



## environmental affairs

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### PER EMAIL / MAIL

Dear Ms van Gensen

### APPLICATION FOR THE EXTENSION OF THE VALIDITY PERIOD AND THE MENDMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION ISSUED ON 02 JULY 2015 FOR THE PROPOSED ESKOM DISTRIBUTION GRID CONNECTION INFRASTRUCTURE NEAR MURRAYSBURG, BEAUFORT – WEST LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, WESTERN CAPE PROVINCE.

The Environmental Authorisation (EA) issued for the above application by this Department on 02 July 2015, the application for the EA amendment requesting for the extension of the validity period received by this Department on 06 October 2017, 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, 02 July 2015 as follows:

- i. The extension of the validity period of your authorisation is extended by an additional **five (5)** years from the date of expiry of the EA extension issued on 02 July 2015 (i.e. the EA valid until 02 July 2018). Thereafter the validity period of the EA is extended to **02 July 2023** and 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 to undertake the activities.

This letter must be read in conjunction with the EA dated 02 July 2015.

In terms of Regulation 4(2) of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014 (the Regulations) as amended, 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 decision in respect of your application as well as the fact that an appeal may be lodged against the decision in terms of the National Appeals Regulations, and the provisions regarding the submission of appeals as contained in the Regulations.

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

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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,  
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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



**Mr Sabelo Malaza**  
**Chief Director: Integrated Environmental Authorisations**  
**Department of Environmental Affairs**

Date: 25/10/2019

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