



## **environmental affairs**

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### **PER FACSIMILE / MAIL**

Dear Ms Seabe

#### **APPLICATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION IN TERMS OF THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT ACT, 1998: GN R. 385, 386 AND 387: PROPOSED MITCHELL'S PLAIN SUBSTATION, A SWITCHING STATION AND THE 400KV DOUBLE CIRCUIT TRANSMISSION POWERLINE FROM THE PROPOSED MITCHELL'S PLAIN SUBSTATION TO THE PROPOSED SWITCHING STATION IN THE CITY OF CAPE TOWN, WESTERN CAPE PROVINCE**

With reference to the above application, please be advised that the Department has decided to accept the Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR) dated February 2012 and grant authorisation. The environmental authorisation (EA) and reasons for the decision are attached herewith.

In terms of Regulation 10(2) of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2010 (the Regulations), you are instructed to notify all registered interested and affected parties, in writing and within 12 (twelve) days of the date of the EA, of the Department's decision in respect of your application as well as the provisions regarding the submission of appeals that are contained in the Regulations.

Your attention is drawn to Chapter 7 of the Regulations, which prescribes the appeal procedure to be followed. This procedure is summarised in the attached document. Kindly include a copy of this document with the letter of notification to interested and affected parties.

Should the applicant or any other party wish to appeal any aspect of the decision a notice of intention to appeal must be lodged by all prospective appellants with the Minister, within 20 days of the date of the EA, by means of one of the following methods:

By facsimile: 012 320 7561;  
By post: Private Bag X447,  
Pretoria, 0001; or  
By hand: 2nd Floor, Fedsure Building, North Tower,  
cnr. Van der Walt and Pretorius Streets,  
Pretoria.

If the applicant wishes to lodge an appeal, it must also serve a copy of the notice of intention to appeal on all registered interested and affected parties as well as a notice indicating where, and for what period, the appeal submission will be available for inspection, should you intend to submit an appeal.

Please include the Department (*Attention: Director: Environmental Impact Evaluation*) in the list of interested and affected parties, notified through your notification letter to interested and affected parties, for record purposes.

Appeals must be submitted in writing to:

Mr T Zwane, Senior Legal Administration Officer (Appeals) of this Department at the above mentioned addresses or fax number. Mr Zwane can also be contacted at:

Tel: 012-310-3929

Email: [tzwane@environment.gov.za](mailto:tzwane@environment.gov.za)

The authorised activity/ies shall not commence within twenty (20) days of the date of signature of the authorisation. Further, please note that the Minister may, on receipt of appeals against the authorisation or conditions thereof suspend the authorisation pending the outcome of the appeals procedure.

Yours sincerely



**Mr Ishaam Abader**

**Deputy Director-General: Legal, Authorisations, Compliance and Enforcement**

**Department of Environmental Affairs**

**Date:** 11/06/2012

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	Mr T Zwane	Appeals Authority (DEA)	Tel: 012-310-3929	Fax: 012-320-7561

**APPEALS PROCEDURE IN TERMS OF CHAPTER 7 OF THE NEMA EIA REGULATIONS, 2010 (THE REGULATIONS) AS PER GN R. 543 OF 2010 TO BE FOLLOWED BY THE APPLICANT AND INTERESTED AND AFFECTED PARTIES UPON RECEIPT OF NOTIFICATION OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION (EA)**

