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PER FACSIMILE / MAIL

Dear Mr Mahumela

APPLICATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION: PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF APPROXIMATELY 170KM 1X400KV MAPHUTHA-WITKOP POWERLINE WITHIN THE SEKHUKHUNE AND CAPRICORN DISTRICT MUNICIPALITIES IN THE LIMPOPO PROVINCE

The Final Scoping Report (FSR) and Plan of Study for Environmental Impact Assessment dated May 2018 and received by the Department on 07 May 2018, refer.

The Department has evaluated the submitted FSR and the Plan of Study for Environmental Impact Assessment dated May 2018 and is satisfied that the said documents comply with the minimum requirements of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2014, as amended. The FSR is hereby accepted by the Department in terms of Regulation 22(1)(a) of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended.

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, as amended.

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 the Department of Environmental Affairs: Biodiversity Planning and Management directorate. Proof of correspondence with the various stakeholders must be included in the DEIR. 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 are required for the DEIR:

- a) The studies identified as additional studies that may become necessary must be assessed and form part of the DEIR.
- b) The description of the proposed development together with associated infrastructure must be clearly outlined in the DEIR.

The applicant is hereby reminded to comply with the requirements of Regulation 45 of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014 published under Government Notice R982 in Government Gazette No. 38282 dated 04 December 2014, as amended ('the EIA Regulations, 2014'), with regard to the time period allowed for complying with the requirements of the Regulations.

Please ensure that the DEIR includes at least one A3 regional map of the area and the locality maps included in the DEIR illustrate the different proposed routes. 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.

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, 1999 (Act No. 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, 1999.

You are requested to submit two (2) copies of the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) to the Department and at least one electronic copy (CD/DVD) of the complete final report with the hard copy documents.

You are hereby reminded of Section 24F of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998), as amended, that no activity may commence prior to an environmental authorisation being granted by the Department.

Yours sincerely



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