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### PER MAIL / EMAIL

Dear Ms. Phiri

**AMENDMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION ISSUED ON 19 NOVEMBER 2007 FOR THE PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF THE 765KV GAMMA SUBSTATION AND ASSOCIATED POWERLINE TURN-IN INFRASTRUCTURE LOCATED ON PORTION 1 OF FARM UIT VLUGT FONTEIN NO.265 AND THE REMAINDER OF FARM SCHIETKUIL NO.3 IN THE PIXELY KA SEME AND CENTRAL KAROO DISTRICT MUNICIPALITIES, WESTERN CAPE AND NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCES**

The Environmental Authorisation (EA) issued for the abovementioned application by this Department on 19 November 2007, the amendment dated 22 February 2008, your application for amendment of the EA received by the Department on 18 April 2023, and the acknowledgement letter dated 03 May 2023, 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 19 November 2007, as follows:

**(a) Approval of the updated Layout (April 2023)**

The following condition is included as part of the conditions of authorisation for the decision dated 19 November 2007:

The "Gamma Substation – April 2023 Layout Map" is hereby approved.

The updated coordinates for the Gamma substation and the updated layout plan are as follows:

5.



**To:**

"for the construction of the proposed 765kV Gamma Substation and associated infrastructure as described in the Scoping Report (SR), dated April 2007, the Environmental Impact Report (EIR), dated August 2007, and the layout titled "*Gamma Substation – April 2023 Layout Map*" submitted with the Part 2 Amendment Application dated April 2023"

*At 31°40'47.37"S and 23°24'44.67"E, Portion 1 of Farm Uit Vlucht Fontein 265 and bordering the Remainder of Farm Schietkuil 3, which falls within the jurisdiction of Pixley Ka Seme Municipality of the Northern Cape Province and Central Karoo District Municipality in the Western Cape Province, hereafter referred to as "the property".*

**(c) Amendment to the title of the Environmental Authorisation**

The properties on the title page (Page 1) of the Environmental Authorisation are different from those described on Page 3 of the EA and all other references to these properties. The properties on Page 3 of the EA are correct and have been authorised as per those indicated in the FEIR 2007. It is therefore requested that title of the Environmental Authorised be corrected as follows:

**From:**

"Proposed construction of the 765KV Gamma Substation on the Farms Uit Vlucht Fontein No.233 and Schietkuil No.3 in the Pixley Ka Seme and Central Karoo District Municipalities: Western Province and Northern Cape Province.

**To:**

"Proposed construction of the 765KV Gamma Substation *on Portion 1 of Farm Uit Vlucht Fontein No.265 and the Remainder of Farm Schietkuil No.3* in the Pixley Ka Seme and Central Karoo District Municipalities: Western Province and Northern Cape Province"

**(d) Change the name of the contact person and contact details for the Holder of the Environmental Authorisation**

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**The reason for the amendments is as follows:**

The updated layout falls within the scope and footprint of what was originally assessed in the original EIA process. Following further Eskom planning related to future demand and upcoming renewable energy facilities set to come online soon, Eskom has considered an updated layout of the Gamma Substation to accommodate the additional capacity. The updated layout (April 2023) falls within the assessed properties in the FEIR (2007) and related specialist studies and as authorised within the Environmental Authorisation (Ref.: 12/12/20/873), however, the scope of the assessed powerline corridor for the turn-in of the existing 400kV Droerivier Hydra 2 overhead powerline to the proposed 132kV/400kV substation yard as planned had not been adequately assessed nor defined in the EIA (ACER, 2007). Therefore, a Part 2 amendment application was undertaken to assess the proposed update to the authorised layout to ensure that all environmental impacts have been adequately assessed.

The updated April 2023 layout consists of the following infrastructure to accommodate the next phase of the development:

- The layout is located on Portion 1 of the Farm Uit Vlucht Fontein 265 and the Remainder of Farm Schietkuil No.3 and consists of a substation yard with a step-up voltage of 132kV/400kV, that borders the Remainder of Farm Schietkuil No.3 and 400kV turn-in infrastructure.
- In addition, the existing Eskom 400kV overhead powerline that currently bypasses the existing Gamma Substation will be reconfigured to turn-in and turn-out of the new substation yard.

**General**

This EA amendment letter must be read in conjunction with the amended EA dated 19 November 2007.

In terms of the Promotion of Administrative Justice Act, 2000 (Act No 3 of 2000), you are entitled to the right to fair, lawful, reasonable administrative action; and to written reasons for administrative action that affects you negatively. Further, your attention is drawn to the provisions of the Protection of Personal Information Act, 2013 (Act no. 4 of 2013) which stipulate that the Department should conduct itself in a responsible manner when collecting, processing, storing, and sharing an individual or another entity's personal information by holding the Department accountable should the Department abuse or compromise your personal information in any way.

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

Your attention is drawn to Chapter 2 of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) National Appeal Regulations published under Government Notice R993 in Government Gazette No. 38303 dated 08 December 2014 (National Appeal Regulations, 2014), which prescribes the appeal procedure to be followed. Kindly include a copy of this document (National Appeal Regulations, 2014) with the letter of notification to interested and affected parties in this matter.

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:**

The Director: Appeals and Legal Review of this Department at the below-mentioned addresses.

By email: [appeals@dfre.gov.za](mailto:appeals@dfre.gov.za);

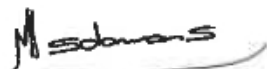
By hand: Environment House  
473 Steve Biko,  
Arcadia,  
Pretoria,  
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By post: Private Bag X447,  
Pretoria,  
0001;

Please note that in terms of Section 43(7) of the National Environmental Management Act, Act No. 107 of 1998, as amended, 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 [appeals@dfre.gov.za](mailto:appeals@dfre.gov.za).

Yours faithfully



**Ms. Milicent Solomons**  
**Chief Director (Acting): Integrated Environmental Authorisations**  
**Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment**  
Date: 28/06/2023.

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**Ms. Milicent Solomons**  
**Director: Priority Infrastructure Projects**

Dear Ms. Solomons

**APPOINTMENT AS CHIEF DIRECTOR: INTEGRATED ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATIONS (ACTING), FROM 26 JUNE 2023 UNTIL 30 JUNE 2023**

I hereby inform you that you have been appointed to act in the post of Chief Director: Integrated Environmental Authorisations from 26 June 2023 until 30 June 2023. Please note that acting arrangements may be terminated by any party giving 24 hours written notification.

All correspondence and other documents that are usually signed by the Chief Director: Integrated Environmental Authorisations must be signed under Chief Director: Integrated Environmental Authorisations (Acting) 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 these legislations and policies and the amendments thereof. (Copies of Departmental policies can be obtained from the Human Resource Office).

Yours sincerely

**Mr Sabelo Malaza**  
**Deputy Director General (Acting): RCSM**

Date: 14/06/2023

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### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I ACCEPT / DO NOT ACCEPT-

Appointment as Chief Director: Integrated Environmental Authorisations (Acting)

Signed:

Date: 19/06/2023



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