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Dear Minister

**APPELLANT'S ANSWERING STATEMENT IN TERMS OF REGULATION 63(2)(b) OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT REGULATIONS, 2010 GN R543, IN RESPECT OF THE APPEAL AGAINST THE AUTHORISATION FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A 1200MW COAL-FIRED POWER STATION AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE-IPP THABAMETSI POWER STATION NEAR LEPHALALE, LIMPOPO PROVINCE**

1. We address you on behalf of Earthlife Africa, Johannesburg, the Appellant in relation to the above matter.
2. We hereby submit, under cover of this letter, our client's Answering Statement in response to the Responding Statement filed by the Second Respondent, Newshelf 1282 (Pty) Limited, in the above matter on 10 June 2015.
3. The Answering Statement is submitted in accordance with regulation 63(2)(b) of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (NEMA) Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2010, and we hereby confirm that this letter, the enclosed Answering Statement and supporting documentation are copied - and

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will be sent simultaneously - to the attorneys of the Second Respondent, in order to comply with regulation 63(2)(c).

4. Kindly confirm receipt of this letter, as well as the enclosed Answering Statement and annexures.
5. Should you have any queries, or require any additional information, please let us know.

Yours faithfully

**CENTRE FOR ENVIRONMENTAL RIGHTS**



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