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Dear Ms Plomp

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT OF THE WITHDRAWAL OF THE FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT REPORT DATED 06 JANUARY 2023 FOR THE PROPOSED GAS TO POWER VIA POWERSHIP PROJECT AT PORT OF RICHARDS BAY, UMHLATHUZE LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, KWAZULU-NATAL

The Department confirms having received your letter dated and received on 02 March 2023 to withdraw the final Environmental Impact Assessment Report dated 06 January 2023 for the abovementioned application for Environmental Authorisation (EA).

Please note that the application for Environmental Authorisation with the Reference Number 14/12/16/3/3/2/2007 is now deemed withdrawn and the application is closed on the Departments side.

The Department is aware of your request to the Minister in terms of Section 47C of the National Environmental Management Act, 107 of 1998 to *"extend, or condone a failure by a person to comply with, a period in terms of this Act or a specific environmental management Act"*. Ministers' decision on the above request will determine the way forward on this application.

Yours faithfully

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Ms Milicent Solomons Acting Chief Director: Integrated Environmental Authorisations Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment Date: 07 March 2023

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