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# 1 INTRODUCTION

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

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## 1.1 PROJECT BACKGROUND

Maralla Wind (RF) Proprietary Limited hereafter referred to as “Maralla” received an Environmental Authorisation on 14 November 2017 (Ref: 14/12/16/3/3/2/1774) for a 132kV powerline from the Maralla Wind Energy Facility (WEF) to the existing Komsberg Substation. It must be noted that this application will not replace the authorised powerline, however, once the final designs are available the Environmental Authorisation (EA) for the alignment that is not utilised will be withdrawn.

Maralla now proposes to investigate an alternative overhead powerline (OHPL) option which entails the construction of a 132 kV transmission line from the common substation at the proposed Maralla WEF to connect to the existing Karusa substation. The Maralla West WEF and proposed OHPL lie approximately 34km South of Sutherland in the Karoo Hoogland Local Municipality within the Namakwa District Municipality of the Northern Cape Province, South Africa (**Figure 1-1**).

On 16 February 2018, the Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA), now the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE), gazetted the Renewable Energy Development Zones (REDZ) and Strategic Transmission Corridors and procedures for the assessment of large-scale wind and solar photovoltaic energy development activities (Government Notice (GN) 114) and grid infrastructure (GN 113). The proposed Maralla transmission integration project falls within the Central Strategic Transmission Corridor.

The powerline route traverses a Critical Biodiversity Areas (CBA 1 and CBA 2), Ecological Support Areas (ESA 1), according to the Namakwa Biodiversity Sector Plan (2008) and falls within the Western Karoo National Protected Area Expansion Strategy (NPAES) focus area.

The proposed OHPL requires an EA in terms of the National Environmental Management Act (Act 107 of 1998), as amended (NEMA) and the associated Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations (2014, as amended).

WSP Group Africa (Pty) Ltd (WSP) has been appointed by Maralla as the independent Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) to facilitate the Basic Assessment (BA) process in accordance with the EIA Regulations (2014, as amended).

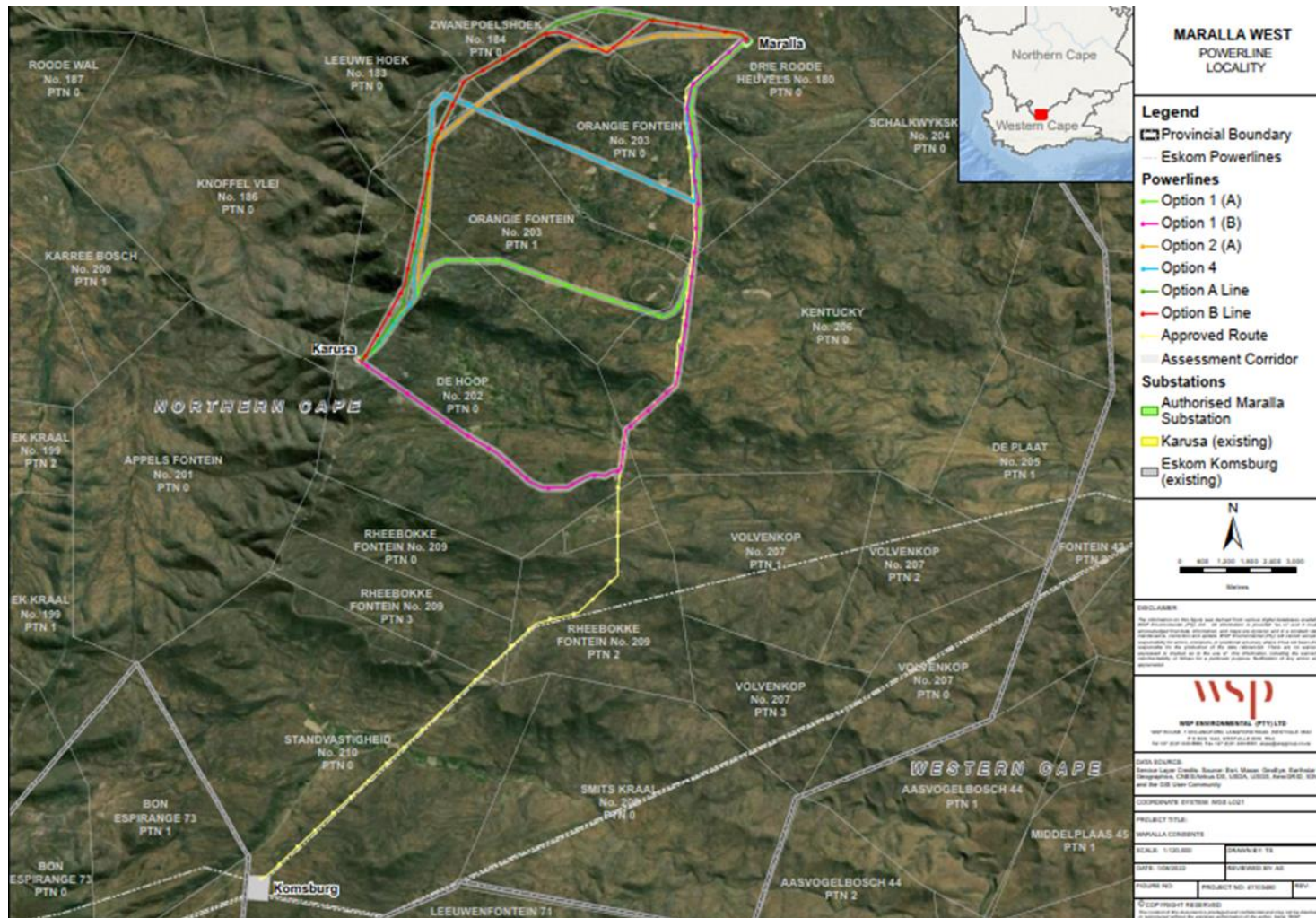


Figure 1-1: Location of the Proposed Maralla 132kV Transmission Line Project

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## 1.2 TERMS OF REFERENCE AND DETAILS OF THE EAP

WSP was appointed in the role of Independent EAP to undertake the BA processes for the proposed Project. This Stakeholder Engagement Report was compiled as part of the BA process and must be read in conjunction with the Basic Assessment Report (BAR) 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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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 BAR.

### 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.

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## 1.3 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 BA 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.
- The final decision is deemed informed when local knowledge and values are included and when expert knowledge is publicly examined.

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### 1.3.1 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.

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### 1.3.2 WHAT IS AN INTERESTED AN 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 competent authority (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 STAKEHOLDER

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.

## 1.4 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. pollution), and is the project likely to exacerbate these?	Extensive consultation with RI&APs within the area should be undertaken, to gather more information on both the socio-economic and environmental problems.	Minimum requirements for public participation in accordance to EIA Regulations must be met.

SCALE OF ANTICIPATED IMPACTS:	RECOMMENDED RESPONSE	
	IF “YES”	IF “NO”
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.
<b>Public and environmental sensitivity of the project:</b>		
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 landowner 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.
<b>Potentially affected parties:</b>		
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.t.o. 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.
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.

## 1.5 APPROVED PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN

As part of the pre-application consultation meeting held with DFFE on 28 July 2021, 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 **5 August 2021**. The meeting minutes and public participation plan were approved by DFFE on **6 August 2021**. **Table 1-3** below outlines the approved Public Participation Plan for the Maralla 132kV OHPL Project. Proof of Approval of the Public Participation Plan is included in **Appendix C1**.

**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&amp;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> <p>(ii) any alternative site;</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— Placement of site notices (in English and Afrikaans) at appropriate locations on site and in the surrounding area.</li> <li>— This will include the boundary to the site, along the powerline alignments, as well as additional public places in the closest towns within the project area, such as grocery stores, municipality, and/or local public library.</li> </ul>
<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"> <li>— Written notification (in English and Afrikaans) 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.</li> <li>— General communication (written notification) with stakeholders (public and government departments/authorities) throughout the Basic Assessment (BA) and EMP amendment processes.</li> <li>— Stakeholders will be added to the database on request as the project progresses.</li> </ul>

**SUMMARY OF PPP REQUIREMENT  
(GNR 326 OF EIA REGULATIONS)**

**PROPOSED PLAN/ACTIVITIES**

<p>(c) placing an advertisement in—          (i) one local newspaper; or          (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>An advert will be published in two local newspapers (in English and Afrikaans), formally announcing the commencement of the Environmental Authorisation (EA) application and EMPr amendment processes, requesting stakeholders to register their interest in the project, and informing them of the release of the Draft BARs and amended EMPrs for public review and comment.</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>	<p>One advert will be placed in a regional newspaper (which covers the full study area as the impact of the Maralla East WEF activities extend within the boundaries of two district municipalities and Provinces</p>
<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—          (i) illiteracy;          (ii) disability; or          (iii) any other disadvantage.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— The existing database for the Maralla East and West projects will be verified and updated for the purposes of the BA and EMPr amendment processes. As part of the verification process, existing I&amp;APs will be contacted telephonically and asked to confirm their preferred method of communication. The POPI act will also be put into consideration to confirm all the relevant POPI requirements for the database.</li> <li>— The relevant ward councillors 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.</li> <li>— Given the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and associated restrictions in place, no public meetings or focus group discussions have been provided for.</li> </ul>
<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"> <li>— Stakeholders with a potential interest in the Project will be identified at the outset of the Project. As noted above, the existing database for the Maralla East and West projects will be verified and updated for the purposes of the BA and EMPr amendment processes. The database will also be updated to include landowners and other stakeholders relevant to the Projects.</li> <li>— All stakeholders identified will be registered on the project stakeholder database, and the database will be maintained throughout the BA and EMPr amendment processes.</li> </ul>
<p>(43) &amp; (44) Registered Interested and affected parties (I&amp;APs) must be given 30 days to comment on the draft Report</p>	<p>The Draft BARs and amended EMPrs will be made available to all stakeholders 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. As a result, the Draft BARs and amended EMPrs will be made available to stakeholders as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— From WSP on request</li> <li>— Online on the WSP website</li> </ul> <p>At the time of disclosure, WSP will confirm the relevant COVID-19 protocols and regulations in place and, should it be permissible, a hard copy of the Draft BARs and amended EMPrs will be placed at local Public Libraries. <i>Note: WSP will confirm with the local library as to whether it is open and able to accept documents for public review prior to placement.</i></p>



**SUMMARY OF PPP REQUIREMENT  
(GNR 326 OF EIA REGULATIONS)**

**PROPOSED PLAN/ACTIVITIES**

	<p>A Comment and Response Report (CRR) will be generated for inclusion in Final BARs and amended EMPs for consideration by the competent authority.</p>
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## 2 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION TO DATE

### 2.1 PRE-APPLICATION CONSULTATION

A pre-application meeting was held on **28 July 2021** with the DFFE in order to discuss the proposed Project. The minutes of this meeting are included in **Appendix C1**.

### 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 Table**

NEMA REQUIREMENT	DISCUSSION
<i>(i) the owner or person in control of that land if the applicant is not the owner or person in control of the land</i>	The project activity is located on three portions of privately owned land. The landowners have been included on the stakeholder database.
<i>(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</i>	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.
<i>(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</i>	Adjacent landowner details were collected and have been included on the stakeholder database. Where applicable, occupiers have been included on the database.
<i>(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</i>	Ward Councillors of Ward 2 (Laingsburg Local Municipality) and Ward 4 (Karoo Hoogland Local Municipality) have been included on the stakeholder database.
<i>(v) the municipality which has jurisdiction in the area</i>	The Laingsburg Local Municipality, which is located in the Central Karoo District Municipality (Western Cape) and the Karoo Hoogland local Municipality, which is located in the Namakwa District Municipality (Northern Cape) have been included on the stakeholder database.
<i>(vi) any organ of state having jurisdiction in respect of any aspect of the activity</i>	DFFE has been, and will continue to be, consulted. The Western Cape Department Environmental Affairs and Development Planning (DEA&DP) and the Northern Cape Department of Agriculture, Environmental Affairs, Rural Development and Land Reform (DAEARDLR) and included on the stakeholder database.
<i>(vii) any other party as required by the competent authority.</i>	All tiers of government, namely, national, provincial, local government and parastatals have been included on the stakeholder database. Inclusive of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– DFFE</li> <li>– Department of Environmental Affairs: Biodiversity Conservation Unit</li> <li>– Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS)</li> <li>– Department of Mineral Resources and Energy (DMRE)</li> <li>– Department of Transport</li> <li>– National Energy Regulator of South Africa (NERSA)</li> </ul>

NEMA REQUIREMENT	DISCUSSION
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Air Traffic and Navigation Services (ATNS)</li> <li>– South African Civil Aviation Authority (SACAA)</li> <li>– South African heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA)</li> <li>– South African National Roads Agency SOC Ltd (SANRAL)</li> <li>– Western Cape Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning (DEA&amp;DP)</li> <li>– Western Cape Department of Agriculture, (DoA)</li> <li>– Western Cape Department of Transport and Public Works</li> <li>– Heritage Western Cape (HWC)</li> <li>– Northern Cape Department of Agriculture, Environmental Affairs, Rural Development and Land Reform (DAEARDLR)</li> <li>– Northern Cape Department of Transport, Safety &amp; Liaison</li> <li>– Northern Cape Provincial Heritage Authority</li> <li>– Eskom</li> <li>– CapeNature</li> <li>– BirdLife</li> </ul>

**Appendix A** provides a list of stakeholders registered on the Project database. The stakeholder database will be updated throughout the BA process.

## 2.2.1 NOTIFICATION PROCEDURES

### AUTHORITY CONSULTATION

A pre-application meeting was held on **28 July 2021** with the DFFE in order to discuss the proposed Project. The minutes of this meeting are included in **Appendix C1**. The application form was submitted to DFFE on **23 June 2022**. In addition, WSP notified the Northern Cape Department of Environment and Nature Conservation, as well as the DWS of the proposed project via a notification letter and email.

### DIRECT NOTIFICATION

Notification of the proposed Project was issued to potential Stakeholders, via direct correspondence (i.e. e-mail) on **23 June 2022**. The purpose of the notification was to offer potential I&APs and stakeholders the opportunity to register on the project database and provide input into the process to ensure the major concerns had been considered adequately, reducing the potential for amendments to the report.

The notification letter to be circulated is included in **Appendix B-3** of this report. Proof of e-mail notification is included in **Appendix B-4**.

### ADVERTISEMENT

Notification of the proposed Project was issued to the public via an advertisement on **24 June 2022**. The purpose of the advertisement was to notify the general public of the proposed application and provide an opportunity to register on the Project database and provide input into the process. A copy of the advertisement and proof of their publication are included as **Appendix B-1**. The advertisement publication details are provided in **Table 2-2**.

**Table 2-2: Dates on which the advert was published**

NEWSPAPER	PUBLICATION DATE
Die Noordwester	24 June 2022
Die Courier	24 June 2022

### SITE NOTICES

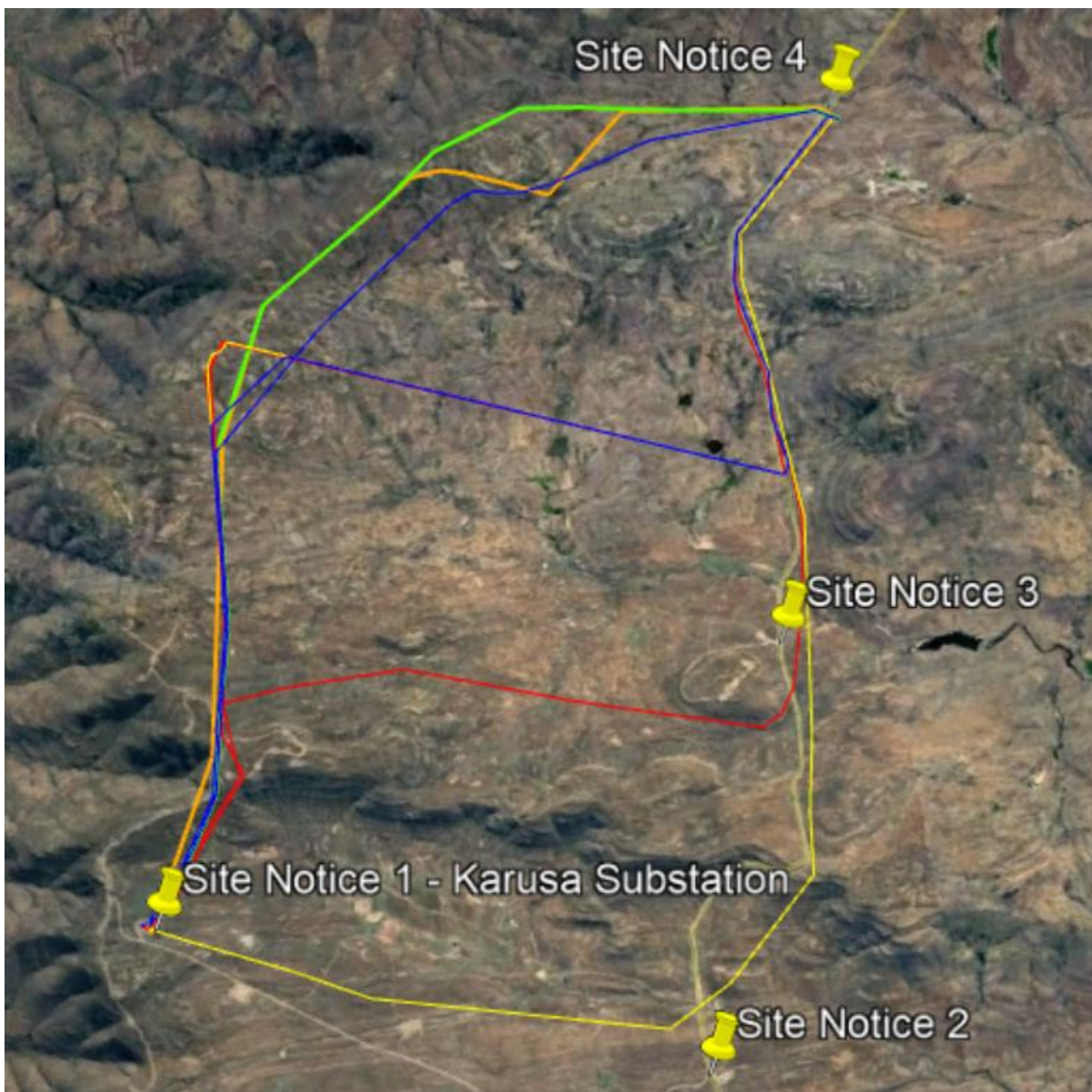
In accordance with GNR 326 Section 41(2)(a-b) site notices were developed (see **Appendix B-2**) and placed at four (4) strategic points along the OHPL route that are accessible by the public, as well as in public places within the towns of Sutherland, Laingsburg and Matjiesfontein, as outlined below:

- Laingsburg OK Stores

- Sutherland OK Stores
- Sutherland Community Centre
- Laingsburg Community Centre
- Sutherland Library
- Laingsburg Library
- Matjiesfontein Community Hall
- Site Boundary Point 1
- Site Boundary Point 2
- Site Boundary Point 3
- Site Boundary Point 4


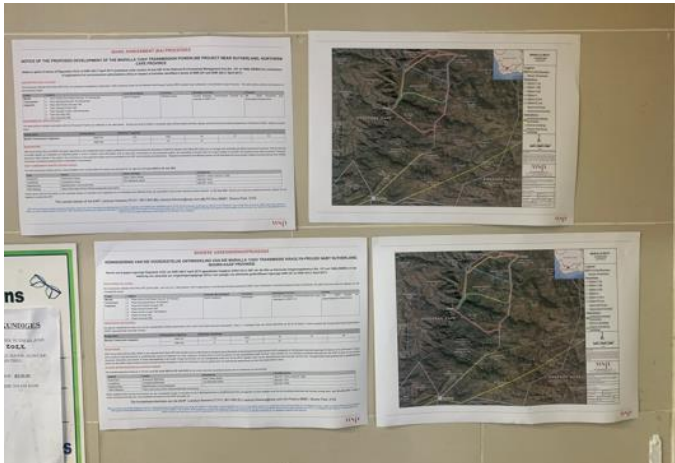

Site notices were placed on site on **24 June 2022**. A map illustrating the location of the site notices is included in **Figure 2-1**.

