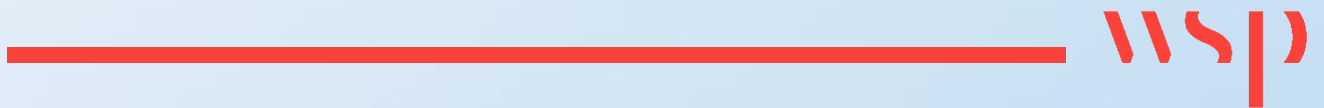


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GLOSSARY

Abbreviation	Definition
BESS	Battery Energy Storage System
CA	Competent Authority
DFFE	Department of Forestry, Fisheries and Environment
EA	Environmental Authorisation
EAP	Environmental Assessment Practitioner
EIA	Environmental Impact Assessment
EIR	Environmental Impact Report
Eskom	Eskom Holdings SOC (Ltd)
I&APs	Interested and Affected Parties
NEMA	National Environmental Management Act (Act 107 of 1998)
PPP	Public Participation Process
PV	Photovoltaics
S&EIA	Scoping & EIA
SEF	Solar Energy Facility
SER	Stakeholder Engagement Report
WSP	WSP Group Africa (Pty) Ltd



1 INTRODUCTION

Changes made from the Draft Stakeholder Engagement Report (SER) have been underlined in this Final SER for ease of reference.

WSP Group Africa (Pty) Ltd (WSP) has been appointed by Eskom Holdings SOC (Ltd) (Eskom) to undertake an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) to meet the requirements under the National Environmental Management Act (Act 107 of 1998) (NEMA), for the proposed 100 MW Solar Photovoltaics (PV) Energy Facility (SEF); 150 MW Battery Energy Storage System (BESS); and associated infrastructure at the Komati Power Station located in the Mpumalanga Province, South Africa.

In order for the proposed project to proceed, it will require an Environmental Authorisation (EA) from the Competent Authority (CA) (i.e. the National Department of Forestry, Fisheries and Environment, (DFFE)).

1.1 TERMS OF REFERENCE

WSP was appointed in the role of Independent Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) to undertake the Scoping & EIA (S&EIA) processes for the proposed Project. This SER was compiled as part of the EIA process and must be read in conjunction with the EIA Report in support of the EA application. **Table 1-1** details the relevant contact details of the EAP.

Table 1-1 - Details of the EAP

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EAPASA Registration Number	2019/1302 (Registered EAP)

To adequately identify and assess potential environmental impacts, the EAP was supported by a number of specialists, the details of which are provided in the EIA.

STATEMENT OF INDEPENDENCE

Neither WSP nor any of the authors of this Report have any material present or contingent interest in the outcome of this Report, nor do they have any business, financial, personal, or other interest that could be reasonably regarded as being capable of affecting their independence. WSP has no beneficial interest in the outcome of the assessment.

1.2 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Public participation is understood to be a series of inclusive and culturally appropriate interactions aimed at providing stakeholders with opportunities to express their views, so that these can be considered and incorporated into the decision-making process. Effective public participation requires the prior disclosure of relevant and adequate project information to enable stakeholders to understand the risks, impacts, and opportunities of the proposed Project.

Basic reasons why the public are involved in the EIA Process:

- The environment is held in public trust, therefore use of environmental resources is everyone's concern;
- To ensure that projects meet the citizens' needs and are suitable to the affected public;
- The project carries more legitimacy, and less hostility, if interested and affected parties (I&APs) are able to influence the decision-making process; and
- The final decision is deemed informed when local knowledge and values are included and when expert knowledge is publicly examined.

1.2.1 OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the public participation process (PPP) can be summarised as follows:

- Identify relevant individuals, organisations and communities who may be interested in or affected by the proposed project;
- Clearly outline the scope of the proposed Project, including the scale and nature of the existing and proposed activities;
- Identify viable proposed Project alternatives that will assist the relevant authorities in making an informed decision;
- Identify shortcomings and gaps in existing information;
- Identify key concerns, raised by I&APs that should be addressed in the subsequent specialist studies;
- Highlight the potential for environmental impacts, whether positive or negative; and
- To inform and provide the public with information and an understanding of the proposed Project, issues and solutions.

1.2.2 WHAT IS AN INTERESTED AND AFFECTED PARTY

An I&AP is defined as any person, group of persons or organisations interested in or affected by an activity, and any organ of state that may have jurisdiction over any aspect of the activity.

The difference between an I&AP and a registered I&AP:

- An I&AP can be directly or indirectly impacted on by a proposed activity.
- A registered I&AP is a person whose name has been placed on the register of registered I&APs. According to the PPP Guidance document, 2017, only registered I&APs will be notified:
- Of the availability of reports and other written submissions made to the CA by the Applicant, and be entitled to comment on these reports and submissions; and



- Of the outcome of the application, the reasons for the decision, and that an appeal may be lodged against a decision.

For the purpose of this report, registered I&APs will be referred to as Stakeholders.

RIGHTS, ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE STAKEHOLDERS

Registered stakeholders have the right to bring to the attention of the CA any issues that they believe may be of significance to the consideration of the application. The rights of stakeholder are qualified by certain obligations, namely:

- Stakeholders must ensure that their comments are submitted within the timeframes that have been approved by the DFFE, or within any extension of a timeframe agreed by the Proponent, EAP or competent authorities;
- Serve a copy of the comments submitted directly to the competent authorities, the Proponent or the EAP; and
- Disclose to the EAP any direct business, financial, personal or other interest that they might have in the approval or refusal of the application.

The roles of stakeholders in a public participation process usually include one or more of the following:

- Assisting in the identification and prioritisation of issues that need to be investigated;
- Making suggestions on alternatives and means of preventing, minimising and managing negative impacts and enhancing proposed Project benefits;
- Assisting in or commenting on the development of mutually acceptable criteria for the evaluation of decision options;
- Contributing information on public needs, values and expectations;
- Contributing local and traditional knowledge; and
- Verifying that their issues have been considered.

In order to participate effectively, stakeholders should:

- Become involved in the process as early as possible;
- Register as a stakeholder;
- Advise the EAP of other stakeholders who should be consulted;
- Contribute towards the design of the public participation process (including timeframes) to ensure that it is acceptable to all stakeholders;
- Follow the process once it has been accepted;
- Read the material provided and actively seek to understand the issues involved;
- Give timeous responses to correspondence;
- Be respectful and courteous towards other stakeholders;
- Refrain from making subjective, unfounded or ill-informed statements; and
- Recognise that the process is confined to issues that are directly relevant to the application.

1.3 APPROACH TO STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

Our approach to stakeholder engagement is based on the following principles:

- Undertake meaningful and timely participation with stakeholders;
- Focus on important issues during the process;



- Undertake due consideration of alternatives;
- Take accountability for information used;
- Encourage co-regulation, shared responsibility and a sense of ownership over the proposed Project lifecycle;
- Apply “due process” particularly with regard to public participation as provided for in the EIA Regulations; and
- Consider the needs, interests and values of stakeholders.

The Public Participation guideline in terms of the NEMA EIA Regulations, drafted by the DEA (now DFFE) in 2017, tabulates the level of Public Participation required for various levels of anticipated project impacts. This table has been used to identify additional Public Participation methods which are required for the Project. Highlighted cells indicate the applicable response to the anticipated impacts. Results of the process are shown in **Table 1-2** below.

Table 1-2 - Level of Public Participation as per Public Participation Guideline (DEA, 2017)

Scale of anticipated impacts:	Recommended Response	
	If “yes”	If “No”
Are the impacts of the project likely to extend beyond the boundaries of the local municipality?	Formal Consultation with other affected municipalities should be carried out during the PPP.	No need to have a formal consultation with other municipalities during PPP. Minimum requirements for public participation in accordance to EIA must be met.
Are the impacts of the project likely to extend beyond the boundaries of the province?	Formal Consultation with other affected provinces should be carried out during the PPP.	No need to have a formal consultation with other provinces during PPP. Minimum requirements for public participation in accordance to EIA must be met.
Is the project a Greenfields development (a new development in a previously undisturbed area)?	Extensive consultation with Registered Interested and Affected Parties (RI&APs) might be required before a decision is taken on the project to in order to gather more information, and to ensure that there is minimal impact on the environment.	Minimum requirements for public participation in accordance to EIA Regulations must be met.
Does the area already suffer from socio-economic problems (e.g. job losses) or environmental problems (e.g.	Extensive consultation with RI&APs within the area should be undertaken, to gather more information on both the socio-	Minimum requirements for public participation in accordance to EIA Regulations must be met.

Scale of anticipated impacts:	Recommended Response	
	If “yes”	If “No”
pollution), and is the project likely to exacerbate these?	economic and environmental problems.	
Is the project expected to have a wide variety of impacts (e.g. socio-economic and ecological)?	Thorough consultation needs to be conducted with RI&APs, in order to address variety of impacts.	Minimum requirements for public participation in accordance to EIA Regulations must be met.
Public and environmental sensitivity of the project:		
Are there widespread public concerns about the potential negative impacts of the project?	Broader consultation with all RI&APs will need to be undertaken.	Minimum requirements for public participation in accordance to EIA Regulations must be met.
Is there a high degree of conflict among RI&APs?	There might need to be more consultation to ensure that there is consensus reached among RI&APs.	Minimum requirements for public participation in accordance to EIA Regulations must be met.
Will the project impact on private land other than that of the applicant?	Consultation with the private land owner must be done, and all their concerns need to be addressed.	Minimum requirements for public participation in accordance to EIA Regulations must be met.
Does the project have the potential to create unrealistic expectations (e.g. that a new factory would create a large number of jobs)?	Thorough consultation that addresses the perceptions of unrealistic expectations needs to be carried out.	Minimum requirements for public participation in accordance to EIA Regulations must be met.
Potentially affected parties:		
Has very little previous public participation taken place in the area?	More thorough public participation should take place within the area, to ensure that all potential and RI&APs participate.	Minimum requirements for public participation in accordance to EIA Regulations must be met.
Did previous public participation processes in the area result in conflict?	Additional consultation might be needed to ensure that issues of conflict are addressed effectively.	Minimum requirements for public participation in accordance to EIA Regulations must be met.
Are there existing organisational structures (e.g. local forums) that can represent I&APs?	Organizational structures might minimise conflict whilst maximising the participation.	Minimum requirements for public participation in accordance to EIA Regulations must be met.
Is the area characterised by high social diversity (i.e.. socio-economic status, language or culture)	Proper consultations that address language and cultural diversity should be promoted.	Minimum requirements for public participation in accordance to EIA Regulations must be met.

Scale of anticipated impacts:	Recommended Response	
	If “yes”	If “No”
Were people in the area victims of unfair expropriations or relocation in the past?	PPP should be extensive and address any unfair practices that occurred in the past.	Minimum requirements for public participation in accordance to EIA Regulations must be met.
Is there a high level of unemployment in the area?	The PPP should ensure that there are no unrealistic expectations created due to the project. The consultation should ensure that any unrealistic expectations are adequately addressed before the project starts.	Minimum requirements for public participation in accordance to EIA Regulations must be met.
Do the RI&APs have special needs (e.g. a lack of skills to read or write, disability, etc)?	Consultation should include mechanisms that will ensure full participation by people with special needs.	Minimum requirements for public participation in accordance to EIA Regulations must be met. Minimum requirements for PP in accordance to the Act must be met as well as best practices relating to PP.

1.4 APPROVED PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN

As part of the pre-application consultation meeting held with DFFE on 06 July 2022, the proposed plan for public participation was discussed. A public participation plan was subsequently submitted to DFFE, along with the meeting minutes, for approval on 12 July 2022. The minutes of the meeting and the public participation plan were approved on 02 August 2022 respectively. **Table 1-3** below outlines the approved Public Participation Plan for the Komati SEF; BESS; and associated infrastructure.

Table 1-3 - Approved Public Participation Plan

Summary of PPP requirement (GNR 326 of EIA Regulations)	Proposed Plan/Activities
<p>41(2) The person conducting a PPP must give notice to all potential I&APs by-</p> <p>(a) fixing a notice board at a place conspicuous to and accessible by the public at the boundary, on the fence or along the corridor of—</p> <p>(i) the site where the activity to which the application or proposed application relates is or is to be undertaken; and</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Placement of six (6) site notices (in English, Afrikaans and isiZulu) at appropriate locations on site and in the surrounding area. Proof of placement will be included in the Final Scoping Report. ■ This will include the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Komati Power Station Entrance ● Boundary/access road to the Solar PV Site A and B ● Blinkplan Police Station; ● OK Foods Super Market; ● Komati Paypoint and Library;

Summary of PPP requirement (GNR 326 of EIA Regulations)	Proposed Plan/Activities
(ii) any alternative site;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nkangala District Municipality Office; • Gerard Sekoto Library; • Eastdene Public Library; and • Hendrina Public Library.
<p>(b) giving written notice, in any of the manners provided for in section 47D of the Act, to—</p> <p>(i) the occupiers of the site and, if the proponent or applicant is not the owner or person in control of the site on which the activity is to be undertaken, the owner or person in control of the site where the activity is or is to be undertaken and to any alternative site where the activity is to be undertaken;</p> <p>(ii) owners, persons in control of, and occupiers of land adjacent to the site where the activity is or is to be undertaken and to any alternative site where the activity is to be undertaken;</p> <p>(iii) the municipal councillor of the ward in which the site and alternative site is situated and any organisation of ratepayers that represent the community in the area;</p> <p>(iv) the municipality which has jurisdiction in the area;</p> <p>(v) any organ of state having jurisdiction in respect of any aspect of the activity; and</p> <p>(vi) any other party as required by the competent authority;</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Written notification (in English, Afrikaans and isiZulu) will be sent to owners and occupiers on or adjacent to the proposed project site, municipality ward councillor, local and district municipality, and relevant state departments. Proof of placement will be included in the Final Scoping Report. ■ General communication (written notification) with I&APs (public and government departments/authorities) throughout the S&ESIA Process. ■ All I&APs on the database will be notified of the project via email and SMS. This email will invite them to participate in S&ESIA process and will inform them of the public review period of the Draft Scoping and ESIA reports. ■ I&APs will be added to the database on request as the project progresses. ■ I&AP's already captured on Komati's I&AP database will also be used.
<p>(c) placing an advertisement in—</p> <p>(i) one local newspaper; or</p> <p>(ii) any official Gazette that is published specifically for the purpose of providing public notice of applications or other submissions made in terms of these Regulations;</p>	<p>Adverts will be published in two newspapers, the Highvelder (in English and Afrikaans) and Witbank News (in in English and IsiZulu), formally announcing the commencement of the S&ESIA process, requesting I&APs to register their interest in the project. Proof of placement will be included in the Final Scoping Report.</p>
<p>(d) placing an advertisement in at least one provincial newspaper or national newspaper, if the activity has or may have an impact that extends beyond the boundaries of the metropolitan or district municipality in which it is or will be undertaken</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The project does not extend beyond the boundaries of the District Municipality and therefore the use of provincial / national newspapers are not required. ■ Adverts will be published in two newspapers, the Highvelder (in English and Afrikaans) and Witbank News (in in English and IsiZulu).

Summary of PPP requirement (GNR 326 of EIA Regulations)	Proposed Plan/Activities
<p>(e) using reasonable alternative methods, as agreed to by the competent authority, in those instances where a person is desirous of but unable to participate in the process due to—</p> <p>(i) illiteracy;</p> <p>(ii) disability; or</p> <p>(iii) any other disadvantage.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ I&APs on the existing Komati Power Station I&AP database will be contacted either telephonically or via email to verify their contact details as well as their preferred method of communication. ■ The relevant ward councillor will be contacted to ensure that community-based organisations are aware of the Project and can assist in distributing and communicating relevant Project information to community members.
<p>(42) A proponent or applicant must ensure the opening and maintenance of a register of interested and affected parties and submit such a register to the competent authority,</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ I&APs with a potential interest in the project will be identified at the outset of the project. ■ The I&AP database will be compiled to include all affected landowners and occupiers, adjacent landowners and occupiers, I&APs that formally registered during the previous EIA process, relevant authorities. As noted above, the existing database for Komati Power Station will be used as the basis of the register for this S&ESIA process. ■ All I&APs on the database will be notified of the project via email and SMS. The email and SMS will invite them to participate in the S&ESIA process and will inform them of the public review period of the draft Scoping and ESIA Reports. ■ All I&APs identified will be registered on the project database, and the database will be maintained throughout the S&ESIA process.
<p>(43) & (44) Registered Interested and affected parties (I&APs) must be given 30 days to comment on the draft Report</p>	<p>The Draft Scoping and EIA Reports will be made available to all I&APs for a 30-day comment period. Strict adherence to all COVID-19 protocols and regulations as well as best practice measures will be ensured throughout PPP.</p> <p>The reports will be made available at the following places:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Komati Paypoint and Library; ■ Komati Power Station – Security Office; ■ Gerard Sekoto Library; ■ Eastdene Public Library; and ■ Hendrina Public Library; and ■ Online on the WSP website. <p>A Stakeholder Engagement Register will be generated for inclusion in Final Scoping and ESIA Reports for consideration by the CA.</p> <p>An open day public meeting will be held at Komati Power Station during the Scoping Phase and additional focus group meetings will be held during the ESIA Phase if requested.</p>

Summary of PPP requirement (GNR 326 of EIA Regulations)	Proposed Plan/Activities
<p>(44) (2) The applicant must, in writing, within 14 days of the date of the decision on the application ensure that—</p> <p>(a) all registered interested and affected parties are provided with access to the decision and the reasons for such decision; and</p> <p>(b) the attention of all registered interested and affected parties is drawn to the fact that an appeal may be lodged against the decision in terms of the National Appeal Regulations, if such appeal is available in the circumstances of the decision.</p>	<p>Written notification of the decision on the EAs will be sent to all registered I&APs, Registered I&APs will be informed of the appeal procedure as well as advised that copies of the EA decisions will be provided on request.</p>

2 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION TO DATE

2.1 PRE-APPLICATION CONSULTATION

A pre-application meeting was held on **06 July 2022** with the DFFE in order to discuss the proposed Project. The minutes of this meeting are included in **Appendix C.1**.

2.2 IDENTIFICATION OF KEY STAKEHOLDERS

Section 41 of the EIA Regulations (2014, as amended) states that written notices must be given to identified stakeholders as outlined in **Table 2-1**.

Relevant authorities (Organs of State) have been automatically registered as I&APs. In accordance with the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended), all other persons must request in writing to be placed on the register, submit written comments, or attend meetings to be registered as stakeholders, and included in future communication regarding the Project.

Table 2-1 - Interested and Affected Parties

NEMA Requirement	Discussion
(i) the owner or person in control of that land if the applicant is not the owner or person in control of the land	The project activity is located on property owned by the Applicant (Eskom Holdings)
(ii) the occupiers of the site where the activity is or is to be undertaken or to any alternative site where the activity is to be undertaken	All landowners have been contacted to confirm whether there are any occupiers on the land portions. Where applicable, occupiers have been included on the database.
(iii) owners and occupiers of land adjacent to the site where the activity is or is to be undertaken or to any alternative site where the activity is to be undertaken	Adjacent landowner details were collected and have been included on the stakeholder database. Where applicable, occupiers have been included on the database.
(iv) the municipal councillor of the ward in which the site or alternative site is situated and any organisation of ratepayers that represent the community in the area	The Ward Councillor of Ward 4 has been included on the stakeholder database.
(v) the municipality which has jurisdiction in the area	The project is located in Steve Tshwete Local Municipality located within the Nkangala District Municipality. Both Local and District Municipalities have been included on the stakeholder database.
(vi) any organ of state having jurisdiction in respect of any aspect of the activity	DFFE has been, and will continue to be, consulted. The Mpumalanga Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, Land and Environmental Affairs has been included on the stakeholder database.
(vii) any other party as required by the competent authority.	All tiers of government, namely, national, provincial, local government and parastatals have been included on the stakeholder database. Inclusive of:

NEMA Requirement	Discussion
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Department of Mineral Resources and Energy ■ Mpumalanga Departments of Water and Sanitation ■ Mpumalanga Department Agriculture, Rural Development, Land and Environmental Affairs ■ Department of Rural Development and Land Reform ■ DFFE ■ Mpumalanga Department of Water and Sanitation: Oliphant's Proto-CMA ■ Mpumalanga Department of Social Development ■ Mpumalanga Department of Public Works, Roads and Transport ■ Mpumalanga Department of Co-Operative Governance and Traditional Affairs ■ Mpumalanga Heritage Resources Authority ■ Department of Defence Force Mpumalanga ■ Nkangala District Municipality ■ Steve Tshwete Local Municipality ■ BirdLife South Africa ■ South African National Biodiversity Institute ■ Mpumalanga Tourism and Parks Agency

Appendix A provides a list of stakeholders registered on the Project database. The stakeholders along with the date on which they registered and reference to comments received, where applicable, are indicated in **Table 3-1**, **Table 3-2** and **Table 3-3**.

The stakeholder database will be updated throughout the EIA process.

2.3 NOTIFICATION PROCEDURES

2.3.1 AUTHORITY CONSULTATION

A pre-application meeting was held on **06 July 2022** with the DFFE in order to discuss the proposed project. The minutes of this meeting are included in **Appendix C.1**.

2.3.2 DIRECT NOTIFICATION

Notification of the proposed Project was issued to potential Stakeholders, via direct correspondence (i.e., site notices) on **09 June 2022**. Proof of notification is included **Appendix B**.

2.3.3 NEWSPAPER ADVERTISEMENTS

In accordance with the requirements of GNR 982, as amended, the proposed project was advertised in two local newspapers. The purpose of the advertisement was to notify the public about the proposed project and to invite them to register as stakeholders. A copy of the advertisements are included in **Appendix B.1**. The advertisement dates are listed in **Table 2-2**.

Table 2-2 - Dates on which the Adverts were published

Newspaper	Publication Date	Language
Witbank News	10 June 2022	English and IsiZulu
Highvelder	10 June 2022	English and Afrikaans

2.3.4 SITE NOTICES

In accordance with GNR 326 Section 41(2)(a-b) site notices were developed (see **Appendix B.2**) to be placed at strategic points in close proximity to the proposed Project site, as well as in public places within Steve Tshwete Local Municipality and Nkangala District Municipality. Site notices were put up on 09 June 2022 at the following points:

- Komati Power Station Entrance;
- Boundary/access road to the Solar PV Site A and B;
- Blinkplan Police Station;
- OK Foods Super Market;
- Komati Paypoint and Library;
- Nkangala District Municipality Office;
- Gerard Sekoto Library;
- Eastdene Public Library; and
- Hendrina Public Library.

Table 2-3 shows details and proof of display. **Figure 2-1** shows the mapped locations of the site notice placements along the site boundary.

Table 2-3 - Site Notice Locations

Location	Co-Ordinates	Photographs
OK Foods Store, Komati	26°05'36" S 29°27'49" E	

Location	Co-Ordinates	Photographs
<p>Komati Paypoint and Library</p>	<p>26°05'42" S 29°27'44" E</p>	 
<p>Blinkplan Police Station (Community Service Centre)</p>	<p>26°05'58" S 29°27'01" E</p>	 

Location	Co-Ordinates	Photographs
Solar Site B Boundary Point	26°06'07" S 29°27'02" E	
Solar Site Boundary A	26°06'36" S 29°27'09" E	
Komati Power Station Entrance	26°05'22" S 29°28'04" E	

Location	Co-Ordinates	Photographs
<p>Hendrina Public Library</p>	<p>26°09'38" S 29°42'58" E</p>	
<p>Eastdene Public Library</p>	<p>25°46'17" S 29°28'48" E</p>	

Location	Co-Ordinates	Photographs
Gerard Sekoto Library	25°46'24" S 29°27'20" E	
Nkangala District Municipality	25°47'00" S 29°26'31" E	



Figure 2-1 - Location of Site Notices placed around the project boundary



2.4 AVAILABILITY OF REPORTS FOR PUBLIC REVIEW

2.4.1 AVAILABILITY OF THE DRAFT SCOPING REPORT

Notification of the availability of the Draft Scoping Report was issued to potential Stakeholders as follows:

- Newspaper Adverts:
 - An advert was published in the Middleburg Observer on 03 February 2023 (Proof of Notification is included in **Appendix B**).
- Direct Notification:
 - Emails and SMSs were sent out to all stakeholders listed on the database included in **Appendix B** (Proof of Notification is included in **Appendix B.4** and **Appendix B.5**).

The Draft Scoping Report was placed on public review for a period of at least 30 days from **03 February 2023** to **06 March 2023**, at the venues as follows:

- Hard Copy: Komati Paypoint and Library;
- Hard Copy: Komati Power Station Entrance;
- Hard Copy: Hendrina Public Library.
- Hard Copy: Eastdene Public Library; and
- Hard Copy: Gerard Sekoto Library.
- Electronic Copy: WSP Website (<https://www.wsp.com/en-ZA/services/public-documents>)

The Draft Reports were also made available to Commenting Authorities via a One Drive link (Eskom Komati PV and BESS Draft Scoping Report).

Proof of display of the Draft Scoping Report is provided in **Appendix B.6**.

2.4.2 AVAILABILITY OF THE FINAL SCOPING REPORT

The final report was submitted to the DFFE on 16 March 2023 and was made available to registered I&APs on the WSP website.

2.4.3 AVAILABILITY OF THE DRAFT EIR

Notification of the availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) was issued to potential Stakeholders as follows:

- Direct Notification:
 - Emails and SMSs were sent out to all stakeholders listed on the stakeholder database

The Draft EIR was placed on public review for a period of at least 30 days from **05 July 2023** to **04 August 2023**, at the venues as follows:

- Hard Copy: Komati Paypoint and Library;
- Hard Copy: Komati Power Station Entrance;
- Hard Copy: Hendrina Public Library.



- Hard Copy: Eastdene Public Library; and
- Hard Copy: Gerard Sekoto Library.
- Electronic Copy: WSP Website (<https://www.wsp.com/en-ZA/services/public-documents>)

The Draft Reports were also made available to Commenting Authorities via a One Drive link.

2.4.4 AVAILABILITY OF THE FINAL EIR

The Final EIR includes new information therefore the Final EIR will be made available for public review for 30 days from **18 August 2023 to 18 September 2023**, at the venues as follows:

- Hard Copy: Komati Paypoint and Library;
- Hard Copy: Komati Power Station Entrance;
- Hard Copy: Hendrina Public Library.
- Hard Copy: Eastdene Public Library; and
- Hard Copy: Gerard Sekoto Library.
- Electronic Copy: WSP Website (<https://www.wsp.com/en-ZA/services/public-documents>)

The reports will also be made available to Commenting Authorities via a One Drive link.

2.5 STAKEHOLDER REGISTRATION

All stakeholders that either called in or sent written correspondence, such as emails, fax, or post, to the EAP have been added to the database and their comments and/or queries have been responded to.

2.6 PROJECT MEETINGS

2.6.1 DFFE PRE-APPLICATION MEETING

A pre-application meeting was held on **06 July 2022** with the DFFE in order to discuss the proposed Project. The minutes of this meeting are included in **Appendix C.1**.

2.6.2 FOCUS GROUP MEETING

A focus group meeting was held at Komati Power Station on **09 June 2022** for community representatives, stakeholder forums and NGOs for discussion on the proposed establishment of a Solar PV and BESS Facility at Komati Power Station. Refer to **Appendix C.2** for the Meeting Register and Meeting Notes.

2.6.3 PUBLIC MEETING

A public meeting was held at Laerskool Koorfontein in Komati on 25 July 2023. Notification was sent out on 12 July 2023 to all registered stakeholders listed on the database via Email and SMS. Notification was also sent out on 20 July 2023 to stakeholders informing them of a change in venue. Proof of notification is included in **Appendix B.7**. Two sessions were held on 25 July 2023. Refer to **Appendix C.3** for the Meeting Register and Notes.



3 COMMENTS RECEIVED

Comments received from registered stakeholders to date have been captured and responded to within the comment and response tables (**Table 3-1**, **Table 3-2** and **Table 3-3**). The original comments and responses are included in **Appendix D**.



