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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

1.1 PROJECT BACKGROUND

Esizayo Wind (RF) (Pty) Ltd (Esizayo) proposes an alternative transmission integration option which entails the construction of a 132kV overhead powerline (OHPL), approximately 6.5km in length, from the onsite substation at the authorised Esizayo Wind Energy Facility (WEF) to connect to the national grid at the existing Komsberg substation. The transmission line alignment will run in a northerly direction for approximately 6.5km. The Komsberg substation and proposed transmission powerline are situated near Matjiesfontein in the Laingsburg and Karoo Hoogland Local Municipalities within the Central Karoo and Namaqua District Municipalities of the Western Cape and Northern Cape Provinces, South Africa (**Figure 1-1**).

The Esizayo WEF was authorised on 14 July 2017 (DFFE Ref no: 14/12/16/3/3/2/967). An EA exists for a 132kV powerline (Reference: 14/12/16/3/3/1/1775 issued on 01 December 2017), however, it must be noted that this application will not replace the authorised powerline.

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 Esizayo 132kV powerline falls within the Central Strategic Transmission Corridor as well as the Komsberg REDZ.

The powerline route traverses a Critical Biodiversity Areas (CBA 1 and CBA 2), Ecological Support Areas (ESA 1), according to the Western Cape CBA map (2016), 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 Esizayo as the independent Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) to facilitate the Basic Assessment (BA) process in accordance with the EIA Regulations (2014, as amended).

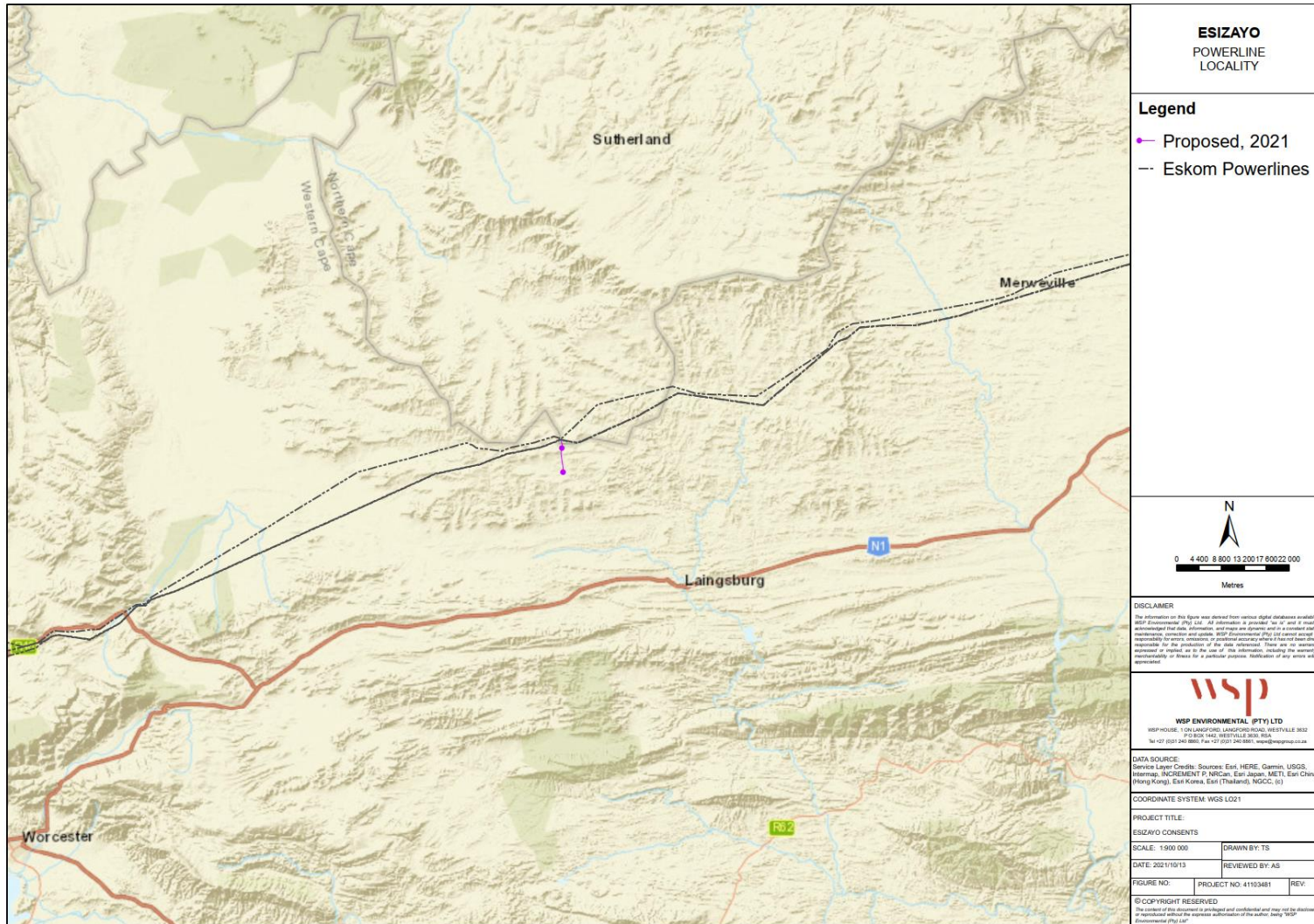


Figure 1-1: Location of the Proposed Esizayo 132kV Transmission Line Project

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.

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

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.

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.
Public and environmental sensitivity of the project:		
Are there widespread public concerns about the potential negative impacts of the project?	Broader consultation with all RI&APs will need to be undertaken.	Minimum requirements for public participation in accordance to EIA Regulations must be met.
Is there a high degree of conflict among RI&APs?	There might need to be more consultation to ensure that there is consensus reached among RI&APs.	Minimum requirements for public participation in accordance to EIA Regulations must be met.
Will the project impact on private land other than that of the applicant?	Consultation with the private land owner must be done, and all their concerns need to be addressed.	Minimum requirements for public participation in accordance to EIA Regulations must be met.
Does the project have the potential to create unrealistic expectations (e.g. that a new factory would create a large number of jobs)?	Thorough consultation that addresses the perceptions of unrealistic expectations needs to be carried out.	Minimum requirements for public participation in accordance to EIA Regulations must be met.
Potentially affected parties:		
Has very little previous public participation taken place in the area?	More thorough public participation should take place within the area, to ensure that all potential and RI&APs participate.	Minimum requirements for public participation in accordance to EIA Regulations must be met.
Did previous public participation processes in the area result in conflict?	Additional consultation might be needed to ensure that issues of conflict are addressed effectively.	Minimum requirements for public participation in accordance to EIA Regulations must be met.
Are there existing organisational structures (e.g. local forums) that can represent I&APs?	Organizational structures might minimise conflict whilst maximising the participation.	Minimum requirements for public participation in accordance to EIA Regulations must be met.
Is the area characterised by high social diversity (i.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 COVID-19 SCENARIO

Given the spread of the COVID-19 virus to various parts of the world, including to South Africa, on 15 March 2020, in terms of Section 27 of the Disaster Management Act (Act 57 of 2002) (DMA), President Cyril Ramaphosa declared a national state of disaster in South Africa. From 01 May 2020 the Alert Level has been adjusted according to the risk-adjusted strategy, as and when required reflecting the level of risk associated with Covid-19 infections throughout the country.

Due to the restrictions imposed by the various Alert Levels, restrictions were imposed on public participation associated with COVID-19 on 31 March 2020, which meant that the PPP required by Regulation 41 of the EIA Regulations (2014, as amended) could not reasonably be adhered to. On 05 June 2020, new Directions were issued by the Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment, “*Directions Regarding Measures to Address, Prevent and Combat the Spread of COVID-19 relating to National Environmental Management Permits and Licences*”, in respect of the undertaking and administration of EIA and related processes during Lockdown Alert Level 3. The Directions of 05 June 2020 repealed the Directions of 31 March 2020. On 09 September 2020, new Directions were again issued by the Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment in respect of the undertaking and administration of EIA and related processes during Lockdown Alert Level 2 and lower.

It is now possible to proceed with public participation in accordance with the “*Directions Regarding Measures to Address, Prevent and Combat the Spread of COVID-19 relating to National Environmental Management Permits and Licences*” (GN 650) published on 05 June 2020 and the “*Directions Regarding Measures to Address, Prevent and Combat the Spread of COVID-19 relating to National Environmental Management Permits and Licences*” (GN 970) published on 09 September 2020.

Annexure 2 of the Directions require that “*At all times it must be ensured that reasonable opportunity is provided for public participation and that all administrative actions are reasonable. While the COVID-19 pandemic is a unique circumstance, the specific circumstances in each case must be considered in order to determine what will be reasonable. If in the circumstances of a particular case reasonable alternative methods to give notice to potential interested and affected parties are available, then the relevant competent authority can be approached for an agreement in this regard as provided for in regulation 41(2)(e) of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations.*”

In line with the Directions, a public participation plan was compiled and presented to DFFE for approval at the outset of the assessment process (as detailed in Section 1.6). Due to the risks associated with COVID-19, as far as possible, the focus of the PPP has shifted from physical public engagements to digital and electronic communication (including e-mail and websites). No provision was made for public or focus group meetings due to the COVID-19 restrictions at the time as well as no requests were made.

1.6 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 Esizayo 132kV OHPL Project. Proof of Approval of the Public Participation Plan is included in **Appendix C2**.

Table 1-3: Approved Public Participation Plan

SUMMARY OF PPP REQUIREMENT (GNR 326 OF EIA REGULATIONS)	PROPOSED PLAN/ACTIVITIES
41(2) The person conducting a PPP must give notice to all potential I&APs by- (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—	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Placement of site notices (in English and Afrikaans) at appropriate locations on site and in the surrounding area. — 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.

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(GNR 326 OF EIA REGULATIONS)**

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<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>	
<p>(b) giving written notice, in any of the manners provided for in section 47D of the Act, to—</p> <p>(i) the occupiers of the site and, if the proponent or applicant is not the owner or person in control of the site on which the activity is to be undertaken, the owner or person in control of the site where the activity is or is to be undertaken and to any alternative site where the activity is to be undertaken;</p> <p>(ii) owners, persons in control of, and occupiers of land adjacent to the site where the activity is or is to be undertaken and to any alternative site where the activity is to be undertaken;</p> <p>(iii) the municipal councillor of the ward in which the site and alternative site is situated and any organisation of ratepayers that represent the community in the area;</p> <p>(iv) the municipality which has jurisdiction in the area;</p> <p>(v) any organ of state having jurisdiction in respect of any aspect of the activity; and</p> <p>(vi) any other party as required by the competent authority;</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Written notification (in English 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. — General communication (written notification) with stakeholders (public and government departments/authorities) throughout the Basic Assessment (BA) and EMPr amendment processes. — Stakeholders will be added to the database on request as the project progresses.
<p>(c) placing an advertisement in—</p> <p>(i) one local newspaper; or</p> <p>(ii) any official Gazette that is published specifically for the purpose of providing public notice of applications or other submissions made in terms of these Regulations;</p>	<p>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 Esizayo Powerline 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</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — 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

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<p>but unable to participate in the process due to—</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) illiteracy; (ii) disability; or (iii) any other disadvantage. 	<p>I&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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — 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. — Given the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and associated restrictions in place, no public meetings or focus group discussions have been provided for.
<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"> — 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. — All stakeholders identified will be registered on the project stakeholder database, and the database will be maintained throughout the BA and EMPr amendment processes.
<p>(43) & (44) Registered Interested and affected parties (I&APs) must be given 30 days to comment on the draft Report</p>	<p>The Draft 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"> — From WSP on request — Online on the WSP website <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>

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"> – DFFE – Department of Environmental Affairs: Biodiversity Conservation Unit – Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) – Department of Mineral Resources and Energy (DMRE) – Department of Transport – National Energy Regulator of South Africa (NERSA)

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

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 C-1**. The application form was submitted to DFFE on **25 February 2022**. In addition, WSP notified the Western Cape Government: Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning, as well as the DWS of the proposed project via a notification letter.

DIRECT NOTIFICATION

Notification of the proposed project was issued to potential Stakeholders, via direct correspondence (i.e. SMSs and e-mail) on **24 February 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 that was circulated is included in Appendix B-3 of this report. Proof of e-mail and SMS notification is included in **Appendix B-4** and **Appendix B-5**.

ADVERTISEMENT

Notification of the proposed Project was issued to the general public via an advertisement on **25 February 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 advertisements 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
The Cape Times	25 February 2022
Die Noordwester	25 February 2022
Die Courier	25 February 2022

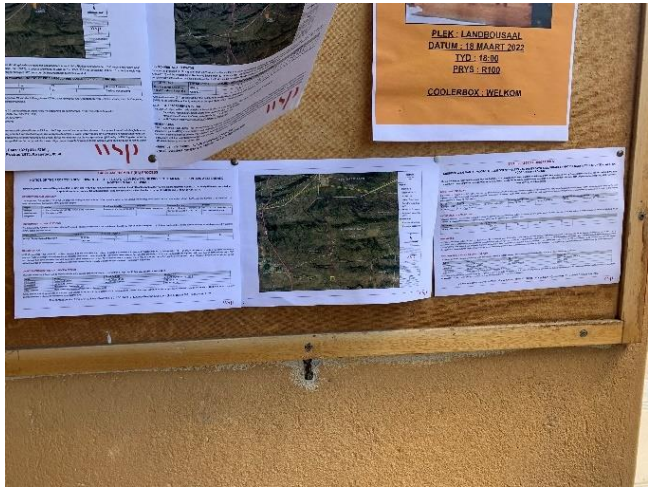
SITE NOTICES

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 town of Sutherland, Laingsburg and Matjiesfontein. Site notices were put up on 24 and 25 February 2022 at the following points:

- Karoo Hoogland Local Municipality
- Laingsburg Local Municipality
- Laingsburg Public Library
- Laingsburg OK Stores
- Matjiesfontein Community Centre
- Sutherland Library
- Site Boundary Point 1
- Site Boundary Point 2
- Site Boundary Point 3
- Site Boundary Point 4
- Site Boundary Point 5

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

Table 2-3: Site Notice Locations

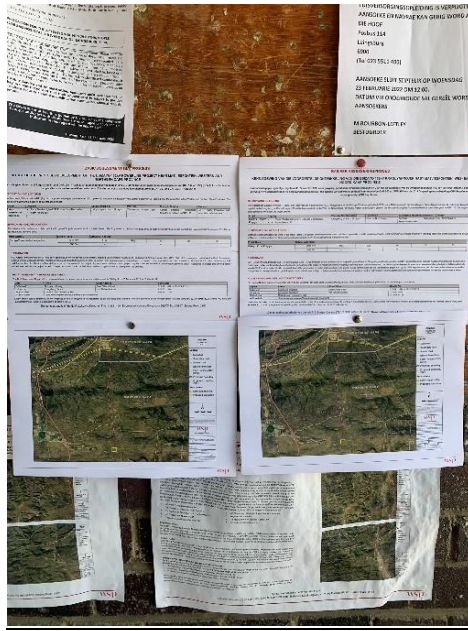
<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>CO-ORDINATES</u>	<u>PHOTOGRAPHS</u>
<u>Karoo Hoogland Local Municipality</u>	<u>32°23'35.09"S</u> <u>20°39'42.57"E</u>	

LOCATION

CO-ORDINATES

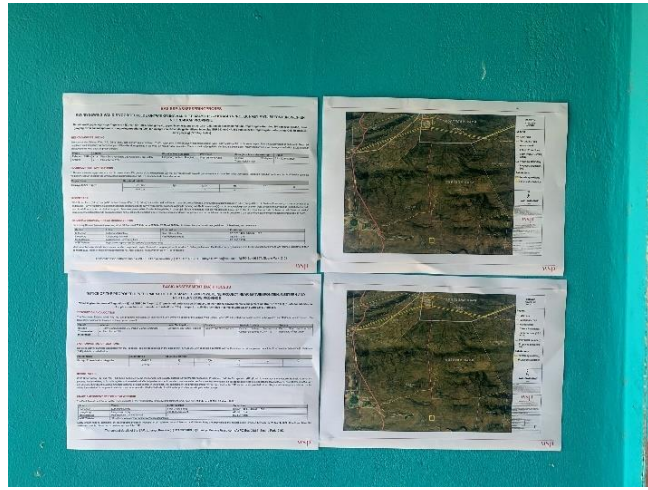
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Laingsburg Local Municipality



