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Director: Integrated Environmental Authorisations
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Attention: Mr Herman Alberts

Dear Sir

APPLICATION FOR DEVIATION FROM PUBLIC PARTICIPATION REGULATIONS - ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION APPLICATION (BASIC ASSESSMENT) FOR THE PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW CASHAN SUBSTATION, 132KV DISTRIBUTION POWER LINE AND ACCESS ROAD TO THE EXISTING HEKPOORT SUBSTATION, GAUTENG AND NORTH WEST PROVINCE

DEA Reference Number: 14/12/16/3/3/1/1273

Eskom Holdings SOC Ltd appointed Ms. Manda Hinsch from SRK Consulting (SA) (Pty) Ltd (SRK) as the independent Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) to undertake the Environmental Authorization Application (basic assessment) and associated stakeholder engagement process.

Public Participation actions already undertaken by SRK to inform members of the public of the availability of the Draft Basic Assessment Report and the details of the proposed project include the following:

- Advertisement appeared in The Citizen newspaper on Wednesday, 4 March 2015; and
- 24 x English Site Notices were erected along the proposed power line routes (both preferred and alternative from the Hekpoort substation to the proposed site for the Cashan substation (refer to Annexure 1).

Public Participation actions still to be undertaken by SRK to inform members of the public of the basic assessment and the details of the proposed project include Public Open Day in March 2015 at the Hekpoort Community Hall.

Deviation is requested in terms of Public Participation, from GN R 543 Regulation No 54 (2) (b) (ii) and (iii), due to the linear nature of the proposed power line and substation as well as the potential number of

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squatters on the properties affected by the proposed power line and substation. Occupiers of the directly affected land and occupiers of adjacent land parcels are scattered over large areas and closer to the proposed Cashan substation a large number of occupiers fall within the notification area. The written notification required by GN R 543 (54)(2)(b)(i) and (iii) are therefore neither feasible nor reasonable.

SRK proposes the following deviations be granted by the Department for the written notification of land occupiers:

Regulation	Required action	Proposed action
54(2)(b)	Giving written notice to -	
54(2)(b)(ii)	the occupiers of the site where the activity is or is to be undertaken or to any alternative site where the activity is to be undertaken;	Land owners will be requested to disseminate the written notifications to the occupiers on their properties. Site notices have also been placed along the route at entrances to some properties to inform passersby.
54(2)(b)(iii)	owners and occupiers of land adjacent to the site where the activity is or is to be undertaken or to any alternative site where the activity is to be undertaken;	Land owners will be requested to disseminate the written notifications to the occupiers on their properties. Site notices have also been placed along the route at entrances to some properties to inform passersby.

We trust that the information provided is sufficient to make a decision on the application for deviation and we thank you for your consideration.

Yours faithfully,

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