3.1.1 COMMENTS RECEIVED DURING PROJECT ANNOUNCEMENT

Table 3-1 – Comments received during project announcement

Stakeholder Details	Comment	Response	Report Reference
I&APs			
Debbie Wessels 15 June 2022 Email Leeds to Business	<p>Debbie Wessels requested to be added as an I&AP:</p> <p>Good afternoon Megan</p> <p>With reference to the EIA and WULA for the solar photovoltaic and battery energy storage system facility at the Komati Power Station in Mpumalanga.</p> <p>Please could I be registered as I&AP and if I could get a copy of the BID?</p> <p>Looking forward wo hearing from you.</p> <p>Kind Regards</p> <p>Debbie Wessels Content Regulator</p> <p>T : +27 86 083 6337 E: DebbieW@L2B.co.za W: www.L2B.co.za</p>	<p>WSP responded to Debbie Wessels:</p> <p>Good Day Debbie</p> <p>I can confirm that you have been added as an I&AP to the database. Please find the BID attached as requested.</p> <p>Kind Regards,</p> <p>Megan Govender Senior Consultant WSP in Africa</p>	Appendix A Appendix D



3.1.2 COMMENTS RECEIVED FROM DRAFT SCOPING REPORT

Table 3-2 - Comments received from Draft Scoping Report

Stakeholder Details	Comment	Response	Report Reference
I&APs			
MM Mahlangu 05 February 2023 Email	Good afternoon I am Moti Mahlangu from Komati village would like to submit my details to be included in participation in the process of Komati Power Station My contact number: 072 633 8266 Kind regards MM Mahlangu	Stakeholder has been added to the Stakeholder Database (Appendix A).	Appendix A Appendix D
Thami Mkhonza 20 February 2023 Email Impact Catalyst	Hi Tumelo, I hope my email finds you well. We would like to register as stakeholders interested in making comments. Company: Impact Catalyst Representations: Thami Mkhonza Rory Baker Noeleen Greyling Charl Harding	Stakeholder has been added to the Stakeholder Database (Appendix A).	Appendix A Appendix D



Stakeholder Details	Comment	Response	Report Reference
<p>Nicole Loser 03 February 2023 Email CER</p>	<p>Hi Megan</p> <p>Could you add the following people to this mailing list please?</p> <p>Brandon Abdinor - babdinor@cer.org.zac</p> <p>Ntombi Maphosa - nmaphosa@cer.org.za</p> <p>Thomas Mnguni - thomas@groundwork.org.za</p> <p>Michelle Cruywagen - michelle@groundwork.org.za</p> <p>Yegeshni Moodley - yegeshni@groundwork.org.za</p> <p>Please also note that I will no longer be working at the CER as from 1 March 2023, and therefore no longer contactable on this email address from the end of this month.</p> <p>Kind regards</p> <p>Nicole Loser</p>	<p>WSP responded on 06 February 2023:</p> <p>Good Morning Nicole</p> <p>I have added the people below onto our stakeholder database. They will still be able to access the documents from one of the methods stated in the email below. However, if there are any issues with accessing the documents, please let me know.</p> <p>I have also removed your email address from the database. If you would like me to add you on with another email please let me know.</p> <p>Kind Regards</p>	
Mpumalanga Provincial Government			
<p>Sindisiwe Mbuyane 03 February 2023 Email Mpumalanga Provincial Government - Gert Sibande District Municipality</p>	<p>Good day Megan Govender,</p> <p>Thank you for the email.</p> <p>Komati Power Station falls within the Nkangala District Municipality. For issues relating to it or any Nkangala projects kindly sent to Ms. Dineo Tswai and Ms. Charity Mthimunye both managers at the Witbank office (copied herein), they will assist and guide you going forward.</p>	<p>-</p>	<p>Appendix A Appendix D</p>



Stakeholder Details	Comment	Response	Report Reference
	<p>I am responsible for Gert Sibande District.</p> <p>Kind Regards, Sindisiwe Mbuyane</p>		
<p>Charity Mthimunye 03 February 2023 Email Mpumalanga Provincial Government - Nkangala District Municipality</p>	<p>Good Afternoon Mr. Govender</p> <p>The below e-mail is noted from Ms. Sindisiwe Mbuyane. You are therefore welcome to submit your documents in our offices and we can be contacted on: (013) 880 1080 /(078) 086 3395.</p> <p>Kind Regards Charity</p>	<p>WSP response:</p> <p>Good Morning Charity</p> <p>I have added yourself and Ms. Dineo Tswai to our database. I have also sent you both a link to One Drive to download the Draft Scoping Report. Please use this link: Eskom Komati PV and BESS Draft Scoping Report</p> <p>Please note you will also receive a separate email with the link to the one drive. This link will then request a verification number which will automatically be sent to your email address – if it doesn't seem to come through please check your "spam" folder.</p> <p>If you have any issues or would prefer a hard copy of the report please let me know.</p> <p>Kind Regards,</p>	<p>Appendix A Appendix D</p>
DFFE			
<p>Ephron Maradwa 02 February 2023 Email</p>	<p>Dear Megan</p> <p>14/12/16/3/3/2/2298</p> <p>ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT OF THE NEW APPLICATION AND DRAFT SCOPING REPORT FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION FOLLOWING A SCOPING</p>	<p>-</p>	<p>Appendix D</p>



Stakeholder Details	Comment	Response	Report Reference
<p>DFFE - Integrated Environmental Authorisations</p>	<p>ASSESSMENT PROCESS FOR THE PROPOSED ESTABLISHMENT OF A SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC (PV) ENERGY FACILITY, BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEM (BESS) FACILITIES AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE AT THE KOMATI POWER STATION, MPUMALANGA PROVINCE.</p> <p>The Department confirms having received the Application form and Draft Scoping Report for Environmental Authorisation for the abovementioned project on 02 February 2023. You have submitted these documents to comply with the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2014, as amended.</p> <p>Kindly note that your application for Environmental Authorisation falls within the ambit of an application applied for in terms of Part 3 of Chapter 4 of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended. You are therefore referred to Regulation 21 of the EIA Regulations, 2014 as amended.</p> <p>Please take note of Regulation 40(3) of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended, which states that potential Interested & Affected Parties, including the Competent Authority, may be provided with an opportunity to comment on reports and plans contemplated in Regulation 40(1) of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended, prior to the submission of an application but must be provided an opportunity to comment on such reports once an</p>		



Stakeholder Details	Comment	Response	Report Reference
	<p>application has been submitted to the Competent Authority.</p> <p>Note that in terms of Regulation 45 of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended, this application will lapse if the applicant fails to meet any of the time-frames prescribed in terms of these Regulations, unless an extension has been granted by the Department in terms of Regulation 3(7) of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended.</p> <p>You are hereby reminded of Section 24F of the National Environmental Management Act, Act No. 107 of 1998, as amended, that no activity may commence prior to an Environmental Authorisation being granted by the Department.</p> <p>Kindly quote the abovementioned reference number in any future correspondence in respect of the application.</p> <p>EIA Applications Integrated Environmental Authorisations Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment</p>		
Lydia Kutu 01 March 2023 Email	<p>Good day.</p> <p>Please find herein the attached letter for the above mentioned.</p> <p>Please do not respond to this mailbox with any queries related to the decision been issued. All queries on the attached decision must be</p>	-	Appendix D



Stakeholder Details	Comment	Response	Report Reference
<p>DFFE - Integrated Environmental Authorisations:</p>	<p>directed to official whose contact details is listed as enquiries.</p> <p>I hope you find all in order.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Kind Regards,</p> <p>Lydia Kutu</p> <p>Integrated Environmental Authorisations: Priority Infrastructure Developments</p>		
<p>Ms Milicent Solomons</p> <p>01 March 2023</p> <p>Letter (via Email)</p> <p>DFFE - Integrated Environmental Authorisations:</p>	<p>Dear Mr Chifadza</p> <p>COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT SCOPING REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED ESTABLISHMENT OF A SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC (PV) ENERGY FACILITY, BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEM (BESS) FACILITIES AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE AT THE KOMATI POWER STATION IN MPUMALANGA PROVINCE</p> <p>The Application for Environmental Authorisation and the draft Scoping Report (SR) dated January 2023 and received by the Department on 02 February 2023, refer.</p> <p>This letter serves to inform you that the following information must be included to the final SR:</p> <p>(a) Specific Comments</p>	<p>WSP response:</p> <p>The outer coordinates of Solar Site A and Solar Site B are indicated in Table 4.3, the BESS is indicated in Table 4.4, and the powerlines are indicated in Table 4.5 of the Final Scoping Report (FSR).</p>	<p>Appendix D</p> <p>Table 4.3, Table 4.4, and Table 4.5 of the FSR</p>



Stakeholder Details	Comment	Response	Report Reference
	<p>(i) The co-ordinates in the SR must be specific to each activity and infrastructure that is proposed on the site. The co-ordinates for each corner of the solar fields, substations and battery energy storage systems (BESS) must be included in the report, i.e., we require that you provide us with the specific development footprints for each development parameter, and not an area outlining the entire site.</p>		
	<p>(ii) Please provide a concise, but complete, summary and bullet list of the project description and associated infrastructure (or project scope). This must include a list of all development components and associated infrastructure.</p>	<p>A summary of the key project infrastructure has been included in Table 4.6 of the FSR.</p>	<p>Table 4.6 of the FSR</p>
	<p>(iii) Kindly ensure the development footprints (hectares/square metres) and specifications of all proposed infrastructure and associated infrastructure during all phases are included in the final SR.</p>	<p>A summary of the key project infrastructure has been included in Table 4.6 of the FSR. The extent of the various infrastructure is included in this table.</p>	<p>Table 4.6 of the FSR</p>
	<p>(iv) Kindly take note that when finalising the layout plan the position of all proposed infrastructure and linear activities, which includes but not limited to the following must be illustrated:</p> <p>Solar fields;</p> <p>Construction camp laydown areas;</p> <p>Substations;</p>	<p>A preliminary layout map of the development is included in Figure 4.3 of the FSR. This layout map will be updated as require in the EIA phase. Please note that corridors have been included for the connection routes as pylon positions will only be confirmed subject to micro-siting and final design.</p>	<p>Figure 4. 3 of the FSR</p>



Stakeholder Details	Comment	Response	Report Reference
	<p>Internal roads; Battery energy storage systems (BESS); Operation and maintenance buildings; and Power lines.</p>		
	<p>(v) The final SR must clearly provide a detailed section which addresses the site sensitivity verification requirements where a specialist assessment is required but no specific assessment protocol has been prescribed, as well as the site sensitivity verification and minimum report content requirements for all specialist assessments undertaken, which were included in the screening tool report.</p>	<p>The site sensitivity verification information provided in the DSR has been consolidated into Section 6 of the FSR. A summary of specialist assessments identified for inclusion in the assessment report as identified by the DFFE screening tool is indicated in Table 6.1 of the FSR. The table also identifies the applicable assessment protocol to be followed, the sensitivity of the environmental theme as identified by the DFFE Screening Tool and where applicable, a sensitivity verification has been included. Specialist screening assessments were undertaken for the Scoping Phase. The required specialist impact assessments will be undertaken in the EIA Phase and will be conducted in accordance with the Procedures for the Assessment and Minimum Criteria for Reporting on identified Environmental Themes, which were promulgated in Government Notice No. 320 of 20 March 2020 and in Government Notice No. 1150 of 30 October 2020 (i.e. “the Protocols”), or Appendix 6 of the EIA Regulations, depending on which legislation apply to the assessment under consideration. The plan of study for the EIA Phase is detailed in Section 9 of the FSR.</p>	<p>Section 6 of the FSR Table 6.1 of the FSR Section 9 of the FSR</p>
	<p>(vi) Further to the above take note that a site sensitivity verification report should be included in the final SR which can be undertaken by either an EAP or specialist, which must clearly confirm or dispute the environmental sensitivity as identified in the screening tool report for each theme.</p>		
	<p>(vii) According to the Terrestrial Biodiversity Report (Appendix G-5) Critical Biodiversity Area</p>	<p>While the area is mapped as a CBA, the lands on which the CBA occurs appear modified or disturbed,</p>	<p>Section 9.5.4 of the FSR</p>



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	<p>occurs at the west of the proposed site, that is largely covering the portion proposed for the establishment of the solar PV Site B (Figure 4). Kindly take note that according to the Mpumalanga Biodiversity Sector Plan, 2015, PV farms and solar arrays are not compatible land-use activities to be undertaken in areas classified as CBA. Therefore, the mitigation hierarchy should be applied in full, and a Biodiversity Offset should be considered to ensure that significant residual impacts of the development are remedied.</p>	<p>and the CBA occurs in isolation to other mapped CBA areas. It is important to understand that CBA mapping is based on high-level spatial datasets that require ground-truthing in the field for verification.</p> <p>As noted in Section 9.5.4 of the FSR, the plan of study for the EIA Phase includes confirming vegetation mapping and flora surveys. Following which, the mitigation hierarchy will be applied if required.</p>	
	<p>(b) Listed Activities</p> <p>(i) Kindly take note that the activity listed in the application form and the draft SR as Activity 15 (ii) of Listing Notice 2 of the EIA Regulations 2014, as amended “Activity 15(ii) The clearance of an area of 20 hectares or more of indigenous vegetation. (ii) with a reserve wider than 13,5 meters, or where no reserve exists where the road is wider than 8 metres.” Is quoted incorrectly as Activity 15 of Listing Notice 2 of the EIA Regulations 2014, as amended makes no reference to reserves. Please ensure that all applicable activities are applied for in the final SR and quoted correctly as listed in the EIA Regulations 2014, as amended.</p>	<p>Activity 15 of Listing Notice 2 has been corrected in the FSR and Application Form. An Amended Application Form will be re-submitted with the FSR.</p>	<p>Table 2-1 of the FSR.</p>
	<p>(ii) Please ensure that all relevant listed activities are applied for, are specific and that it can be linked to the development activity or</p>	<p>WSP can confirm that all relevant listed activities have been applied for and can be linked to the development activity or infrastructure as described in</p>	<p>Table 2-1 of the FSR.</p>



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	infrastructure as described in the project description.	the project description. An Amended Application Form will be re-submitted with the FSR.	
	(iii) The listed activities represented in the SR, and the application form must be the same and correct.	WSP can confirm that an amended application form will be submitted with the FSR as the listed activity descriptions have been amended.	Table 2-1 of the FSR.
	(iv) If the activities applied for in the application form differ from those mentioned in the final SR, an amended application form must be submitted.	WSP can confirm that an amended application form will be submitted with the FSR as the listed activity descriptions have been amended.	Table 2-1 of the FSR.
	(v) Please note that the Department's application form template has been amended and can be downloaded from the following link https://www.dffe.gov.za/documents/forms .	WSP can confirm that the most recent application form template has been utilised.	
	(c) Layout & Sensitivity Maps (i) The final SR must provide coordinate points for the proposed development site (note that if the site has numerous bend points, at each bend point coordinates must be provided) as well as the start, middle and end point of all linear activities.	The outer coordinates of Solar Site A and Solar Site B are indicated in Table 4.3, the BESS is indicated in Table 4.4, and the powerlines are indicated in Table 4.5 of the FSR.	Table 4.3, Table 4.4, and Table 4.5 of the FSR
	(ii) Please provide a layout map which indicates the following: a) A clear indication of the envisioned area for the proposed solar fields; b) Position of the solar panels; c) Power lines;	A layout map of the development is included in Figure 4-3 of the FSR. The outer coordinates of Solar Site A and Solar Site B are indicated in Table 4.3, the BESS is indicated in Table 4.4, and the powerlines are indicated in Table 4.5 This layout map will be updated as require in the EIA phase. Please note that corridors have been	Figure 4-3 of the FSR Table 4.3, Table 4.4, and Table 4.5 of the FSR



Stakeholder Details	Comment	Response	Report Reference
	<p>d) Internal roads;</p> <p>e) All supporting onsite infrastructure such as laydown area, guard house and control room etc. (existing and proposed);</p> <p>f) Substations, transformers, switching stations and inverters;</p> <p>g) Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS);</p> <p>h) Connection routes (including pylon positions) to the distribution/transmission network;</p> <p>i) All existing infrastructure on the site, especially railway lines and roads; and</p> <p>j) Buildings.</p>	<p>included for the connection routes as pylon positions will only be confirmed subject to micro-siting and final design.</p>	
	<p>(iii) Please provide an environmental sensitivity map which indicates the following:</p> <p>a) The location of sensitive environmental features identified on site, e.g. CBAs, protected areas, heritage sites, wetlands, drainage lines etc. that will be affected by the facility and its associated infrastructure;</p> <p>b) Buffer areas; and</p> <p>c) All “no-go” areas.</p>	<p>A Preliminary Consolidated Sensitivity Map (Figure 6-13) has been included in the FSR.</p>	<p>Figure 6-13 of the FSR</p>
	<p>(iv) The above layout map must be superimposed (overlain) with the sensitivity map and a cumulative map which shows neighbouring and existing infrastructure.</p>	<p>The Site layout has been overlain onto a Preliminary Consolidated Sensitivity Map (Figure 6-13) as well as a cumulative map showing renewable Energy Projects within 30km of the proposed Komati Solar PV and BESS facility (Figure 8-1).</p>	<p>Figure 6-13 and Figure 8-1 of the FSR</p>



Stakeholder Details	Comment	Response	Report Reference
	(v) Google maps will not be accepted.	WSP can confirm that the preliminary sensitivity map (Figure 6-13) and cumulative map were made using data from Esri (Figure 8-1).	Figure 6-13 and Figure 8-1 of the FSR
	(d) Alternatives (i) Please provide a description of any identified alternatives for the proposed activity that are feasible and reasonable, including the advantages and disadvantages that the proposed activity or alternatives will have on the environment and on the community that may be affected by the activity as per Appendix 2 of GN R.982 of 2014 (as amended).	The project alternatives are discussed in Section 4.6 of the FSR. The “no project” alternative will be considered in the EIA phase as a baseline against which the impacts of the proposed project will be assessed.	Section 4.6 of the FSR
	(ii) Alternatively, you should submit written proof of an investigation and motivation if no reasonable or feasible alternatives exist in terms of Appendix 2.		
	(e) Public Participation Process (i) Comments must be obtained from this Department’s Biodiversity Conservation Directorate at BCAdmin@dfpe.gov.za.	WSP can confirm that comments from the Biodiversity Directorate of the DFFE were received and are included in the SER (Table 2.5 of the SER).	Table 2.5 of the SER Appendix D of the SER
	(ii) Please ensure that all issues raised, and comments received during the circulation of the SR from registered I&APs and organs of state which have jurisdiction in respect of the proposed activity are adequately addressed in the final SR, including comments from this	WSP can confirm that all issues raised and comments received during the circulation of the draft SR from registered I&APs and organs of state have been included in the SER and adequately addressed and responded to.	Table 2.5 of the SER Appendix D of the SER



Stakeholder Details	Comment	Response	Report Reference
	Department, and must be incorporated into a Comments and Response Report (CRR).		
	(iii) Proof of correspondence with the various stakeholders must be included in the final SR. Should you be unable to obtain comments, proof should be submitted to the Department of the attempts that were made to obtain comments.	Proof of correspondence with the various stakeholders is included in Appendix B and Appendix D of the SER.	Appendix B and Appendix D of the SER
	(iv) The Public Participation Process must be conducted in terms of Regulation 39, 40, 41, 42, 43 and 44 of the EIA Regulations 2014, as amended.	WSP confirm that the Public Participation Process is being conducted in terms of Regulations 39, 40, 41, 42, 43 & 44 of the EIA Regulations 2014, as amended	
	(v) A comments and response trail report (C&R) must be submitted with the final SR. The C&R report must incorporate all historical comments for this development. The C&R report must be a separate document from the main report and the format must be in the table format as indicated in Annexure 1 of this comments letter. Please refrain from summarising comments made by I&APs. All comments from I&APs must be copied verbatim and responded to clearly. Please note that a response such as “Noted” is not regarded as an adequate response to I&AP’s comments.	WSP can confirm that all issues raised and comments received during the circulation of the draft SR from registered I&APs and organs of state have been included in a comment of response report included in Section 2.5 of the SER. WSP can confirm that the SER will also be submitted as a separate report WSP confirm that all comments from I&APs have been copied verbatim and responded to clearly. Furthermore the response “Noted” has not been utilised.	Section 2.5 of the SER Table 2.5 of the SER Appendix D of the SER
	(vi) The final SR must provide evidence that all identified and relevant competent authorities have been given an opportunity to comment on the proposed development.	WSP confirms that the FSR provides evidence that all identified and relevant competent authorities have been given an opportunity to comment on the proposed development including Mpumalanga	Appendix B and Appendix D of the SER



Stakeholder Details	Comment	Response	Report Reference
		Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, Land and Environmental Affairs (MDARDLEA), South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA), the District and Local Municipalities.	
	(f) Specialist Assessments (i) All Specialists Curriculum Vitae and Declaration of Interest forms must be signed by the relevant specialists and attached to the final SR. The Declaration of Interest forms are available on the Department's website (please use the Department's template).	Specialist Declarations and CVs are included in Appendix C of the FSR.	Appendix C of the FSR
	(ii) The EAP must ensure that the terms of reference for all the identified specialist studies include the following: a) A detailed description of the study's methodology; indication of the locations and descriptions of the development footprint (solar arrays) and all other associated infrastructures that they have assessed and are recommending for authorisation.	WSP can confirm that the specialist studies to be undertaken in the EIA phase will be undertaken in line with Appendix 6 of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended, or as required under the gazetted specialist protocols (GNR 320 of 20 March 2020 and GNR 1150 of 30 October 2020). Therefore, the requested information will be included.	Section 6 of the FSR
	b) Provide a detailed description of all limitations to the studies. All specialist studies must be conducted in the right season and providing that as a limitation will not be allowed.	All relevant specialist assumptions and limitations have been included Section 1.6 of the FSR. These will be updated as required during the EIA Phase.	Section 1.6 of the FSR
	c) Please note that the Department considers a 'no-go' area, as an area where no development of any infrastructure is allowed; therefore, no development of associated infrastructure	WSP acknowledge the DFFE's definition of 'No-go' areas. No-go areas will be re-evaluated and assessed during the EIA phase, based on further specialist field assessments. Where specialist	Section 6.2 of the FSR



Stakeholder Details	Comment	Response	Report Reference
	including access roads is allowed in the 'no-go' areas.	definitions of 'no-go' areas differ from the Department's definition; these will be clearly indicated.	
d) Should the specialist definition of 'no-go' area differ from the Department's definition; this must be clearly indicated. The specialist must also indicate the 'no-go' area's buffer if applicable.			
	e) Bird specialist studies must have support from Birdlife South Africa.	An avifaunal assessment will be undertaken during the EIA Phase. Birdlife South Africa is included in the I&AP database.	Appendix A of the SER
	f) All specialist studies must be final, and provide detailed/practical mitigation measures for the preferred alternative and recommendations, and must not recommend further studies to be completed post EA.	All specialist studies to be appended to the Final EIA Report will be final. Specialist reports will provide detailed/practical mitigation measures for the preferred alternative and recommendations, and will not recommend further studies to be completed post EA with the exception of pre-construction walkthroughs, search and rescue and micro-siting. The Specialist Studies will sufficiently inform the EA decision phase.	
	g) Should a specialist recommend specific mitigation measures, these must be clearly indicated.	All specific mitigation measures, will be clearly indicated and included in the EMPr during the EIA Phase.	
	(iii) Should the appointed specialists specify contradicting recommendations, the EAP must clearly indicate the most reasonable recommendation and substantiate this with defensible reasons; and were necessary, include further expertise advice.	In the EMPr, WSP will clearly indicate the most reasonable recommendation and substantiate this with defensible reasons should any specialist recommendations be contradictory.	



Stakeholder Details	Comment	Response	Report Reference
		To date no contradictory recommendations have been received.	
	(iv) Please ensure that all mitigation recommendations are in line with applicable and most recent guidelines.	WSP will ensure that all mitigation recommendations included in the EMPr during the EIA Phase are in line with applicable and most recent guidelines	
	(v) It is further brought to your attention that Procedures for the Assessment and Minimum Criteria for Reporting on identified Environmental Themes in terms of Sections 24(5)(a) and (h) and 44 of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998, when applying for Environmental Authorisation, which were promulgated in Government Notice No. 320 of 20 March 2020 (i.e. “the Protocols”), and in Government Notice No. 1150 of 30 October 2020 (i.e. protocols for terrestrial plant and animal species), have come into effect. Please note that specialist assessments must be conducted in accordance with these protocols.	WSP can confirm that the Procedures for the Assessment and Minimum Criteria for Reporting on identified Environmental Themes (as per the Screening Report), which were promulgated in Government Notice No. 320 of 20 March 2020 and in Government Notice No. 1150 of 30 October 2020 (i.e. “the Protocols”) are being considered as applicable.	Section 6.1 of the FSR
	(vi) As such, the Specialist Declaration of Interest forms must also indicate the scientific organisation registration/member number and status of registration/membership for each specialist.	Specialist Declarations included in the FSR do indicate the name of scientific organisation/council and member number and the status of the registration/membership of each specialist as applicable.	Appendix C of the FSR
	(vii) Please also ensure that the final SR includes the Site Verification Report as required by the relevant environmental themes and assessments.	The site sensitivity verification information provided in the DSR has been consolidated into Section 6 of the FSR. A summary of specialist assessments identified for inclusion in the assessment report as	Section 6 of the FSR Table 6.1 of the FSR



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		<p>identified by the DFFE screening tool is indicated in Table 6.1 of the FSR. The table also identifies the applicable assessment protocol to be followed, the sensitivity of the environmental theme as identified by the DFFE Screening Tool and where applicable, a sensitivity verification has been included. Specialist screening assessments were undertaken for the Scoping Phase. The required specialist impact assessments will be undertaken in the EIA Phase and will be conducted in accordance with the Procedures for the Assessment and Minimum Criteria for Reporting on identified Environmental Themes, which were promulgated in Government Notice No. 320 of 20 March 2020 and in Government Notice No. 1150 of 30 October 2020 (i.e. “the Protocols”), or Appendix 6 of the EIA Regulations, depending on which legislation apply to the assessment under consideration. The plan of study for the EIA Phase is detailed in Section 9 of the FSR.</p>	<p>Section 9 of the FSR</p>
	<p>(viii) Please note further that the protocols, if applicable, require certain specialists’ to be SACNASP registered. Please ensure that the relevant specialist certificates are attached to the relevant reports.</p>	<p>Specialist Declarations included in the FSR do indicate the name of scientific organisation/council and member number and the status of the registration/membership of each specialist as applicable.</p>	<p>Appendix C of the FSR</p>
	<p>(g) Cumulative Assessment (i) Should there be any other similar projects within a 30km radius of the proposed development site, the cumulative impact assessment for all identified and assessed</p>	<p>A preliminary assessment of the cumulative impacts is included in Section 8.3 of the FSR. The renewable energy projects within a 30 km radius of the project site has been identified and included in Figure 8-1 of</p>	<p>Section 8.3 of the FSR Figure 8-1 of the FSR</p>



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	impacts must be refined to indicate the following:	the FSR. This will be re-affirmed during the EIA Phase.	
	a) Identified cumulative impacts must be clearly defined, and where possible the size of the identified impact must be quantified and indicated, i.e., hectares of cumulatively transformed land.	WSP confirm that cumulative impacts will be considered in the EIA phase.	
	b) Detailed process flow and proof must be provided, to indicate how the specialist's recommendations, mitigation measures and conclusions from the various similar developments in the area were taken into consideration in the assessment of cumulative impacts and when the conclusion and mitigation measures were drafted for this project.	This information will be included in the EIA Report to be compiled in the EIA Phase, along with the related impact and cumulative assessments, and concluding remarks.	
	c) The cumulative impacts significance rating must also inform the need and desirability of the proposed development.	This information will be included in the EIA Report to be compiled in the EIA Phase, along with the related impact and cumulative assessments, and concluding remarks.	
	d) A cumulative impact environmental statement on whether the proposed development must proceed.	This information will be included in the EIA Report to be compiled in the EIA Phase, along with the related impact and cumulative assessments, and concluding remarks.	
	(h) General You are further reminded to comply with Regulation 21(1) of the NEMA EIA Regulations 2014, as amended, which states that:	WSP confirms that the FSR will be submitted to the DFFE within 44 days of the receipt of the application, in line with the regulated timeframes.	