Laingsburg Public Library

33°11'50.00"S
20°52'29.99"E



Lainsburg OK Stores

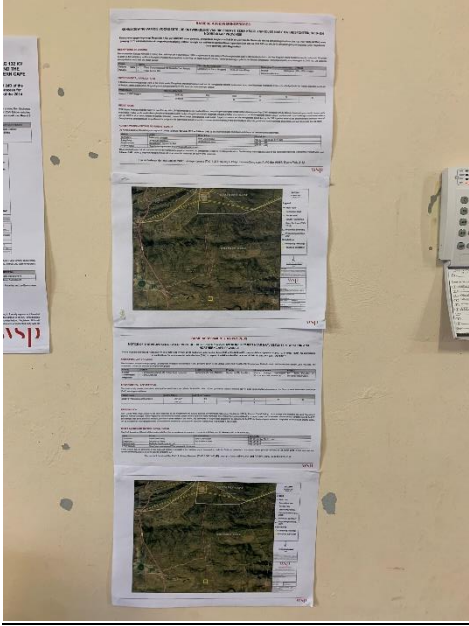

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20°51'29.60"E



LOCATION

CO-ORDINATES

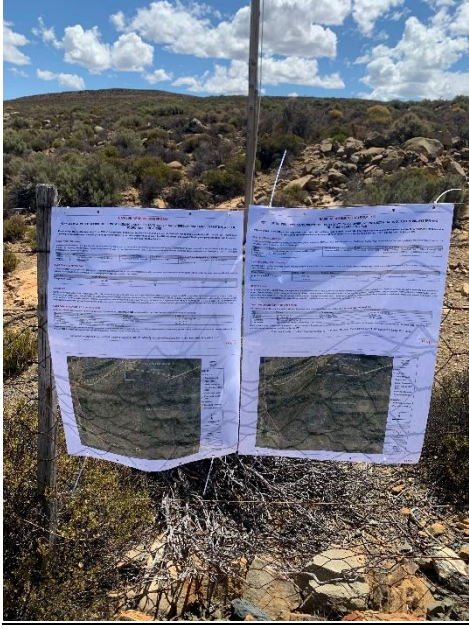

PHOTOGRAPHS

<p><u>Sutherland Library</u></p>	<p><u>32°23'36.6"S</u> <u>20°39'34.7"E</u></p>	
<p><u>Site Boundary Point</u> <u>1</u></p>	<p><u>33° 2'35.45"S</u> <u>20°35'10.67"E</u></p>	

LOCATION

CO-ORDINATES

PHOTOGRAPHS

<p><u>Site Boundary Point</u> <u>2</u></p>	<p><u>32°59'51.16"S</u> <u>20°34'8.33"E</u></p>	
<p><u>Site Boundary Point</u> <u>3</u></p>	<p><u>32°56'56.68"S</u> <u>20°33'1.03"E</u></p>	

LOCATION

CO-ORDINATES

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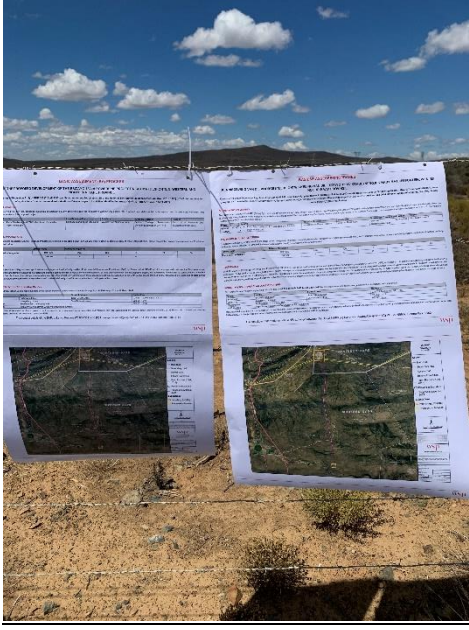

<p><u>Site Boundary Point</u> <u>4</u></p>	<p><u>32°55'34.60"S</u> <u>20°35'32.86"E</u></p>	
<p><u>Site Boundary Point</u> <u>5</u></p>	<p><u>32°55'50.08"S</u> <u>20°35'17.91"E</u></p>	



Figure 2-1: Location of Site Notices (yellow points) placed around the boundary (green line) of the OHPL route (red line)

AVAILABILITY OF THE DRAFT BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORT

The Draft BAR was placed on public review for a period of 30 days from **25 February 2022 to 28 March 2022**, at the venues as follows:

- Karoo Hoogland Local Municipality
- Laingsburg Local Municipality
- Laingsburg Public Library
- Laingsburg OK Stores
- Matjiesfontein Community Centre
- Sutherland Library

Initially, the DBAR was to be placed at the Burgersfort Public Library and Mapodile Public Library, however, these were closed due to local COVID-19 restrictions. 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-6**.

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.

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 received to date

<u>STAKEHOLDER DETAILS</u>	<u>COMMENT</u>	<u>RESPONSE</u>	<u>REPORT REFERENCE</u>
<u>I&Aps</u>			
<p><u>Shaun Taylor</u> 24 February 2022 Email</p>	<p><u>Shaun Taylor, an I&AP, contacted WSP via email and requested additional information.</u></p> <p><u>Thank you Ashlea, received in good order.</u></p> <p><u>May I kindly request the .kml of the proposed assessment corridor and proposed powerline please.</u></p> <p><u>Regards</u></p> <p><u>Shaun Taylor</u></p>	<p><u>WSP sent a response email to Shaun Taylor on 03 March 2022 and sent the .kml of the proposed OHPL route.</u></p> <p><u>Dear Shaun</u></p> <p><u>Thank you for your email.</u></p> <p><u>Please find attached the kml showing the proposed Esizayo 132kV OHPL route. Please note that the assessment corridor was 200m (100m either side of centre line).</u></p> <p><u>Kind regards</u></p> <p><u>Ashlea Strong</u></p>	<p><u>Appendix D of the SER</u></p>
<p><u>Benjamin Kleinbooi</u> 02 March 2022 Email</p>	<p><u>Benjamin Kleinbooi, an I&AP, contacted WSP via email and indicated he was an interested party. He also requested an electronic copy of the DBAR.</u></p> <p><u>Dear Sir</u></p> <p><u>As an interested party to this 132KV Power Line from the business community of Laingsburg can you please forward me the Basic Assessment Process document, in order to make our inputs.</u></p> <p><u>Kind regards</u></p> <p><u>Benjamin Kleinbooi</u></p>	<p><u>WSP sent a response email to Benjamin Kleinbooi on 07 March 2022 and sent a copy of the DBAR as requested. He was also added to the stakeholder database.</u></p> <p><u>Dear Benjamin</u></p> <p><u>Thank you for your email.</u></p> <p><u>As per your request below, please find the Basic Assessment Report attached. Due to size constraints this report does not include the appendices. These you can access by either reviewing a hard copy of the document as one of the following venues:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>— Sutherland - Sutherland Library (Sarel Cilliers Street, Tel: 023 571 1429 or 023 571 1020)</u> <u>— Majtiesfontein – Majtiesfontein Community Hall (Tel: 023 551 1019)</u> <u>— Laingsburg - Laingsburg Library (Van Riebeeck street, Tel: 023 551 1019)</u> 	<p><u>Appendix D of the SER</u></p>

		<p><u>Or by downloading the report from the WSP website at the following link:</u></p> <p>– <u>WSP website (https://www.wsp.com/en-ZA/services/public-documents)</u></p> <p><u>Please note that the Draft Basic Assessment Report has been made available for review and comment for 30 days from 25 February 2022 to 28 March 2022.</u></p> <p><u>We look forward to your participation in this process and your meaningful contributions.</u></p> <p><u>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.</u></p> <p><u>Kind regards</u></p> <p><u>Ashlea Strong</u></p>	
<u>Northern Cape Department of Water and Sanitation</u>			
<p><u>Lindiwe Franks</u> <u>24 February 2022</u> <u>Email</u></p>	<p><u>Lindiwe Franks from the Northern Cape Department of Water and Sanitation responded to the email sent out regarding the notification of the proposed project and advised the details of the relevant contact people.</u></p> <p><u>Dear Colleagues</u></p> <p><u>Please note for your attention.</u></p> <p><u>Mr Strong</u></p>	<p><u>The correct e-mail addresses for DWS has been included in the I&AP database.</u></p>	<p><u>Appendix A of this SER</u></p>

	<p><u>Kindly note email addresses of the team for future correspondence and referrals.</u></p> <p><u>Regards</u></p>		
<u>Western Cape Department of Transport and Public Works</u>			
<p><u>Vanessa Stoffels</u> <u>24 February 2022</u> <u>Email</u></p>	<p><u>Vanessa Stoffels of the Western Cape Department of Transport and Public Works sent an email acknowledging receipt of notification of the proposed development.</u></p> <p><u>Good day</u></p> <p><u>Received your application, our reference Job 29345.</u></p> <p><u>The matter is receiving attention and further communication will be addressed to you as soon as circumstances permit.</u></p> <p><u>Kind Regards</u></p> <p><u>Vanessa Stoffels</u></p>	-	<u>Appendix D of this SER</u>
<p><u>Grace Swanepoel</u> <u>01 March 2022</u> <u>Letter (as email attachment)</u></p>	<p><u>Vanessa Stoffels of the Western Cape Department of Transport and Public Works sent an email with attached acknowledgement letter from Grace Swanepoel with comments/notes.</u></p> <p><u>NOTICE OF THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT ESIZAYO TRANSMISSION 132KV POWERLINE PROJECT NEAR MATJIESFONTEIN, WESTERN AND NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE</u></p> <p><u>1. Your letter dated 25 February 2022 refers.</u></p> <p><u>2. Cognisance is taken of the Draft Basic Assessment Report for the transmission line between as shown on project drawing: 41103481 dated 27 January 2022.</u></p> <p><u>3. This branch would like to register as an Interested and Affected Party.</u></p>	<p><u>The Western Cape Department of Transport and Public Works is a registered I&AP for the Esizayo powerline project (Refer to the Stakeholder Database in Appendix D).</u></p>	<u>Appendix A of this SER</u>
	<p><u>4. The proposal affects Minor Road 8045 with a perpendicular crossing.</u></p>	<p><u>This comment is acknowledged and will be taken into consideration during the detailed design phase.</u></p>	-

	<p><u>5. This Branch offers the following initial comment:</u></p> <p><u>5.1. The transmission line must be outside of the road reserve and also outside that of the 5m building line.</u></p> <p><u>5.2. Where a transmission line crosses a proclaimed road, it shall be perpendicular to the road.</u></p> <p><u>5.3. The minimum distance between the road centreline and the tower shall be 50m.</u></p> <p><u>5.4. The minimum height between the lowest point of the cable and the highest point of the road at a road crossing will be 6.8m.</u></p> <p><u>6. The matter will be considered further upon receipt of a wayleave application accompanied by detailed plans.</u></p>	<p><u>The requirements outlined by the Department have been provided to the developer. These requirements will be taken into account during the detailed design phase.</u></p>	<p><u>Appendix D of this SER</u></p>
<p><u>Western Cape Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning</u></p>			
<p><u>Adri La Meyer</u> <u>03 March 2022</u> <u>Email</u></p>	<p><u>Adri La Meyer from Western Cape Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning sent an email requesting clarity.</u></p> <p><u>Hi Ashlea,</u></p> <p><u>I hope you are well. Thank you for the email notification.</u></p> <p><u>Could you please indicate if the proposed powerline will replace the EA granted on 01 December 2017 (reference 14/12/16/3/3/1/1775)? I note that your email indicates that the applicant proposes an alternative powerline option – I assume that the one authorised will no longer be implemented? I could not find reference in the BAR about the authorised powerline, but I was just skimming through the BAR.</u></p> <p><u>Kind regards,</u></p> <p><u>Adri</u></p>	<p><u>WSP sent a response email to Adri La Meyer to acknowledge receipt of their comment and provide feedback.</u></p> <p><u>Hi Adri</u></p> <p><u>The current application is indeed looking at an Alternative alignment – however, this will not replace the authorised powerline. The applicant wishes to have both options available such that they can choose the most appropriate powerline in the future.</u></p> <p><u>Please let me know if you require any additional information.</u></p> <p><u>Kind regards</u></p> <p><u>Ashlea</u></p>	<p><u>Appendix D of this SER</u></p>

	<p><u>Adri La Meyer sent an email in response regarding the EAs.</u></p> <p><u>Hi Ashlea,</u></p> <p><u>Many thanks for the response. I assume that once the most appropriate powerline route is chosen in future, the applicant will “lapse” the other EA, else he will have two valid EAs.</u></p> <p><u>Kind regards,</u></p> <p><u>Adri</u></p>	<p><u>WSP sent a response email to Adri La Meyer to provide feedback.</u></p> <p><u>Hi Adri</u></p> <p><u>Yes – I believe that is the plan.</u></p> <p><u>Kind regards</u></p> <p><u>Ashlea</u></p>	<p><u>Appendix D of this SER</u></p>
<p><u>Thea Jordan</u> <u>28 March 2022</u> <u>Email</u></p>	<p><u>Thea Jordan of the Western Cape Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning sent an email with an attached acknowledgement letter with initial comments/notes .The comments/notes from the acknowledgement letter are listed below.</u></p> <p><u>Dear EAP,</u></p> <p><u>Please find attached this Department’s comment in the above regard.</u></p> <p><u>Yours faithfully</u></p> <p><u>Thea Jordan</u></p>	<p><u>This comment is acknowledged. No response required.</u></p>	<p>=</p>
<p><u>Thea Jordan</u> <u>28 March 2022</u> <u>Letter (as email attachment)</u></p>	<p><u>Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the Draft BAR dated February 2022. The Department notes that the application for environmental authorisation (“EA”) is for an alternative powerline alignment, in addition to the EA granted by the then Department of Environmental Affairs on 01 December 2017 (their reference reference 14/12/16/3/3/1/1775) for the 132kV transmission powerline for the Esizayo wind energy facility (“WEF”).</u></p> <p><u>Please find consolidated comment from various directorates within the Department on the Draft BAR dated February 2022 that was available for download from various online platforms provided by the EAP.</u></p>	<p><u>This comment is acknowledged. No response required.</u></p>	<p>=</p>
	<p><u>Directorate: Development Facilitation – Ms Adri La Meyer (Email: Adri.Lameyer@westerncape.gov.za; Tel.: (021) 483 2887)</u></p>	<p>=</p>	<p>=</p>