**Table 2-3** below shows details and proof of display of the site notice placements and report availability in various locations within the towns of Sutherland, Laingsburg and Matjiesfontein.



**Figure 2-1: Site Notice Locations**

**Table 2-3: Site Notice Locations and Report Availability**

<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>CO-ORDINATES</u>	<u>PHOTOGRAPHS</u>
<p><b><u>Laingsburg OK Stores</u></b></p>	<p><u>33°11'51.25"S</u> <u>20°51'29.60"E</u></p>	
<p><b><u>Sutherland OK Stores</u></b></p>	<p><u>32°23'31.58"S</u> <u>20°39'44.06"E</u></p>	
<p><b><u>Sutherland Library</u></b></p>	<p><u>32°23'36.6"S</u> <u>20°39'34.7"E</u></p>	

**LOCATION**

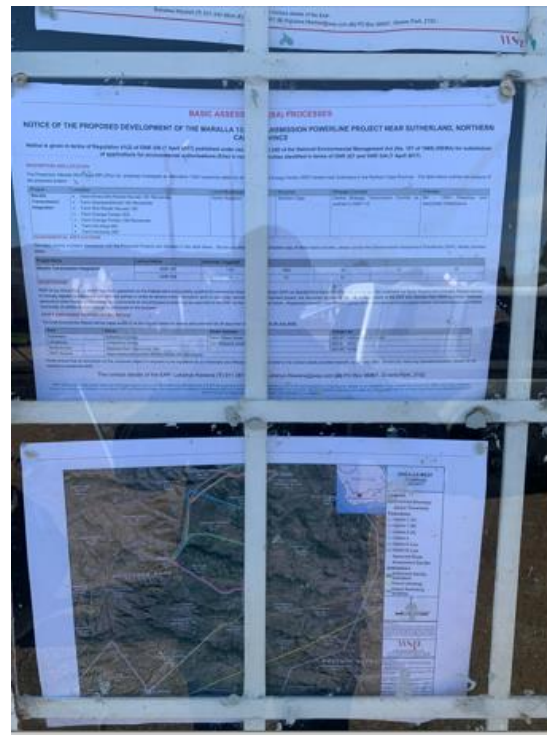
**CO-ORDINATES**

**PHOTOGRAPHS**



**Matjiesfontein  
Community Hall**

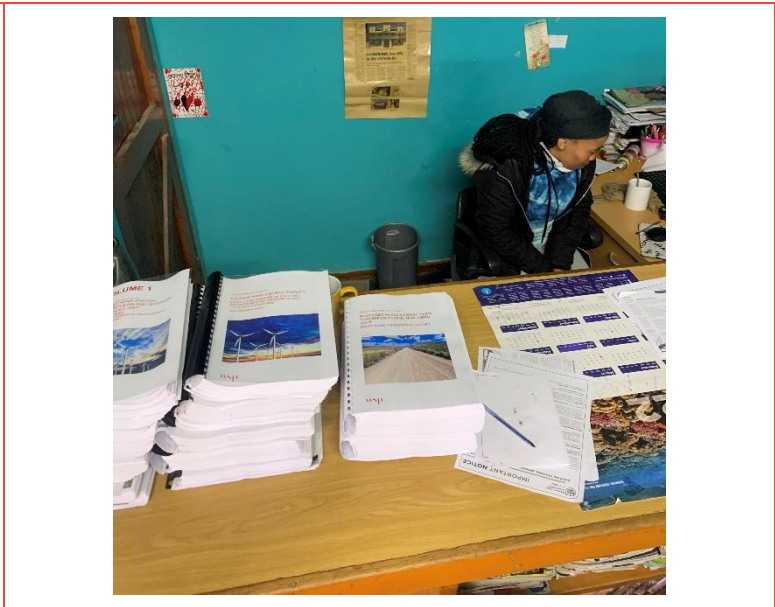
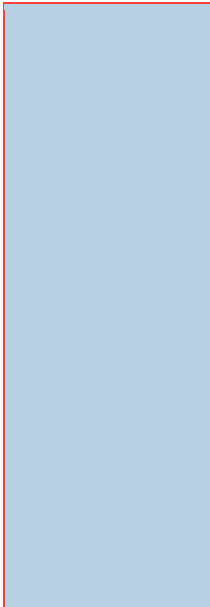
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20°35'4.23"E



**LOCATION**

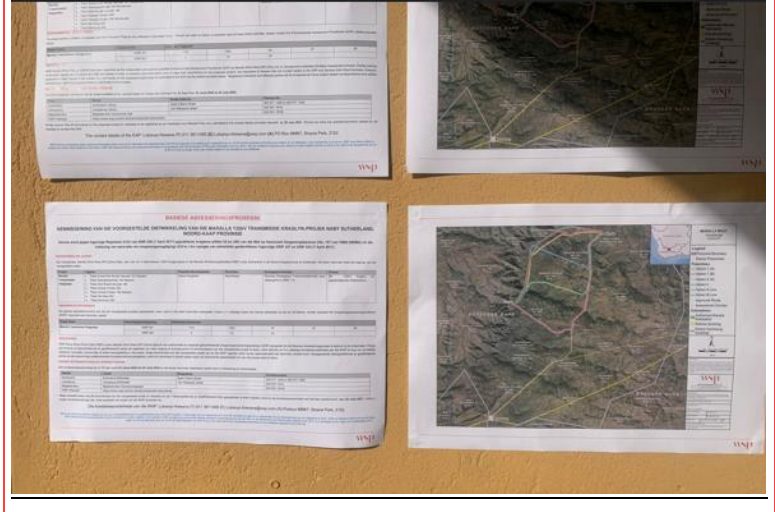
**CO-ORDINATES**

**PHOTOGRAPHS**



**Sutherland  
Community  
Centre**

32°23'36.6"S  
20°39'34.7"E



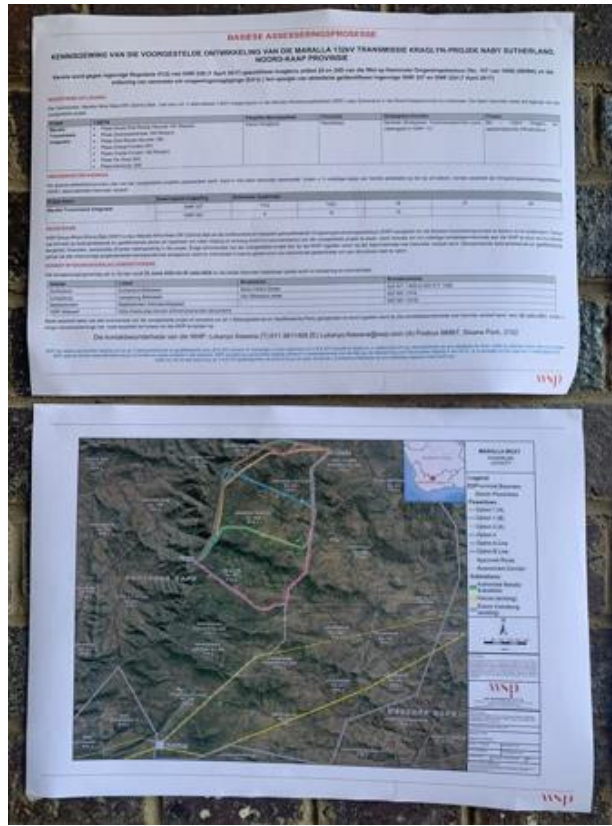
**LOCATION**

**CO-ORDINATES**

**PHOTOGRAPHS**

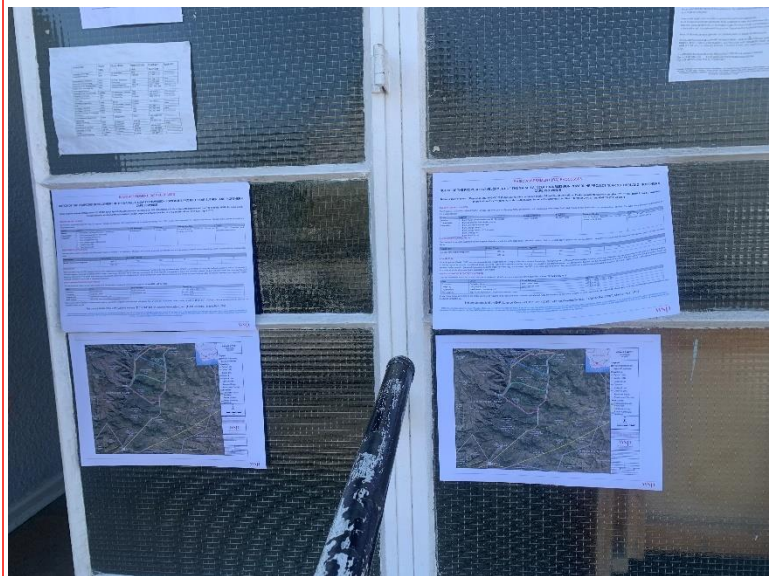
**Laingsburg  
Community  
Centre**

33°11'49.41"S  
20°51'20.38"E



**Laingsburg  
Library**

33°11'51.71"S  
20°51'30.69"E





**LOCATION**

**CO-ORDINATES**

**PHOTOGRAPHS**

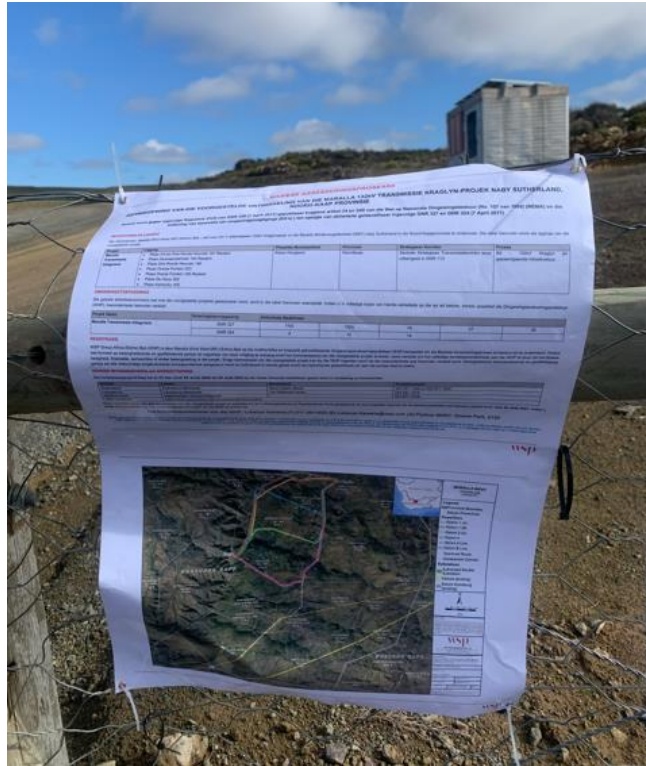
**Site Boundary  
Point 1**

32°48'37.52"S  
20°37'28.63"E



**Site Boundary  
Point 2**

32°50'12.84"S  
20°41'35.60"E



**LOCATION**

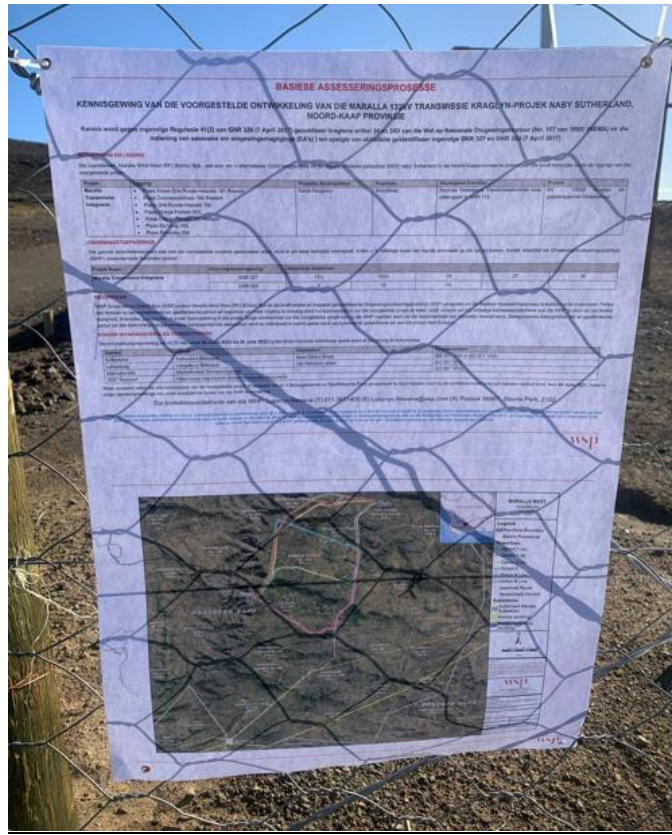
**CO-ORDINATES**

**PHOTOGRAPHS**

**Site Boundary  
Point 3**

32°47'28.24"S

20°42'43.92"E



**Site Boundary  
Point 4**

32°44'1.37"S

20°43'50.83"E



## AVAILABILITY OF THE DRAFT BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORT

The Draft BA Report was made available for public review for a period of 30 days from **23 June 2022 to 25 July 2022**, at the following venues :

- Sutherland Library
- Laignsburg Library
- Matjiesfontein Community Hall

Additionally, an electronic version of the report was placed on the WSP website to be accessed by the public at the following link: <https://www.wsp.com/en-ZA/services/public-documents>.

Proof of availability of the Draft BAR can be found in **Appendix B-5**.

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### 2.2.2 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 will be responded to.

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## 2.3 COMMENTS RECEIVED

Comments received from registered stakeholders to date have been captured and responded to within the comments and response tables included in **Table 2-4** below. The original comments and responses are included in **Appendix D**.

**Table 2-4: Comments and Responses Table**

<u>AUTHORITY DETAILS</u>	<u>COMMENT REF</u>	<u>COMMENT</u>	<u>RESPONSE</u>	<u>REPORT REFERENCE</u>
<b>WESTERN CAPE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING</b>				
Adri La Meyer 23 June 2022 Email	01	<p><u>Adri La Meyer from Western Cape Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning contacted WSP via email and requested to be removed from the I&amp;AP list.</u></p> <p>Dear Ashlea,</p> <p>Thank you for the email. Please note that since the development footprint falls entirely within the Northern Cape Province, this Department has no jurisdiction in commenting on the application. You may therefore take my name off the I&amp;AP list please.</p> <p>Kind regards,</p> <p>Adri</p>	<p><u>WSP sent a response email to Adri La Meyer on 23 June 2022 and removed Adri as per her request</u></p> <p>Hi Adri</p> <p>Thank you for your response. We will remove you from the list as requested.</p> <p>Kind regards</p> <p>Ashlea</p>	<u>Appendix A of the SER</u>
<b>I&amp;APS</b>				
Colette Stander 24 June 2022 Email	01	<p><u>Colette Stander, an I&amp;AP, contacted WSP via email and requested registered as an I&amp;AP.</u></p> <p>Dear Ashlea,</p> <p>May I request that myself, Colette Stander, with e-mail address eia@g7energies, be registered as an I&amp;AP for the above Maralla 132kV powerline BA process? Please do respond with confirmation of registration.</p> <p>Have a wonderful weekend ahead.</p> <p>Colette</p>	<p><u>WSP sent a response email to Colette Stander on 27 June 2022 and registered her to the I&amp;AP list as per her request.</u></p> <p>Dear Collette</p> <p>I can confirm that you have been registered on the Maralla 132kV OHPL Database as requested.</p> <p>Kind regards</p>	<u>Appendix A of the SER</u>
Stephnie Kot 24 June 2022	02	<p><u>Stephnie Kot, an I&amp;AP, contacted WSP via email and requested additional information.</u></p> <p>Good day Ashlea</p>	<p><u>WSP sent a response email to Stephnie Kot on 27 June 2022 and sent the kml of the proposed OHPL route.</u></p> <p>Dear Stephanie</p>	<u>Appendix D of the SER</u>

<u>AUTHORITY DETAILS</u>	<u>COMMENT REF</u>	<u>COMMENT</u>	<u>RESPONSE</u>	<u>REPORT REFERENCE</u>
Email		<p>I hope you are well.</p> <p>With reference to the below notification, could you kindly provide me with a KMZ/Shapefile of the various OHL routings currently under assessment? We'd like to consider these routings in relation to the authorized Wind Farms and associated infrastructure we have in the area.</p> <p>Thank you</p>	<p>Attached please find the kmz for the preferred route for the Maralla 132kV OHPL.</p> <p>Kind regards</p>	
<p>Jessica</p> <p>24 June 2022</p> <p>Email</p>		<p><u>Jessica, an I&amp;AP, contacted WSP via email and requested registered as an I&amp;AP.</u></p> <p>Hi Lukanyo</p> <p>I trust this mail finds you well.</p> <p>Please <u>can you add me to the I&amp;AP list for the Maralla 132kV powerline BA.</u></p> <p>Kind regards</p> <p>Jessica</p>	<p><u>WSP sent a response email to Jessica on 24 June 2022 and registered her to the I&amp;AP list as per her request.</u></p> <p>Hi Jessica,</p> <p>Thank you for your email.</p> <p>You have been added.</p> <p>Kind regards,</p>	<u>Appendix D of the SER</u>
<p>Kathryn Winstanley</p> <p>21 July 2022</p> <p>Email</p>	03	<p><u>Kathryn Winstanley, an I&amp;AP, contacted WSP via email and requested that Caryn Clarke be registered as an I&amp;AP.</u></p> <p>Dear Lukanyo,</p> <p>I trust you are well.</p> <p>Could I please request that Caryn Clarke with e-mail address <u>eia@g7energies.com</u> be registered as an I&amp;AP for the proposed development of the Maralla 132kV Powerline. Could I also ask that relevant documents be sent through, if there are any available.</p>	<p><u>WSP sent a response email to Kathryn Winstanley on 21 July 2022 and confirmed the registration of Caryn Clarke the I&amp;AP list.</u></p> <p>Dear Kathryn</p> <p>I can confirm that Caryn Clarke has been registered on the Maralla 132kV OHPL Database as requested.</p> <p>The Draft Basic Assessment Report has been made available at the venues below for review and comment for 30 days from 23 June 2022 to 25 July 2022:</p>	<u>Appendix A of the SER</u>

