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For attention: Mr. B Khosa

RE: REQUEST FOR AN AMENDMENT OF AN ISSUED ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION FOR THE PROPOSED MAKHADO COLLIERY PROJECT TO BE ESTABLISHED ON WINDHOEK 649 MS, MATUMBA 668 MS, TANGA 648 MS, DARU 848 MS, FRIPP 645 MS, LUKIN 643 MS AND SALAITA 188 MT WITHIN MAKHADO LOCAL MUNICIPALITY OF VHEMBE DISTRICT: LIMPOPO PROVINCE

The Department confirms receipt of a request for substantive environmental authorisation (EA) amendment regarding changes in project description and mining infrastructure. The first EA was issued in terms of National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act 107 of 1998), on 29 August 2013.

With reference to the above-mentioned request for the EA amendment, be advised that the Department has accordingly decided to amend the EA. The final Amendment to Environmental Management Programme (EMPr) compiled by Jacana Environmentals cc dated March 2018 is approved and must be adhered to at all times during the lifecycle of the project. However, the amendments must be read in conjunction with the EA issued on 29 August 2013 and previous amendments.

The amendments made are as follows:

1. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Project Description that was:

- Opencast mining on the west, central and east pits;
- 8.5-14MT ROM coal per annum for 17 years;
- Coal handling & processing plant with associated infrastructure;
- Overburden and product stockpiles;
- Access and haul roads;
- Bulk fuel storage facilities;
- Offices, change houses and workshops;
- Clean and dirty water management infrastructure;
- Bulk groundwater and Nzhelele dam abstraction scheme;
- Bulk power from Eskom Paradise station via 15km 22kv overhead line; and
- Product transport via rail spur between mine rail load-out station and Huntleigh siding.



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has been amended to read as follows:

- Opencast mining on the west, central and east pits;
- 4MT ROM coal per annum for 29 years;
- Coal handling & processing plant with associated infrastructure;
- Overburden and product stockpiles;
- Access and haul roads;
- Bulk fuel storage facilities;
- Offices, change houses and workshops;
- Clean and dirty water management infrastructure;
- Bulk groundwater and Nzhelele dam abstraction scheme;
- Bulk power from Eskom Paradise station via 15km 22kv overhead line;
- Product transport via rail spur between mine rail load-out station and Huntleigh siding and
- Product transport via road to Mactransco Siding in Musina.

You are instructed in terms of regulation 4(2) of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014 to notify all registered interested and affected parties, in writing and within fourteen (14) days of the date of this letter, of the Department's decision and manner in which the decision to amend the EA can be accessed. Moreover, ensure that the attention of all registered interested and affected parties is drawn to the fact that an appeal may be lodged against the decision in terms of the National Appeals Regulations of 2014.

In view of the above, the Department is certain that the proposed activity will not conflict with the general objectives of Integrated Environmental Management laid down in Chapter 5 of the National Environmental Management Act (Act 107 of 1998) (NEMA) as amended, and that any potentially detrimental environmental impacts resulting from the proposed activity can be mitigated to acceptable levels. The amendment requested is accordingly granted.


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