	<p><u>This Directorate advises that the competent authority and registered interested and affected parties should be informed that an existing EA exists for the 132kV powerline and that the current application will not replace the authorised powerline. Per the EAP’s response of 03 March 2022, the applicant wishes to have both options/EAs available such that the most appropriate powerline alignment can be chosen in future. Should the competent authority grant EA for the alternative powerline (this application), the applicant is advised to lapse whichever EA will not be commenced with, as it will be in possession of two valid EAs for the same project.</u></p>	<p><u>The Final BAR has been updated to reflect this request. The existing EA is noted in Section 1.1 of the Final BAR. The applicant notes that when the most appropriate powerline alignment is chosen, the EA that will not be commenced with will be lapsed.</u></p>	<p><u>Section 1.1 of the Final BAR</u></p>
	<p><u>The Draft BAR indicates that the no-go option will mean the status quo remains. This statement is disputed as the no-go option means that the applicant will develop the 132kV transmission powerline for the Esizayo WEF approved by the competent authority on 01 December 2017.</u></p>	<p><u>The no-go option statement in Section 5.5 of the Final BAR has been updated to reflect this.</u></p>	<p><u>Section 5.5 of the Final BAR</u></p>
	<p><u>References to “Error! Reference source not found” must be corrected in the Final BAR.</u></p>	<p><u>All “Error! Reference source not found” have been corrected in the Final BAR.</u></p>	
	<p><u>Directorate: Pollution and Chemicals Management – Mr Gunther Frantz (Email: Gunther.Frantz@westerncape.gov.za; Tel.: (021) 483 2975)</u></p>	<p>=</p>	<p>=</p>
	<p><u>The placement of stand poles/pylons within sensitive freshwater features such as wetlands and riparian areas must always be avoided.</u></p>	<p><u>Noted. Section 8.6 and 8.7 of the EMPr contains site specific control measures that makes reference to the location of the poles.</u></p>	<p><u>Section 8.6 and 8.7 of the EMPr (Appendix G of the Final BAR)</u></p>
	<p><u>The erection of stand poles/pylons and associated construction activities should ideally take place within the dry season to reduce the risk of sediment-laden runoff from the construction activities/site washing into any nearby watercourses.</u></p>	<p><u>Section 8.6 of the EMPr contains site specific control measures for the construction of the powerlines during the dry season.</u></p>	<p><u>Section 8.6 of the EMPr (Appendix G of the Final BAR)</u></p>
	<p><u>The temporary concrete batching area and construction camp/s must be located outside of sensitive freshwater features, as identified in paragraph 2.1. above. This is particularly important given that a higher likelihood of pollution and risk of contamination exists during the construction phase for such a development, with an increased risk</u></p>	<p><u>Section 8.6 of the EMPr contains site specific control measures for recommendations for laydown areas and construction camps to be developed outside the riparian zone or 100m from a watercourse, whichever is greatest.</u></p>	<p><u>Section 8.6 of the EMPr (Appendix G of the Final BAR)</u></p>

	<p><u>of pollution emanating from the construction camp and laydown areas.</u></p>		
	<p><u>No discharge of effluents or wash water from cement batching areas should be allowed to enter nearby watercourses. Runoff must be strictly controlled in the vicinity of any cement batching areas.</u></p>	<p><u>The Project will not result in the release of industrial effluents. A Hazardous Substances Management Plan has been included in Section 9.10 of the EMPr.</u></p>	<p><u>Section 9.10 of the EMPr (Appendix G of the Final BAR)</u></p>
	<p><u>The storage of hazardous substances (i.e., diesel, petrol, transformer oils and lubricants, etc.) should be located on impervious surfaces with bunds (to accommodate 110% of the maximum allowable liquid volume) around them to contain any fugitive spillages and/or leakages.</u></p>	<p><u>Hazardous materials are not a key issue; small quantities of construction materials (oil, grease, diesel fuel etc.) are the only wastes expected to be associated with the project. The EMPr identifies these anticipated hazardous materials and recommends relevant mitigation and management measures. A Hazardous Substances Management Plan has been included in Section 9.10 of the EMPr. Further mitigations measures have been included in Section 8.3 which deals with fuel and chemical management.</u></p>	<p><u>Section 8.3 and 9.10 of the EMPr (Appendix G of the Final BAR)</u></p>
	<p><u>The refuelling and/or repair of construction vehicles should not take place within any sensitive areas and should be conducted over a dedicated impervious area within the construction camp.</u></p>	<p><u>Section 9.10.1 of the EMPr contains a Hazardous Substances Management Procedure that details control measures for the routine servicing and maintenance of vehicles. The EMPr mitigation measures includes recommendations for the refuelling of construction vehicles.</u></p>	<p><u>Section 9.10 of the EMPr (Appendix G of the Final BAR)</u></p>
	<p><u>It is recommended that the Draft Environmental Management Programme (“EMPr”) make specific reference to section 30 of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) pertaining to the control of incidents. In the event of a significant spill or leak of hazardous substances (e.g., petrol and diesel) in the Western Cape, such incident(s) must be reported to all relevant authorities, including the Directorate: Pollution and Chemicals Management, in accordance with section 30(5) of the NEMA.</u></p>	<p><u>Section 9.7 of the EMPr contains the Emergency Response Plan which states that the incident procedures referred to in Section 30 of the NEMA must be taken into account and includes the relevant authorities that should be contacted in the event of a spill.</u></p>	<p><u>Section 9.7 of the EMPr (Appendix G of the Final BAR)</u></p>
	<p><u>Directorate: Waste Management – Mr Etienne Roux (Email: Etienne.Roux@westerncape.gov.za; Tel.: (021) 483 8378);</u></p>	<p>=</p>	<p>=</p>

	<p><u>In various sections of the Draft BAR, it is stated that “Areas for waste disposal should be clearly demarcated and should be banded and on hard standing. These areas should be located outside the riparian zone or 100m from a watercourse, whichever is greatest.” Please note that no waste is allowed to be buried or incinerated on-site and any solid waste should be appropriately stored within the development footprint, until such time that it can be disposed of at a licensed facility, suitable of accepting such waste.</u></p>	<p><u>Mitigation measures have been updated in Table 7-9, Table 7-14 and Table 7-17 of the Final BAR.</u></p> <p><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></p>	<p><u>Table 7-9, Table 7-14 and Table 7-17 of the Final BAR.</u></p> <p><u>Section 8.4 of the EMPr (Appendix G of the Final BAR)</u></p>
	<p><u>Should the development have the capacity to store more than 100m³ of general waste, and/or more than 80m³ of hazardous waste at any one time and for a period exceeding 90 days, the applicant will need to register in terms of, and adhere to the National Environmental Management: Waste Act, 2008 (Act No. 59 of 2008) National Norms and Standards for the Storage of Waste published in Government Notice (“GN”) No. 926 of 29 November 2013.</u></p>	<p><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></p>	<p><u>Section 8.4 of the EMPr (Appendix G of the Final BAR)</u></p>
	<p><u>Per paragraph 2.7. above, should there be any spills of hazardous substances which could lead to environmental degradation, the management of such spills should adhere to section 30 of NEMA, 1998 which includes reporting responsibilities. Please include this in the EMPr.</u></p>	<p><u>Section 9.7 of the EMPr contains the Emergency Response Plan which states that the incident procedures referred to in Section 30 of the NEMA must be taken into account and includes the relevant authorities that should be contacted in the event of a spill.</u></p>	<p><u>Section 9.7 of the EMPr (Appendix G of the Final BAR)</u></p>
	<p><u>According to page 65 of the EMPr (hazardous waste management) it is stated that “Ensure that waste manifest documentation (as per the draft Classification and Management Regulations, GNR. 614 of 2012) is prepared and maintained for the generation, transportation and disposal of hazardous waste”. Please note that the Classification and Management Regulations have been promulgated in GN No. R. 634 of 23 August 2013.</u></p>	<p><u>This reference has been corrected.</u></p>	<p><u>Page 65 of the EMPr (Appendix G of the Final BAR)</u></p>
	<p><u>The applicant is reminded of its “general duty of care towards the environment” as prescribed in section 28 of the NEMA, 1998 which states that “Every person who causes, has caused or may cause significant pollution or degradation of the environment must take reasonable measures to prevent such pollution or degradation from occurring, continuing or recurring, or, in so far as such harm to the environment is authorised by law or cannot reasonably be avoided or</u></p>	<p><u>The Applicant is aware of the general duty of care in terms of Section 28 of NEMA.</u></p>	<p><u>-</u></p>

	<u>stopped, to minimise and rectify such pollution or degradation of the environment.”</u>		
Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment			
<u>Masina Litsoane</u> <u>28 March 2022</u> <u>Email</u>	<u>The DFFE case officer sent an email with an attached acknowledgement letter with initial comments/notes. The comments/notes from the acknowledgement letter are listed below.</u> <u>Dear Ashlea,</u> <u>Attached please find comments on the aforementioned application for your attention.</u> <u>Regards,</u> <u>Masina Litsoane</u>	<u>This comment is acknowledged. No response required.</u>	=
<u>Masina Litsoane</u> <u>28 March 2022</u> <u>Letter (as email attachment)</u>	<u>COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED ESIZAYO 132KV POWERLINE PROJECT NEAR LAINGSBURG, WESTERN AND NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE</u> <u>The DRAFT Basic Assessment Report (BAR) dated February 2022 and received by this Department on 24 February 2022, refer.</u> <u>This letter serves to inform you that the following information must be included to the final BAR:</u>	<u>This comment is acknowledged. No response required.</u>	=
	<u>(a) Listed Activities</u> – <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> – <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 template has been amended and can be downloaded from the following link</u> <u>https://www.environment.gov.za/documents/forms</u>	<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> <u>Section 1.3.2 of the Final BAR provides a list of commenting authorities for the Project.</u>	<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> <u>Figure 4-1 and Figure 4-2 in the Final BAR</u>

	<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><u>Additionally, the I&AP database is attached as Appendix A, which includes all relevant provincial commenting authorities.</u></p> <p><u>Copies of original comments received are included in Appendix D.</u></p> <p><u>Figure 4-1 and Figure 4-2 in the Final BAR shows the location of the study area in relation to the Western Cape and Northern Cape Provinces and the District and Local Municipalities.</u></p>	
	<p><u>(b) Layout & Sensitivity Maps</u></p> <p>– <u>Please provide a layout map which indicates the following:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>The proposed 132kV powerline with associated infrastructure, overlain by the sensitivity map;</u> • <u>All supporting onsite infrastructure e.g. roads (existing and proposed);</u> • <u>The location of sensitive environmental features on site e.g. CBAs, heritage sites, wetlands, drainage lines etc. that will be affected;</u> • <u>Buffer areas; and, all “no-go” areas.</u> <p>– <u>The above map must be overlain with a sensitivity map and a cumulative map which shows neighbouring existing grid infrastructure.</u></p> <p>– <u>Google maps will not be accepted.</u></p>	<p><u>Figure 4-2 and Figure 9.9 of the Final BAR provides the layout map for the proposed powerline.</u></p> <p><u>A combined sensitivity map is provided in Figure 9-1 of the final BAR. The map shows the proposed powerline, proposed substation and existing substation in relation to various sensitive environmental features including a 32 m river buffer, heritage sensitivity and avifauna sensitivity. The CBAs are indicated in Figure 9-2 of the Final BAR.</u></p>	<p><u>Figure 4-2 and Figure 9.9 of the Final BAR</u></p> <p><u>Figure 9-1 and Figure 9-2 of the Final BAR</u></p>
	<p><u>(c) Alternatives</u></p> <p>– <u>Please note that you are required to provide a full description of the process followed to reach the proposed preferred alternative within the site, in terms of Appendix 1(3)(1)(h) of the EIA Regulations 2014, as amended, including the following content:</u></p> <p><u>(a) details of all the alternatives considered;</u></p> <p><u>(b) details of the public participation process undertaken in terms of regulation 41 of the Regulations, including copies of the supporting documents and inputs;</u></p>	<p><u>Section 5 of the Final BAR details the project alternatives assessed.</u></p> <p><u>The project alternatives were included in the Draft BAR that was distributed for public review as detailed in Section 2.2.1 of this report.</u></p> <p><u>During the course of the stakeholder consultation process the landowner of the Remainder of Farm Standvastigheid 210 requested a slight re-alignment of the preferred route so as not to sterilise the land portion for future development considerations. It was confirmed that the impacts for the re-alignment would not differ from those</u></p>	<p><u>Section 5 of the Final BAR</u></p> <p><u>Section 2.2.1 of the SER</u></p> <p><u>Section 9.4 and Figure 9-9 of the Final BAR.</u></p>

	<p><u>(c) a summary of the issues raised by interested and affected parties, and an indication of the manner in which the issues were incorporated, or the reasons for not including them;</u></p> <p><u>(d) the environmental attributes associated with the alternatives focusing on the geographical, physical, biological, social, economic, heritage and cultural aspects;</u></p> <p><u>(e) the impacts and risks identified for each alternative, including the nature, significance, consequence, extent, duration and probability of the impacts, including the degree to which these impacts—</u></p> <p><u>(f) (aa) can be reversed;</u></p> <p><u>(g) (bb) may cause irreplaceable loss of resources; and</u></p> <p><u>(h) (cc) can be avoided, managed or mitigated;</u></p> <p><u>(i) the methodology used in determining and ranking the nature, significance, consequences, extent, duration and probability of potential environmental impacts and risks associated with the alternatives;</u></p> <p><u>(j) positive and negative impacts that the proposed activity and alternatives will have on the environment and on the community that may be affected focusing on the geographical, physical, biological, social, economic, heritage and cultural aspects;</u></p> <p><u>(k) the possible mitigation measures that could be applied and level of residual risk;</u></p> <p><u>(l) the outcome of the site selection matrix;</u></p> <p><u>(m) if no alternatives, including alternative locations for the activity were investigated, the motivation for not considering such; and</u></p> <p><u>(n) a concluding statement indicating the preferred alternatives, including preferred location of the activity.</u></p> <p>— <u>Written proof of an investigation and motivation if no reasonable or feasible alternatives exist in terms of Appendix 1.</u></p>	<p><u>assessed for the original proposed route. The alternatives assessment detailed in Section 9.4 of the Final BAR has outlined this request and provided the layout map of the final alignment.</u></p>	
	<p><u>(d) Specialist Assessments</u></p>	<p><u>It is acknowledged that the project falls within a very high ecological importance site. However, the currently authorised 132kV powerline for the Esizayo WEF is also</u></p>	<p><u>Appendix F of the Final BAR.</u></p>

	<p><u>i. It has been noted that the proposed project is within a very high ecological importance site. The Department is requesting that you confirm if project being on a highly sensitive ecological importance cannot be mitigated by considering another layout alternative.</u></p> <p><u>ii. 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>iii. 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>iv. 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>v. It is further brought to your attention that Procedures for the Assessment and Minimum Criteria for Reporting on identified Environmental Themes in terms of Sections 24(5)(a) and (h) and 44 of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998, when applying for Environmental Authorisation, which were promulgated in Government Notice No. 320 of 20 March 2020 (i.e. “the Protocols”), and in Government Notice No. 1150 of 30 October 2020 (i.e. protocols for terrestrial plant and animal species), have come into effect. Please note that specialist assessments must be conducted in accordance with these protocols.</u></p>	<p><u>located within the very high ecological importance area. This new proposed alignment is considered more preferable as it is a shorter line. However, the final design of the WEF will determine which option is most preferred.</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>No contradicting recommendations have been identified.</u></p> <p><u>It can be confirmed that the specialist assessments were conducted in accordance with the protocols where relevant.</u></p>	
	<p><u>(e) Cumulative Assessment</u></p> <p><u>i. Should there be any other similar projects within a 30km radius of the proposed development site, the cumulative impact assessment for all identified and assessed impacts must be refined to indicate the following:</u></p> <p><u>a) Identified cumulative impacts must be clearly defined, and where possible the size of the identified impact must be quantified and indicated, i.e. hectares of cumulatively transformed land.</u></p> <p><u>b) Detailed process flow and proof must be provided, to indicate how the specialist’s recommendations, mitigation measures and</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>

	<p><u>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><u>c) The cumulative impacts significance rating must also inform the need and desirability of the proposed development.</u></p> <p><u>d) A cumulative impact environmental statement on whether the proposed development must proceed.</u></p>		
	<p><u>(f) Public Participation Process</u></p> <p><u>i. The following information must be submitted with the final BAR:</u></p> <p><u>a) A list of registered interested and affected parties as per Regulation 42 of the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended;</u></p> <p><u>b) Copies of all comments received during the DRAFT BAR comment period; and</u></p> <p><u>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.</u></p> <p><u>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.</u></p> <p><u>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.</u></p>	<p><u>The Public Participation Process (PPP) undertaken for the Project is detailed in Section 1 and Section 2 of this Stakeholder Engagement Report.</u></p> <p><u>a) The I&AP database is attached as Appendix A</u></p> <p><u>b) Copies of original comments received from I&APs and organs of state are included in this Stakeholder Engagement Report as Appendix D.</u></p> <p><u>c) All issues raised, and comments received from I&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></p> <p><u>Proof of correspondence with various stakeholders via newspaper advertisements, site notices, SMSs and e-mails are included in this Stakeholder Engagement Report as Appendix B. All I&APs and organs of state included on the I&AP database (Appendix A) were contacted for comment.</u></p>	<p><u>Appendix A of this SER</u></p> <p><u>Appendix D of this SER</u></p> <p><u>Table 2-4 of this SER</u></p> <p><u>Appendix B of this SER</u></p>
	<p><u>(g) Environmental Management Programme</u></p> <p><u>The EMPr must also include the following:</u></p>	<p><u>An EMPr has been compiled in accordance with Appendix 4 of GNR 982 of 2014 (Appendix G of the Final BAR). The EMPr includes a generic EMPr for the powerline and substation infrastructure. Table 1-3 of the EMPr cross-</u></p>	<p><u>Appendix G of the Final BAR</u></p>

