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PER E-MAIL / MAIL

Dear Madam

ACCEPTANCE OF THE FINAL SCOPING REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED RELOCATION OF THREE ESKOM 400KV POWERLINES THAT TRAVERSE ANGLO OPERATION (PTY) LTD, KHEZELA COLLIERY, MPUMALANGA PROVINCE

The final Scoping Report (SR) dated April 2017, received by this Department on 21 April 2017 and the acknowledgement of receipt thereof dated 21 April 2017 refers.

The Department has evaluated the submitted FSR and the Plan of Study for Environmental Impact Assessment dated April 2017 and is satisfied that the documents comply with the minimum requirements of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2014. The FSR is hereby accepted by the Department in terms of regulation 22(1)(a) of the EIA Regulations, 2014.

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, 2014.

Please ensure that comments from all relevant stakeholders are submitted to the Department with the Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR). This includes but is not limited to comments from this Department and the Local Municipality. Proof of correspondence with the various stakeholders must be included in the Draft EIR. Should you be unable to obtain comments, proof should be submitted to the Department of the attempts that were made to obtain comments.

In addition, the following amendments and additional information must be included in the EIAR:

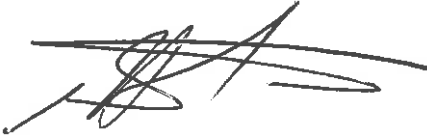
- i. This Department has noted the use of the word "**may**" when describing the project activity that triggers the listed activities applied for. The use of the word "**may**" shows that the EAP/applicant is not confident and/or is uncertain as to why the listed activities applied for are being triggered by the proposed activity. You are therefore requested to rephrase all project activity descriptions to refrain from the use of the word "may". **The onus is on the applicant to ensure that only the applicable listed activities are included in the application and the Draft EIAR.** A full assessment of impacts and proposed mitigation thereto of all the triggered activities must be provided in the Draft EIAR.

- ii. Please ensure that all relevant listed activities are applied for, are specific and that it can be linked to the development activity or infrastructure as described in the project description. The details such as the length of the power lines proposed must be included in the project description. Your attention is also drawn to the Regulations of 7 April 2017, please ensure that all listed activities in this regulations are also included.
- iii. If the activities applied for in the application form differ from those mentioned in the Draft EIAR, an amended application form must be submitted. Please note that the Department's application form template has been amended and can be downloaded from the following link <https://www.environment.gov.za/documents/forms>.
- iv. Please ensure that all issues raised and comments received during the circulation of the Draft EIAR from registered I&APs and organs of state which have jurisdiction in respect of the proposed activity are adequately addressed and responded to in the Final EIAR. Proof of correspondence with the various stakeholders must be included in the Final EIAR. Should you be unable to obtain comments, proof should be submitted to the Department of the attempts that were made to obtain comments. The Public Participation Process must be conducted in terms of Regulation 39, 40, 41, 42, 43 & 44 of the EIA Regulations 2014.
- v. Please provide a description of any identified alternatives for the proposed activity **that are feasible and reasonable, including the advantages and disadvantages that the proposed activity or alternatives will have on the environment and on the community** that may be affected by the activity as per Appendix 2 (1) (c) (d) and 2 (h) of GN R.982 of 2014. Alternatively, you should submit written proof of an investigation and motivation if no reasonable or feasible alternatives exist in terms of Appendix 2 (2)(x)(xi).
- vi. You are further reminded that the final EIAR to be submitted to this Department must comply with all the requirements in terms of the scope of assessment and content of Scoping reports in accordance with Appendix 2 and Regulation 21(1) of the EIA Regulations, 2014.
- vii. Please ensure that the Final EIAR includes at least one A3 regional map (Google maps will not be accepted for decision-making purposes) of the area and the locality maps included in the final EIAR illustrate the different proposed alignments and above ground storage of fuel. 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.
- viii. 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 one copy of the Draft EIAR to this Directorate and at least on electronic copy (CD/DVD) of the complete Draft EIAR with the hard copy documents.

Further note that in terms of Regulation 45 of the EIA Regulations 2014, this application will lapse if the applicant fails to meet any of the timeframes prescribed in terms of the these Regulations, unless an extension has been granted in terms of Regulation 3(7).

Yours sincerely



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Chief Director: Integrated Environmental Authorisations

Department of Environmental Affairs

Signed by: Mr. Wayne Hector

Designation: Deputy Director: Strategic Infrastructure Developments

Date: 29/05/17

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