



## **environmental affairs**

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### **PER EMAIL / MAIL**

Dear Mr Van der Walt

### **AMENDMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION ISSUED ON 25 JANUARY 2013 FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE 75MW OLYVEN KOLK FARM 3 PHOTOVOLTAIC POWER PLANT ON THE REMAINING PORTION 14 (A PORTION OF PORTION 4) OF THE FARM OLYVEN KOLK WITHIN THE SIYANDA DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY, NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE**

The Environmental Authorisation (EA) issued for the abovementioned application by this Department on 25 January 2013, the amendments to the EA dated 07 August 2013 and 06 November 2015, and your application for amendment of the EA received by the Department on 23 January 2018, 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 Regulations, 2014 as amended, has decided to amend the EA dated 25 January 2013 as amended, as follows:

#### **Amendment 1: Amendment to extend the validity period of the EA:**

The activity must commence within a period of five (05) years from the date of expiry of the amendment to the EA issued on 06 November 2015 (i.e. the EA lapses on 25 January 2023). If commencement of the activity does not occur within that period, the authorisation lapses and a new application for environmental authorisation must be made in order for the activity to be undertaken.

The applicant applied to extend the validity period of the EA due to Eskom's refusal to sign the power purchase agreements. As such, as the applicant is yet to obtain preferred bidder status for the project from the Department of Energy, the applicant has applied for an extension of the validity period of the EA.

This proposed amendment letter must be read in conjunction with the EA dated 25 January 2013 as amended.

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

Your attention is drawn to Chapter 2 of Government Notice No. R.993, which prescribes the appeal procedure to be followed. Kindly include a copy of this document with the letter of notification to interested and affected parties.

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:**

Mr Z Hassam, Director: Appeals and Legal Review of this Department at the below mentioned addresses.

By email: [appealsdirector@environment.gov.za](mailto:appealsdirector@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, 1998, 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](https://www.environment.gov.za/documents/forms#legal_authorisations) or request a copy of the documents at [appealsdirector@environment.gov.za](mailto:appealsdirector@environment.gov.za).

Yours faithfully



**Ms Milicent Solomons**  
**Acting Chief Director: Integrated Environmental Authorisations**  
**Department of Environmental Affairs**  
Date: 07/03/2018.



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Mrs. Milicent Solomons  
Director: Strategic Infrastructure Development

Dear Mrs. Solomons

### **APPOINTMENT AS ACTING CHIEF DIRECTOR: INTEGRATED ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATIONS FOR THE PERIOD 05 MARCH TO 09 MARCH 2018.**

I hereby inform you that I have decided to appoint you as the Acting Chief Director: integrated environmental authorisations for the period 05 March 2018 until 09 March 2018 while Mr. Sabelo Malaza is on Annual Leave.

All the correspondence and other documents that are usually signed by the Chief Director: Integrated Environmental Authorizations must be signed under Acting Chief Director: Integrated Environmental Authorisations during the above-mentioned period.

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 Standard, Departmental Policies and other applicable legislations with the Republic of South Africa. You are therefore advised to make yourself familiar with the provisions of this legislations and policies and the amendments thereof. (Copies of Departmental policies can be obtained from the Human Resource Office).

Please accept my heartfelt gratitude for all your assistance on behalf of the department.

Yours sincerely

  
Mr. Ishaam Abader

DDG: LACE

Date:

23/02/2018

#### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I ACCEPT / DO NOT ACCEPT appointment  
as Acting Chief Director: integrate  
environmental authorisations

Signed: 

Date: 23/02/2018