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The Pretoria Energy Company (Mepal) Limited  
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Dear Mr Ripley

### **The Network Rail (Cambridge Re-Signalling) Order**

#### The Order

As you are aware, Network Rail Infrastructure Limited (**Network Rail**) has applied to the Secretary of State for Transport under sections 1 and 5 of the Transport and Works Act 1992 for the above-mentioned Order.

The draft Order provides for the compulsory purchase of the land and/or rights and extinguishment of the rights in land described in the Schedules to the draft Order, in which you have an interest.

The Secretary of State for Transport has considered the application for the Order and decided to hold a Public Inquiry into the application. The Public Inquiry will commence on 12 April 2023 and will then sit on the 13th, 14th, 18th and 19th April 2023.

#### Current Position on Acquisition of Land/Rights

As you will be aware, Network Rail has attempted, via their agent, to discuss securing the required temporary rights over land that you occupy by private agreement. Accordingly, the following attempts to contact you have been made to date.

Initial contact was made with you on 17 October 2022. This was followed up by a text setting out the reason for our enquiry.

During the week commencing 24 October 2022, Network Rail's representative spoke to you and emails were sent to you on 26 October 2022 and 31 October 2022 explaining the negotiations, which took place with the freehold owner. Network Rail has also provided you with the Licence Agreements for your approval and execution.

Network Rail's emails were followed up with more emails in November 2022 and January 2023. Network Rail's agents have also sent you a number of text messages and left messages on your mobile voicemail and at your office.

At the date of this letter, Network Rail and/or their agents have not received a substantive response to the proposals.

We trust that the above correctly describes the current position. We will be providing a copy of this letter to the Inspector appointed by the Secretary of State to hold the public inquiry into the application for the Order. Please do let us know by return if you disagree with summary of the status of our negotiations set out in this letter.

Yours sincerely,



Alex Rees  
Senior Project Manager