any organ of state with interest in the matter within 20 days from the date that the notification of the decision was sent to the applicant by the competent authority.

By post: Private Bag X447,  
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By hand: Environment House  
473 Steve Biko,  
Arcadia,  
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**Appeals must be submitted in writing to:**

Mr Z Hassam, Director: Appeals and Legal Review, of this Department at the above mentioned addresses. Mr Hassam can also be contacted at:

Tel: (012) 399 9356  
Email: Appealsdirector@environment.gov.za

Please note that in terms of section 43(7) of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998, an appeal under section 43 of that Act will suspend the environmental authorisation or any provision or condition attached thereto. In the instance where an appeal is lodged, you may not commence with the activity until such time that the appeal is finalised.

For guidance on appeals submitted to the Minister in terms of NEMA and the SEMAs, please find a copy of the guideline on the administration of appeals on the Department's website: ([https://www.environment.gov.za/documents/forms#legal\\_authorisations](https://www.environment.gov.za/documents/forms#legal_authorisations)). Kindly include a copy of this document with the letter of notification to interested and affected parties.

Yours faithfully



**Mr Sabelo Malaza**  
**Chief Director: Integrated Environmental Authorisations**  
**Department of Environmental Affairs**

Date *5/10/2015*