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## PER EMAIL / MAIL

Dear Mr Wagener

### **AMENDMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION ISSUED 01 JULY 2019 FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE 100MW LICHTENBURG 1 PHOTOVOLTAIC SOLAR ENERGY FACILITY AND ITS ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE NEAR LICHTENBURG, WITHIN DITSOBOTLA LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, NORTH WEST PROVINCE**

The Environmental Authorisation (EA) issued for the abovementioned application by this Department on 01 July 2019, the amendments to the EA dated 05 August 2019 and 25 March 2021, your application for amendment of the EA received by the Department on 06 April 2022, the comments on the draft motivation report dated 28 April 2022 and the amended application form received on the 10 June 2022, 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 01 July 2019 as amended, as follows:

#### **Amendment 1: change of powerline alternative:**

The coordinates of the power line alternative on page 04 of the EA reading as:

| <b>Power line Corridor<br/>Alternative 1</b> | <b>Latitude</b> | <b>Longitude</b> |
|--|-----------------|------------------|
| Starting point of activity                   | 26°02'04.745" S | 26°07'18.480" E  |
| Middle point of activity                     | 26°02'06.435" S | 26°07'14.397" E  |
| End point of activity                        | 26°02'08.107" S | 26°07'10.359" E  |

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**Is hereby amended to:**

| <b>Power line Corridor Alternative 2</b> | <b>Latitude</b> | <b>Longitude</b> |
|--|-----------------|------------------|
| Starting point of activity               | 26°02'04.16" S  | 26°07'47.42" E   |
| Middle point of activity                 | 26°02'05.11" S  | 26°07'20.46" E   |
| End point of activity                    | 26°02'08.107" S | 26°07'10.359" E  |

**Amendment 2: Amendment to the activities table:**

Page 5 of the EA (and amended under AM2) under the table of activities authorised, typed as:

*"A new 88/132kV overhead powerline from the on-site substation to the Mmabatho/Watershed DS 2 88kV Powerline"*

**Is hereby amended to:**

*'A new 132kV overhead powerline from the PV facility to connect to the step-up/onsite substation and then to connect to the collector substation complex located at the Lichtenberg PV3 Facility.'*

**Reason for the amendments:**

The proposed amendment will allow the connection of the Lichtenburg 1 PV Facility to the proposed Collector Substation Complex of ABO Wind Lichtenburg 3 PV on the authorised footprint of Lichtenburg 3 PV Facility. The Lichtenberg 1 PV, 2 PV and 3 PV projects have been selected as Preferred Bidders in a private power purchase agreement (PPA). When considering the three projects together, Eskom advised the following:

- The existing power line approved for LILO (Alternative 1 as authorised) does not have sufficient capacity to connect the facility.
- One power line to Watershed for all three projects from a central collector substation is the required and preferred connection solution.

The authorised section of grid connection corridor Alternative 2 was assessed for Lichtenburg 1 PV Facility, so that Lichtenburg 1 PV Facility is able to connect to the Collector Substation Complex at Lichtenburg 3 PV.

**This proposed amendment letter must be read in conjunction with the EA dated 01 July 2019, as amended.**

In terms of the Promotion of Administrative Justice Act, 2000 (Act No 3 of 2000), you are entitled to the right to fair, lawful and 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 EA, of the Department's as well as the provisions regarding the submission of appeals that are contained in the Regulations.

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Your attention is drawn to Chapter 2 of 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@dffe.gov.za](mailto:appeals@dffe.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, 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@dffe.gov.za](mailto:appeals@dffe.gov.za).

Yours faithfully



**Mr Vusi Skosana**  
**Acting Chief Director: Integrated Environmental Authorisations**  
**Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment**

Date: 21 June 2022

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Mr. Vusi Skosana  
Director: National Infrastructure Projects

Dear Mr Skosana

### APPOINTMENT AS ACTING CHIEF DIRECTOR: INTEGRATED ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORIZATIONS FOR THE PERIOD OF 20 TO 24 JUNE 2022

I hereby inform you that I have decided to appoint you as the Acting Chief Director: Integrated Environmental Authorizations for the period of 20 June to 24 June 2022 whilst Ms Milicent Solomons 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 Authorizations 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).

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

Yours sincerely

**Ms Devinagie Bendeman**  
**Deputy Director-General: RCSM (Regulatory Compliance and Sector Monitoring)**  
Date 17 June 2022

#### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I ACCEPT / ~~DO NOT ACCEPT~~  
appointment as Acting Chief  
Director: Integrated Environmental  
Authorizations

Signed:

Date: 20 June 2022