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PER E-MAIL / MAIL

Dear Mr Maharaj

AMENDMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION ISSUED ON 02 APRIL 2015 THE PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF APPROXIMATELY 15KM 50KV POWER LINE WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF HANTAM LOCAL MUNICIPALITY IN THE NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE

The Environmental Authorisation (EA) issued for the abovementioned application by this Department on 02 April 2015, your application for amendment of the EA received by the Department on 10 April 2017 and the additional information received by the Department on 20 April 2017, refers.

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, on 07 April 2017, has decided to amend the EA dated 02 April 2015, as follows:

Amendment 1: Amendment to transfer ownership from Eskom Holding SOC Limited to Transnet SOC Limited:

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## To

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The applicant applied to transfer ownership of the EA from Eskom Holding SOC Limited to Transnet SOC Limited since Transnet is the one that will be funding and building this electrical infrastructure. Therefore it is in the best interest of both parties for Transnet to take over the responsibilities and accountability roles of the environmental approvals and permits obtained for this project.

# Amendment 2: amend the project description on page 6 of the EA:

#### **Current wording**

"Construction of approximately 15km 50kV power line from Eskom Helios Substation to the proposed New Transnet Helios Traction Feeder Substation within the jurisdiction of Hantam Local Municipality in the Northern Cape Province."

#### To

"Construction of approximately 15km 50kV power line from Eskom Helios Main Transmission Substation to Transnet Helios Traction Feeder Substation within the jurisdiction of Hantam Local Municipality in the Northern Cape Province."

The applicant applied to amend the project title and description to ensure sound implementation and management of the conditions of environmental approvals and other statutory approvals or agreements.

This proposed amendment letter must be read in conjunction with the EA dated 02 April 2015.

In terms of Regulation 4(2) of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014 (the 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 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 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: <a href="mailto:appealsdirectorate@environment.gov.za">appealsdirectorate@environment.gov.za</a>

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, 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 or request a copy of the documents at appealsdirectorate@environment.gov.za.

Yours faithfully

Mr Sabelo Malaza

Chief Director: Integrated Environmental Authorisations

**Department of Environmental Affairs** 

Date: 04/05/2017

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