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From: Nicholas Chavalala <Nicholas.Chavalala@dmr.gov.za>
Sent: 29 April 2019 08:03 AM
To: Giles Churchill
Subject: RE: IQ/19/0070: Competent Authority between DEA and DMR: Current vs future scenarios

As communicated earlier, please arrange for a consultation meeting with/ to see Mr Kolani Cedrick Thivhulawi (Head of section Environment) at: 015 287 4761 or Cell: 082 818 9566 and Email: Thivhulawi.Kolani@dmr.gov.za

Regards,

From: Giles Churchill [mailto:giles.churchill@acerafrica.co.za]
Sent: Wednesday, 24 April 2019 11:42
To: Nicholas Chavalala
Subject: FW: IQ/19/0070: Competent Authority between DEA and DMR: Current vs future scenarios

Hi Nicholas


The substation will be located on land owned by the Lwala mine but the feeder lines will be located on land outside of the fenced of mine site. in time electricity from this sub-station will also be used to supply the surrounding communities. I have included a Google Earth image below showing the proposed project infrastructure.

Regards
Giles

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Subject: RE: IQ/19/0070: Competent Authority between DEA and DMR: Current vs future scenarios

Morning,

Where will this substation be constructed?

The best way to determine competent authority is to answer this question.

NB: the question to ask is whether this development is in a MINING AREA, not who will be supplied the electricity.

Regards,

Nicholas Chavalala

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From: Giles Churchill [<mailto:giles.churchill@acerafrica.co.za>]

Sent: Tuesday, 23 April 2019 15:57

To: Nicholas Chavalala

Cc: 'Munzhedzi Mudau'

Subject: FW: IQ/19/0070: Competent Authority between DEA and DMR: Current vs future scenarios

Hi Nicholas

I received your contact details from Marius Alers following his discussion with you with regards to who is the competent authority for an Eskom project they are wanting to implement near Burgersfort. Please see the emails below for the DEA responses to my queries as well as the request for pre-application meeting I submitted to the DEA for your information.

Please could you let me know if DMR is in fact the competent authority for this project.

Regards

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Cc: giles.churchill@acerafrica.co.za; 'Munzhedzi Mudau' <MudauMu@eskom.co.za>; Amanda Van Reenen <avanreenen@environment.gov.za>
Subject: IQ/19/0070: Competent Authority between DEA and DMR: Current vs future scenarios

Dear Mathlodi

The IQ Helpdesk had discussions with the CD: Law Reform and Appeals on a number of issues, including this matter and were advised that where the situation at the time of the application is such that the substation will be established for the sole and exclusive use of the mine, the DMR would indeed be the competent authority.

Kind regards
Chantal

From: Mathlodi Mogorosi
Sent: Tuesday, April 16, 2019 9:53 AM
To: IQ
Cc: giles.churchill@acerafrica.co.za; 'Munzhedzi Mudau'
Subject: Request for clarification of Competent Authority between DEA and DMR

Good day,

The above-mentioned subject matter has reference,

A request for a pre-application meeting request was received by the Department on 01 April 2019. In the meeting request the following project description was provided:

"The proposed project involves the construction of a substation and supply of electricity to Lwala Mine, west of the settlement of Ga-Kgoele, near Burgersfort in the Limpopo Province with the following components:

- *2 x 2km new WOLF line for a loop-in-loop-out to the Steelpoort-Twickenham 132kV line;*
- *Construct a new substation called LWALA;*
- *2 x 132kV feeder bays (equip both feeder bays);*
- *2 x 40MVA 132/33kV transformers 2 x 33kV feeder bays".*

From the information provided, the proposed electricity infrastructure will be to supply electricity purely to the Lwala Mine (Current application), with other end-users only being added on at a later stage.

As such; clarity is needed from IQ on whether the Department of Environmental Affairs is the relevant Competent Authority to consider this matter or should the request be submitted to the Department of Mineral Resources for consideration.

Kind regards

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Sent: 15 April 2019 01:49 PM

To: Matlhodi Mogorosi

Cc: 'Munzhedzi Mudau'

Subject: RE: Pre-application meeting: Construction of a substation and supply of electricity to Lwala Mine

Hi Matlhodi

Thankyou for your email however I would just like to clarify the following:

1. The proposed substation and loop in and loop out lines will be constructed to supply Lwala Mine at the moment but the sub station will become a regional substation which will feed electricity to the surrounding communities as and when electrification in the area is rolled out. As such, there will be other end users in time.

I do not understand why DMR will be the competent authority for this application given that the substation will in time service a number of end users.

Regards

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From: Matlhodi Mogorosi <MMogorosi@environment.gov.za>

Sent: 15 April 2019 01:09 PM

To: giles.churchill@acerafrica.co.za

Subject: Pre-application meeting: Construction of a substation and supply of electricity to Lwala Mine

Dear Giles,

The above-mentioned pre-application meeting bear reference.

Apologies for only coming back to you now.

From the information provided in the meeting request, the electricity infrastructure is proposed to be constructed for the supply of electricity to the Lwala Mine. It is not clear if there will be other end-users other than the mine. Please note that should the infrastructure be solely for the supply of the mine, the Department of Mineral Resources is the Competent Authority to liaise with.

As such, please clarify if the project is to supply the mine only with electricity or if there are other end-users that will be supplied with electricity.

Kind regards

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