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	<p>“If S&EIR must be applied to an application, the applicant must, within 44 days of receipt of the application by the competent authority, submit to the competent authority a scoping report which has been subjected to a public participation process of at least 30 days and which reflects the incorporation of comments received, including any comments of the competent authority”</p>		
	<p>You are further reminded that the final SR to be submitted to this Department must comply with all the requirements in terms of the scope of assessment and content of Scoping reports in accordance with Appendix 2 and Regulation 21(1) of the EIA Regulations 2014, as amended.</p>	<p>WSP confirm that the FSR complies with all the requirements in terms of the scope of assessment and content of Scoping report in accordance with Appendix 2 and Regulation 21(1) of the EIA Regulations 2014, as amended. Please refer to Table 1-5 of the FSR for the checklist against the regulatory requirements.</p>	<p>Table 1-5 of the FSR</p>
	<p>Further note that in terms of Regulation 45 of the EIA Regulations 2014, as amended, this application will lapse if the applicant fails to meet any of the timeframes prescribed in terms of these Regulations, unless an extension has been granted in terms of Regulation 3(7).</p>	<p>WSP notes that the application will lapse if the applicant fails to meet any of the timeframes prescribed in terms of these Regulations.</p>	
	<p>You are hereby reminded of Section 24F of the National Environmental Management Act, Act No. 107 of 1998, as amended, that no activity may commence prior to an Environmental Authorisation being granted by the Department.</p> <p>Yours sincerely</p>	<p>WSP and the Applicant take note of this reminder.</p>	



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	<p>Ms Milicent Solomons Acting Chief Director: Integrated Environmental Authorisations Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment Signed by: Mr Coenrad Agenbach Designation: Deputy Director: Priority Infrastructure Projects Date: 01 March 2023</p>		
DFFE Directorate: Biodiversity Conservation			
<p>Kamogelo Mathetja 06 February 2023 Email</p>	<p>Dear Sir/Madam</p> <p>DFFE Directorate: Biodiversity Conservation hereby acknowledge receipt of the invitation to review and comment on the project mentioned on the subject line. Kindly note that the project has been allocated to Mrs M Rabothata and Mr K Mathetja (Both copied on this email). In addition, kindly share the shapefiles of the development footprints/application site with the Case Officers.</p> <p>Please note: All Public Participation Process documents related to Biodiversity EIA review and any other Biodiversity EIA queries must be submitted to the Directorate: Biodiversity Conservation at Email: BCAdmin@environment.gov.za for attention of Mr Seoka Lekota</p>	-	Appendix D



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	<p>Regards, Kamogelo</p>		
<p>Mmatlala Rabothata 06 March 2023 Email DFFE Directorate: Biodiversity Conservation</p>	<p>Good Afternoon, Please receive the attached comments from Directorate: Biodiversity Conservation for your attention and implementation. Regards Ms Mmatlala Rabothata Department of Forestry Fisheries and the Environment</p>	<p>-</p>	<p>Appendix D</p>
<p>Mr T Seoka Lekota 06 March 2023 (Letter dated 03 March 2023) Letter (Via Email) DFFE Directorate: Biodiversity Conservation</p>	<p>Dear Sir/Madam COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT SCOPING REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF THE KOMATI POWER STATION SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC FACILITY, BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEMS AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE, MPUMALANGA PROVINCE The Directorate: Biodiversity Conservation has reviewed and evaluated the reports and doesn't have any objection to the draft Scoping Report. The final report must comply with the procedures for the assessment and minimum criteria for reporting on identified environmental themes in terms of sections 24(5)(A) and (H) and 44 of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998.</p>	<p>WSP response: WSP can confirm that the Procedures for the Assessment and Minimum Criteria for Reporting on identified Environmental Themes (as per the Screening Report), which were promulgated in Government Notice No. 320 of 20 March 2020 and in Government Notice No. 1150 of 30 October 2020 (i.e. "the Protocols") are being considered as applicable.</p>	<p>Section 6.1 of the FSR</p>



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	<p>Notwithstanding the above, the following recommendations must be considered in the final report:</p> <p>The final sensitivity Layout Map overlaid with sensitivities and indicating the final footprint for the proposed development avoiding environmentally sensitive areas must be included in the Final Scoping report.</p>	<p>WSP response:</p> <p>A Preliminary Consolidated Sensitivity Map (Figure 6-13) has been included in the FSR.</p>	<p>Figure 6-13 of the FSR</p>
	<p>The plan of study for the EIA of the proposed PV facility, that describes how the EIA phase will proceed, including details of the specialist studies required to be undertaken to assess the significance of those impacts identified within the scoping study must be submitted.</p>	<p>WSP response:</p> <p>A plan of study for the EIA Phase has been included in Section 9 of the FSR. Details of the specialist studies to be undertaken are included in Section 9.5 of the SER.</p>	<p>Section 9 of the FSR Section 9.5 of the FSR</p>
	<p>All Public Participation Process documents related to Biodiversity EIA review and any other Biodiversity EIA queries must be submitted to the Directorate: Biodiversity Conservation at Email: BCAdmin@environment.gov.za for attention of Mr Seoka Lekota.</p> <p>Yours faithfully</p> <p>Mr T Seoka Lekota</p> <p>Control Biodiversity Officer Grade B: Biodiversity Conservation Department of Forestry, Fisheries & the Environment</p> <p>Date: 03/03/2023</p>	<p>WSP response:</p> <p>WSP acknowledges this statement. Mr Seoka Lekota is included in the Stakeholder Database.</p>	<p>Appendix of the SER</p>



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South African Heritage Resources			
<p>Natasha Higgitt 06 February 2023 Email</p>	<p>Good day,</p> <p>Please note that all development applications are processed via our online portal, the South African Heritage Resources Information System (SAHRIS) found at the following link: http://sahra.org.za/sahris/. We do not accept emailed, posted, hardcopy, faxed, website links or DropBox links as official submissions.</p> <p>Please create an application on SAHRIS and upload all documents pertaining to the Environmental Authorisation Application Process. As per section 24(4)b(iii) of NEMA and section 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act, Act 25 of 1999 (NHRA), an assessment of heritage resources must form part of the process and the assessment must comply with section 38(3) of the NHRA. If a case already exists on SAHRIS regarding the development, please upload the documents to that case.</p> <p>Once all documents including all appendices are uploaded to the case applications, please ensure that the status of the case is changed from DRAFT to SUBMITTED. Please ensure that all documents produced as part of the EA process are submitted as part of the application.</p> <p>**PLEASE NOTE**</p>	<p>WSP responded on 07 February 2023:</p> <p>Good Morning Natasha</p> <p>The Draft Scoping Report and Heritage Report has been uploaded and submitted to SAHRIS, including the Proof of Payment. The case ID is: 20607.</p> <p>We typically include SAHRA on our stakeholder database and as such you will receive emails regarding the project development and the availability of reports for review but all reports will be uploaded to SAHRIS for comment.</p> <p>Kind Regards,</p>	<p>Appendix D</p>



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	<p>An application fee is now required for all section 38 applications. Please ensure that the SAHRIS application contains a proof of payment as per the notice at the following link: https://sahris.sahra.org.za/content/what-are-sahra-processing-fees-and-banking-details. A payment of R 2 000.00 for this application is required. Applications that do not include a proof of payment will be considered incomplete and will not be processed until proof of payment is provided.</p>		
<p>Natasha Higgitt 10 March 2023 Letter via SAHRIS</p>	<p>Interim Comment</p> <p>In terms of Section 38(3), 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999)</p> <p>The proposed establishment of a Solar Photovoltaic (PV) Energy Facility, Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) Facilities and associated infrastructure at the Komati Power Station, Mpumalanga Province</p> <p>WSP Group Africa (Pty) Ltd have been appointed by Eskom Holdings SOC Ltd to conduct an Environmental Authorisation (EA) Application for the proposed construction of a solar photovoltaic and Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) at the Komati Power Station, near Komati, Mpumalanga Province.</p> <p>A draft Scoping Report (DSR) was submitted in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, Act 107 of 1998 (NEMA) and</p>	<p>WSP response:</p> <p>WSP acknowledges the interim comment. A site visit will be undertaken and the HIA that will be undertaken during the EIA Phase, will consider the historical structures associated with the Komati Power Station and any historical structures in the surrounding residential areas that may be impacted by the proposed development.</p> <p>A plan of study for the EIA Phase has been included in Section 9 of the FSR. Details of the specialist studies to be undertaken are included in Section 9.5 of the SER.</p>	<p>Section 9 of the FSR</p> <p>Section 9.5 of the FSR</p>



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	<p>the NEMA EIA Regulations (As amended). The proposed development will include the construction of PV panels, overhead or underground cabling between components, collector substations, access roads, BESS, perimeter roads, meteorological station, operation and maintenance building, warehouse and workshop, hazardous chemical store, security building, parking areas and roads, temporary laydown areas, temporary concrete batching plant, construction camp and onsite substations within an application area of 200 – 250 ha.</p> <p>Dr Heidi Fourie and APelser Archaeological Consulting have been appointed to provide heritage specialist input as part of the EA process in terms of section 24(4)b(iii) of NEMA and section 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act, Act 25 of 1999 (NHRA).</p> <p>Fourie, H. 2022. Eskom Komati Power Station Solar PV and BESS ESIA: Palaeontological Impact Assessment: Phase 1 Field Study</p> <p>The proposed development area is underlain by the Vryheid Formation that may contain plant fossils, aquatic reptiles, fossil fish and insects. A field assessment will be undertaken.</p> <p>Pelser, A. 2022. A desktop Heritage Impact Assessment Report for the Eskom Komati Power Station Solar PV ESIA</p>		



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	<p>The proposed PV facility will be located in areas that have been heavily disturbed and therefore the likelihood of in-situ heritage resources is low. It is recommended that a site visit be undertaken.</p> <p>Interim Comment</p> <p>The SAHRA notes the submitted heritage reports and awaits further heritage reports during the EIA phase. As portions of the Komati Power Station are older than 60 years, the HIA must consider the historical structures associated with the Komati Power Station and any historical structures in the surrounding residential areas that may be impacted by the proposed development.</p> <p>Further comments will be issued upon receipt of the EIA and associated appendices.</p> <p>Should you have any further queries, please contact the designated official using the case number quoted above in the case header.</p> <p>Yours faithfully</p> <p>Natasha Higgitt</p> <p>Manager: Development Applications Unit</p> <p>South African Heritage Resources Agency</p>		



3.1.3 COMMENTS RECEIVED FROM FINAL SCOPING REPORT

Table 3-3 - Comments received from Final Scoping Report

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DFFE			
<p>Ephron Maradwa 17 March 2023 Email</p>	<p>Dear Megan 14/12/16/3/3/2/2298</p> <p>ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT OF THE FINAL SCOPING REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED ESTABLISHMENT OF A SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC (PV) ENERGY FACILITY, BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEM (BESS) FACILITIES AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE AT THE KOMATI POWER STATION, MPUMALANGA PROVINCE.</p> <p>The Department confirms having received the Updated Application Form and final Scoping Report for the abovementioned project on 16 March 2023. You have submitted these documents to comply with the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) and the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2014, as amended.</p> <p>You are hereby reminded of Section 24F of the National Environmental Management Act 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998), as amended, that no activity may commence prior to an</p>	<p>WSP Response:</p> <p>WSP confirms that the I&APs were provided with an opportunity to comment on the DSR from 06 March 2023 to 06 April 2023.</p> <p>WSP notes that the application will lapse if the applicant fails to meet any of the timeframes prescribed in terms of these Regulations.</p> <p>WSP and the Applicant take note that no activity may commence prior to an Environmental Authorisation being granted by the Department.</p>	<p>Appendix D of the SER</p>



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	<p>Environmental Authorisation being granted by the Department.</p> <p>Kindly quote the abovementioned reference number in any future correspondence in respect of the application.</p> <p>Yours sincerely</p> <p>EIA Applications</p>		
<p>Mr Sabelo Malaza</p> <p>03 May 2023</p> <p>Letter</p>	<p>Dear Mr Chifadza</p> <p>ACCEPTANCE OF THE SCOPING REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED ESTABLISHMENT OF A SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC (PV) ENERGY FACILITY, BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEM (BESS) FACILITIES AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE AT THE KOMATI POWER STATION IN MPUMALANGA PROVINCE</p> <p>The final Scoping Report (SR) and the Plan of Study for Environmental Impact Assessment dated March 2023 and received by the Department on 16 March 2023, refer.</p> <p>The Department has evaluated the submitted final SR and the Plan of Study for Environmental Impact Assessment dated March 2023 and is satisfied that the documents comply with the minimum requirements of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2014, as amended. The final SR is hereby accepted by the Department in terms of Regulation 22(1)(a) of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended.</p>	<p>WSP Response:</p> <p>WSP acknowledges the DFFE acceptance of the Scoping Report. Specific requests have been responded to below.</p>	<p>Appendix D of the SER</p>



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	<p>You may proceed with the environmental impact assessment process in accordance with the tasks contemplated in the Plan of Study for Environmental Impact Assessment as required in terms of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended.</p> <p>In addition, the following amendments and additional information are required for the EIAR:</p>		
	<p>(a) Specific Comments</p> <p>(i) The co-ordinates in the EIAR must be specific to each activity and infrastructure that is proposed on the site. The co-ordinates for each corner of the solar fields, the substation, BESS, power line route, and laydown areas must be included in the EIAR, i.e., we require that you provide us with the specific development footprints for each development parameter, and not an area outlining the entire site.</p>	<p>Coordinates for the Solar field development area, powerline route and BESS have been included in Section 4.1 of the Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR).</p>	<p>Section 4.1 of the Draft EIR</p>
	<p>(ii) Please provide a concise, but complete, summary and bullet list of the project description and associated infrastructure (or project scope) to be included in the decision (or as it should appear in the decision), should a positive Environmental Authorisation be granted. This must include a list of all development components and associated infrastructure.</p>	<p>Table 4-6 of the Draft EIR includes a summary in bullet form of the Key Project Infrastructure required for environmental authorisation.</p>	<p>Table 4-6 of the Draft EIR</p>

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	<p>(iii) Kindly ensure the development footprints (hectares/square metres) and specifications of all proposed infrastructure and associated infrastructure during all phases are included in the EIAR.</p>	<p>Table 4-6 of the Draft EIR includes a summary in bullet form of the Key Project Infrastructure and includes the footprints of the various infrastructure.</p>	<p>Table 4-6 of the Draft EIR</p>
	<p>(iv) According to the Terrestrial Biodiversity Report (Appendix G-5) Critical Biodiversity Areas occur at the western portion of the proposed site, that is largely covering the portion proposed for the establishment of the solar PV Site B (Figure 4). Kindly take note that according to the Mpumalanga Biodiversity Sector Plan, 2015, PV farms and solar arrays are not compatible land-use activities to be undertaken in areas classified as CBA. Therefore, the mitigation hierarchy should be applied in full, and a Biodiversity Offset should be considered to ensure that significant residual impacts of the development are remedied.</p>	<p>An area categorised as CBA Optimal, overlaps with the proposed PV Site B development footprint. Other patches of land designated as CBA Optimal are located to the north and east of the Local Study Area.</p> <p>The Terrestrial Biodiversity Assessment (Appendix H8 of the Draft EIR) recommends that in order to achieve the IFC PS6 requirement of 'no net loss' of natural habitat, a biodiversity offset will be required.</p>	<p>Appendix H8 of the Draft EIR</p> <p>Section 11.3 of the EIR</p>
	<p>(v) Further to the above, the Aquatic Biodiversity Report (Appendix G-9) Page 36 stipulates "Site establishment and construction of the proposed project infrastructure, particularly PV Site A which overlaps with Seep 1, could lead to the permanent loss of wetland habitat within the project footprint. This impact has a high probability of occurrence and a high impact consequence. The impact significance is of High significance prior to the implementation of mitigation measures and can be reduced to a</p>	<p>The aquatic biodiversity assessment (Appendix H9 of the Draft EIR) recommends compensation or offset for the permanent loss of wetland habitat. A biodiversity offset will be required.</p>	<p>Appendix H9 of the Draft EIR</p> <p>Section 11.3 of the EIR</p>



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	<p>Medium significance with the application of recommended mitigation measures. Significant residual impacts (Medium/High) will need to be addressed via modification of the final layout to ensure that wetland loss is avoided, or design of an appropriate offset for unavoidable habitat loss." Kindly take note that the mitigation hierarchy should be applied in full and where significant residual impacts remain a Biodiversity Offset should be considered</p>		
	<p>(b) Listed Activities (i) The EIAR must provide an assessment of the impacts and mitigation measures for each of the listed activities applied for.</p>	<p>An environmental impact assessment is included in Section 9 of the Draft EIR that considers the listed activities applied for under Section 6. Each impact contains mitigation measures where applicable.</p>	<p>Section 6 and Section 9 of the Draft EIR</p>
	<p>(ii) The listed activities represented in the EIAR and the application form must be the same and correct.</p>	<p>An updated application form will be submitted with Draft EIR. The listed activities represented in the Draft EIR and application form are the same.</p>	<p>Section 6 of the Draft EIR</p>
	<p>(iii) The EIAR must assess the correct sub listed activity for each listed activity applied for.</p>	<p>The listed activities and sub listed activities are included in Table 6-1 of the Draft EIR.</p>	<p>Table 6-1 of the Draft EIR</p>
	<p>(c) Public Participation (i) Please ensure that comments from all relevant stakeholders are submitted to the Department with the EIAR. This includes but is not limited to the Mpumalanga Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, Land and Environmental Affairs (MDARDLEA), the Steve Tshwete Local Municipality, the Nkangala District Municipality, the Department of Water</p>	<p>WSP confirms that comments from all relevant stakeholders as indicated in the Stakeholder Database (Appendix A of the SER) that have been received to date, have been included in the SER and responded to.</p>	<p>Appendix A of the SER Appendix D of the SER</p>



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	<p>and Sanitation (DWS), the South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA), BirdLife SA, the Department of Mineral Resources and Energy, and the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment: Directorate Biodiversity and Conservation.</p>		
	<p>(ii) Please ensure that all issues raised and comments received during the circulation of the draft SR and draft EIAr from registered I&APs and organs of state which have jurisdiction in respect of the proposed activity are adequately addressed in the final EIAr. Proof of correspondence with the various stakeholders must be included in the final EIAr. Should you be unable to obtain comments, proof should be submitted to the Department of the attempts that were made to obtain comments.</p>	<p>WSP can confirm that all issues raised and comments received during the circulation of the DSR and draft EIR, as well as those received on the FSR, from registered I&APs and organs of state have been and will be included in the final EIR and adequately addressed and responded to.</p>	<p>Appendix D of the SER</p>
	<p>(iii) A Comments and Response trail report (C&R) must be submitted with the final EIAr. The C&R report must incorporate all comments for this development. The C&R report must be a separate document from the main report and the format must be in the table format as indicated in Annexure 1 of this comments letter. Please refrain from summarising comments made by I&APs. All comments from I&APs must be copied verbatim and responded to clearly. Please note that a response such as “noted” is not regarded as an adequate response to I&AP’s comments.</p>	<p>WSP can confirm that all issues raised and comments received during the circulation of the draft SR from registered I&APs and organs of state have been included in a comment of response table in Section 3 of the SER. All comments received from the circulation of the Draft EIR will be included in the SER and responded do accordingly.</p> <p>WSP can confirm that the SER will also be submitted as a separate report</p>	<p>Section 3 of the SER Appendix D of the SER</p>



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	(iv) Comments from I&APs must not be split and arranged into categories. Comments from each submission must be responded to individually.	All comments from I&APs have been included in chronological order in Section 3 of the SER. All comments have been responded to individually.	Section 3 of the SER
	v) The Public Participation Process must be conducted in terms of Regulation 39, 40, 41, 42, 43 and 44 of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended.	WSP confirm that the Public Participation Process is being conducted in terms of Regulations 39, 40, 41, 42, 43 & 44 of the EIA Regulations 2014, as amended.	-
	(d) Layout & Sensitivity Maps (i) The EIAR must provide coordinate points for the proposed development site and all proposed infrastructure (note that if the site has numerous bend points, at each bend point coordinates must be provided) as well as the start, middle and end point of all linear activities.	Coordinates for the Solar field development area, powerline route and BESS have been included in Section 4.1 of the Draft EIR. This includes bend point coordinates as well as the start, middle and end point coordinates.	Section 4.1 of the Draft EIR
	(ii) The EIAR must provide a copy of the final preferred layout map. All available biodiversity information must be used in the finalisation of the layout map. Existing infrastructure must be used as far as possible e.g., roads. The layout map must indicate the following: a) A clear indication of the envisioned area for the proposed solar fields; b) Internal roads; c) All supporting onsite infrastructure such as laydown area, guard house and control room etc.; d) Substations, transformers, switching stations and inverters;	A layout map has been included as Figure 4-1 of the Draft EIR. It is important to note that the project layout included in the EIR is not final. Although the layout is included in the EIR, it is not submitted for approval at this stage. Subsequent to the decision-making phase, if environmental authorisation is granted for the Komati Solar PV and BESS Facility, the EMPr will have to be amended to include measures as dictated by the final layout map and micro-siting, including the requirements of the EA.	Figure 4-1 of the Draft EIR Section 11.6 of the Draft EIR



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	e) Battery Energy Storage System; f) Power line route (including pylon positions) to the distribution/transmission network; and g) All existing infrastructure on the site, especially railway lines and roads.		
	(iii) Please provide an environmental sensitivity map which indicates the following: a) The location of sensitive environmental features identified on site, e.g. CBAs, protected areas, heritage sites, wetlands, drainage lines, nesting and roosting sites, etc. that will be affected by the facility and its associated infrastructure; b) Buffer areas; and c) All “no-go” areas.	An environmental sensitivity map has been included in Figure 8-22 of the Draft EIR which includes the project layout.	Figure 8-22 of the Draft EIR
	(iv) The above layout map must be superimposed (overlain) with the sensitivity map and a cumulative map which shows neighbouring and existing infrastructure.	An environmental sensitivity map has been included in Figure 8-22 of the Draft EIR which includes the project layout. A map showing Renewable Energy Projects with 30km of the proposed Komati Solar PV and BESS Facility has been included in Figure 10-1 of the Draft EIR	Figure 8-22 of the Draft EIR Figure 10-1 of the Draft EIR
	(v) Google maps will not be accepted.	WSP confirms that Google Maps have not been used for the project layout layout and environmental sensitivity maps.	-
	(e) Specialist assessments (i) The specialists Scoping Reports included in the final SR failed to include an Avifaunal	A terrestrial animal species assessment (Appendix H7 of the Draft EIR) has been undertaken. A site visit was undertaken by the specialist in December	Appendix H7 of the Draft EIR



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	<p>Scoping Report. According to the Terrestrial Biodiversity Report (Page 26-27) two red listed bird species are expected to occur on the site, namely the Saddle-billed Stork (<i>Ephippiorhynchus senegalensis</i>) which is listed as Endangered (EN) and the Secretary bird (<i>Sagittarius serpentarius</i>) listed as Vulnerable (VU). During the avifauna scoping site visit conducted on 17 June 2022, habitats with potential to support African Grass Owl were mapped (Figure 10). Based on the above and the final SR an Avifaunal Assessment must be included in the EIAR to assess the impacts of the development on the avifaunal species present on site and recommend mitigation measures.</p>	<p>2022 and all species found on site have been noted.</p>	
	<p>(ii) Detailed technical specifications of the proposed 132kV power line must be included in the EIAR, such as pylon type, number of pylons, pylons spacing (mean and maximum), pylon height (lowest, mean and height) and conductor attachment height (mean). The pylon design must also incorporate bird friendly designs.</p>	<p>It is important to note that the project layout included in the EIR is not final. Although the layout is included in the EIR, it is not submitted for approval at this stage. Subsequent to the decision-making phase, if environmental authorisation is granted for the Komati Solar PV and BESS Facility, the EMPr will have to be amended to include measures as dictated by the final layout map and micro-siting, including the requirements of the EA and specific technical detail requirements relating to the pylons.</p>	<p>Section 4.4 of the Draft EIR</p>
	<p>(iii) Please provide a detailed description as well as any associated assessments related to the technology required for the Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) in the EIAR</p>	<p>It is proposed that Lithium Battery Technologies, such as Lithium Iron Phosphate, Lithium Nickel Manganese Cobalt oxides or Vanadium Redox flow technologies will be considered as the preferred battery technology however the specific technology</p>	<p>Section 4.4.3 of the Draft EIR</p>



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		<p>will only be determined following Engineering, Procurement, and Construction (EPC) procurement. The main components of the BESS include the batteries, power conversion system and transformer which will all be stored in various rows of containers. The BESS components will arrive on site pre-assembled</p>	
	<p>(iv) The EAP must ensure that the terms of reference for all the identified specialist studies must include the following:</p> <p>a) A detailed description of the study’s methodology; indication of the locations and descriptions of the development footprint, and all other associated infrastructures that they have assessed and are recommending for authorisation.</p> <p>b) Provide a detailed description of all limitations to the studies. All specialist studies must be conducted in the right season and providing that as a limitation will not be allowed.</p>	<p>WSP can confirm that the specialist studies have been undertaken in line with Appendix 6 of the 2014 EIA Regulations, as amended, or, where relevant, in line with the gazetted specialist protocols of GNR 320 and GNR 1150. All specialist studies include a detailed description of the methodologies, project infrastructure descriptions and locations and recommendations for authorisations. All specialist assessments include applicable limitations to the studies, as well as the timing/season of the field survey, where applicable, and relevance thereof to the studies/assessments.</p>	<p>Section 3.6 of the Draft EIR</p>
	<p>c) Please note that the Department considers a ‘no-go’ area, as an area where no development of any infrastructure is allowed; therefore, no development of associated infrastructure including access roads is allowed in the ‘no-go’ areas.</p> <p>d) Should the specialist definition of ‘no-go’ area differ from the Department’s definition; this must</p>	<p>WSP acknowledge the DFFE’s definition of ‘No-go’ areas. The relevant specialist assessments have indicated ‘No-go’ areas, as well as areas where it is suitable for linear infrastructure (water pipelines, roads, powerline infrastructure etc.) to traverse a no-go area where required. Where specialist deviations or qualifications are applicable, these have been noted in Section 8.2.</p>	<p>Section 8.3 of the Draft EIR</p>



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	be clearly indicated. The specialist must also indicate the 'no-go' area's buffer if applicable.		
	e) All specialist studies must be final, and provide detailed/practical mitigation measures for the preferred alternative and recommendations, and must not recommend further studies to be completed post EA.	All specialist studies conducted have been included in Appendix H of the EIR. The Specialist studies include detailed mitigation measures to prevent or avoid adverse impacts on the receiving environment, which have been incorporated into the EIR and EMPr. The Specialist recommendations and conclusions are included in Section 11.2 of the Draft EIR. There are no recommendations or requirements from the Specialists to conduct further studies post EA.	Appendix H of the Draft EIR Section 11.2 of the Draft EIR
	f) Bird specialist studies must have support from Birdlife South Africa.	Birdlife South Africa has been included on the stakeholder database and will receive all project updates including the Draft EIR for comment.	Appendix A of the SER
	g) Should a specialist recommend specific mitigation measures, these must be clearly indicated	All specific mitigation measures proposed by specialists have been clearly indicated in Section 11.3 of the Draft EIR and have been included in the EMPr.	Section 11.3 of the Draft EIR
	(v) Should the appointed specialists specify contradicting recommendations, the EAP must clearly indicate the most reasonable recommendation and substantiate this with defensible reasons; and were necessary, include further expertise advice.	The specialists have not specified contradicting recommendations. All recommendations are aligned and are considered practical and able to be implemented.	Section 11.3 of the Draft EIR
	(vi) It is further brought to your attention that Procedures for the Assessment and Minimum Criteria for Reporting in identified Environmental	Specialist assessments have been undertaken to comply with the procedures for the assessment and minimum criteria for reporting on identified	Section 8 of the Draft EIR



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	<p>Themes in terms of Sections 24(5)(a) and (h) and 44 of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998, when applying for Environmental Authorisation, which were promulgated in Government Notice No. 320 of 20 March 2020 (i.e. “the Protocols”) and in Government Notice No. 1150 of 30 October 2020 (i.e. protocols for terrestrial plant and animal species), have come into effect. Please note that specialist assessments must be conducted in accordance with these protocols.</p>	<p>environmental themes in terms of sections 24(5)(A) and (H) and 44 of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998.</p>	
	<p>(vii) Please also ensure that the EIAR includes the Site Verification Report and Compliance Statements (where applicable) as required by the relevant themes.</p>	<p>A Site Sensitivity Verification section has been included in Section 8 of the Draft EIR.</p>	<p>Section 8 of the Draft EIR</p>
	<p>(viii) Please note further that the protocols, if applicable, require certain specialists’ to be SACNASP registered. Please ensure that the relevant specialist certificates are attached to the relevant reports.</p>	<p>Specialist CVs have been included in Appendix C of the Draft EIR.</p>	<p>Appendix C of the Draft EIR</p>
	<p>(ix) As such, the Specialist Declaration of Interest forms must also indicate the scientific organisation registration/member number and status of registration/membership for each specialist.</p>	<p>Specialist Declarations have been included in Appendix C of the Draft EIR.</p>	<p>Appendix C of the Draft EIR</p>
	<p>(x) The following Specialist Assessments will form part of the EIAR: Surface Water Impact Assessment;</p>	<p>Please refer to Appendix H of the EIR for the relevant Specialist Reports. A separate Terrestrial Plant and separate Terrestrial Animal Assessment Report was undertaken.</p>	<p>Appendix H of the Draft EIR</p>



