

DETAILS OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT PRACTITIONER, DECLARATION OF INTEREST AND UNDERTAKING UNDER OATH

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Application for authorisation in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, Act No. 107 of 1998, as amended and the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2014, as amended (the Regulations)

# PROJECT TITLE

### Bon Espirange to Komsberg 132kV Overhead Powerline (OHPL) Basic Assessment

#### Kindly note the following:

- 1. This form must always be used for applications that must be subjected to Basic Assessment or Scoping & Environmental Impact Reporting where this Department is the Competent Authority.
- This form is current as of 01 September 2018. It is the responsibility of the Applicant / Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) to ascertain whether subsequent versions of the form have been published or produced by the Competent Authority. The latest available Departmental templates are available at https://www.environment.gov.za/documents/forms.
- 3. A copy of this form containing original signatures must be appended to all Draft and Final Reports submitted to the department for consideration.
- 4. All documentation delivered to the physical address contained in this form must be delivered during the official Departmental Officer Hours which is visible on the Departmental gate.
- 5. All EIA related documents (includes application forms, reports or any EIA related submissions) that are faxed; emailed; delivered to Security or placed in the Departmental Tender Box will not be accepted, only hardcopy submissions are accepted.

#### Departmental Details

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# 1. ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT PRACTITIONER (EAP) INFORMATION

EAP Company Name:	WSP Group Africa (Pty) Ltd				
B-BBEE	Contribution level (indicate 1	Level 1	Percentage		135%
	to 8 or non-compliant)		Procurem	ent	
			recognitio	n	
EAP name:	Ashlea Strong				
EAP Qualifications:	Masters in Environmental Management, University of the Free State				
	B Tech, Nature Conservation, Technikon SA				
	National Diploma in Nature Conservation, Technikon SA				
Professional	EAPASA (2019/1005)				
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E-mail:	Ashlea.Strong@wsp.com				

The appointed EAP must meet the requirements of Regulation 13 of GN R982 of 04 December 2014, as amended.

# 2. DECLARATION BY THE EAP

### I, Ashlea Strong, declare that -

- I act as the independent environmental assessment practitioner in this application;
- I have expertise in conducting environmental impact assessments, including knowledge of the Act, Regulations and any guidelines that have relevance to the proposed activity;
- I will comply with the Act, Regulations and all other applicable legislation;
- I will perform the work relating to the application in an objective manner, even if this results in views and findings that are not favourable to the applicant;
- I will take into account, to the extent possible, the matters listed in Regulation 13 of the Regulations when preparing the application and any report relating to the application;
- I undertake to disclose to the applicant and the Competent Authority all material information in my possession that
  reasonably has or may have the potential of influencing any decision to be taken with respect to the application by
  the Competent Authority; and the objectivity of any report, plan or document to be prepared by myself for
  submission to the Competent Authority, unless access to that information is protected by law, in which case it will be
  indicated that such information exists and will be provided to the Competent Authority;
- I will perform all obligations as expected from an environmental assessment practitioner in terms of the Regulations; and
- I am aware of what constitutes an offence in terms of Regulation 48 and that a person convicted of an offence in terms of Regulation 48(1) is liable to the penalties as contemplated in Section 49B of the Act.

#### Disclosure of Vested Interest (delete whichever is not applicable)

- I do not have and will not have any vested interest (either business, financial, personal or other) in the proposed activity proceeding other than remuneration for work performed in terms of the Regulations;
- I have a vested interest in the proposed activity proceeding, such vested interest being:

Signature of the environmental assessment practitioner (Pty) (td 10 - 1 Ca Name of company:

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#### 3. UNDERTAKING UNDER OATH/ AFFIRMATION

I, <u>Ashleg</u>, swear under oath / affirm that all the information submitted or to be submitted for the purposes of this application is true and correct.

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Signature of the Environmental Assessment Practitioner

WSP Group Africa (Pty) Ud Name of Company

29/11/2021 Date

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Signature of the Commissioner of Oaths

29-11-2021

Date

I certify that the above statement was taken by me and that the deponent has acknowledged that heishe knows and understands the contents thereof. This statement was sworn to/affirmed before me and the deponent's signature/mark/thumb-print was placed thereon in my presence. Doug 1016 de 21 111 121 at 13: 14 SIONER OF OATH sele notice 5 Dong laso SA POLICE SER RANK -



Details of EAP, Declaration and Undertaking Under Oath