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Dear Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs)

ESKOM - INGULA - BASIC ASSESSMENT

NOTIFICATION TO INTERESTED AND AFFECTED PARTIES ABOUT THE GRANTING OF ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION FOR THE RELOCATION OF DWELLERS AT INGULA PUMPED STORAGE SCHEME LOCATED WITHIN THE BORDERS OF FREE STATE AND KWAZULU NATAL PROVINCES.

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DESTEA ref: EMB/12 (ii)(a)(c), 27,28(ii), 12b(i)(ii), 14(ii)(a)(c) b.i(aa)(bb)(dd)(ff)(gg)(hh).

Notice is hereby given in terms of Regulation 4 (2) (3) of the National Environmental Management Act (Act No. 107 of 1998) (NEMA): Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations published in Government Notice (GN) R982 and Government Gazette No. 3822, as amended in 2017, under GNR326, 2014, (NEMA: EIA Regulations) that Eskom Holdings (SOC) Limited (Eskom) has been granted with an environmental authorisation (EA) for the relocation of dwellers, the Ingula Relocation Project.

This EA was granted by the Department of Economic, Small Business Development, Tourism and Environmental Affairs (DESTEA) on 23 April 2021, and was received by the applicant on 04 May 2021. The EA is issued in terms of the NEMA and associated NEMA: EIA Regulations and gives Eskom approval to undertake the activities listed in Table 1.1.

DESTEA is satisfied based on information available to it, and subject to compliance with the conditions of this EA, that the applicant should be authorised to undertake the activity specified in the authorisation. The EA outlines the decision, the activities authorised, conditions, scope of the authorisation, appeal of the authorisation, management of the activity, monitoring, recording and reporting to the department, commencement of the activity, notification to the authority, operation of the activity, site closure and decommissioning of the activity, and specific conditions (as outlined in the environmental authorisation). You can request a copy of the EA from the Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) with contact details provided below.

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Table1.1: Listed Activities for which EA is Granted

Activity Number	Activity Description
GNR 327 of 7 April 2017 - Activity 12(ii)(a)(c)	<p>"The development of infrastructure or structures with a physical footprint of 100 square metres or more; where such development occurs-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Within a watercourse (b) If no development setback exists, within 32 metres of a watercourse, measured from the edge of a watercourse"
GNR 327 of 7 April 2017 - Activity 27	"The clearance of an area of 1 hectare or more but less than 20 Hectares of indigenous vegetation"
GNR 327 of 7 April 2017 - Activity 28 (ii)	<p>"Residential, mixed, retail, commercial, industrial or institutional development where such land was used for agriculture, game farming, equestrian purposes or afforestation on or after 01 April 1998 and where such development:</p> <p>(ii) will occur outside and urban area, where the total land to be developed is bigger than hectare".</p>
GNR 324 of 7 April 2017 – Activity 12 (b) (i) (ii)	<p>"The clearance of an area of 300 square metres or more of indigenous vegetation, Free State,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Within any critically endangered ecosystem listed in terms of section 52 of the NEMBA or prior to the publication of such a list, within an area that has been identified as critically endangered in the National Spatial Biodiversity Assessment 2004; (ii) within critical biodiversity areas identified in bioregional plans"
GNR 324 of 7 April 2017 - Activity 14(ii)(a)(c)b.i(aa)(bb)(dd)(ff)(gg)(hh)	<p>"The development of-</p> <p>(ii) infrastructure or structure with a physical footprint of 10 square metres or more, where such development occurs-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) within a watercourse; (c) if no development setback has been adopted within 32 metres of a watercourse, measured from the edges of a watercourse. <p>b. Free State:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Outside urban areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (aa) A protected area identified in terms of NEMPAA, excluding conservancies; (bb) National Protected Area Expansion Strategy Focus areas; dd) Sensitive areas as identified in an environmental management framework as contemplated in chapter 5 of the Act and as adopted by the competent authority; (ff) Critical biodiversity areas or ecosystem service areas as identified in systematic biodiversity plans adopted by the competent authority or in bioregional plans; (gg) Core areas in biosphere reserves; or (hh) Areas within 10 kilometres from national parks or world heritage sites or 5 kilometres from any other protected area identified in terms of NEMPAA or from the core area of a biosphere reserve; as prescribed in the Final Basic Assessment Report (BAR) Dated 15 December 2020".

In addition, your attention is drawn to your right to lodge a formal appeal, in terms of Regulation 4 (1) (c) and (2) (b) of NEMA: EIA Regulations, as amended. The EIA regulations specify that any person who wishes to appeal against the decision may lodge an appeal in terms of the National Appeals Regulations. Appeals should be lodged within 20 days, from date of this notification. The Appeals must be formally submitted to the following details:

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