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### PER EMAIL/ MAIL

Dear Mr Nel

### AMENDMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A 66kV ESKOM POWER LINE FROM THE EXISTING ROBBERG SUBSTATION TO THE NEW SUBSTATION SITE ON FARM 305/16 EAST OF BITOU RIVER, WESTERN CAPE PROVINCE

The Environmental Authorisation (EA) issued for the above application by this Department on 03 June 2014, your application for amendment to the EA received by this Department 13 May 2016 and the EA amendment report dated May 2016 refer.

Based on a review of the reason for requesting an amendment to the above EA, this Department, in terms of Chapter 5 of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014, has decided to amend the EA dated 03 June 2014 to correct the wording of listed Activities 12 (b) and 13 (a) & c(i); amending coordinates and project title as follows:

#### 1: Amendment of Route Co-ordinates:

##### From:

Substation Alternative Site C	Latitude	Longitude
	34°00'26.08"	23°23'35.44"
Power line Route Alternative 4B	Latitude	Longitude
Starting point of activity	34°00'26.08"	23°23'35.44"
Middle point of activity	34°00'59.64"	23°23'06.61"
End point of activity	34°01'34.71"	23°22'43.44"

##### To:

Substation Alternative Site C	Latitude	Longitude
	34°00'26.08"	23°23'35.44"
Power line Route Alternative 4B	Latitude	Longitude
Starting point of activity	34°00'26.08"	23°23'35.44"
Middle point of activity	34°02'11.51"	23°21'47.42"
End point of activity	34°02'35.81"	23°20'28.60"

**2: Amendment of the Project Title on page 1 of the environmental authorisation:**

From:

"The construction of a 66kV overhead power line (2.5km) and a new substation on Farm 305/16 East of the Bitou River, Bitou Local Municipality in the Western Cape Province"

To:

"The construction of a 66kV overhead power line and a new substation on Farm 305/16 East of the Bitou River, Bitou Local Municipality in the Western Cape Province"

**Amendment of the statement on page 6 of the environmental authorisation:**

From:

"for the construction of a 66kV overhead power line (2.5km) and the construction of the 60m x 60m Bitou Substation on Farm No 305/16 situated east of the Bitou River, Bitou Local Municipality in the Western Cape Province, hereafter referred to as 'the property'."

To:

"for the construction of a 66kV overhead power line and the construction of the 60m x 60m Bitou Substation on Farm No 305/16 situated east of the Bitou River, Bitou Local Municipality in the Western Cape Province, hereafter referred to as 'the property'."

**Amendment of the statement on page 7 of the environmental authorisation:**

From:

"The preferred 66kV power line (approximately 2.5km) Route Alternative 4B and the construction of a new Substation on Farm 305/16 (Substation Alternative Site C), east of the Bitou River, Western Cape are approved."

To:

"The preferred 66kV power line (approximately 9km) Route Alternative 4 and the construction of a new Substation on Farm 305/16 (Substation Alternative Site C), east of the Bitou River, Western Cape are approved."

**3: Amendment of Listed Activities:**

**From:**

<b>Listed activities</b>	<b>Activity/Project description</b>
<u>GN R. 546 Item 12(b):</u> <i>The clearance of <u>any critically endangered or endangered ecosystem area of 300 square or more of the vegetation where 75% or more of the vegetative cover constitutes indigenous vegetation</u></i> <i>(b) Within critical biodiversity areas identified in bioregional plans.</i>	The proposed substation and power line may require the clearance of 300 square metres or more of vegetation where 75% or more of the vegetative cover constitutes indigenous vegetation within critical biodiversity areas.
<u>GN R. 546 Item 13(a) &amp;(c)(i):</u> <i>The clearance of <u>any critically endangered or</u></i>	The proposed substation and power line may require the clearance of 1 hectare or more of vegetation where 75% or

<p><u>endangered ecosystem area of 300 square or more of the vegetation where 75% or more of the vegetative cover constitutes indigenous vegetation, except where such removal of vegetation is required for:</u></p> <p><i>Critical biodiversity areas and ecological support areas as identified in systematic biodiversity plans adopted by the competent authority.</i></p> <p>(c) <i>In Western Cape</i></p> <p>(i) <i>In an estuary</i></p>	<p>more of the vegetative cover constitutes indigenous vegetation within critical biodiversity areas.</p>
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**To:**

<b>Listed activities</b>	<b>Activity/Project description</b>
<p><b><u>GN R. 546 Item 12(b):</u></b></p> <p>The clearance of an area of 300 square metres or more of vegetation where 75% or more of the vegetative cover constitutes indigenous vegetation.</p> <p>(b) Within critical biodiversity areas identified in bioregional plans.</p>	<p>The proposed substation and power line may require the clearance of 300 square metres or more of vegetation where 75% or more of the vegetative cover constitutes indigenous vegetation within critical biodiversity areas.</p>
<p><b><u>GN R. 546 Item 13 (a) &amp; c(i)</u></b></p> <p>The clearance of an area of 1 hectare or more of vegetation the vegetative cover constitutes indigenous vegetation, except where such removal of vegetation is require for:</p> <p>(1) the undertaking of a process or activity included in the list of waste management activities published in terms of section 19 of the National Environmental Management: Waste Act, 2008 (Act No. 59 of 2008), in which case the activity is regarded to be excluded from this list.</p> <p>(2) the undertaking of a where 75% or more of linear activity falling below the thresholds mentioned in Listing Notice 1 in terms of GN No. 544 of 2010.</p>	<p>The proposed substation and power line may require the clearance of 1 hectare or more of vegetation where 75% or more of the vegetative cover constitutes indigenous vegetation within critical biodiversity areas.</p>

This letter must be read in conjunction with the EA dated 3 June 2014.

In terms of Regulation 4(2) of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014 (the Regulations), you are instructed to notify all registered interested and affected parties, in writing and within 14 (fourteen) days of the date of the Department's decision in respect of the amendment made as well as the provisions regarding the submission of appeals that are contained in the Regulations.

Your attention is drawn to Chapter 2 of Government Notice No. R.993, which prescribes the appeal procedure to be followed.

An appellant must submit an 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 applicant by the competent authority.

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**Appeals must be submitted in writing to:**

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

Tel: (012) 399 9356  
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For guidance on appeals submitted to the Minister in terms of NEMA and the SEMAs, please find a copy of the guideline on the administration of appeals on the Department's website: ([https://www.environment.gov.za/documents/forms#legal\\_authorisations](https://www.environment.gov.za/documents/forms#legal_authorisations)).

Kindly include a copy of this document with the letter of notification to interested and affected parties.

Yours faithfully



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**Date:** 21/09/2016

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