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Dear Mr Kesiamang

AMENDMENT APPLICATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION ISSUED ON 14 SEPTEMBER 2012: FOR THE PROPOSED 50 MEGAWATTS (MW) METSIMATALA PHOTOVOLTAIC (PV) FACILITY ON THE FARM GROENWATER 453 PORTION 4 AND REMAINDER OF FARM 455 IN POSTMASBURG, WITHIN TSANTSABANE LOCAL MUNICIPALITY IN THE NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE

The Department's decision on the above application issued on 14 September 2012 and your amendment application form dated 05 August 2013, received by the Department on 05 August 2013 refers.

Based on a review of your motivation, the Department in terms of the powers vested in it by regulation 45 of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2010, has decided to amend the Environmental Authorisation (EA) as follows:

The project description on page 4 (Item D and E respectively) of the EA issued on 14 September 2012 is hereby amended:

Amendment 1

From:

"A 66kV substation; which will consist of 3 bay switching station and control plant with protection, metering and supervisory control and data acquisition. The substation footprint will be approximately 10 000 m²"

To:

"A 66kV/132kV substation; which will consist of 3 bay switching station and control plant with protection, metering and supervisory control and data acquisition. The substation footprint will be approximately 10 000 m²".

Amendment 2

From:

"A new overhead 132 kV power line of approximately 5.8 km. The power line will connect between Manganore-Silverstream 132 kV power line which traverses portion 4 of Farm Groenwater 453, and remainder and farm 455"

To:

"A new overhead 132 kV power line of approximately 5.8 km. The power line will connect between Blinklip: Clifton 132 kV power line which traverses portion 4 of Farm Groenwater 453, and remainder".

In terms of regulation 10(2) of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2010 (the Regulations), you are instructed to notify all registered interested and affected parties, in writing and within 12 (twelve) days of the date of the EA, of the Department's decision in respect of your application as well as the provisions regarding the submission of appeals that are contained in the Regulations.

Your attention is drawn to Chapter 7 of the Regulations, which prescribes the appeal procedure to be followed. This procedure is summarised in the attached document. Kindly include a copy of this document with the letter of notification to interested and affected parties.

Should the applicant or any other party wish to appeal any aspect of the decision a notice of intention to appeal must be lodged by all prospective appellants with the Minister, within 20 days of the date of the EA, by means of one of the following methods:

By facsimile: 012 320 7561;
By post: Private Bag X447,
Pretoria, 0001; or
By hand: 2nd Floor, Fedsure Building, North Tower,
Cnr. Lilian Ngoyi (Van der Walt) and Pretorius Streets,
Pretoria.

If the applicant wishes to lodge an appeal, it must also serve a copy of the notice of intention to appeal on all registered interested and affected parties as well as a notice indicating where, and for what period, the appeal submission will be available for inspection, should you intend to submit an appeal.

Please include the Department (*Attention: Director: Integrated Environmental Authorisations*) in the list of interested and affected parties, notified through your notification letter to interested and affected parties, for record purposes.

Appeals must be submitted in writing to:

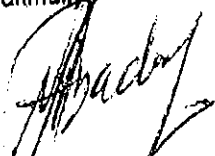
Mr Z Hassam, Director: Appeals and Legal Review, of this Department at the above mentioned addresses or fax number. Mr Hassam can also be contacted at:

Tel: 012-310-3327
Email: AppealsDirectorate@environment.gov.za



The authorised activities shall not commence within twenty (20) days of the date of signature of the authorisation. Further, please note that the Minister may, on receipt of appeals against the authorisation or conditions thereof suspend the authorisation pending the outcome of the appeals procedure.

Yours faithfully,



Mr Ishaam Abada
Deputy Director General: Legal, Authorisations, Compliance and Enforcement
Department of Environmental Affairs

Date:

14/8/2013

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