

RE: Engagement with DEA: MES Postponement Application for Eskom's Fleet of Coal and Fuel-Fired Power Stations in MPU Highveld, Vaal Triangle and Cape Region

Derrick Makhubele [DMakhubele@environment.gov.za]

Sent: 03 September 2018 02:38 PM

To: Marissa Botha

Dear Marissa

The subject matter refers

As indicated telephonically, it is not necessary to have DEA involved in the public participation process. Please ensure that all the interested and affected parties are thoroughly consulted and given a platform to raise their concerns.

Regards

Derrick Makhubele

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From: Marissa Botha [mailto:botham@naledzi.co.za]

Sent: Monday, 03 September 2018 12:52 PM

To: Derrick Makhubele

Cc: Vumile Senene; Desmond Musetsho; Dr. Thulie Khumalo; Lydia Alade; sobeirne@tiscali.co.za

Subject: RE: Engagement with DEA: MES Postponement Application for Eskom's Fleet of Coal and Fuel-Fired Power Stations in MPU Highveld, Vaal Triangle and Cape Region

Importance: High

Good day Derrick,

Our discussions via email and telephone in August 2018 refers.

Let me introduce myself again, Marissa Botha from Naledzi Environmental Consultants Pty Ltd.

ESKOM HOLDINGS SOC Ltd intends applying for postponement of the Minimum Emission Standards set by the National Environmental Management: Air Quality Act 39 of 2004 for their Coal- and Liquid Fuel Fired Power Stations situated in the Mpumalanga Highveld, Vaal Region as well as Eastern- and Western Cape Province.

We, Naledzi have been appointed by Eskom to facilitate the public participation process as part of the MES Postponement Application process and will be responsible for all notifications and consultations relevant to the application. The intention is the kick off the first phase of public engagement from 13 August 2018 to 11 September 2018.

We sent a query on 6 and 13 August 2018 relating to Naledzi's request to have an engagement meeting with DEA as part of the public engagement process for Eskom's postponement application. In previous telephonic communication the stance was that this is not necessary.

We have not received an official response to the query as yet. May DEA please confirm if this is still the stance and if any engagement meeting is required before the official MES Postponement Application is lodged?

Engagement already took place on district level on 30 July and 1 August 2018 for the project.

Kind regards,

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From: Marissa Botha

Sent: 13 August 2018 09:20 AM

To: dmakhubele@environment.gov.za

Cc: Vumile Senene; Desmond Musetsho; tkhumalo@environment.gov.za

Subject: RE: Engagement with DEA: MES Postponement Application for Eskom's Fleet of Coal and Fuel-Fired Power Stations in MPU Highveld, Vaal Triangle and Cape Region

Good day Derrick,

Our telephonic conversation on 6 August 2018 at 03:03pm refers.

In our discussion with Vumile Senene on 9 July 2018, we requested to schedule an engagement meeting with DEA in the week of 30 July to 3 August 2018 to transfer the same information as provided to the District Air Quality Officials. The response to the request was that this meeting is not necessary. DEA is reluctant to meet with the applicant before an official application is lodged.

On 6 August 2018 we also had a discussion with you in this regard. Your response was that Eskom has already undertaken this type of process and there is no need to get involved again in pre consultation.

On 6 August 2018 we directed an email to yourself and Mr Vumile in which we wanted written confirmation that this was still DEA's stance and if any further engagement meeting is required between Naledzi, Eskom and DEA as part of the process before the official MES Postponement Application.

Mr Senene's response to the request was that you are to provide written confirmation in this regard.

Please confirm in writing to us if this is still DEA's stance and if any further engagement meeting is required between Naledzi, Eskom and DEA as part of the process before the official MES Postponement Application is lodged?

Your confirmation in this regard would be highly appreciated.

Kind regards,

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From: Vumile Senene [VSenene@environment.gov.za]

Sent: 06 August 2018 04:54 PM

To: Marissa Botha

Subject: Re: Engagement with DEA: MES Postponement Application for Eskom's Fleet of Coal and Fuel-Fired Power Stations in MPU Highveld, Vaal Triangle and Cape Region

Dear Marissa,

As indicated during our telephonic conversation, I am responsible for postponements matters. The contact person is Derrick Makhubele (copied).

Thanks

Sent from my iPad

On 06 Aug 2018, at 15:52, Marissa Botha <botham@naledzi.co.za> wrote:

Good day Vumile,

Our telephonic discussion on 9 July 2018 at 09:34am refers.

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We, Naledzi Environmental Consultants CC have been appointed by Eskom to facilitate the public participation process as part of the MES Postponement Application process and will be responsible for all notifications and consultations relevant to the application. The intention is the kick off the first phase of public engagement from 13 August 2018 to 11 September 2018.

To start off the process we have met with the relevant District Air Quality officials on 30 July and 1 August 2018 to inform the authorities of the application and proposed public engagement process. During the engagement meeting we shared the planned approach to the public engagement and application process. Naledzi also intended to have the same engagement meeting with the authorising authority, Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA).

In our discussion with you on 9 July 2018, we requested to schedule an engagement meeting with DEA in the week of 30 July to 3 August 2018 to transfer the same information as provided to the District Air Quality Officials. Your response to the request was that this meeting is not necessary. DEA is reluctant to meet with the applicant before an official application is lodged.

Please confirm if this is still DEA's stance and if any further engagement meeting is required between Naledzi, Eskom and DEA as part of the process before the official MES Postponement Application is lodged?

Your confirmation in this regard would be highly appreciated.

Kind regards,

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