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Attention: Mareiki Straueli

PROJECT UPDATE: APPLICATIONS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION FOR THE PROPOSED CAPACITY IMPROVEMENTS TO N2 AND N3 NATIONAL ROUTES WITHIN THE ETHEKWINI METROPOLITAN MUNICIPALITY, KWAZULU-NATAL.

The Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF) appreciates the opportunity given to comment on the project update for the above mentioned development. DAFF through the sub-directorate Forestry Regulations and Support is the authority mandated to implement the National Forests Act, 1998 (Act No. 84 of 1998) as amended, by regulating the use of natural forests and protected tree species in terms of the said Act.

With respect to the project update, the proposed relocation of the parallel pipelines will require a 500m by 6m wide working servitude to be cleared. Which will result to additional vegetation loss as a result of the project. The Department still requests that a vegetation assessment study should be conducted as indicated in the comments previously issued for the Background Information Document (dated: 01/08/2016). Further comments will be issued upon receipt and review of the Basic Assessment Report.

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

This letter does not exempt you from considering other legislations.

Yours faithfully

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