	<p><u>(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.</u></p> <p><u>(b) There needs to be an EMPr for the facility, the onsite substation as well as the overhead line.</u></p> <p><u>(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.</u></p> <p><u>(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:</u></p> <p><u>(i) 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><u>(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.</u></p> <p><u>(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 —</u></p> <p><u>(a) Planning and design;</u></p> <p><u>(b) Pre-construction activities;</u></p> <p><u>(c) Construction activities;</u></p> <p><u>(d) Rehabilitation of the environment after construction and where applicable post closure; and</u></p> <p><u>(e) Where relevant, operation activities.</u></p>	<p><u>references the sections within the EMPr with the legislated requirements as per Appendix 4 of GNR 982 of 2014.</u></p>	
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	<p><u>(iv) 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> <p><u>(v) Avoid, modify, remedy, control or stop any action, activity or process which causes pollution or environmental degradation;</u></p> <p><u>(vi) Comply with any prescribed environmental management standards or practices;</u></p> <p><u>(vii) Comply with any applicable provisions of the Act regarding closure, where applicable; and</u></p> <p><u>(viii) Comply with any provisions of the Act regarding financial provision for rehabilitation, where applicable.</u></p> <p><u>(ix) 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><u>(x) 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><u>(xi) An indication of the persons who will be responsible for the implementation of the impact management actions.</u></p> <p><u>(xii) 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><u>(xiii) 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><u>(xiv) A program for reporting on compliance, taking into account the requirements as prescribed by the Regulations.</u></p>		
	<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</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>amended, is provided in Section 9.6 of the Final BAR, 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 6-12 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>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 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</u></p>	<p><u>DFFE acknowledged receipt of the application on 28 February 2022. The Final BAR must therefore be submitted to DFEE by 27 May 2022, which is 90 days from 28 February 2022. The Final BAR will be submitted to DFEE before 27 May 2022 as required.</u></p> <p><u>The Public Participation Period of at least 30 days commenced on 25 February 2022 and concluded on 28 March 2022. All issues raised and comments received from I&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>

	<p><u>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.”</u></p> <p><u>Should you fail to meet any of the timeframes stipulated in Regulation 19 of the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended, your application will lapse.</u></p>		
	<p><u>You are hereby reminded of Section 24F of the National Environmental Management Act, Act No. 107 of 1998, as amended, that no activity may commence prior to an Environmental Authorisation being granted by the Department.</u></p>	<p><u>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>	
<p><u>Heritage Western Cape</u></p>			
<p><u>Colette Scheermeyer</u> <u>Letter</u></p>	<p><u>CASE NUMBER: 21091311SB1021E</u></p> <p><u>The matter above has reference.</u></p> <p><u>Heritage Western Cape is in receipt of the above application. This matter was discussed at the Heritage Officers meeting held on 4 November 2021.</u></p> <p><u>You are hereby notified that, since there is no reason to believe that the proposed new powerline alignment for Esizayo WEF OHL on Farm 285, Laingsburg, Central Karoo will impact on heritage resources, no further action under Section 38 of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999) is required.</u></p> <p><u>However, should any heritage resources, including evidence of graves and human burials, archaeological material and paleontological material be discovered during the execution of the activities above, all works must be stopped immediately, and Heritage Western Cape must be notified without delay.</u></p> <p><u>This letter does not exonerate the applicant from obtaining any necessary approval from any other applicable statutory authority.</u></p> <p><u>HWC reserves the right to request additional information as required.</u></p>	<p><u>The 2021 heritage survey of the proposed OHL route undertaken identified no new archaeological sites although three isolated stone artefacts dating to the Later and Middle Stone Ages (J002-J004) were recorded north and east of the WEF substation.</u></p> <p><u>Refer to Section 7.12 of the Final BAR.</u></p>	<p><u>Section 7.12 of the Final BAR</u></p>

	<u>Should you have any further queries, please contact the official above and quote the case number.</u>		
<u>Landowner</u>			
<u>Francois Conradie</u> <u>30 March 2022</u> <u>Verbally via Socio-economic Specialist -Tony Barbour</u>	<u>Francois Conradie is the owner of Saaiplaas (Standvastigheid 210/RE) on which Komsberg SS is located.</u> <u>Francois has indicated via the socio-economic specialist that there is an issue with the current alignment of the 132 kV line. He expressed a concern on the potential for sterilisation of his land. He would be satisfied with an altered alignment just inside his cadastral boundaries.</u>	<u>The route of the OHL has been re-aligned to accommodate Francois' concern of sterilisation of his land. It was confirmed that the impacts for the re-alignment would not differ from those assessed for the original proposed route</u>	<u>Section 5.4 and 9.4 of the Final BAR.</u>

APPENDIX

A STAKEHOLDER DATABASE



Organisation	Designation
Department of Energy	Deputy Director General
Department of Energy	Deputy Director General
Department of Agriculture, Forestry & Fisheries	Delegate to the Minister (Act 70 of 1970)
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	Spatial Planning and Land Use Management
Department of Water and Sanitation	Northern Cape Region (Lower Orange WMA)
Department of Water and Sanitation	Northern Cape
Department of Water & Sanitation	Western Cape Region (Lower Orange WMA)
Department of Mineral Resources	
Department of Mineral Resources	Northern Cape Regional manager
Department of Mineral Resources	Western Cape Regional manager
Department of Public Works	Director General Office
Department of Public Works	Regional Coordination: Northern Cape (Kimberley)
Department of Public Works	Regional Coordination: Western Cape (Cape Town)
Department of Science and Technology	Director General Office
South African National Roads Agency (SANRAL)	CEO
South African National Roads Agency (SANRAL)	Regional Manager: Western Region
South African Heritage Resource Agency (SAHRA)	
Department of Environment and Nature Conservation	Director
Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning	Directorate: Development Management (Region 3- Central Karoo District & Eden District)
Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning	Directorate: Development Facilitation
Northern Cape Department of Agriculture, Land Reform & Rural Development	Head of Department
Ngwao-Boswa Ya Kapa Bokone (Northern Cape Provincial Heritage Agency)	Heritage Officer
Heritage Western Cape	Acting CEO
Namakwa District Municipality	Municipal Manager
Namakwa District Municipality	Head of Department
Karoo Hoogland Local Municipality	Municipal Manager
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)	Environmental Governance Programme Manager
South African National Parks (SANParks)	Chief Executive Officer
Botanical Society of South Africa	Executive Director
BirdLife South Africa	Policy & Advocacy
BirdLife South Africa	Conservation Manager
CapeNature	Land Use Advisor
Endangered Wildlife Trust	Programme Manager
Gouritz Cluster Biosphere Reserve	Chairman
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 Energy	Deputy Director General
Department of Agriculture, Forestry & Fisheries	Delegate to the Minister (Act 70 of 1970)
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	Western Cape Region: Gouritz WMA
Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning	Directorate: Development Management (Region 3- Central Karoo District & Eden District)
Central Karoo District Municipality	Municipal Manager
Laingsburg Local Municipality	Municipal Manager
CapeNature	Land Use Advisor
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

DIRK VAN ZYL TRUST	Land Owner
WOLWEKOP TRUST	Land Owner
STANDVASTIGHEID FAMILIE TRUST	Land Owner
ESKOM HOLDINGS LTD	Land Owner
FREYSEN THOMAS STEPHANUS JOHANNES	Land Owner
CONRADIE PIETER JACOBUS	Land Owner
CALLDO DOUGLAS JOSEPH	Land Owner
A DE V LE ROUX FAMILIETRUST	Land Owner
Z B LOOTS FAMILIE TRUST	Land Owner
GIELIE HANEKOM FAMILY TRUST	Land Owner
Laingsburg Local Municipality	
Laingsburg Local Municipality	
Laingsburg Local Municipality	IDP Manager
Galileo Cottage	
Heritage Western Cape	
Civil Aviation Authority	
Department of Rural Development and Land Reform	
Department of Rural Development and Land Reform	
CapeNature	Land Use Advice Scientific Services
Infrastructure Asset Management (IAM)	Stakeholder
Breede-Gouritz Batchment Management Agency	Stakeholder
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Laingsburg Local Municipality	
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Laingsburg - Klykskantoor 3	
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Laingsburg Local Municipality	
Laingsburg Local Municipality	
Laingsburg Local Municipality	Mayor
Laingsburg Local Municipality	
Laingsburg Local Municipality	
Farm Uitvlugt	
Invader Plant Specialists (Pty) Ltd	
G7 Renewable Energies (Pty) Ltd	
Management)	
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Windlab Development South Africa	
Paalfontein and Keurkloof Farms	
Wind-Energy Enercon South Africa (Pty) Ltd	Sales Manager - South Africa
Western Cape Black Eagle Project	
South African Astronomical Observatory	
Mainstream Renewable Energy	
Mainstream Renewable Energy	
AIIM Africa	Great Karoo Wind Farm (Pty) Ltd
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	
African Clean Energy Developments	Great Karoo Wind Farm (Pty) Ltd
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Farm Annex Joseph's Kraal 84 and Farm Aanstoot 72 and De Bron	Landowner
Enel Green Power	Environment, Archaeology and Biodiversity

APPENDIX

B NOTIFICATIONS



APPENDIX

B-1 ADVERTISEMENT

BASIC ASSESSMENT (BA) PROCESS

NOTICE OF THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF THE ESIZAYO 132kV POWERLINE PROJECT NEAR MATJIESFONTEIN, WESTERN AND NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE

Notice is given in terms of Regulation 41(2) of GNR 982 (as amended) 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 983 and GNR 985 (as amended)

DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION

The Proponent, Esizayo Wind (RF) (Pty) Ltd, proposes investigate an alternative 132kV powerline option for the Esizayo Wind Energy Facility (WEF) located near Matjiesfontein in the Western Cape and Northern Cape Provinces. The project is located within the Laingsburg and Karoo Hoogland Local Municipalities in the Western and Northern Cape Provinces. 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 Standvastigheid 210 Portion 2 and Remainder
- Farm Aurora 285.

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 983 (as amended) Listed Activities: 11(i), 12(ii), 19, 27, and 30
- GNR 985 (as amended) 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 Esizayo Wind (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 **25 February 2022 to 28 March 2022**:

- Sutherland - Sutherland Library (Sarel Cilliers Street, Tel: 023 571 1429 or 023 571 1020)
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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 **28 March 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 (A) PO Box 98867, Sloane Park, 2152



BASIESE ASSESSERINGPROSES

KENNISGEWING VAN DIE VOORGESTELDE ONTWIKKELING VAN DIE ESIZAYO 132kV KRAGLYNPROJEK NABY MATJIESFONTEIN, WES- EN NOORD-KAAP PROVINSIE

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BESKRYWING EN LIGGING

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- Plaas Aurora 285.

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CSPRM NUUSBRIEF - Central Karoo Branch

Goeiemôre kollegas

2022 is die jaar waarin die CSPRM sy ware staal gaan toon. Hierdie organisasie wat met rasse skrede gegroei het tot die enigste beduidende mondstuk vir onderdrukte en benadeelde staatspensioenarisse, staan op die drumpel van 'n deurbraak.

Een van die stigterslede, naamlik David Jantjies, het hom as't ware letterlik self op daardie drumpel geplaas om die GEPEF slagveld te betree om te dien op die Raad van Trusteers. Stel u net voor watter waarde dit tot die organisasie kan toevoeg en wat dit vir ons as lede kan beteken as David op hierdie Raad van Trusteers toegelaat word.

Ongelukkig is dit nie 'n saak waar daar aansoek gedoen moet word vir sodanige pos nie, maar prosesse wat gevolg moet word by wyse van nominasie en stem.

Ons, alle lede van die CSPRM, het die sleutel van daardie deur wat David moet ontsluit en open om daardie 'slagveld' te kan betree. Wees verseker, hy is goed gewapen, hoewel nou nie met 'n slingerel en klippe nie, maar hy kan 'n reus laat val.

Ek doen 'n vriendelike dog ernstige beroep op alle lede om David in hierdie saak te steun. Indien u nie vertrou is met selfoontechnologie of rekenaarvaardig is nie, raadpleeg die jongere geslag (kinders en kleinkinders). Hierdie saak is van kardinale belang en ons enigste geleentheid om GEPEF fisies by die

horings te pak.

Eric Keyser, CSPRM Sekretaris, Ravensmead

Ope brief aan die Uitvoerende Burgemeester insake instelling van waterbeperkings in Beaufort-Wes

Dit is met skok en diepe teleurstelling dat ek kennis geneem het van u Raad se besluit om waterbeperkings in die groter Beaufort-Wes in te stel.

Waarom vra u is ek geskok? Agbare Burgemeester, al die damme van Beaufort-Wes loop oor na die mildelike reën wat ons die afgelope tyd van ons Goeie Gewer ontvang het. Gevolglik is ons onderaardse watertafel ook gevul na die mildelike reën.

Agbare Burgemeester, waterbeperkings was nog altyd 'n noodmaatreeël om te verseker dat daar genoegsame water is vir inwoners en daarom is dit te verstane en aanvaarbaar dat dit ingestel moet word in tye van droogte en/of waterskaarste. Die besluit van die Raad van 16 Februarie 2022 geneem, om waterbeperkings sonder meer in te stel, is nie net irrasioneel nie, maar kom neer op die misbruik van u fidusiêre plig as beskermheer van die gemeenskap van Beaufort-Wes.

Agbare Burgemeester, grondwetlik is u verplig om die gemeenskap van Beaufort-Wes aan te moedig en te betrek in die sake van die Raad (RSA Grondwet, Hoofstuk 7 artikel 152 subartikel 1 (e)). U Raad se besluit om

waterbeperkings in te stel gedurende 'n tydperk van meer as voldoende water en 'n gemeenskap verder te belas wat reeds geknel word deur werkloosheid en drakoniese "lockdown" maatreëls is nie 'n manier om die gemeenskap van Beaufort-Wes aan te moedig en te betrek in die sake van die Raad nie.

Die instelling van waterbeperkings om dalk die Munisipaliteit se begrotingstekorte aan te spreek is nie 'n manier om daarna te streef om binne die Munisipaliteit se finansiële en administratiewe kapasiteit te funksioneer soos wat u grondwetlike (RSA Grondwet, Hoofstuk 7 artikel 152 subartikel 2) fidusiêre plig behels nie.

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Hoogagtend die uwe

Billy Steenkamp, Jasmynstraat 12, Rustdene, Beaufort-Wes



Laughter is the Best Medicine
Kids laugh around 400 times a day, grown-ups just 15 times a day.



Dr Liezl Stockigt

Algemene Praktisyn
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February 2022
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Naweek van 25-27 Februarie
Vrydag 25 Feb spreekure tot 15H00
Sat 26 Feb/So 27 Feb gesluit

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BEAUFORT WEST MUNICIPALITY

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES

NOTICE NO: 16/2021
BID NO: 25/2022

DIGGING OF GRAVES: BEAUFORT WEST GRAVEYARD

Bids are hereby invited for the DIGGING OF GRAVES: BEAUFORT WEST GRAVEYARD for the BEAUFORT WEST Municipality for a period of (3 years) by an approved service provider. Service sites are in the areas of Beaufort West.

