



## environmental affairs

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### **PER MAIL / EMAIL**

Dear Ms Calmeyer

### **REQUEST FOR EXTENSION: APPLICATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION FOR THE PROPOSED ESKOM NORTHERN KWAZULU-NATAL STRENGTHENING PROJECT: NEW IPHIVA 400/132KV MAIN TRANSMISSION SUBSTATION (MTS) NEAR THE TOWN MKHUZE; AND IPHIVA-DUMA 400KV POWERLINE, KWAZULU NATAL PROVINCE**

Your letter dated 13 December 2017 and received by the Department on 08 January 2018, requesting an extension of timeframes for the submission of the final Environmental Impact Assessment Reports (EIARs) for the abovementioned projects, has reference.

You indicated that the biodiversity specialist studies and the associated consultations with Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife (EKZNW) have identified issues related to Biodiversity Economy Nodes and proposed Biodiversity Expansion Areas that were not known at the time of initial consultation with EKZNW, and which could not be anticipated prior to the undertaking of these assessment and consultation. As a result of this new information, you recommended that the scope of the biodiversity specialist studies and impact assessment be expanded to fully consider the impact of the proposed projects on these sensitive areas. This would include identifying and assessing deviations to the corridors presented in the Scoping Reports that have been accepted for further assessment, in order to avoid significant impacts on protected species.

In light of the above, you have requested an extension of timeframes for the submission of the final EIARs in terms of regulation 3(7) of GN R. 982 of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended), which states that:

*"In the event where the scope of work must be expanded based on the outcome of an assessment done in accordance with these Regulations, which outcome could not be anticipated prior to the undertaking of the assessment, or in the event where exceptional circumstances can be demonstrated, the competent authority may, prior to the lapsing of the relevant prescribed timeframe, in writing, extend the relevant prescribed timeframe and agree with the applicant on the length of such extension."*

Based on the information provided by you, the Department therefore accepts and grants your request to extend the timeframes for the submission of the final EIAs for the abovementioned projects by **50 days**. In this regard, you are further reminded of regulation 3 (8) of GN R. 982 of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended), which states that any public participation process must be conducted for a period of at least 30 days.

You are also 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 faithfully



**Mr Sabelo Malaza**

**Chief Director: Integrated Environmental Authorisations**

**Department of Environmental Affairs**

**Letter signed by: Mr Vusi Skosana**

**Designation: Acting Director: Integrated Environmental Authorisations**

**Date: 16 February 2018**

CC:	Eskom Holdings SOC Ltd	Mr A Mogokonyane	Tel: 011 800 3778	Email: MogokoA@eskom.co.za
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Mr. V. Skosana  
Director: Co-Ordination & Strategic Planning & Support

Dear V. Skosana

**APPOINTMENT AS ACTING DIRECTOR: INTEGRATED ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION FOR THE PERIOD 10/01/2018 UNTIL THE POST OF DIRECTOR: INTEGRATED ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORIZATION IS FILLED.**

I hereby inform you that I have decided to appoint you as the Acting Director: Integrated Environmental Authorization (IEA) for the period of 10/01/2018 until the post of Director: Integrated Environmental Authorization is filled.


All the correspondence and other documents that are usually sign by the Director: Integrated Environmental Authorization must be signed under Acting Director: Integrated Environmental Authorization during the above-mentioned period.

Your appointment in the above acting position remains subject to the provisions of the Public Service Act, 1994 (Proclamation No. 103 of 1994), as amended, the Government Employees Pension Fund Act, 1996 (Proclamation No. 21 of 1996), the regulations promulgated under these Acts and relevant circulars.

In the execution of your duties and the exercising of the powers delegated to you, you will furthermore be subjected to the provisions of the Public Finance Management Act, compliance with the Promotion of Access to Information Act, Promotion of Administrative Justice Act, the Minimum Information Security Standard, Departmental Policies and other applicable legislations with the Republic of South Africa. You are therefore advised to make yourself familiar with the provisions of this legislations and policies and the amendments thereof (Copies of Departmental policies can be obtained from the Human Resource Office).

Please accept my heartfelt gratitude for all your assistance on behalf of the department.

Yours sincerely

  
Mr. Sabelo Malaza  
(Act) DDG: LACE  
Date: 09/01/2018

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I ~~ACCEPT~~ / DO NOT ACCEPT appointment  
as Acting Director: IEA

Signed:  \_\_\_\_\_

Date: 15 January 2018



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Mr Sabelo Mabeza  
Chief Director: Integrated Environmental Authorisations

Dear Mr Mabeza

**APPOINTMENT AS DEPUTY DIRECTOR-GENERAL: LEGAL, AUTHORISATIONS, COMPLIANCE AND ENFORCEMENT (ACTING) FOR THE PERIOD 02 JANUARY UNTIL 09 JANUARY 2018**

I hereby inform you that you are appointed as Deputy Director-General: Legal, Authorisations, Compliance and Enforcement (Acting) for the period 02 January until 09 January 2018, whilst Mr Ishaam Abader will be on annual leave.

All the correspondence and other documents that are usually signed by the Deputy Director-General: Legal, Authorisations, Compliance and Enforcement must be signed under Deputy Director-General: Legal, Authorisations, Compliance and Enforcement (Acting) during the above-mentioned period.

Your appointment in the above acting position remains subject to the provisions of the Public Service Act, 1994 (Proclamation No. 103 of 1994), as amended, the Government Employees Pension Fund Act, 1996 (Proclamation No. 21 of 1996), the regulations promulgated under these Acts and relevant circulars.

In the execution of your duties and the exercising of the powers delegated to you, you will furthermore be subjected to the provisions of the Public Finance Management Act, compliance with the Promotion of Access to Information Act, Promotion of Administrative Justice Act, the Minimum Information Security Standards, Departmental Policies and other applicable legislations with the Republic of South Africa. You are therefore advised to make yourself familiar with the provisions of the legislations and policies and the amendments thereof. Copies of departmental policies can be obtained from the Human Resource Office.

Yours sincerely

Ms Nosipho Ngcobo  
DIRECTOR-GENERAL

DATE: 14/12/2017

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

I ACCEPT / DO NOT ACCEPT  
appointment as Deputy Director-General:  
Legal, Authorisations, Compliance and  
Enforcement (Acting)

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: 18/12/2017