<u>AUTHORITY DETAILS</u>	<u>COMMENT REF</u>	<u>COMMENT</u>	<u>RESPONSE</u>	<u>REPORT REFERENCE</u>
		<p><u>Could you please reply with confirmation of registration.</u></p> <p><u>Thank you very much.</u></p> <p><u>With kind regards,</u></p>	<p>– <u>Sutherland - Sutherland Library (Sarel Cilliers Street, Tel: 023 571 1429 or 023 571 1020)</u></p> <p>– <u>Majtiesfontein – Majtiesfontein Community Hall (Tel: 023 551 1019)</u></p> <p>– <u>Laingsburg - Laingsburg Library (Van Riebeeck street, Tel: 023 551 1019)</u></p> <p>– <u>WSP website (<a href="https://www.wsp.com/en-ZA/services/public-documents">https://www.wsp.com/en-ZA/services/public-documents</a>)</u></p>	
<b><u>NORTHERN CAPE DEPARTMENT OF WATER AND SANITATION</u></b>				
<u>Kgabileng Nametso</u>  <u>15 July 2022</u>	01	<p><u>Kgabileng Nametso of the Department of Water and Sanitation sent an email with an attachment containing initial comments/notes</u></p> <p><u>Good day</u></p> <p><u>Please see attached letter regarding the Notice of Development.</u></p> <p><u>Regards</u></p> <p><u>Nametso Kgabileng</u></p>	<p><u>Please note the responses to the comments received below (responses are numbered to correspond with the comments received from DWS):</u></p> <p><u>This comment is acknowledged. No response required.</u></p>	
		<p><u>The applicant, Maralla Wind (RF) (Pty) Ltd, proposes investigation of alternative 132kV power option for the Maralla Wind Energy Facility located near Sutherland in the Northern Cape Province.</u></p> <p>1. <u>The applicant must note that no activities are allowed within 100m of a water resource or within 1:100-year flood line (whichever is the greatest), if the proposed amendments fall within these criteria, the applicant need to apply for water use license to ensure that the riparian ecological status of the water resource will not be negatively impacted.</u></p>	<p><u>The proposed OHPL route has several watercourse crossings. The proposed development will encroach into the 100 m GN509 regulated area, thus Water Use Authorisation (WUA) from the DWS, in the form of either a general authorisation (GA) or a water use licence (WUL) will be required prior to commencement of any construction</u></p>	Section 2.1 of the Final BAR
		<p>1. <u>This Department must be notified of any existence of wetlands within this area. Section 21 (c) &amp; Section 21(i) water uses are respectively defined as "impeding or diverting the flow of water in</u></p>		

<u>AUTHORITY DETAILS</u>	<u>COMMENT REF</u>	<u>COMMENT</u>	<u>RESPONSE</u>	<u>REPORT REFERENCE</u>
		<u>a watercourse” and “altering the bed, banks, course or characteristics of watercourse under the NWA.</u>		
		2. <u>Please note that any development within 500m from the boundary of any wetland requires a water use licence according to National Water Act (NWA) 1998 (Act No.36 of 1998).</u>	<u>The study area has a very high aquatic biodiversity sensitivity due to the presence of rivers, wetlands and estuaries According to the NFEPA database, a total of thirteen (13) wetland systems were identified within 500m of the proposed OHPL.</u> <u>A water use license application will be lodged with Northern Cape DWS on completion of the final layout design of the powerline as the exact spanning of towers will be determined</u>	<u>Section 2.1 of the Final BAR</u> <u>Section 3.5.3 of the Final EMPr (Appendix G of the Final BAR)</u>
		3. <u>Waste needs to be collected and disposed of at a registered municipal site during and after construction, and written agreement should be provided to this department.</u>	<u>Section 8.4 of the EMPr contains site specific control measures to ensure the correct handling, storage, transportation and disposal of general waste and hazardous waste</u>	<u>Section 8.4 Final EMPr (Appendix G of the Final BAR)</u>
		4. <u>Storm water must be managed in such a manner as to disperse runoff and to prevent the concentration of storm water flow.</u>	<u>The main principles in stormwater management are included in Section 9.5 of the EMPr. Section 9.9.1 lists various stormwater management principles that should be considered during the design phase.</u>	<u>Section 9.5 and 9.9.1 of the Final EMPr (Appendix G of the Final BAR)</u>
		5. <u>No surface, ground or storm water may be polluted as a result of any activities on the site.</u>	<u>A Hazardous Substances Management Plan has been included in Section 9.10 of the EMPr which speaks to spill and leak management and prevention in order to minimise pollution.</u> <u>Table 6-1 indicates the roles and responsibilities of the EPC Constructor personnel, with pollution prevention noted as one of their responsibilities.</u> <u>Legislation (NEMA) requires that the Project Company must develop an environmental awareness plan that describes the manner in which the Project Company intends to inform employees of any environmental risks which may result from their work and the manner in which the risks must be dealt with in order to avoid pollution or the degradation of the environment (Section 6.2)</u>	<u>Section 9.10 of the EMPr (Appendix G of the Final BAR)</u> <u>Table 6-1 of the EMPr (Appendix G of the Final BAR)</u> <u>Section 6.2 of the EMPr (Appendix G of the Final BAR)</u>

<u>AUTHORITY DETAILS</u>	<u>COMMENT REF</u>	<u>COMMENT</u>	<u>RESPONSE</u>	<u>REPORT REFERENCE</u>
		6. <u>Please note that all requirements as stipulated in the national water Act (NWA) 1998 (Act no.36 of 1998) must be adhered to.</u>	<u>All requirements as stipulated in the national water Act (NWA) 1998 (Act no.36 of 1998) will be adhered to.</u>	
<b><u>DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT: BIODIVERSITY AND CONSERVATION</u></b>				
<u>Ms. Tsholofelo Sekonko</u> <u>28 June 2022</u> <u>(Email)</u>	<u>01</u>	Dear Ms Strong  DFFE Directorate: Biodiversity Conservation hereby acknowledge receipt of the invitation to review and comment on the mentioned project. Kindly note that the project has been allocated to Ms Rabothata and myself (Both copied on this email).  Please note: All Public Participation Process documents related to Biodiversity EIA review and any other Biodiversity EIA queries will be submitted to the Directorate: Biodiversity Conservation at Email: BCAdmin@environment.gov.za for attention of Mr Seoka Lekota	<u>This comment is acknowledged. No response required</u>	=
<b><u>DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT</u></b>				
<u>Lydia Kutu</u> <u>28 June 2022</u>	<u>01</u>	<u>Lydia Kutu from the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment sent an email acknowledging receipt of the new application form for an environmental authorisation of the proposed development.</u>  <u>ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT OF THE NEW APPLICATION FORM FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION (BASIC ASSESSMENT PROCESS) AND DRAFT BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED MARALLA 132KV TRANSMISSION POWERLINE PROJECT NEAR SUTHERLAND, NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE.</u>  <u>The Department confirms having received the Application Form and Draft Basic Assessment Report for Environmental Authorisation for the abovementioned project on 23 June 2022. You have submitted</u>	<u>This comment is acknowledged. No response required.</u>	=



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		<p><u>these documents to comply with the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2014, as amended.</u></p> <p><u>Kindly note that your application for Environmental Authorisation falls within the ambit of an application applied for in terms of Part 2 of Chapter 4 of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended. You are therefore referred to Regulation 19 of the EIA Regulations, 2014 as amended.</u></p> <p><u>Please take note of Regulation 40(3) of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended, which states that potential Interested &amp; 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 application has been submitted to the Competent Authority.</u></p> <p><u>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.</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>Lydia Kutu 21 July 2022 <u>Letter (as email attachment)</u></p>		<p><u>COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED MARALLA WEST 132KV TRANSMISSION LINE, NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE</u></p> <p><u>The Draft Basic Assessment Report (BAR) dated June 2022 and received by this Department on 23 June 2022, refer.</u></p> <p><u>This letter serves to inform you that the following information must be included to the final BAR:</u></p>	<p><u>This comment is acknowledged. No response required.</u></p>	<p>=</p>

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		<b><u>(a) Draft BAR</u></b>		
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— <u>It has been noted that the proposed development “Maralla” received an Environmental Authorisation on 14 November 2017 (Ref: 14/12/16/3/3/2/1774) for a 132kV powerline from the Maralla Wind Energy Facility (WEF) to the existing Komsberg Substation and now proposes to investigate an alternative overhead powerline (OHPL) option which entails the construction of a 132 kV transmission line from the common substation at the proposed Maralla WEF to connect to the existing Karusa substation.</u></li> <li>— <u>However, it has been noted that no motivation has been provided as to why the applicant is seeking to have an alternative OHPL. Therefore, you are requested to provide the motivation as to why they would require an alternative OHPL. This should include the need and desirability for an alternative OHPL as the one provided is generic and is not specific to the proposed project.</u></li> <li>— <u>It must be noted that the Department cannot authorise two powerlines for the same project twice without the requested motivation being submitted. Should the applicant for whatever reason decide that the EA issued by DFFE is no longer feasible; the applicant should withdraw that EA (in this case issued on 14 November 2017).</u></li> </ul>	<p>It is acknowledged that Maralla received an Environmental Authorisation (EA) on 14 November 2017 (Ref: 14/12/16/3/3/2/1774) for a 132kV powerline from the Maralla Wind Energy Facility (WEF) to the existing Komsberg Substation.</p> <p>Subsequent to the receipt of the authorisation, an opportunity was presented to the developer whereby the power from the Maralla WEF could be evacuated to the newly operational Karusa Substation. This option provides the option of a shorter line to be developed instead of the longer authorised line.</p> <p>The developer seeks to have both options available and once the detailed design for the WEF is finalised the EA for the powerline alignment that is not going to be used will be withdrawn.</p> <p>Additional motivation has been included in Section 4.4 of the Final BAR.</p>	<b><u>Section 4.4 of the BAR</u></b>
		<b><u>(b) Listed Activities</u></b>		
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— <u>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></li> <li>— <u>If the activities applied for in the application form differ from those mentioned in the final BAR, an amended application form must be submitted. Please note that the Department’s application form</u></li> </ul>	<p><u>All activities applied for are specific and can be linked to the development activity or infrastructure as described in the project description. The motivation on the applicability of each listed activity that triggers the proposed development and the applicability of each activity against the actual threshold is provided in Table 2-1 of the Final BAR.</u></p> <p>Section 1.3.2 of the Final BAR provides a list of commenting authorities for the Project.</p>	<u>Table 2-1 of the Final BAR.</u> <u>Section 1.3.2 of the Final BAR</u> <u>Appendix A and Appendix D of the SER</u>

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		<p><u>template has been amended and can be downloaded from the following link <a href="https://www.environment.gov.za/documents/forms">https://www.environment.gov.za/documents/forms</a></u></p>		<p>Figure 4-1 and Figure 4-2 in the Final BAR</p>
		<p>– <u>It is imperative that the relevant authorities are continuously involved throughout the basic 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></p>	<p>Additionally, the I&amp;AP database is attached as Appendix A, which includes all relevant provincial commenting authorities. It must noted that comment from the NC Provincial Depart were request on numerous occasions (via email, telephonically and submission of hard copy via courier) however, nothing has been forthcoming.</p> <p>Copies of original comments received are included in Appendix D.</p> <p>Figure 4-1 and Figure 4-2 in the Final BAR shows the location of the study area in relation to the Northern Cape Province and the District and Local Municipalities.</p>	<p>Appendix A Appendix D Figure 4-1 and Figure 4-2</p>
		<p><b><u>(c) Layout &amp; Sensitivity Maps</u></b></p>		
		<p><u>Please provide a layout map which indicates the following:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>The proposed grid infrastructure for the Wind Energy facility, overlain by the sensitivity map;</u></li> <li>• <u>All supporting onsite infrastructure e.g. roads (existing and proposed);</u></li> <li>• <u>The location of sensitive environmental features on site e.g. CBAs, heritage sites, wetlands, drainage lines etc. that will be affected;</u></li> <li>• <u>Buffer areas; and, all “no-go” areas</u></li> </ul> <p>– <u>The above map must be overlain with a sensitivity map and a cumulative map which shows neighbouring renewable energy developments and existing grid infrastructure.</u></p> <p>– <u>Google maps will not be accepted</u></p>	<p>Figure 4-2 and Figure 9.6 of the Final BAR provides the layout maps for the proposed powerline alternative alignments and the preferred powerline alternative respectively.</p> <p>A sensitivity map is provided in Figure 9-1 and 9-2 of the Final BAR. The map shows the sensitivity of the proposed powerline alternatives in relation to the 100 m project area.</p> <p>The CBAs and ESAs proximal to the proposed project area are indicated in Figure 1-3 of the Final BAR.</p>	<p>Figure 4-2 and Figure 9-6 of the Final BAR</p> <p>Figure 9-1 and 9-2 of the Final BAR</p> <p>Figure 1-3 of the Final BAR</p>
		<p>– <u>Please note that the previously authorised alternative is very faint and not clear on the maps and therefore requested to use another colour for the authorised alternative so that it can be clear.</u></p>	<p>Figure 1-2 has been updated in the Final BAR and WSP trust that the authorised alternative is now clear. Furthermore, an additional map (Figure 1-1) has been added to the Final BAR to reflect only the currently authorised powerline.</p>	<p>Figure 1-1 and 1-2 of the Final BAR.</p>
		<p>– <b><u>(d) Specialist Assessments</u></b></p>		

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		<p><b><u>(d) Specialist Assessments</u></b></p> <p><u>i. Specialist studies to be conducted must provide a detailed description of their methodology, as well as all other associated infrastructures that they have assessed and are recommending for the authorisation.</u></p>	<p><u>Detailed methodologies are included in each of the Specialist studies attached in Appendix F of the Final BAR.</u></p>	<p><u>Appendix F of the Final BAR.</u></p>
		<p><u>ii. The specialist studies must also provide a detailed description of all limitations to their studies. All specialist studies must be conducted in the right season and providing that as a limitation, will not be accepted.</u></p>	<p><u>Detailed description of all limitations to their studies are included in Section 3.7 and in each of the Specialist studies attached and in Appendix F of the Final BA</u></p>	<p><u>Section 3.7 and Appendix F of the Final BAR</u></p>
		<p><u>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.</u></p>	<p><u>No contradicting recommendations have been identified.</u></p>	<p>=</p>
		<p><u>iv. 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.</u></p>	<p><u>It can be confirmed that the specialist assessments were conducted in accordance with the protocols where relevant.</u></p>	<p>=</p>
		<p><b><u>(e) Cumulative Assessment</u></b></p>		
		<p><u>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></p>	<p><u>Section 8 of the Final BAR details the Cumulative Impact Assessment undertaken.</u></p>	<p><u>Section 8 of the Final BAR</u></p>

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		<p>a) <u>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.</u></p> <p>b) <u>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</u></p> <p>c) <u>The cumulative impacts significance rating must also inform the need and desirability of the proposed development.</u></p> <p>d) <u>A cumulative impact environmental statement on whether the proposed development must proceed.</u></p>		
		<b><u>(f) Public Participation Process</u></b>	=	=
		(i) <u>The following information must be submitted with the final BAR:</u>	=	=
		a) <u>A list of registered interested and affected parties as per Regulation 42 of the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended;</u>	<u>The Public Participation Process (PPP) undertaken for the Project is detailed in Section 1 and Section 2 of this Stakeholder Engagement Report.</u>  <u>A list of registered I&amp;APs is attached as Appendix A</u>	<u>Appendix A of this SER</u>
		b) <u>Copies of all comments received during the Draft BAR comment period; and</u>	<u>Copies of original comments received from I&amp;APs and organs of state are included in this Stakeholder Engagement Report as Appendix D.</u>	<u>Appendix D of this SER</u>
		c) <u>A comment and response report which contains all comments received and responses provided to all comments and issues raised during the public participation process for the Draft BAR. Please note that comments received from this Department must also form part of the comment and response report.</u>	<u>All issues raised, and comments received from I&amp;APs and organs of state, including DFFE, have been addressed in Table 2-4 of this Stakeholder Engagement Report and, where necessary, the Final BAR / EMPr have been amended in response to these comments and/or issues</u>	<u>Table 2-4 of this SER</u>

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		(i) <u>Please ensure that all issues raised and comments received during the circulation of the Draft BAR from registered I&amp;APs and organs of state which have jurisdiction (including this Department's Biodiversity Section) in respect of the proposed activity are adequately addressed in the final BAR.</u>	<u>All issues raised, and comments received from I&amp;APs and organs of state, including DFFE, have been addressed in Table 2-4 of this Stakeholder Engagement Report and, where necessary, the Final BAR / EMPr have been amended in response to these comments and/or issues</u>	<u>Table 2-4 of this SER</u>
		(ii) <u>Proof of correspondence with the various stakeholders must be included in the final BAR. Should you be unable to obtain comments, proof should be submitted to the Department of the attempts that were made to obtain comments. The Public Participation Process must be conducted in terms of Regulation 39, 40, 41, 42, 43 &amp; 44 of the EIA Regulations 2014, as amended.</u>	<u>Proof of correspondence with various stakeholders via newspaper advertisements, site notices and e-mails are included in this Stakeholder Engagement Report as Appendix B. All I&amp;APs and organs of state included on the I&amp;AP database (Appendix A) were contacted for comment.</u>	<u>Appendix B of this SER</u>
		<b><u>(g) Environmental Management Programme</u></b>		
		(i) <u>The EMPr must also include the following:</u>	<u>An EMPr has been compiled in accordance with Appendix 4 of GNR 982 of 2014 (Appendix G of the Final BAR).</u>	<u>Appendix G of the Final BAR</u>
		a) <u>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 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 Regulations 19(4) must be used and submitted with the final report over and above the EMPr for the facility</u>	<u>The EMPr includes a generic EMPr for the powerline and substation infrastructure.</u> <u>Table 1-3 of the EMPr cross- references the sections within the EMPr with the legislated requirements as per Appendix 4 of GNR 982 of 2014.</u>	
		b) <u>There needs to be an EMPr for the facility, the onsite substation as well as the overhead line</u>		
		c) <u>Further to the above, you are required to comply with the content of the EMPr in terms of Appendix 4 of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014, as amended.</u>		

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		<p>d) <u>Please be informed that the following content must be incorporated within the EMPr's as indicated in Appendix 4 of the EIA Regulations 2014, as amended:</u></p> <p>(i) <u>Details of the EAP who prepared the EMPr; and the expertise of that EAP to prepare an EMPr, including a curriculum vitae</u></p> <p>(ii) <u>A map at an appropriate scale which superimposes the proposed activity, its associated structures, and infrastructure on the environmental sensitivities of the preferred site, indicating any areas that should be avoided, including buffers.</u></p> <p>(iii) <u>A description of the impact management outcomes, including management statements, identifying the impacts and risks that need to be avoided, managed and mitigated as identified through the environmental impact assessment process for all phases of the development including –</u></p> <p>a) <u>Planning and design;</u></p> <p>b) <u>Pre-construction activities;</u></p> <p>c) <u>Construction activities;</u></p> <p>d) <u>Rehabilitation of the environment after construction and where applicable post closure; and</u></p> <p>e) <u>(e) Where relevant, operation activities</u></p> <p>(iv) <u>A description of proposed impact management actions, identifying the manner in which the impact management outcomes contemplated in paragraph (d) of Appendix 4 of the EIA Regulations 2014, as amended, will be achieved, and must, where applicable, include actions to</u> =</p>		

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		<p>(v) <u>Avoid, modify, remedy, control or stop any action, activity or process which causes pollution or environmental degradation;</u></p> <p>(vi) <u>Comply with any prescribed environmental management standards or practices;</u></p> <p>(vii) <u>Comply with any applicable provisions of the Act regarding closure, where applicable; and</u></p> <p>(viii) <u>Comply with any provisions of the Act regarding financial provision for rehabilitation, where applicable.</u></p> <p>(ix) <u>The method of monitoring the implementation of the impact management actions contemplated in paragraph (f) of Appendix 4 of the EIA Regulations 2014, as amended.</u></p> <p>(x) <u>The frequency of monitoring the implementation of the impact management actions contemplated in paragraph (f) of Appendix 4 of the EIA Regulations 2014, as amended.</u></p> <p>(xi) <u>An indication of the persons who will be responsible for the implementation of the impact management actions.</u></p> <p>(xii) <u>The time periods within which the impact management actions contemplated in paragraph (f) of Appendix 4 of the EIA Regulations 2014, as amended, must be implemented.</u></p> <p>(xiii) <u>The mechanism for monitoring compliance with the impact management actions contemplated in paragraph (f) of Appendix 4 of the EIA Regulations 2014, as amended.</u></p> <p>(xiv) <u>A program for reporting on compliance, taking into account the requirements as prescribed by the Regulations.</u></p>		