<b>APPLICANT</b>	<b>INTERESTED AND AFFECTED PARTIES (IAPs)</b>
1. Receive EA from the relevant Competent Authority (the Department of Environmental Affairs [DEA])	1. Receive EA from Applicant/Consultant
2. Within 12 days of date of the EA notify all IAPs of the EA and draw their attention to their right to appeal against the EA in terms of Chapter 7 of the Regulations.	2. N/A
3. If you want to appeal against the EA, submit a notice of intention to appeal within 20 days of the date of the EA. with the Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs (the Minister).	3. If you want to appeal against the EA, submit a notice of intention to appeal within 20 days of the date of the EA. with the Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs (the Minister).
4. After having submitted your notice of intention to appeal to the Minister, provide each registered IAP with a copy of the notice of intention to appeal within 10 days of lodging the notice	4. After having submitted your notice of intention to appeal to the Minister, provide the applicant with a copy of the notice of intention to appeal within 10 days of lodging the notice
5. The Applicant must also serve on each IAP: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a notice indicating where and for what period the appeal submission will be available for inspection.</li> </ul>	5. Appellant must also serve on the Applicant within 10 days of lodging the notice, <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a notice indicating where and for what period the appeal submission will be available for inspection by the applicant.</li> </ul>
6. The appeal must be submitted in writing to the Minister within 30 days after the lapsing of the period of 20 days provided for the lodging of the notice of intention to appeal.	6. The appeal must be submitted to the Minister within 30 days after the lapsing of the period of 20 days provided for the lodging of the notice of intention to appeal.
7. Any IAP who received a notice of intention to appeal may submit a responding statement to that appeal to the Minister within 30 days from the date that the appeal submission was lodged with the Minister.	7. An Applicant who received notice of intention to may submit a responding statement to the appeal to the Minister within 30 days from the date that the appeal submission was lodged with the Minister.

**NOTES:**

**1. An appeal against a decision must be lodged with:-**

- the Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs if the decision was issued by the Director- General of the Department of Environmental Affairs (or another official) acting in his/ her capacity as the delegated Competent Authority;
- the Minister of Justice and Constitutional Development if the applicant is the Department of Water Affairs and the decision was issued by the Director- General of the Department of Environmental Affairs (or another official) acting in his/ her capacity as the delegated Competent Authority;

**2. An appeal lodged with:-**

- the Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs must be submitted to the Department of Environmental Affairs;
- the Minister of Justice and Constitutional Development must be submitted to the Department of Environmental Affairs;

**3. An appeal must be:-**

- submitted in writing;
- accompanied by:
  - a statement setting out the grounds of appeal;
  - supporting documentation which is referred to in the appeal; and
  - a statement that the appellant has complied with regulation 62 (2) or (3) together with copies of the notices referred to in regulation 62.





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# **Environmental Authorisation**

In terms of regulation 37 of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2006

Construction of the Mitchell's Plain Substation, the Switching Station and 2X400kV Double  
Circuit Transmission Powerline from the proposed Mitchell's Plain Substation to another  
proposed Switching Station, Western Cape Province

City of Cape Town Metropolitan Municipality

<b>Authorisation register number:</b>	<i>12/12/20/1867</i>
<b>NEAS reference number:</b>	<i>DEA/EIA/12196/2011</i>
<b>Last amended:</b>	<i>First issue</i>
<b>Holder of authorisation:</b>	<i>Eskom Holdings SOC Limited</i>
<b>Location of activity:</b>	<i>WESTERN CAPE PROVINCE: City of Cape Town Metropolitan Municipality</i>

This authorisation does not negate the holder of the authorisation's responsibility to comply with any other statutory requirements that may be applicable to the undertaking of the activity.

## Decision

The Department is satisfied, on the basis of information available to it and subject to compliance with the conditions of this environmental authorisation, that the applicant should be authorised to undertake the activities specified below.

Non-compliance with a condition of this authorisation may result in criminal prosecution or other actions provided for in the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 and the EIA regulations.

Details regarding the basis on which the Department reached this decision are set out in Annexure 1.

## Activities authorised

By virtue of the powers conferred on it by the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act 107 of 1998) and the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2006 the Department hereby authorises –

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to undertake the following activities (hereafter referred to as "the activity"):



