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PER EMAIL / MAIL

Dear Mr Vokwana

AMENDMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION ISSUED ON 19 SEPTEMBER 2013 AND THE APPROVAL OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAMME FOR THE PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF A 132kV POWER LINE FROM THE DIEPRIVIER SUBSTATION TO THE EXISTING KAREEDOUW SUBSTATION, INCLUDING THE UPGRADE OF THE EXISTING KAREEDOUW SUBSTATION, EASTERN CAPE PROVINCE

The Environmental Authorisation (EA) issued for the above application by this Department on 19 September 2013 and your application for amendment to the EA and the EMP received by this Department on 18 October 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 19 September 2013 as follows:

The first amendment relates to the deviation of the approved 132kV power line: Deviation 1

A section of the power line approximately 8.1 km in length exiting the Dieprivier Substation will be diverted to the south of the original alignment. The amended power line now crosses the R62 road, 1.4km from the Dieprivier Substation. The amended route will exit the Dieprivier Substation on farm portion 954, it will then cross farm portions RE/360, 3/360, 13/362, 3/362, 6/362 and then re-joins the original alignment on farm RE/362.

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Reasons for the amendment

One of the landowner agreements which granted Eskom the right to cross a private property has been withdrawn. Eskom has an agreement with a neighbouring landowner to allow the power line to cross an adjacent piece of land. Specialist studies have mentioned there is no difference in the significance of impacts between the approved route alignment and the revised alignment.

The second amendment relates to the deviation of the approved 132kV power line: Deviation 2

A section of the power line approximately 1km in length entering the Kareedouw Substation will be diverted south by a maximum of 13m. The affected section of the power line is on farm Eerste River 249.

Reasons for the amendment

This deviation is required to correct the alignment of the power line as it enters the Kareedouw Substation.

The third amendment relates to the Kareedouw Substation design change.

The Kareedouw Substation footprint will be extended by an additional 5m in a westerly direction. The extension to the substation will occur on farm Eerste River 249.

Reasons for the amendment

The increase in the footprint of the substation is required to cater for the future 132kV bus coupler.

This Department has also evaluated and hereby approves the amended EMPr for the Dieprivier Substation to the existing Kareedouw Substation, including the upgrade of the existing Kareedouw Substation, Cacadu District Municipality, Eastern Cape Province. This EMPr may, however, be amended from time to time as and when the need arises. Amendments to the EMPr must be approved by this Department.

This letter must be read in conjunction with the EA dated 19 September 2013.

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 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 Road,

Arcadia,
Pretoria, 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



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Date: 23/05/2017

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