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		<p><u>Please also ensure that the final BAR includes the period for which the Environmental Authorisation is required and the date on which the activity will be concluded as per Appendix 1(3)(1)(q) of the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended.</u></p>	<p><u>The period for which the EA is required and the date on which the activity will be concluded as per Appendix 1(3)(1)(q) of the NEMA EIA Regulations 2014, as required</u></p> <p><u>The EA is required for a period of 5 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></p> <p><u>Section 4.3.1 of the Final BAR includes the construction schedule, which is anticipated to be 12-24 months. There is no end date for the operational phase of the proposed powerline as it is expected to have a life expectancy of more than 25 years.</u></p>	<p><u>Section 4.3.1 of the Final BAR</u></p> <p><u>Section 9.6 of the Final BAR</u></p>
		<p><u>You are further reminded to comply with Regulation 19(1)(a) of the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended, which states that: “Where basic assessment must be applied to an application, the applicant must, within 90 days of receipt of the application by the competent authority, submit to the competent authority – (a) a basic 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 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 BAR 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 19(1)(b) of the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended, which states: “the applicant must, within 90 days of receipt of the application by the competent authority, submit to the competent authority – (b) a notification in writing that the</u></p>	<p><u>DFFE acknowledged receipt of the application on 28 June 2022. The Final BAR must therefore be submitted to DFEE by 28 September 2022, which is 90 days from 28 June 2022. The Final BAR will be submitted to DFFE before 28 September 2022 as required.</u></p> <p><u>The Public Participation Period of at least 30 days commenced on 23 June 2022 and concluded on 25 July 2022. All issues raised and comments received from I&amp;APs and organs of state have been addressed in Table 2-4 of this Stakeholder Engagement Report.</u></p> <p><u>No significant changes or new information that has altered the outcome of the impact assessment have been added to the Final BAR. An additional period of PPP is therefore not required.</u></p> <p><u>The timeframes stipulated in Regulation 19 of the NEMA EIA Regulations (2014, as amended) have been adhered to throughout the BA Process.</u></p>	<p><u>Table 2-4 of this SER</u></p>

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		<p><i>documents contemplated in subregulation 1(a) will be submitted within 140 days of receipt of the application by the competent authority, as significant changes have been made or significant new information has been 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 will be subjected to another public participation process of at least 30 days.”</i></p> <p>Should you fail to meet any of the timeframes stipulated in <u>Regulation 19 of the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended</u>, your application will lapse.</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>The applicant is aware of the requirements of Section 24F of NEMA and will not commence with construction until such time as an EA is granted.</u></p>	-

# APPENDIX

# A STAKEHOLDER DATABASE



Organisation	Designation
Department of Energy	Deputy Director General
Department of Energy	Deputy Director General
Department of Agriculture, Forestry & Fisheries	
Department of Agriculture, Forestry & Fisheries	AgriLand Liason Office
Department of Rural Development and Land Reform	Director General Office
Department of Rural Development and Land Reform	Deputy Director General
Department of Water and Sanitation	
Department of Water and Sanitation	Chief Directorate
Department of Water & Sanitation	Chief Director
Department of Mineral Resources	Director General Office
Department of Mineral Resources	Regional Manager
Department of Mineral Resources	Regional Manager
Department of Public Works	Director General Office
Department of Public Works	Chief Directorate
Department of Public Works	Chief Director
Department of Science and Technology	Director General Office
South African National Roads Agency (SANRAL)	CEO
South African National Roads Agency (SANRAL)	Regional Manager
South African Heritage Resource Agency (SAHRA)	
Department of Environment and Nature Conservation	Director
Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning	
Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning	
Northern Cape Department of Agriculture, Land Reform & Rural Development	Head of Department
Northern Cape Department of Environment and Nature Conservation	
Ngwao-Boswa Ya Kapa Bokone (Northern Cape Provincial Heritage Agency)	Heritage Officer
Heritage Western Cape	Acting CEO
Namakwa District Municipality	
Department of Forestry, Fisheries and Environment (DFFE)	
Department of Forestry, Fisheries and Environment (DFFE)	
Department of Forestry, Fisheries and Environment (DFFE)	
Namakwa District Municipality	Head of Department
Karoo Hoogland Local Municipality	
Central Karoo District Municipality	Municipal Manager
Lainsberg Local Municipality	
Square Kilometer Array (SKA) South Africa	South African SKA Site Bid Manager
National Energy Regulator South Africa (NERSA)	CEO
Eskom Transmission	
South African National Energy Development Institute (sanedi)	CEO
South African Civil Aviation Authority (CAA)	Aviation Obstacle Analyst
Astronomy Management Authority	Deputy Director
South African Astronomical Observatory	Director
Wildlife and Environment Society of South Africa (WESSA)	
South African National Parks (SANParks)	Chief Executive Officer
Botanical Society of South Africa	Executive Director
BirdLife South Africa	Conservation Manager
CapeNature	
Endangered Wildlife Trust	Programme Manager
Treasure Karoo Action Group	CEO
Karoo newsgroup	
Falcon Oil and Gas	Financial Controller
Falcon Oil and Gas	Local Company Representative
Department of Energy	Deputy Director General
Department of Agriculture, Forestry & Fisheries	
Department of Agriculture, Forestry & Fisheries	AgriLand Liason Office
Department of Rural Development and Land Reform	Director General Office
Department of Rural Development and Land Reform	Deputy Director General
Department of Water & Sanitation	
Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning	
Central Karoo District Municipality	
Laingsburg Local Municipality	
CapeNature	
GIELIE HANEKOM FAMILIETRUST	Land Owner
JORDAAN HILLETJE SUSANNA MARIA	Land Owner
DIRK VAN ZYL TRUST	Land Owner
PAULSEN NICOLAAS	Land Owner
LE ROUX FAMILIETRUST	Land Owner
ELDRI VAN ZYL TRUST	Land Owner
WOLWEKOP TRUST	Land Owner
RIETFontein FAMILIE TRUST	Land Owner
STANDVASTIGHEID FAMILIE TRUST	Land Owner
Infrastructure Asset Management (IAM)	Stakeholder
South African Astronomical Observatory	
Mainstream Renewable Energy	
Mainstream Renewable Energy	
AIM Africa	
Karoo Hoogland Local Municipality	Mayor
Karoo Hoogland Local Municipality	Council member
Karoo Hoogland Local Municipality	Council member
Enel Green Power	Business Development
Enel Green Power	
Enel Green Power	
Enel Green Power	
Enel Green Power	Environment, Archaeology and Biodiversity
African Clean Energy Developments	
African Clean Energy Developments	
Cashcade (Pty) Ltd	
Cattlehill trading	
G7 Renewable Energies (Pty) Ltd	
G7 Renewable Energies (Pty) Ltd	
G7 Renewable Energies (Pty) Ltd	
G7 Renewable Energies (Pty) Ltd	
CapeNature	
Department of Forestry, Fisheries and Environment (DFFE)	
Department of Forestry, Fisheries and Environment (DFFE)	

# APPENDIX

## **B** NOTIFICATIONS



## APPENDIX

# ***B-1*** *Advertisement*

# BASIC ASSESSMENT (BA) PROCESS

## NOTICE OF THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF THE MARALLA 132kV TRANSMISSION POWERLINE PROJECT NEAR SUTHERLAND, NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE

Notice is given in terms of Regulation 41(2) of GNR 326 (7 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 (EAs) in respect of activities identified in terms of GNR 327 and GNR 324 (7 April 2017)

### DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION

The Proponent, Maralla Wind West (RF) (Pty) Ltd, proposes to investigate an alternative 132kV powerline option for the Maralla Wind Energy Facility (WEF) located near Sutherland in the Northern Cape Province. The project is located near Sutherland, within the Karoo Hoogland Local municipality in the Northern Cape Province. Furthermore, the powerline is situated in the Central Strategic Transmission Corridor as outlined in GNR 113. The following farm portions are affected by the project:

- Farm Annex Drie Roode Heuvels 181 Remainder
- Farm Zwanepoelshoek 184 Remainder
- Farm Drie Roode Heuvels 180
- Farm Orange Fontein 203
- Farm Orange Fontein 185 Remainder
- Farm De Hoop 202
- Farm Kentucky 206

### ENVIRONMENTAL APPLICATIONS

A Basic Assessment Process is required for the project. The listed activity numbers associated with the Proposed Projects are reflected below. Should you wish to obtain a complete copy of these listed activities, please contact the Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP), details provided below.

- GNR 327 Listed Activities: 11(i), 12(ii), 19, 27, and 30
- GNR 324 Listed Activities: 4, 12 and 14

### REGISTRATION

WSP Group Africa (Pty) Ltd (WSP) has been appointed as the independent and suitably qualified Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) by Maralla Wind West (RF) (Pty) Ltd, to manage and undertake the Basic Assessment (BA) Process. Parties wishing to formally register as interested and affected parties 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 business, financial, personal or other interest in the project. Any comments on the proposed project may be submitted to the EAP via the details provided below. Registered interested and affected parties will be forwarded all future project related correspondence and notified individually of additional opportunities to participate in the process.

### DRAFT AMENDMENT REPORT REVIEW PERIOD

The Draft Basic Assessment Report will be made available at the venues below for review and comment for 30 days from **23 June 2022 to 25 July 2022**:

- Sutherland - Sutherland Library (Sarel Cilliers Street, Tel: 023 571 1429 or 023 571 1020)
- Majtiesfontein – Majtiesfontein Community Hall (Tel: 023 551 1019)
- Laingsburg - Laingsburg Library (Van Riebeeck street, Tel: 023 551 1019)
- WSP Website - <https://www.wsp.com/en-ZA/services/public-documents>

Kindly ensure that all comments on the proposed project or requests to be registered as an Interested and Affected Party are submitted to the contact details provided herewith, by **25 July 2022**. Should you have any queries/comments, please do not hesitate to contact the EAP.

The contact details of the EAP: Lukanyo Kewana (T) 011 3611400 (E) [Lukanyo.Kewana@wsp.com](mailto:Lukanyo.Kewana@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*



# BASIESE ASSESSERINGPROSES

## KENNISGEWING VAN DIE VOORGESTELDE ONTWIKKELING VAN DIE MARALLA 132kV TRANSMISSIE KRAGLYN-PROJEK NABY SUTHERLAND, NOORD-KAAP PROVINSIE

**Kennis word gegee ingevolge Regulasie 41(2) van GNR 326 (7 April 2017) gepubliseer kragtens artikel 24 en 24D van die Wet op Nasionale Omgewingsbestuur (No. 107 van 1998) (NEMA) vir die indiening van aansoeke om omgewingsmagtigings (EA's) ten opsigte van aktiwiteite geïdentifiseer ingevolge GNR 327 en GNR 324 (7 April 2017)**

### BESKRYWING EN LIGGING

Die Voorstander, Maralla Wind West (RF) (Edms) Bpk., stel voor om 'n alternatiewe 132kV kraglynopsie vir die Maralla Windenergiefasiliteit (WEF) naby Sutherland in die Noord-Kaapprovinsie te ondersoek. Die projek is naby Sutherland, binne die Karoo Hoogland Plaaslike Munisipaliteit in die Noord-Kaap Provinsie geleë. Verder is die kraglyn geleë in die Sentrale Strategiese Transmissiekorridor soos uiteengesit in GNR 113. Die volgende plaasgedeeltes word deur die projek geraak:

- Plaas Annex Drie Roode Heuvels 181 Restant
- Plaas Zwanepoelshoek 184 Restant
- Plaas Drie Roode Heuvels 180
- Plaas Oranje Fontein 203
- Plaas Oranje Fontein 185 Restant
- Plaas De Hoop 202
- Plaas Kentucky 206

### OMGEWINGSTOEPASSINGS

'n Basiese assesseringsproses word vir die projek vereis. Die gelyste aktiwiteitsnommers wat met die voorgestelde projekte geassosieer word, word hieronder weerspieël. Indien u 'n volledige kopie van hierdie aktiwiteite op die lys wil bekom, kontak asseblief die Omgewingsevalueringspraktisyn (WHP), besonderhede hieronder verskaf.

- GNR 327 Gelyste Aktiwiteite : 11(i), 12(ii), 19, 27, and 30
- GNR 324 Gelyste Aktiwiteite : 4, 12 and 14

### REGISTRASIE

WSP Group Africa (Edms) Bpk (WSP) is deur Maralla Wind West (RF) (Edms) Bpk as die onafhanklike en toepaslik gekwalifiseerde Omgewingsevalueringspraktisyn (OBP) aangestel om die Basiese Assesseringsproses (BA) te bestuur en te onderneem. Partye wat formeel as belanghebbende en geaffekteerde partye wil registreer om meer inligting te ontvang en/of hul kommentaar(s) oor die voorgestelde projek te lewer, word versoek om hul volledige kontakbesonderhede aan die OBP te stuur en hul direkte besigheid, finansiële, persoonlike of ander belangstelling in die projek. Enige kommentaar oor die voorgestelde projek kan by die OBP ingedien word via die besonderhede wat hieronder verskaf word. Geregistreeerde belangstellende en geaffekteerde partye sal alle toekomstige projekverwante korrespondensie aangestuur word en individueel in kennis gestel word van bykomende geleenthede om aan die proses deel te neem.

### KONSEP-WYSIGINGSVERSLAG OORSIGTYDPERK

Die Konsep Basiese Assesseringsverslag sal vir 30 dae vanaf **23 Junie 2022 tot 25 Julie 2022** by die lokale hieronder beskikbaar gestel word vir hersiening en kommentaar:

- Sutherland - Sutherland-Biblioteek (Sarel Cilliers Straat, Tel: 023 571 1429 of 023 571 1020)
- Majtiesfontein – Majtiesfontein Gemeenskapsaal (Tel: 023 551 1019)
- Laingsburg - Laingsburg Biblioteek (Van Riebeeckstraat, Tel: 023 551 1019)
- WSP Webwerf - <https://www.wsp.com/en-ZA/services/public-documents>

Maak asseblief seker dat alle kommentaar oor die voorgestelde projek of versoeke om as 'n Belangstellende en Geaffekteerde Party geregistreeer te word ingedien word by die kontakbesonderhede wat hiermee verskaf word, teen **25 Julie 2022**. Indien jy enige navrae/opmerkings het, moet asseblief nie huiwer om die WHP te kontak nie.

Die kontakbesonderhede van die WHP: Lukanyo Kewana (T) 011 3611400 (E) [Lukanyo.Kewana@wsp.com](mailto:Lukanyo.Kewana@wsp.com) (A) Posbus 98867, Sloane Park, 2152

*WSP sal sekere persoonlike inligting oor jou as 'n belanghebbende en geaffekteerde party (B & GP) verwerk vir doeleindes om jou registrasie as 'n B & GP moontlik te maak en vir doeleindes om jou besonderhede op ons databasis te stoor, indien jy daartoe instem dat ons dit doen . WSP gebruik hierdie besonderhede om jou te kontak oor ander projekte in die toekoms. WSP sal altyd jou persoonlike inligting verwerk in ooreenstemming met die Wet op die Beskerming van Persoonlike Inligting 4 van 2013. Jy is geregtig om jou regte as 'n datasubjek uit te oefen en ons te laat weet as jy as 'n B & GP gederegistreeer wil word of as jy nie meer wil hê dat u kontakbesonderhede op ons databasis ingesluit moet word nie.*





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workplace, your home energy use may spike even higher in coming weeks.

But take it from someone who's been working from home for over five years now: You don't need to keep your house as cold as an office building. You're working remotely—you can wear shorts and flip flops! The U.S. Energy Department recommends setting your AC to 78 degrees Fahrenheit when you're home, and 85 when you're out, to shave up to 10% off your cooling bill.

In our house, we try to cool things down the old fashioned way. As long as it gets down to the 70s or lower at night, we open a bunch of windows to let that cool night air in (or suck it in with a fan), then close them in the morning and draw the curtains shut on the east and south sides of the house—trapping the cool air indoors and keeping the sun from heating things up too fast. Even on 90-degree days, we can usually make it until about 4pm before caving and switching on the AC.

Also remember that your cabinets and couches don't really care if they're cool—the main goal is to keep yourself and your family comfortable, not your furniture. So if you spend most of the day holed up in your home office, you don't need to cool your entire 2,000-square-foot house to 75 degrees, just that one room. A simple fan can also augment your air conditioner, allowing you to keep the thermostat a few degrees warmer without sacrificing comfort.

Finally, help your AC help you. Check the air filters and clean or replace them as needed so the unit isn't struggling to circulate air. Find and seal leaks in the air ducts or around windows and doors so you're not losing as much of that precious cold air. Try to grill in warm weather instead of heating up the kitchen by cooking indoors, and use your stove and bathroom exhaust fans to get rid of hot, sticky air after dinner prep or a shower—just make sure to turn these fans off 15 to 20 minutes after you're done, so you're not sending chilled air out the roof.

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- Farm Kentucky 206

**ENVIRONMENTAL APPLICATIONS**

A Basic Assessment Process is required for the project. The listed activity numbers associated with the Proposed Projects are reflected below. Should you wish to obtain a complete copy of these listed activities, please contact the Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP), details provided below.

- GNR 327 Listed Activities: 11(i), 12(ii), 19, 27, and 30
- GNR 324 Listed Activities: 4, 12 and 14

**REGISTRATION**

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Kindly ensure that all comments on the proposed project or requests to be registered as an Interested and Affected Party are submitted to the contact details provided herewith, by **25 July 2022**. Should you have any queries/comments, please do not hesitate to contact the EAP.

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**VERLORE TRANSPORTAKTE**

Kennis geskied hiermee ingevolge Regulasie 68 van die Wet op die Registrasie van Aktes, 1937, van die voorneme om aansoek te doen om die uitreiking van gewaarmerkte afskrifte van Transportakte T5300/1983 aangegaan deur ANNETTE WILMOT, (Identiteitsnommer 260102 0004 001) ten gunste van RICHARD MAASDORP WILMOT (Identiteitsnommer 5506055018 080) ten opsigte van sekere 1. RESTANT GEDEELTE 2 (LOWER MATJES VLEI) VAN DIE PLAAS MATJES VALIE NO. 103, IN DIE MUNISIPALITEIT EN AFDELING VAN BEAUFORT-WES, PROVINSIE WES-KAAP, 2. GEDEELTE 4 VAN DIE PLAAS MATJES VALIE NO. 103 IN DIE MUNISIPALITEIT EN AFDELING VAN BEAUFORT-WES, PROVINSIE WES-KAAP, 3. GEDEELTE 6 VAN DIE PLAAS MATJES VALIE NO. 103 IN DIE MUNISIPALITEIT EN AFDELING VAN BEAUFORT-WES, PROVINSIE WES-KAAP, 4. GEDEELTE 2 (ANNEX MATJES VLEI) (GEDEELTE VAN GEDEELTE 1) VAN DIE PLAAS WATERVAL NO. 101, IN DIE MUNISIPALITEIT EN AFDELING VAN BEAUFORT-WES, PROVINSIE WES-KAAP, 5. DIE PLAAS ANNEX WATERVAL NO. 102, IN DIE MUNISIPALITEIT EN AFDELING VAN BEAUFORT-WES, PROVINSIE WES-KAAP, 6. DIE PLAAS GROOTVLEI NO 193, IN DIE MUNISIPALITEIT EN AFDELING VAN BEAUFORT-WES, PROVINSIE WES-KAAP, 7. DIE PLAAS PAARDEKRAAL ANNEX NO 201, IN DIE MUNISIPALITEIT EN AFDELING VAN BEAUFORT-WES, PROVINSIE WES-KAAP. Welke transportakte verlore of vernietig is. Alle belanghebbende persone met besware teen die uitreik van sodanige afskrifte word hiermee versoek om hul besware skriftelik te rig aan die Registrateur van Aktes, Kamer 1216, 12de Vloer, Pleinstr. 90, Kaapstad, binne twee weke van die publikasiedatum van hierdie kennisgewing.

