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Dear Interested & Affected Parties,

We trust this email finds you well.

Attached herewith, is the Background Information Document(BID) and notification letter for Basic Assessment and Water Use License Application for the proposed construction of the Impala Zircon temporary By-Pass 132kV line with associated infrastructure and the maintenance of the existing Impala Zircon 132kV main line within the Umhlathuze Local Municipality in KwaZulu-Natal Province..

Kindly note that your comments should reach this office on or before **Tuesday, 7 April 2026**.

Should you have any queries ,do not hesitate to contact the office in the details below.

Trust you will find the above in order.

Kind Regards

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Indlela eya kule Ntambo Yesikhashana neNtambo Kagesi Eyinhloko ihamba eMgwaqweni u-N2 no-R34. Ama-coordinates asesayithini yilawa:

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