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Attention: Chief Director: Integrated Environmental Authorisation

MOTIVATION FOR EXCLUSION OF EA APPLICATION FEE MADE BY ORGAN OF STATE APPLICATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION FOR THE PRPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF THE CASTLE TO HYDRA TRANSMISSION LINE NEAR DE AAR, IN THE NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE

The applicant, Eskom Holdings SOC Limited (Eskom), proposes to construct a 132kV-400kV Overhead Transmission Line (OHL) to connect to the authorised Castle Wind Energy Facility (WEF) to the existing Hydra Main Transmission Substation (MTS), on farms near De Aar in the Northern Cape.

Eskom Holdings SOC Limited (Eskom) is an Organ of State and therefore as per Regulation 2(b) of GNR 141 of 28 February 2014, are exempt from paying application fees for Environmental Authorisations.

Yours sincerely

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Eskom Distribution GEMMA Cluster (Northern Cape/North West)