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A message by the Section Municipal Health Services of the Central Karoo District Municipality (ZM)



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FOR YOU

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS

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## APPENDIX

# ***B-2*** *Site Notices*

## BASIC ASSESSMENT (BA) PROCESSES

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#### DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION

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Project	Location	Local Municipality	Province	Strategic Corridor	Process
<b>Maralla Transmission Integration</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Farm Annex Drie Roode Heuvels 181 Remainder</li> <li>• Farm Zwanepoelshoek 184 Remainder</li> <li>• Farm Drie Roode Heuvels 180</li> <li>• Farm Orange Fontein 203</li> <li>• Farm Orange Fontein 185 Remainder</li> <li>• Farm De Hoop 202</li> <li>• Farm Kentucky 206</li> </ul>	Karoo Hoogland	Northern Cape	Central Strategic Transmission Corridor as outlined in GNR 113	BA - 132kV Powerline and associated infrastructure

#### ENVIRONMENTAL APPLICATIONS

The listed activity numbers associated with the Proposed Projects are reflected in the table below. Should you wish to obtain a complete copy of these listed activities, please contact the Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP), details provided below.

Project Name	Listing Notice	Activities Triggered				
<b>Maralla Transmission Integration</b>	GNR 327	11(i)	12(ii)	19	27	30
	GNR 324	4	12	14		

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#### DRAFT AMENDMENT REPORT REVIEW PERIOD

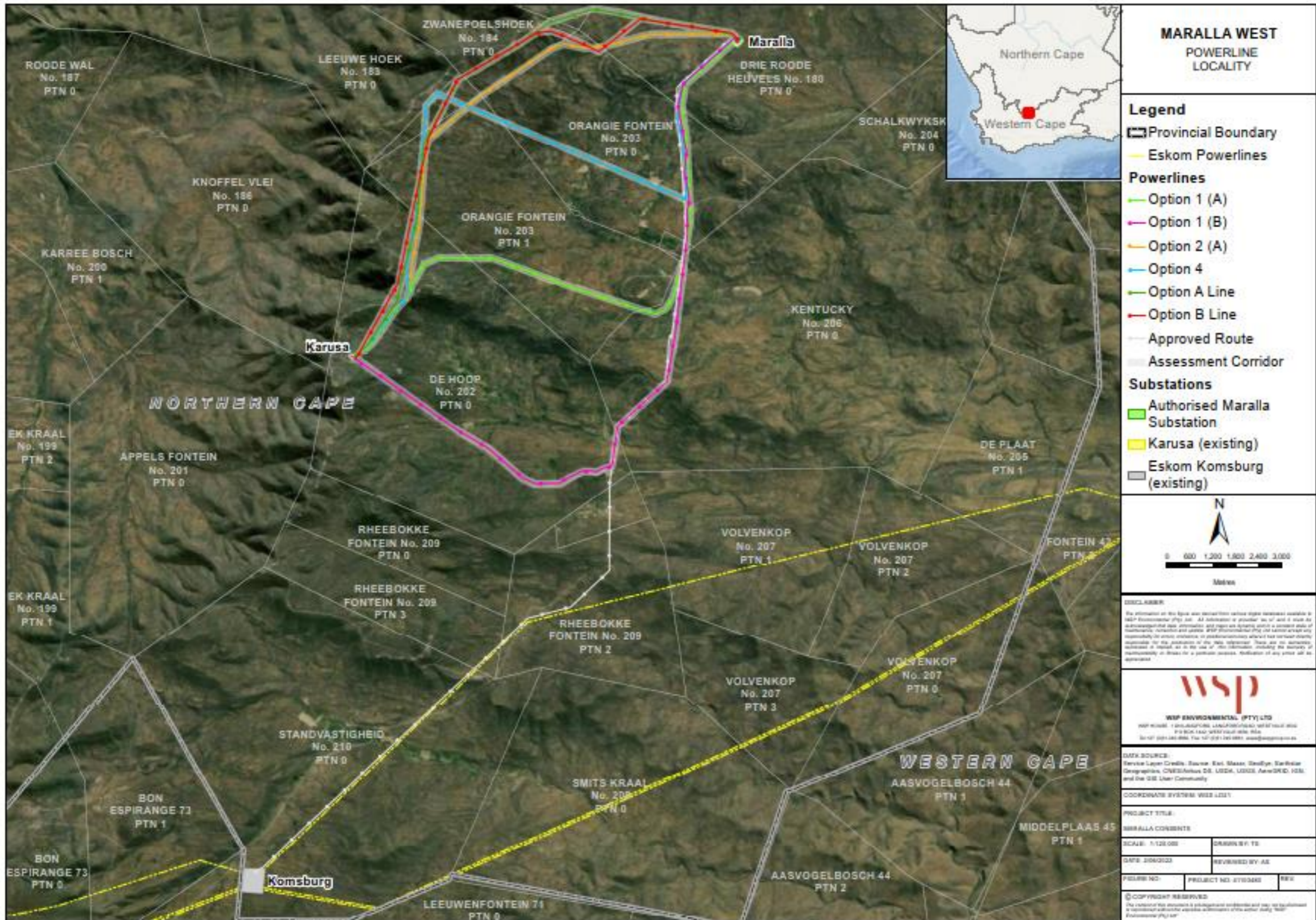
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## BASIESE ASSESSERINGSPROSESSE

### KENNISGEWING VAN DIE VOORGESTELDE ONTWIKKELING VAN DIE MARALLA 132kV TRANSMISSIE KRAGLYN-PROJEK NABY SUTHERLAND, NOORD-KAAP PROVINSIE

Kennis word gegee ingevolge Regulasie 41(2) van GNR 326 (7 April 2017) gepubliseer kragtens artikel 24 en 24D van die Wet op Nasionale Omgewingsbestuur (No. 107 van 1998) (NEMA) vir die indiening van aansoeke om omgewingsmagtigings (EA's) ) ten opsigte van aktiwiteite geïdentifiseer ingevolge GNR 327 en GNR 324 (7 April 2017)

#### BESKRYWING EN LIGGING

Die Voorstander, Maralla Wind West (RF) (Edms) Bpk., stel voor om 'n alternatiewe 132kV kraglynopsie vir die Maralla Windenergiefasiliteit (WEF) naby Sutherland in die Noord-Kaapprovinsie te ondersoek. Die tabel hieronder skets die liggings van die voorgestelde projek:

Projek	Ligging	Plaaslike Munisipaliteit	Provinsie	Strategiese Korridor	Proses
<b>Maralla Transmissie Integrasie</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Plaas Annex Drie Roode Heuvels 181 Restant</li><li>Plaas Zwanepoelshoek 184 Restant</li><li>Plaas Drie Roode Heuvels 180</li><li>Plaas Oranje Fontein 203</li><li>Plaas Oranje Fontein 185 Restant</li><li>Plaas De Hoop 202</li><li>Plaas Kentucky 206</li></ul>	Karoo Hoogland	Noordkaap	Sentrale Strategiese Transmissiekorridor soos uiteengesit in GNR 113	BA - 132kV Kraglyn en gepaardgaande infrastruktuur

#### OMGEWINGSTOEPASSINGS

Die gelyste aktiwiteitsnommers wat met die voorgestelde projekte geassosieer word, word in die tabel hieronder weerspieël. Indien u 'n volledige kopie van hierdie aktiwiteite op die lys wil bekom, kontak asseblief die Omgewingsevalueringspraktisyn (WHP), besonderhede hieronder verskaf.

Projek Naam	Noteringskennisgewing	Aktiwiteite Geaktiveer				
<b>Maralla Transmissie Integrasie</b>	GNR 327	11(i)	12(ii)	19	27	30
	GNR 324	4	12	14		

#### REGISTRASIE

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#### KONSEP-WYSIGINGSVERSLAG OORSIGTYDPERK

Die konsepwysigingsverslag sal vir 30 dae vanaf **23 Junie 2022 tot 25 Julie 2022** by die lokale hieronder beskikbaar gestel word vir hersiening en kommentaar.

Gebied	Lokaal	Straatadres	Kontaknommer
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Maak asseblief seker dat alle kommentaar oor die voorgestelde projek of versoeke om as 'n Belangstellende en Geaffekteerde Party geregistreer te word ingedien word by die kontakbesonderhede wat hiermee verskaf word, teen **25 Julie 2021**. Indien u enige navrae/opmerkings het, moet asseblief nie huiwer om die WHP te kontak nie.

Die kontakbesonderhede van die WHP: Lukanyo Kewana (T) 011 3611400 (E) [Lukanyo.Kewana@wsp.com](mailto:Lukanyo.Kewana@wsp.com) (A) Posbus 98867, Sloane Park, 2152

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## APPENDIX

### ***B-3*** *Notification Letters*



Client ref.: Maralla Tx  
WSP ref.: 41103480

23 June 2022

Dear Stakeholder,

**Subject: NOTICE OF THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF THE MARALLA 132kV POWERLINE PROJECT NEAR SUTHERLAND, NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE**

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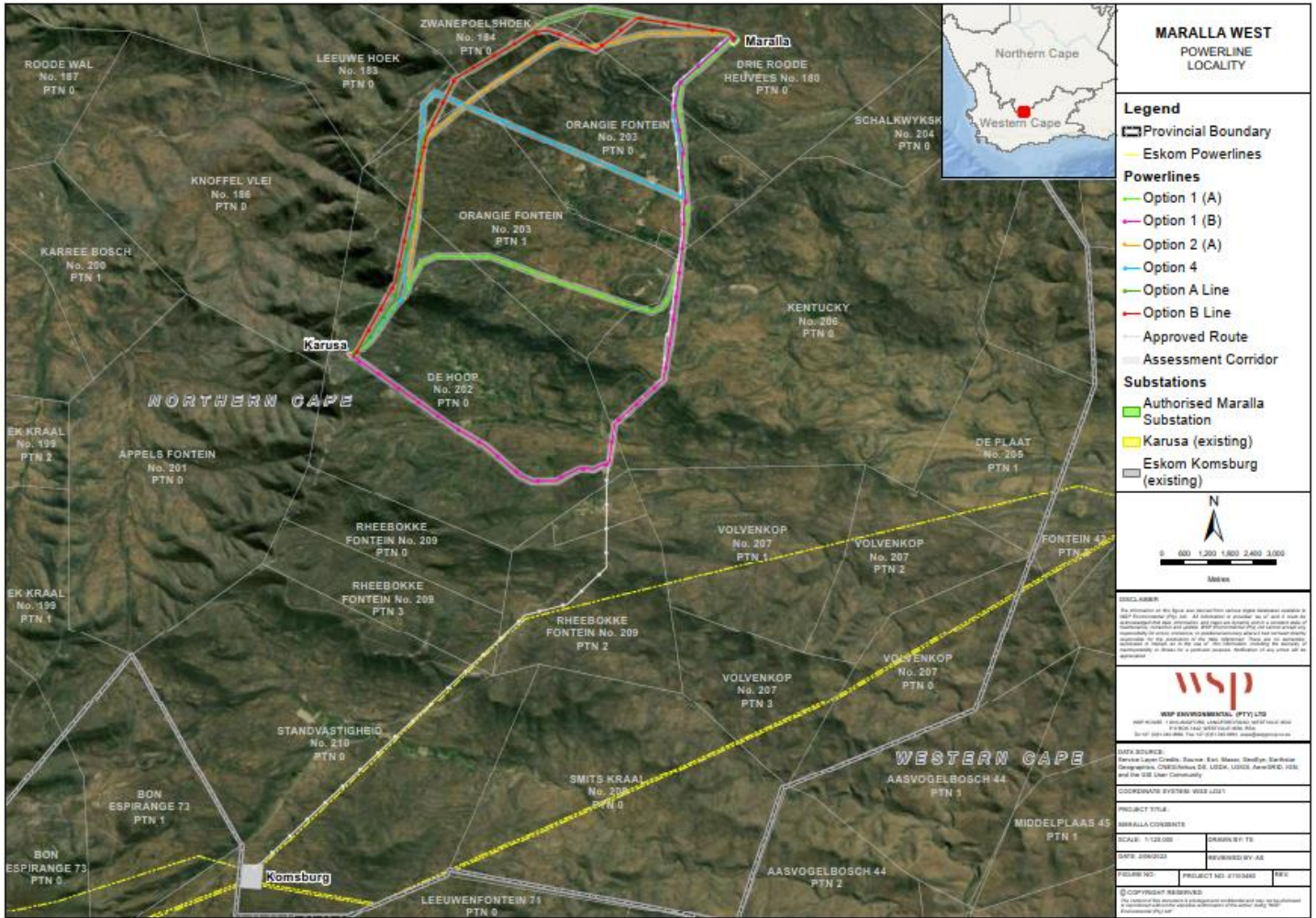
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We look forward to your participation in this process.





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23 Junie 2022

Geagte Belanghebbende,

**Onderwerp: KENNISGEWING VAN DIE VOORGESTELDE ONTWIKKELING VAN DIE MARALLA 132kV POWERLINE PROJEK NABY SUTHERLAND, NOORD-KAAP PROVINSIE**

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#### **OMGEWINGSTOEPASSINGS**

'n Basiese assesseringsproses word vir die projek vereis. Die gelyste aktiwiteitsnommers wat met die voorgestelde projekte geassosieer word, word hieronder weerspieël. Indien u 'n volledige kopie van hierdie aktiwiteite op die lys wil bekom, kontak asseblief die Omgewingsevalueringspraktisyn (EAP), besonderhede hieronder verskaf.

- GNR 327 Gelyste Aktiwiteite: 11(i), 12(ii), 19, 27, and 30
- GN 9324 Gelyste Aktiwiteite: 4, 12 and 14

#### **REGISTRASIE**

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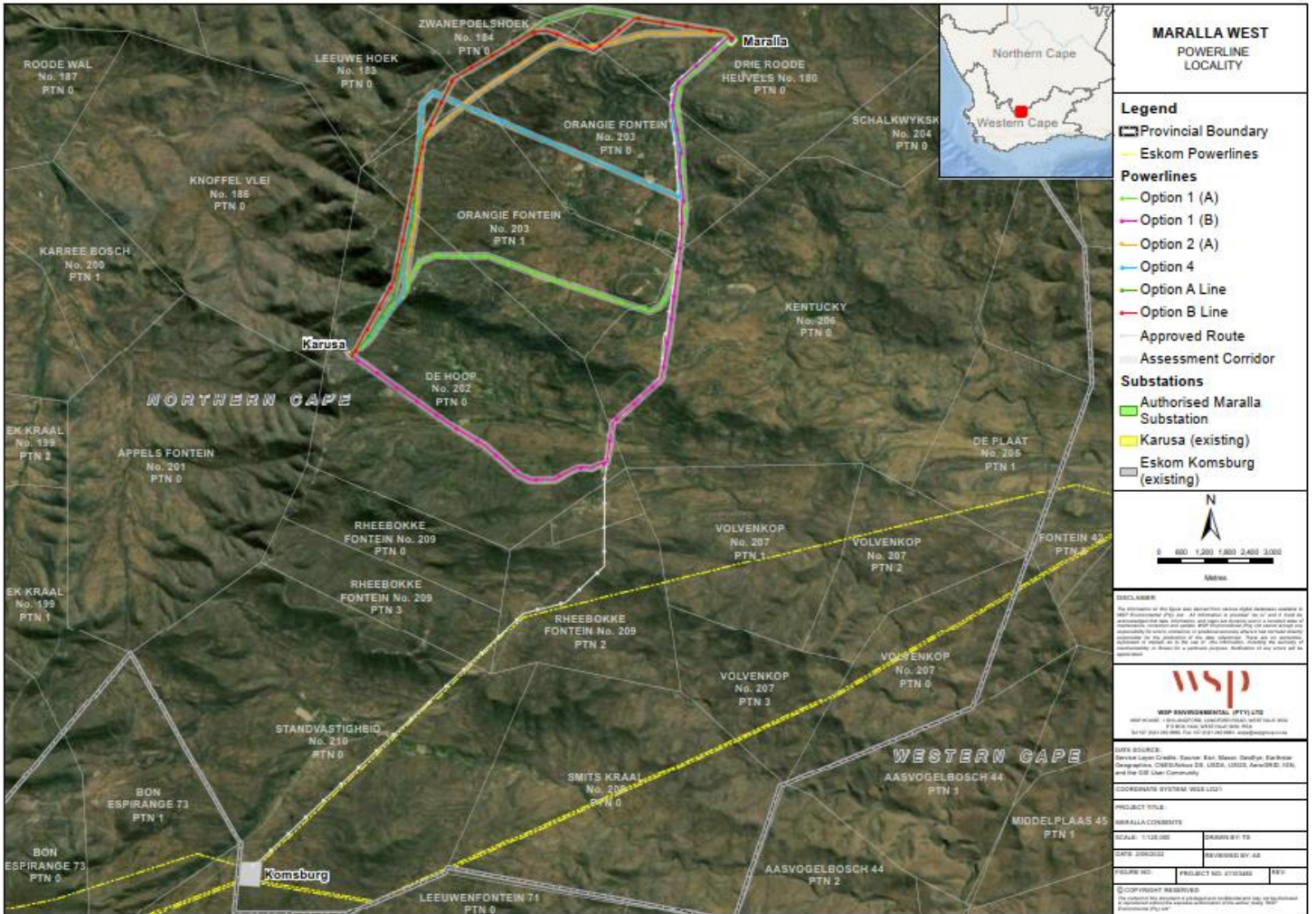
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## APPENDIX

### ***B-4*** *Email Notifications*

From: Strong, Ashlea  
Sent: Thursday, 23 June 2022 13:20  
To: Strong, Ashlea  
Cc: Kewana, Lukanyo; Maanda Maseli; Danie Brummer  
Subject: [Pending]NOTICE OF THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF THE MARALLA 132KV OVERHEAD POWERLINE - BASIC ASSESSMENT PROCESS  
Attachments: 41103480\_20220623\_BTE\_Maralla Tx BA\_Notification Letter\_English.pdf;  
41103480\_20220623\_BTE\_Maralla Tx BA\_Notification Letter\_Afrikaans.pdf

Dear Commenting Authority,

## NOTICE OF THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF THE MARALLA 132KV POWERLINE PROJECT NEAR SUTHERLAND, NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE

Notice is given in terms of Regulation 41(2) of GNR 326 (7 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 (EAs) in respect of activities identified in terms of GNR 327 and GNR 324 (7 April 2017)

The Proponent, Maralla Wind (RF) (Pty) Ltd, proposes investigate an alternative 132kV powerline option for the Maralla Wind Energy Facility (WEF) located near Sutherland in the Northern Cape Province. The project is located within the Karoo Hoogland Local Municipality in the Northern Cape Province. Furthermore, the powerline is situated in the Central Strategic Transmission Corridor as outlined in GNR 113.

WSP Group Africa (Pty) Ltd (WSP) has been appointed as the independent and suitably qualified Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) to manage and undertake the BA process. Any comments on the proposed project may be submitted to the EAP via the details provided below.

The Draft BA Report has been made available on the WSP website and via a One Drive Link for download.

One Drive ( [Maralla Public review](#))  
[WSP website \(https://www.wsp.com/en-ZA/services/public-documents\)](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.

The contact details of the EAP:

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(A) PO Box 98867, Sloane Park, 2152.

We look forward to your participation in this process and your meaningful contributions.

**Protection of Personal Information:** 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 storing of your details on our database, if you consent for us to do so. WSP will use these details to contact you about other relevant 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.

