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From: Zama Langa <ZLANGA@dffe.gov.za>
Sent: Wednesday, 06 April 2022 11:26

To: Raquel Peters

Cc: Nyiko Nkosi; Dr. Danie Smit; Ephron Maradwa

Subject: APPROVAL OF PPP PLAN FOR THE PROPOSED KARUSA BATTERY ENERGY

STORAGE SYSTEM (BESS) AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE

Good day

The Public Participation Process (PPP) Plan for the abovementioned project dated April 2022 and received by this department on the 04 April 2022 refers.

The Department has evaluated the Public Participation Plan which is submitted as per Minister Directive dated 05 June 2020 in response to Covid-19 pandemic and hereby approves the plan for the abovementioned project.

You may proceed with the public participation process in accordance with the tasks contemplated in the PPP plan. Should you wish to deviate from the submitted PPP Plan, the amended PPP Plan must be submitted to the Department for approval prior commencement.

Please ensure that the PPP plan forms part of the report that will be submitted to the department. Also kindly ensure that all I&APs are consulted as per requirement of EIA Regulations 2014 as amended.

You are hereby reminded of Section 24F of the National Environmental Management Act 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998), as amended, that no activity may commence prior to an Environmental Authorization being granted by the Department.

Regards, Miss Zamalanga Langa

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Subject: 2022-04-0004

Dear Zama.

Please note that you have been allocated an application:

Type of Application: Pre-Application Meeting Request;

Reference Number: 2022-04-0004; **Date Received:** 04/04/2022;

Action Required: Decide on meeting request.

Kindly let Ephron know which date the meeting is to be held, if it will be set.

*EAP/Applicant: please use this reference number when submitting the application for EA/amendment application (page 1 of the application form), as well as attach the approved PP Plan if the application requires a PP process.

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Cc: Jo-Anne Thomas < joanne@savannahsa.com>; Tebogo Mapinga < tebogo@savannahsa.com>

Subject: Request for Pre-Application Meeting and PP Plan Approval for the Karusa Battery Energy Storage System and Associated Infrastructure

Good day,

Kindly find the pre-app form attached. Please note that a pre-app meeting is <u>not</u> required. We require approval of the Public Participation Plan.

Best regards, Raquel



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Sent: Tuesday, 24 May 2022 13:49

To: Brenda Ton; Raquel Peters; Jo-Anne Thomas; Savannah Public Process

Cc: Zama Langa; ElAadmin; Salome Mambane

Subject: 14/12/16/3/3/1/2555

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Dear Sir/Madam

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT OF THE NEW APPLICATION FORM FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION (BASIC ASSESSMENT PROCESS) AND BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED KARUSA BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEM (BESS) AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE, NEAR SUTHERLAND, WITHIN THE KAROO HOOGLAND LOCAL MUNICIPALITY AND THE NAMAWKA DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY, NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE.

The Department confirms having received the Application Form and Draft Basic Assessment Report for Environmental Authorisation for the abovementioned project on 23 May 2022. You have submitted these documents to comply with the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2014, as amended.

Kindly note that your application for Environmental Authorisation falls within the ambit of an application applied for in terms of Part 2 of Chapter 4 of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended. You are therefore referred to Regulation 19 of the EIA Regulations, 2014 as amended.

Please take note of Regulation 40(3) of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended, which states that potential Interested & Affected Parties, including the Competent Authority, may be provided with an opportunity to comment on reports and plans contemplated in Regulation 40(1) of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended, prior to the submission of an application but **must** be provided an opportunity to comment on such reports once an application has been submitted to the Competent Authority.

Note that in terms of Regulation 45 of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended, this application will lapse if the applicant fails to meet any of the time-frames prescribed in terms of these Regulations, unless an extension has been granted by the Department in terms of Regulation 3(7) of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended.

You are hereby reminded of Section 24F of the National Environmental Management Act, Act No. 107 of 1998, as amended, that no activity may commence prior to an Environmental Authorisation being granted by the Department.

Kind Regards,

Lydia Kutu Integrated Environmental Authorisations: Coordination, Strategic Planning and Support

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Raquel Peters

From: Jo-Anne Thomas

Sent: Wednesday, 08 June 2022 11:24

To: Raquel Peters; Savannah Public Process

Subject:FW: 14/12/16/3/3/1/2555Attachments:14-12-16-3-3-1-2555.pdf

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Subject: 14/12/16/3/3/1/2555

Good day.

Please find herein the attached letter for the above mentioned.

I hope you find all in order.

Thank you.

Kind Regards, Lydia Kutu Integrated Environmental Authorisations: Priority Infrastructure Developments

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