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Dear Ms Plomp

SECTION 47C CONDONATION REQUEST IN TERMS OF THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT ACT, 1998 (ACT NO. 107 OF 1998): ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION APPLICATION FOR THE PROPOSED GAS TO POWER VIA POWERSHIP PROJECT AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE AT THE PORT OF RICHARDS BAY IN KWAZULU-NATAL (14/12/16/3/3/2/2007)

I wish to apologize for the delays in responding to your letter dated 24 February 2023.

I take note of your request to consider and condone the late submission of the environmental impact assessment report (EIAR) for the proposed Karpowership Gas to Power via powership project and its associated infrastructure at the Port of Richards Bay in KwaZulu-Natal, in line with the appeal decision dated 01 August 2022.

In response to your request for condonation of a failure to comply with a period in terms of section 47C of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) (NEMA), I hereby grant your request in terms of section 47C of the NEMA and condone the late submission of the Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) to the Competent Authority for decision-making. The condonation period will be 60 days from the date of signature of this letter.

You are requested to conduct a public participation process for a minimum period of 30 days, ensuring all registered interested and affected parties are provided an additional opportunity to comment on the revised EIAR. A consolidated EIAR, addressing all comments received, must thereafter be submitted to the Competent Authority for decision-making. A comments and response report with detailed responses to all comments, issues and / or concerns raised must be provided together with the EIAR.

Please ensure that registered interested and affected parties are informed of this decision regarding the request for condonation in time in terms of section 47C of NEMA.

A copy of this letter must be submitted with the resubmission of the EIAR for decision-making.

Should you require any further assistance or guidance, please contact the Chief Director: Integrated Environmental Authorisation, Mr Sabelo Malaza at SMalaza@dfpe.gov.za or the Director: Priority Infrastructure Projects, Ms Milicent Solomons at MSolomons@dfpe.gov.za.

Yours faithfully



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