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PER MAIL / EMAIL

Dear Mr Marais

AMENDMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION ISSUED ON 18 MAY 2015 FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE 132KV POWER LINE TO CONNECT FROM THE PROPOSED ONSITE SUBSTATION FOR THE PROPOSED KORANA SOLAR ENERGY FACILITY TO THE PROPOSED KHAI-MA COLLECTOR SUBSTATION ON A SITE NEAR POFADDER, WITHIN THE KHAI-MA LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE.

The Environmental Authorisation (EA) issued for the above-mentioned application by this Department on 18 May 2015, the amendment to the EA dated 17 March 2020, your application for amendment and draft Motivation Report received by this Department on 25 February 2022, the acknowledgement letter dated 04 March 2022, comments on draft Motivation Report dated 25 March 2022 and final Motivation Report dated April 2022 and received on 07 April 2022 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 as amended, has decided to amend the EA dated 18 May 2015 as amended, as follows:

Amendment 1: Amendment of the authorised power line alternative from Alternative 1B to Alternative 1A, on page 4 of the EA, under activities authorised

From

<i>Power line Corridor Alternative 1B</i>	<i>Latitude</i>	<i>Longitude</i>
<i>Starting point of activity</i>	29° 22' 32.83"	19° 14' 20.01"
<i>Middle point of activity</i>	29° 21' 17.37"	19° 15' 41.62"
<i>End point of activity</i>	29° 19' 54.51"	19° 17' 19.54"

To:

Power line Corridor Alternative 1A	Latitude	Longitude
<i>Starting point of activity</i>	29°22'28.41"	19°14' 51.44"
<i>Middle point of activity</i>	29°24'29.51"	19°16'26.21"
<i>End point of activity</i>	29°19'54.51"	19°17'19.54"

Amendment 2: Amendment to condition 1 of the EA:**From:**

"The preferred route corridor of the power line using alternative 1B for the proposed construction of the 132kV power line to connect to the proposed onsite substation 2 for the proposed Korana Solar Energy Facility to the proposed Khai-Ma collector substation on a site near Pofadder, within Khai-Ma Local Municipality, in the Northern Cape Province, is approved."

To:

"The preferred route corridor of the power line using alternative 1A for the proposed construction of the 132kV power line to connect to the proposed onsite substation 2 for the proposed Korana Solar Energy Facility to the proposed Khai-Ma collector substation on a site near Pofadder, within Khai-Ma Local Municipality, in the Northern Cape Province, is approved"

Reasons for amendment:

During the BA process for the 132kV power line associated with the Korana Solar Energy Facility, two grid alternatives were assessed, namely, Alternative 1A and Alternative 1B. The original EA dated 18 May 2015 (DFFE Ref.: 14/12/16/3/3/1/1347) currently states Alternative 1B as the approved option. Mainstream is now requesting the DFFE to amend the EA dated 18 May 2015 such that Alternative 1A is authorised, as opposed to the currently approved Alternative 1B, due to the following reasons:

- Alternative 1A is linked to Mainstream's other grid lines in the area and does not traverse the development footprint for the Korana Wind Energy Facility, which lies adjacent to the Korana Solar Energy Facility.
- The implementation of Alternative 1A will eliminate the need to construct two grid lines in order to reach the proposed 400kV Khai-Ma Collector Substation.

This proposed amendment letter must be read in conjunction with the Environmental Authorisation dated 18 May 2015 as amended.

In terms of the Promotion of Administrative Justice Act, 2000 (Act No 3 of 2000), you are entitled to the right to fair, lawful and reasonable administrative action; and to written reasons for administrative action that affects you negatively. Further your attention is drawn to the provisions of the Protection of Personal Information Act, 2013 (Act no. 4 of 2013) which stipulate that the Department should conduct itself in a responsible manner when collecting, processing, storing and sharing an individual or another entity's personal information by holding the Department accountable should the Department abuse or compromise your personal information in any way.

In terms of Regulation 4(2) of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014, as amended (the EIA 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 as well as the provisions regarding the submission of appeals that are contained in the Regulations.

Your attention is drawn to Chapter 2 of National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) National Appeal Regulations published under Government Notice R993 in Government Gazette No. 38303 dated 08 December 2014 (National Appeal Regulations, 2014), which prescribes the appeal procedure to be followed. Kindly include a copy of this document (National Appeal Regulations, 2014) with the letter of notification to interested and affected parties in this matter.

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:

The Director: Appeals and Legal Review of this Department at the below mentioned addresses.

By email: appeals@dfpe.gov.za

By hand: Environment House
473 Steve Biko,
Arcadia,
Pretoria,
0083

or

By post: Private Bag X447,
Pretoria,
0001;

Please note that in terms of Section 43(7) of the National Environmental Management Act, Act No. 107 of 1998, as amended, 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 appeals@dfpe.gov.za.

Yours faithfully



Ms Milicent Solomons
Acting Chief Director: Integrated Environmental Authorisations
Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment
Date: 27/07/2022.

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Ms. Milicent Solomons
Director, Prioritized Infrastructure Projects

Dear Mrs Solomons

**APPOINTMENT AS ACTING CHIEF DIRECTOR: INTEGRATED ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORIZATIONS
FOR THE PERIOD OF 25 APRIL 2022 UNTIL 31 OCTOBER 2022**

I hereby inform you that I have decided to appoint you as the Acting Chief Director: Integrated Environmental Authorizations for the period of 25 April to 31 October 2022 whilst Mr Sabelo Malaiza is fulfilling his temporary reassignment function at the Forestry Branch.

All the correspondence and other documents that are usually signed by the Chief Director: Integrated Environmental Authorizations must be signed under Acting Chief Director: Integrated Environmental Authorizations 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 these 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

Ms. Devinagie Bendeman
Deputy Director-General: RCSM (Regulatory Compliance and
Sector Monitoring)

Date 20 April 2022

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I ACCEPT / ~~DO NOT ACCEPT~~
appointment as Acting Chief
Director: Integrated Environmental
Authorizations

Signed:

Date:

20/04/2022