Enquiries regarding the document may be directed to Ms. R. Jack or Mr. S. Madumbo at Tel. No. 023-414 7548/47 or email: raylenem@beaufortwestmun.co.za or sidwillm@beaufortwestmun.co.za. Enquiries regarding the technical specifications may be directed to Me. V. Ruiters or Mr C Wright at Tel. No. 023-414 8121 or 023 414 8140 emailed to wastemanager@beaufortwestmun.co.za / manager.techservice@beaufortwestmun.co.za.

A compulsory site meeting will be held at the Beaufort West Municipality, Electro-Technical Services in Loch Road on Thursday, 03 March 2022 at 11:00. Documents will ONLY be available to prospective bidders who attend the meeting. Bidders must book their tender documents in advance before the clarification meeting before Wednesday, 02 March 2022 before 13:00. Bid document will be available for collection at the compulsory clarification meeting. No tenderers will be allowed to attend the compulsory clarification meeting after 11:15.

A non-refundable fee of R250.00 (Two hundred and Fifty Rand), is payable for a set of documents. The fee must be deposited into the account of the Beaufort West Municipality at NEDBANK, Branch Code: 198765, Account Number 107 428 0318. The reference number for confirmation of payment is: SCM 25/2022 and bid documents will be made available upon provision of proof of payment. Bid document in electronic format will be free of charge.

Sealed bids, marked: "SCM: 25/2021: DIGGING OF GRAVES: BEAUFORT WEST GRAVEYARD" must be addressed to the Acting Municipal Manager and placed in the tender box at the Office of the Supply Chain Management Unit at the Sanlam Building, 112 Donkin Street, Beaufort West, before the closing time and date of 14:00 on FRIDAY, 25 MARCH 2022. Bids will then be opened in the presence of anyone who wishes to attend, in the Committee Room in the Supply Chain Management office at the Sanlam Building, Donkin Street, Beaufort West.

Bids received in electronic format or after the closing time and date will not be considered. Council is not bound to accept the lowest or any late bids will not be accepted.

The bid must be valid for a period of 90 (ninety) days after the closing date. Bids may only be submitted on the bid documentation issued by Beaufort West Municipality. The bid will be subject to Council's Supply Chain Management Policy, the Preferential Procurement Policy Framework Act and the Amended Preferential Procurement Regulations, 2017. The 80/20 preference points system will be applicable.

It is prerequisite that all prospective service providers who are not yet registered on the Central Supplier Database; register without delay by completing the prescribed online registration which are obtainable on their website www.csd.gov.za.

Municipal Offices
112 Donkin Street
BEAUFORT WEST
6970

G.Z. NYATHI
ACTING MUNICIPAL MANAGER

25 February 2022



BASIESE ASSESSERINGPROSES

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- Plaas Aurora 2B5.

OMGEWINGS TOEPASSINGS

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VALENTYNS

ALBI NEL, Nicolaas Schade en Ruben de Villiers spog met hul wenhoede in die Graad 4-5 afdeling by TNJ van der Walt Kollege se Valentynsdagviering Vrydag 11 Februarie 2022.

ANKIA EN AXYL

LEERERS van TNJ van der Walt Kollege op Loeriesfontein het Vrydag 11 Februarie 2022 Valentynsdag gevier. Hul moes almal mooi hoede versier. Ankia Smith en Axyl Barney was die wensters in die groep Graad 1-3.



JAPIE KYK NA DIE DOWWER LIG

Dit stuur af op daylight robbery

Geigte Leser,

Dit was onlangs in die maas dat munisipaliteit beoog om die reg te bekom om krag namens Eskom aan boere te verkoop. Op die oomblik kan boere krag direk by Eskom koop. Dit is nie moeilik om die rede hiervoor te verstaan nie. Munisipaliteite se finansies lyk beroerd en sal hul sekerlik enige poging aanwend om hul inkomste te vergroot. Daar is darem een troos. Dit is wat naghelbes doen. Daarvan getuig die Engelse uitdrukking "Daylight robbery". Dit word algemeen aanvaar dat die uitdrukking in 1696 ontstaan het toe koning William die Derde in eerste geldmoed was. Nadat alle maandelik opspies oorweeg is, het hy en sy adviseurs besluit om 'n nuwe belasting te hef. Dit het beteken dat alle huise met meer as ses

wensters 'n addisionele belasting moes betaal. Om hierdie belasting te vernie het huis-eienaars wensters toegelou sodat hulle net ses wensters gehad het. Hierdie belasting het tot 1851 gegeld toe daardie regering besluit het om die belasting op te hef.

Dit het in die staatsrede gelyk asof die staats-president begin besef dat regerings geld spaander, terwyl dit die privaat sektor is wat werk skep. Hierdie boodskap is al vir baie jare oorgedra. In een van die eerste nasionale verkiesings van die nuwe demokratiese SA, het Zaak de Beer, die destydse leier van die Progressiewe Federale Party, al by herhaling gesê: "Government spend money, they do not make money."

Dit is moontlik dat munisipaliteite wel die reg sal verkry om krag namens Eskom te verkoop. Met die hoër tariewe sal dit vir boere net meer finansiële sin maak om met sonpaneel en batterye hul eie krag op te wek. Dit gaan beteken dat Eskom kliënte gaan verloor en munisipaliteite ook hul maandelik bronn van inkomste kwyt sal wees.

Hierdie scenario bied egter skrale troos. As dit nie regeringsbeleid rank om minder te spaander nie, sal hul altyd nuwe maniere vind om belasting te hef. Dit sal maklik wees om belasting op sonpaneele in te stel. Dan sal ons ook kan praat van "Daylight robbery".

Miskien moet ons moed hou dat die kieser sal afgetrom dat regerings geld spaander sonder om geld te maak en dat dit die regering sal verplig om nie net altyd sy inkomste te vergroot nie, maar dat hy maniere sal probeer vind om sy uitgawes te verlaag.

Dit sal 'n hlye ding wees.
Griets, Japie.

Vrouebiduur

PRIESKA - Die jaarlikse Wêreldbiddag vir Vroue is op 4 Maart 2022 by die NG Kerk op Prieska. Dit vind plaas om 18.00 in die kerkaal en dames word uitgenooi om deel te wees van vroeë wat saam bid.

Kom kuier saam met ds. Annetta (hoofling van Prieska) onder die tent: "Ek weet wat ek vir jou beplan" (Jeremia 29:1-14).

Die biddag is gratis maar ter wille van getalle word dames genooi om hul plek te bespreek by die NG Kerkkantoortussen 8:00 tot 13:00 by 053 353 1261. (HduP)

WENHOEDE

NO LOMBARD en Rocco de Kock met hul self versierde hoede by TNJ van der Walt Kollege se Valentynsdag viering Vrydag 11 Februarie 2022. Hulle was die wensters in die Graad 6 tot 7 groep.

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B-2 *SITE NOTICES*

BASIC ASSESSMENT (BA) PROCESS

NOTICE OF THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF THE ESIZAYO 132kV POWERLINE PROJECT NEAR MATJIESFONTEIN, WESTERN AND 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, Esizayo Wind (RF) (Pty) Ltd, proposes investigate an alternative 132kV powerline option for the Esizayo Wind Energy Facility (WEF) located near Matjiesfontein in the Western and Northern Cape Provinces. The table below outlines the locations of the proposed project:

Project	Location	Local Municipality	Province	Strategic Corridor	Process
Esizayo Transmission Integration	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Farm Standvastigheid 210 Portion 2 and RemainderFarm Aurora 285	Laingsburg and Karoo Hoogland	Western and 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				
Esizayo Transmission Integration	GNR 327	11(i)	12(ii)	19	27	30
	GNR 324	4	12	14		

REGISTRATION

WSP Group Africa (Pty) Ltd (WSP) has been appointed as the independent and suitably qualified Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) by Esizayo Wind (RF) (Pty) Ltd, to manage and undertake the Basic Assessment 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.

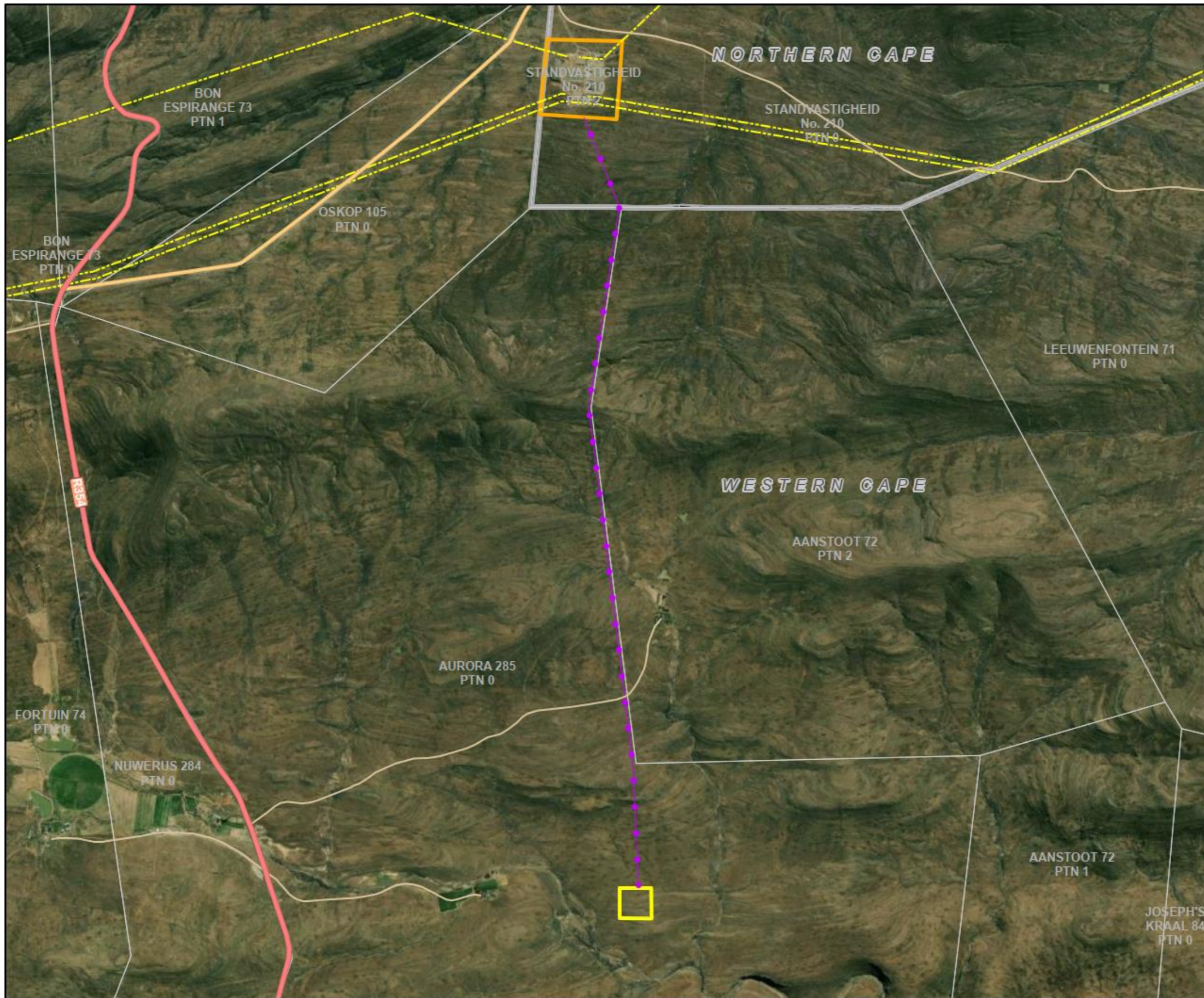
DRAFT AMENDMENT REPORT REVIEW PERIOD

The Draft Amendment Report will be made available at the venues below for review and comment for 30 days from **25 February 2022 to 28 March 2022**.

Area	Venue	Street Address	Contact No
Sutherland	Sutherland Library	Sarel Cilliers Street	023 571 1429 or 023 571 1020
Laingsburg	Laingsburg Library	Van Riebeeck street	023 551 1019
Majtiesfontein	Majtiesfontein Community Hall	-	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 **28 March 2022**. Should you have any queries/comments, please do not hesitate to contact the EAP.

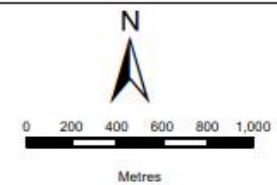
The contact details of the EAP: Lukanyo Kewana (T) 011 3611400 (E) Lukanyo.Kewana@wsp.com (A) PO Box 98867, Sloane Park, 2152



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BASIESE ASSESSERINGPROSES

KENNISGEWING VAN DIE VOORGESTELDE ONTWIKKELING VAN DIE ESIZAYO 132kV KRAGLYNPROJEK NABY MATJIESFONTEIN, WES- EN NOORD-KAAP PROVINSIE

Kennis word gegee ingevolge Regulasie 41(2) van GNR 982, soos gewysig, gepubliseer kragtens artikel 24 en 24D van die Nasionale Wet op Omgewingsbestuur (No. 107 van 1998) (NEMA), soos gewysig, vir 'n aansoekproses vir omgewingsmagtiging (OM) ten opsigte van aktiwiteite geïdentifiseer ingevolge GNR 983 en GNR 985 van die 2014 Omgewingsimpakbepaling (OIB) Regulasies (soos gewysig) (OIB Regulasies)

BESKRYWING EN LIGGING

Die voorstander, Esizayo Wind (RF) (Edms) Bpk., stel voor om 'n alternatiewe 132kV kraglynopsie vir die Esizayo Windenergiefasiliteit (WEF) naby Matjiesfontein in die Wes-Kaap en Noord-Kaapprovinsies te ondersoek. Die projek is geleë in die Laingsburg en Karoo Hoogland Plaaslike Munisipaliteite in die Wes- en Noord-Kaap Provinsies. Verder is die kraglyn geleë in die Sentrale Strategiese Transmissiekorridor soos uiteengesit in GNR 113. Die volgende plaasgedeeltes word deur die projek geraak:

Projek	Ligging	Plaaslike Munisipaliteite	Provinsies	Strategiese Transmissiekorridor	Proses
Esizayo 132kV Kraglyn	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Plaas Standvastigheid 210 Gedeelte 2 en RestantPlaas Aurora 285	Laingsburg en Karoo Hoogland	Wes- en Norrd-Kaap	Sentrale Strategiese Transmissiekorridor	BA - 132kV kraglyn

ENVIRONMENTAL APPLICATIONS

'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.

Projek Naam	Gelyste Aktiwiteite					
Esizayo 132kV Kraglyn	GNR 327	11(i)	12(ii)	19	27	30
	GNR 324	4	12	14		

REGISTRASIE

WSP Group Africa (Edms) Bpk (WSP) is deur Esizayo Wind (RF) (Edms) Bpk as die onafhanklike en toepaslik gekwalifiseerde Omgewingsevalueringspraktisyn (OBP) aangestel om die Basiese Assesseringsproses 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 WHP 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 hieronder verskaf. Geregistreerde 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.

