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Our Ref: 12726-EIA2-EA Notification

29 April 2014

Dear Stakeholder,

NOTIFICATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION: PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF A 400kV POWER LINE FROM FERRUM SUBSTATION (near Kathu) TO THE 400/132kV SOLAR PARK SUBSTATION, NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE (DEA Ref.No.: 12/12/20/2607 and NEAS Ref.No.: DEA/EIA/0000778/2011)

As you may recall, Zitholele Consulting informed you that the Final Amended Final Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIR) for the above mentioned Application was submitted to the Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA) for evaluation and consideration.

This notice is given in terms of Section 10(2) the National Environmental Management Act (Act No 107 of 1998) Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations (NEMA EIA regulations) published in Government Notice No. R543 to No. R546 of 2010, and in terms of section 9 of the Environmental Authorisation (EA) granted by the DEA, dated 24 April 2014 (refer to Appendix A attached), which Zitholele Consulting received on the **25th of April 2014** authorising the above-mentioned proposed project.

The Department of Environmental Affairs' Reasons for Decision

The details of the Reasons for Decision are attached as *Annexure 1* to the Environmental Authorisation and the Reasons are:

- The information contained in the Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) dated November 2013;
- The comments received from the organs of state and interested and affected parties as included in the FEIR dated November 2013;
- Mitigation measures as proposed in the EIAR dated November 2013 and the EMPr
- The information contained in the specialist studies contained within Appendix H of the EIAR dated November 2013;
- Findings of the site visit conducted on 30 and 31 October 2013; and
- The objectives and requirements of relevant legislation, policies and guidelines, including section 2 of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act 107 of 1998).

Notice of Appeal Process

In accordance with sub-regulation 10(2) of the EIA Regulations, 2010, and of the EA, your attention is drawn to the fact that an appeal may be lodged against the decision in terms of Chapter 7 of the EIA Regulations, GNR 543, June 2010. In accordance with the provisions of sub-regulation 60(1-3) of the EIA Regulations, GNR 543, June 2010, should the applicant or any party wish to appeal any aspect of the decision, a notice of intention to appeal must be lodged by all prospective appellants with the Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs within 20 days (**i.e. before or on Tuesday 13 May 2014**) of the date of the EA (24/04/2014), by means of the following methods:

By facsimile: 012 320 7561;

or

By Post: Department of Environmental Affairs
Private Bag X447
Pretoria
0001;

or

By Hand 2nd Floor, Fedsure Forum Building, North Tower
Cnr. Lilian Ngoyi (Van der Walt) and Pretorius Streets
Pretoria

Appeals must be submitted in writing to:

Mr Z Hassam, Director: Appeals and Legal Review, Department of Environmental Affairs, at the above addresses or fax number. Mr Hassam can also be contacted at:

Tel: 012 310 3271

E-mail: AppealsDirectorate@environment.gov.za

You are kindly requested to please send a copy of your intent to appeal to the applicant, Eskom, and the Environmental Assessment Practitioner (Zitholele Consulting) at the addresses below:

Eskom Holdings SOC Ltd: Mfundo Maphanga

Post: PO Box 1091, Sunninghill, 2000

Tel: (011) 800 4892

Fax: 086 574 0963

Email: maphanam@eskom.co.za

Zitholele Consulting: Nicolene Venter or Patiswa Mnqokoyi

Post: PO Box 6002, Halfway House, 1685

Tel: (011) 207 2060

Fax: 086 676 9950

Email: publicprocess@zitholele.co.za

Copies of the following documents are attached for your perusal:

- Environmental Authorisation letter received from the DEA dated 24 April 2014 (see Appendix A);
- Appeal Procedure (see Appendix B); and
- Environmental Authorisation (see Appendix C).

To obtain a copy of the Environmental Authorisation, please contact Zitholele Consulting at the contact details mentioned above. The Environmental Authorisation is also available on the Zitholele's website (<http://www.zitholele.co.za/eskom-solar>).

We would like to thank you for participating in the EIA process and being part of the public participation process. Your participation has been valuable and highly appreciated and was a key factor in assisting the preparation of an informed Environmental Authorisation decision.

Kind regards,



Nicolene Venter
Snr Public Participation Practitioner
ZITHOLELE CONSULTING (PTY) LTD

CC: Mr J Mutyorauta, Northern Cape Department of Economic Development, Environment and Tourism
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Department of Environmental Affairs
Ms Toinette van der Merwe, Assessing Officer, Department of Environmental Affairs
Mr Mfundo Maphanga, Eskom Holdings SOC Limited

Attachments: Appendix A: Environmental Authorisation Letter from DEA dated 27 March 2014
Appendix B: Appeal Procedure
Appendix C: Environmental Authorisation