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PER MAIL / EMAIL

Dear Mr Chauke

AMENDMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION ISSUED ON 26 NOVEMBER 2013 FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF APPROXIMATELY 2.5KM 88KV LOOP-IN-LOOP-OUT POWERLINES AND TAUNG-GOLD SUBSTATION, WITHIN THE GOVAN MBEKI LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, MPUMALANGA PROVINCE

The Environmental Authorisation (EA) issued for the above application by this Department on 26 November 2013 and your application for amendment to the EA received by this Department on 09 May 2018 refer.

Based on a review of the reason for requesting an amendment to the abovementioned EA, this Department, in terms of Chapter 5 of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014, as amended, has decided to grant an extension of the validity period of the EA issued on 26 November 2013, and which expires on 26 November 2018, by an additional five (5) years to **26 November 2023**.

Condition 6 of the EA issued 26 November 2013 is thus amended as follows:

"6. This activity must commence within a period of ten (10) years from the date of issue of the authorisation (i.e. the EA lapses on 26 November 2023). If commencement of the activity does not occur within that period, the authorisation lapses and a new application for environmental authorisation must be made in order for the activity to be undertaken."

The reason for the amendment is as follows:

The holder of the authorisation, Eskom Holdings SOC Ltd, applied to extend the validity period of the EA by an additional five years, as the project has been put on hold due to financial constraints. As such, a valid environmental authorisation is required for the continuation of the development.

This letter must be read in conjunction with the EA dated 26 November 2013.

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In terms of Regulation 4(2) of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014 (the EIA Regulations, 2014), 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:

Mr Z Hassam, Director: Appeals and Legal Review of this Department at the below mentioned addresses.

By email: appealsdirector@environment.gov.za;

By hand: Environment House
473 Steve Biko,
Arcadia,
Pretoria,
0083; or

By post: Private Bag X447,
Pretoria,
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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 https://www.environment.gov.za/documents/forms#legal_authorisations or request a copy of the documents at appealsdirector@environment.gov.za.

Yours faithfully



Mr Sabelo Malaza
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Date: 14/05/2018