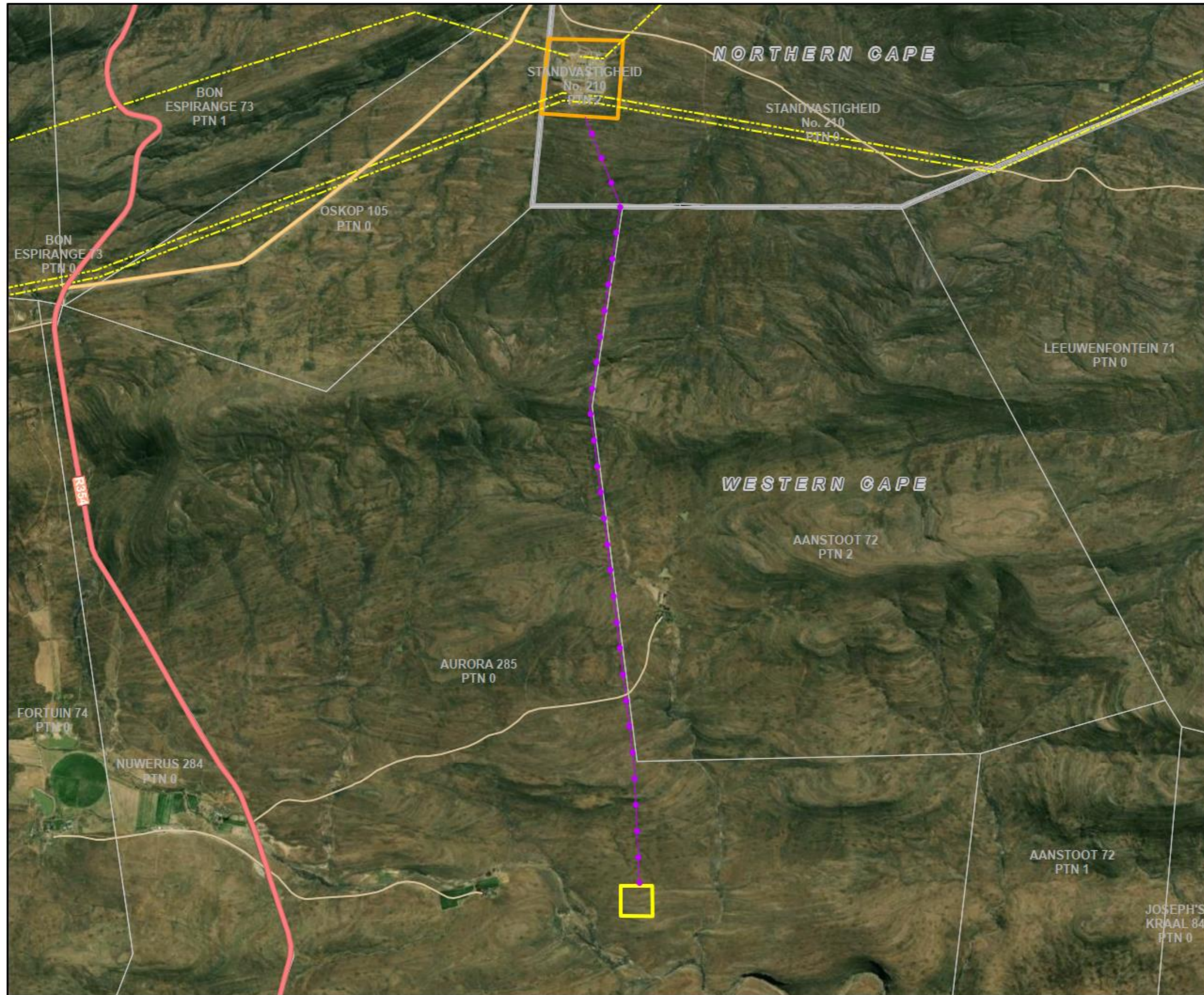
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Die Konsep Basiese Assesseringsverslag sal vir 30 dae vanaf **25 Februarie 2022 tot 28 Maart 2022** by die lokale hieronder beskikbaar gestel word vir hersiening en kommentaar.

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Maak asseblief seker dat alle kommentaar oor die voorgestelde projek of versoeke om geregistreer te word as 'n Belangstellende en Geaffekteerde Party ingedien word by die kontakbesonderhede wat hiermee verskaf word, teen **28 Maart 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 (A) PO Box 98867, Sloane Park, 2152



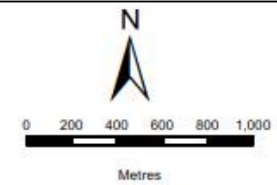
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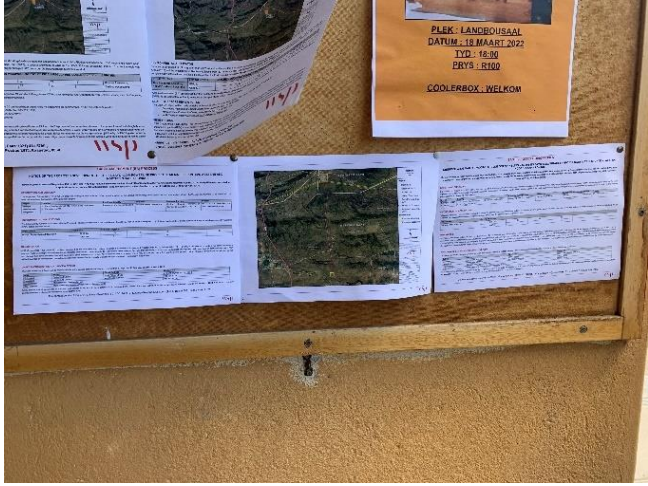
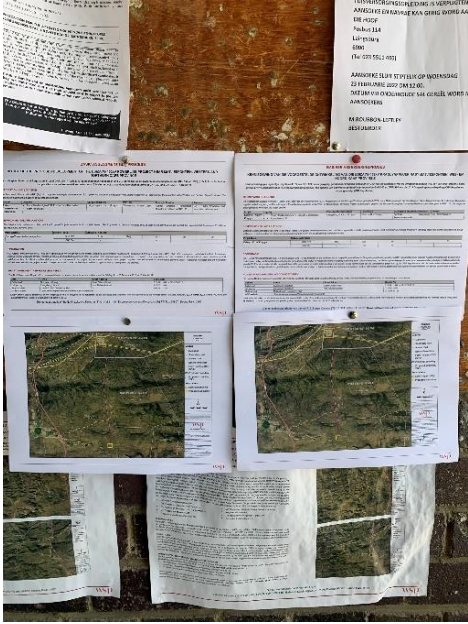
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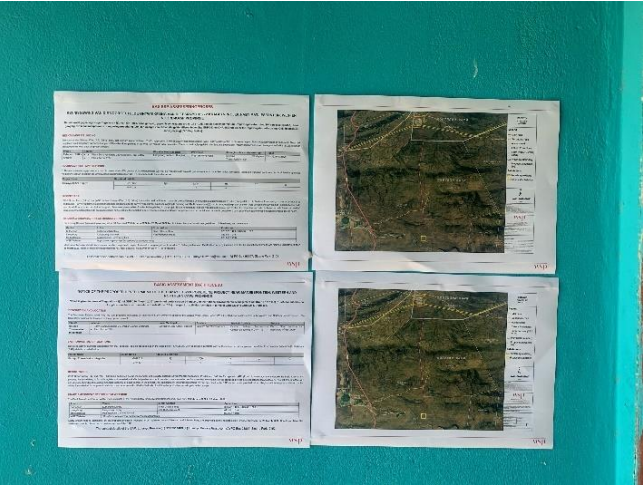

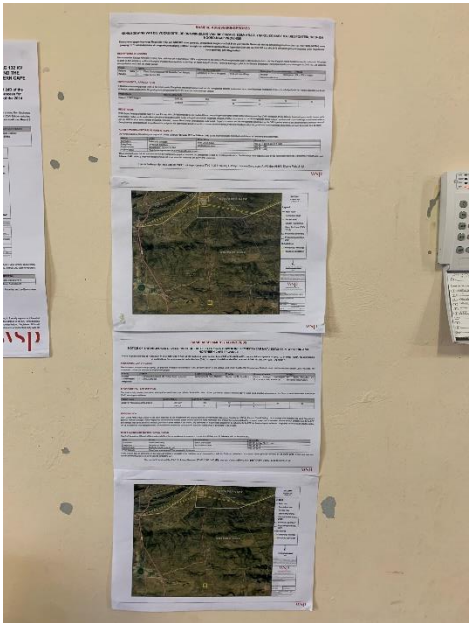
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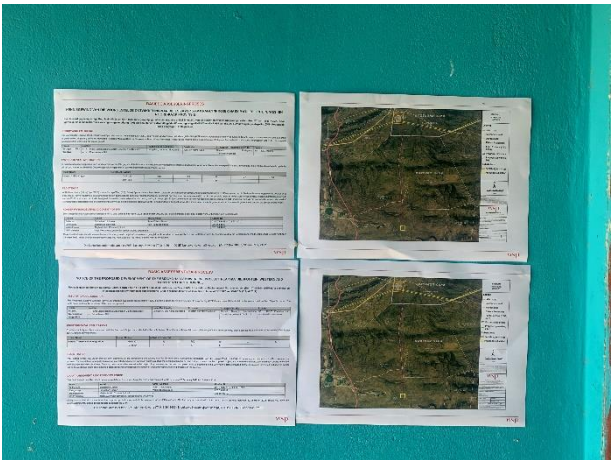


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<p>Site Boundary Point 2</p>	<p>32°59'51.16"S 20°34'8.33"E</p>	

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<p>Site Boundary Point 3</p>	<p>32°56'56.68"S 20°33'1.03"E</p>	 <p>A photograph showing a signpost with a map and a 'Spitzkopf' sign. The map is a topographic map with a grid overlay, showing a mountainous area. The signpost is made of wood and is located in a dry, hilly landscape under a blue sky with scattered white clouds. A power line is visible in the background.</p>
<p>Site Boundary Point 4</p>	<p>32°55'34.60"S 20°35'32.86"E</p>	 <p>A photograph showing a signpost with a map. The map is a topographic map with a grid overlay, showing a mountainous area. The signpost is made of wood and is located in a dry, hilly landscape under a blue sky with scattered white clouds. The terrain is more arid and rocky than in the first photograph.</p>

LOCATION CO-ORDINATES PHOTOGRAPHS

<p>Site Boundary Point 5</p>	<p>32°55'50.08"S 20°35'17.91"E</p>	 <p>The photograph shows two white rectangular markers attached to a metal fence. Each marker contains a printed map with a red dot indicating a specific location. The markers are secured to the fence with white string. The background shows a clear blue sky with scattered white clouds and a dry, rocky ground surface.</p>
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APPENDIX

B-3 NOTIFICATION LETTERS



Client ref.: Esizayo Tx
WSP ref.: 41103481

25 February 2022

Dear Stakeholder,

Subject: NOTICE OF THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF THE ESIZAYO 132kV POWERLINE PROJECT NEAR MATJIESFONTEIN, WESTERN AND NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE

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DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION

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- Farm Standvastigheid 210 Portion 2 and Remainder
- Farm Aurora 285.

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 983 (as amended) Listed Activities: 11(i), 12(ii), 19, 27, and 30
- GN 985 (as amended) 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 Esizayo Wind (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.

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DRAFT AMENDMENT REPORT REVIEW PERIOD

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- 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 28 March 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

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

We look forward to your participation in this process.

Kind regards,

Ashlea Strong
Associate

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E-mail: Ashlea.Strong@wsp.com

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25 Februarie 2022

Dear Stakeholder,

Subject: KENNISGEWING VAN DIE VOORGESTELDE ONTWIKKELING VAN DIE ESIZAYO 132kV KRAGLYNPROJEK NABY MATJIESFONTEIN, WES- EN NOORD-KAAP PROVINSIE

Kennis word gegee ingevolge Regulasie 41(2) van GNR 982, soos gewysig, gepubliseer kragtens artikel 24 en 24D van die Nasionale Wet op Omgewingsbestuur (No. 107 van 1998) (NEMA), soos gewysig, vir 'n aansoekproses vir omgewingsmagtiging (OM) ten opsigte van aktiwiteite geïdentifiseer ingevolge GNR 983 en GNR 985 van die 2014 Omgewingsimpakbepaling (OIB) Regulasies (soos gewysig) (OIB Regulasies)

BESKRYWING EN LIGGING

Die voorstander, Esizayo Wind (RF) (Edms) Bpk., stel voor om 'n alternatiewe 132kV kraglynopsie vir die Esizayo Windenergiefasiliteit (WEF) naby Matjiesfontein in die Wes-Kaap en Noord-Kaapprovinsies te ondersoek. Die projek is geleë in die Laingsburg en Karoo Hoogland Plaaslike Munisipaliteite in die Wes- en Noord-Kaap Provinsies. Verder is die kraglyn geleë in die Sentrale Strategiese Transmissiekorridor soos uiteengesit in GNR 113. Die volgende plaasgedeeltes word deur die projek geraak:

- Plaas Standvastigheid 210 Gedeelte 2 en Restant
- Plaas Aurora 285.

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 983 Gelyste Aktiwiteite: 11(i), 12(ii), 19, 27 en 30
- GNR 985 Gelyste Aktiwiteite: 4, 12 en 14

REGISTRASIE

WSP Group Africa (Edms) Bpk (WSP) is deur Esizayo Wind (RF) (Edms) Bpk as die onafhanklike en toepaslik gekwalifiseerde Omgewingsevalueringspraktisyn (OBP) aangestel om die Basiese Asseseringsproses 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 WHP 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 hieronder verskaf. Geregistreerde belangstellende en geaffekteerde partye sal alle toekomstige projekverwante

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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 25 Februarie 2022 tot 28 Maart 2022 by die lokale hieronder beskikbaar gestel word vir hersiening en kommentaar:

- Sutherland - Sutherland-biblioteek (Sarel Cilliersstraat, Tel: 023 571 1429 of 023 571 1020)
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Maak asseblief seker dat alle kommentaar oor die voorgestelde projek of versoeke om geregistreer te word as 'n Belangstellende en Geaffekteerde Party ingedien word by die kontakbesonderhede wat hiermee verskaf word, teen 28 Maart 2022. Indien jy enige navrae/opmerkings het, moet asseblief nie huiwer om die WHP te kontak nie..

Die kontakbesonderhede van die WHP:

Lukanyo Kewana

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(E) Lukanyo.Kewana@wsp.com

(A) Posbus 98867, Sloane Park, 2152

Ons sien uit na u deelname aan hierdie proses. Kind regards,

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B-4 EMAIL NOTIFICATIONS

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From: Strong, Ashlea
Sent: Thursday, 24 February 2022 10:05
To: Strong, Ashlea
Cc: Kewana, Lukanyo; Maanda Maseli
Subject: NOTICE OF THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF THE ESIZAYO 132KV OVERHEAD POWERLINE - BASIC ASSESSMENT PROCESS
Attachments: 41103481_20220225_BTE Renewables_Esizayo BA_Notification Letter_English.pdf; 41103481_20220225_BTE Renewables_Esizayo BA_Notification Letter_Afrikaans.pdf

Dear Commenting Authority,

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

- One Drive ( [Esizayo 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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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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Laingsburg Public Library

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Sutherland Library

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- [App J_DFFE Screening 1001 Report](#)
- [App.K_Klawer OHPL_DFFE Pre-Application Meeting_04.05.2021_FINAL](#)

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Public Disclosure dates: 25 February 2022 – 28 March 2022

Document on Public Display: Draft Basic Assessment Report

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

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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

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MEETING NOTES

JOB TITLE	BioTherm_EsizayoMaralla_Pre-App Meeting
PROJECT NUMBER	41103480 and 41103481
DATE	28 July 2021
TIME	10h00
VENUE	Online (MS Teams)
SUBJECT	Pre-Application Meeting with DFFE
CLIENT	BTE Renewables
PRESENT	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
APOLOGIES	None
DISTRIBUTION	As above See Appendix A

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MATTERS ARISING	ACTION
1.0 INTRODUCTIONS AND WELCOME	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">AS welcomed everyone followed by a round of introductions and an overview of the meeting agenda.A PowerPoint presentation was presented to all attendees to provide information and mapping. <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 (Appendix B).</i></p>	-
2.0 PROJECT BACKGROUND	
2.1 Project Background and Description <ul style="list-style-type: none">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	

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<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"> – AS noted that the Environmental Consents include the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A number of Part 1 Amendments to update administrative items in the existing EAs such as amending the name of the applicant. ▪ Updating and approval of the EMPs for the Maralla East, Maralla West and Esizayo WEFs as required by the existing EAs ▪ Updating the EMPs for the approved Esizayo and Maralla transmission Integration Powerlines as required by the existing EAs ▪ Undertaking two new Basic Assessment Processes for two new Transmission integration powerlines, one for Esizayo and one for Maralla. – The location of all these Projects is in the Western and Northern Cape, essentially between the Karoo Hoogland and the Laignsburg Local Municipalities – The Projects traverses 10 farm portions – 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). <p>2.2 Assessment Process and Competent Authority</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – 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. – AS indicated that DFFE had been identified as the Competent Authority (CA). – ML confirmed that DFFE is the CA. <p>2.3 Specialist Assessments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – AS ran through the identified sensitivities as per the DEA Online Screening Tool report, and specialist assessments noted therein. – 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. <p>2.4 Public Participation Process</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – AS provided an overview of the proposed public participation process in accordance with the EIA Regulations (2014, as amended). – AS noted that the same Public Participation Plan (PPP) will be followed for both the new Basic Assessment, EMPR and Layout updates. – AS noted that a draft Public Participation Plan (PPP) will be issued to DFFE along with the meeting minutes for consideration and approval. <p>2.5 Timeframes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – 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. – The authority’s decision-making timeframe will be 30 days for the Part 1 Amendments and Updated EMPr and Final layouts 	
<p>3.0 QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS</p>	
<p>AS opened the floor for any comments or questions. The following items were raised and discussed.</p> <p>3.1 Part 1 Amendment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – AS queried whether a turbine output change for the Esizayo project could constitutes a Part 1 amendment? – SD queried whether if it’s only the technology used on these turbines that will be changed? – AS noted that just the technology will change and asked for confirmation of the current authorisation from the BTE team. 	

