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PER MAIL / E-MAIL

Dear Mr Churchill

APPLICATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION: PROPOSED MARINE TELECOMMUNICATION SYSTEM (ACE CABLE SYSTEM) TO BE LANDED AT VAN RIEBEEKSTRAND ON THE WEST COAST, WESTERN CAPE PROVINCE

The Final Scoping Report (FSR) and Plan of Study for Environmental Impact Assessment dated January 2017 and received by the Department on 11 January 2017 refer.

The Department has evaluated the submitted FSR and the Plan of Study for Environmental Impact Assessment dated January 2017 and is satisfied that the documents comply with the minimum requirements of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2014. The FSR is hereby accepted by the Department in terms of regulation 22(1)(a) of the EIA Regulations, 2014.

You may proceed with the environmental impact assessment process in accordance with the tasks contemplated in the Plan of Study for Environmental Impact Assessment, as required in terms of the EIA Regulations, 2014.

All comments and recommendations made by all stakeholders and Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) in the draft SR and submitted as part of the final SR must be taken into consideration when preparing the Environmental Impact Assessment report (EIAR) in respect of the proposed development. Please ensure that all mitigation measures and recommendations in the specialist studies are addressed and included in the EIAR and Environmental Management Programme (EMPr).

Please ensure that comments from all the relevant stakeholders are submitted to the Department with the draft and final Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR). This includes but is not limited to CapeNature, the Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning, City of Cape Town, Eskom, South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA), Telkom, the Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS), the Department of Agriculture Forest and Fisheries (DAFF) and the Department of Environmental Affairs: Biodiversity, Oceans and Coast Division. Proof of correspondence with the various stakeholders must be included in the EIAR. Should you be unable to

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obtain the comments within the legislated timeframes, proof of submission of the report or the attempts that were made to obtain comments must be included in draft and final EIAr.

In addition, the following must be addressed in the EIAr:

- a) Please ensure that the EIAr and EMPr comply with Appendix 3 and Appendix 4 of Regulation 2014, before submission to the Department. You are also required to address all issues raised by organs of state and I&APs prior to the submission of the EIAr to the Department, particularly comments received from: Telkom, Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning, Cape Nature, SAHRA and City of Cape Town.
- b) Ensure that a hard copy of the draft EIAr is submitted to Mr Herman Oosthuizen (Department of Environmental Affairs: Biodiversity and Coastal Research) for comment.
- c) The Department has noted that the application form has been amended to include activity 15 of GN R.983 of Environmental Impact Assessment Regulation, 2014, as per the Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning's commenting letter dated 09 December 2016; however the amended application form is not original signed. You are therefore requested to submit an original signed amended application form with the draft EIAr.
- d) Comments from City of Cape Town dated 12 December 2016 must be taken into consideration when compiling the EMPr.
- e) A Risk Assessment and Emergency / Evacuation Management Plan for the marine telecommunications system (during the construction and operational phases) must be attached to the EIAr.
- f) An environmental sensitivity map indicating environmental sensitive areas and features identified during the EIA process must be included in the EIAr.
- g) A map combining the final layout superimposed (overlain) on the environmental sensitivity map.

Please ensure that the draft and final EIAr includes at least one A3 regional map of the area and that the locality maps included in the draft and final EIAr illustrate all the major development components which require environmental authorisation. The maps must be of acceptable quality and as a minimum, have the following attributes:

- Maps are relatable to one another;
- Cardinal points;
- Co-ordinates;
- Legible legends;
- Indicate alternatives;
- Latest land cover;
- Vegetation types of the study area; and
- A3 size locality map.

You are further reminded to comply with regulation 23 (1), (2), (3), (4) and (5) of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations (2014). Should you fail to meet any of the timeframes stipulated in Regulation 21(1) of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations (2014), your application will lapse.

You are requested to submit two (2) copies of the Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAr) to the Department and at least two (2) electronic copies (CD/DVD) of the complete draft and final report with the hard copy documents.

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You are hereby reminded of Section 24F of the National Environmental Management Act, Act No 107 of 1998, as amended, that no activity may commence prior to an environmental authorisation being granted by the Department

Yours sincerely



Mr Sabelo Malaza

Chief Director: Integrated Environmental Authorisations

Department of Environmental Affairs

Letter signed by: Ms Sindiswa Dlomo

Designation: Acting Director: Integrated Environmental Authorisations

Date: 08/02/2017

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Ms. S. Dlomo
Control Grade A: Public Sector

Dear S. Dlomo

APPOINTMENT AS ACTING DIRECTOR: INTEGRATED ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION FOR THE PERIOD 06/02/2017 to 17/03/2017

I hereby inform you that I have decided to appoint you as the Acting Director: Integrated Environmental Authorization (IEA) for the period of 06/02/2017 to 17/03/2017 whilst the post of Director: Integrated Environmental Authorization is vacant.

All the correspondence and other documents that are usually sign by the Director: Integrated Environmental Authorization must be signed under Acting Director: Integrated Environmental Authorization during the above-mentioned period.

Your appointment in the above acting position remains subject to the provisions of the Public Service Act, 1994 (Proclamation No. 103 of 1994), as amended, the Government Employees Pension Fund Act, 1996 (Proclamation No. 21 of 1996), the regulations promulgated under these Acts and relevant circulars.

In the execution of your duties and the exercising of the powers delegated to you, you will furthermore be subjected to the provisions of the Public Finance Management Act, compliance with the Promotion of Access to Information Act, Promotion of Administrative Justice Act, the Minimum Information Security Standard, Departmental Policies and other applicable legislations with the Republic of South Africa. You are therefore advised to make yourself familiar with the provisions of this legislations and policies and the amendments thereof (Copies of Departmental policies can be obtained from the Human Resource Office).

Please accept my heartfelt gratitude for all your assistance on behalf of the department.

Yours sincerely

Mr Ishaam Abader
DDG: LACE
Date: 02.02.17

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I ~~ACCEPT~~ / DO NOT ACCEPT appointment
as Acting Director/IEA

Signed:  _____

Date: 06/02/2017