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To : nkhumalo@sahra.org.za

Hi Nokukhanya

I have received your interim comment with regards to the above stated case, however, I think there has been some misunderstanding.

The water pipeline was previously authorised as part of the bigger Khanyisa IPP Project in 2013, however after this authorisation has been received, the applicant decided to rather apply for the realignment of this approved water pipeline (not yet constructed). As some of the area proposed for the realignment, was not assessed during the initial EIA for the Khanyisa IPP Project, a new application for Environmental Authorisation had to be submitted, and that application involved the "Realignment of the bulk water supply pipeline" which is the one that you are currently dealing with. This application was applied for in 2015 (hence the HIA dated 2015) and it was approved by the DARDLEA in 2016 (hence the EA that was attached). There is no other new realignment, we are requesting the letter from SAHRA as we have never received any comments from SAHRA during the EIA process. SAHRIS website was down during the course of Public Participation and notification of the project was sent to SAHRA, however, no comments were received.

With regards to the locality map: We apologize, the description is incorrect. This is the application with regards to the Bulk Water Supply Pipeline. I have already received comments from you with regards to the substation and power line route.

I think your comments are based on a misunderstanding of the project and documents submitted. There will not be any other realignment besides this realignment already authorised in 2016. We are only requesting this letter as it is an IFC requirement and our client needs to comply with IFC standards. This is therefore not a new application which still requires EA.

This is a project under the Department of Energy's Coal Baseload programme and the client is therefore under tremendous pressure to meet their specified timeframe. I am not an expert in the heritage and archaeological field, however, a PIA was done on the site adjacent to the water pipeline (for the 400kV substation and powerline which all forms part of one project), and nothing significant was found during the assessment. Can this report possibly be used as a reference for your request for a PIA, considering the time constraints the client is currently facing?

With the background of the project giving you a better understanding of the project, we will appreciate your consideration and revision of your interim comment with regards to the revision of specialist studies.

Please give me a call to discuss this matter as I've indicated that time is unfortunately not on our side.

Kind Regards

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