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Dear Mr Tripathi

**PETITION TO LIFT THE SUSPENSION RELATING TO AN APPEAL SUBMITTED IN
TERMS OF SECTION 148(1) OF THE NATIONAL WATER ACT, 1998 (ACT NO. 36 OF
1998) IN RESPECT OF THE WATER USE LICENCE ISSUED TO ATHA AFRICA
VENTURES FOR ITS PROPOSED YZERMYN UNDERGROUND COAL MINE**

I refer to your petition to lift the suspension of the licence, pending the appeal, received in January 2017, as well as the representation made the Centre of Environmental Rights (CER) indicating why, I should not lift the suspension, pending the appeal.

Having considered representations by CER and yourself, I am inclined to agree that that the continued suspension of your license will be highly prejudicial and detrimental to AAV's lawfully obtained authorisations. I further hold a view that the issues raised by the Appellants can be better ventilated before the Water Tribunal. Consequently, I have decided to grant your request to lift the suspension of your licence.

Yours sincerely

**MRS NPMOKONYANE
MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION**

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