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Dear Applicant,

**RE: APPLICATION FOR POSTPONEMENT OF COMPLIANCE TIME-FRAMES WITH NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT: AIR QUALITY ACT 39 OF 2004 S21 MINIMUM EMISSION STANDARDS – GROOTVLEI POWER STATION**

The above-mentioned application has reference.

Your application has been processed and the National Air Quality Officer has made the decision (with the concurrence of the Atmospheric Emission Licensing Authority), as follows:

S21 Category	Appliance	Postponement Sought	Emission Standards			Decision
			Minimum Emission Standards (mg/Nm <sup>3</sup> )			
			Pollutant	2015	2020	
Subcategory 1.1: Solid Fuel Burning Appliances	6 Units	350mg/Nm <sup>3</sup> for 2015-2018	PM	100	50	Postponement of compliance with the minimum emission standards for existing plant, which is based on refurbishment timelines is granted as follows: 350mg/Nm <sup>3</sup> from 01 April 2015 to 31 December 2016; 200mg/Nm <sup>3</sup> from 01 January 2017 to 31 March 2018; and 100mg/Nm <sup>3</sup> from 01 April 2018 to 31 March 2020.
		100 mg/Nm <sup>3</sup> for 2018-2020				
		3800mg/Nm <sup>3</sup> for 2015-2020	SO <sub>2</sub>	3500	500	Our finding is that the facility is operating in compliance with the minimum emission standards for existing plant. Therefore postponement of compliance with the minimum emission standard for new plant is granted from 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2025 with a limit of



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			Minimum Emission Standards (mg/Nm <sup>3</sup> )		Decision	
					3500mg/Nm <sup>3</sup> during this period due to the expected emissions, which are based on the sulphur content of the fuel.	
		1200mg/Nm <sup>3</sup> for 2015-2020	NOx	1100	750	Postponement of compliance with the minimum emission standards for new plant is granted from 01 April 2020 to 31 March 2025 with a limit of 1100mg/Nm <sup>3</sup> during this period.

\*The station is scheduled to be decommissioned between 2025 and 2028 according to the 50-year life span.

\*\* All minimum emission standards are expressed on a daily average basis, under normal conditions of 273 K, 101.3 KPa, 10% oxygen and dry gas.

This decision will have to be reflected in your Atmospheric Emission License to be of force and effect. You are required to liaise with the relevant Atmospheric Emission Licensing Authority in this regard as soon as is reasonably possible so that the required amendments, variations and additions to your Atmospheric Emission License can be effected.

In addition, you are to implement an offset programme to reduce PM pollution in the ambient/receiving environment. A definite offset implementation plan is expected from yourselves by 31 March 2016.

Thank you for the co-operation in matters regarding your application.

Yours sincerely,



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**Designation: National Air Quality Officer**

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