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- 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

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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
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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.
- Alicia Govender (Guest) has temporarily joined the chat.
- Tonderai Munthumbira (Guest) has temporarily joined the chat.
- Samkelisiwe Dlamini (Guest) has temporarily joined the chat.
- Maanda Maseli (External) has temporarily joined the chat.
- Masina Litsoane (Guest) has temporarily joined the chat.

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;
 - Updating and approval of the EMPs for the Maralla East, Maralla West and Esizayo WEFs as required by the existing EAs
 - Updating the EMPs for the approved Esizayo and Maralla transmission Integration Powerlines as required by the existing EAs
 - 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

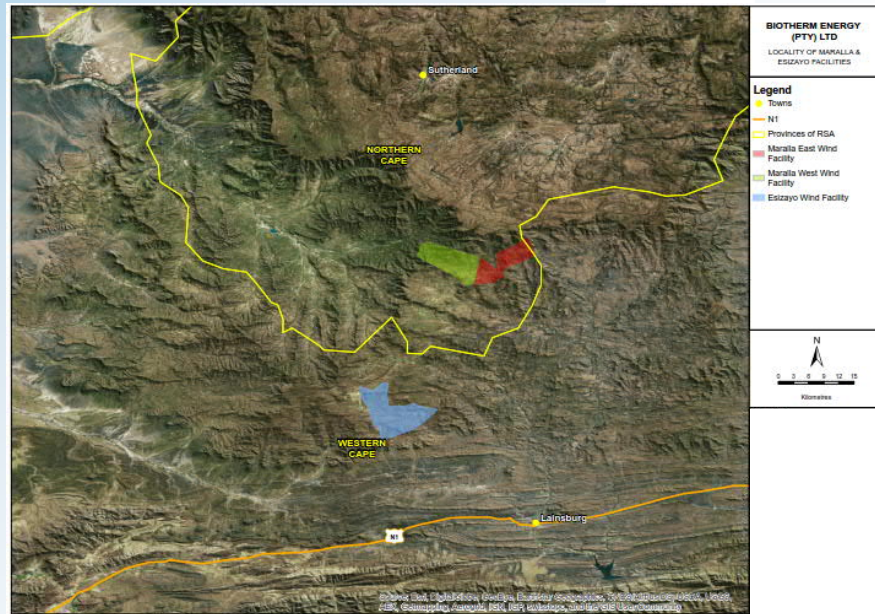
Location

	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"> • Farm Welgemoed 268 (the Remainder); • Farm Schalkwykskraal 204 (the Remainder); and • Farm Drie Roode Heuvels 180 (the Remainder). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Portion of Farm Drie Roode Heuvels 180 Remainder • Farm Annex Drie Roode Heuvels 181 Remainder • Farm Wolven Hoek 182 Portion 1 • Farm Wolven Hoek 182 Portion 2 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Farm Aanstoot 72 Portion 1 • Farm Annex Joseph's Kraal 84 • Farm Aurora 285.



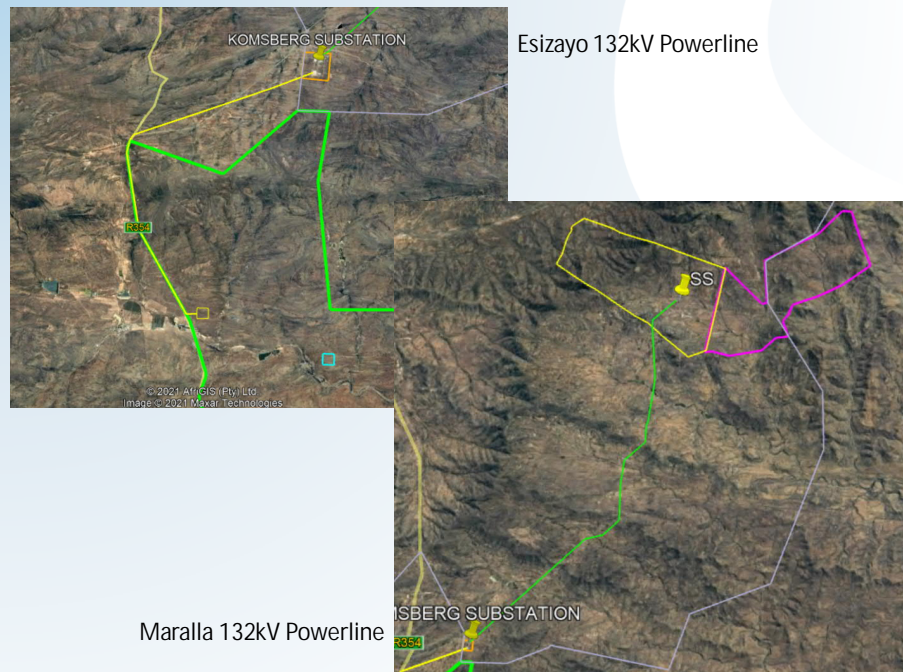
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Key Considerations

- 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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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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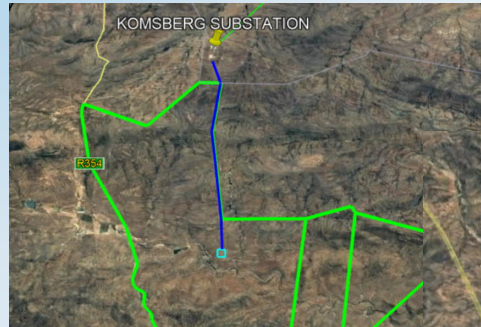


Basic Assessment Processes for 132kV Powerlines

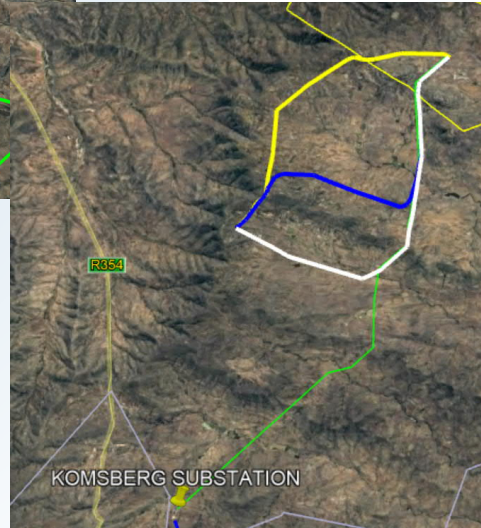
- The Applicant is looking to investigate two alternative 132kV power integration options for the Maralla and Esizayo WEFs.
- Overhead Powerlines
 - 132kV steel single or double structure with kingbird conductor
 - A 100m corridor around the powerline will be assessed
 - Pole positions will only be available 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>Activity 11: 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>Activity 12 (ii), (a) and (c): 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>Activity 19 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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Listed Activities

- Listing Notice 1 - GNR 327

LISTED ACTIVITY	DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT ACTIVITY
Activity 27: 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.
Activity 30: 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
Activity 4: 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.
Activity 12 (i) (i) and (ii): 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.
Activity 14 (ii) (a) and (c) (i) (i) (bb) and (ff): 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	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/AssessmentProtocols/Gazetted_General_Agriculture_Assessment_Protocols.pdf
2	Landscape/Visual Impact Assessment	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/AssessmentProtocols/Gazetted_General_Requirement_Assessment_Protocols.pdf
3	Archaeological and Cultural Heritage Impact Assessment	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/AssessmentProtocols/Gazetted_General_Requirement_Assessment_Protocols.pdf
4	Palaeontology Impact Assessment	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/AssessmentProtocols/Gazetted_General_Requirement_Assessment_Protocols.pdf
5	Terrestrial Biodiversity Impact Assessment	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/AssessmentProtocols/Gazetted_Terrestrial_Biodiversity_Assessment_Protocols.pdf
6	Aquatic Biodiversity Impact Assessment	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/AssessmentProtocols/Gazetted_Aquatic_Biodiversity_Assessment_Protocols.pdf
7	Avian Impact Assessment	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/AssessmentProtocols/Gazetted_Avifauna_Assessment_Protocols.pdf
8	Civil Aviation Assessment	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/AssessmentProtocols/Gazetted_Civil_Aviation_Installations_Assessment_Protocols.pdf
9	RFI Assessment	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/AssessmentProtocols/Gazetted_General_Requirement_Assessment_Protocols.pdf
10	Geotechnical Assessment	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/AssessmentProtocols/Gazetted_General_Requirement_Assessment_Protocols.pdf
11	Plant Species Assessment	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/AssessmentProtocols/Gazetted_Plant_Species_Assessment_Protocols.pdf
12	Animal Species Assessment	https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/AssessmentProtocols/Gazetted_Animal_Species_Assessment_Protocols.pdf

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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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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&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"> — Placement of site notices (in English and Afrikaans) at appropriate locations on site and in the surrounding area. — 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.
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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"> (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; (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; (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; (iv) the municipality which has jurisdiction in the area; (v) any organ of state having jurisdiction in respect of any aspect of the activity; and (vi) any other party as required by the competent authority; 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – 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. – General communication (written notification) with stakeholders (public and government departments/authorities) throughout the Basic Assessment (BA) and EMPr amendment processes. – Stakeholders will be added to the database on request as the project progresses.
<p>(c) placing an advertisement in—</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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>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"> (i) illiteracy; (ii) disability; or (iii) any other disadvantage. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – 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&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. – 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. – Given the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and associated restrictions in place, no public meetings or focus group discussions have been provided for.
<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"> – 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.



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

PROPOSED PLAN/ACTIVITIES

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – All stakeholders identified will be registered on the project stakeholder database, and the database will be maintained throughout the BA and EMPr amendment processes.
<p>(43) & (44) Registered Interested and affected parties (I&APs) must be given 30 days to comment on the draft Report</p>	<p>The Draft 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"> – From WSP on request – Online on the WSP website <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



Govender, Megan

From: Strong, Ashlea
Sent: Thursday, 03 March 2022 06:13
To: Taylor Shaun
Cc: Kewana, Lukanyo; Maanda Maseli
Subject: RE: NOTICE OF THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF THE ESIZAYO 132KV OVERHEAD POWERLINE - BASIC ASSESSMENT PROCESS
Attachments: Esizayo new Powerline route_2021.kmz

Dear Shaun

Thank you for your email.

Please find attached the kml showing the proposed Esizayo 132kV OHPL route. Please note that the assessment corridor was 200m (100m either side of centre line).

Kind regards

Ashlea Strong

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From: Taylor Shaun Stakeholder details have been redacted as required by POPIA
Sent: Thursday, 24 February 2022 10:30
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Cc: Kewana, Lukanyo Lukanyo.Kewana@wsp.com; Maanda Maseli
Subject: RE: NOTICE OF THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF THE ESIZAYO 132KV OVERHEAD POWERLINE - BASIC ASSESSMENT PROCESS

INTERNAL

Thank you Ashlea, received in good order.

May I kindly request the .kml of the proposed assessment corridor and proposed powerline please.

Regards

Shaun Taylor
Pr. Nat. Sci (Reg No: 118409)
Environment, Archaeology & Biodiversity
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From: Strong, Ashlea <Ashlea.Strong@wsp.com>

Sent: Thursday, 24 February 2022 10:06

To: Strong, Ashlea <Ashlea.Strong@wsp.com>

Cc: Kewana, Lukanyo <Lukanyo.Kewana@wsp.com>; Maanda Maseli

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

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Dear Stakeholder,

NOTICE OF THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF THE ESIZAYO 132KV POWERLINE PROJECT NEAR MATJIESFONTEIN, WESTERN AND NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE

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

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From: Strong, Ashlea
Sent: Monday, 07 March 2022 07:02
To: **Stakeholder details have been redacted as required by POPIA**
Subject: FW: BASIC ASSESSMENT PROCESS 132KV POWER LINE
Attachments: 41103481_20220225_Esizayo Transmission Lines BAR_Draft_Public Review_Optimized.pdf

Dear Benjamin

Thank you for your email

As per your request below, please find the Basic Assessment Report attached. Due to size constraints this report does not include the appendices. These you can access by either reviewing a hard copy of the document as one of the following venues:

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From: **Stakeholder details have been redacted as required by POPIA**
Sent: Wednesday, 02 March 2022 09:44
To: Kewana, Lukanyo <Lukanyo.Kewana@wsp.com>
Subject: BASIC ASSESSMENT PROCESS 132KV POWER LINE

Dear Sir

As an interested party to this 132KV Power Line from the business community of Laingsburg can you please forward me the BASIC ASSESSMENT PROCESS document, in order to make our inputs.

Kind regards

BENJAMIN KLEINBOOI

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Govender, Megan

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From: Franks Lindiwe > on behalf of Abrahams Abe (KBY)
Sent: Thursday, 24 February 2022 10:11
To: Feni Ntombizanele (KBY); Mokhoantle Lerato (KBY); Cloete Shaun; Ngidi Ziyanda; Jansen Melinda(UPN); Moalosi Kelebogile(KBY)
Cc: Rasikhanya Tendamudzimu; Strong, Ashlea
Subject: FW: NOTICE OF THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF THE ESIZAYO 132KV OVERHEAD POWERLINE - BASIC ASSESSMENT PROCESS
Attachments: 41103481_20220225_BTE Renewables_Esizayo BA_Notification Letter_Afrikaans.pdf; 41103481_20220225_BTE Renewables_Esizayo BA_Notification Letter_English.pdf

Dear Colleagues

Please note for your attention.

Mr Strong

Kindly note email addresses of the team for future correspondence and referrals.
Regards

Lindiwe Franks
Office of the Provincial Head: Northern Cape Region

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Sent: Thursday, 24 February 2022 10:06

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From: Vanessa Stoffels
Sent: Thursday, 24 February 2022 12:57
To: Strong, Ashlea
Subject: REM PT 2 FARM STANDVASTIGHEID 210, FARM AURORA 285 MATJIESFONTEIN

Good day

Received your application, our reference Job 29345.

The matter is receiving attention and further communication will be addressed to you as soon as circumstances permit.

Kind Regards

Vanessa Stoffels
Admin Clerk: Road Use Management
Department of Transport and Public Works
Chief Directorate: Road Planning
Western Cape Government

3rd Floor, 9 Dorp Street, Cape Town

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From: Strong, Ashlea
Sent: Thursday, 03 March 2022 06:17
To: 'Vanessa Stoffels'
Subject: [Pending]RE: MARALLA WEST, MARALLA EAST, ESIZAYO WIND PROJECTS

Dear Vanessa

Thank you for your comments. We will capture them in the comment and response report together with our responses.

