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Our ref: CER/RH  
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**URGENT**

Dear Sir and Madam

**REQUEST FOR COPIES OF APPLICATION FOR THE WASTE MANAGEMENT LICENCE IN TERMS OF THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT: WASTE ACT, 2008, AND THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT ACT, 1998 APPLICATION IN RELATION TO PROPOSED VEDANTA POWER PLANT OF VEDANTA ZINC INTERNATIONAL**

1. We address you on behalf of our client Earthlife Africa Johannesburg (ELA), which is an interested and affected party in the above-named project. The purpose of this letter is to request copies of the applications made by Vedanta Zinc International (Vedanta) in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) (NEMA), and the National Environmental Management: Waste Act, 2008 (Act No. 59 of 2008) (Waste Act).
2. In terms of the draft scoping report for the project, Digby Wells Environmental (Digby Wells) has been appointed by Vedanta as the independent Environmental Assessment Practitioner to undertake the necessary authorisation processes for the proposed Vedanta Power Plant project in terms of NEMA, the Waste Act, the National Environmental Management: Air Quality Act, 2004 (Act No. 39 of 2004), and the National Water Act, 1998 (Act No. 36 of 1998) (NWA).
3. We understand from the DSR that DEA is the competent authority for both the Waste Act and the NEMA applications.
4. Access to these applications will place our client in a better position to evaluate the scoping and other reports, and to make more meaningful submissions in the process. It is submitted that there can be no basis to refuse our client access to these applications, and that the refusal to do so undermines the fairness of the procedure.
5. In the circumstances, we request copies of the waste management licence and NEMA applications in relation to the proposed Vedanta Power Plant. Kindly provide us with these documents by Monday, 2 September 2013.

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6. We look forward to your response.

7. Please do not hesitate to contact us, should you have any queries.

Yours sincerely

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