Notice No.	Activity No.	Activity Description (as per the relevant Notice)
GN R. 386	12	<i>The transformation or removal of indigenous vegetation of 3 hectares or more or of any size where the transformation or removal would occur within critically endangered or endangered ecosystem listed in terms of section 52 of the National Environmental Management: Biodiversity Act, 2004 (Act No. 10 of 2004).</i>
GN R. 386	15	<i>The construction of a road that is wider than 4 metres or that has a reserve wider than 6 metres, excluding roads that fall within the ambit of another listed activity or which are access roads of less than 30 metres long.</i>
GN R. 386	16(b)	<i>The construction of undeveloped, vacant or derelict land to residential, mixed, retail, commercial, industrial or institutional use where such development does not constitute infill and where the total area to be transformed is bigger than 1 hectare.</i>
GN R. 386	7	<i>The aboveground storage of a dangerous good, including petrol, diesel, liquid petroleum gas or paraffin, in containers with a combined capacity of more than 30 cubic metres but less than 1000 cubic metres at any one location or site.</i>
GN R. 386	1(m)	<i>The construction of facilities or infrastructure, including associated structures or infrastructure, for any purpose in the one in ten year flood line of a river or stream, or within 32 m from the bank of a river stream where the flood line is unknown, excluding purposes associated with existing residential use, but including –</i> <div style="margin-left: 40px;"><i>(i) Canals;</i> <i>(ii) Channels;</i> <i>(iii) Bridges;</i> <i>(iv) Dams; and</i> <i>(v) Weirs</i></div>
GN R. 386	20	<i>The transformation of an area zoned for use as public open space or for conservation purposes to another use</i>
GN R.387	1 (l)	<i>The construction of facilities or infrastructure, including associated structures or infrastructure, for the transmission and distribution of above</i>

		<i>ground electricity with a capacity of 120 kilovolts or more.</i>
GN R.387	2	<i>Any development activity, including associated structures and infrastructure, where the total area of the development is, or is intended to be, 20 hectares or more.</i>

as described in the Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR) dated February 2012 at the following start-end co-ordinates:

Power-Line Alignment	Pylon Number	Latitude (S)			Longitude (E)		
		Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
MS-Ca	MS-C-1	34	0	53.87	18	36	22.09
	MS-C-35	33	59	9.31	18	39	55.60
MS-Cb	MS-C-36	33	59	8.56	18	40	9.41
	MS-C-47	33	58	7.16	18	40	56.25
MS-Cc	MS-C-48	33	59	50.93	18	37	31.60
	MS-C-53	33	59	45.02	18	38	14.66
MS-Db	MS-D-20	33	57	56.67	18	41	0.57
	MS-D-Gantry 3	33	57	0.37	18	42	20.25

Substation Position	Portion Numbers and Farm Name	Substation Extent	Latitude (S)			Longitude (E)		
			Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
Mitchell's Plain Substation	Portion 10 of the Cape Farm 693	350m x 350m (12.25ha)	34	01	16	18	36	18
Switching Station	Portion 66 of the Farm Saxenburg 419	300m x 300m (9ha)	33	57	1.5	18	42	20

- for the construction of the Mitchell's Plain Substation, the Switching Station and the 2X400kV Double Circuit Transmission Powerline from the proposed Mitchell's Plain Substation to another proposed Switching Station, City of Cape Town Metropolitan Municipality in the Western Cape Province, hereafter referred to as "the property".



## Conditions

### Scope of authorisation

1. The preferred option for the Mitchell's Plain Substation Alternative 1, located on Portion 10 of the Cape Farm 693, and Route Alternative MS-C (including MS-Ca, MS-Cb and MS-Cc) and MS-Db to the proposed switching station located on Portion 66 of the Farm Saxenburg 419 at the intersection of Polkadraai Road and Zewenwacht Link Road are approved.
2. Authorisation of the activity is subject to the conditions contained in this authorisation, which form part of the environmental authorisation and are binding on the holder of the authorisation.
3. The holder of the authorisation is responsible for ensuring compliance with the conditions contained in this environmental authorisation. This includes any person acting on the holder's behalf, including but not limited to, an agent, servant, contractor, sub-contractor, employee, consultant or person rendering a service to the holder of the authorisation.
4. The activities authorised may only be carried out at the property as described on page 4.
5. Any changes to, or deviations from, the project description set out in this authorisation must be approved, in writing, by the Department before such changes or deviations may be effected. In assessing whether to grant such approval or not, the Department may request such information as it deems necessary to evaluate the significance and impacts of such changes or deviations and it may be necessary for the holder of the authorisation to apply for further authorisation in terms of the regulations.
6. This activity must commence within a period of five (5) years from the date of issue. If commencement of the activity does not occur within that period, the authorisation lapses and a new application for environmental authorisation must be made in order for the activity to be undertaken. Should there be a requirement to extend the validity period of the EA, an application for extension of the validity of the EA, must be lodged at least six (6) months prior to the expiration date.
7. Commencement with one activity listed in terms of this authorisation constitutes commencement of all authorised activities.
8. The holder of an environmental authorisation has the responsibility to notify the competent authority of any alienation, transfer and change of ownership rights in the property on which the activity is to take place.





