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PER E-MAIL / MAIL

Dear Sir/Madam

COMMENTS ON THE ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAMME (EMPr) FOR THE PROPOSED UPGRADING OF THE 66KV NETWORK TO 132KV NETWORK IN HOTAZEL, KURUMAN, AND KATHU IN THE NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE

The EMPr and a notification of amendment to the EMPr dated 09 January 2020 and received by this Department on 20 January 2020, refers.

Following the review of the above-mentioned notification of amendment to the EMPr, this Department has the following comments:

- a. It is drawn to your attention that the proposed amendments to the site-specific EMPr constitute amendments to be undertaken in terms of Regulation 37 of the EIA Regulations, 2014 as amended, and as such the following information is required:
 - An EMPr inclusive of all amendments that you are proposing must be submitted for a review period of at least 30 days to I&APs. Please ensure that a different colour is used to enable this Department, all registered I&APs and organs of state which have jurisdiction easily see the proposed amendments to the site-specific EMPr during the review process. Further, this will enable the Department to make an informed decision.
 - The Public Participation Process must be conducted in terms of Regulation 39, 40, 41, 42, 43 & 44 of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended).
 - Please ensure that all issues raised and comments received during the circulation of the draft EMPr from registered I&APs and organs of state which have jurisdiction in respect of the proposed activity including comments from this Department are adequately addressed in the final EMPr.
 - Proof of correspondence with the various stakeholders must be included in the final EMPr. Should you be unable to obtain comments, proof should be submitted to the Department of the attempts that were made to obtain comments.

- b. Your attention is also drawn to Regulations 36. (1), of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended, which states the following:

“(1) Where an amendment is required to the impact management actions of an EMPr, such amendments may immediately be effected by the holder and reflected in the next environmental audit report submitted as contemplated in the environmental authorisation and regulation 34.”

General

You are 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



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