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PER EMAIL / MAIL

Dear Ms Sebole

AMENDMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION ISSUED ON 26 JANUARY 2018 FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE PETRUSDAM 88kV SWITCHING STATION, WITHIN RAMOTSHERE MOILOA LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, NORTH WEST PROVINCE

The Environmental Authorisation (EA) dated 26 January 2018 for the abovementioned project, your application for amendment to the EA received by this Department on 12 April 2018, the Department's correspondence dated 16 April 2018 requesting an original signed declaration by the holder of the EA, resubmitted EA amendment application form dated 18 April 2018 as received by this Department on 18 April 2018 as well as the acknowledgement letter dated 24 April 2018 refer.

Based on a review of the reasons for requesting amendment to the above EA, this Department in terms of Chapter 5 of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations 2014, as amended, has decided to amend the EA as follows:

## Amendment of the coordinates of the switching station:

## From

Preferred Site Altenative1	Latitude (S)	Longitude (E)
Preferred switching station location	25° 09' 59.63"	26° 08' 46.13"

## To:

Preferred Site Altenative1	Latitude (S)	Longitude (E)
Preferred switching station location	25° 10' 0.6"	260 08' 49.6"

The Applicant applied to amend the location of the switching station by a distance of 100m from the approved location as requested by the land owner in order to accommodate other activities on the property. The coordinates indicated in the EA dated 26 January 2018 do not correspond with the exact location where the switching station will be positioned. Hence; it will have legal implications for the holder of the EA; if the switching station is not constructed within the approved location.

This amendment letter must be read in conjunction with the EA dated 26 January 2018.

In terms of Regulation 4(2) of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014 (the Regulations) as amended, you are instructed to notify all registered interested and affected parties, in writing and within 14 (fourteen) days of the date of the EA, of the Department's decision in respect of your application as well as the fact that an appeal may be lodged against the decision in terms of the National Appeals Regulations, and the provisions regarding the submission of appeals as contained in the Regulations.

Should any person wish to lodge an appeal against this decision, he/she 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 the date that the notification of the decision was sent to the registered interested and affected parties by the applicant; or the date that the notification of the decision was sent to the applicant by the Department, whichever is applicable.

## Appeals must be submitted in writing in the prescribed form to:

The Director: Appeals and Legal Review of this Department at the below mentioned addresses.

By email: <a href="mailto:appealsdirectorate@environment.gov.za">appealsdirectorate@environment.gov.za</a>;

By hand: Environment House

473 Steve Biko

Arcadia Pretoria 0083; or

By post: Private Bag X 447

Pretoria 0001

Please note that in terms of Section 43(7) of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998, the lodging of an appeal will suspend the environmental authorisation or any provision or condition attached thereto. In the instance where an appeal is lodged, you may not commence with the activity until such time that the appeal is finalised.

To obtain the prescribed appeal form and for guidance on the submission of appeals, please visit the Department's website at <a href="https://www.environment.gov.za/documents/forms#legal\_authorisations">https://www.environment.gov.za/documents/forms#legal\_authorisations</a> or request a copy of the documents at <a href="mailto:appealsdirectorate@environment.gov.za">appealsdirectorate@environment.gov.za</a>.

Yours faithfully

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Chief Director Integrated Environmental Authorisations

**Department of Environmental Affairs** 

Date: 21/05/20/8

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