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Dear Dr Van Geems

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT AND REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR THE AMENDMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATIONS ISSUED ON 31 OCTOBER 2013, AS AMENDED FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A 132KV OVERHEAD POWER LINE FROM THE EXISTING OUTENIQUA SUBSTATION TO THE EXISTING OUDTSHOORN SUBSTATION, EDEN DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY, WESTERN CAPE PROVINCE

The Environmental Authorisations (EA) for the abovementioned projects dated 31 October 2013, the EA amendment dated 04 August 2015 and applications for amendment to an EA received by the Department on 18 July 2017 submitted in terms of the provisions of Regulation 29 of the EIA Regulations, 2014 as amended, refer.

Following the review of the above-mentioned application, you are requested to provide clarity on the following:

- a. Was the area for the proposed deviation within Eskom's existing servitude assessed as part of the approved project? If the area was assessed as part of the application, the proposed amendment will fall within the ambit of amendments to be applied for in terms of Part 1 of Chapter 5 of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014 as amended. In terms of Regulation 30, the following must be submitted:
 - Statements from the Botanical and Avifaunal specialists confirming that the proposed deviation will not increase the level or nature of the impact as stated on your application for amendment.
 - These information must be submitted before **28 July 2017**. Failure to submit the required information by the specified date will result in this Department not being able to process the application and the file will be deemed closed
- b. If the proposed deviation area was not assessed as part of the approved project, note that the proposed amendment will fall within ambit of amendments to be applied for in terms of Part 2 of Chapter 5 of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations (2014), as amended. Please note that you are required

to comply with Regulation 32 and the following information must be part of the report to be submitted as per Regulation 32:

- Specialist confirmations (for all specialists conducted for the approved project) of the proposed amendment
- Proof of notification to all potential and registered interested and affected parties, including organs of state, which have jurisdiction in respect of any aspect of the relevant activity, of the required amendments. Interested and Affected Parties and organs of state must be given 30 days to comment on a draft report reflecting the above requirement as stipulated in regulation 32 (1) (a). Comments received during the commenting period must be incorporated into a final report to be submitted to the competent authority for a decision on the amendment application.
- Should you fail to meet any of the timeframes stipulated in Regulation 32 of Part 2 of Chapter 5 of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations (2014), your application will lapse.

This Department reserves the right to revise or withdraw comments or request further information from you based on any information that might be received.

Yours faithfully



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Date: 21/07/2017