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## **COMMENTS FOR THE BACKGROUND INFORMATION DOCUMENT FOR THE PROPOSED ISUNDU 765/400 KV SUB-STATION AND TURN-IN TRANSMISSION LINES. DEA EIA REFERENCE NUMBER: 14/12/16/3/3/2/745; 12/12/20/1397/AM2**

The Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF) appreciates the opportunity given to review and comment on the Background Information Document (BID) for the above mentioned development.

With regards to the document received on the 28<sup>nd</sup> of November 2014. The Department request that a Vegetation Specialist Assessment (VSA) is conducted for the proposed sites and the report should be included in the draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report (DEIAR). The VSA should include the following proposed sites: the sub-station site; access roads; servitudes; alternative sites; microwave communication tower site; oil and fuel storage facility site and other sites for the infrastructure associated with the sub-station. This study will assist in determining the impact that the development may have on the indigenous trees, natural

forests and/or protected trees in terms of the National Forests Act of 1998 (Act no. 84 of 1998).

DAFF further request that the Environmental Management Plan should include a list of indigenous trees which will be planted during the landscaping phase and the rehabilitation of sites with structures which may be demolished. Further comments will be issued upon receipt of the DEIAR.

Should any further information be required, please do not hesitate to contact this office.

Yours faithfully

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