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PER EMAIL / MAIL

Dear Ms Phiri

AMENDMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION (EA): CONSTRUCTION OF THE PORT ELIZABETH SUBSTATION, UPGRADING OF THE EXISTING GRASSRIDGE AND DEDISA SUBSTATIONS AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF 2 X 400kV TRANSMISSION POWER LINES FROM THE PORT ELIZABETH SUBSTATIONS TO GRASSRIDGE AND DEDISA SUBSTATIONS, PORT ELIZABETH, EASTERN CAPE PROVINCE.

The EA issued by the Department on 05 September 2014, your amendment application received by the Department on 05 December 2014, the acknowledgement of receipt thereof dated 06 January 2015 and the Department's appeal decision dated 23 February 2015 refer.

Based on a review of the reasons for requesting an amendment to the above EA, the Department, in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) and the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2010, (EIA Regulations) hereby amends the EA issued on 05 September 2014 (EA: Ref number 12/12/20/1213) as follows –

Any reference to "Motherwell Alternative 2" is herewith substituted with "**Revised EIA Team Preferred Corridor**".

The format of the coordinates is herewith changed from degrees decimals to degrees, minutes and seconds and is reflected as follows:

	Latitude	Longitude
PE Substation Site	S33°50'07.2"	E25°26'03.4"
	S33°50'26.5"	E25°56'51.6"
	S33°50'13.5"	E25°25'21.2"
	S33°49'55.4"	E25°25'33.9"
Revised EIA Team Preferred Corridor		
Power line Route Corridor	Latitude	Longitude
Starting point of activity (PE Substation)	S33°49'56.7"	E25°25'35.4"
Middle point of activity (Grassridge Substation)	S33°43'10.2"	E25°23'57.3"
End point of activity (Dedisa Substation)	S33°44'32.4"	E25°40'29.8"

The wording of the following conditions is herewith amended:

Condition 32: the words "completely avoided" is substituted with "**avoided as far as possible**".

Condition 36: the words "must be avoided" is substituted with "**must be avoided as far as possible**".

Condition 37: the words "completely avoided" is substituted with "**avoided as far as possible**".

This amendment letter must be read in conjunction with the EA issued on 05 September 2014 and the appeal decision issued on 23 February 2015.

Your attention is drawn to Chapter 7 of the Regulations, which prescribes the appeal procedure to be followed. This procedure is summarised in the attached document. Kindly include a copy of this document with the letter of notification to interested and affected parties.

Should the applicant or any other party wish to appeal any aspect of the decision a notice of intention to appeal must be lodged by all prospective appellants with the Minister, within 20 days of the date of the EA, by means of one of the following methods:

By post: Private Bag X447
Pretoria
0001; or
By hand: Environment House
473 Biko Road, Arcadia
Pretoria

If the applicant wishes to lodge an appeal, it must also serve a copy of the notice of intention to appeal on all registered interested and affected parties as well as a notice indicating where, and for what period, the appeal submission will be available for inspection, should you intend to submit an appeal.

Please include the Department (*Attention: Director: Integrated Environmental Authorisations*) in the list of interested and affected parties, notified through your notification letter to interested and affected parties, for record purposes.


Appeals must be submitted in writing to:

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

Tel: 012-399-9356

Email: AppealsDirectorate@environment.gov.za

Yours faithfully


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Department of Environmental Affairs
Date: 20 April 2015

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