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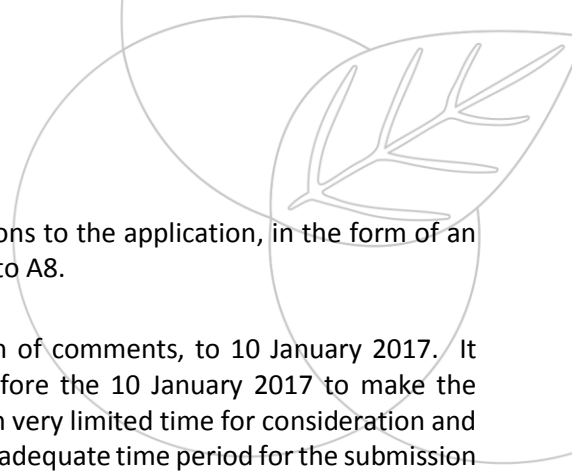
Our ref: CER 12.4/RH/NL
15 December 2016

Dear Sirs

WRITTEN OBJECTIONS TO THABAMETSI'S NERSA LICENCE APPLICATION

1. We act for Earthlife Africa Johannesburg ("our client").
2. We submit, under cover of this letter, our client's objections to the licence application lodged with the National Energy Regulator of South Africa (NERSA) by Thabametsi Power Company (Pty) Limited.

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3. Please find attached, marked "Annexure A", our client's written objections to the application, in the form of an affidavit as required, along with 8 annexures to the affidavit marked A1 to A8.
 4. We confirm that you have granted us an extension for the submission of comments, to 10 January 2017. It subsequently transpired that our client will not be available on or before the 10 January 2017 to make the objections, accordingly our client has had to submit objections now, with very limited time for consideration and comment, in order to meet the deadline. We still do not regard this as an adequate time period for the submission of objections, and we trust, that we will have a further opportunity to make submissions in a public hearing next year.
 5. We attach a PDF unsigned copy of the affidavit, for your ease of reference in accessing the numerous links referenced in the objections. We have refrained from attaching all documents referred to in order to limit the volume of the affidavit. Please, however, let us know if you require copies of any of the referenced records, which have not been attached.
 6. We will wait to hear from you regarding the public hearings to be held in relation to this application. We point out that it would be reasonable to give at least 30 days' notice of the proposed hearing date, in order for our client to adequately prepare.
 7. Kindly confirm receipt and let us know should you have any queries or require any further information.

Yours faithfully

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