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	<p>Groundwater Impact Assessment; Soil Impact Assessment; Terrestrial Biodiversity Impact Assessment Avifauna Assessment; Aquatic Biodiversity Impact Assessment; Heritage Impact Assessment; Palaeontological Impact Assessment; Visual Impact Assessment; Traffic Impact Assessment; and Social Impact Assessment.</p>		
	<p>(xi) Please ensure that each specialist study has the correct and same project description and layout to assess.</p>	<p>WSP can confirm that the specialist studies have been undertaken in line with Appendix 6 of the 2014 EIA Regulations, as amended, or, where relevant, in line with the gazetted specialist protocols of GNR 320 and GNR 1150. All specialist studies include a detailed description of the methodologies, project infrastructure descriptions and locations and recommendations for authorisations.</p>	
	<p>(xii) Please include a table that shows the proposed studies and the relevant specialists carrying out the study. In addition, a summary should be included of the specialist's recommendations in terms of the alternatives that are preferred based on the findings of their study.</p>	<p>Specialist Studies identified by the DFFE Screening Tool that have been undertaken are included Table 3-2 of the Draft EIR. A summary of the site sensitivity confirmed by specialists are included in Table 8-1 of the Draft EIR.</p>	<p>Table 3-2 of the Draft EIR Table 8-1 of the Draft EIR</p>



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	<p>(f) Cumulative Assessment</p> <p>(i) As there are other similar projects within a 30km radius of the proposed development site, a cumulative impact assessment for all identified and assessed impacts must be conducted and must indicate the following:</p> <p>a) Identified cumulative impacts must be clearly defined, and where possible the size of the identified impact must be quantified and indicated, i.e. hectares of cumulatively transformed land.</p> <p>b) Detailed process flow and proof must be provided, to indicate how the specialist's recommendations, mitigation measures and conclusions from the various similar developments in the area were taken into consideration in the assessment of cumulative impacts and when the conclusion and mitigation measures were drafted for this project.</p> <p>c) The cumulative impacts significance rating must also inform the need and desirability of the proposed development.</p> <p>d) A cumulative impact environmental statement on whether the proposed development must proceed.</p>	<p>A cumulative impact assessment has been included in Section 10 of the Draft EIR and a summary of the impact from a cumulative perspective has been summarised in Section 10.12 of the Draft EIR.</p>	<p>Section 10 of the Draft EIR</p> <p>Section 10.12 of the Draft EIR</p>
	<p>(g) General</p> <p>(i) The EIAR must provide the technical details for the proposed facility in a table format as well</p>	<p>Table 4-6 of the Draft EIR includes a summary in bullet form of the Key Project Infrastructure and includes the footprints of the various infrastructure.</p>	<p>Table 4-6 of the Draft EIR</p>



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	<p>as their description and/or dimensions. A sample for the minimum information required is listed under Annexure 2 below.</p>		
	<p>(ii) The EAP must provide landowner consent for all farm portions affected by the proposed project i.e., all farm portions where the solar field and associated infrastructure are to be located.</p>	<p>All land that will be affected by the proposed project is owned by the applicant (Eskom Holdings SOC).</p>	<p>Section 4.1 of the Draft EIR</p>
	<p>(iii) A construction and operational phase EMPr that includes mitigation and monitoring measures must be submitted with the final EIAR, including the Generic EMPr for substations and power lines.</p>	<p>An EMPr has been compiled and submitted in Appendix I of the Draft EIR. The Generic EMPrs for substations and power lines.</p>	<p>Appendix I of the Draft EIR</p>
	<p>The applicant is hereby reminded to comply with the requirements of Regulation 45 of GN R982 of 04 December 2014, as amendment, with regard to the time period allowed for complying with the requirements of the Regulations.</p>	<p>The reminder to meet timeframes stipulated Regulation 45 of GN R982 of 04 December 2014, as amended, is noted. The final EIR is due to the DFFE by 19 August 2023 (allowance for the public holidays have been taken into consideration).</p>	<p>-</p>
	<p>You are hereby reminded of Section 24F of the National Environmental Management Act, Act No. 107 of 1998, as amended, that no activity may commence prior to an environmental authorisation being granted by the Department.</p> <p>Yours faithfully Mr Sabelo Malaza</p>	<p>WSP and the Applicant take note of this reminder.</p>	<p>-</p>



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MTPA			
Frans Krige 21 March 2023 Email	Please register the MTPA as an IAP and send a hard copy to Thabile Mnisi at Nelspruit. Kind Regards Frans Krige LUAS	WSP Responded: Good Day Frans Please note we have sent the report via courier and have added MTPA as an IAP to the database. Kind Regards,	Appendix D of the SER
Phumla Nkosi 23 March 2023 Email	Good Day Megan Thank you, We have received and registered the document. Kind Regards Phumla	-	Appendix D of the SER
DFFE: Biodiversity			
Mr Seoka Lekota 13 April 2023 Email	Dear Sir/Madam COMMENTS ON THE FINAL SCOPING REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF THE KOMATI POWER STATION SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC FACILITY , BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEMS AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE, MPUMALANGA PROVINCE. The Directorate: Biodiversity Conservation reviewed and evaluated the aforementioned report.	WSP Response: WSP confirms that Seoka Lekota from the Directorate: Biodiversity Conservation will continue to receive project updates including the Draft EIA Report.	Appendix D of the SER



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	<p>The Directorate Biodiversity and Conservation has noted that the recommendations that were provided in the Draft Scoping Report has been addressed and responded to in the Final Scoping Report. Therefore, the development can proceed to the next EIA phase.</p> <p>All Public Participation Process documents related to the Biodiversity EIA review and any other Biodiversity EIA queries must be submitted to the Directorate: Biodiversity Conservation at Email: BCAdmin@environment.gov.za for attention of Mr Seoka Lekota.</p> <p>Yours Faithfully, Mr Seoka Lekota Control Biodiversity Officer Grade B: Biodiversity Conservation</p>		
I&APs			
<p>Jacobus Van Heerden 17 March 2023 Email</p>	<p>Hi Megan ,</p> <p>I trust you are well? I would like to find out on the progress on Komati Power station solar project?</p> <p>We need some information if you have any available ? How do we tender for this project?</p> <p>Your guidance is appreciated.</p> <p>Regards Cobus Van Heerden</p>	<p>WSP Responded:</p> <p>Good Day Cobus</p> <p>WSP has been appointed to undertake the environmental authorisation process for the Komati Solar Project which is expected to be completed in March 2024. We have just submitted the Final Scoping Report to the DFFE. I can add you to our stakeholder database if you would like so you can receive updates on the progress of the environmental authorisation process?</p>	<p>Appendix D of the SER</p>



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	Site Manager Secunda +27 82 775 2671 jacobus.vanheerden@eazi.co.za www.eazi.co.za	Unfortunately I have no information with regards to the tendering process. Kind Regards,	
	Hi Megan I would appreciate it a lot if you can add me to the stakeholder database. Thank you very much for your support. Regards.	WSP Response: Stakeholder has been added to the database	Appendix D of the SER
Reuben Maroga 22 March 2023 Email	Hi Megan, I hope you are well. Would you kindly share the KML illustrating the proposed development? Your feedback will be highly appreciated. Best Regard Reuben Maroga Permitting Specialist	WSP Responded: Good Day Reuben Please see attached as requested. Kind Regards,	Appendix D of the SER



3.1.4 COMMENTS RECEIVED FROM DRAFT EIR

Table 3-4 - Comments received from Draft EIR

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DFFE			
<p><u>Ephron Maradwa</u> <u>05 July 2023</u> <u>Email</u></p>	<p><u>Dear Megan.</u> <u>14/12/16/3/3/2/2298</u> <u>ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT OF THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT REPORT FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION FOLLOWING A SCOPING ASSESSMENT PROCESS FOR THE PROPOSED ESTABLISHMENT OF A SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC (PV) ENERGY FACILITY, BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEM (BESS) FACILITIES AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE AT THE KOMATI POWER STATION, MPUMALANGA PROVINCE.</u> <u>The Department confirms having received the Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report and Amended Application Form for the abovementioned project on 04 July 2023. You have submitted these documents to comply with the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) and the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2014, as amended.</u></p>	<p><u>WSP Response:</u> <u>WSP confirms that the I&APs were provided with an opportunity to comment on the DSR from 06 March 2023 to 06 April 2023, and the Draft EIR from 05 July 2023 to 04 August 2023.</u> <u>WSP notes that the application will lapse if the applicant fails to meet any of the timeframes prescribed in terms of these Regulations.</u> <u>WSP and the Applicant take note that no activity may commence prior to an Environmental Authorisation being granted by the Department.</u></p>	<p><u>Appendix D of the SER</u></p>



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	<p><u>Please take note of Regulation 40(3) of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended, which states that “Potential or registered interested and affected parties, including the competent authority, may be provided with an opportunity to comment on reports and plans contemplated in subregulation (1) prior to submission of an application but must be provided with an opportunity to comment on such reports once an application has been submitted to the competent authority.”</u></p> <p><u>Further note that in terms of Regulation 45 of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended, this application will lapse if the applicant fails to meet any of the time-frames prescribed in terms of these Regulations, unless an extension has been granted in terms of Regulation 3(7) of these Regulations.</u></p> <p><u>You are hereby reminded of Section 24F of the National Environmental Management Act 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998), as amended, that no activity may commence prior to an Environmental Authorisation being granted by the Department.</u></p> <p><u>Kindly quote the abovementioned reference number in any future correspondence in respect of the application.</u></p> <p><u>EIA Applications</u></p> <p><u>Integrated Environmental Authorisations</u></p>		



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	<u>Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment</u>		
<u>Sabelo Malaza</u> <u>02 August 2023</u> <u>Letter (Via Email)</u>	<p><u>Dear Ms Strong</u></p> <p><u>COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED ESTABLISHMENT OF A SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC (PV) ENERGY FACILITY, BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEM (BESS) FACILITIES AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE AT THE KOMATI POWER STATION IN MPUMALANGA PROVINCE</u></p> <p><u>The Application for Environmental Authorisation and Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) received by the Department on 02 February 2023 and 04 July 2023, respectively, refer.</u></p> <p><u>This letter serves to inform you that the following information must be included in the final EIAR:</u></p>	<p><u>WSP Response:</u></p> <p><u>Specific requests have been responded to below.</u></p>	
	<p><u>(a) Specific comments</u></p> <p><u>(i) The co-ordinates in the EIAR must be specific to each activity and infrastructure that is proposed on the site. The co-ordinates for each corner of the solar fields, the substation, BESS, power line route, and laydown areas must be included in the EIAR, i.e., we require that you provide us with the specific development</u></p>	<p><u>The coordinates for the solar fields, the substation, BESS and power line route are included in Section 4.1 of the Final EIR.</u></p>	<p><u>Section 4.1 of the Final EIR.</u></p>



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	<p>footprints for each development parameter, and not an area outlining the entire site.</p>		
	<p>(ii) Please provide a concise, but complete, summary and bullet list of the project description and associated infrastructure (or project scope) to be included in the decision (or as it should appear in the decision), should a positive Environmental Authorisation be granted. This must include a list of all development components and associated infrastructure.</p>	<p>As previously requested in the Final Scoping Report Comments, Table 4-6 of the Final EIR includes a summary in bullet form of the Key Project Infrastructure required for environmental authorisation.</p>	<p>Table 4-6 of the Final EIR</p>
	<p>(iii) Kindly ensure the development footprints (hectares/square metres) and specifications of all proposed infrastructure and associated infrastructure during all phases are included in the EIAr.</p>	<p>As previously requested in the Final Scoping Report Comments, Table 4-6 of the Final EIR includes a summary in bullet form of the Key Project Infrastructure and includes the footprints of the various infrastructure.</p>	<p>Table 4-6 of the Final EIR</p>
	<p>(iv) The final EIAr must clearly provide a detailed section which addresses the site sensitivity verification requirements where a specialist assessment is required but no specific assessment protocol has been prescribed, as well as the site sensitivity verification and minimum report content requirements for all specialist assessments undertaken, which was included in the screening tool report. Kindly take note that this should be in the form of a report and should either confirm or dispute the sensitivity ratings for each theme identified by the screening tool report. Please refer to 1. Site sensitivity verification and minimum report content requirements of the Protocol document.</p>	<p>A Site Sensitivity Verification section has been included in Section 8 of the Final EIR. Table 8-1 includes the assessment protocols and a summary of the specialist site sensitivity verifications. The site sensitivity verifications are discussed under Section 8.1.</p>	<p>Table 8-1 and Section 8.1 of Section 8 of the Final EIR</p>



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	<p><u>(v) A motivation must be provided in the final EIAr as to why particular studies that were identified in the screening tool were not undertaken.</u></p>	<p><u>Table 3-1 in Section 3.1.1 of the Final EIR contains the specialist studies required for the proposed Eskom Solar PV and BESS Project, as identified by the DFFE Screening Tool and identifies the specialist studies commissioned and provides motivation for specialist studies not commissioned.</u></p>	<p><u>Table 3-1 in Section 3.1.1 of the Final EIR</u></p>
	<p><u>(vi) In the acceptance of the Scoping Report dated 03 May 2023, the Department has made the EAP aware of the requirement of an Avifaunal Study due to the findings of the Avifaunal Scoping Report, please see comment below:</u></p> <p><u>“According to the Terrestrial Biodiversity Report (Page 26-27) two red listed bird species are expected to occur on the site, namely the Saddle-billed Stork (Ephippiorhynchus senegalensis) which is listed as Endangered (EN) and the Secretary bird (Sagittarius serpentarius) listed as Vulnerable (VU). During the avifauna scoping site visit conducted on 17 June 2022, habitats with potential to support African Grass Owl were mapped (Figure 10). Based on the above and the final SR an Avifaunal Assessment must be included in the EIAr to assess the impacts of the development on the avifaunal species present on site and recommend mitigation measures.”</u></p> <p><u>The EAP has responded by stipulating a Terrestrial Animal Species Report has been included in the draft EIAr. Kindly take note that</u></p>	<p><u>An Avifauna Study has been undertaken by Volant Environmental. The assessment notes that the vegetation present on the development site yielded few species of concern, and at low abundance. No nesting sites or roost sites of red-listed species were located on site. No significant seasonal variation in species assemblages and movements across the development site are likely to occur, less so for probable species of concern, thus the overall impact of the development on avifauna is considered to be low.</u></p> <p><u>The Avifauna Assessment is included as Appendix H15 of the Final EIR and in Section 7.2.4, Section 8.1.11, Section 9.7, Section 10.7, and Section 11.2.7 of the Final EIR.</u></p>	<p><u>Appendix H15 of the Final EIR</u></p> <p><u>Section 7.2.4, Section 8.1.11, Section 9.7, Section 10.7, and Section 11.2.7 of the Final EIR.</u></p>



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	<p><u>the Terrestrial Animal Species Report (Appendix H7) does not assess the avifauna on site. Furthermore, on Page 10 of the Terrestrial Animal Species Report the specialist states “Separate bird and bat specialist studies have been conducted for the proposed Project. This report should be read in conjunction with the Terrestrial Biodiversity and Plant Species Specialist Assessment report, and the specialist bird and bat specialist studies.” Therefore, it is unclear as to where the avifauna has been assessed and by what specialist as there are discrepancies and inconsistencies in this regard throughout the report. Please take note that an Avifaunal Specialist Study is required and should be included in the final EIAr.</u></p>		
	<p><u>(vii) Based on the recommendations made by the EAP in the draft EIAr and the findings of the specialist reports stated below, a Biodiversity Offset Plan must be submitted in the final EIAr.</u></p> <p><u>> According to the Terrestrial Biodiversity & Plant Specialist Report (Appendix H-8) Critical Biodiversity Areas occur at the western portion of the proposed site, that is largely covering the portion proposed for the establishment of the solar PV Site B (Figure 5). Kindly take note that according to the Mpumalanga Biodiversity Sector Plan, 2015, PV farms and solar arrays are not compatible land-use activities to be undertaken in areas classified as CBA. Therefore, the mitigation hierarchy should be</u></p>	<p><u>The Applicant has revised the project layout to avoid the CBA area within Solar PV Site B and avoid the Seep 1 Wetland within Solar PV Site A. The requirement for a Biodiversity Offset Plan is therefore no longer applicable as these areas will not be developed on. The optimised project layout is included in Figure 11-1, the sensitivity map is included in Figure 11-2 and the no-go areas are indicated on Figure 11-3 of the Final EIR.</u></p>	<p><u>Figure 11-1, Figure 11-2 and Figure 11-3 of the Final EIR.</u></p>



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	<p><u>applied in full, and a Biodiversity Offset should be considered to ensure that significant residual impacts of the development are remedied.</u></p> <p><u>> Page 59 of the Terrestrial Biodiversity & Plant Specialist Report stipulates “Notwithstanding the reduction in impact significance resulting from the application of mitigation (refer to Section 13 for recommended mitigation measures), there will still be a loss of natural habitat, including land designated as CBA Optimal, associated with the proposed Project. In light of this, in order to achieve the IFC PS6 requirement of ‘no net loss’ of natural habitat, a biodiversity offset will be required.” The specialist’s goes further on to stipulate “A biodiversity offset strategy should be investigated and implemented for the loss of natural habitat, specifically CBA Optimal land, within the proposed development footprints.”</u></p> <p><u>> Further to the above, the Aquatic Biodiversity Assessment (Appendix H-9) Page 41 stipulates “Site establishment and construction of the proposed project infrastructure, particularly PV Site A which overlaps with Seep 1, will lead to the permanent loss of wetland habitat within the project footprint. The significance of the direct loss of wetland habitat and disturbance of adjacent wetland habitats is High due to outright loss of wetland habitat at this site, as although site based in extent, the duration of the impact is permanent, and outright loss cannot be mitigated. Assuming that the predicted wetland loss cannot be avoided through changes in site</u></p>		



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	<p>layout, the loss will remain as an impact of High significance post-mitigation. Additional measures will be required to address significant residual impacts i.e., compensate or offset the permanent loss of wetland habitat.”</p> <p>There is currently no Biodiversity Offset Plan included in the draft EIAr. Kindly ensure a Biodiversity Offset Plan is included in the final EIAr that complies with the GNR. 3569 Biodiversity Offset Guideline.</p>		
	<p>(viii) Comments must be obtained from this Department’s Biodiversity Conservation Directorate at BCAdmin@dffe.gov.za.</p>	<p>WSP can confirm that comments from the Biodiversity Directorate of the DFFE were received and are included in the SER (Table 3-4 of the SER).</p>	<p>Table 3-4 of the SER</p>
	<p>(ix) You are further reminded that the final EIAr to be submitted to this Department must comply with all the requirements in terms of the scope of assessment and content of the EIAr in accordance with Appendix 3 of the EIA Regulations, 2014 as amended.</p>	<p>Table 1-5 of the Final EIR cross-references the sections where the legislated requirements as per Appendix 3 of GNR 982 of 2014 can be located within the EIR.</p>	<p>Table 1-5 of the Final EIR</p>
	<p>(b) Listed Activities</p> <p>(i) The listed activities applied for in the amended application form and the draft EIAr have been quoted incorrectly, as they refer to the exclusion criteria of each activity in the EIA Regulations 2014, as amended. The following discrepancies were noted with regards to the activities applied for in the amended application form and the draft EIAr:</p>	<p>The Application Form has been updated to correct the discrepancies. Table 6-1 of the Final EIR has been amended to ensure alignment with the Application Form.</p>	<p>Table 6-1 of the Final EIR</p>



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	<p>> <u>“Activity 1 (a) of Listing Notice 2”-Refers to “The development of facilities or infrastructure for the generation of electricity from a renewable resource where the electricity output is 20 megawatts or more, excluding where such development of facilities or infrastructure is for photovoltaic installations and occurs- (a) within an urban area.” The activity should be listed as Activity 1 of Listing Notice 2.</u></p> <p>> <u>“Activity 15 (ii) of Listing Notice 2”- Refers to “The clearance of an area of 20 hectares or more of indigenous vegetation, excluding (ii) maintenance purposes undertaken in accordance with a maintenance management plan.” The activity should be listed as Activity 15 of Listing Notice 2.</u></p> <p><u>Kindly ensure all activities applied for in the application form and the final EIAR are applicable to the proposed development and are quoted correctly as per the EIA Regulations 2014, as amended.</u></p>		
	<p><u>(i) Please ensure that all relevant listed activities are applied for, are specific and can be linked to the development activity or infrastructure as described in the project description. Only activities applicable to the development must be applied for and assessed.</u></p>	<p><u>All relevant listed activities have been applied for. Furthermore, the descriptions of applicability in the Application Form and Table 6-1 of the Final EIR are specific and have been linked to the development activity or infrastructure as described in the project description.</u></p>	<p><u>Table 6-1 of the Final EIR</u></p>
	<p><u>(ii) If the activities applied for in the application form differ from those mentioned in the final</u></p>	<p><u>The Application Form has been updated and will be submitted with the Final EIR. Furthermore, the</u></p>	<p><u>Table 6-1 of the Final EIR</u></p>

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	<u>EIAr, an amended application form must be submitted. Please note that the Department's application form template has been amended and can be downloaded from the following link https://www.dffe.gov.za/documents/forms.</u>	<u>most recent application form template has been utilised.</u>	
	<u>(iii) It is imperative that the relevant authorities are continuously involved throughout the environmental impact assessment process as the development property possibly falls within geographically designated areas in terms of numerous GN R. 985 Activities. Written comments must be obtained from the relevant authorities and submitted to this Department. In addition, a graphical representation of the proposed development within the respective geographical areas must be provided.</u>	<u>The relevant authorities have been continuously involved throughout the environmental impact assessment process. A list of the authorities that have been continuously involved are included in the Stakeholder Database (Appendix A of the SER) and notification methods are included in Appendix B of the SER. A regional locality map has been included in Figure 1-2 of the Final EIR.</u>	<u>Figure 1-2 of the Final EIR</u>
	<u>(c) Layout & Sensitivity Maps</u> <u>(i) The final EIAr must provide coordinate points for the proposed development site (note that if the site has numerous bend points, at each bend point coordinates must be provided) as well as the start, middle and end point of all linear activities.</u>	<u>The coordinates for the solar fields, the substation, BESS and power line route are included in Section 4.1 of the Final EIR.</u>	<u>Section 4.1 of the Final EIR.</u>
	<u>(ii) The EIAr must provide a copy of the final preferred site layout map for the Solar Photovoltaic Energy Facility, Battery Energy Storage System facilities and associated infrastructure, as determined by the detailed engineering phase and micro-siting, and all</u>	<u>The project layout has been revised. The optimised project layout is included in Figure 11-1 of the Final EIR.</u>	<u>Figure 11-1 of the Final EIR.</u>

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	<p><u>mitigation measures. All available biodiversity information must be used in the finalisation of the layout map, including the findings and recommendations made by the specialists. Existing infrastructure must be used as far as possible e.g., roads. The layout map must indicate the following:</u></p> <p><u>a) A clear indication of the envisioned area for the proposed solar field;</u></p> <p><u>b) Internal roads;</u></p> <p><u>c) All supporting onsite infrastructure such as laydown area, guard house and control room etc.;</u></p> <p><u>d) Battery Energy Storage System;</u></p> <p><u>e) Substations, transformers, switching stations and inverters;</u></p> <p><u>f) Power line route (including pylon positions) to the distribution/transmission network;</u></p> <p><u>g) All existing infrastructure on the site, especially railway lines and roads; and</u></p> <p><u>h) Buildings, including accommodation.</u></p>		
	<p><u>(iii) Please provide an environmental sensitivity map which indicates the following:</u></p> <p><u>a) The location of sensitive environmental features identified on site, e.g. CBAs, protected areas, heritage sites, wetlands, drainage lines</u></p>	<p><u>The sensitivity map is included in Figure 11-2 and the no-go areas are indicated on Figure 11-3 of the Final EIR.</u></p>	<p><u>Figure 11-2 and Figure 11-3 of the Final EIR.</u></p>

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	<p><u>etc. that will be affected by the facility and its associated infrastructure;</u></p> <p>b) <u>Buffer areas; and</u></p> <p>c) <u>All “no-go” areas.</u></p>		
	<p><u>(iv) The above layout map must be superimposed (overlain) with the sensitivity map and a cumulative map which shows neighbouring and existing infrastructure.</u></p>	<p><u>The optimised project layout is included in Figure 11-1, the sensitivity map is included in Figure 11-2 and the cumulative map showing projects within 30 km of the proposed is included as Figure 10-1.</u></p>	<p><u>Figure 11-1, Figure 11-2 and Figure 10-1 of the Final EIR.</u></p>
	<p><u>(v) Google maps will not be accepted.</u></p>	<p><u>Google Maps have not been used for the project layout and environmental sensitivity maps.</u></p>	<p>=</p>
	<p><u>(d) Specialist Declaration of Interest</u></p> <p><u>(i) Specialist Declaration of Interest forms must be attached to the final EIAr. You are therefore requested to submit original signed Specialist Declaration of Interest forms for each specialist study conducted.</u></p> <p><u>The forms are available on Department’s website (please use the Department’s template).</u></p>	<p><u>Specialist Declarations have been included in Appendix C of the Final EIR.</u></p>	<p><u>Appendix C of the Final EIR</u></p>
	<p><u>(e) Specialist Assessments</u></p> <p><u>(i) The EAP must ensure that the terms of reference for all the identified specialist studies must include the following:</u></p> <p>a) <u>A detailed description of the study’s methodology; indication of the locations and descriptions of the development footprint, and all other associated infrastructures that they have</u></p>	<p><u>Specialist studies have been undertaken in line with Appendix 6 of the 2014 EIA Regulations, as amended, or, where relevant, in line with the gazetted specialist protocols of GNR 320 and GNR 1150. All specialist studies include a detailed description of the methodologies, project infrastructure descriptions and locations and recommendations for authorisations. All specialist assessments include applicable limitations to the</u></p>	<p><u>Section 3.6 of the Final EIR</u></p>



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	<p><u>assessed and are recommending for authorisation.</u></p> <p><u>b) Provide a detailed description of all limitations to the studies. All specialist studies must be conducted in the right season and providing that as a limitation will not be allowed.</u></p>	<p><u>studies, as well as the timing/season of the field survey, where applicable, and relevance thereof to the studies/assessments.</u></p>	
	<p><u>c) Please note that the Department considers a 'no-go' area, as an area where no development of any infrastructure is allowed; therefore, no development of associated infrastructure including access roads is allowed in the 'no-go' areas.</u></p> <p><u>d) Should the specialist definition of 'no-go' area differ from the Department's definition; this must be clearly indicated. The specialist must also indicate the 'no-go' area's buffer if applicable.</u></p>	<p><u>WSP acknowledge the DFFE's definition of 'No-go' areas. The relevant specialist assessments have indicated 'No-go' areas, as well as areas where it is suitable for linear infrastructure (water pipelines, roads, powerline infrastructure etc.) to traverse a no-go area where required. Where specialist deviations or qualifications are applicable, these have been noted in Section 8.2. The No-Go map has been included in Figure 11-3 of the Final EIA.</u></p>	<p><u>Section 8.2 of the Final EIR</u></p> <p><u>Figure 11-3 of the Final EIA</u></p>
	<p><u>e) All specialist studies must be final, and provide detailed/practical mitigation measures for the preferred alternative and recommendations, and must not recommend further studies to be completed post EA.</u></p>	<p><u>All specialist studies conducted have been included in Appendix H of the EIR. The Specialist studies include detailed mitigation measures to prevent or avoid adverse impacts on the receiving environment, which have been incorporated into the EIR and EMP. The Specialist recommendations and conclusions are included in Section 11.2 of the Final EIR. There are no recommendations or requirements from the Specialists to conduct further studies post EA.</u></p>	<p><u>Appendix H of the Final EIR</u></p> <p><u>Section 11.2 of the Final EIR</u></p>
	<p><u>f) Bird studies must have support from Birdlife South Africa.</u></p>	<p><u>Birdlife South Africa has been included on the stakeholder database and have received all project</u></p>	<p><u>Appendix A of the SER</u></p>



