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PER MAIL / E-MAIL

Dear Mr Coutinho

EXTENSION OF THE VALIDITY PERIOD OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION ISSUED ON 08 AUGUST 2014 FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A 132KV POWER LINE FROM THE BOSJESMANSBERG SOLAR ENERGY FACILITY TO THE KRONOS SUBSTATION, NEAR COPPERTON, WITHIN THE SIYATHEMBA LOCAL MUNICIPALITY IN THE NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE

The environmental authorisation (EA) (Reference no: 14/12/16/3/3/1/1151/AM1) issued by the Department on 08 August 2014, the application to extend the validity period of the EA received on 04 July 2017, this Department's letter dated 06 July 2017 requesting additional information, and the additional information received by the Department on 10 July 2017 and 25 July 2017, refer.

Based on a review of the reason for requesting an amendment to the abovementioned EA, this Department, in terms of Chapter 5 of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2014 as amended, has decided to grant an extension of the validity period of the EA issued on 08 August 2014, and which was due to expire on 08 August 2017, by an additional four (4) years to **08 August 2021**.

Condition 7 of the EA dated 08 August 2014 is thus amended as follows:

"7. This activity must commence within a period of seven (7) years from the date of issue of the authorisation (i.e. the authorisation lapses on 08 August 2021). If commencement of the activity does not occur within that period, the authorisation lapses and a new application for environmental authorisation must be made in order for the activity to be undertaken."

This correspondence is only for the extension of the validity period as stated herein above and all conditions set out in the original EA dated 08 August 2014, remain unchanged and must be adhered to.

Reasons for amendment

This project has not yet been selected as a preferred bidder as part of the Renewable Energy Independent Power Producers Procurement Programme (REIPPP). The project is intended to bid into future rounds of the DoE REIPPP programme, and as a result of delays in the REIPPP process, the timing of the next bidding round is

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uncertain. A valid EA will be required for future project development and bid submission purposes. An extension of the validity period of the EA is therefore required.

This letter must be read in conjunction with the EA dated 08 August 2014.

In terms of Regulation 4(2) of the EIA Regulations, 2014 as amended (the Regulations), you are instructed to notify all registered interested and affected parties, in writing and within 14 (fourteen) days of the date of the decision, of the Department's decision in respect of your application as well as the fact that an appeal may be lodged against the decision in terms of the National Appeals Regulations, and the provisions regarding the submission of appeals as contained in the Regulations.

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:

Mr Z Hassam, Director: Appeals and Legal Review of this Department at the below mentioned addresses.

By email: appealsdirector@environment.gov.za;

By hand: Environment House
473 Steve Biko Road,
Arcadia,
Pretoria, or

By post: Private Bag X447,
Pretoria,
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Please note that in terms of Section 43(7) of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998, the lodging of an appeal will suspend the decision 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 appealsdirector@environment.gov.za.

Yours faithfully


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Date: 22/08/2017

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