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## 10 December 2014

Dear Stakeholder / Interested and Affected Party,

MDEDET: 17/2/3N-315

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NOTIFICATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION: MDEDET REF NO: 17/2/3N-315 BLINKPAN SIDING

PROPOSED ADDITIONAL STORAGE OF COAL AT THE BLINKPAN SIDING ON THE REMAINING EXTENT, THE REMAINING EXTENT OF PORTION 12 AS WELL AS PORTIONS 13, 27, 29, 30 AND 31 OF THE FARM KOORNFONTEIN 27 IS, MPUMALANGA PROVINCE

Please find attached the Environmental Authorisation issued in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 108 of 1998) (as amended) for the above-mentioned project.

## **Authorisation particulars:**

We wish to hereby inform you that the Mpumalanga Department of Economic Development, Environment and Tourism has granted Environmental Authorisation (EA) in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No.108 of 1998) (as amended) and the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations (2010) (as amended) to the Applicant, Makoya Supply Chain Holdings (Pty) Ltd, for the proposed increase in coal stored at the Blinkpan Siding on the Remaining Extent of Portion 12 and Portions 13, 27, 29, 30 and 31 of the Farm Koornfontein 27 IS. The site is situated in the Steve Tshwete Local Municipality, approximately 30 km south-east of Emalahleni. The following activity have been authorised: GN 544 Activity: 2.

The EA outlines the conditions (p. 4-7) as well as the appeal process (p.1-2) (as attached).

## **Appeal Process:**

Your attention is drawn to Chapter 7 of the EIA Regulations (18 June 2010) (Government Notice R. 543) in terms of NEMA 1998 and pages 1-2 of the EA which sets out the appeal procedure to be followed. Should any party wish to appeal any aspect of this decision, a Notice of Intent to Appeal must be lodged with the Minister within 20 days of the date of the EA (i.e. no later than **29 December 2014**) and an Appeal must be lodged within thirty (30) days after lapsing of 20 days (i.e. by no later than **16 January 2015**) contemplated in Regulation 60 (1).

**PLEASE NOTE:** The EA was only received by the applicant on **9 December 2014**, although it has been signed on **11 November 2014**. Due to a delay in the department sending the environmental authorisation to the applicant, we hereby notify you that the lapsing of the 20 days after the date of the authorisation will only be on **29 December 2014**, and the lapsing of the 30 days after the 20 days on **28 January 2015**.



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Notice of Intention to Appeal must be submitted to the Minister (Department of Environment & Nature Conservation) by means of one of the following methods:

By Post: The Honourable Member of the Executive Council

Ministry of Economic Development, Environment and Tourism (Mpumalanga Province)

Private Bag X 11215

Nelspruit 1200

By Facsimile: 013 766 4614

By Hand: Building 4, No. 7 Government Boulevard

Riverside Park Extension

Nelspruit 1200

Kindly copy the proponent, Makoya Supply Chain Holdings (Pty) Ltd representative, Mr Hannes Reyneke as per below:

By Post: P.O Box 11884

Silver Lakes Pretoria 0054

By E-Mail: <a href="mailto:hannes@makoyagroup.com">hannes@makoyagroup.com</a>

By Facsimile: 086 512 2120

Should you have any queries regarding this notice, please do not hesitate to contact the author of this notification.

Kind regards,

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