

Date: 26 July 2023

Subject: 14/12/16/3/3/2/2007: Notification of Recommencement of EIA process and PPP in light of the dismissal of the purported appeals against the Granting of Condonation in terms of section 47C of NEMA for the submission of the EIAR in the application for environmental authorisation for the Proposed Gas to Power via Powership Project at the Port of Richards Bay, uMhlathuze Municipality within King Cetshwayo District Municipality, KwaZulu Natal

Dear Stakeholders and Registered I&APs,

In light of the Honourable Minister Creecy's decision dated 22 July 2023, the applicant has been instructed to recommence the PPP.

We draw your attention to the following important points:

- 1. 7 days of PPP occurred between the commencement of the PPP on 17 May 2023 and the suspension of the PPP by the purported appeals on 23 May 2023.
- 2. Recommenced PPP will take place from **27 July 2023 to 22 August 2023** to ensure statutory compliance with the 30 day consultation period (7 days plus 25 days equates to 32 days).
- 3. All comments received during the above recommenced PPP will be addressed. Comments received during the initial consultation period (including those received after the purported appeals were lodged on 23 May 2023) will also be addressed.
- 4. A comments and responses report containing detailed responses to all comments and issues raised, is to be submitted to DFFE together with the Final EIAR.
- The revised draft EIA report and associated appendices are available for comment from 27th July to 22nd August 2023, at the following locations and online platforms:

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- Triplo4's website: <u>www.triplo4.com</u>;
- Google Drive link: <u>https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1coEKVQvU0mkUbVAoOvB4RL_3_gWDjBap?usp=shar</u> <u>e_link</u>
- 6. <u>Clarification note:</u> following completion of the PPP in December 2022, any added text to the 2022 final EIA report was marked in blue text. The 2022 final EIA report was used as the basis of this revised draft EIA report, and any further additions are marked in underlined blue text. This will assist the readers in identifying the changes made to the report since the previous draft EIA report that was made available for public review and comment in November-December 2022. The changes to the 2022 final EIA report are primarily related to the Generic Environmental Management Programmes (Substation & Transmission Lines), Avifaunal related matters and Biodiversity Offsets. Furthermore please note that there have been no changes to the documentation circulated for public comment on 17 May 2023.

Please submit all comments or queries pertaining to the revised draft EIA Report to the undersigned.

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