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Dear Sir

COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED WESKUSFLEUR SUBSTATION AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE, MELKBOSSTRAND, WESTERN CAPE (DEA REF. NO. 14/12/16/3/3/2/508).

The draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report ("EIAR") dated August 2015 and received by the Department on 25 August 2015 and this Directorate's acknowledgement thereof dated 03 September 2015, refer.

Comments on the draft EIAR are as follows:

1. Activity Description:

- 1.1. The activity description is inadequate as it does not provide a detailed description of the infrastructure that will be required for the proposed development. You are therefore required to provide a more detailed description of the proposed development; and
- 1.2. Be advised that you must describe the portions of the proposed development that relate to the applicable listed activities.

2. Applicable Listed Activities:

- 2.1. The applicability of the following listed activities must be clarified and confirmed in the final EIAR:
 - 2.1.1. Activities 9, 11, 13, 18 and 27 of GN No. R.544 of 18 June 2010; and
 - 2.1.2. Activities 3 and 4 of GN No. R.546 of 18 June 2010.
- 2.2. Please note that should more than 300m² of indigenous vegetation be cleared within a critically endangered or endangered ecosystem listed in terms of section 52 of the National Environmental Management: Biodiversity Act, 2004 (Act No. 10 of 2004) – National List of Ecosystems that are threatened and in need of protection (Government Gazette No. 34809 of 09 December 2011), Activity 12 of GN No. R.546 will be triggered in this regard; and

2.3. Your attention is drawn to Regulation 53(3) of the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014 which states:

"Where an application submitted in terms of the previous NEMA regulations, is pending in relation to an activity of which a component of the same activity was not identified under the previous NEMA notices, but is now identified in terms of section 24(2) of the Act, the competent authority must dispense of such application in terms of the previous NEMA regulation and may authorise the activity identified in terms of section 24(2) as if it was applied for, on condition that all impacts of the newly identified activity and requirements of these Regulations have also been considered and adequately assessed." The similarly listed activities in terms of the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014 must be included in the final EIAR.

3. Alternatives:

The portion number(s) and farm number(s) of the site alternatives must be provided in the final EIAR.

4. Public Participation:

- 4.1. Please note that proof of the submission of the Notice of Intent to Develop to Heritage Western Cape must be included in the final EIAR;
- 4.2. Comments from the Department of Water and Sanitation must be obtained and included in the final EIAR;
- 4.3. The Comments and Response report provided relates to comments received on the draft Scoping Report; and
- 4.4. Comments received on the final Scoping Report and draft EIAR must be provided in the final EIAR.

5. General

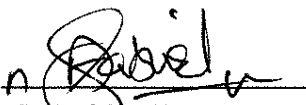
The font size of the text used in the draft EIAR is too small and the maps provided are illegible. You are therefore required to ensure that the information contained in the final EIAR is legible.

6. This Directorate prefers Site Alternative 1 as the preferred alternative due to the fact that Site Alternative 1 has been previously disturbed. Site Alternative 4 is not preferred as it will result in the clearance of a significantly larger area and will result in the loss of approximately 42ha of critically endangered vegetation.

This Department reserves the right to revise or withdraw comments or request further information based on any information received.

Your interest in the future of our environment is greatly appreciated.

Yours faithfully



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