### **Notification of authorisation**

9. The holder of the authorisation must notify every registered interested and affected party, in writing and within 12 (twelve) calendar days of the date of this environmental authorisation, of the decision to authorise the activity.
10. The notification referred to must –
  - 10.1. specify the date on which the authorisation was issued;
  - 10.2. inform the interested and affected party of the appeal procedure provided for in Chapter 7 of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2010;
  - 10.3. advise the interested and affected party that a copy of the authorisation will be furnished on request; and
  - 10.4. give the reasons for the decision.

### **Management of the activity**

11. The Environmental Management Plan (EMP) for the construction submitted as part of the application for environmental authorisation is hereby approved. This EMP must be implemented and adhered to.

### **Environmental Control Officer (ECO) and duties**

12. The holder of the authorisation must appoint an Environmental Control Officer (ECO) with experience or expertise in the field for the construction phase of the development. The ECO will have the responsibility to ensure that the mitigation/rehabilitation measures and recommendations referred to in this authorisation are implemented and to ensure compliance with the provisions of the EMP.
13. The ECO must be appointed before commencement of any authorised activities.
  - 13.1. The ECO must remain employed until all rehabilitation measures, as required for implementation due to construction damage, are completed and the site is ready for operation.
  - 13.2. Once appointed, the name and contact details of the ECO must be submitted to the *Director: Compliance Monitoring* of the Department.
  - 13.3. The ECO must keep record of all activities on site, problems identified, transgressions noted and a task schedule of tasks undertaken by the ECO.

14. The ECO must:

- 14.1. Keep and maintain a detailed incident (including spillage of bitumen, fuels, chemicals, or any other material) and complaint register on site indicating how these issues were addressed, what rehabilitation measures were taken and what preventative measures were implemented to avoid re-occurrence of incidents/complaints.
- 14.2. Keep and maintain a daily site diary.
- 14.3. Keep copies of all reports submitted to the Department.
- 14.4. Keep and maintain a schedule of current site activities including the monitoring of such activities.
- 14.5. Obtain and keep record of all documentation, permits, licences and authorisations such as waste disposal certificates, hazardous waste landfill site licences etc. required by this facility.
- 14.6. Compile bi-monthly monitoring reports.

**Recording and reporting to the Department**

- 15. The holder of this authorisation must keep all records relating to monitoring and auditing on site and make it available for inspection to any relevant and competent authority in respect of this development.
- 16. All documentation e.g. audit/monitoring/compliance reports and notifications, required to be submitted to the Department in terms of this authorisation, must be submitted to the *Director: Compliance Monitoring at the Department.*

**Environmental audit report**

- 17. The holder of the authorisation must submit an environmental audit report to the Department within 30 days of completion of the construction phase (i.e. within 30 days of site handover) and within 30 days of completion of rehabilitation activities.
- 18. The environmental audit report must:
  - 18.1. Be compiled by an independent environmental auditor;
  - 18.2. Indicate the date of the audit, the name of the auditor and the outcome of the audit;
  - 18.3. Evaluate compliance with the requirements of the approved EMP and this environmental authorisation;

- 18.4. Include measures to be implemented to attend to any non-compliances or degradation noted;
- 18.5. Include copies of any approvals granted by other authorities relevant to the development for the reporting period;
- 18.6. Highlight any outstanding environmental issues that must be addressed, along with recommendations for ensuring these issues are appropriately addressed; and
- 18.7. Include a copy of this authorisation and the approved EMP.
- 18.8. Include all documentation such as waste disposal certificates, hazardous waste landfill site licences etc. pertaining to this authorisation.
- 18.9. Include evidence of adherence to the conditions of this authorisation and the EMP where relevant such as training records and attendance records.

