



## environmental affairs

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### **PER FACSIMILE / MAIL**

Dear Sir/Madam

#### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT AND ACCEPTANCE OF A NEW APPLICATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION (BASIC ASSESSMENT PROCESS) FOR THE FOR THE PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF THE ESKOM 88/22KV KOPELA AND PHAHAMENG SUBSTATIONS AND ASSOCIATED 132KV POWER LINES LINKING TO THE DELAREYVILLE, KOPELA AND PHAHAMENG SUBSTATION WITHIN TSWAING LOCAL MUNICIPALITY AND RATLOU LOCAL MUNICIPALITY IN NORTH WEST PROVINCE**

The Department confirms having received the application form with motivation for exclusion from fee payment, proof of notification of landowners, project map, project schedule, Declaration of applicant and Declaration of EAP for environmental authorisation for the abovementioned project submitted by you on 29 May 2014. You have submitted these documents to comply with the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2010. The application is accepted.

In addition, please consider the following during compilation of reports for this application for environmental authorisation:

- Please be advised that in terms of the EIA Regulations and NEMA the investigation of alternatives is mandatory. Alternatives must therefore be identified, investigated to determine if they are feasible and reasonable. It is also mandatory to investigate and assess the option of not proceeding with the proposed activity (the "no-go" option).
- A detailed and complete EMPr must be submitted with the BAR. This EMPr must not provide recommendations but must indicate actual remediation activities which will be binding on the applicant. Without this EMPr the documents will be regarded as not meeting the requirements and will be returned to the applicant for correction.
- The applicant/EAP is required to inform this Department in writing upon submission of any draft report, of the contact details of the relevant State Departments (that administer laws relating to a matter affecting the environment) to whom copies of the draft report were submitted for comment. Upon receipt of this confirmation, this Department will in

accordance with Section 24O(2) & (3) of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act 107 of 1998) inform the relevant State Departments of the commencement date of the 40 day commenting period, or 60 days in the case of the Department of Water Affairs for waste management activities which also require a licence in terms of the National Water Act, 1998 (Act 36 of 1998).

- Should it be necessary to apply for a permit in terms of the National Heritage Resources Act, 1999 (Act 25 of 1999), please submit the necessary application to SAHRA or the relevant provincial heritage agency and submit proof thereof with the Environmental Impact Assessment Report. The relevant heritage agency should also be involved during the public participation process and have the opportunity to comment on all the reports to be submitted to this Department.

You are requested to submit two (2) electronic copies (the main report must be separated from the Appendices (each appendix saved separately) (CD/DVD) and two (2) hard copies of both the Draft and Final Report to the Department. The hard copies must be double-sided printed; and must be ring binded.

The EAP must, in order to give effect to regulation 56 (2), before submitting the Environmental Impact Assessment Report to the Department give registered interested and affected parties access to, and an opportunity to comment on the report in writing.

In terms of regulation 67 of the EIA Regulations, 2010 this application will lapse if the applicant (or the EAP on behalf of the applicant) fails to comply with a requirement in terms of the Regulations for a period of six months after having submitted the application, unless the reasons for failure have been communicated to and accepted by this Department.

You are hereby reminded of Section 24F of the National Environmental Management Act, Act No 107 of 1998, as amended, that no activity may commence prior to an environmental authorisation being granted by the Department.

Yours sincerely



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**Department of Environmental Affairs:**

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**Date: 12/06/14**

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