Kind regards,



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Sent: Thursday, 23 June 2022 13:18  
To: Strong, Ashlea  
Cc: Kewana, Lukanyo; 'Maanda Maseli'; Danie Brummer  
Subject: [Pending]NOTICE OF THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF THE MARALLA 132KV OVERHEAD POWERLINE - BASIC ASSESSMENT PROCESS  
Attachments: 41103480\_20220623\_BTE\_Maralla Tx BA\_Notification Letter\_English.pdf;  
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Dear Stakeholder,

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The Draft Basic Assessment Report has been made available at the venues below for review and comment for 30 days from 23 June 2022 to 25 July 2022:

Sutherland - Sutherland Library (Sarel Cilliers Street, Tel: 023 571 1429 or 023 571 1020)  
Majtiesfontein – Majtiesfontein Community Hall (Tel: 023 551 1019)  
Laingsburg - Laingsburg Library (Van Riebeeck street, Tel: 023 551 1019)  
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## APPENDIX

# ***B-5*** *Proof of Draft Availability*

# Proof of Draft BAR Availability

LOCATION

CO-ORDINATES

PHOTOGRAPHS

Matjiesfontein Community Hall

33°14'3.26"S

20°35'4.23"E



**LOCATION**

**CO-ORDINATES**

**PHOTOGRAPHS**

**Sutherland Library**

32°23'36.6"S

20°39'34.7"E





**Title of Project:** The proposed development of the Maralla 132kV Powerline in the Northern Cape Province

**Document on Public Display:** Draft Basic Assessment Report

**Public Disclosure dates:** 23 June 2022 – 25 July 2022

**Contact Person:** Lukanyo Kewana (Lukanyo.Kewana@wsp.com)

- [Draft BAR - Maralla 132kV OHPL](#)
- [Appendix A\\_EAP CV](#)
- [Appendix B\\_Declaration of EAP](#)
- [Appendix C\\_Specialist Declarations](#)
- [Appendix D\\_Stakeholder Engagement Report\\_Public](#)
- [Appendix E\\_A3 Maps](#)
- [Appendix F1\\_Avifauna](#)
- [Appendix F2\\_Biodiversity](#)
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- [Appendix F5\\_Social](#)
- [Appendix F6\\_Surface Water](#)
- [Appendix F7\\_Visual](#)
- [Appendix G\\_EMPr](#)
- [Appendix H\\_DFFE Screening Report](#)
- [Appendix I\\_Pre-App Minutes and PPPlan](#)

# APPENDIX

## C MEETINGS



## APPENDIX

# ***C-1 DFFE PRE- APPLICATION MEETING MINUTES***



From: Samkelisiwe Dlamini [mailto:SDlamini@environment.gov.za]  
Sent: Friday, 06 August 2021 03:48  
To: Strong, Ashlea <Ashlea.Strong@wsp.com>  
Cc: Masina Litsoane <MLitsoane@environment.gov.za>  
Subject: 2021-07-0017 - BTE - Pre-Application Meeting Minutes and PP Plan

Dear Ashlea

THE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS (PPP) PLANS FOR THE FOR THE BIOTHERM ESIZAYO AND MARALLA EAST AND WEST ENVIRONMENTAL CONSENT PROJECTS and received on the 22 05 August 2021 refers.

The Department has evaluated the Public Participation Plan submitted as per Minister Directive dated 05 June 2020 in response to Covid-19 pandemic and hereby approves the plan for the abovementioned project.

Please ensure that all correspondence to be sent to I&APs must clearly specify the dates when comments on the report should be submitted. Further, should there be a need to for a meetings from I&APs, the meeting can take place via virtual platforms such as Microsoft Teams.

You may proceed with the public participation process in accordance with the tasks contemplated in the PPP plan. Should you wish to deviate from the submitted PPP Plan, the amended PPP Plan must be submitted to the Department for approval prior commencement.

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 Authorization being granted by the Department.

The minutes of the meeting are the true reflection of what was discussed in the meeting held on 28 July 2021

Do not hesitate to contact me if you need further clarity

Regards

Ms Samkelisiwe Dlamini  
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Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment  
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## MEETING NOTES

<b>JOB TITLE</b>	BioTherm_EsizayoMaralla_Pre-App Meeting
<b>PROJECT NUMBER</b>	41103480 and 41103481
<b>DATE</b>	28 July 2021
<b>TIME</b>	10h00
<b>VENUE</b>	Online (MS Teams)
<b>SUBJECT</b>	Pre-Application Meeting with DFFE
<b>CLIENT</b>	BTE Renewables
<b>PRESENT</b>	Samkelisiwe Dhlamini (DFFE) – SD Masina Litsoane (DFFE) – ML Winnie Tebogo Mabena (DFFE) – WTM Sandhisha Jay Narain (BTE Renewables) – SJN Maanda Maseli (BTE Renewables) – MM Tonderai Munthumbira (BTE Renewables) – TM Alicia Govender (BTE Renewables) – AG Libby Hirshon (BTE Renewables) – LH Ashlea Strong (WSP) – AS Lukanyo Kewana (WSP) – LK
<b>APOLOGIES</b>	None
<b>DISTRIBUTION</b>	As above See <b>Appendix A</b>

### MATTERS ARISING

### ACTION

MATTERS ARISING	ACTION
<b>1.0 INTRODUCTIONS AND WELCOME</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>AS welcomed everyone followed by a round of introductions and an overview of the meeting agenda.</li><li>A PowerPoint presentation was presented to all attendees to provide information and mapping.</li></ul> <p><i>* AS received consent from all parties present to record the meeting.</i> <i>** A copy of the PowerPoint presentation has been attached hereto for reference (<b>Appendix B</b>).</i></p>	-
<b>2.0 PROJECT BACKGROUND</b>	
<b>2.1 Project Background and Description</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>AS provided a brief overview of the Project, identifying Esizayo and Maralla Wind Energy Facilities as the applicants with both projects ran by BTE Renewables and noted</li></ul>	

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**MATTERS ARISING**

**ACTION**

<p>that BTE Renewables proposes to include both the Esizayo and Maralla Wind Energy Facilities as part of their submissions for the Round 5 REIPPPP Bidding, and that as part of this process they are required to provide evidence that the required Environmental Consents for these projects are underway.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– AS noted that the Environmental Consents include the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ A number of Part 1 Amendments to update administrative items in the existing EAs such as amending the name of the applicant.</li> <li>▪ Updating and approval of the EMPs for the Maralla East, Maralla West and Esizayo WEFs as required by the existing EAs</li> <li>▪ Updating the EMPs for the approved Esizayo and Maralla transmission Integration Powerlines as required by the existing EAs</li> <li>▪ Undertaking two new Basic Assessment Processes for two new Transmission integration powerlines, one for Esizayo and one for Maralla.</li> </ul> </li> <li>– The location of all these Projects is in the Western and Northern Cape, essentially between the Karoo Hoogland and the Laignsburg Local Municipalities</li> <li>– The Projects traverses 10 farm portions</li> <li>– Key consideration noted include the WEFs and Powerlines traversing CBAs, ESAs, NPAES, the Komsberg Renewable Energy Development Zone and that the WEFs and Powerlines falls within the Central Strategic Transmission Corridor (STC).</li> </ul> <p><b>2.2 Assessment Process and Competent Authority</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– AS ran through the applicable Listed Activities of the EIA Regulations (2014, as amended), noting a Basic Assessment (BA) process is required for the application for Environmental Authorisation for two 132kV powerlines.</li> <li>– AS indicated that DFFE had been identified as the Competent Authority (CA).</li> <li>– ML confirmed that DFFE is the CA.</li> </ul> <p><b>2.3 Specialist Assessments</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– AS ran through the identified sensitivities as per the DEA Online Screening Tool report, and specialist assessments noted therein.</li> <li>– AS identified the specialist assessments that are to be undertaken as part of the BA process, as well as the studies that are not being undertaken as part of the assessment and supporting reasons for their exclusion.</li> </ul> <p><b>2.4 Public Participation Process</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– AS provided an overview of the proposed public participation process in accordance with the EIA Regulations (2014, as amended).</li> <li>– AS noted that the same Public Participation Plan (PPP) will be followed for both the new Basic Assessment, EMPR and Layout updates.</li> <li>– AS noted that a draft Public Participation Plan (PPP) will be issued to DFFE along with the meeting minutes for consideration and approval.</li> </ul> <p><b>2.5 Timeframes</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– AS noted the application process will follow the legislated BA timelines; however, as the 132kV OHPL is located within the Central Strategic Transmission Corridor and the Komsberg REDZ (it would benefit from the shortened decision-making timeframes (57 days instead of 90 days) outlined in GN 113 and GN 114.</li> <li>– The authority’s decision-making timeframe will be 30 days for the Part 1 Amendments and Updated EMPr and Final layouts</li> </ul>	
<p><b>3.0 QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS</b></p>	
<p>AS opened the floor for any comments or questions. The following items were raised and discussed.</p> <p><b>3.1 Part 1 Amendment</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– AS queried whether a turbine output change for the Esizayo project could constitutes a Part 1 amendment?</li> <li>– SD queried whether if it’s only the technology used on these turbines that will be changed?</li> <li>– AS noted that just the technology will change and asked for confirmation of the current authorisation from the BTE team.</li> </ul>	

## MATTERS ARISING

## ACTION

- TM stated that the current authorisation says that it's a turbine of 4 Megawatts in size but BTE proposes to change the size of the generator to a larger size of about 6 Megawatts.
- AS noted that it's just the generation capacity of each turbine that will be increased, the specifications of the Turbine structures themselves will remain the same as authorised.
- SD noted that it does and further opened the floor to ML for her inputs.
- ML queried how much of the input will increase the overall wind energy facility, for instance if you are increasing it from 4 to 6 per turbine, then how much output increase?
- TM replied that this will not increase the output, the output will remain the same (140 Megawatts) the change actually means that less turbine positions will be used.
- ML queried that will this decrease the number of turbines.
- AS responded that, that is correct.
- ML further queried that the decrease of turbines will not alter the layout
- AS replied that, that will be shown in the final layouts that need to be submitted together with the amended EMPRs
- ML interjected if increasing the turbine generating capacity does not change the overall output generated (i.e. 140MW) then that means this is potentially a part 1 amendment but if this will shift the layouts, it might be a part 2.
- AS noted that at this stage they are only reducing the number of turbines.
- AS noted that in terms of condition 15 and 17 of the WEFs, The EAs issued for the Maralla and Esizayo WEFs indicate that the EMPrs and layouts submitted as part of the original EIA processes were not approved and must be amended to include measures as dictated by the final site lay-out map and micro-siting and the provisions of the EAs.
- AS then queried whether shifting Turbine positions would constitute a Part 2 amendment, noting that the current layouts have not been approved and need to be updated and amended and the final submitted with the amended EMPr in terms of the conditions of the EA?
- ML noted that if the layouts were never approved then it cannot be a Part 2 Amendment.
- SD queried if the applications will be done separately or all at once.
- AS replied that the applications need to be done separately and that the Part 1 amendment will be the first in line to be sent through and that the EMPr still require specialist inputs such as walk-downs and micro-siting and the majority of these specialist will have to wait for the Spring season because of the ecology and the birds, so the EMPr updates drafts will be sent towards the end of November and the final in December.
- AS queried that for this EMPr update, should a letter be sent to DFFE to say that we are going to be updating the EMPrs and the layouts, so that we can comply with condition 15 and 17 of the EA or does it constitute a Reg 37 process
- SD asked for clarity on AS query
- AS replied that if it's a Reg 37 process, post April 2021 there is now a Reg 37 application form on the website, so if it is a Reg 34 process, do we then need to submit that form
- ML replied that she does not think that the Reg 37 process needs to be followed when submitting the EMPr updates because they have never been approved in the first place and also the project has not commenced yet with the Audit point in the Reg. SD and I will need to run the understanding with our colleagues.
- ML queried that this Pre-Application is for EA amendments, EMPRs and Layout approvals and grid connection applications, so for grid connections its going to be new applications and how many of them?
- AS confirmed that two applications will be submitted for grid connections, one for Esizayo and one for Maralla.

3.2 **Minutes and PPP**

- AS noted that the PPP and pre-application meeting minutes will be sent together and further queried if the DFFE would prefer a separate PPP for the BA processes and one for the EMPRs or a combined one.
- SD confirmed that this can be combined.

3.3 **Summary of Decisions:**

- The change in turbine generating capacity will be a part 1 amendment
- The EMPr amendments will not follow a Regulation 37 process as the EMPrs and layout are not approved.
- A letter must be issued to the DFFE prior to the submission of the EMPr amendments

## MEETING NOTES

### MATTERS ARISING

### ACTION

#### 4.0 WAY FORWARD

- WSP to formalise meeting minutes and distribute, along with PPP, for approval.

AS closed the meeting at 10h46.

### NEXT MEETING

No additional meetings have been scheduled.

# MEETING NOTES

## APPENDIX A: ATTENDANCE REGISTER

**Maralla and Esizayo Environmental Consents - DFFE Pre-Application Meeting** Chat Files Meeting Notes +

Strong, Ashlea joined the meeting.

Tuesday, 27 July 2021

Kewana, Lukanyo was invited to the meeting.

Strong, Ashlea named the meeting to Maralla and Esizayo Environmental Consents - DFFE Pre-Application Meeting.

Wednesday, 28 July 2021

Meeting ended 5m 54s 07/28 09:57


**Attendance report**  
Click here to download attendance report

Meeting started 07/28 09:58

- Sandhisha Jay Narain (External) has temporarily joined the chat.
- Winnie Tebogo Mabena (Guest) has temporarily joined the chat.
- Libby Hirshon (Guest) has temporarily joined the chat.
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## MEETING NOTES

### APPENDIX B: PRESENTATION




**DFFE Pre-Application Meeting**  
*Esizayo and Maralla Environmental Consents, Northern and Western Cape*

28 July 2021

**Agenda**

1. Introductions
2. Overview of the Project
  - Background
  - Location
  - Technical Description
3. Overview and Confirmation of Permitting Processes
  - Part 1 Amendments
  - EMPr Updates and Final Layouts
  - Basic Assessments
    - Listed Activities
    - Specialist Assessments as identified by DEA Screening Tool
    - Specialist Studies commissioned
  - Competent Authority
4. Public Participation Process
5. Timeframes
6. Questions and Discussions
7. Way Forward



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## 1. Introductions

- BTE Renewables:
  - Sandhisha Jay Narain
  - Maanda Maseli
  - Tonderai Munthumbira
  - Werner Engelbrecht
  - Libby Hirshon
  - Alicia Govender
- WSP Group Africa (Pty) Ltd:
  - Lukanyo Kewana (Environmental Consultant)
  - Ashlea Strong (Project Manager)
- Department of Forestry, Fisheries and Environment (DFFE):
  - Samkelisiwe Dlamini
  - Masina Litsoane
  - Winnie Tebogo Mabena



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## 2. Overview of the Project

### Background

- BTE Renewables (Applicants: Relevant Project Companies)
- BTE Renewables propose to include both the Esizayo and Maralla Wind Energy Facilities as part of their submissions for the Round 5 REIPPPP Bidding. As part of this process they are required to provide evidence that the required Environmental Consents for these projects are underway. These include:
  - A number of Part 1 Amendments to update administrative items in the existing EAs;
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  - Undertaking two new Basic Assessment Processes for two new Transmission integration powerlines, one for Esizayo and one for Maralla.



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## 2. Overview of the Project

### Existing Environmental Authorisations

- Maralla East WEF:
  - 14/12/16/3/3/2/962 – 14 July 2017
  - 14/12/16/3/3/2/962/AM1 – 18 December 2019
- Maralla West WEF:
  - 14/12/16/3/3/2/962 – 14 July 2017
  - 14/12/16/3/3/2/962/AM1 – 25 August 2017
  - 14/12/16/3/3/2/962/AM2 – 18 December 2019
- Maralla Power Integration:
  - 14/12/16/3/3/1/1774 – 14 November 2017
  - 14/12/16/3/3/1/1774/AM1 – 13 December 2017
- Esizayo WEF:
  - 14/12/16/3/3/2/967 – 14 July 2017
- Esizayo Power Integration:
  - 14/12/16/3/3/1/1775 – 01 December 2017
  - 14/12/16/3/3/1/1775/AM1 – 26 January 2018



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## 2. Overview of the Project

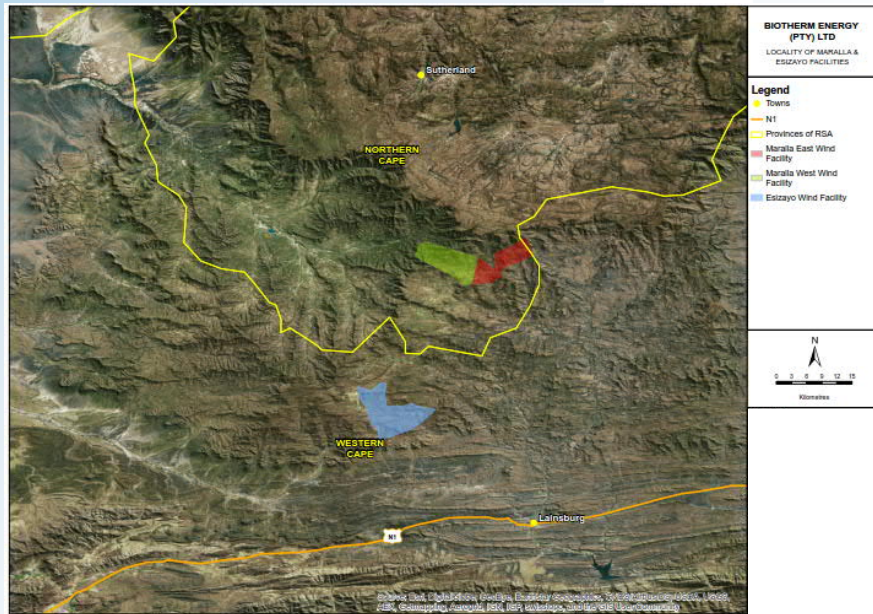
### Location

	Maralla East WEF	Maralla West WEF	Esizayo WEF
Province:	Western and Northern Cape	Northern Cape	Western Cape
Local Municipality:	Karoo Hoogland and Laingsburg	Karoo Hoogland	Laingsburg
Farms:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Farm Welgemoed 268 (the Remainder);</li> <li>• Farm Schalkwykskraal 204 (the Remainder); and</li> <li>• Farm Drie Roode Heuvels 180 (the Remainder).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Portion of Farm Drie Roode Heuvels 180 Remainder</li> <li>• Farm Annex Drie Roode Heuvels 181 Remainder</li> <li>• Farm Wolven Hoek 182 Portion 1</li> <li>• Farm Wolven Hoek 182 Portion 2</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Farm Aanstoot 72 Portion 1</li> <li>• Farm Annex Joseph's Kraal 84</li> <li>• Farm Aurora 285.</li> </ul>



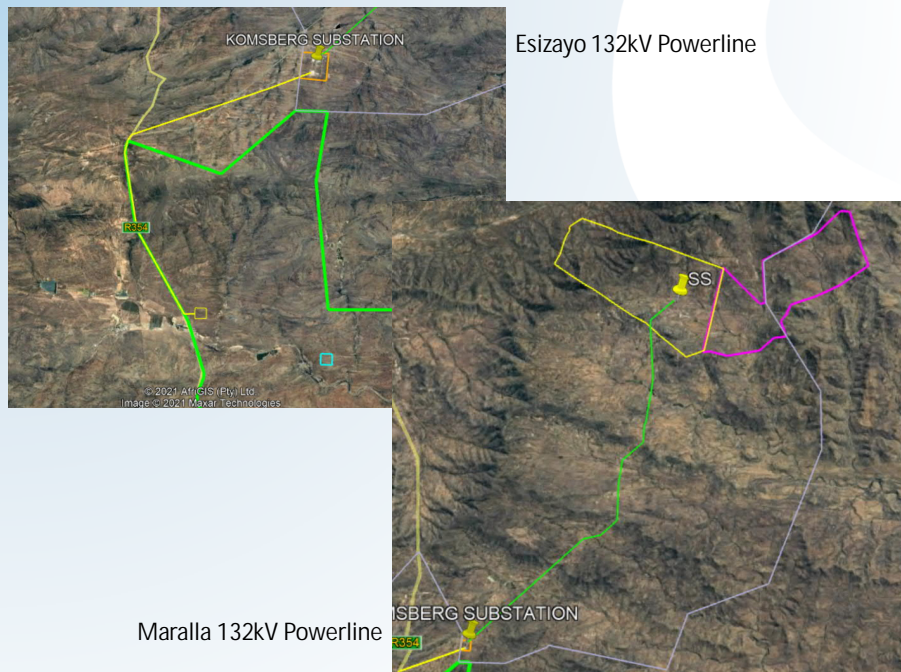
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## 2. Overview of the Project



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### Key Considerations

- The WEFs and Powerlines fall within Critical Biodiversity Areas (CBA) and Ecological Support Areas (ESA) in both the Northern and Western Cape Provinces
- The WEFs and Powerlines fall within National Protected Area Expansion Strategy (NPAES) focus areas in both the Northern and Western Cape Provinces
- Falls within the Central Strategic Transmission Corridor
- Falls within the Komsberg Renewable Energy Development Zone



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## 3. Permitting Processes

### Part 1 Amendment Process

- The Amendment Process prescribed in GNR 326 promulgated in terms of section 24(5) and 44 of the National Environmental Management Act (No. 107 of 1998) (NEMA) will be undertaken.
- EIA Regulations (GNR 326) (April 2014) makes provision for Amendments where no change of scope to the EA occurs or a change of ownership occurs (Part 1 Amendments) or for Amendments where a change in scope occurs (Part 2 Amendments).
- The client proposes to only amend the client contact details of the EA.
- It is understood that a Part 1 Amendment Processes will be required.
- Query:
  - The Applicant would like to consider a turbine output change. This will not change the size of the turbines themselves – could this constitute a Part 1 amendment?