#### **Commencement of the activity**

- 19. The authorised activity shall not commence within twenty (20) days of the date of signature of the authorisation.
- 20. An appeal under section 43 of the National Environmental Management Act (NEMA), Act 107 of 1998 (as amended), does not suspend an environmental authorisation or exemption, or any provisions or conditions attached thereto, or any directive, unless the Minister, MEC or delegated organ of state directs otherwise.
- 21. Should you be notified by the Minister of a suspension of the authorisation pending appeal procedures, you may not commence with the activity until such time that the Minister allows you to commence with such an activity in writing.

#### **Notification to authorities**

- 22. Fourteen (14) days written notice must be given to the Department that the activity will commence. Commencement for the purposes of this condition includes site preparation. The notice must include a date on which it is anticipated that the activity will commence, as well as a reference number. This notification period may coincide with the notice of intent to appeal period, within which construction may not commence.



### **Operation of the activity**

23. Fourteen (14) days written notice must be given to the Department that the activity operational phase will commence.
24. The applicant must compile an operational EMP for the operational phase of the activity or alternatively, if the applicant has an existing operational environmental management system, it must be amended to include the operation of the authorised activity.

### **Site closure and decommissioning**

25. Should the activity ever cease or become redundant, the applicant shall undertake the required actions as prescribed by legislation at the time and comply with all relevant legal requirements administered by any relevant and competent authority at that time.

### **Specific conditions**

26. Mono-pole pylons must be used for the Firgrove-Mitchell's Plain route alignment.
27. Only 23 pylons positions between MS-C-25B and MS-C-47 are allowed to be multi circuited in order to share the servitude with distribution lines.
28. The maximum operational height under the tower conductors must be kept at 5.5m.
29. Only pylons positions MS-C-16B a or b; MS-C-17 a or b; MS-C-24Be; MS-D-25Bb and MS-D-25Bc may be allowed for a possible resettlement.
30. Where resettlement is required as indicated in the above clause, a detailed Resettlement Action Plan (RAP) must be developed and detailed discussions with all stakeholders involved.
31. Written proof of any agreements and/or arrangements made following the above discussions and/or negotiations must be submitted to this Department for record keeping. Submissions must be made for the attention of the *Director: Environmental Impact Evaluation*.
32. The final position of the construction camp must be communicated to this Department 30 days before the construction commence.
33. No activities are allowed to encroach into a water resource without a water use authorisation being in place from the Department of Water Affairs.
34. The applicant must obtain a wayleave from the Department of Public Transport Roads and Works prior construction.

35. Anti-collision devices such as bird flappers must be installed where powerlines crosses avifaunal corridors. The input of an avifaunal specialist must be obtained for the fitting of the anti-collision devices onto specific sections of the line.
36. A permit must be obtained from the relevant nature conservation agency should there be any removal or destruction of indigenous protected and endangered plant and animal species.
37. Copies of permits required and obtained in respect of any relevant legislation must be submitted to the Department for record keeping.
38. No exotic plants may be used for rehabilitation purposes. Only indigenous plants of the area may be utilised.
39. Vegetation clearing must be kept to the approved servitude.
40. Construction must include appropriate design measures that allow movement of storm water along drainage lines so as not to impede natural surface and subsurface flows.
41. An integrated waste management approach must be implemented that is based on waste minimisation and must incorporate reduction, recycling and re-use. Any solid waste shall be disposed of at a landfill licensed in terms of section 20 (b) of the National Environment Management Waste Act, 2008 (Act 59 of 2008). Copies of all waste disposal certificate must be kept on site.

