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Dear Ms Kallicahran,

PROPOSED ISUNDU 765/400 KV SUB-STATION AND TURN-IN TRANSMISSION LINES
DEA EIA REF: 14/12/16/3/3/2/745
Comments submitted on the DEIAR

Your letter of 20 December 2016 has reference. This letter provides bulleted responses to only the points raised that require responses, the other points are duly noted.

- Point 1: ACER is uncertain of what is meant by this comment. Stakeholders were afforded over 40 days to comment on the DEIAR from 31 October 2016 to 15 December 2016. In addition, stakeholders were encouraged to still submit comments right into early January 2017.
- Point 22: RCL Foods appealed the Kingsthorpe development in 2012 not on the compatibility of land use but on the fact that their poultry would be affected and RCL Foods had not been notified of the EIA. The applicant did not respond to the appeals and, thus, the MEC ruled in favour of RCL Foods. This EIA has comprehensively addressed issues related to RCL Food's production, even though it now appears RCL are disposing of the property. Other land-use compatibility issues have also been considered and addressed in detail.

In response to Point 23, ACER has arranged an authorities site visit on the 14 March 2017 to which you have been invited. During this site visit and discussions, ACER wishes to discuss with KZN DEDTEA and the other authorities, the comments submitted in terms of the relocation of ABOPs and also the need and requirements for offset mitigation and how it may be achieved.

ACER will update the EIAR and EMPr based on these discussions and the points already raised.

Yours sincerely,



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