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Attention: Ms Nokukhanya Khumalo

**EIA FOR ESKOM GOEDETROUW AND KETTING SUBSTATIONS AND 132KV LINES:  
DEA REF 14/12/16/3/3/1/1498**

Our recent communication with SAHRA with regard to the abovementioned Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) refer. Herewith please find a clarification in response to the matters raised during our recent telephonic conversation.

The infrastructure covered by the abovementioned EIA comprise only the 132kV overhead lines and substations which will be owned by Eskom. It is specifically separate from the EIAs which will ultimately be conducted for the water supply and the mining and mineral processing aspects of the planned Waterberg JV Resources platinum group metals mine. Separate EIAs will be initiated for these aspects in due course.

By virtue of the fact that the 132kV overhead lines and substations will be owned by Eskom, Eskom is allowing the mining company to conduct the EIA for the 132kV Eskom infrastructure on its behalf. This is being done in terms of Eskom's recently adopted Self-Build policy. This policy was adopted amongst others to allow developers to conduct EIAs for Eskom infrastructure within shorter time frames than what typically applies to Eskom itself. This process is now widely used by industry since being adopted in 2013/2014. Copies of the Self-Build policies can be obtained directly from Eskom's website by Googling the term "Eskom self build policy".

Although Eskom will own the 132kV infrastructure to be authorised in terms of this EIA, only some of it will be used to supply the Waterberg JV Resources mine. The mine will probably use only two of the four 132kV overhead lines. The remaining two overhead lines will therefore be for Eskom's use to supply other customers in the region, and accordingly such provision is included in the EIA. Eskom remains responsible for the planning of this 132kV network, and they will determine how many 132kV overhead lines must be built. Should this be of interest to you, then we can arrange a meeting with the Eskom personnel responsible for this project to afford you the opportunity to discuss the details with them directly.

In view of the above, it should be clear that the impact of the 132kV overhead lines and substations covered in this EIA should be assessed independently, and that the impacts have been comprehensively assessed and reported on in the Heritage specialist study report which forms part of the Basic Assessment Report.

We trust that you will find this in order.

Yours faithfully

Ria Pretorius