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### 3. Permitting Processes



## EMPr Update and Final Layout Processes

- The EAs issued for the Maralla WEFs and the powerline indicate that the EMPrs and layouts submitted as part of the original EIA process were not approved and must be amended to include measures as dictated by the final site lay-out map and micro-siting and the provisions of the EAs
  - Condition 15 – WEFs
- The EMPrs must be made available for comments by registered Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) and the holder of EAs must consider such comments
  - Condition 17 - WEFs.
- Once amended, the final EMPrs must be submitted to the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and Environment (DFFE) for written approval prior to commencement of the activity.
- Queries:
  - DFFE to confirm if the amended EMPrs can just be submitted for approval – or whether a Regulation 37 process is required.
  - DFFE to confirm if the final layout can be submitted as part of the EMPr approval process.

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### 3. Permitting Processes

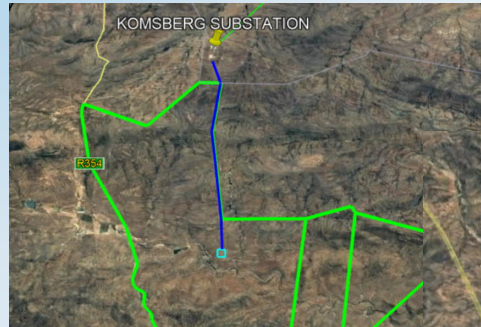


## Basic Assessment Processes for 132kV Powerlines

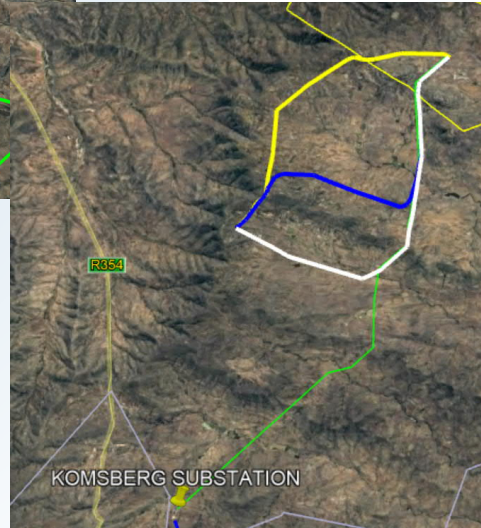
- The Applicant is looking to investigate two alternative 132kV power integration options for the Maralla and Esizayo WEFs.
- Overhead Powerlines
  - 132kV steel single or double structure with kingbird conductor
  - A 100m corridor around the powerline will be assessed
  - Pole positions will only be available post preferred bidder award (i.e. once the powerline design has started)
- Construction Methodology
  - Standard overhead line construction methodology will be employed-
  - Drill holes or excavate (depending on ground conditions), plant poles, string conductor
  - Not envisaged that any large excavations and stabilized backfill will be required

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### 3. Permitting Processes



New Esizayo 132kV Powerline



New Maralla 132kV Powerline to Karusa Substation

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### 3. Permitting Processes



### Listed Activities

- [Listing Notice 1 - GNR 327](#)

LISTED ACTIVITY	DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT ACTIVITY
<p><b>Activity 11:</b> The development of facilities or infrastructure for the transmission and distribution of electricity— (i) outside urban areas or industrial complexes with a capacity of more than 33 but less than 275 kilovolts; or (ii) inside urban areas or industrial complexes with a capacity of 275 kilovolts or more; excluding the development of bypass infrastructure for the transmission and distribution of electricity where such bypass infrastructure is — (a) temporarily required to allow for maintenance of existing infrastructure; (b) 2 kilometres or shorter in length; (c) within an existing transmission line servitude; and (d) will be removed within 18 months of the commencement of development.</p>	<p>The 132 kV transmission lines will connect the Esizayo WEF and Maralla WEFs to the national grid. The WEFs and the transmission lines are outside of the urban edge. This activity is therefore triggered by the proposed construction of the transmission infrastructure. .</p>
<p><b>Activity 12 (ii), (a) and (c):</b> The development of— (ii) infrastructure or structures with a physical footprint of 100 square metres or more; where such development occurs— (a) within a watercourse; or (c) if no development setback exists, within 32 metres of a watercourse, measured from the edge of a watercourse</p>	<p>The powerlines will require the erection of tower structures, which may require a construction area of approximately 100m2. There is the potential that a tower structure or access road will transverse a watercourse (or drainage line) which will require excavation of removal of soil or sand from the watercourse. This activity will potentially be triggered by the proposed construction of the transmission infrastructure.</p>
<p><b>Activity 19</b> The infilling or depositing of any material of more than 10 cubic metres into, or the dredging, excavation, removal or moving of soil, sand, shells, shell grit, pebbles or rock of more than 10 cubic metres from a watercourse</p>	<p>The powerlines will require the erection of tower structures and access roads. There is the potential that a tower structure or access road will transverse a watercourse (or drainage line) which will require excavation of removal of soil or sand from the watercourse. This activity will potentially be triggered by the proposed construction of the transmission infrastructure.</p>

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### 3. Permitting Processes



### Listed Activities

- Listing Notice 1 - GNR 327

LISTED ACTIVITY	DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT ACTIVITY
<b>Activity 27:</b> The clearance of an area of 1 hectare or more, but less than 20 hectares of indigenous vegetation except where such clearance of indigenous vegetation is required for-  (i) the undertaking of a linear activity; or  maintenance purposes undertaken in accordance with a maintenance management plan.	The powerlines are considered a linear activity and therefore this activity is not triggered by the proposed construction of the transmission lines. However, the construction of the common 132 kV on-site substation will require the clearance of indigenous vegetation of more than 1ha but less than 20 ha.
<b>Activity 30:</b> Any process or activity identified in terms of section 53(1) of the National Environmental Management: Biodiversity Act, 2004 (Act No. 10 of 2004).	The transmission line routes traverse Critical Biodiversity Areas and fall within National Protected Areas Expansion Strategy Focus Areas. This activity is therefore triggered by the proposed construction of the transmission infrastructure.

### 3. Permitting Processes

A Basic Assessment Process is therefore proposed for the Project



### Listed Activities (Cont.)

- Listing Notice 3 - GNR 324

LISTED ACTIVITY	DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT ACTIVITY
<b>Activity 4:</b> The development of a road wider than 4 metres with a reserve less than 13,5 metres. (i) Western Cape- (ii) areas outside urban areas (aa) containing indigenous vegetation	The transmission line routes traverse Critical Biodiversity Areas and fall within National Protected Areas Expansion Strategy Focus Areas. However, the transmission line may require an access road (of approximately 4 m in width) although it will likely be a two-track road. This activity is potentially triggered by the proposed construction of the transmission infrastructure.
<b>Activity 12 (i) (i) and (ii):</b> The clearance of an area of 300 square metres or more of indigenous vegetation. Except where such clearance of indigenous vegetation is required for maintenance purposes undertaken in accordance with a maintenance management plan.  Northern Cape i. Within any critically endangered or endangered ecosystem listed in terms of section 52 of the NEMBA or prior to the publication of such a list, within an area that has been identified as critically endangered in the National Spatial Biodiversity Assessment 2004; ii. Within critical biodiversity areas identified in bioregional plans.	The transmission line routes traverse Critical Biodiversity Areas and fall within National Protected Areas Expansion Strategy Focus Areas. The construction of the common 132 kV on-site substation will require the clearance of more than 300 m2 of indigenous vegetation. This activity is therefore triggered by the proposed construction of the transmission infrastructure.
<b>Activity 14 (ii) (a) and (c) (i) (i) (bb) and (ff):</b> The development of— (ii) infrastructure or structures with a physical footprint of 10 square metres or more; where such development occurs— (a) within a watercourse; or (c) if no development setback has been adopted, within 32 metres of a watercourse, measured from the edge of a watercourse;.  Northern Cape i. Outside urban areas: (bb) National Protected Area Expansion Strategy Focus areas; (ff) Critical biodiversity areas or ecosystem service areas as identified in systematic biodiversity plans adopted by the competent authority or in bioregional plans.	The transmission line routes traverse Critical Biodiversity Areas and fall within National Protected Areas Expansion Strategy Focus Areas.  The powerlines will require the erection of tower structures, which may require a construction area of approximately 100m2. There is the potential that a tower structure or access road will transverse a watercourse (or drainage line). This activity is therefore triggered by the proposed construction of the transmission infrastructure

### 3. Permitting Processes



## DEA Screening Tool Identified Sensitivities

	Very High Sensitivity	High Sensitivity	Medium Sensitivity	Low Sensitivity
Agriculture Theme	MTx			ETx
Animal Species Theme		MTx ETx		
Aquatic Biodiversity Theme	MTx ETx			
Archaeological and Cultural Heritage Theme		MTx		ETx
Civil Aviation Theme			MTx	ETx
Defence Theme				MTx ETx
Palaeontology Theme	MTx ETx			
Plant Species Theme			MTx ETx	
Terrestrial Biodiversity Theme	MTx ETx			

### 3. Permitting Processes



## DEA Screening Tool Specialist Assessments

- Agricultural
- Landscape/Visual
- Archaeological & Cultural Heritage
- Palaeontology
- Terrestrial Biodiversity
- Aquatic Biodiversity
- Avian
- Civil Aviation
- Radio Frequency Interference (RFI)
- Geotechnical
- Plant Species
- Animal Species

No	Specialist assessment	Assessment Protocol
1	Agricultural Impact Assessment	<a href="https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/AssessmentProtocols/Gazetted_General_Agriculture_Assessment_Protocols.pdf">https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/AssessmentProtocols/Gazetted_General_Agriculture_Assessment_Protocols.pdf</a>
2	Landscape/Visual Impact Assessment	<a href="https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/AssessmentProtocols/Gazetted_General_Requirement_Assessment_Protocols.pdf">https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/AssessmentProtocols/Gazetted_General_Requirement_Assessment_Protocols.pdf</a>
3	Archaeological and Cultural Heritage Impact Assessment	<a href="https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/AssessmentProtocols/Gazetted_General_Requirement_Assessment_Protocols.pdf">https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/AssessmentProtocols/Gazetted_General_Requirement_Assessment_Protocols.pdf</a>
4	Palaeontology Impact Assessment	<a href="https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/AssessmentProtocols/Gazetted_General_Requirement_Assessment_Protocols.pdf">https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/AssessmentProtocols/Gazetted_General_Requirement_Assessment_Protocols.pdf</a>
5	Terrestrial Biodiversity Impact Assessment	<a href="https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/AssessmentProtocols/Gazetted_Terrestrial_Biodiversity_Assessment_Protocols.pdf">https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/AssessmentProtocols/Gazetted_Terrestrial_Biodiversity_Assessment_Protocols.pdf</a>
6	Aquatic Biodiversity Impact Assessment	<a href="https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/AssessmentProtocols/Gazetted_Aquatic_Biodiversity_Assessment_Protocols.pdf">https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/AssessmentProtocols/Gazetted_Aquatic_Biodiversity_Assessment_Protocols.pdf</a>
7	Avian Impact Assessment	<a href="https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/AssessmentProtocols/Gazetted_Avifauna_Assessment_Protocols.pdf">https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/AssessmentProtocols/Gazetted_Avifauna_Assessment_Protocols.pdf</a>
8	Civil Aviation Assessment	<a href="https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/AssessmentProtocols/Gazetted_Civil_Aviation_Installations_Assessment_Protocols.pdf">https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/AssessmentProtocols/Gazetted_Civil_Aviation_Installations_Assessment_Protocols.pdf</a>
9	RFI Assessment	<a href="https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/AssessmentProtocols/Gazetted_General_Requirement_Assessment_Protocols.pdf">https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/AssessmentProtocols/Gazetted_General_Requirement_Assessment_Protocols.pdf</a>
10	Geotechnical Assessment	<a href="https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/AssessmentProtocols/Gazetted_General_Requirement_Assessment_Protocols.pdf">https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/AssessmentProtocols/Gazetted_General_Requirement_Assessment_Protocols.pdf</a>
11	Plant Species Assessment	<a href="https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/AssessmentProtocols/Gazetted_Plant_Species_Assessment_Protocols.pdf">https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/AssessmentProtocols/Gazetted_Plant_Species_Assessment_Protocols.pdf</a>
12	Animal Species Assessment	<a href="https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/AssessmentProtocols/Gazetted_Animal_Species_Assessment_Protocols.pdf">https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/AssessmentProtocols/Gazetted_Animal_Species_Assessment_Protocols.pdf</a>



### 3. Permitting Processes



## Specialist Studies Commissioned

SPECIALIST ASSESSMENT	COMMENT
Soils and Agricultural Potential Assessment	A soils and agricultural survey will be undertaken.
Archaeological and Cultural heritage Desktop Assessment	The powerline could potentially negatively impact on heritage and archaeological resources. An Archaeological and Heritage Impact Assessment will be undertaken.
Palaeontology	The powerline could potentially negatively impact on Palaeontological resources. A Palaeontological Impact Assessment will be undertaken.
Visual Impact Assessment	The powerline could potentially negatively impact sensitive visual receptors. A Visual Impact Assessment will therefore be undertaken.
Terrestrial Biodiversity Impact Assessment	A large portion of the route falls within a CBA and NPAES focus areas. A Terrestrial Biodiversity Assessment has therefore been included in the BA process.
Freshwater Impact Assessment	The proposed route falls within an FEPA and a wetland occurs within the Project area. A Freshwater Impact Assessment will therefore be undertaken.
Avifauna Impact Assessment	Due to the potential impacts on birds as a result of the Overhead Powerline, an Avifauna Assessment will be undertaken as part of the BA Process.
Social Impact Assessment	A detailed social assessment will be prepared. The social statement will be based on a desktop review and telephonic interviews with key stakeholders.

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### 3. Permitting Processes



## Specialist Studies NOT Commissioned

SPECIALIST ASSESSMENT	COMMENT
Geotechnical	A Geotechnical Assessment will not be undertaken as part of the BA Process as this will be undertaken during the design phase, once preferred bidder status is obtained.
RFI	A Radio Frequency Interference (RFI) Study will not be undertaken. During the previous EIA and BA processes the SKA-SA confirmed that Esizayo WEF is located within the Western Cape, and will have no impact on the SKA. Both Maralla projects are located a significant distance from the SKA and so will have a very low impact risk of impact SKA-SA will be engaged with as part of the Public Participation Process.
Civil Aviation	The Civil Aviation Authority will be included on the project stakeholder database. They will be informed of the proposed Project, and comment will be sought. An Application for the Approval of Obstacles will also be submitted to SACAA once preferred bidder status is obtained.

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### 3. Permitting Processes

#### Competent Authority

- Section 24C(2)(a) of NEMA
  - The Minister must be identified as the CA if the activity has implications for international environmental commitments or relations
- GN 779 of 01 July 2016
  - Identifies the Minister as the CA for the consideration and processing of environmental authorisations and amendments thereto for activities related the Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) 2010 – 2030
- DFFE is therefore deemed to be the Competent Authority



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### 4. Public Participation Process

#### Public Participation Plan

- Site notices:
  - English and Afrikaans
- Compilation and management of I&AP Database
- Written notification:
  - Owners and occupiers on or adjacent to the proposed project site
  - Municipality Ward Councillor
  - District Municipality
  - Relevant State Departments
- Advertisement (One English and one Afrikaans in local newspaper)
- Draft Report Review for 30 days
  - WSP on request
  - Online on the WSP website
  - WSP will confirm with local Public Libraries as to whether they are open and able to accept documents for public review
- No provision has been made for public or focus group meetings due to current COVID-19 restrictions.



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## 5. Timeframes

- Basic Assessments
  - Falls within Central Strategic Transmission Corridor (GN 113)
  - Falls within the Komsberg REDZ (GN 114)
  - Authority decision making timeframe is 57 days
- Part 1 Amendment
  - It is understood that the authority's decision making timeframe will be 30days
- Updated EMPr and Final layout
  - It is understood that the authority's decision making timeframe will be 30days



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## 6. Questions and Discussion



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## 7. Way forward

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# PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN FOR THE BIOTHERM ESIZAYO AND MARALLA EAST AND WEST ENVIRONMENTAL CONSENT PROJECTS

**DFFE REF NUMBER: 2021-07-0017**

The restrictions enforced in terms of Government Gazette 43096 which placed the country in a national state of disaster limiting the movement of people to curb the spread of the COVID-19 Virus has placed some limitations on the commencement and continuation of the public consultation as part of an EIA process. Considering these limitations, the following consultation process has been designed and will be implemented, on approval by the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE), to cater for the facilitation of the public participation process (PPP). The PPP includes Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs), the competent authority, directly impacted landowners/occupiers, adjacent landowners/occupiers, relevant Organs of State departments, Municipalities, ward councillors and other key stakeholders and all other parties that may have interest on this project.

The Public Participation Plan (PPP) is submitted as per the requirements of the General Provisions of Annexure 2 of the Regulations issued in terms of Section 27(2) of the Disaster Management Act, 2002 (Act No.57 of 2002) and published on 05 June 2020 in Government Notice No R560 of Government Gazette No 43412.

This plan has been developed for the amendment of the Environmental Management Programmes (EMPrs) and layout plans as required by the environmental authorisations issued on 14 July 2017 (Maralla East and West WEFs and Esizayo WEF), as well as two new Basic Assessment Applications required for two 132kV powerlines

According to Section (2)(4)(f) of the National Environmental Management Act (NEMA), the participation of all Interested and Affected parties (I&APs) must be promoted and all potential I&APs must be informed early and in an informative and proactive way regarding applications that may affect their lives or livelihood in order to give effect to the above sections, and that it is essential to ensure that there is adequate and appropriate opportunity for public participation in decisions that may affect the environment.

The existing Esizayo and Maralla East and West Projects interested and affected party (I&AP) database will also be utilised for this amendment processes. I&APs will be provided with opportunity to review and make comments on the amendment application.

**Table 1** below, provides the competent authority with the detailed process of the public participation process that will be undertaken by the project.

