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PER EMAIL / MAIL

Dear Mr Gordon

AMENDMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION ISSUED ON 03 MAY 2016 FOR THE PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF A SWITCHING STATION, 132kV POWER LINE DOUBLE CIRCUIT OVERHEAD POWERLINE AND ANCILLARIES FOR THE AUTHORISED SOETWATER WIND FARM NEAR SUTHERLAND WITHIN THE KAROO HOOGLAND LOCAL MUNICIPALITY OF NAMAKWA DISTRICT IN NORTHERN CAPE

The Environmental Authorisation (EA) issued for the above application by this Department on 03 May 2016 and your application for amendment to the EA received by this Department on 18 of May 2016 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, has decided to amend the EA dated 03 May 2016 as follows:

- The co-ordinates on page five of the environmental authorisation is amended:

From:

New Switching Station	Latitude (S)	Longitude (E)
Centre point of activity	32°48'40.19"	20°37'27.76"
New Proposed Power line Corridor	Latitude	Longitude
Starting point of activity	32°48'41.02"	20°37'28.07"
Middle point of activity	32°52'20.19"	20°38'47.88"
End point of activity	32°55'54.65"	20°35'43.28"

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To:

New Switching Station	Latitude (S)	Longitude (E)
Centre point of activity	32°44'51.26"	20°38'44.22"
New Proposed Power line Corridor	Latitude	Longitude
Starting point of activity	32°44'51.74"	20°38'43.56"
Middle point of activity	32°46'41.88"	20°38'27.23"
End point of activity	32°48'39.44"	20°37'29.23"

- The listed activity below was applied for, but was erroneously omitted from the EA. The activity is hereby approved.

<p>R985, Activity 18: <i>The widening of a road by more than 4 metres; or the lengthening of a road by more than 1 kilometre</i> <i>(a) In Northern Cape Province</i> <i>(ii) Outside urban areas, in:</i> <i>(bb) National Protected Area Expansion Strategy Focus Area</i> <i>(ee) Critical biodiversity areas or ecosystem service areas as identified in system Biodiversity plans adopted by the competent authority or in bioregional plans.</i></p>	<p>Where existing roads can be utilised as access roads, these roads could require widening by more than 4m or lengthening by more than a kilometre.</p>
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This letter must be read in conjunction with the EA dated 03 May 2016.

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 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 2 of Government Notice No. R.993, which prescribes the appeal procedure to be followed. An appellant must submit an 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.

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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.

Appeals must be submitted in writing to:

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

Tel: (012) 399 9356

Email: Appealsdirector@environment.gov.za

Please note that in terms of section 43(7) of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998, an appeal under section 43 of that Act 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.

For guidance on appeals submitted to the Minister in terms of NEMA and the SEMAs, please find a copy of the guideline on the administration of appeals on the Department's website:
(https://www.environment.gov.za/documents/forms#legal_authorisations).

Kindly include a copy of this document with the letter of notification to interested and affected parties.

Yours faithfully



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Chief Director: Integrated Environmental Authorisations
Department of Environmental Affairs

Date: 30/05/2016

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