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Dear Madam

AMENDMENT OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION FOR THE PROPOSED ESTABLISHMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE FOR MINING LISTED ACTIVITIES RELATED TO THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE CONVEYOR BELT AT SHONDONI SHAFT ON VARIOUS FARMS WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF GOVAN MBEKI LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, MPUMALANGA PROVINCE.

Your application for amendment refers.

The Department has, in terms of the powers vested in it by regulation 45 of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2010, decided to amend the authorisation.

1. The amendment entails the realignment of the overland coal conveyor belt. The new conveyor route will be as per the following farms and coordinates 

Farms and Coordinates

ID	Farm Name	Latitude (ES)	Longitude (EE)
Start	Zandfontein 130 IS	26.479482	29.04277
1	Zandfontein 130 IS	26.50054	29.035212
2	Grootspruit 279 IS	26.546358	29.044069
3	Rietkuil 283 IS	26.577336	29.068091
4	Rietvley 320 IS	26.591102	29.110795
End	Brandspruit 318 IS	26.581166	29.146287

2. **The amendment is subject to the following further conditions in addition to compliance with conditions stipulated in terms of the environmental authorization issued on 09 June 2011:**
 - 2.1 The noise barriers must be constructed to reduce conveyor noise.
 - 2.2 The relocation of graves must strictly comply with applicable precepts from the South African Heritage Resources Act and any municipal provisions.
3. **Reason considered in granting an amendment.**
 - 3.1 The original conveyor route was designed to cross the Waterval River. The river channel together with its defined floodplain and wetlands were assessed as a major environmental risk which requires extensive management and monitoring. The entire river crossing has now been avoided and a more favourable environmental option found. The new conveyor route will not fall within the footprint of the wetlands.
4. The department deemed the amendment substantive to result in significant environmental impacts that would conflict with the general objectives of integrated environmental management laid down in Chapter 5 of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) and subjected the application to an extensive public participation process.
5. The new conveyor comprises impact on social attributes, noise and heritage and was subjected to an extensive public participation process.
6. There were no objections recorded during the public participation process.
7. You are instructed in terms of regulation 10(2) of the Regulations to notify all registered interested and affected parties, in writing and within 12 days of the date of this letter, of the Department's decision to amend the environmental authorisation as well as the provisions regarding the making of appeals that are provided for in the regulations.

8. Your attention is drawn to Chapter 7 of the Regulations which regulates appeal procedures. Appeals may be lodged by means of one of the following methods:

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