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PER E-MAIL / MAIL

Dear Masala Mahumela

COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT SCOPING REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF APPROXIMATELY 170KM 1X400kV MAPHUTHA-WITKOP POWERLINE WITHIN THE SEKHUKHUNE AND CAPRICORN DISTRICT MUNICIPALITIES, LIMPOPO PROVINCE

The draft Scoping Report (SR) dated January 2018 and received by this Department on 24 January 2018 refer.

This Department has the following comments on the abovementioned application:

(a) Listed activities

Please make sure that the relevant listed activities are included in the final Scoping Report (SR). Should there be other activities which were not included in the application form which are now uncovered, please make sure that the application form is amended to include all the listed activities.

(b) Content of the Scoping Report

- i) Please make sure that coordinates provided are in degrees minutes and seconds and should include all the bending points of the powerline from the starting point to the finishing point.
- ii) All the alternatives assessed including the comparative assessment, which includes the recommendations of the specialists must be included in the final SR.
- iii) Specialists, in their assessment, must make sure that they state the preferred corridor and the reasons why they preferred a particular corridor in order for the Department to make an informed decision.

(c) Public participation Process (PPP)

The following information must be submitted with the final SR:

- Newspaper advert (both in English and a widely used local language);

- Proof of onsite notice;
- Proof of notification and submission of draft SR to registered interested and affected parties and organ of states (including the DEA - Biodiversity and Conservation);
- Copies of all comments received during draft SR comment period must be submitted; and
- A comments and response (C&R) must be submitted with the final SR. The C&R report must incorporate all historical comments for this development, as well as all comments received during the public participation process for the current draft SR, including all official comments received from this Department, and all responses provided to those comments. All the comments received as part of the PPP and are not in English must be translated to English.

(d) Layout Map

A copy of the final site layout map must be submitted and all available biodiversity information must be used in the finalisation of the layout map.

General

You are reminded that the final SR to be submitted to this Department must comply with all the requirements in terms of the scope of assessment and content of Scoping reports in accordance with Appendix 2 and Regulation 21(1) of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended.

Please ensure that all issues raised and comments received during the circulation of the draft SR from registered I&APs and organs of state which have jurisdiction in respect of the proposed activity are adequately addressed in the final SR. Proof of correspondence with the various stakeholders must be included in the final SR. Should you be unable to obtain comments, proof should be submitted to the Department of the attempts that were made to obtain comments. The Public Participation Process must be conducted in terms of Regulation 39, 40 41, 42, 43 & 44 of the EIA Regulations 2014, as amended.

You are further requested to submit two (2) hard copies and two (2) unprotected electronic copies of the final Scoping Report to this Department.

Further note that in terms of Regulation 45 of the EIA Regulations 2014, this application will lapse if the applicant fails to meet any of the timeframes prescribed in terms of the these Regulations, unless an extension has been granted in terms of Regulation 3(7).

You are hereby reminded of Section 24F of the National Environmental Management Act, Act No 107 of 1998, as amended, that no activity may commence prior to an environmental authorisation being granted by the Department.

Yours faithfully



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