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Sent: Wednesday, 27 October 2021 14:42
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Cc: Gregory Shaw; Peter Bally; Masina Litsoane; Ephron Maradwa
Subject: 2021-05-0017: Approval of Public Participation Plan for Eskom Kudu-Oranjemund
Attachments: Eskom-Juno-Gromis 400KV Deviation Meeting Minutes - 03 June 2021.docx; Eskom Kudu-Oranjemund PPP.docx

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2021-05-0017: Approval of Public Participation (PP) Plan for the proposed Part 1 amendment with public participation of the Eskom Kudu-Oranjemund 400kV OHPL infrastructure for the Kudu integration Project, Northern Cape Province

Dear Ms Clarke-Mcleod

The minutes of the meeting held on 03 June 2021 and the Public Participation (PP) Plan for the proposed amendment of the Eskom Kudu-Oranjemund 400kV OHPL infrastructure for the Kudu integration Project, Northern Cape Province, received by this Department on 07 June 2021 refer, as well as your email confirming that, *"the specialists assessing the amendments proposed to the Kudu line have not identified any change in the nature or scope of impacts, with the height increase. This is reflected in the compliance statements which the specialists have produced."*

Based on the information provided this Department decided to **approve** of the PP Plan for the proposed project.

You may proceed with the PP process in accordance with tasks contemplated in the PP plan. Should you wish to deviate from the submitted PP Plan, the amended PP Plan must be submitted to the Department for approval prior commencement. A copy of the PP Plan and this approval must be submitted as part of the application form when the application is lodged.

Please note the following:

- The DFFE: Biodiversity Conservation section contact details have changed. Please request comments at the following contact details:
- Attention: Mr Seoka Lekota
- Email: BCAdmin@environment.gov.za
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- You may commence with public participation in accordance with the approved PPPlan, upon receipt of this approval. Also, upon submission of the Part 1 amendment application to the Department, you will be granted time to conduct public participation.

Also note that submission of a PP Plan and approval thereof do not negate your responsibility to comply with the requirements for public participation in terms of Regulations 39, 40, 41, 42, 43 & 44 of the EIA Regulations 2014, as amended.

Kind regards

Ms Bathandwa Ncube

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Subject: RE: 2021-05-0017 Pre-Application meeting Eskom Kudu-Oranjemund

Good afternoon Bathandwa,

Subsequent to the specialists assessing the amendments proposed to the Kudu line, they have not identified any change in the nature or scope of impacts, with the height increase actually providing a reduced impact on birds. This is reflected in the compliance statements which the specialists have produced.

We are finalising the amendment application and request that you could **confirm that the application must first be lodged with the department and upon their confirmation of the Pt 1 amendment process, we then engage our PPP with the relevant Organs of State/IAPs who will be commenting on the proposed changes?**

Please note that we did not receive signoff on the meeting minutes, nor the PP Plan, as we had agreed to wait for the findings of the specialists to inform the process. I have attached these again for your convenience.

Thank you kindly and have a wonderful weekend.

Regards,
Skye



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Goodday Skye

Thank you for getting back to me regarding our telephone conversation.

Seeing as Eskom has an approved EMPr for Gromis- Oranjemund, they need to apply for an amendment to the EMPr- the form is on the department's website. When submitting an application, the EA and approval need to be certified.

Regarding the proposed amendments to the Oranjemund powerline; you are correct. According to my analysis, the proposed amendments are a change in scope and my yeild a change in the nature of impacts.

Having said that, should specialists submit comments stating otherwise, then what you have stated below applies, including the revision of the PPPlan.

Kind regards
Bathandwa Ncube

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Dear Bathandwa,

I hope that the attached will assist in clarification on the process to be followed for Gromis SS.

The **approval letter** for the CEMP (Kudu to the **Gromis Sub-station**) is attached which indicates that amendments must be submitted to the Department.

Just to sum up my understanding from our telephonic conversation, with regards to the Kudu EA amendment (changes in tower height and footprints):

Only based on the findings of the specialists, will it be possible to determine whether a Part 1 with PPP or a Part 2 application will be necessary.

If there is an increase/additional impact associated with the height or individual footprint of the towers, as assessed by the qualified specialists then a Part 2 will be necessary, if the specialists do not deem the changes to increase impacts, this must be included in the motivational report with evidence and invite comment from organs of state (Heritage authority, conservation bodies etc).

The PPP plan may need revision depending on the process to be followed.

Please correct me if I am wrong.

Kind regards,
Skye



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