

Our Ref : 18047-Let-001-EA Notification-Rev0

16 March 2020

Dear Interested & Affected Party

ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION FOR THE PROPOSED INSTALLATION OF BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEM (BESS) AT THE HEX SUBSTATION NEAR WORCESTER, WESTERN CAPE (DEA Ref No: 14/12/16/3/3/1/2078)

• **NOTIFICATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION ISSUED**

The Final Basic Assessment Report (FBAR) for the above mentioned Application was submitted to the Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA), on the 17 December 2019, for evaluation and decision-making.

Date of Environmental Authorisation granted

In keeping with the requirements outlined in Regulation 4(2) of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014, as amended, this letter serves to inform you that DEA has granted the Environmental Authorisation (EA) for the installation of Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) at the Hex Substation, which falls within the jurisdiction of Breede Valley Local Municipality. The EA was granted on 04 March 2020. In terms of Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014, Activities 14 and 56 of Listing Notice 1 and Activities 10 and 12 Listing Notice 3 has therefore been authorised to proceed.

Notice of Appeal Process

In accordance with Chapter 2 of the National Appeal Regulations, 2014, should you or any person affected by this decision wish to appeal any aspect of the decision, you or a person affected by this decision may lodge your appeal in the prescribed manner with the appeal administrator.

The appeal submission is summarised below for the benefit of potential appellants:

- 4.(1) *An appellant must submit the 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:*
- (a) *the date that the notification of the decision for an application for an environmental authorisation or a waste management licence was sent to the registered interested and affected parties by the applicant; or*

- (b) *the date that the notification of the decision was sent to the applicant by the competent authority, issuing authority or licensing authority, in the case of decisions other than those referred to in paragraph (a).*
- 4.(2) *An appeal submission must be-*
- (a) *submitted in writing in the form obtainable from the appeal administrator; and*
 - (b) *accompanied by-*
 - (i) *a statement setting out the grounds of appeal*
 - (ii) *supporting documentation which is referred to in the appeal submission; and*
 - (iii) *a statement, including supporting documentation, by the appellant to confirm compliance with regulation 4(1) of these Regulations.*

Appeal submission information

Your appeal must be submitted in writing in the prescribed form to:

By email: appeals@environment.gov.za

By hand: Environmental House
473 Steve Biko Street
Arcadia
Pretoria
0083

By post: Private Bag X447
Pretoria
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To obtain the prescribed appeal form and for guidance on the submission of appeals, please visit the Department's website at https://www.environment.gov.za/documents/forms#legal_authorisations or request a copy of the document at appeals@environment.gov.za.

Notification of Applicant and EAP

As prescribed in Regulation 4(1) above, please send a copy of the appeal to the applicant (Eskom Holdings) and the EAP (Zitholele Consulting) at the addresses below:

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An electronic copy of the EA is attached to the notification email, and is also available on Zitholele Consulting's website: <https://www.zitholele.co.za/environmental/> under the heading "Hex Substation BESS BAR".

We would like to thank you for participating in the Basic Assessment Process and Public Participation Process. Your participation has been valuable and highly.

Yours faithfully



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Environmental Assessment Practitioner
ZITHOLELE CONSULTING (PTY) LTD

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