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PER EMAIL / MAIL

Dear Sir/Madam

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT OF THE BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED CAPACITY IMPROVEMENTS TO NATIONAL ROUTE 3 (N3) WITHIN THE MKHAMBATHINI AND MSUNDUZI LOCAL MUNICIPALITIES IN THE KWAZULU NATAL PROVINCE

The Department confirms having received the Draft Basic Assessment Report for the abovementioned project on 24 October 2018. You have submitted these documents to comply with the the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014 published under Government Notice R982 in Government Gazette No. 38282 dated 04 December 2014, as amended ('the EIA Regulations, 2014').

You are hereby informed that the Basic Assessment Report (BAR) template was removed from the Departmental website and that the submission of a BAR in the form of a template will no longer be accepted by the Department. You are hereby informed that the Draft BAR submitted with your Application for Environmental Authorisation will be accepted as is. However, all future Basic Assessment Process applications must comply with the requirements contained in Regulation 19 and Annexure 1 of the EIA Regulations, 2014.

Please take note of Regulation 40(3) of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended, which states that potential Interested and Affected Parties, including the Competent Authority, may be provided with an opportunity to comment on reports and plans contemplated in Regulation 40(1) of the EIA Regulations, 2014, prior to the submission of an application but must be provided an opportunity to comment on such reports once an application has been submitted to the Competent Authority.

Further note that in terms of Regulation 45 of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended, this application will lapse if the applicant fails to meet any of the time-frames prescribed in terms of these Regulations, unless an extension has been granted by the Department in terms of Regulation 3(7) of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended.

All documentation delivered to the physical address contained in this form must be delivered during the official Departmental Office Hours Which can be found on the Department's website www.environment.gov.za. No faxed and e-mailed applications; including applications delivered to Security Office or applications placed in the Departmental Tender Box will be accepted.

You are hereby reminded of Section 24F of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998), as amended, that no activity may commence prior to an Environmental Authorisation being granted by the Department.
Kindly quote the abovementioned reference number in any future correspondence in respect of the application.

Yours sincerely



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