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		<u>updates including the Draft EIR for comment. No comment or objections have been received to date.</u>	
	<u>g) Should a specialist recommend specific mitigation measures, these must be clearly indicated.</u>	<u>All specific mitigation measures proposed by specialists have been clearly indicated in Section 11.3 of the Final EIR and have been included in the EMPr.</u>	<u>Section 11.3 of the Final EIR</u>
	<u>(ii) Should the appointed specialists specify contradicting recommendations, the EAP must clearly indicate the most reasonable recommendation and substantiate this with defensible reasons; and were necessary, include further expertise advice.</u>	<u>The specialists have not specified contradicting recommendations. All recommendations are aligned and are considered practical and able to be implemented.</u>	<u>Section 11.3 of the Final EIR</u>
	<u>(iii) It is further brought to your attention that Procedures for the Assessment and Minimum Criteria for Reporting in identified Environmental Themes in terms of Sections 24(5)(a) and (h) and 44 of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998, when applying for Environmental Authorisation, which were promulgated in Government Notice No. 320 of 20 March 2020 (i.e. “the Protocols”) and in Government Notice No. 1150 of 30 October 2020 (i.e. protocols for terrestrial plant and animal species), have come into effect. Please note that specialist assessments must be conducted in accordance with these protocols.</u>	<u>Specialist assessments have been undertaken to comply with the procedures for the assessment and minimum criteria for reporting on identified environmental themes in terms of sections 24(5)(A) and (H) and 44 of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998.</u>	<u>Section 8 of the Final EIR</u>
	<u>(iv) Please also ensure that the final BAR includes the Site Verification Report and</u>	<u>A Site Sensitivity Verification section has been included in Section 8 of the Final EIR.</u>	<u>Section 8 of the Final EIR</u>



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	<u>Compliance Statements (where applicable) as required by the relevant themes.</u>		
	<u>(v) Please note further that the protocols, if applicable, require certain specialists' to be SACNASP registered. Please ensure that the relevant specialist certificates are attached to the relevant reports.</u>	<u>Specialist CVs have been included in Appendix C of the Final EIR.</u>	<u>Appendix C of the Final EIR</u>
	<u>(vi) As such, the Specialist Declaration of Interest forms must also indicate the scientific organisation registration/member number and status of registration/membership for each specialist.</u>	<u>Specialist Declarations have been included in Appendix C of the Final EIR. Scientific Organisations and Professional Registrations are included where relevant.</u>	<u>Appendix C of the Final EIR</u>
	<u>(f) Cumulative Assessment</u> <u>(i) The cumulative impacts of all intended activities must be assessed together, which include the facility and its supporting infrastructure (including the grid connection infrastructure e.g. the power line and substations even if separate applications have been lodged for these).</u> <u>(ii) Should there be any other similar projects within a 30km radius of the proposed development site, the cumulative impact assessment for all identified and assessed impacts must be refined to indicate the following:</u> <u>a) Identified cumulative impacts must be clearly defined, and where possible the size of the identified impact must be quantified and</u>	<u>A cumulative impact assessment has been included in Section 10 of the Final EIR and a summary of the impact from a cumulative perspective has been summarised in Section 10.12 of the Final EIR.</u>	<u>Section 10 of the Final EIR</u> <u>Section 10.12 of the Final EIR</u>

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	<p>indicated, i.e. hectares of cumulatively transformed land.</p> <p>b) Detailed process flow and proof must be provided, to indicate how the specialist's recommendations, mitigation measures and conclusions from the various similar developments in the area were taken into consideration in the assessment of cumulative impacts and when the conclusion and mitigation measures were drafted for this project.</p> <p>c) The cumulative impacts significance rating must also inform the need and desirability of the proposed development.</p> <p>d) A cumulative impact environmental statement on whether the proposed development must proceed.</p>		
	<p>(g) Undertaking of an Oath</p> <p>(i) Please note that the final EIAr must have an undertaking under oath/ affirmation by the EAP.</p> <p>(ii) Based on the above, you are therefore required to include an undertaking under oath or affirmation by the EAP (administered by a Commissioner of Oaths) as per Appendix 3 of the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended, which states that the EIAr must include: "an undertaking under oath or affirmation by the EAP in relation to:</p> <p>a) the correctness of the information provided in the reports;</p>	<p>The EAP Declaration and Oath Undertaking is included in Appendix B of the Final EIR.</p>	<p>Appendix C of the Final EIR</p>



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	<p>b) the inclusion of comments and inputs from stakeholders and I&APs;</p> <p>c) the inclusion of inputs and recommendations from the specialist reports where relevant; and</p> <p>d) any information provided by the EAP to interested and affected parties and any responses by the EAP to comments or inputs made by interested and affected parties”.</p>		
	<p>(h) <u>Details and Expertise of the EAP</u></p> <p>(i) You are required to include the details and expertise of the EAP in the EIAR, including a curriculum vitae, in order to comply with the requirements of Appendix 3 of the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended.</p>	<p>The EAP CV is included in Appendix B of the Final EIR.</p>	<p>Appendix B of the Final EIR.</p>
	<p>(i) <u>Public Participation Process</u></p> <p>(i) The final EIAR must comply with all the conditions of the acceptance of the SR signed on 03 May 2023 and must address all comments contained in the final SR, the draft EIAR and this letter.</p>	<p>The conditions included in the acceptance of the SR are included in Table 3-3 of the SER and have been responded to.</p>	<p>Table 3-3 of the SER</p>
	<p>(ii) Kindly note the newspaper advert and the site notice document included in the Stakeholder Engagement Report (Appendix D) are illegible. Please include clear copies of the documents that are legible in the final EIAR.</p>	<p>A higher quality version of the newspaper advert and the site notice document have been included in Appendix B of the SER.</p>	<p>Appendix B of the SER.</p>



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	<u>(iii) The Public Participation Process must be conducted in terms of Regulation 39, 40, 41, 42, 43 and 44 of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended.</u>	<u>WSP confirm that the Public Participation Process was conducted in terms of Regulations 39, 40, 41, 42, 43 & 44 of the EIA Regulations 2014, as amended.</u>	-
	<u>(iv) Please ensure that comments from all relevant stakeholders are submitted to the Department with the EIAR. This includes but is not limited to the Mpumalanga Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, Land and Environmental Affairs (MDARDLEA), the Steve Tshwete Local Municipality, the Nkangala District Municipality, the Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS), the South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA), BirdLife SA, the Department of Mineral Resources and Energy, and the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment: Directorate Biodiversity and Conservation.</u>	<u>WSP confirms that comments from all relevant stakeholders as indicated in the Stakeholder Database (Appendix A of the SER) that have been received to date, have been included in the SER and responded to.</u>	<u>Appendix A of the SER</u> <u>Appendix D of the SER</u>
	<u>(v) Please ensure that all issues raised and comments received during the circulation of the draft SR and draft EIAR from registered Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) and organs of state (including this Department's Biodiversity and Protected Area Sections), as listed in your I&APs Database, and others that have jurisdiction in respect of the proposed activity are adequately addressed and included in the final EIAR and are incorporated into a Comments and Response Report (CRR).</u>	<u>WSP can confirm that all issues raised and comments received during the circulation of the DSR and draft EIR, as well as those received on the FSR, from registered I&APs and organs of state have been included in the final EIR and adequately addressed and responded to.</u>	<u>Appendix D of the SER</u>



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	<u>(vi) Copies of original comments received from I&APs and organs of state, which have jurisdiction in respect of the proposed activity are submitted to the Department with the final EIAr.</u>	<u>Copies of original comments received from I&APs and organs of state have been included in Appendix D of the SER.</u>	<u>Appendix D of the SER</u>
	<u>(vii) Proof of correspondence with the various stakeholders must be included in the final EIAr. Should you be unable to obtain comments, proof should be submitted to the Department of the attempts that were made to obtain comments. In terms of Regulation 41(2)(b) of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended, please provide proof of written notice for the availability of the EIAr for comment.</u>	<u>Proof of correspondence with the various stakeholders is included in Appendix B and Appendix D of the SER.</u>	<u>Appendix B and Appendix D of the SER</u>
	<u>(viii) The CRR report must be a separate document from the main report and the format must be in the table format as indicated in Annexure 1 of this comments letter.</u>	<u>The SER, which contains the Comments and Responses from I&APs, is a separate document from the main report and the format is similar to that included in Annexure 1 of the comments letter.</u>	<u>Appendix D of the Final EIR</u>
	<u>(ix) Please refrain from summarising comments made by I&APs. All comments from I&APs must be copied verbatim and responded to clearly. Please note that a response such as “noted” is not regarded as an adequate response to I&AP’s comments.</u>	<u>All comments from I&APs have been copied verbatim and responded to. A copy of the original comment is included in Appendix D of the SER.</u>	<u>Appendix D of the SER</u>
	<u>(x) Minutes and attendance registers (where applicable) of any physical/virtual meetings held by the Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) with Interested and Affected Parties</u>	<u>The minutes and attendance registers from the Focus Group and Public Meeting held with I&APs are included in Appendix C of the SER.</u>	<u>Appendix C of the SER</u>



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	<p><u>(I&APs) and other role players must be included in the final EIAR.</u></p> <p><u>(j) Environmental Management Programme</u></p> <p><u>(i) The EIAR must include a final EMPr with measures, as dictated by the final site layout plan and micro-siting, and the recommendations of the EIAR. The EMPr must include the following if applicable:</u></p> <p><u>a) Open Space Management Plan</u></p> <p><u>b) Watercourse and Wetland Management Plan</u></p> <p><u>c) Faunal Relocation Plan</u></p> <p><u>d) Botanical Search and Rescue</u></p> <p><u>e) Site Clearing Plan</u></p> <p><u>f) Rehabilitation and Landscape Management Plan</u></p> <p><u>g) Alien Vegetation Management Plan</u></p> <p><u>h) Fire Management Plan</u></p> <p><u>i) Traffic, Transportation and Road Maintenance Management Plan</u></p> <p><u>j) Waste Management Plan</u></p> <p><u>k) Emergency Response Plan</u></p> <p><u>l) A storm water and wash water management plan to be implemented during the construction and operation of the facility. The plan must ensure compliance with applicable regulations</u></p>	<p><u>It is important to note that the project layout included in the EIR is not final. Although the layout is included in the EIR, the layout and EMPr is not submitted for approval at this stage. Subsequent to the decision-making phase, if environmental authorisation is granted for the Komati Solar PV and BESS Facility, the EMPr will have to be amended to include measures as dictated by the final layout map and micro-siting, including the requirements of the EA.</u></p> <p><u>The following Management Measures have been included in Section 8 of the EMPr, as applicable:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>- Emergency Response Plan</u> <u>- Waste Management Plan</u> <u>- Hazardous Substances Management Plan</u> <u>- Fire Management Plan</u> <u>- Alien Invasive Plant Management Plan</u> <u>- Plant Rescue And Protection Plan</u> <u>- Re-Vegetation And Habitat Rehabilitation Plan</u> <u>- Stormwater Management Plan</u> <u>- Erosion Management Plan</u> <u>- Traffic And Transport Management Plan</u> <u>- Fauna Management Plan</u> 	<p><u>Section 11.6 of the Final EIR</u></p> <p><u>Section 8 of the EMPr</u></p>



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	<p><u>and prevent off-site migration of contaminated storm water or increased soil erosion. The plan must include the construction of design measures that allow surface and subsurface movement of water along drainage lines so as not to impede natural surface and subsurface flows. Drainage measures must promote the dissipation of storm water run-off;</u></p> <p><u>m) An erosion management plan for monitoring and rehabilitating erosion events associated with the facility. Erosion mitigation must form part of this plan to prevent and reduce the risk of any potential erosion. This plan must ensure to include drainage features that will be infilled and or excavated;</u></p> <p><u>n) All recommendations and mitigation measures recorded in the EIAr and the specialist reports as included in the EIAr; and,</u></p> <p><u>o) The final site layout plan.</u></p> <p><u>g) An environmental sensitivity map indicating environmental sensitive areas and features identified during the assessment process.</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <u>Soil Management Plan</u> - <u>Heritage And Palaeontological Management Plan</u> - <u>Grievance Mechanism</u> - <u>HIV/AIDS Management Plan</u> 	
	<p><u>(ii) In addition to the above, the EMPr must comply with Appendix 4 of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended.</u></p>	<p><u>Table 1-2 of the EMPr cross-references the sections within the EMPr with the requirements as per Appendix 4 of GNR 326 of 2017.</u></p>	<p><u>Table 1-2 of the EMPr</u></p>
	<p><u>(iii) It is drawn to your attention that for substation and overhead electricity transmission and distribution infrastructure, when such facilities trigger activity 11 or 47 of the</u></p>	<p><u>The Generic EMPr for the Development and Expansion of Substation Infrastructure for the Transmission and Distribution of Electricity is attached as Appendix D of the EMPr and the</u></p>	<p><u>Appendix D and Appendix E of the EMPr</u></p>



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	<u>Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations Listing Notice 1 of 2014, as amended, and any other listed and specified activities necessary for the realisation of such facilities, the generic Environmental Management Programme, contemplated in the Regulations must be used and submitted with the final report over and above the EMPr for the facility.</u>	<u>Generic EMPr for the Development and Expansion for Overhead Electricity Transmission and Distribution Infrastructure is attached as Appendix E of the EMPr.</u>	
	<u>General</u> <u>The EIAr must provide the technical details for the proposed facility in a table format as well as their description and/or dimensions. A sample of the minimum information required is listed under Annexure 2 of the EIA information required for solar energy facility as requested in the acceptance of the SR.</u>	<u>Page 5 of the EIR contains General Site Information which includes a table on the technical details of the facility including their description and/or dimensions. A similar table has also been included in Table 4-6 of the Final EIR.</u>	<u>Table 4-6 of the Final EIR</u>
	<u>Please also ensure that the final EIAr includes the period for which the Environmental Authorisation is required and the date on which the activity will be concluded as per Appendix 3 of the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended.</u>	<u>The EA Authorisation period is included in Section 11.5 of the Final EIR. The EA is required for a period of 10 years from the date of issuance of the EA to the end of the construction period (including rehabilitation), when the proposed activities applied for are completed. This is a reasonable period as it allows Eskom to conduct its internal processes which can only begin after issuance of the EA, when the proposed route is confirmed.</u>	<u>Section 11.5 of the Final EIR</u>
	<u>You are further reminded to comply with Regulation 23(1)(a) of the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended, which states that: "The applicant must within 106 days of the</u>	<u>The Final EIR is due to the DFFE by 19 August 2023. The EMPr is included in Appendix I of the Final EIR.</u>	<u>Appendix I of the Final EIR</u>



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	<p><u>acceptance of the scoping report submit to the competent authority -</u></p> <p><u>(a) an environmental impact assessment report inclusive of any specialist reports, an EMPr, a closure plan in the case of a closure activity and where the application is a mining application, the plans, report and calculations contemplated in the Financial Provisioning Regulations, which must have been subjected to a public participation process of at least 30 days and which reflects the incorporation of comments received, including any comments of the competent authority.”</u></p>		
	<p><u>Should there be significant changes or new information that has been added to the EIAR or EMPr which changes or information was not contained in the reports or plans consulted on during the initial public participation process, you are required to comply with Regulation 23(1)(b) of the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended, which states: “The applicant must within 106 days of the acceptance of the scoping report submit to the competent authority – (b) a notification in writing that the documents contemplated in subregulation 1(a) will be submitted within 156 days of acceptance of the scoping report by the competent authority or where regulation 21(2) applies, within 156 days of receipt of the application by the competent authority, as significant changes have been made or significant new information has been</u></p>	<p><u>The Avifauna Assessment included as Appendix H-15 was not included in the Draft EIA and therefore the Final EIR will be subjected to another public participation process for 30 days. Any comments received during this review period will be responded to an submitted to the DFFE.</u></p>	<p><u>Appendix H-15 of the Final EIR.</u></p>



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	<p><u>added to the documents, which changes or information was not contained in the original documents consulted on during the initial public participation process contemplated in subregulation (1)(a), and that the revised documents contemplated in subregulation 1(a) will be subjected to another public participation process of at least 30 days”.</u></p>		
	<p><u>Should you fail to meet any of the timeframes stipulated in Regulation 23 of the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended, your application will lapse.</u></p>	<p><u>WSP notes that the application will lapse if the applicant fails to meet any of the timeframes prescribed in terms of these Regulations.</u></p>	-
	<p><u>You are hereby reminded of Section 24F of the National Environmental Management Act, Act No. 107 of 1998, as amended, that no activity may commence prior to an Environmental Authorisation being granted by the Department.</u></p> <p><u>Yours sincerely</u></p> <p><u>Mr Sabelo Malaza</u></p> <p><u>Chief Director: Integrated Environmental Authorisations</u></p>	<p><u>WSP and the Applicant take note of this reminder.</u></p>	-
<u>DFFE Directorate: Biodiversity Conservation</u>			
<p><u>Kamogelo Mathetja</u></p> <p><u>13 July 2023</u></p> <p><u>Email</u></p>	<p><u>Dear Sir/Madam</u></p> <p><u>DFFE Directorate: Biodiversity Conservation hereby acknowledge receipt of the invitation to review and comment on the project mentioned on the subject line. Kindly note that the project</u></p>	<p><u>WSP Responded:</u></p> <p><u>Good Day Kamogelo</u></p> <p><u>Please use the WeTransfer link to download the reports and kmz. File.</u></p>	<p><u>Appendix D of the SER</u></p>



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	<p>has been allocated to Mrs M Rabothata and Mr K Mathetja (Both copied on this email). In addition, kindly share the shapefiles of the development footprints/application site with the Case Officers.</p> <p>Please note: All Public Participation Process documents related to Biodiversity EIA review and any other Biodiversity EIA queries must be submitted to the Directorate: Biodiversity Conservation at Email: BCAdmin@environment.gov.za for attention of Mr Seoka Lekota</p> <p>Regards, Kamogelo</p>	<p><u>Download link</u></p> <p>https://we.tl/t-NgcUJT9cdb</p> <p>Please confirm successful download of the reports.</p> <p>Kind Regards,</p>	
<p><u>Kamogelo Mathetja</u> <u>28 July 2023</u> <u>Email</u></p>	<p><u>Dear Colleagues,</u></p> <p><u>Kindly share the 2019 Mpumalanga Biodiversity Sector Plan as referenced in the report.</u></p> <p><u>Regards,</u> <u>Kamogelo</u></p>	<p><u>WSP Responded:</u></p> <p><u>Good Day Kamogelo</u></p> <p><u>Please see attached 2019 shapefiles for the 2019 MBSP.</u></p> <p><u>Kind Regards,</u></p>	<p><u>Appendix D of the SER</u></p>
<p><u>Kamogelo Mathetja</u> <u>03 August 2023</u> <u>Letter (Via Email)</u></p>	<p><u>Dear sir/madam</u></p> <p><u>COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED KOMATI POWER STATION SOLAR PV FACILITY, BESS AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE, MPUMALANGA PROVINCE</u></p>	<p><u>WSP Response:</u></p> <p><u>The Applicant has revised the project layout to avoid the CBA area within Solar PV Site B and avoid the Seep 1 Wetland within Solar PV Site A. These areas will not be developed on. The optimised project layout is included in Figure 11-1, the sensitivity map is included in Figure 11-2 and</u></p>	<p><u>Figure 11-1, Figure 11-2 and Figure 11-3 of the Final EIR.</u></p> <p><u>Appendix D of the SER</u></p>



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	<p><u>The Directorate: Biodiversity Conservation reviewed and evaluated the report.</u></p> <p><u>Based on the information provided in the report, an area categorized as Critical Biodiversity Area (CBA) Optimal, which overlaps with the proposed PV Site B development footprint is present in the north-west corner of the local study area. Further patches are present in the northern and eastern parts of the study area. These areas were delineated and classified as 'natural habitat' as they comprise viable assemblages of indigenous species and retain their primary ecological functions. However, according to the specialist, the loss of natural habitat through vegetation clearing, particularly the land designated as CBA Optimal of the local study area, is an impact of concern that cannot be fully mitigated through standard mitigation options. In order for the proposed project to meet the International Finance Corporation Performance Standard 6 (IFC PS6) financing requirement of 'no net loss' of natural habitat, it will therefore be necessary for a biodiversity offset strategy to be developed and implemented.</u></p> <p><u>Four wetlands have been identified to occur within 500m of the proposed project development namely, channelled valley bottom wetland, two isolated seepage wetlands (Seep 1 and Seep 2), and depression wetland. According to the specialist, the proposed project infrastructure, particularly PV Site A which</u></p>	<p><u>the no-go areas are indicated on Figure 11-3 of the Final EIR.</u></p> <p><u>Furthermore, comments from the DFFE Directorate: Protected Areas Planning and Management Effectiveness have been requested however no comments have been received to date. Proof of correspondence is included in Appendix D of the SER.</u></p>	



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	<p><u>overlaps with seep 1, will lead to the permanent loss of wetland habitat within the project footprint. The significance of the direct loss of wetland habitat and disturbance of adjacent wetland habitats is High due to outright loss of wetland habitat at this site, as although site based in extent, the duration of the impact is permanent, and outright loss cannot be mitigated. Assuming that the predicted wetland loss cannot be avoided through changes in site layout, the loss will remain as an impact of High significance post-mitigation. It is important to consider additional measures to address significant residual impacts i.e., compensate or offset the permanent loss of wetland habitat.</u></p> <p><u>According to the National Protected Area Expansion Strategy (NPAES), small portions of land to the immediate north and south-east of the local study area are designated as Priority Focus Areas, while other small patches designated as Priority Focus Areas are scattered across the broader landscape (SAPAD, 2021).</u></p> <p><u>The National Web Based Screening Tool indicated that the local study area is an area of 'Medium Sensitivity' for plant species, with three sensitive features potentially present, namely Pachycarpus suaveolens, Sensitive Species 41 and Sensitive Species 691. The study area present suitable habitat for the flagged species.</u></p> <p><u>Given the above, the Directorate Biodiversity Conservation does not support any development</u></p>		



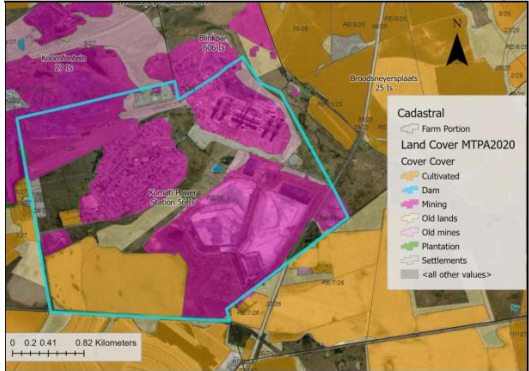
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	<p><u>within highly sensitive areas that will result with high impacts rating post mitigation. However, the following measures are recommended:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><u>- Biodiversity offset strategy must be developed and submitted with the final report for review and approval.</u><u>- The species of conservation concern must be identified and located so that they may be avoided as much as possible. However, in cases whereby avoiding is not possible, relevant permits from the relevant authorities must be obtained for any disturbance of such species.</u><u>- Disturbed areas must be rehabilitated as soon as possible after construction with locally indigenous plants to enhance the conservation of existing natural vegetation on site.</u><u>- Due to the invasion of the Priority Focus Areas, as per the National Protected Areas Expansion Strategy (NPAES), Comments from the DFFE Directorate: Protected Areas Planning and Management Effectiveness must be obtained at email: TNethononda@environment.gov.za for attention of Mr. Thivhulawi Nethononda</u><u>- Areas classified/rated medium to high site ecological importance on site must be avoided by the infrastructure. However, should the avoidance deem unlikely as the specialist mention and offset proposal option be considered, it is strongly advised that a Biodiversity Offset Report is prepared by a</u>		



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	<p><u>specialist, or specialists, with the appropriate skills and experience, in collaboration with the relevant authorities i.e., Mpumalanga Parks & Tourism. The report must be prepared in accordance with the 2023 National Biodiversity Offset Guideline published for implementation, under section 24J of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998).</u></p> <p><u>All Public Participation Process documents related to Biodiversity EIA review and any other Biodiversity EIA queries must be submitted to the Directorate: Biodiversity Conservation at Email: BCAdmin@environment.gov.za for attention of Mr Seoka Lekota.</u></p> <p><u>Yours faithfully</u></p> <p><u>Mr. Seoka Lekota</u></p>		
<u>Mpumalanga Tourism and Park Agency</u>			
<p><u>Celia de Waal</u></p> <p><u>01 August 2023</u></p> <p><u>Email</u></p>	<p><u>Dear Ms. Strong</u></p> <p><u>Kindly receive the MTPA's comments with recommendations, regarding your Environmental Impact Assessment:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>• Proposed Komati Power Station Solar Photovoltaic facility, battery energy storage systems (BESS) and Associated Infrastructure ESKOM Holdings on portion 0 of the Farm Komati Power Station 56 IS, Steve Thswete Local Municipality.</u> 	<p><u>:</u></p>	<p><u>Appendix D of the SER</u></p>



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	<p><u>Your Reference number: WSP ref no: 41103965 and DFFE ref: 14/12/16/3/3/2/2298</u></p> <p><u>Our reference number: LUA 23/3414 (2)</u></p> <p><u>Kind regards</u></p> <p><u>Celia de Waal</u></p>		
<p><u>Mr MH Vilakazi</u></p> <p><u>31 July 2023 (Received 01 August 2023)</u></p> <p><u>Letter (Via Email from Celia de Waal)</u></p>	<p><u>Your report with WSP reference no: 41103965, received in July 2023 refer.</u></p> <p><u>Background</u></p> <p><u>Komati Power Station reached its end-of-life stage in September 2022. The Eskom Holdings propose to construct and operate Renewable Energy Facilities (REF) to connect to the Komati Power Station as soon as possible. This includes a Solar Photovoltaics Energy Facility (SEF).</u></p> <p><u>Comments</u></p> <p><u>The sensitivity of the proposed activity area was assessed according to the Mpumalanga Biodiversity Sector Plan (MBSP; MTPA, 2022). This sensitivity is assessed in terms of a terrestrial and freshwater assessment. In the MBSP, sensitive areas are identified in terms of Critical Biodiversity Areas (CBAs) and Ecological Support Areas (ESAs).</u></p> <p><u>The sensitivity concerns include small areas of CBA optimal areas, and ESA Wetlands. The specialist reports indicate that the terrestrial</u></p>	<p><u>WSP Response:</u></p> <p><u>WSP acknowledges the MTPA's support of the proposed project and the recommendations have been included where applicable.</u></p>	<p><u>:</u></p>

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	<p>biodiversity areas are disturbed and degraded, and that the local study area are severely impacted. This is indicated in the MBSP Land Cover map, figure 1.</p>  <p>Figure 1. MBSP Land cover map of the proposed Renewable Energy Facility project area.</p> <p><u>Recommendations</u></p> <p>Since the Komati Power Station reached its end-of-life stage the MTPA supports Eskom Holdings proposal to construct and operate renewable energy facilities (REF) to connect to the Komati Power Station as soon as possible. The proposed 100 MW Solar Photovoltaics Energy Facility (SEF), 150 MW Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) and associated infrastructure at the Komati Power Station that is described in the DEIAR is supported. The MTPA have the following recommendations:</p>		



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	<p>- <u>The impacts that needs to be monitored and mitigated are erosion, sedimentation and contamination of soil.</u></p> <p>- <u>Surface water flow should be managed to prevent silting up and/or contamination of the surrounding wetlands.</u></p> <p>- <u>Rehabilitation and decommissioning of defunct Eskom facilities should be done without interfering with the new proposed renewable energy facilities and further pollution of the environment.</u></p> <p><u>Please do not hesitate to contact this office if there are any enquiries.</u></p> <p><u>Kind regards,</u></p> <p><u>MR M.H. VILAKAZI</u></p> <p><u>ACTING CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER</u></p>		
<u>I&AP: Sola Group</u>			
<p><u>Reuben Maroga</u></p> <p><u>05 July 2023</u></p> <p><u>Email</u></p>	<p><u>Hi Megan,</u></p> <p><u>We acknowledge receipt of the notification.</u></p> <p><u>Could you kindly share with us the KML file of the Project?</u></p> <p><u>Best Regards</u></p> <p><u>Reuben Maroga</u></p> <p><u>Project Developer</u></p>	<p><u>WSP Responded:</u></p> <p><u>Hi Reuben</u></p> <p><u>Please see attached as requested.</u></p> <p><u>Kind Regards,</u></p>	<p><u>Appendix D of the SER</u></p>



