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PER FACSIMILE / MAIL

Dear Ms Moodley

ACCEPTANCE OF THE FINAL SCOPING REPORT AND THE PLAN OF STUDY FOR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT IN TERMS OF GN.R.385 FOR THE PROPOSED WESTGATE TARLTON KROMDRAAI 132KV POWERLINE, KROMDRAAI SUBSTATION AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE, GAUTENG PROVINCE

The Final Scoping Report (FSR) and the Plan of Study for Environmental Impact Assessment (PoSEIA), dated February 2009, submitted to the Department for environmental authorisation of the abovementioned project on 25 February 2009 refers. You have submitted this document to comply with the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2006.

The Department has evaluated the submitted documents and is satisfied that the documents comply with the legal requirements. The Department therefore, in terms of regulation 31(1)(a) of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2006, accepts the FSR and POSEIA subject to the following conditions:

1. The proposed Corridor 7 should be avoided or realigned considering the fact that it will pass through the Krugersdorp game reserve, an important area of biodiversity conservation in South Africa and also cross over a ridge categorised as Class 1 in terms of the Gauteng ridge policy guideline.
2. In areas where power lines are going to cross over ecological sensitive areas such as wetlands, other watercourse, ridges and other areas of ecological irreplaceability; realignment should be made so as to avoid or minimise the ecological impact of the area.

The FSR and PoSEIA are hereby accepted by the Department in terms of regulation 31(1)(a) of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2006. You may proceed with the EIA process required in terms of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2006.

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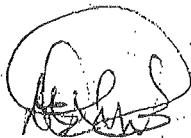
Please ensure that comments from all relevant authorities are submitted to the Department with the Final Environmental Impact Report. This includes but is not limited to: The Department of Water Affairs and Forestry and the Gauteng Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Environment, and all Local Metropolitan Authorities.

Please be advised that the main listed activity in terms of GN. R 387 is activity 1 (I) not number 5 as indicated in the final Scoping Report, dated February 2009. In addition, you are requested to address written complaints dated 02 February 2009 from Sterkfontein Country Estate Management Committee.

Notwithstanding the above, your attention is drawn to the fact that the success of the application may be prejudiced by the information that is incomplete and not following the requirements of the NEMA Regulations.

You are hereby reminded that the activity may not commence prior to an environmental authorisation being granted by the Department.

Yours faithfully



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