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Our Ref: 12726-83-Let001-EA EIR1 Notification

19 February 2014

Dear Stakeholder,

NOTIFICATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION: PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF A 400kV/132kV SOLAR PARK SUBSTATION, 2 X 400kV POWER LINES FROM THE EXISTING ARIES SUBSTATION AND 1 X 400kV POWER LINE FROM THE EXISTING NIEUWEHOOP SUBSTATION, NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE (DEA Ref.No.: 12/12/20/2606 and NEAS Ref.No.: DEA/EIA/0000785/2011)

As you may recall, Zitholele Consulting informed you that the Final Environmental Impact Assessment Report (FEIR) for the above mentioned Application was submitted to the Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA) for evaluation and consideration.

Notice is hereby given in terms of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations published in Government Notice No. R543 to No. R546 of 2010, in terms of Section 10(2) of the National Environmental Management Act (Act No 107 of 1998), of the Environmental Authorisation (EA) granted by the Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA), which Zitholele Consulting received on the **14th of February 2014** authorising the Solar Park-Aries-Nieuwehoop 400kV/132kV Substation and associated Power Lines Project in the Northern Cape Province.

Notice of Appeal Process

In accordance with sub-regulation 10(2) of the EIA Regulations, 2010, your attention is drawn to the fact that an appeal may be lodged against the decision in terms of Chapter 7 of the EIA Regulations, GNR 543, June 2010. In accordance with the provisions of sub-regulation 60(1) of the EIA Regulations, GNR 542, June 2010, should the applicant or any party wish to appeal any aspect of the decision, a notice of intention to appeal must be lodged by all prospective appellants with the Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs within 20 days (**before or on Wednesday 5 March 2014**) of the date of the EA (14/02/2014), by means of the following methods:

By facsimile: 012 320 7561

By Post: Department of Environmental Affairs
Private Bag X447
Pretoria
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or

By Hand 2nd Floor, Fedsure Forum Building, North Tower
Cnr. Lilian Ngoyi (Van der Walt) and Pretorius Streets
Pretoria

Appeals must be submitted in writing to:

Mr Z Hassam, Director: Appeals and Legal Review, Department of Environmental Affairs, at the above addresses or fax number. Mr Hassam can also be contacted at:

Tel: 012 310 3271

E-mail: AppealsDirectorate@environment.gov.za

You are kindly requested to please send a copy of your intent to appeal to the applicant, Eskom, and the Environmental Assessment Practitioner (Zitholele Consulting) at the addresses below:

Eskom Holdings SOC Ltd: Mfundo Maphanga

Post: PO Box 1091, Sunninghill, 2000

Tel: (011) 800 4892

Fax: 086 574 0963

Email: maphanam@eskom.co.za

Zitholele Consulting: Nicolene Venter or Patiswa Mnqokoyi

Post: PO Box 6002, Halfway House, 1685

Tel: (011) 207 2060

Fax: 086 676 9950

Email: nicolenev@zitholele.co.za or patiswam@zitholele.co.za, and

A copy of the appeal procedure is attached for your perusal as well as the Environmental Authorisation letter received from the DEA dated 14 February 2014.

To obtain a copy of the Environmental Authorisation, please contact Zitholele Consulting at the contact details mentioned above. The Environmental Authorisation is also available on the Zitholele's website (<http://www.zitholele.co.za/eskom-solar>).

We would like to thank you for participating in the EIA process and being part of the public participation process. Your participation has been valuable and highly appreciated and was a key factor in assisting the preparation of an informed Environmental Authorisation decision.

Kind regards,



Nicolene Venter

Public Participation Practitioner

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Attachments: Appeal Procedure
Environmental Authorisation Letter from DEA dated 14 February 2014
Environmental Authorisation