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## APPLICATION FOR AUTHORISATION IN TERMS OF SECTION 24 OF THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT ACT, ACT 107 OF 1998 TO UNDERTAKE A LISTED ACTIVITY AS SCHEDULED IN THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT REGULATIONS, 2014: PROPOSED 132kV POWERLINE, WALMER PORT ELIZABETH WITHIN NELSON MANDELA BAY MUNICIPALITY

- 1. The application form submitted by SRK Consulting on behalf of Nelson Mandela Bay dated 18 August 2016 and submitted to the Department on 22 September 2016 that proposes to undertake Listed Activities scheduled in Government Notice R. 983 and R. 985 of 04 December 2014 for the above project, is hereby acknowledged.
- 2. The reference number assigned to your application is ECm1/C/LN1&3/M/39-2016. The Environmental Case Officer assigned to your application is Ms Ndileka Nazo and is reachable as per the contact details outlined in the header to this letter.
- 3. In consideration of the Application, your attention is drawn to the following preliminary requirements:
  - 3.1. Please quote the reference number provided in the event of any correspondence/queries in this regard, with correspondence being addressed to the appointed case officer.
  - 3.2. The processing of this application is based on the information reflected in the Application Form being maintained as a true and accurate reflection of the proposed development and the listed activities applied for. In the event that corrections to these are required, such amendments must formally be communicated by the Environmental Assessment Practitioner and acknowledged by this Department prior to the competent authority being in a position to consider final submissions.

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- 3.3. With regard to the activities listed in the EIA Regulations 2014 that are being applied for, please note that the various activities and any associated aspect thereof must be detailed with coordinate references provided in each respect, in any Draft and / or Final BAR.
- 3.4. In addition to the minimum requirements outlined in the regulations, the following is to be adequately addressed in any Draft and Final Reports:
  - 3.4.1. Outline and define the impact assessment methodology and significance assessment matrix table adopted in the comparative assessment of identified impacts;
  - 3.4.2. Any amendments within the Final Report and associated Appendices that may differ to those addressed in the Draft Report and associated Appendices must be clearly highlighted in the context of the Final Report;
  - 3.4.3. Reference to the public participation process and engagement with Interested and Affected Parties must be substantiated with relevant written and dated correspondence being provided;
  - 3.4.4. The EAP should confirm the preferred format of the Draft Report to be submitted to the respective juristic Organs of State for the minimum prescribed comment period, should the EAP's intent not be to provide them with a hard bound copy;
  - 3.4.5. Cognisance of Regulation 42, whereby a register of interested and affected parties is to be opened and maintained. This register must specifically include the full contact details of those Organs of State and State Departments identified as having jurisdiction in respect of the proposed activity or any associated aspect thereof and therefore have from the outset been notified of the said application. A copy of the I&AP register must be included within the Draft and Final reports submitted to the Department.
- 4. The EAP is advised to remain aware of the 90 day timeframe for submission of the Final Report as contained within the 2014 Regulations, which period will lapse on **16 January 2017 2016**, with specific reference to Regulation 19(1)(a), which provides for a commenting period of 30 days for both I&AP's and the competent authority. All requirements as contained in Appendix 1 of the 2014 EIA Regulations must be addressed in the FBAR.
- 5. A bound copy as well as an electronic copy of all Draft and Final reports are to be submitted to the competent authority (i.e. DEDEAT: Cacadu Region).
- 6. The Environmental Assessment Practitioner is required to notify and inform the applicant in writing that the activity may not commence prior to an environmental authorisation being granted by the competent authority.

NOILEKA NAZO ENVIRONMENTAL OFFICER: EIM CACADU REGION DATE: 12 October 306