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Attention: Interested & Affected Party

Re: Neptune-Poseidon 400 kV Power Line (DEA Ref. No: 12/12/20/1439) – Notice of approval of Scoping Report

Dear Sir / Madam

BACKGROUND

Eskom Holdings Limited has proposed the construction of a new 400kV power line as part of the greater East London Strengthening scheme. To this end, the following alternatives have been proposed:

- **Main Route** – Power line (approximately 191km) which runs in an east to west direction from the existing Neptune substation (near East London) to the Poseidon substation (near Cookhouse), in the Eastern Cape. The proposed alignment is situated within the existing vacant Eskom servitude between the aforementioned substations. The substations will also be expanded and upgraded to accommodate the new line. In addition, two turnings of approximately 5km each will be constructed from the proposed Neptune-Poseidon line to the existing Pembroke substation site.
- **Alternative 2** – Deviation from Main Route, where the power line (approximately 40km) runs in an east to west direction from the Neptune substation to the south around Mdantsane and the Bridle Drift Dam and reconnects to the Main Route to the south of Berlin, at Rini.
- **Alternative 3** – Deviation from Main Route, where the power line (approximately 39km) runs in an east to west direction from the Neptune substation to the north around Nqonqweni, around Berlin and connects to the Main Route south of Berlin, at Hillcrest. The last 16km of this route runs parallel to an existing Eskom line.
- **Alternative 4** – Deviation from Main Route, where the power line (approximately 70km) runs in a west to east direction from the Poseidon substation to the south alongside the existing Eskom 220kV Pembroke-Poseidon 1 transmission line and connects to the Main Route close to Xuxuwa.

Proposed Neptune Poseidon 400kV Power Line Status Quo:

This serves as notification that the Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA) issued approval for the Proposed Neptune Poseidon 400kV Power Line Scoping Report on 18 October 2010. The requisite environmental specialist studies and compilation of the EIA Report are currently underway.

All Interested and Affected Parties will be notified of the public review process for the draft EIA Report and the dates of the public meetings.

We would again like to express our gratitude to all Interested and Affected Parties for their involvement thus far. We will keep you posted of any further project developments.

For any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Yours faithfully
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