*Table 1: Proposed 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&amp;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> <p>(ii) any alternative site;</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— Placement of site notices (in English and Afrikaans) at appropriate locations on site and in the surrounding area.</li> <li>— This will include the boundary to the site, along the powerline alignments, as well as additional public places in the closest towns within the project area, such as grocery stores, municipality, and/or local public library.</li> </ul>
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**SUMMARY OF PPP REQUIREMENT  
(GNR 326 OF EIA REGULATIONS)**

**PROPOSED PLAN/ACTIVITIES**

<p>(b) giving written notice, in any of the manners provided for in section 47D of the Act, to—</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(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;</li> <li>(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;</li> <li>(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;</li> <li>(iv) the municipality which has jurisdiction in the area;</li> <li>(v) any organ of state having jurisdiction in respect of any aspect of the activity; and</li> <li>(vi) any other party as required by the competent authority;</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Written notification (in English and Afrikaans) 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.</li> <li>– General communication (written notification) with stakeholders (public and government departments/authorities) throughout the Basic Assessment (BA) and EMPr amendment processes.</li> <li>– Stakeholders will be added to the database on request as the project progresses.</li> </ul>
<p>(c) placing an advertisement in—</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) one local newspaper; or</li> <li>(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;</li> </ul>	<p>An advert will be published in two local newspapers (in English and Afrikaans), formally announcing the commencement of the Environmental Authorisation (EA) application and EMPr amendment processes, requesting stakeholders to register their interest in the project, and informing them of the release of the Draft BARs and amended EMPs for public review and comment.</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>	<p>One advert will be placed in a regional newspaper (which covers the full study area as the impact of the Maralla East WEF activities extend within the boundaries of two district municipalities and Provinces</p>
<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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) illiteracy;</li> <li>(ii) disability; or</li> <li>(iii) any other disadvantage.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– The existing database for the Esizayo and Maralla East and West projects will be verified and updated for the purposes of the BA and EMPr amendment processes. As part of the verification process, existing I&amp;APs will be contacted telephonically and asked to confirm their preferred method of communication. The POPI act will also be put into consideration to confirm all the relevant POPI requirements for the database.</li> <li>– The relevant ward councillors 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.</li> <li>– Given the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and associated restrictions in place, no public meetings or focus group discussions have been provided for.</li> </ul>
<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"> <li>– Stakeholders with a potential interest in the Project will be identified at the outset of the Project. As noted above, the existing database for the Esizayo and Maralla East and West projects will be verified and updated for the purposes of the BA and EMPr amendment processes. The database will also be updated to include landowners and other stakeholders relevant to the Projects.</li> </ul>



**SUMMARY OF PPP REQUIREMENT  
(GNR 326 OF EIA REGULATIONS)**

**PROPOSED PLAN/ACTIVITIES**

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– All stakeholders identified will be registered on the project stakeholder database, and the database will be maintained throughout the BA and EMPr amendment processes.</li> </ul>
<p>(43) &amp; (44) Registered Interested and affected parties (I&amp;APs) must be given 30 days to comment on the draft Report</p>	<p>The Draft BARs and amended EMPrs will be made available to all stakeholders 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. As a result, the Draft BARs and amended EMPrs will be made available to stakeholders as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– From WSP on request</li> <li>– Online on the WSP website</li> </ul> <p>At the time of disclosure, WSP will confirm the relevant COVID-19 protocols and regulations in place and, should it be permissible, a hard copy of the Draft BARs and amended EMPrs will be placed at local Public Libraries. <i>Note: WSP will confirm with the local library as to whether it is open and able to accept documents for public review prior to placement.</i></p> <p>A Comment and Response Report (CRR) will be generated for inclusion in Final BARs and amended EMPrs for consideration by the competent authority.</p>

*Table 2: Meetings*

**PROJECT MEETINGS**

<p>Pre-Application Meeting</p>	<p>A pre-application consultation with DFFE was held on 28 July 2021 to discuss the proposed projects, proposed approach, and confirm the process.</p>
<p>Public and/or Focus Group Meetings</p>	<p>No provision has been made for public or focus group meetings due to current COVID-19 restrictions. Should significant interest be obtained in this project, a public meeting will be included as part of the PPP, should COVID-19 protocols and regulations permit.</p>

# APPENDIX

## D COMMENTS





From: Strong, Ashlea  
Sent: Thursday, 23 June 2022 13:40  
To: Adri La Meyer  
Cc: Kewana, Lukanyo; Maanda Maseli; Danie Brummer  
Subject: RE: NOTICE OF THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF THE MARALLA 132KV OVERHEAD POWERLINE - BASIC ASSESSMENT PROCESS

Hi Adri

Thank you for your response. We will remove you from the list as requested.

Kind regards

Ashlea

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Cc: Kewana, Lukanyo <[Lukanyo.Kewana@wsp.com](mailto:Lukanyo.Kewana@wsp.com)>; Maanda Maseli <**Details have been redacted as required by POPIA**>; Danie Brummer <**Details have been redacted as required by POPIA**>  
Subject: RE: NOTICE OF THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF THE MARALLA 132KV OVERHEAD POWERLINE - BASIC ASSESSMENT PROCESS

Dear Ashlea,

Thank you for the email. Please note that since the development footprint falls entirely within the Northern Cape Province, this Department has no jurisdiction in commenting on the application. You may therefore take my name of the I&AP list please.

Kind regards,  
Adri

Adri La Meyer  
Directorate: Development Facilitation  
Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning  
Western Cape Government

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Sent: Thursday, June 23, 2022 13:18

To: Strong, Ashlea <[Ashlea.Strong@wsp.com](mailto:Ashlea.Strong@wsp.com)>

Cc: Kewana, Lukanyo <[Lukanvo.Kewana@wsp.com](mailto:Lukanvo.Kewana@wsp.com)>; Maanda Maseli <[Maanda.Maseli@wsp.com](mailto:Maanda.Maseli@wsp.com)>; Danie Brummer <[Danie.Brummer@wsp.com](mailto:Danie.Brummer@wsp.com)>

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Subject: NOTICE OF THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF THE MARALLA 132KV OVERHEAD POWERLINE - BASIC ASSESSMENT PROCESS

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Kind regards,

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Sent: Monday, 27 June 2022 06:56  
To: Colette Alisha Stander  
Cc: Kewana, Lukanyo; Caryn Clarke; Skye Clarke-McLeod  
Subject: RE: NOTICE OF THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF THE MARALLA 132KV OVERHEAD POWERLINE - BASIC ASSESSMENT PROCESS

Dear Collette

I can confirm that you have been registered on the Maralla 132kV OHPL Database as requested.

Kind regards

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From: Colette Alisha Stander  
Sent: Friday, 24 June 2022 14:54  
To: Strong, Ashlea <[Ashlea.Strong@wsp.com](mailto:Ashlea.Strong@wsp.com)>  
Cc: Kewana, Lukanyo <[Lukanyo.Kewana@wsp.com](mailto:Lukanyo.Kewana@wsp.com)>; Caryn Clarke <[Caryn.Clarke-McLeod@wsp.com](mailto:Caryn.Clarke-McLeod@wsp.com)>  
Subject: Re: NOTICE OF THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF THE MARALLA 132KV OVERHEAD POWERLINE - BASIC ASSESSMENT PROCESS

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Dear Ashlea,  
May I request that myself, Colette Stander, with e-mail address [Colette.Stander@wsp.com](mailto:Colette.Stander@wsp.com) be registered as an I&AP for the above Maralla 132kV powerline BA process? Please do respond with confirmation of registration,

Have a wonderful weekend ahead,  
Colette

On Thu, 23 Jun 2022 at 13:18, Strong, Ashlea <[Ashlea.Strong@wsp.com](mailto:Ashlea.Strong@wsp.com)> wrote:

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Sent: Monday, 27 June 2022 06:53  
To: Stephnie Kot  
Cc: Kewana, Lukanyo; Maanda Maseli; Danie Brummer  
Subject: RE: NOTICE OF THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF THE MARALLA 132KV OVERHEAD POWERLINE - BASIC ASSESSMENT PROCESS  
Attachments: Maralla Preferred 132kV OHPL.kmz

Dear Stephanie

Attached please find the kmz for the preferred route for the Maralla 132kV OHPL.

Kind regards

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Sent: Friday, 24 June 2022 16:48  
To: Strong, Ashlea <[Ashlea.Strong@wsp.com](mailto:Ashlea.Strong@wsp.com)>  
Cc: Kewana, Lukanyo <[Lukanyo.Kewana@wsp.com](mailto:Lukanyo.Kewana@wsp.com)>; Maanda Maseli <[Maanda.Maseli@wsp.com](mailto:Maanda.Maseli@wsp.com)>; Danie Brummer <[Danie.Brummer@wsp.com](mailto:Danie.Brummer@wsp.com)>  
Subject: RE: NOTICE OF THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF THE MARALLA 132KV OVERHEAD POWERLINE - BASIC ASSESSMENT PROCESS

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Good day Ashlea,

I hope you are well.

With reference to the below notification, could you kindly provide me with a KMZ/Shapefile of the various OHL routings currently under assessment? We'd like to consider these routings in relation to the authorized Wind Farms and associated infrastructure we have in the area.

Thank you.

Kind Regards,

Stephnie Kot  
Development Manager

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Sent: 23 June 2022 1:18 PM  
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] NOTICE OF THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF THE MARALLA 132KV OVERHEAD POWERLINE - BASIC ASSESSMENT PROCESS

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From: Stakeholder details have been redacted as required by POPIA  
Sent: Friday, 24 June 2022 12:59  
To: Kewana, Lukanyo  
Subject: RE: Maralla 132kV Powerline

Thanks

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From: Kewana, Lukanyo <[Lukanyo.Kewana@wsp.com](mailto:Lukanyo.Kewana@wsp.com)>  
Sent: Friday, 24 June 2022 12:25  
To: Stakeholder details have been redacted as required by POPIA  
Subject: RE: Maralla 132kV Powerline

Hi Jessica,

Thank you for your email.

You have been added,

Kind regards,

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From: Stakeholder details have been redacted as required by POPIA  
Sent: Friday, 24 June 2022 10:52  
To: Kewana, Lukanyo <[Lukanyo.Kewana@wsp.com](mailto:Lukanyo.Kewana@wsp.com)>  
Subject: Maralla 132kV Powerline

Hi Lukanyo

I trust this mail finds you well.

Please can you add me to the I&AP list for the Maralla 132kV powerline BA.

Kind regards  
Jessica

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From: Kewana, Lukanyo  
Sent: Thursday, 21 July 2022 12:51  
To: Kathryn Winstanley  
Cc: Skye Clarke-McLeod; Colette Alisha Stander; Caryn Clarke  
Subject: RE: I&AP Registration: Maralla 132kV Powerline

Dear Kathryn

I can confirm that Caryn Clarke has been registered on the Maralla 132kV OHPL Database as requested. The Draft Basic Assessment Report has been made available at the venues below for review and comment for 30 days from 23 June 2022 to 25 July 2022:

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Subject: I&AP Registration: Maralla 132kV Powerline

Dear Lukanyo,

I trust you are well.

Could I please request that Caryn Clarke with e-mail address [Caryn.Clarke@wsp.com](mailto:Caryn.Clarke@wsp.com) be registered as an I&AP for the proposed development of the Maralla 132kV Powerline. Could I also ask that relevant documents be sent through, if there are any available.

Could you please reply with confirmation of registration.

Thank you very much.

With kind regards,

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Kathryn Winstanley | Environmental Intern  
G7 Renewable Energies (Pty) Ltd

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Sent: Monday, 27 June 2022 08:24  
To: Strong, Ashlea  
Cc: MMatlala Rabothata; Tsholofelo Shalot Sekonko  
Subject: NOTICE OF THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF THE MARALLA 132KV OVERHEAD POWERLINE - BASIC ASSESSMENT PROCESS

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Dear Ms Strong

DFFE Directorate: Biodiversity Conservation hereby acknowledge receipt of the invitation to review and comment on the mentioned project. Kindly note that the project has been allocated to Ms Rabothata and myself (Both copied on this email).

Please note: All Public Participation Process documents related to Biodiversity EIA review and any other Biodiversity EIA queries will be submitted to the Directorate: Biodiversity Conservation at Email **Stakeholder details have been redacted as required by POPIA** for attention of Mr Seoka Lekota

Regards,  
Ms. Tsholofelo Sekonko  
Intern: Biodiversity Mainstreaming EIA  
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Sent: Tuesday, 28 June 2022 11:04  
To: Strong, Ashlea; Kewana, Lukanyo; Maanda Maseli; Danie Brummer  
Cc: Samkelisiwe Dlamini; EIAadmin; Salome Mambane; Masingita Maluleke  
Subject: 14/12/16/3/3/1/2575

Dear Sir/Madam

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT OF THE NEW APPLICATION FORM FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION (BASIC ASSESSMENT PROCESS) AND DRAFT BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED MARALLA 132KV TRANSMISSION POWERLINE PROJECT NEAR SUTHERLAND, NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE.

The Department confirms having received the Application Form and Draft Basic Assessment Report for Environmental Authorisation for the abovementioned project on 23 June 2022. You have submitted these documents to comply with the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2014, as amended.

Kindly note that your application for Environmental Authorisation falls within the ambit of an application applied for in terms of Part 2 of Chapter 4 of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended. You are therefore referred to Regulation 19 of the EIA Regulations, 2014 as amended.

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 application has been submitted to the Competent Authority.

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.

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.

Kind Regards,  
Lydia Kutu  
Integrated Environmental Authorisations:  
Coordination, Strategic Planning and Support

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To God be the Glory!!!

From: Kgabileng Nametso (HBP) Stakeholder details have been redacted as required by POPIA  
Sent: Friday, 15 July 2022 14:57  
To: Kewana, Lukanyo  
Cc: Hlengani Alexia (UPN); Hlengani Alexia (UPN)  
Subject: Notice of Development of the Maralla 132 kV Powerline Project  
Attachments: Maralla Wind.pdf

Good day

Please see attached letter regarding the Notice of Development.

Regards  
Nametso Kgabileng



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By E-mail: [Lukanyo.Kewana@wsp.com](mailto:Lukanyo.Kewana@wsp.com)

Attention: Lukanyo Kewana

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Reference is made to the above-mentioned report dated 23 June 2022, submitted to Department of Water and Sanitation.

The applicant, Maralla Wind (RF) (Pty) Ltd, proposes investigation of alternative 132kV power option for the Maralla Wind Energy Facility located near Sutherland in the Northern Cape Province.

1. The applicant must note that no activities are allowed within 100m of a water resource or within 1:100-year flood line (whichever is the greatest), if the proposed amendments fall within these criteria, the applicant need to apply for water use license to ensure that the riparian ecological status of the water resource will not be negatively impacted.
2. This Department must be notified of any existence of wetlands within this area. Section 21 (c) & Section 21(i) water uses are respectively defined as *"impeding or diverting the flow of water in a watercourse"* and *"altering the bed, banks, course or characteristics of watercourse under the NWA."*



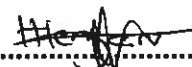
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**NOTICE OF THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF THE MARALLA 132kV POWERLINE PROJECT NEAR SUTHERLAND, LOCATED IN FARM ANNEX DRIE ROODE HEUVELS 181 REMAINDER, NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE.**

3. Please note that any development within 500m from the boundary of any wetland requires a water use licence according to National Water Act (NWA) 1998 (Act No.36 of 1998).
4. Waste needs to be collected and disposed of at a registered municipal site during and after construction, and written agreement should be provided to this department.
5. Storm water must be managed in such a manner as to disperse runoff and to prevent the concentration of storm water flow.
6. No surface, ground or storm water may be polluted as a result of any activities on the site.
7. Please note that all requirements as stipulated in the national water Act (NWA) 1998 (Act no.36 of 1998) must be adhered to.

Please feel free to contact this department, should there be any enquiries.

Yours sincerely,

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**PROVINCIAL HEAD: NORTHERN CAPE OPERATIONS**  
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Good day.

Please find herein the attached letter for the above mentioned.

I hope you find all in order.

Thank you.

Kind Regards,  
Lydia Kutu

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# forestry, fisheries & the environment

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## PER MAIL / E-MAIL

Dear Ms Strong

### COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED MARALLA WEST 132KV TRANSMISSION LINE, NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE

The Draft Basic Assessment Report (BAR) dated June 2022 and received by this Department on 23 June 2022, refer.

This letter serves to inform you that the following information must be included to the final BAR:

#### **(a) Draft BAR**

- It has been noted that the proposed development “Maralla” received an Environmental Authorisation on 14 November 2017 (Ref: 14/12/16/3/3/2/1774) for a 132kV powerline from the Maralla Wind Energy Facility (WEF) to the existing Komsberg Substation and now proposes to investigate an alternative overhead powerline (OHPL) option which entails the construction of a 132 kV transmission line from the common substation at the proposed Maralla WEF to connect to the existing Karusa substation.

However, it has been noted that no motivation has been provided as to why the applicant is seeking to have an alternative OHPL. Therefore, you are requested to provide the motivation as to why they would require an alternative OHPL. This should include the need and desirability for an alternative OHPL as the one provided is generic and is not specific to the proposed project.

- It must be noted that the Department cannot authorise two powerlines for the same project twice without the requested motivation being submitted. Should the applicant for whatever reason decide that the EA issued by DFFE is no longer feasible; the applicant should withdraw that EA (in this case issued on 14 November 2017).

#### **(b) Listed Activities**

- 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.

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- c) The cumulative impacts significance rating must also inform the need and desirability of the proposed development.
- d) A cumulative impact environmental statement on whether the proposed development must proceed.

**(f) Public Participation Process**

- i. The following information must be submitted with the final BAR:
  - a) A list of registered interested and affected parties as per Regulation 42 of the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended;
  - b) Copies of all comments received during the Draft BAR comment period; and
  - c) A comment and response report which contains all comments received and responses provided to all comments and issues raised during the public participation process for the Draft BAR. Please note that comments received from this Department must also form part of the comment and response report.
- ii. Please ensure that all issues raised and comments received during the circulation of the Draft BAR from registered I&APs and organs of state which have jurisdiction (including this Department's Biodiversity Section) in respect of the proposed activity are adequately addressed in the final BAR.
- iii. Proof of correspondence with the various stakeholders must be included in the final BAR. Should you be unable to obtain comments, proof should be submitted to the Department of the attempts that were made to obtain comments. The Public Participation Process must be conducted in terms of Regulation 39, 40, 41, 42, 43 & 44 of the EIA Regulations 2014, as amended.

**(g) Environmental Management Programme**

- (i) The EMPr must also include the following:
  - (a) 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 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 Regulations 19(4) must be used and submitted with the final report over and above the EMPr for the facility.
  - (b) There needs to be an EMPr for the facility, the onsite substation as well as the overhead line.
  - (c) Further to the above, you are required to comply with the content of the EMPr in terms of Appendix 4 of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014, as amended.
  - (d) Please be informed that the following content must be incorporated within the EMPr's as indicated in Appendix 4 of the EIA Regulations 2014, as amended:
    - (i) Details of the EAP who prepared the EMPr; and the expertise of that EAP to prepare an EMPr, including a curriculum vitae.
    - (ii) A map at an appropriate scale which superimposes the proposed activity, its associated structures, and infrastructure on the environmental sensitivities of the preferred site, indicating any areas that should be avoided, including buffers.
    - (iii) A description of the impact management outcomes, including management statements, identifying the impacts and risks that need to be avoided, managed and mitigated as identified through the environmental impact assessment process for all phases of the development including —
      - (a) Planning and design;
      - (b) Pre-construction activities;
      - (c) Construction activities;
      - (d) Rehabilitation of the environment after construction and where applicable post closure; and
      - (e) Where relevant, operation activities.

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.

Yours sincerely



**Ms Milicent Solomons**

**Chief Director: Integrated Environmental Authorisations**

**Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment**

**Signed by: Ms Masina Litsoane**

**Designation: Control Environmental Officer: National Infrastructure Projects**

**Date: 21/07/2022.**

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