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For Attention : Interested and Affected Party
Email

**ESKOM ERMELO - UITKOMS 88kV LINE DEA Ref 14/12/16/3/3/1/784 NEAS Ref
DEA/EIA/0001597/2012
Notification of Environmental Authorisation**

You are hereby informed that authorisation, in terms of the National Environmental Management Act 107 of 1998, GN R543/2010, GN R544/2010 and GN R546/2010 has been given to the applicant Eskom Holdings SOC Limited for this project. **The Department of Environmental Affairs issued the Environmental Authorisation on 10 December 2013.** A copy of the environmental authorisation is available from *Texture Environmental Consultants* (Ria Pretorius) PO Box 36593, MENLOPARK, Pretoria, 0102; Tel 082 568 6344 & Fax 086 675 4026; E-mail Address: ria@peopletexture.co.za

Background

Texture Environmental Consultants was appointed by Eskom Holdings SOC Ltd (Distribution Mpumalanga Operating Unit) (the Applicant) to lodge an application for environmental authorisation with the National Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA) for the construction of the following project:

Project Description

This EIA application is part of the broader scope of works to improve the network performance. Currently the network is experiencing under voltages and is incapable of handling additional loads due to the contingency constraints of the network. One of the solutions to the above is to construct a new 88 kV chickadee line from the existing Ermelo Substation to the existing Uitkoms Substation.

Project Locality

The authorised route alternative 2 for the line is on the farms Nooitgedacht 268 IT, Van Oudshoornstroom 261 IT portion 9, 27, 57, 75, 86 and Remainder 12, 4, 17, 5, 1; Jan Hendriksfontein 263 IT portion 3; Uitkomst 292 IT (Consolidated to portion 18 of 292 IT) portion 3; Camden Power Station 329 IT Remainder; Witpunt 267 IT portion 35 and 36 in the Msukaligwa Local Municipality in the Mpumalanga Province.

Reasons for the decision

The Department is satisfied, on the basis of information available to it and subject to compliance with the conditions of this Environmental Authorisation, that the Applicant be authorised to undertake the activities specified.

Appeals Procedure

Any party wishing to appeal any aspect of the decision to authorise the project should lodge a notice of intention to appeal with the Minister **within 20 days** after the date of the decision. This notice of intention to appeal may be submitted by post, facsimile or by hand to: **The Minister, Department of Environmental Affairs; Postal Address: Private Bag X447, PRETORIA, 0001; Fax Number: 012-320 7561; By Hand: 2nd Floor, Fedsure Building, North Tower, cnr. Lilian Ngoyi (Van der Walt) and Pretorius Streets, Pretoria.**

The appellant must take into account the provisions in Chapter 7 of the 2010 EIA Regulations which regulates appeal procedures. Attached please find a simplified copy of the appeals procedure to be followed.

A copy of the official appeal form can be obtained from: **Mr Z Hassam, Director: Appeals and Legal Review Tel: 012 310 3271, AppealsDirectorate@environment.gov.za**

Kind regards

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