

DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT

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**NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT ACT, 1998
(ACT NO. 107 OF 1998)****AMENDMENT OF THE IDENTIFICATION IN TERMS OF SECTION 24(5)(a) AND (b) OF THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT ACT, 1998, OF THE PROCEDURE TO BE FOLLOWED IN APPLYING FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION FOR LARGE SCALE ELECTRICITY TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES IDENTIFIED IN TERMS OF SECTION 24(2)(a) OF THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT ACT, 1998 WHEN OCCURRING IN GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS OF STRATEGIC IMPORTANCE**

I, Barbara Dallas Creecy, Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment hereby, in terms of section 24(5)(a) and (b) of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) and regulation 15(2) of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014, as amended, amend the procedures published under Government Notice No. 113 of Government Gazette No. 41445 of 16 February 2018, as set out in the Schedule hereto.



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MINISTER OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT

SCHEDULE**Substitution of paragraph 4 of Government Notice No. 113 published in Government Gazette No. 41445 of 16 February 2018**

1. Paragraph 4 is substituted with the following paragraph:

- "4. The timeframe for decision making as contained in the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations 2014, as amended for purposes of the applications for environmental authorisation is 57 days and applies to —
- activity 11 of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations Listing Notice 1 of 2014, as amended;
 - activity 9 of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations Listing Notice 2 of 2014, as amended;

and any other listed or specified activities necessary for the realisation of such facilities.

Substitution of paragraph 5 of Government Notice No. 113 published in Government Gazette No. 41445 of 16 February 2018

2. Paragraph 5 is substituted with the following paragraph:

- "5. For applications for environmental authorisation for large scale electricity transmission and distribution facilities, where such facilities trigger—
- activity 11 of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations Listing Notice 1 of 2014, as amended, and any other listed or specified activities necessary for the realisation of such facilities; or
 - activity 9 of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations Listing Notice 2 of 2014, as amended, and any other listed or specified activities necessary for the realisation of such facilities;

routes that have been pre-negotiated with landowners must be submitted as part of such applications for environmental authorisation."

Transitional arrangements

3. An application for environmental authorisation which is pending when these amendments take effect must be dispensed with as if these amendments have not yet taken effect.