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<u>I&AP: Evans Lusenga</u>			
<p><u>Evans Lusenga</u> <u>25 July 2023</u> <u>Comment Form from Public Meeting</u></p>	<p><u>Evans Lusenga asked if there is any business proposal or ideas who is the contact person at Eskom Komati Power station? He further stated that any vital information should be shared so that the community can benefit considering the high rate on unemployment.</u></p>	<p><u>Eskom Response:</u> <u>The correct governed processes in terms of the Procurement and indirectly Tender Opportunities to support the Community develop businesses must be followed. The Komati Power Station is establishing an information centre where all information on available jobs and opportunities will be shared.</u></p>	<p><u>Appendix D of the SER</u></p>
<u>SAHRA</u>			
<p><u>Natasha Higgitt</u> <u>07 August 2023</u> <u>Letter (via SAHRIS)</u></p>	<p><u>The proposed establishment of a Solar Photovoltaic (PV) Energy Facility, Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) Facilities and associated infrastructure at the Komati Power Station, Mpumalanga Province</u></p> <p><u>WSP Group Africa (Pty) Ltd have been appointed by Eskom Holdings SOC Ltd to conduct an Environmental Authorisation (EA) Application for the proposed construction of a solar photovoltaic and Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) at the Komati Power Station, near Komati, Mpumalanga Province.</u></p> <p><u>A draft Scoping Report (DSR) was submitted in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, Act 107 of 1998 (NEMA) and the NEMA EIA Regulations (As amended). The proposed development will include the construction of PV panels, overhead or</u></p>	<p><u>WSP Response:</u> <u>WSP acknowledges the no objection from the SAHRA Development Applications Unit (DAU). The comments are noted and have been include in the Chance and Find Procedure in Section 8.13.1 of the EMPr.</u></p>	<p><u>Section 8.13.1 of the EMPr.</u></p>



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	<p><u>underground cabling between components, collector substations, access roads, BESS, perimeter roads, meteorological station, operation and maintenance building, warehouse and workshop, hazardous chemical store, security building, parking areas and roads, temporary laydown areas, temporary concrete batching plant, construction camp and onsite substations within an application area of 200 – 250 ha.</u></p> <p><u>Dr Heidi Fourie and APelser Archaeological Consulting have been appointed to provide heritage specialist input as part of the EA process in terms of section 24(4)b(iii) of NEMA and section 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act, Act 25 of 1999 (NHRA).</u></p> <p><u>Fourie, H. 2022. Eskom Komati Power Station Solar PV and BESS ESIA: Palaeontological Impact Assessment: Phase 1 Field Study</u></p> <p><u>The proposed development area is underlain by the Vryheid Formation that may contain plant fossils, aquatic reptiles, fossil fish and insects. A field assessment will be undertaken.</u></p> <p><u>Pelser, A. 2022. A desktop Heritage Impact Assessment Report for the Eskom Komati Power Station Solar PV ESIA</u></p> <p><u>The proposed PV facility will be located in areas that have been heavily disturbed and therefore the likelihood of in-situ heritage resources is low.</u></p>		



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	<p><u>It is recommended that a site visit be undertaken.</u></p> <p><u>In an Interim Comment issued on the 10/03/2023, SAHRA noted the pending heritage reports and stated that the HIA must consider the historical structures associated with the Komati Power Station and any historical structures in the surrounding residential areas that may be impacted by the proposed development. Since issuing the Interim Comment, an HIA and PIA have been submitted, along with the DEIA (05/07/2023).</u></p> <p><u>Fourie, H. 2023. Palaeontological Impact Assessment: Phase 1 Field Study. Komati Power Station Solar Photovoltaic Facility, Battery Energy Storage Systems and Associated Infrastructure, Mpumalanga Province</u></p> <p><u>No fossils were identified as part of the field assessment. A Chance Finds Procedure is recommended to be implemented.</u></p> <p><u>Pelser, A. 2023. A Phase 1 Heritage Impact Assessment Report for the Eskom Komati Power Station Solar Energy Facility (SEF) Mpumalanga Province</u></p> <p><u>No heritage resources were identified within the proposed development footprint. A Chance Finds Procedure is recommended to be implemented.</u></p> <p><u>Final Comment</u></p>		



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	<p>The following comments are made as a requirement in terms of section 3(4) of the NEMA Regulations and section 38(8) of the NHRA in the format provided in section 38(4) of the NHRA and must be included in the Final EIA and EMPr:</p> <p><u>38(4)a – The SAHRA Development Applications Unit (DAU) has no objections to the proposed development;</u></p> <p><u>38(4)b – The recommendations of the specialists are supported and must be adhered to. No further additional specific conditions are provided for the development;</u></p> <p><u>38(4)c(i) – If any evidence of archaeological sites or remains (e.g. remnants of stone-made structures, indigenous ceramics, bones, stone artefacts, ostrich eggshell fragments, charcoal and ash concentrations), fossils or other categories of heritage resources are found during the proposed development, SAHRA DAU (Natasha Higgitt 021 202 8660/ nhiggitt@sahra.org.za) must be alerted as per section 35(3) of the NHRA. Non-compliance with this section of the NHRA is an offense in terms of section 51(1)e of the NHRA and item 5 of the Schedule;</u></p> <p><u>38(4)c(ii) – If unmarked human burials are uncovered, the SAHRA DAU (Natasha Higgitt 021 202 8660/ nhiggitt@sahra.org.za) must be alerted immediately as per section 36(6) of the</u></p>		



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	<p><u>NHRA. Non-compliance with this section of the NHRA is an offense in terms of section 51(1)e of the NHRA and item 5 of the Schedule;</u></p> <p><u>38(4)d – See section 51 of the NHRA for offences;</u></p> <p><u>38(4)e – The following conditions apply with regards to the appointment of specialists;</u></p> <p><u>With reference to the mitigation work noted above, a qualified archaeologist must be appointed to undertake the work in terms of the permit applied for as noted above;</u></p> <p><u>If heritage resources are uncovered during the course of the development, a professional archaeologist or palaeontologist, depending on the nature of the finds, must be contracted as soon as possible to inspect the heritage resource. If the newly discovered heritage resources prove to be of archaeological or palaeontological significance, a Phase 2 rescue operation may be required subject to permits issued by SAHRA;</u></p> <p><u>The Final EIA and EMPr must be submitted to SAHRA for record purposes;</u></p> <p><u>The decision regarding the EA Application must be communicated to SAHRA and uploaded to the SAHRIS Case application.</u></p> <p><u>Should you have any further queries, please contact the designated official using the case number quoted above in the case header.</u></p>		



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	<u>Yours faithfully</u> <u>Natasha Higgitt</u> <u>Manager: Development Applications Unit</u>		

Appendix A

STAKEHOLDER DATABASE



Stakeholder Type	First Name	Last Name	Company
Air Traffic and Weather Companies	Richard	Madlala	Air Traffic and Navigation Service
Air Traffic and Weather Companies	Oliver	Mohlala	SA Weather Service
Air Traffic and Weather Companies	Lizell	Stroh	South African Civil Aviation Authority
Authority	Dineo	Tswai	Department Agriculture, Rural Development Land and Environment Affairs
Authority	M	Faure	Department of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs
Authority	Zandile	Zondi	Department of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs
Authority	Kennel	Oos	Department of Defence Force Mpumalanga
Authority	Colonel	Sause	Department of Defence Force Mpumalanga
Authority	PS	Mohlala	Department of Economic Development and Tourism
Authority	Ntombi	Sibiya	Department of Education - Mpumalanga Province
Authority	Coenrad	Agenbach	Department of Forestry, Fisheries and Environment
Authority	Muhammad	Essop	Department of Forestry, Fisheries and Environment
Authority	Trisha Rene	Pillay	Department of Forestry, Fisheries and Environment
Authority	Edward	Mahosi	Department of Forestry, Fisheries and Environment: Air Quality
Authority	Mthobisi	Ngcobo	Department of Forestry, Fisheries and Environment: Air Quality
Authority	Seoka	Lekota	Department of Forestry, Fisheries and Environment: Biodiversity Conservation
Authority	Portia	Makitla	Department of Forestry, Fisheries and Environment: Biodiversity Conservation
Authority	Mmatlala	Rabothata	Department of Forestry, Fisheries and Environment: Biodiversity Conservation
Authority	Mashudu	Mundalamo	Department of Forestry, Fisheries and Environment: Climate Change
Authority	Obed	Baloyi	Department of Forestry, Fisheries and Environment: Environmental Impact Evaluation
Authority	Khayaletu	Matrose	Department of Mineral Resources and Energy
Authority	Mamabefu	Modipa	Department of Mineral Resources and Energy
Authority	Nditsheni	Ramuhulu	Department of Mineral Resources and Energy
Authority	Phumzile	Maseko	Department of Public Enterprises
Authority	Esther	Nenungwi	Department of Public Enterprises
Authority	Manthekeleng	Monama	Department of Public Works, Roads and Transport
Authority	Lebjane	Maphutha	Department of Rural Development and Land Reform
Authority	Inze	Neethling	Department of Trade, Industry and Competition
Authority	Pieter	Ackerman	Department of Water & Sanitation
Authority	Standford	Macavele	Department of Water and Sanitation
Authority	Vusumuzi	Mandlazi	Mpumalanga Co-Operative Governance & Traditional Affairs
Authority	Okwethu-kuhle	Fakude	Mpumalanga Department Agriculture, Rural Development, Land and Environmental Affairs
Authority	Sindisiwe	Mbuyane	Mpumalanga Department Agriculture, Rural Development, Land and Environmental Affairs
Authority	Lindi	Msibi	Mpumalanga Department of Co-Operative Governance and Traditional Affairs
Authority	Aubrey	Tshivhandekano	Mpumalanga Department of Minerals and Resources
Authority	Kgopana Matthew	Mohlasedi	Mpumalanga Department of Public Works Road and Transport
Authority	Stephan	Pienaar	Mpumalanga Department of Public Works Road and Transport
Authority	Dr Savera	Mohangi	Mpumalanga Department of Social Development
Authority	Fikile	Guma	Mpumalanga Department of Water and Sanitation
Authority	Masala	Mulaudzi	Mpumalanga Department of Water and Sanitation

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Authority	Adivhaho	Rambuda	Mpumalanga Department of Water and Sanitation
Authority	George	Kutumela	Mpumalanga Heritage Resources Agency
Authority	Benjamin	Moduka	Mpumalanga Heritage Resources Authority
Authority	Frans	Krige	Mpumalanga Tourism and Parks Agency
Authority	Mervyn	Lotter	Mpumalanga Tourism and Parks Agency
Authority	Lindiwe	Mnisi	National Treasury
Authority	Makhukhu	Mampuru	Office of the Premier
Authority	Jermina	Marakala	Office of the Premier
Authority	Nokukhanya	Khumalo	South African Heritage Resource Agency (SAHRA)
Authority	Nkosazana	Machete	South African Heritage Resource Agency (SAHRA)
Authority	Andrew	Salomon	South African Heritage Resource Agency (SAHRA)
Authority	Dineo	Tswai	Mpumalanga Provincial Government - Nkangala District Municipality
Authority	Charity	Mthimunye	Mpumalanga Provincial Government - Nkangala District Municipality
Authority	Robyn	Luyt	Mpumalanga Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, Land & Environmental Affairs
Business	Adaptation Network		Adaptation Network
Business	Stephen	Wee	Afsol Petroleum
Business	Bonga	Mabena	Bonga Metal Steel and Industrial
Business	Stephan	Steenekamp	Buckman Laboratories
Business	Ayele	France	Café Butchery
Business	Liesel	Kirsten	CanPro
Business	Central Energy Fund		Central Energy Fund
Business	Shaka	Malogwa	Cesar-Avante Guard Engineering
Business	Nokuthula	Mabogoanev	Dirotech Trading
Business	Callie	Kruger	Effective Human Intervention
Business	Michael	HO	ESA
Business	Tebogo	Leepile	Exxaro
Business	Jan	Menge	F Menge Presentations and Signs
Business	Anton	Van Aarde	Food Zone
Business	Cally	Van Der Berg	Igwababa Supermarket
Business	Hendry	Woest	IME-SA
Business	Janet	Barnes	Johnson Crane Hire
Business	Susan	Beausont	Johnson Crane Hire
Business	Mpho	Ntimeng	JV Entities Trading and Projects
Business	Glibert	Sedibeng	Kgolane Business Enterprise
Business	Shona	Smith	KSB Pumps and Valves
Business	Lakama		Lakama Guest House
Business	Debbie	Wessels	Leads 2 Business
Business	Sindile	Ndlovu	Mgugwana Investment
Business	Anna-Marth	Ott	Middleburg Chamber of Commerce and Industry
Business	Carla	Hudson	Mine water Coordinating Body
Business	Alex	Khumalo	Minerals Council South Africa
Business	Alexandra	Lugagne	Minerals Council South Africa

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Business	Herbert	Modupi	Minerals Council South Africa
Business	Khatu	Nthaethuni	NKM2 Engineering Construction
Business	Andrew	McKay	OK Foods
Business	Puto	Duma	Techlam Projects
Business	Jeremiah	Mabuza	Thapo Access Specialists
Business	Moisi	Madela	The Shaft Pub & Grill
Business	Thabo	Mashigo	The Shaft Pub & Grill
Business	Lidia	Tladi	The Shaft Pub & Grill
Business	Marcia	Mabuza	Thungela Resources
Business	Faith	Mashego	Thungela Resources
Business	Bontle	Mfolo	Thungela Resources
Business	Michelle	Van Niekerk	TUV Sud South Africa Pro-Tec
Business	Frikkie	Streicher	Vega Controls SA
Business	Chris	van den Heever	Vega Controls SA
Community Member	Seun	Maselela	Blinkpan
Community Member	Mbongiseni	Msumba	Blinkpan
Community Member	DC	Khoza	Blinkpan Primary
Community Member	Sarah	Mahamba	Blinkpan Resident
Community Member	Precious	Mashego	Blinkpan Resident
Community Member	Thembinkosi	Sikhosana	Booidnesplaas Forum
Community Member	Jane	Nkosi	Bultfontein Farm
Community Member	Thabisile	Sibanyom	Bultfontein Farm
Community Member	Thomson	Sibiya	Business Entrepreneur
Community Member	Thandeka	Nellie	Community Leader
Community Member	Nomsa	Dlamini	Community Member
Community Member	Busisiwe	Shongwe	Driefontein Farm
Community Member	Moses	Mahlangu	Farm Belt Community
Community Member	Bheki	Mashazi	Farm Belt Community
Community Member	Ronald	Baloyi	Farm Belt Community Economic Development Structure
Community Member	Thulani	Nkosi	Farm Belt Community Economic Development Structure (Geluk Farm)
Community Member	Simphiwe	Mnisi	Farm Belt Community Economic Development Structure (Koorfontein Village)
Community Member	December	Motou	Goedehoop Farm
Community Member	Patrick	Sitsheke	Hlathilli
Community Member	BL	Mahlangu	Komati Village
Community Member	Happiness	Mahlangu	Komati Village
Community Member	Sonto	Mahlangu	Komati Village
Community Member	Cathy	Mkhuma	Komati Village
Community Member	Thomas	Ngcobo	Komati Village
Community Member	Jeremiah	Nkosi	Komati Village
Community Member	Moti	Mahlangu	Komati Village Resident
Community Member	Patience	Masilela	Komati Village Resident
Community Member	Muzi	Jele	Koorfontein Farm

Stakeholder Type	First Name	Last Name	Company
Community Member	Sibangile	Mashego	Koornfontein Village
Community Member	Othaniel	Sibambo	Koornfontein Village Resident
Community Member	Polina	Jiane	Kroonfontein
Community Member	JM	de Beer	Landowner
Community Member	WA	De Klerk	Landowner
Community Member	Pieter	Honeyborne	Landowner
Community Member	Michael	Msumba	Mechanic (Flamigo Street)
Community Member	Mathews	Zwane	Pastor
Community Member	Besabakhe	Mahlangu	Traditional Leader - Inkosi
Community Member	Wickus	de Bruin	Villa Rosa
Community Member	Alta	de Bruin	Villa Rosa Komati
Community Member	Sindi	Mbewe	Ward Committee
Developer	Kyle	Swartz	Enertrag
Finance Institutions	Vishay	Rabbipal	Absa Group
Finance Institutions	Kennedy K	Mbekeani	African Development Bank
Finance Institutions	Leïla Farah	Mokadem	African Development Bank
Finance Institutions	Chuckeka	Mhlongo	Development Bank of Southern Africa
Finance Institutions	Douglas	Leys	Green Climate Fund
Finance Institutions	Glenda Tapiwa	Chikwaka	Industrial Development Corporation of South Africa
Finance Institutions	Kgakgamatso	Mohutsiwa	Industrial Development Corporation of South Africa
Finance Institutions	Portia	Nodangala	Land Bank
Finance Institutions	Franscesca	van Loggerenberg	Land Bank
Finance Institutions	Rentia	van Tonder	Standard Bank
I&AP	Thomas	Mathebula	Middelburg Business and Unemployment Community Forum
I&AP	Thabo	Mtshweni	Middelburg Business and Unemployment Community Forum
I&AP	Elijah	Mkhuma	Thembalompmarathi
I&AP	Zanele	Mahlangu	Woestallen Unemployment Forum
I&AP	Cairin	Crosse	
I&AP	Rienie NG	Kerk	
I&AP	Kennedy	Ngwane	
I&AP	Madelain	Swart	
I&AP	Georgina		
I&AP	Meisie		
I&AP	Roger		
I&AP	Alichea	Spamers	Eazi Access
I&AP	Cobus	Van Heerden	Eazi Access
I&AP	Reuben	Maroga	SOLA
International Organisation	El Mekwad	Khaled	United Nations Industrial Development Organisation
International Organisation	USAID, Power Africa		USAID, Power Africa
International Organisation	Juanita	Whitfield	World Bank
International Organisation	Franz	Gerner	World Bank
Landowner	Brian	Morris	Mpumalanga Tourism and Parks Agency

Stakeholder Type	First Name	Last Name	Company
Local Facility	Christo	Greef	Laerskool Koorfontein
Local Facility	SAPS Blinkpan		SAPS Blinkpan
Local Facility	Shirley	Xulu	Steve Tshwete Local Municipality Library
Municipality	Leah M	Mabuza	Nkangala District Municipality
Municipality	Fikile	Maseko	Nkangala District Municipality
Municipality	Amos	Matjiya	Nkangala District Municipality
Municipality	Ntwanano	Mtungwa	Nkangala District Municipality
Municipality	Margaret	Skosana	Nkangala District Municipality
Municipality	Bheki	Khenisa	Steve Tshwete Local Municipality
Municipality	Meshack	Mahamba	Steve Tshwete Local Municipality
Municipality	Angel	Masia	Steve Tshwete Local Municipality
Municipality	Petrus Mhlonishwa	Masilela	Steve Tshwete Local Municipality
Municipality	Michael	Nkosi	Steve Tshwete Local Municipality
Municipality	Edward	Nyambi	Steve Tshwete Local Municipality
Municipality	Johannes	Silas	Steve Tshwete Local Municipality
Municipality	Thokozile	Zulu	Steve Tshwete Local Municipality
Municipality	Analize		Steve Tshwete Local Municipality
Municipality	Carlos	Vilankulu	Steve Tshwete Local Municipality
NGO	Dr A	Berruti	BirdLife South Africa
NGO	EWT EIA Applications		Endangered Wildlife Trust
NGO	Richman	Madalane	JOG Church
NGO	Samantha	Ralston-Paton	BirdLife South Africa
NGO	Dr Kyle	Lloyd	BirdLife South Africa
NGO	Yolan	Freedman	Endangered Wildlife Trust
NGO	Kish	Chetty	Endangered Wildlife Trust
NGO	Dr Gareth	Tate	Endangered Wildlife Trust
NGO	Dr. Ian	Little	Endangered Wildlife Trust
NGO	NL	Bosman	Mpumalanga Agri SA
NGO	Garth	Barnes	Wildlife and Environment Society of South Africa (WESSA) : Northern Region
NGO	Malcolm	Suttill	Wildlife and Environment Society of South Africa (WESSA)
NGO	Simon	Evered	Wildlife and Environment Society of South Africa (WESSA)
NGO	Andrew	Rossaak	Wildlife and Environment Society of South Africa (WESSA)
NGO	Andre	Beegte	Mpumalanga Wetland Forum
NGO	Hannes	Mare	South African National Biodiversity Institute (SANBI)
NGO	Nicolene	Van der Walt	Waterval Forum
NGO	Marianna	Niewoudt	Olifants River Forum
NPO	Africa Climate Alliance		Africa Climate Alliance
NPO	Lerato	Balendran	Centre for Environmental Rights
NPO	Makoma	Lekalakala	Earthlife Africa
NPO	Jack	Radmore	Green Cape
NPO	Reshmi	Wolwers	Green Cape
NPO	Greenpeace Africa		Greenpeace Africa

Stakeholder Type	First Name	Last Name	Company
NPO	David	Hallowes	Groundwork
NPO	Tsepang	Molefe	Groundwork
NPO	Bobby	Peek	Groundwork
NPO	Annette	Gibbs	Just Share
NPO	Victor	Munnik	Life After Coal
NPO	SAFCEI		SAFCEI
NPO	Brandon	Abdinor	Centre for Environmental Rights
NPO	Ntombi	Maphosa	Centre for Environmental Rights
NPO	Thomas	Mnguni	Centre for Environmental Rights
NPO	Michelle	Cruywagen	Centre for Environmental Rights
NPO	Yegeshni	Moodley	Centre for Environmental Rights
Public Entity	John	Geeringh	Eskom Transmission Grid Planning Land and Rights
Public Entity	Independent Development		Independent Development Trust
Public Entity	Nolwazi	Makaula	NEDLAC
Public Entity	Project 90		Project 90
Public Entity	SANRAL		SANRAL
Research Institutions	Bernard	Bekker	CRSES University of Stellenbosch
Research Institutions	Sampson	Mamphweli	CRSES University of Stellenbosch
Research Institutions	Kitessa	Roro	CSIR
Research Institutions	Daphney	Mabuza	Development Dialogue (TIPS)
Research Institutions	Charl	Harding	Impact Catalyst
Research Institutions	Mark	New	UCT
Research Institutions	Paida	Mhangara	University of Witwatersrand
Research Institutions	Thami	Mkhonza	Impact Catalyst
Research Institutions	Rory	Baker	Impact Catalyst
Research Institutions	Noeleen	Greyling	Impact Catalyst
Research Institutions	Charl	Harding	Impact Catalyst
I&AP	Gideon	Raath	Enertrag
I&AP	Nwabisa	Ndaku	Red Cap
I&AP	Donné	Krause	Subsolar Energy (Pty) Ltd
I&AP	Robert		Subsolar Energy (Pty) Ltd
I&AP	Robyn	Luyt	Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, Land & Environmental Affairs
I&AP	Makua Peter	Ben	Marmac
I&AP	Richard	Muswubi	Eskom Komati Power Station
I&AP	Lorna	Ntuli	Komati
I&AP	Abram	Mashiloane	Komati
I&AP	Kuda	Mareja	Eskom Komati Power Station
I&AP	Mfanfuthu	Khumalo	
I&AP	Mpendulo	Mathebula	Komati
I&AP	Nthabiseng	Marule	Pacta SA
I&AP	Dira	Marule	Buela Media Empire
I&AP	Petris	Van Watt	Komatis Parts

Stakeholder Type	First Name	Last Name	Company
I&AP	Dasi	Mabena	Komati
I&AP	Gwezi T.	Mahlangu	Komati
I&AP	Millicent	Mathe	Komati
I&AP	Mxolisi	Khumalo	Komati
I&AP	Sandile	Mngomezulu	Komati
I&AP	Midseel	Mashibane	
I&AP	Siyakhanya	Wayini	Komati
I&AP	Nozipho	Mamogobo	Student
I&AP	Jamie	Pieferse	Komati Power Station
I&AP	Nurse	Mnisi	Komati
I&AP	Sarah	Nkosi	Schoeman
I&AP	Jane	Mokoena	Emabhasini
I&AP	Pertunia	Mahlangu	Emabhasini
I&AP	Mpho	Miya	Blinkpan
I&AP	Mawanda	Ngqobe	
I&AP	Tsitso	Thoabala	
I&AP	Rato	Mkwebane	
I&AP	Given	Mngomezulu	Lukama
I&AP	Isaac	Nhlapo	MIA
I&AP	Zanele	Madonsela	
I&AP	Mafanani	Mtshai	Blinkpan
I&AP	Abongile	Badushe	
I&AP	Bongile	Hagile	
I&AP	Thembinkosi	Ntshangase	
I&AP	Sihle	Mdlalose	
I&AP	Portia	Mbukwang	
I&AP	Sthembiso	Mbatha	
I&AP	Aneliswe	Khuza	
I&AP	Nomfundo	Khuza	
I&AP	Asavela	Sondizela	
I&AP	Sebenzile	Zulu	HAMSA
I&AP	Ndwazi	Thabede	
I&AP	Nontobeko	Ngwenya	
I&AP	Nokuphila	Vilakazi	
I&AP	Iandre	Marx	Eazi Access
I&AP	Freddie	Bamand	Eazi Access
I&AP	Mandisa	Sakela	Eskom Komati Projects
I&AP	Lebo	Memell	Eskom Komati Projects
I&AP	Lerato	Mathebula	Eskom Komati Projects
I&AP	Phumulani	Makgotmede	
I&AP	Justice	Ramapoma	Eskom EIA COE
I&AP	M.E.	Khumalo	Community member

Stakeholder Type	First Name	Last Name	Company
I&AP	P	Churruque	
I&AP	M	Dladla	
I&AP	C.D	Mhlombeni	
I&AP	Xolani	Maseko	
I&AP	Evans	Lusenga	Bozina
I&AP	Lehlohonolo	Kobela	
I&AP	Zelda	Zunguza	
I&AP	Herman	Moffomme	Sinosenzo Trading
I&AP	Simbarashe	Nheya	Sinosenzo Trading
I&AP	Jane	Chihwai	Sinosenzo Trading
I&AP	Solomon	Siruku	Community member
I&AP	Manqoba	Msomba	
I&AP	Nomsa	Dlamini	Community member
I&AP	Sipho	Madonsela	Community member
I&AP	Nonhlanhla	Nkabinde	Community member
I&AP	Mahlaela	Shirley	Community member
I&AP	Sipho	Ntsweni	Community member
I&AP	Happy	Khumalo	Community member
I&AP	Nhlanhla		Community member
I&AP	Patricia	Mahlangu	Community member
I&AP	Laurena	Maupye	Mpumacape EMS
I&AP	Brian		Community member
I&AP	Nosipho	Mbute	Community member
I&AP	Nei On	Phiri	Mlaaklaagte Plaas
I&AP	Bheis	Mtshai	
I&AP	Patisuna	Mfeketo	
I&AP	Thembeni	Masilela	
I&AP	Masilela	Siphiwe	Unemployed
I&AP	Joyce	Masilela	Unemployed
I&AP	Sinethemba	Badashe	Unemployed
I&AP	Thetho	Ngqukela	Unemployed
I&AP	Siyabenga	Madonsela	Unemployed
I&AP	Steven	Hleme	Unemployed
I&AP	Skhumbuzo	Mahlalelo	Unemployed
I&AP	Muehlo	Maluhle	Unemployed
I&AP	Thembinkosi	Silombo	Unemployed
I&AP	Ncosinathi	Mnguni	Unemployed
I&AP	Diphiwe	Hluzmpe	RSC
I&AP	Muzikayihani	Buthelezi	RSC
I&AP	Zanele	Sekqobela	Pacja SA
I&AP	Mamorathoa	Ramohalah	
I&AP	Maggie	van de Walt	Komati Psarks

Stakeholder Type	First Name	Last Name	Company
I&AP	Chantal	Mhahle	Komati
I&AP	Thando	Shabala	Community member
I&AP	Martha	Mqela	Lielie Trading
I&AP	Bongani	Pakade	
I&AP	December	Motau	Komati
I&AP	Bongani	Masilela	Emobhosini
I&AP	Vusi	Masilela	Emobhosini
I&AP	Bongani	Mahlangu	
I&AP	Sechaba	Molep	Eskom
I&AP	Zandile	Ngwenya	Komati
I&AP	Annah	Moffomme	Sinosenzo Trading
I&AP	Nomsa	Zwane	Blinkpan
I&AP	Paulina M	Jiyane	koonfontein
I&AP	Bongani	Mashimbye	Eskom Komati
I&AP	Falakhe	Mdluli	Eskom Komati
I&AP	Lucia	Dube	
I&AP	Beauty	Mazibuko	Eskom R&S
I&AP	Gugu	Masango	
I&AP	Prince	Maseke	
I&AP	Nompumelelo	Madonsela	
I&AP	Aaron	Mgidi	
I&AP	Sgcino	Shonau	
I&AP	Vuyelwa	Xhayimpi	
I&AP	Kholiswa	Masiza	
I&AP	Martin	Zandamela	
I&AP	Yonela	Mfekethi	
I&AP	Duduzile	Ngwenya	
I&AP	Prudence	Mgwenye	
I&AP	Ntuthuko	Nokwanoye	
I&AP	Nami	Lukhele	
I&AP	Siphiwe	Masilela	
I&AP	Fanafuthi	sibaiyoni	
I&AP	Andrew	Rambam	
I&AP	G	Dlamini	
I&AP	S	Dlamini	
I&AP	M.	Sibita	
I&AP	Simphiwe	Mtsweni	
I&AP	Maseko	Phumzile	
I&AP	Bathobile	Mtsweni	
I&AP	Joyce	Maseko	
I&AP	Alta	De Bruin	
I&AP	Nkosinathi	Vundla	

Stakeholder Type	First Name	Last Name	Company
I&AP	Deidre	Herbst	Eskom
I&AP	Thabo	Mkhanza	Mpumacare
I&AP	Bongani	Mogane	
I&AP	Thabisa	Matonana	Unemployed
I&AP	Malethi	Xulu	Unemployed
I&AP	Martin	Zandamela	Mpumacare
I&AP	David	Mahlangu	Mpumacare
I&AP	Bathabile	Motsitsi	Magic Shine Projects
I&AP	Thato	Mhlongo	Magic Shine Projects
I&AP	Sinethemba	Sogoni	Unemployed
I&AP	Lucas Lusa	Mashie	Unemployed
I&AP	Laurence	Maupye	Mpumacare EMS
I&AP	Katlego	Mauapela	Mpumacare
I&AP	Thabang	Ramobosh	Mpumacare
I&AP	Skhulele	Khoza	Mpumacare

Appendix B

NOTIFICATIONS



Appendix B.1

ADVERTISEMENT



Woltemade stabbing

Suspect granted R2 000 bail

Chrisuné Vermeulen

The suspect in connection with Nelly Voyiya's murder was granted R2 000 bail.

