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PER EMAIL / MAIL

Dear Mr Marais

AMENDMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION ISSUED ON 05 JULY 2018 FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE HARTEBEEST LEEGTE ON-SITE ESKOM SUBSTATION, LINKING SUBSTATION AND ASSOCIATED 132kV POWER LINE NEAR LOERIESFONTEIN WITHIN HANTAM AND KHAI-MA LOCAL MUNICIPALITIES, NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE

The Environmental Authorisation (EA) issued for the above application by this Department on 05 July 2018, your application for amendment to the EA received by this Department on 24 June 2021, the acknowledgement letter dated 01 July 2021 and additional information received by the Department on 08 July 2021 refer.

Based on a review of the reason for requesting an amendment to the above EA, this Department, in terms of Chapter 5 of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2014, as amended, has decided to amend the EA dated 05 July 2018, as follows:

To amend the holder of the EA as well as the contact details:

From:

Mr Hendrik Reyneke
South Africa Mainstream Renewable Power Developments (Pty) Ltd

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To:

Mr Eugene Marais
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The applicant applied to amend the details of the holder of the EA, as the holder of the EA has changed since the EA was issued. Hartebeest Leegte Wind Farm (Pty) Ltd (Hartebeest Leegte) is a subsidiary company of South Africa Mainstream Renewable Power Developments (Pty) Ltd (Mainstream). The EA for the on-site Eskom substation, linking substation and associated 132kV power line is currently in the name of Mainstream.

Mainstream is preparing the proposed project for submission as part of the Renewable Energy Independent Power Producer Procurement Programme. One of the key qualification criteria is for key permits such as the Environmental Authorisation to be placed in the Project Company name, i.e. Hartebeest Leegte Wind Farm (Pty) Ltd.

The Department is aware that the environment changes constantly, as a result it might be significantly different from the one that existed at the time of the issuing of this EA, hence the validity of the EA cannot exceed a maximum period of 10 years. Failure to commence with construction activities within the maximum 10-year period, your EA will be deemed to have lapsed and a new application for EA will have to be lodged.

This amendment letter must be read in conjunction with the EA dated 05 July 2018.

In terms of the Promotion of Administrative Justice Act, 2000 (Act No 3 of 2000), you are entitled to the right to fair, lawful and reasonable administrative action; and to written reasons for administrative action that affects you negatively. Further your attention is drawn to the provisions of the Protection of Personal Information Act, 2013 (Act no. 4 of 2013) which stipulates that the Department should conduct itself in a responsible manner when collecting, processing, storing and sharing an individual or another entity's personal information by holding the Department accountable should the Department abuses or compromises your personal information in any way.

In terms of Regulation 4(2) of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014, as amended (the EIA Regulations), you are instructed to notify all registered interested and affected parties, in writing and within 14 (fourteen) days of the date of the EA, of the Department's as well as the provisions regarding the submission of appeals that are contained in the Regulations.

Your attention is drawn to Chapter 2 of National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) National Appeal Regulations published under Government Notice R993 in Government Gazette No. 38303 dated 08 December 2014 (National Appeal Regulations, 2014), which prescribe the appeal procedure to be followed. Kindly include a copy of this document (National Appeal Regulations, 2014) with the letter of notification to interested and affected parties in this matter.

Should any person wish to lodge an appeal against this decision, he/she must submit the appeal to the appeal administrator, and a copy of the appeal to the applicant, any registered interested and affected party, and any organ of state with interest in the matter within 20 days from the date that the notification of the decision was sent to the registered interested and affected parties by the applicant; or the date that the notification of the decision was sent to the applicant by the Department, whichever is applicable.

Appeals must be submitted in writing in the prescribed form to:

The Director: Appeals and Legal Review of this Department at the below mentioned addresses.

By email: appeals@environment.gov.za

By hand: Environment House
473 Steve Biko,
Arcadia,
Pretoria,
0083; or

By post: Private Bag X447,
Pretoria,
0001;

Please note that in terms of Section 43(7) of the National Environmental Management Act, Act No. 107 of 1998, as amended, the lodging of an appeal will suspend the environmental authorisation or any provision or condition attached thereto. In the instance where an appeal is lodged, you may not commence with the activity until such time that the appeal is finalised.

To obtain the prescribed appeal form and for guidance on the submission of appeals, please visit the Department's website at https://www.environment.gov.za/documents/forms#legal_authorisations or request a copy of the documents at appeals@environment.gov.za.

Yours faithfully



Ms Milicent Solomons
Acting Chief Director: Integrated Environmental Authorisations
Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment
Date: 19/07/2021.

CC:	Ms Llandra Scott-Shaw	SLR Consulting Africa (South Africa) (Pty) Ltd	Tel: (011) 467 0945	Email: lscottshaw@slrconsulting.com
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Ms. Solomons
Director: Strategic Infrastructure Development

Dear Mrs. Solomons

APPOINTMENT AS ACTING CHIEF DIRECTOR: INTEGRATED ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATIONS FOR THE PERIOD 12 JULY 2021 UNTIL 23 JULY 2021.

This serves to confirm your appointment as Acting Chief Director: integrated environmental authorisations, from 12 July 2021 until 23 July 2021, whilst Mr Sabelo Malaza is on Annual Leave.

You will act in this capacity with the full responsibilities and duties attached to the post, including the activities entrusted to the Acting Chief Director: integrated environmental authorisations by or in terms of the Acts administered by the Department.

Your appointment in the above acting position remains subject to the provisions of the Public Service Act, 1994 (Proclamation No. 103 of 1994), as amended, the Government Employees Pension Fund Act, 1996 (Proclamation No. 21 of 1996), the regulations promulgated under these Acts and relevant circulars.

In the execution of your duties and the exercising of the powers delegated to you, you will furthermore be subjected to the provisions of the Public Finance Management Act, compliance with the promotion of Access to Information Act, Promotion of Administrative Justice Act, the Minimum Information Security Standards, Departmental Policies and other applicable legislations with the Republic of South Africa. You are therefore advised to make yourself familiar with the provisions of the legislations and policies and the amendments thereof. (Copies of departmental policies can be obtained from the Human Resource Office).

Yours Sincerely

~~Devnagie Bandeman~~

Acting Deputy Director-General: RSCM (Regulatory Compliance and Sector Monitoring)

Date: 9/07/2021



ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I ACCEPT / DO NOT ACCEPT
appointment as Acting Chief
Director: integrated environmental
authorizations

Signed:

Date: 12/07/2021