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Dear Ms Armstrong,

Rainbow Farms (Pty) Ltd: Eskom Proposed Isundu 765/400 KV Sub-Station and Turn-in Transmission Lines (Your Reference: ARMSTRONG/MAT3639)

Your email of 29 June 2015 and letter of 13 July 2015 have reference.

Herewith please find copies of:

1. Letter of notification of the environmental authorization (dated 16 August 2012).
2. Advertisement (dated 22 August 2012).

The letter was either emailed or posted to all Interested and Affected Parties on the project data base. The advertisement appeared in the following newspapers: Ilanga, Natal Witness, Estcourt & Midlands News, Galaxy, Greytown Gazette, Sunday Tribune and Maritzburg Sun.

In response to your additional questions, please see hereunder:

1. Notifications to Rainbow of the Environmental Authorisations dated 29 May 2012 and 11 June 2012.

The public was not initially notified of these Environmental Authorisations because they contained serious errors which would have caused confusion to the public (in what was already a complicated project). The Department of Environmental Affairs and Tourism corrected the Environmental Authorisations and reissued them as amendments, of which the public was notified via letters and advertisements (please see above).

2. Notification of the amended authorisations dated 14 August 2012 and 15 August 2012.

Please see above.

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3. Proof of any other communication between ACER and Rainbow besides the e-mail correspondence to and from X. Mkhaba as referred to in your letter of the 29 June 2015.

While Rainbow was sent 27 different letters for this project, our only record of Rainbow communicating to ACER is the communication from X. Mkhaba.

4. The authorizations and the approved amendments for the construction of the 2x400 KV transmission lines from the new Sigma sub-station to the Hector sub-station and the installation of 3x400 KV feeder bays at Hector sub-station; and the construction of the 765 KV transmission line from the Venus sub-station to the proposed Sigma sub-station near Albert Falls in both authorisations contains no annexures or detailed descriptions of the approved corridor. Kindly provide visual depictions of the approved corridors in a format easily visible to the eye being at least on an A4 document per corridor.

Please see attached map.

5. Kindly also provide the following as it relates to the conditions of authorisation:
a) The approved EMP.

Please see attached.

- b) The final layout on an environmental sensitivity map indicating *inter alia* contractors' camps, access roads, maintenance roads and the existing power lines.

This is a condition of the Environmental Authorisation which must still be addressed by Eskom.

- c) The authorisations refer to demarcated servitudes. Kindly provide a diagram indicating where these demarcated servitudes are and any agreements that have been entered into relating to the servitudes.

The servitudes are subject to negotiation between Eskom and individual landowners. This is work in progress which must still be finalized. Hence, this information is unavailable at this time.

- d) The transport management plan.

This is a condition of the Environmental Authorisation and must still be developed by Eskom.

- e) Any offset agreements that have been entered into.

This is a condition of authorization for the 765 kV transmission line between the Venus and Sigma Sub-stations. At this stage, it is unknown if an offset area is required as Eskom is presently negotiating servitudes; therefore, there are no agreements at present.

- f) Any agreements or correspondence entered into with Rainbow or any other farm land owner allowing access to or construction upon the land owner's property.

This would need to come from Eskom as the Environmental Assessment Practitioner is not involved in servitude negotiations.

We trust that this information is of value.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'PJ Scherzer', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

ACER (Africa) Environmental Consultants

Mr PJ Scherzer

Environmental Assessment Practitioner

Attachments

1. Letter of notification of the environmental authorization (dated 16 August 2012).
2. Advertisement (dated 22 August 2012).
3. VSHA Corridor Map.
4. VSHA Environmental Management Plan