The Witbank Magistrate's Court granted Gilbert Voyiya R2 000 bail on Friday, June 3 in connection with the gruesome murder of his wife, Nelly Voyiya.

The family of the victim was bitter and disappointed about the court's decision to grant the suspect bail in the backdrop of the rise in cases of Gender-Based Violence and Femicide (GBVF) in the country.

"What saddens me is that the justice system supports perpetrators instead of victims and their families," said the late Nelly's sister, Thembi Shabangu. WITBANK NEWS reported on the tragic death of Nelly that was murdered on April 19, in morning rush-hour traffic in Woltemade Street after being stabbed several times while she was on her way to work.

"The husband later handed himself over to the police in Standerton after fleeing the scene and was taken to Witbank Police Station where he was officially charged with murder," the article stated. While delivering the bail verdict, the court said the accused does not have any previous convictions or pending criminal cases.

The court further said that the state does not have evidence that the accused is a flight risk or that he will undermine the interest of justice. Voyiya was successful in showing the court that there were

exceptional circumstances to be granted bail.

The African National Congress Women's League Provincial treasurer, Leah Mabuza said if women do not stand together to fight the Criminal Procedure

Act of 1977, they will not win any cases against men.

The case is remanded to August 5 for further investigations.

Post mortem results and a photo album of the crime scene are still outstanding.



One of the many posters that was present the day of the Nelly Voyiya court case on Friday June 3.



Phindile Deborah Lusenga has not been seen since May 20. Photo supplied

Phindile went to visit her boyfriend and has not returned home

Police officers from Phola Police Station have tried their best in finding Phindile Deborah Lusenga, and request the public to help.

It is alleged that Lusenga was last seen by her sister on Friday, May 20 at their home in Phola. Phindile's sister alleges that the 28-year-old said that she was going to visit her boyfriend in Middelburg.

Lusenga apparently met her boyfriend on Facebook, and none of her friends and family knows of the boyfriend. Since that Friday, she has

not been seen and both her phones have apparently been switched off. According to the information given to the police, she was last seen wearing white trousers with peach sneakers and a black and white striped t-shirt. A missing person's case was opened at Phola Police Station and Detective Sergeant Alucia Mathebula is investigating the matter.

Anyone who can provide information that can assist in finding the 28-year-old can contact the Phola SAPS on 013 643 8601 or 076 605 4760.

Man wat in Wattlestraat met mes gesteek is, bekommerd oor misdaad

Opvolg



Mnr. Julian Piek se arm is met vier steke geheg.

Zita Goldswain

Die 20-jarige man wat verlede week in Wattlestraat met 'n mes gesteek is, het gesê hy is bekommerd oor misdaad in eMalahleni en veral in Hoëveldpark.

Mnr. Julian Piek het gesê dit is die tweede keer in vier maande dat hy beroof is.

Piek, wat in Carolina bly het die naweek vir sy ma kom kuier waar hy op Vrydag, 3 Junie oorval en van sy geld beroof is.

"Ek het saam met my ma werk toe geloop en op pad terug het ek 'n swart BMW sonder nommerplate opgemerk wat stadig aangery gekom het. 'n Man het uitgeklim en my gevra vir geld en my selfoon. Ek wou nog omdraai toe die man my duik en ons begin stoei. Ek het hard probeer om my geld vas te hou, want dit was my laaste," het Piek vertel.

Die rower het na bewering Piek se baadjie met 'n mes oopgesny, die geld gevat en Piek toe in die arm gesteek.

Piek is sowat vier maande gelede ook in Middelburg beroof.

"Ek is moedeloos. Dit voel net asof misdaad heeltal ons lewens oorgeneem het en die polisie niks daaraan doen nie. Ek hoop die rowers word gevang voordat hulle iemand doodsteek vir net 'n paar rand."

Polisiewoordvoerder kaptein Eddie Hall het gesê mense moet paraat wees en liefs nie probeer om alleen te loop nie, dit maak nie saak watter tyd van die dag of aand nie. Piek se arm is met vier steke geheg.

NOTICE OF REGISTRATION AS AN INTERESTED AND AFFECTED PARTY FOR THE PROPOSED ESTABLISHMENT OF A SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC AND BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEM FACILITY AT THE KOMATI POWER STATION, MPUMALANGA PROVINCE

Notice is given in terms of Regulation 41(2) of GNR 326 as Amended (07 April 2017) published under section 24 and 24D of the National Environmental Management Act (No. 107 of 1998) (NEMA) for submission of applications for Environmental Authorisations (EA) in respect of activities identified in terms of GNR 327 as Amended (7 April 2017). Notice is also given in terms of Section 40 of the National Water Act (36 of 1998) (NWA), for the submission of Water Use Licence Application (WULA) and Section 38 (1) & (8) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999).

BACKGROUND AND LOCATION

Eskom Holdings SOC Ltd (Eskom) proposes to establish a solar electricity generating facility at the Komati Power Station. The proposed Solar Photovoltaic (PV) and Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) facilities will be developed on farm Komati Power Station No 56 IS in Ward 4, Steve Tshwete Local Municipality, Nkangala District Municipality, Mpumalanga Province. The proposed Solar PV, BESS and associated infrastructure require an Environmental Authorisation (EA) and Water Use Authorisation in terms of National Environmental Management Act, Act 107 of 1998 (NEMA), associated Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2014 as amended and National Water Act, Act 36 of 1998 (NWA) respectively. Due to the nature of the project thresholds, Eskom is required to follow a Scoping & EIA process and Water Use Licence Application (WULA) to acquire the necessary authorisations prior to the commencement of the proposed project. In addition to South African Legislation, Environmental and Social Impact Assessment will be undertaken in terms of the World Bank Group requirements. This will be aligned to the requirements of the World Bank Environmental & Social Framework; World Bank Group (WBG) Environmental, Health and Safety Guidelines (EHSGL) both for general and sector; the International Finance Corporation (IFC) Performance Standards; and Good International Industry Practices (GIIP).

ENVIRONMENTAL APPLICATION

The following listed activities are triggered, subject to confirmation from Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE):

- NEMA EIA Regulations: GNR 327 Activity 11, 14 and 24;
- NEMA EIA Regulations: GNR 325 Activity 1 and 15;
- NEMA EIA Regulations: GNR 324 Activity 4, 10 and 12.

WATER USE LICENCE APPLICATION

A WULA will be applied for in terms of Section 40 of the NWA for the relevant Section 21 water uses associated with the PV, BESS and associated infrastructure. Government Notice (GN) 40713, Regulation No. 267 (GN R.267) dated 24 March 2017, on regulations regarding the procedural requirements for water use licence applications and appeals, will be followed.

REGISTRATION AND SUBMISSION OF COMMENTS

WSP Group Africa (Pty) Ltd (WSP) was appointed as the independent Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) by Eskom to manage the permitting process. Parties wishing to formally register as interested and affected parties (I&APs) in order to receive more information and/or raise their comment(s) on the proposed project, are requested to forward their full contact details to the EAP and disclose their direct and/or indirect business, financial, personal or other interest in the project. Any comments on the proposed project should be submitted to the EAP via the details provided below. Registered I&APs will be forwarded all future project related correspondence and notified individually of additional opportunities to participate in the process.

WATER USE LICENCE APPLICATION COMMENT PERIOD

Registered I&APs may also lodge written comments regarding WULA for the proposed activities on the details mentioned above. In terms of Section 41 (4) of NWA the WULA comment period will be 60 days from 10 June 2022 to 09 August 2022.

EAP Details: Megan Govender (T) 011 361 1410 (E) Megan.Govender@wsp.com (A) PO Box 98867, Sloane Park, 2152

WSP will be processing certain personal information about you as an interested and affected party (I & AP) for purposes of enabling your registration as an I & AP and for purposes of storing your details on our database, if you consent for us to do so. WSP uses these details to contact you about other projects in the future. WSP will always process your personal information in accordance with the Protection of Personal Information Act 4 of 2013. You are entitled to exercise your rights as a data subject and let us know if you wish to be deregistered as an I & AP or if you no longer want your contact details to be included on our database.



PROPOSED RELOCATION OF HUMAN REMAINS AT WESTOE DAM NEAR ERMELO (FORMELY AMSTERDAM) WITHIN MSUKALIGWA LOCAL MUNICIPALITY OF GERT SIBANDE DISTRICT IN MPUMALANGA PROVINCE

Notice is given in terms of Section(s) 35 and 36 of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999); and Regulations relating to the management of human remains as set-out by the National Health Act, 2003 (Act 61 of 2003) as well as the relevant local regulations to the: Provincial Administration of the province in which the graves are located; the South African Heritage Resource Agency (SAHRA) or their legislated provincial agency and the relevant local municipality for approval to exhume and re-enter the graves in a local cemetery or at a new location as per request of the deceased's families.

The remains are currently buried at the area zoned for Westoe Dam. These human remains will be exhumed from their current place of burial and reburied in the Municipal Cemetery or at a new location as per request of the deceased's families.

To be registered/identified as the interested/affected parties, including all persons and communities descended from the buried individuals, all persons or communities concerned or who have interests with the graves that are located in and around Westoe Dam can submit written comments/objections to the Heritage Assessment Practitioner mentioned below within 60 days of the date of publication of this notice.

Heritage Assessment Practitioner

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GS College's Standerton Campus achieved 620 points in the intercollege debate competition.

GS College holds intercollege debate competition

Ofentse Mkase

ERMELLO - GS College held its 2022 intercollege debate competition at its Ermelo campus on June 3.

Six GS College campuses took part in the competition: Standerton, Ermelo, Evander, Balfour, Sibanesfontein and Perdekop.

"Government is wasting money on child support grants, which promotes unplanned and unwanted pregnancies", was the topic debated.

Each campus was represented by three speakers.

Standerton Campus won the competition with a total of 620 points, followed by Ermelo with 610 and Evander with 605.

According to GS College's spokesman, Mr Oscar Kubeka, three individuals from the winning campuses will represent Mpumalanga at the provincial debate level.

"These are Ms Buhle Masango of Evandor Campus, who was the best speaker with an average of 1 070 points, Ms Nombuleko Skosana of Standerton Campus and Ms Innocent Mathebula of Ermelo Campus," Mr Kubeka said.

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Kennis word gegee ingevolge Regulasie 41(2) van GNR 326 soos gewysig (07 April 2017) gepubliseer kragtens artikel 24 en 24D van die Wet op Nasionale Omgewingsbestuur (No. 107 van 1998) (NEMA) vir indiening van aansoeke om omgewingsmagtigings (EA) ten opsigte van aktiwiteite geïdentifiseer ingevolge GNR 327 soos gewysig (7 April 2017).

Kennis word gegee ingevolge artikel 39 of 41(4) van die Nasionale Waterwet (No. 36 van 1998) (NWA) vir die indiening van 'n Watergebruiklisensie-aansoek (WUL-aansoek) en Artikel 38 (1) & (8) van die Wet op Nasionale Erfenisulbronne (No. 25 van 1999).

AGTERGROND EN LIGGING

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NOTICE OF REGISTRATION AS AN INTERESTED AND AFFECTED PARTY FOR THE PROPOSED ESTABLISHMENT OF A SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC AND BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEM FACILITY AT THE KOMATI POWER STATION, MPUMALANGA PROVINCE

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BACKGROUND AND LOCATION

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ENVIRONMENTAL APPLICATION

The following listed activities are triggered, subject to confirmation from Department of Forestry and the Environment (DFFE):

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WATER USE LICENCE APPLICATION

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REGISTRATION AND SUBMISSION OF COMMENTS

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WATER USE LICENCE APPLICATION COMMENT PERIOD

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Appendix B.2

SITE NOTICES



INTERESTED AND AFFECTED PARTY REGISTRATION

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Isaziso sinikezwe ngokoMthethonqubo 41(2) we-GNR 326 njengoba uchitshiyelwe (07 April 2017) oshicilelwe ngaphansi kwesigaba 24 kanye no-24D soMthetho Wokuphathwa Kwemvelo Kazwelonke (No. 107 ka 1998) (NEMA) ukuze kuthunyelwe izicelo zokugunyazwa kwezeMvelo. (EA) mayelana nemisebenzi ehlonzwe ngokwe-GNR 327 njengoba Ichitshiyelwe (7 April 2017)

Isaziso siphinde sinikeziwe ngokweSigaba 40 soMthetho Wamanzi Kazwelonke (36 ka-1998) (NWA), sokwethulwa kweSicelo Selayisense Yokusebenzisa Amanzi (WULA) kanye neSigaba 38 (1) & (8) soMthetho Wezamazwe Kazwelonke. (25 ka-1999)

IKAMUVA NENDAWO

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ISICELO SEZEMVELO

Le misebenzi elandelayo esohlwini iqalwa, kuncike ekuqinisekiseni koMnyango Wezamazwe, Izinhlanzi kanye Nezemvelo.

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ISICELO SELAYISENSE YOKUSEBENZISWA KWAMANZI

I WULA izofakwa isicelo ngokweSigaba 40 se-NWA ngokusetshenziswa kwamanzi okufanelekile kweSigaba 21 esihlobene ne-PV, BESS kanye nengqalasizinda ehlobene. Isaziso Sikahulumeni (GN) 40713, Umthethonqubo No. 267 (GN R.267) samhla zingama-24 kuNdasa (March) wezi-2017, mayelana nemithethonqubo ephathelene nezinqubo zenqubo yokufaka izicelo zelayisensi yokusebenzisa amanzi kanye nezikhalazo, sizolandelwa.

UKUBHALISA

I-WSP Group Africa (Pty) Ltd (WSP) yaqokwa njengoMsebenzi Ozimele Wokuhlola Imvelo (EAP) ngu-Eskom ukuze alawule inqubo yezimvume. Abantu abafisa ukubhalisa ngokusemthethweni njengama-I&APs (I&APs) ukuze bathole ulwazi olwengeziwe kanye/noma baveze ukuphawula kwabo ngephrojekthi ehlongozwayo, bayacelwa ukuba bathumele imininingwane yabo egcwele ku-EAP futhi badalule ngokuqondile kanye/ noma ibhizinisi elingaqondile, lezezimali, elomuntu siqu noma okunye okuthakaselayo kuphrojekthi. Noma yimiphi imibono ngephrojekthi ehlongozwayo kufanele ithunyelwe ku-EAP ngemininingwane enikezwe ngezansi. Ama-I&APs abhalisiwe azodluliselwa kuzo zonke izincwadi zesikhathi esizayo ezihlobene nephrojekthi futhi aziswe ngabanye ngamathuba engeziwe okubamba iqhaza kulolu hlelo.

WATER USE LICENCE APPLICATION COMMENT PERIOD

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REGISTRASIE AS 'N BELANGHEBBENDE EN GEAFFEKTEERDE PARTY

KENNISGEWING VAN REGISTRASIE AS 'N BELANGHEBBENDE EN GEAFFEKTEERDE PARTY VIR DIE VOORGESTELDE ONTWIKKELING VAN 'N SONKRAGOPWEKKINGSFASILITEIT EN BATTERY-ENERGIEBERGINGSTELSEL FASILITEIT BY DIE KOMATI KRAGSTASIE, MPUMALANGA PROVINSIE

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Figure 1: Eskom Komati PV and BESS Project Layout



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BACKGROUND AND LOCATION

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ENVIRONMENTAL APPLICATION

The following listed activities are triggered, subject to confirmation from Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE):

- NEMA EIA Regulations: GNR 327 Activity 11, 14 and 24;
- NEMA EIA Regulations: GNR 325 Activity 1 and 15;
- NEMA EIA Regulations: GNR 324 Activity 4, 10 and 12.

REGISTRATION AND SUBMISSION OF COMMENTS

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DRAFT SCOPING REPORT REVIEW PERIOD

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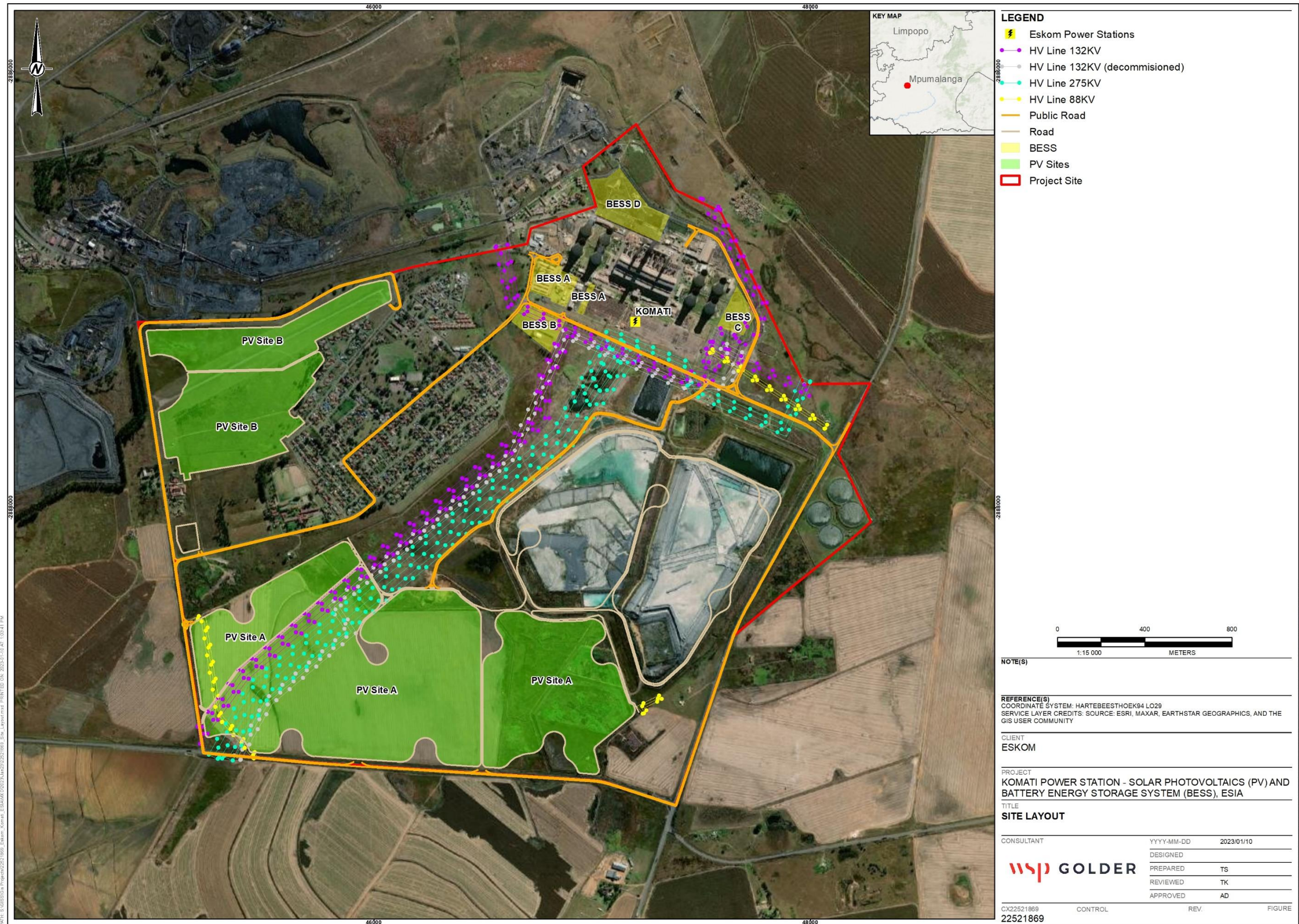
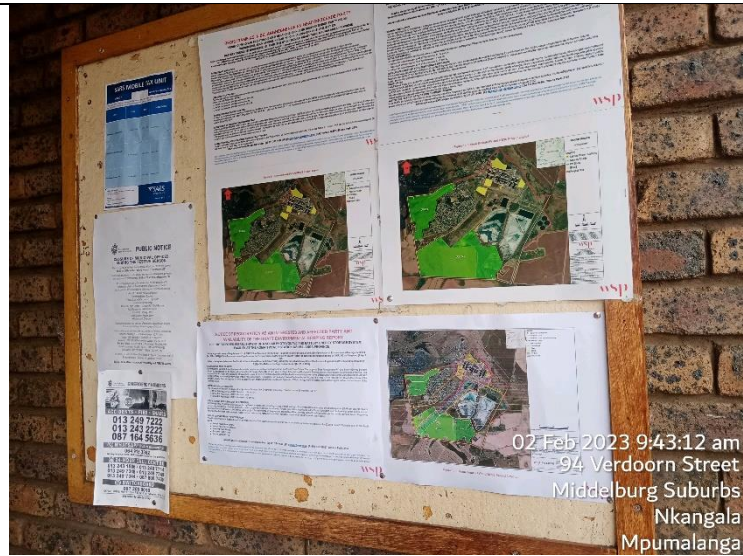
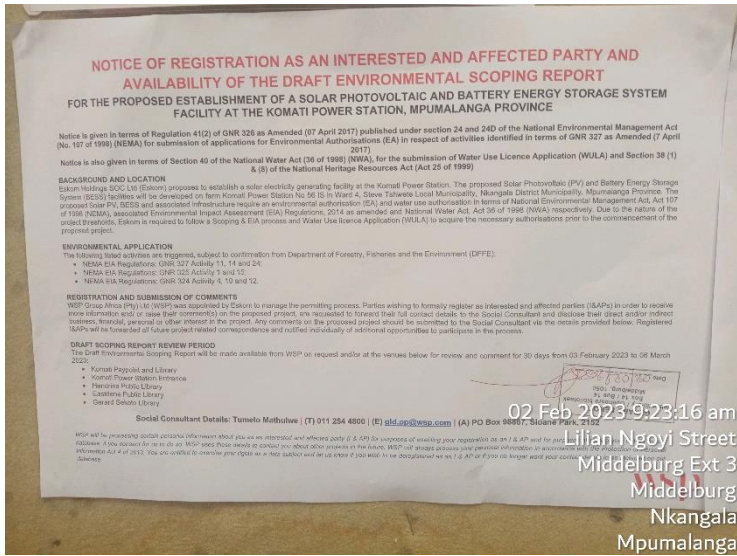
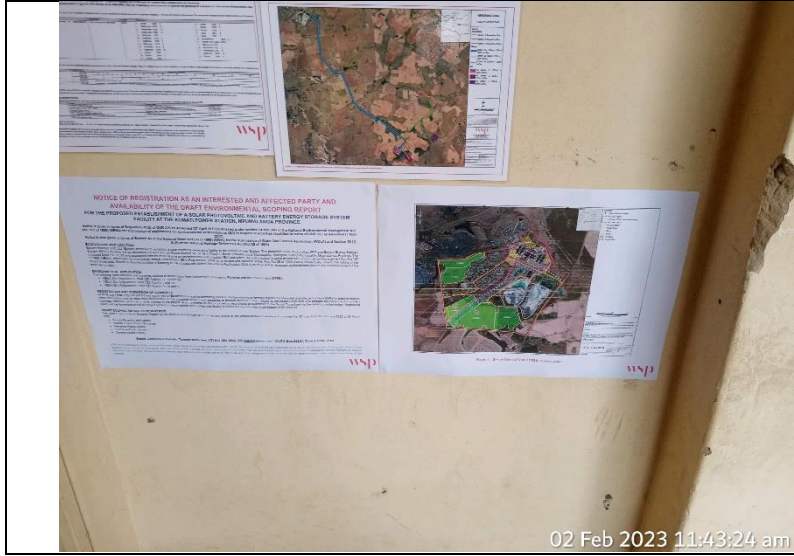


Figure 1: Eskom Komati PV and BESS Project Layout





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Appendix B.3

BACKGROUND INFORMATION DOCUMENT





PROPOSED KOMATI POWER STATION SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC (PV), BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEM (BESS) FACILITIES AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE AT KOMATI, MPUMALANGA PROVINCE

INTRODUCTION

The Komati Power Station is situated about 37km from Middelburg, 43km from Bethal and 40km from Witbank in the Mpumalanga Province. Komati Power Station will reach its end-of-life in September 2022 when Unit 9 will be shut down. Units 1 to 8 have already been shutdown. Eskom Holdings SOC Ltd (Eskom) has developed a Just Energy Transition Plan (EJET P) aimed at mitigating the negative social impacts resulting from the shutting down of plant and to implement projects for the repowering and repurposing related to the Komati power station. This is one of several initiatives in which Eskom proposes to establish a solar energy generating facility at the Komati Power Station which will include the installation of a Solar Photovoltaics (PV) energy facility as well as Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) facilities.

PURPOSE OF THE DOCUMENT

This background information document (BID) introduces all stakeholders to the proposed developments. This document forms part of the respective environmental authorisation processes undertaken as a component of the stakeholder consultation process and is intended to provide stakeholders with adequate information to comment on the development.

The BID details the development, the environmental authorisation processes, the role of stakeholders in the process as well as to encourage stakeholders to comment on the development, ask questions and raise issues that should be included in the various project documentation. Aside from this document, at various stages of the respective environmental authorisation processes, information and reports will be made available for stakeholders to comment on.

WSP Group Africa (WSP) has been appointed by Eskom as the independent Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) to undertake the environmental authorisation processes for the project and to facilitate a consolidated stakeholder engagement process.

To become a registered stakeholder and ensure all comments and queries regarding this project are accurately documented and addressed, please forward your contact details and comments on the attached response sheet to:

Consultant: Megan Govender
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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The proposed Komati Solar PV, BESS facilities and associated infrastructure will be located in Ward 4 of the Steve Tshwete Local Municipality located within the Nkangala District Municipality, in the Mpumalanga Province. The Solar PV facilities, BESS facilities and associated infrastructure will be located on Eskom owned land. The locality of the facilities is illustrated in **Figure 1**.

