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Subject FW: Status of Eskom's MES postponement/suspension applications - October 2019

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Good day Robyn,

1. Tutuka: No decision has been issued yet. DEA has requested additional information to be submitted to assist in the decision making for the postponement application. The data is being generated for submission to DEA.
2. Eskom will soon commence with the application for postponement process for Grootvlei, Acacia, Port Rex, Medupi and Matimba power stations. It is anticipated to start mid July /August with submission to DEA before March 2020. The work schedule and full details are still being finalised.
3. Latest round of applications (2018/2019): DEA has commented on the applications and have requested additional information. The requested information is currently being generated for submission to DEA.

Kind regards,

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Send To... Cc... Subject RE: Medupi and Matimba submission

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Hi Tim

Response to your query below.

1. Eskom has submitted all outstanding information in terms of its MES applications to DEFF by 31 August 2020 as required by the Minister of DEFF. This includes the additional technical information in respect of the previous Highveld MES applications, MES applications for Grootvlei, Acacia and Port Rex, Medupi and Matimba.
2. In the Medupi and Matimba applications (which are on the consultant's website, so this is officially public knowledge) we write - "A strict interpretation of the amendment of the MES regulations in 2018 has potentially restricted the legal mechanisms which would provide the authorities with the ability to grant the required time for the investigation of less costly SO2 reduction technologies and Eskom's financial recovery. This application should thus also be considered as a request for exemption from compliance to the present MES timeframes to the Minister of DEFF, as allowed for in terms of section 59 of NEMAQA, if so required."
3. We are in the process of submitting MES exemption applications in terms of section 59 of the Air Quality act to the Minister of DEFF in respect of Medupi, Matimba and our Highveld stations. Details of these will be shared with stakeholders in due course.

Regards,

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