## **General**

42. A copy of this authorisation must be kept at the property where the activity will be undertaken. The authorisation must be produced to any authorised official of the Department who requests to see it and must be made available for inspection by any employee or agent of the holder of the authorisation who works or undertakes work at the property.
43. The holder of the authorisation must notify both the Director: Environmental Impact Evaluation and the *Director: Compliance Monitoring* at the Department, in writing and within 48 (forty eight) hours, if any condition of this authorisation cannot be or is not adhered to. Any notification in terms of this condition must be accompanied by reasons for the non-compliance.
44. National government, provincial government, local authorities or committees appointed in terms of the conditions of this authorisation or any other public authority shall not be held responsible for any damages or losses suffered by the applicant or his successor in title in any instance where construction or operation subsequent to construction be temporarily or permanently stopped for reasons of non-compliance by the applicant with the conditions of authorisation as set out in this document or any other subsequent document emanating from these conditions of authorisation.

Date of environmental authorisation: 11 JUNE 2012



**Mr Ishaam Abader**

**Deputy Director-General: Legal, Authorisations, Compliance and Enforcement**

**Department of Environmental Affairs**

## **Annexure 1: Reasons for Decision**

### **1. Information considered in making the decision**

In reaching its decision, the Department took, *inter alia*, the following into consideration -

- a) The information contained in the FEIR dated February 2012;
- b) The comments received from DEA Directorate: Biodiversity and Planning;
- c) The comments received from the Western Cape Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning dated 23 February 2012;
- d) Mitigation measures as proposed in the final FEIR dated February 2012 and the EMP;
- e) The information contained in the specialist studies contained within Appendix I of the final FEIR dated February 2012;
- f) Findings of the site visit conducted on 22 December 2011; and
- g) The objectives and requirements of relevant environmental legislation, policies and guidelines, including section 2 of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act 107 of 1998).

### **2. Key factors considered in making the decision**

All information presented to the Department was taken into account in the Department's consideration of the application. A summary of the findings which, in the Department's view, were of the most significance is set out below.

- a) The findings of all the specialist studies conducted and their recommended mitigation measures.
- b) Due to high density development surrounding the existing substations in the study area, the introduction of new feeder lines was not deemed feasible due to the risk of potential technical problems. Eskom then proposed the construction of a second 400kV injection to feed into the City of Cape Town (CoCT) supply area at a new substation located in or surrounding Mitchell's Plain.
- c) The final FEIR dated February 2012 identified all relevant environmental legislation and guidelines that have been considered in the preparation of the final FEIR dated February 2012.
- d) The methodology used in assessing the potential impacts identified in the FEIR dated February 2012 and the specialist studies have been adequately indicated.

- e) A sufficient public participation process was undertaken and the applicant has satisfied the minimum requirements as prescribed in the EIA Regulations, 2006 for public involvement.

### 3. Conclusions

After consideration of the information and factors listed above, the Department made the following conclusions -

- a) According to the Western Cape Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning, the final FEIR dated February 2012 meets the legal requirements in terms of EIA Regulations 2006.
- b) The specialist studies indicated low impacts on Alignment MS-C.
- c) The preferred Mitchell's Plain Substation is located in close proximity to the access roads and has limited visual intrusion due to the built-up urban environment surrounding the site.
- d) The Social Assessment concluded that none of the negative social impacts identified along the preferred alignment are sufficiently significant to preclude the development from a socio-economic perspective as the number of individual dwellings that are affected have been significantly reduced.
- e) The identification and assessment of impacts are detailed in the final FEIR dated February 2012 and sufficient assessment of the key identified issues and impacts have been completed.
- f) The procedure followed for impact assessment is adequate for the decision-making process.
- g) The proposed mitigation of impacts identified and assessed adequately curtails the identified impacts.
- h) All environmental legal and procedural requirements have been met.
- i) According to the independent EAP, the information contained in the FEIR dated February 2012 is accurate and credible.
- j) EMP measures for the pre-construction, construction and rehabilitation phases of the development were proposed and included in the FEIR dated February 2012 will be implemented to manage the identified environmental impacts during the construction process.

In view of the above, the Department is satisfied that, subject to compliance with the conditions contained in the environmental authorisation, the proposed activity will not conflict with the general objectives of integrated environmental management laid down in Chapter 5 of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 and that any potentially detrimental environmental impacts



resulting from the proposed activity can be mitigated to acceptable levels. The application is accordingly granted.

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