Solar Energy Facility

Table 1 provides a high-level project summary of the proposed Facilities.

Table 1: High-level Project Summary – Renewable Energy Facilities

	SOLAR PV SITE A	SOLAR PV SITE B
Extent	156 Ha	54 Ha
Buildable Area	127 Ha	50 Ha
Capacity	71.5 MW	28.5 MW

Additional associated infrastructure will be confirmed once concept design is finalised, however, it is anticipated to include the following:

- Access roads;
- Perimeter roads;
- Below ground electrical cables;
- Above ground overhead lines;
- Meteorological Station;
- Operations and Maintenance (O&M) Building including control room, server room, security equipment room, offices, boardroom, kitchen, and ablution facilities);
- Spares Warehouse and Workshop;
- Hazardous Chemical Store;
- Security Building;
- Parking areas and roads;
- Temporary laydown areas;
- Temporary concrete batching plant
- Construction camps and temporary laydown areas; and
- Onsite substations.

BESS Facilities

Eskom propose to establish up to four BESS facilities with the existing footprint of the Komati Power Station.

The BESS footprints will range from 2 ha up to 6 ha. The BESS storage capacity will be up to 150MW.

It is proposed that Lithium Battery Technologies, such as Lithium Iron Phosphate, Lithium Nickel Manganese Cobalt oxides or Vanadium Redox flow technologies will be considered as the preferred battery technology however the specific technology will only be determined following Engineering, Procurement, and Construction (EPC) procurement. The main components of the BESS include the batteries, power conversion system and transformer which will all be stored in various rows of containers. The BESS components will arrive on site pre-assembled.



Figure 1: Komati Power Station Solar PV and BESS facilities.



LEGAL FRAMEWORK

In terms of the Environmental Management Act (No. 107 of 1998, as amended) (NEMA) and the amended Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations (GNR 982 of 2014, as amended), an Environmental Authorisation (EA) is required as the facilities trigger activities that are listed in the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended. The respective project triggers activities from Listing Notice 1 (GNR 983, as amended), Listing Notice 2 (GNR 984, as amended) and Listing Notice 3 (GNR 985, as amended) and therefore a Full Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment (S&EIA) process (**Figure 2**) will be undertaken.

In addition, the National Water Act (Act No.36, 1998) (NWA) aims to control the use of water, which may affect water resources through the licencing of specific water uses in terms of Section 21 of the act. The proposed projects will require an authorisation in terms of Water Use Licences (WUL) from the Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS). The WUL application processes will be undertaken concurrently with the S&EIA process as far as possible.

Below is a depiction of the timeframes applicable to the Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment process.

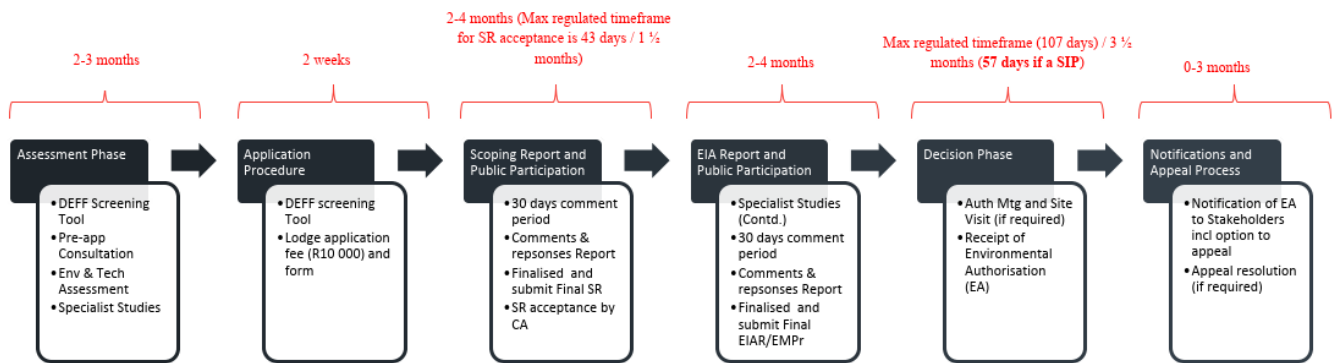


Figure 2: S&EIA Process

STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

The purpose of stakeholder engagement is to consult with interested and affected parties in the public and private sectors as part of the decision-making process on projects which may affect them. The process aims to develop and maintain open channels of communication between the project team and stakeholders. This process provides stakeholders with the opportunity to express their views and concerns regarding the proposed project through project correspondence. The environmental assessment practitioner documents the views and concerns of stakeholders, and makes the project team and relevant authorities aware of issues that need to be considered during the compilation and evaluation of the potential risks and impacts associated with the project.

Who is a Stakeholder?

Any person, group of persons or organisation interested and/or affected by the proposed development.

Register your interest by completing and returning the Registration and Comments Form attached herewith.

The first steps are to notify the public and previously identified stakeholders of the proposed project. Notification is accomplished by various means to ensure a transparent process and will include details of the project as well as instructions on how to register as a stakeholder. WSP will notify stakeholders by means of advertisements and site notices which are to be placed in and around the project area in clearly visible locations. Additionally, notification emails and this BID will be distributed to surrounding landowners and stakeholders.

Furthermore, the draft Scoping and EIA Reports will be released for 30-day public review periods during the course of the respective processes.



PROPOSED KOMATI SOLAR PV AND BESS FACILITIES REGISTRATION AND COMMENT SHEET

Your comments are an important contribution into this authorisation process. We would like to interact directly with you and encourage you to register as a stakeholder so that we can keep you updated as this project moves forward and respond to any questions or concerns that you may wish to raise.

To be a registered stakeholder and ensure all comments and queries regarding this project are accurately documented and addressed please forward your comments and contact details with the attached response sheet to:

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Please insert your personal details below:

Name:		
Organisation & Designation:		
Address:		
Telephone;		
Mobile:		
E-mail:		
LANDOWNERS:		
If your property is adjacent to Project Area, please tell us your farm name and erf/portion number		
WOULD YOU LIKE TO REGISTER AS AN INTERESTED AND AFFECTED PARTY?		
Please register me as an interested and affected party (I&AP) for this project so that I may receive further information and notifications as the project develops	YES	NO
Please include my details on WSP's database to contact me about future projects in my area	YES	NO
In terms of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended), I disclose below any direct business, financial, personal or other interest that I may have in the approval or refusal of the application:	Date	
	Signature	

Please ask the following of my colleagues / friends to register as Interested and Affected Persons for this environmental authorisation process:

NAME	CONTACT DETAILS



Please list your interest in the proposed project and comment below:

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Protection of Personal Information:

In order to register you as an I & AP in respect of this project and to comply with laws regarding environmental authorisation for the project, WSP needs to collect and keep certain of your personal information such as your name, contact details, and opinions on the project. This information is shared with WSP’s client who is undertaking the project and with the authorities in line with environmental laws.

In addition, if you give your consent for us to do so, WSP will keep your details on our database of interested parties and may contact you about other projects in the area in the future. If you do not want to be included on our database you are entitled to exercise your rights as a data subject and let us know if you wish to be deregistered.

The Protection of Personal Information Act 2013 (POPIA) imposes requirements for the protection of your personal information. WSP processes your personal information in line with its Privacy Notice. The full Privacy Notice can be accessed **[here](#)**. In summary:

- *Why do we process your personal information:* WSP is an independent consulting company that conducts public participation processes in support of environmental authorisation processes, where environmental authorisation must be obtained for a project. We are required under the applicable environmental laws to keep stakeholder databases per project. If you give your consent, WSP will keep your details on our database of interested parties and may contact you about other projects in future. If you give us contact details for anyone else that you think may want to register as an I&AP, we will only use those details to contact them and will delete the contact information if they choose not to register as an I&AP for this project, or to have their details included in WSP’s database for the purposes of future projects. WSP may share your information with its service providers but will never sell your personal information or use it for any purpose other than as set out here and in the Privacy Notice.
- *Your rights as a data subject:* You can tell us at any stage if you want to be deregistered as an I&AP for this project or if you do not want your contact details to be included in our database for us to contact you about future projects. Please refer to our Privacy Notice for more information about your rights and how to contact us regarding your rights.

Appendix B.4

EMAIL NOTIFICATIONS



Govender, Megan

From: Govender, Megan
Sent: Friday, 03 February 2023 10:04
To: ZA - GLD - PPOffice
Subject: NOTICE OF THE PROPOSED ESTABLISHMENT OF A SOLAR PV AND BESS FACILITY AT THE KOMATI POWER STATION - Draft Scoping Report Review

Dear Stakeholder

NOTICE OF THE PROPOSED ESTABLISHMENT OF A SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC AND BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEM FACILITY AT THE KOMATI POWER STATION, MPUMALANGA PROVINCE

Notice is given in terms of

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We look forward to your participation in this process.

Kind regards,



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Dear Commenting Authority

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One Drive - [Eskom Komati PV and BESS Draft Scoping Report](#)

WSP website - <https://www.wsp.com/en-za/services/public-documents>

Please note that you will receive a separate email with the link to the one drive. This link will then request a verification number which will automatically be sent to your email address – if it doesn't seem to come through please check your "spam" folder.

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Dear Stakeholder

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This notification is to inform you that the Final Environmental Scoping Report for the Proposed establishment of a Solar Photovoltaic (PV) Energy Facility, Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) Facilities and associated infrastructure at the Komati Power Station, Mpumalanga Province (DFFE Reference: 14/12/16/3/3/2/2298) was submitted to the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE) on 16 March 2023 for their review and decision-making.

The Final Scoping Report has been made available on the WSP website for your information:
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Dear Stakeholder

NOTICE OF THE AVAILABILITY OF THE DRAFT IMPACT ASSESSMENT REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED ESTABLISHMENT OF A SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC AND BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEM FACILITY AT THE KOMATI POWER STATION, MPUMALANGA PROVINCE

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Subject: NOTICE OF THE PROPOSED ESTABLISHMENT OF A SOLAR PV AND BESS FACILITY AT THE KOMATI POWER STATION - DRAFT EIR PUBLIC REVIEW

Dear Commenting Authority

NOTICE OF THE AVAILABILITY OF THE DRAFT IMPACT ASSESSMENT REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED ESTABLISHMENT OF A SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC AND BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEM FACILITY AT THE KOMATI POWER STATION, MPUMALANGA PROVINCE

This notification is to inform you that the Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report for the Proposed establishment of a Solar Photovoltaic (PV) Energy Facility, Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) Facilities and associated infrastructure at the Komati Power Station, Mpumalanga Province (DFFE Reference:

14/12/16/3/3/2/2298) has been made available for public review for 30 days from **05 July 2023 to 04 August 2023** as follows:

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Komati	Komati Paypoint and Library	Cnr. Falcon Dr and Weaver St	013 295 3102
	Komati Power Station Entrance	R35 Old Middelburg Bethal Road	013 295 9119
Hendrina	Hendrina Public Library	44 Kerk St	013 293 0000
Middelburg	Eastdene Public Library	Verdoorn St	013 249 7275
	Gerard Sekoto Library	Wanderers Avenue	013 249 7314
WSP Website	https://www.wsp.com/en-za/services/public-documents		

The report has also been made available at the link below easy access:

One Drive Link	<input type="checkbox"/> Eskom Komati PV and BESS Draft EIAR - Public Review
One Drive Instruction	Please note that you will receive a separate email with the link to the one drive. This link will then request a verification number which will automatically be sent to your email address – if it doesn't seem to come through please check your "spam" folder

The contact details of the Social Consultant are:

Name: Tumelo Mathulwe
Tel: 011 254 4800
Email: gld.pp@wsp.com
Address: PO Box 98867, Sloane Park, 2152

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Act 4 of 2013. You are entitled to exercise your rights as a data subject and let us know if you wish to be deregistered as an I & AP or if you no longer want your contact details to be included on our database.

We look forward to your participation in this process.

Kind regards,



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Appendix B.5

SMS NOTIFICATIONS



Appendix B.6

PROOF OF AVAILABILITY OF REPORTS



Environmental Reports for Public Review

Environmental documents for review and public comment

As part of our Environment & Energy team's service to clients, certain documentation must be made available for public review. These documents are hosted here for the duration of the public review period.

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Title of Project: Eskom Matimba Ash Disposal Facility Pollution Control Dams Environmental Management Programme (EMPr), Limpopo Province

Public Disclosure dates: 03 February 2023 - 06 March 2023

Document on Public Display: Final Amended Environmental Management Programme (EMPr)

Contact Person: Tumelo Mathulwe (gld.pp@wsp.com)

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Title of Project: Komati Power Station Solar Photovoltaic Facility, Battery Energy Storage Systems and Associated Infrastructure, Mpumalanga Province

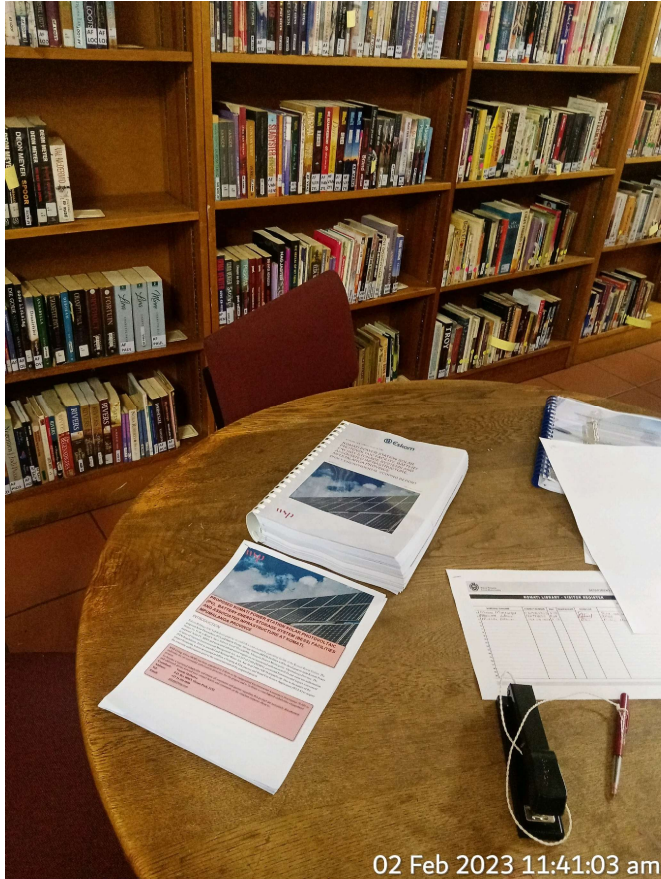
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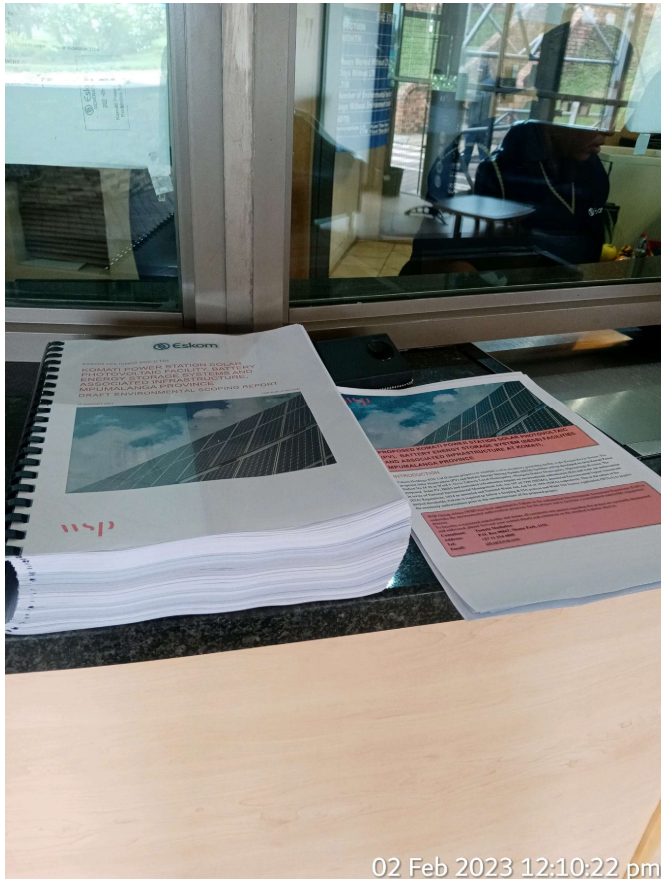
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- Eskom Komati PV and BESS Draft Scoping Report
- Appendix A_EAP CV and EAPASA Certificate
- Appendix B_EAP Declaration and Oath
- Appendix C_Specialist Declarations
- Appendix D_DFFE Screening Report
- Appendix E_Pre-Application Meeting Minutes & Approval
- Appendix F_Stakeholder Engagement Report_Public Copy

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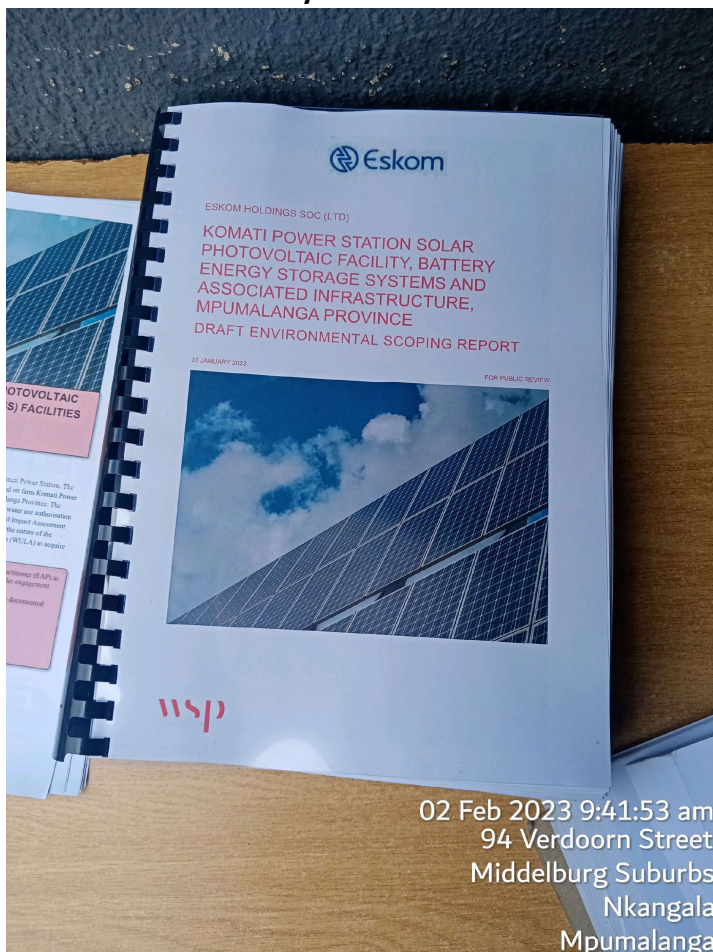
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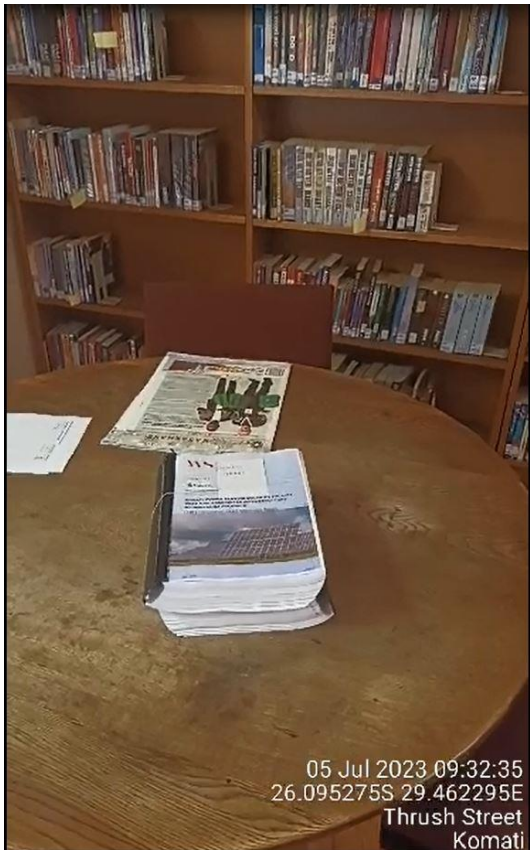
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Public Disclosure Dates: 05 July 2023 to 04 August 2023

Contact Person: Megan Govender (Megan.Govender@wsp.com)

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- Appendix A_EAP CV
- Appendix B_EAP Oath and Declaration
- Appendix C_Specialist Declarations and CVs
- Appendix D_Stakeholder Engagement Report (Public Copy)
- Appendix E_Maps
- Appendix F_DFFE Screening Report
- Appendix G_DFFE Acceptance of FSR
- Appendix H1_Geotech Desktop Study Komati
- Appendix H2_Air Quality Desktop Assessment
- Appendix H3_Noise Desktop Assessment
- Appendix H4_Surface Water Assessment
- Appendix H5_Geohydrological Assessment
- Appendix H6_Soil and Agricultural Assessment
- Appendix H7_Terrestrial Animal Species Assessment Report
- Appendix H8_Terrestrial Biodiversity & Plant Specialist Report
- Appendix H9_Aquatic Biodiversity Assessment
- Appendix H10_Traffic Impact Assessment
- Appendix H11_Visual Impact Assessment
- Appendix H12_Heritage Impact Assessment

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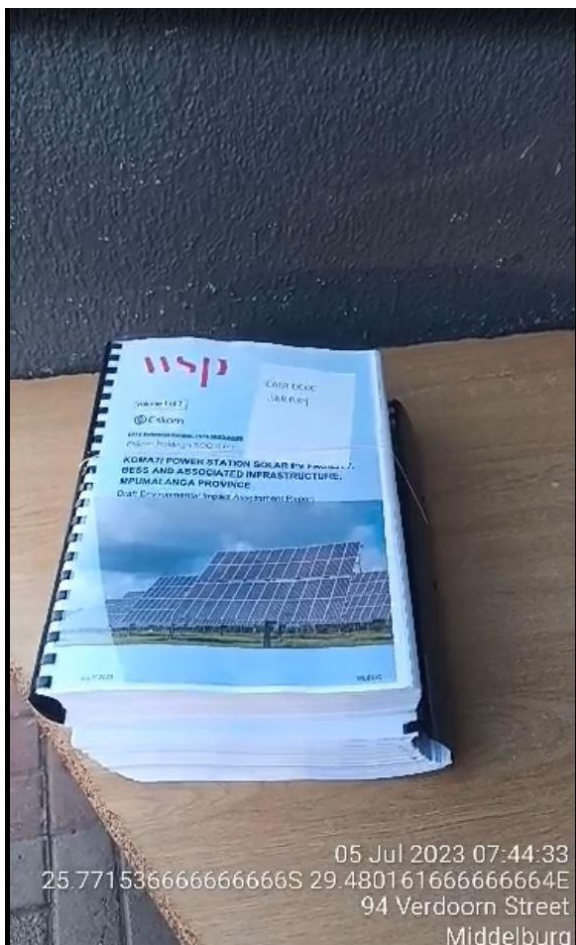
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Appendix B.7

NOTIFICATION OF PUBLIC MEETING



Govender, Megan

From: Govender, Megan
Sent: Wednesday, 12 July 2023 07:58
Subject: NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING FOR THE ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION PROCESS FOR THE PROPOSED KOMATI SOLAR PV AND BESS FACILITY, MPUMALANGA

Dear Stakeholders

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You are hereby invited to attend either session of the Public Meeting for the above mentioned environmental project. The details are as follows:

- **Date:** Tuesday, 25 July 2023
- **Venue:** Komati Power Station – Services Building. Canteen Hall (R35 Old Middelburg Bethal Road)
- **Time:** Session 1: 09h00 – 12h00
Session 2: 13h00 – 16h00

Please note that you only need to attend one of the planned sessions.

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Regards,



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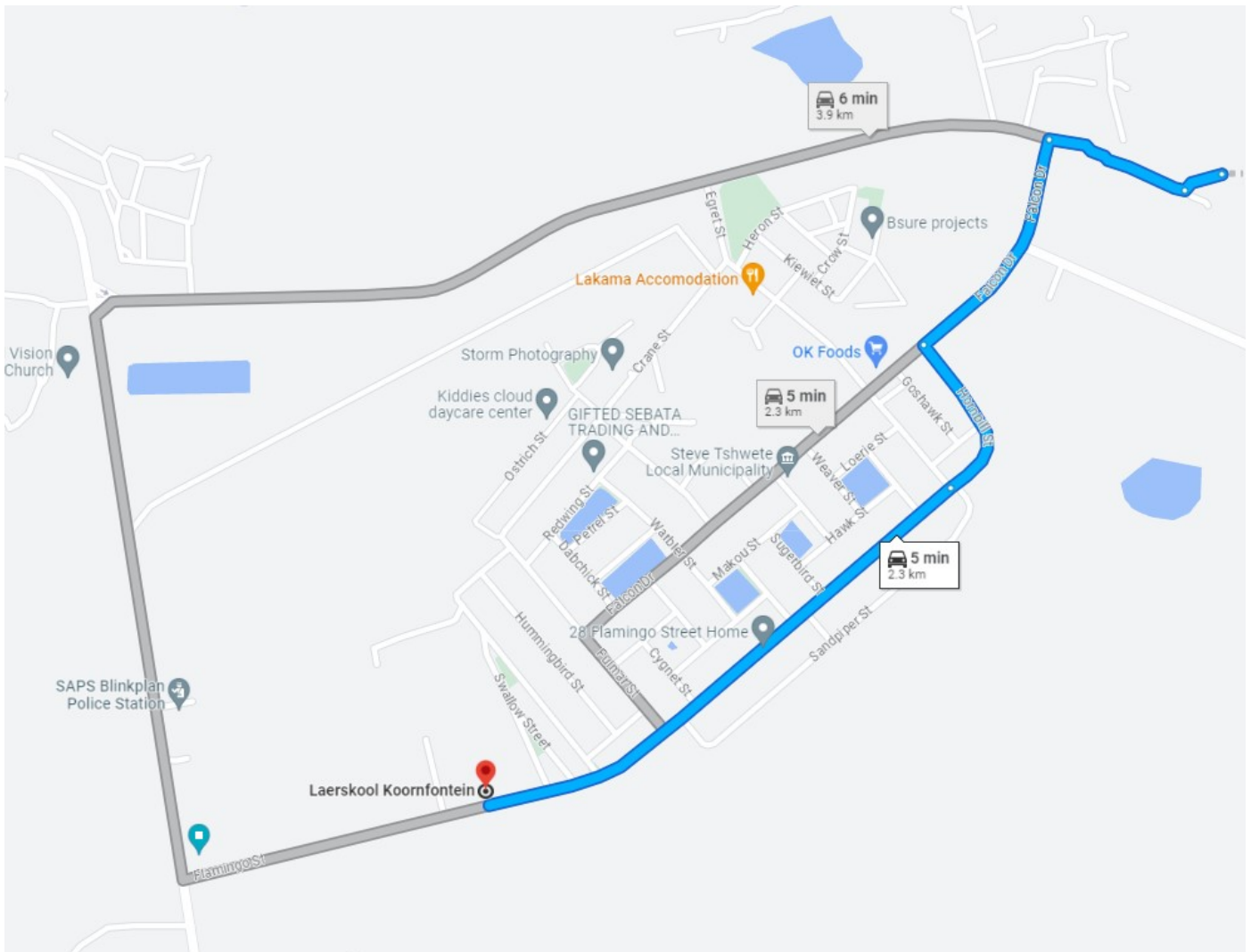
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Govender, Megan

From: Govender, Megan
Sent: Thursday, 20 July 2023 14:11
Subject: FW: NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING FOR THE ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION PROCESS FOR THE PROPOSED KOMATI SOLAR PV AND BESS FACILITY, MPUMALANGA [Filed 20 Jul 2023 14:11]

Dear Stakeholders

Please note the venue for the meeting outlined below has changed due to unforeseen circumstances. The meeting will now take place at **Laerskool Koornfontein** - Geen Pelican Boulevard, Blinkpan, Blinkpan. Please see map below showing the proximity of the changed meeting venue to the Komati Power Station:



Please feel free to contact WSP for any queries.

Kind Regards,



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