Kind regards

Ashlea Strong

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Sent: Tuesday, 01 March 2022 12:24
To: Strong, Ashlea <Ashlea.Strong@wsp.com>
Subject: MARALLA WEST, MARALLA EAST, ESIZAYO WIND PROJECTS

Kind Regards

Vanessa Stoffels
Admin Clerk: Road Use Management
Department of Transport and Public Works
Chief Directorate: Road Planning
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SLOANE PARK
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Attention: Ashlea Strong

Dear Madam

**NOTICE OF THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT ESIZAYO TRANSMISSION 132KV POWERLINE PROJECT
NEAR MATJIESFONTEIN, WESTERN AND NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE**

1. Your letter dated 25 February 2022 refers.
2. Cognisance is taken of the Draft Basic Assessment Report for the transmission line between as shown on project drawing: 41103481 dated 27 January 2022.
3. This Branch would like to register as an Interested and Affected Party.
4. The proposal affects Minor Road 8045 with a perpendicular crossing.
5. This Branch offers the following initial comment:
 - 5.1 The transmission line must be outside of the road reserve and also outside that of the 5m building line;
 - 5.2 Where a transmission line crosses a proclaimed road, it shall be perpendicular to the road;
 - 5.3 The minimum distance between the road centreline and the tower shall be 50m;
 - 5.4 The minimum height between the lowest point of the cable and the highest point of the road at a road crossing will be 6.8m;
6. The matter will be considered further upon receipt of a wayleave application accompanied by detailed plans.

Yours Sincerely

SW CARSTENS

For DEPUTY DIRECTOR-GENERAL: ROADS

DATE: 25 February 2022

ENDORSEMENTS

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Attention: Mr K Theron (e-mail)
3. District Roads Engineer
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4. Mr SW Carstens (e-mail)
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From: Strong, Ashlea
Sent: Friday, 04 March 2022 06:35
To: 'Adri La Meyer'
Cc: Kewana, Lukanyo; Maanda Maseli
Subject: [Pending]RE: NOTICE OF THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF THE ESIZAYO 132KV OVERHEAD POWERLINE - BASIC ASSESSMENT PROCESS

Tracking: Recipient Delivery
'Adri La Meyer'
Kewana, Lukanyo Delivered: 2022/03/04 06:36
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Hi Adri

Yes – I believe that is the plan.

Kind regards

Ashlea

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

Hi Ashlea,

Many thanks for the response. I assume that once the most appropriate powerline route is chosen in future, the applicant will "lapse" the other EA, else he will have two valid EAs.

Kind regards,
Adri

From: Strong, Ashlea <Ashlea.Strong@wsp.com>

Sent: Thursday, March 3, 2022 15:17

To: Adri La Meyer Stakeholder details have been redacted as required by POPIA

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

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Hi Adri

The current application is indeed looking at an Alternative alignment – however, this will not replace the authorised powerline. The applicant wishes to have both options available such that they can choose the most appropriate powerline in the future.

Please let me know if you require any additional information.

Kind regards

Ashlea

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From: Adri La Meyer

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

Hi Ashlea,

I hope you are well. Thank you for the email notification.

Could you please indicate if the proposed powerline will replace the EA granted on 01 December 2017 (reference 14/12/16/3/3/1/1775)? I note that your email indicates that the applicant proposes an alternative powerline option – I assume that the one authorised will no longer be implemented? I could not find reference in the BAR about the authorised powerline, but I was just skimming through the BAR.

Kind regards,
Adri

From: Strong, Ashlea <Ashlea.Strong@wsp.com>

Sent: Thursday, February 24, 2022 10:06

To: Strong, Ashlea <Ashlea.Strong@wsp.com>

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

Dear Stakeholder,

NOTICE OF THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF THE ESIZAYO 132KV POWERLINE PROJECT NEAR MATJIESFONTEIN, WESTERN AND NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE

Notice is given in terms of Regulation 41(2) of GNR 982 (as amended) 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 983 and GNR 985 (as amended)

The Proponent, Esizayo Wind (RF) (Pty) Ltd, proposes investigate an alternative 132kV powerline option for the Esizayo Wind Energy Facility (WEF) located near Matjiesfontein in the Western Cape and Northern Cape Provinces. The project is located within the Laingsburg and Karoo Hoogland Local Municipalities in the Western and Northern

Cape Provinces. 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. Parties wishing to formally register as interested and affected parties (IAPs) 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 I&APs will be sent all future project related correspondence and notified individually of additional opportunities to participate in the process.

The Draft Basic Assessment Report has been made available at the venues below for review and comment for 30 days from 25 February 2022 to 28 March 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 \(https://www.wsp.com/en-ZA/services/public-documents\)](https://www.wsp.com/en-ZA/services/public-documents)

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

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Kind regards,



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From: Thea Jordan
Sent: Monday, 28 March 2022 19:05
To: Strong, Ashlea
Cc: Adri La Meyer; Sue-Ellen Osman
Subject: Comment : Development of the Esizayo 132kV powerline project near Laingsburg
Attachments: 28 March 2022 Development of the Esizayo 132kV powerline project near Laingsburg Municipality.pdf

Dear EAP,

Please find attached this Department's comment in the above regard.

Yours faithfully

Thea Jordan
Pr. Pl. (A/1237/2002)
Director: Development Facilitation
Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning
Western Cape Government

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References:

19/3/2/4/C1/5/DDF114/21 (Pollution and Chemicals Management)

19/2/5/3/C1/5/WL0025/22 (Waste Management)

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Dear Madam

COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED ALTERNATIVE ESIZAYO 132KV OVERHEAD POWERLINE FROM THE ONSITE SUBSTATION AT THE AUTHORISED ESIZAYO WIND ENERGY FACILITY ACROSS THE FARM AURORA NO. 285, AND THE REMAINDER AND PORTION 2 (KOMSBERG SUBSTATION) OF THE FARM STANDVASTIGHEID NO. 210, LAINGSBURG AND KAROO HOOGLAND MUNICIPALITIES, WESTERN AND NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCES

The email notification of 24 February 2022 regarding the availability of the Draft Basic Assessment Report ("BAR"), the WeTransfer link to download the Draft BAR and appendices received via email on 24 February 2022, the Department's email of 03 March 2022, and the response of the environmental assessment practitioner ("EAP") received on the same day, refer.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the Draft BAR dated February 2022. The Department notes that the application for environmental authorisation ("EA") is for an alternative powerline alignment, in addition to the EA granted by the then Department of Environmental Affairs on 01 December 2017 (their reference reference 14/12/16/3/3/1/1775) for the 132kV transmission powerline for the Esizayo wind energy facility ("WEF").

Please find consolidated comment from various directorates within the Department on the Draft BAR dated February 2022 that was available for download from various online platforms provided by the EAP.

1. Directorate: Development Facilitation – Ms Adri La Meyer **Stakeholder details have been redacted as required by POPIA**
Stakeholder details have been redacted as required by POPIA
 - 1.1. This Directorate advises that the competent authority and registered interested and affected parties should be informed that an existing EA exists for the 132kV powerline and that the current application will not replace the authorised powerline. Per the EAP's response of 03 March 2022, the applicant wishes to have both options/EAs available such that the most appropriate powerline alignment can be chosen in future. Should the competent authority grant EA for the alternative powerline (this application), the applicant is advised to lapse whichever EA will not be commenced with, as it will be in possession of two valid EAs for the same project.
 - 1.2. The Draft BAR indicates that the no-go option will mean the status quo remains. This statement is disputed as the no-go option means that the applicant will develop the 132kV transmission powerline for the Esizayo WEF approved by the competent authority on 01 December 2017.
 - 1.3. References to "*Error! Reference source not found*" must be corrected in the Final BAR.
2. Directorate: Pollution and Chemicals Management – Mr Gunther Frantz (Email: **Stakeholder details have been redacted as required by POPIA**)
 - 2.1. The placement of stand poles/pylons within sensitive freshwater features such as wetlands and riparian areas must always be avoided.
 - 2.2. The erection of stand poles/pylons and associated construction activities should ideally take place within the dry season to reduce the risk of sediment-laden runoff from the construction activities/site washing into any nearby watercourses.
 - 2.3. The temporary concrete batching area and construction camp/s must be located outside of sensitive freshwater features, as identified in paragraph 2.1. above. This is particularly important given that a higher likelihood of pollution and risk of contamination exists during the construction phase for such a development, with an increased risk of pollution emanating from the construction camp and laydown areas.
 - 2.4. No discharge of effluents or wash water from cement batching areas should be allowed to enter nearby watercourses. Runoff must be strictly controlled in the vicinity of any cement batching areas.
 - 2.5. The storage of hazardous substances (i.e., diesel, petrol, transformer oils and lubricants, etc.) should be located on impervious surfaces with bunds (to accommodate 110% of the maximum allowable liquid volume) around them to contain any fugitive spillages and/or leakages.
 - 2.6. The refuelling and/or repair of construction vehicles should not take place within any sensitive areas and should be conducted over a dedicated impervious area within the construction camp.
 - 2.7. It is recommended that the Draft Environmental Management Programme ("EMPr") make specific reference to section 30 of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) pertaining to the control of incidents. In the event of a significant spill or leak of hazardous substances (e.g., petrol and diesel) in the Western Cape, such incident(s) must be reported to all relevant authorities, including the Directorate: Pollution and Chemicals Management, in accordance with section 30(5) of the NEMA.

3. Directorate: Waste Management – Mr Etienne Roux **Stakeholder details have been redacted as required by POPIA**
- Stakeholder details have been redacted as required by POPIA**
- 3.1. In various sections of the Draft BAR, it is stated that “Areas for waste disposal should be clearly demarcated and should be bunded and on hard standing. These areas should be located outside the riparian zone or 100m from a watercourse, whichever is greatest.” Please note that no waste is allowed to be buried or incinerated on-site and any solid waste should be appropriately stored within the development footprint, until such time that it can be disposed of at a licensed facility, suitable of accepting such waste.
- 3.2. Should the development have the capacity to store more than 100m³ of general waste, and/or more than 80m³ of hazardous waste at any one time and for a period exceeding 90 days, the applicant will need to register in terms of, and adhere to the National Environmental Management: Waste Act, 2008 (Act No. 59 of 2008) *National Norms and Standards for the Storage of Waste* published in Government Notice (“GN”) No. 926 of 29 November 2013.
- 3.3. Per paragraph 2.7. above, should there be any spills of hazardous substances which could lead to environmental degradation, the management of such spills should adhere to section 30 of NEMA, 1998 which includes reporting responsibilities. Please include this in the EMPr.
- 3.4. According to page 65 of the EMPr (hazardous waste management) it is stated that “Ensure that waste manifest documentation (as per the draft Classification and Management Regulations, GNR. 614 of 2012) is prepared and maintained for the generation, transportation and disposal of hazardous waste”. Please note that the Classification and Management Regulations have been promulgated in GN No. R. 634 of 23 August 2013.
4. The applicant is reminded of its “general duty of care towards the environment” as prescribed in section 28 of the NEMA, 1998 which states that “Every person who causes, has caused or may cause significant pollution or degradation of the environment must take reasonable measures to prevent such pollution or degradation from occurring, continuing or recurring, or, in so far as such harm to the environment is authorised by law or cannot reasonably be avoided or stopped, to minimise and rectify such pollution or degradation of the environment.”

Please direct all enquiries to the commenting officials should you require any clarity on any of the comments provided.

The Department reserves the right to revise initial comments and request further information based on any or new information received.

Yours sincerely

pp **HEAD OF DEPARTMENT**
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING

Letter signed by:

Thea Jordan

Director: Development Facilitation

Date: 28 March 2022

Govender, Megan

From: Masina Litsoane <[redacted]>
Sent: Monday, 28 March 2022, 14:22
To: Strong, Ashlea
Cc: Samkelisiwe Dlamini; Lydia Kutu; EIA Applications
Subject: 14/12/16/3/3/1/2489: COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED ESIZAYO 132KV POWERLINE PROJECT, WESTERN
Attachments: 01 Comments on Draft BAR_.pdf

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Dear Ashlea,

Attached please find comments on the aforementioned application for your attention.

Regards,

MASINA LITSOANE

Department of Forestry, Fisheries & the Environment
Integrated Environmental Authorisations

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PER MAIL / E-MAIL

Dear Ms Strong

COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED ESIZAYO 132KV POWERLINE PROJECT NEAR LAINGSBURG, WESTERN AND NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE

The DRAFT Basic Assessment Report (BAR) dated February 2022 and received by this Department on 24 February 2022, refer.

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

(a) 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.
- 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 template has been amended and can be downloaded from the following link <https://www.environment.gov.za/documents/forms>.
- 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.

(b) Layout & Sensitivity Maps

- Please provide a layout map which indicates the following:
- The proposed 132kV powerline with associated infrastructure, overlain by the sensitivity map;
- All supporting onsite infrastructure e.g. roads (existing and proposed);
- The location of sensitive environmental features on site e.g. CBAs, heritage sites, wetlands, drainage lines etc. that will be affected;
- Buffer areas; and, all "no-go" areas.

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- The above map must be overlain with a sensitivity map and a cumulative map which shows neighbouring existing grid infrastructure.
- Google maps will not be accepted.

(c) Alternatives

- Please note that you are required to provide a full description of the process followed to reach the proposed preferred alternative within the site, in terms of Appendix 1(3)(1)(h) of the EIA Regulations 2014, as amended, including the following content:
 - (a) details of all the alternatives considered;
 - (b) details of the public participation process undertaken in terms of regulation 41 of the Regulations, including copies of the supporting documents and inputs;
 - (c) a summary of the issues raised by interested and affected parties, and an indication of the manner in which the issues were incorporated, or the reasons for not including them;
 - (d) the environmental attributes associated with the alternatives focusing on the geographical, physical, biological, social, economic, heritage and cultural aspects;
 - (e) the impacts and risks identified for each alternative, including the nature, significance, consequence, extent, duration and probability of the impacts, including the degree to which these impacts—
 - (i) (aa) can be reversed;
 - (ii) (bb) may cause irreplaceable loss of resources; and
 - (iii) (cc) can be avoided, managed or mitigated;
 - (f) the methodology used in determining and ranking the nature, significance, consequences, extent, duration and probability of potential environmental impacts and risks associated with the alternatives;
 - (g) positive and negative impacts that the proposed activity and alternatives will have on the environment and on the community that may be affected focusing on the geographical, physical, biological, social, economic, heritage and cultural aspects;
 - (h) the possible mitigation measures that could be applied and level of residual risk;
 - (i) the outcome of the site selection matrix;
 - (j) if no alternatives, including alternative locations for the activity were investigated, the motivation for not considering such; and
 - (k) a concluding statement indicating the preferred alternatives, including preferred location of the activity.
- Written proof of an investigation and motivation if no reasonable or feasible alternatives exist in terms of Appendix 1.

(d) Specialist Assessments

- i. It has been noted that the proposed project is within a very high ecological importance site. The Department is requesting that you confirm if project being on a highly sensitive ecological importance cannot be mitigated by considering another layout alternative.
- ii. 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.
- iii. 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.
- iv. Should the appointed specialists specify contradicting recommendations, the EAP must clearly indicate the most reasonable recommendation and substantiate this with defensible reasons; and where necessary, include further expert advice.
- v. It is further brought to your attention that Procedures for the Assessment and Minimum Criteria for Reporting on identified Environmental Themes in terms of Sections 24(5)(a) and (h) and 44 of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998, when applying for Environmental Authorisation, which were promulgated in Government Notice No. 320 of 20 March 2020 (i.e. "the Protocols"), and in Government Notice No. 1150 of 30 October 2020 (i.e. protocols for terrestrial plant and animal species), have come into

effect. **Please note that specialist assessments must be conducted in accordance with these protocols.**

(e) Cumulative Assessment

- i. Should there be any other similar projects within a 30km radius of the proposed development site, the cumulative impact assessment for all identified and assessed impacts must be refined to indicate the following:
 - a) Identified cumulative impacts must be clearly defined, and where possible the size of the identified impact must be quantified and indicated, i.e. hectares of cumulatively transformed land.
 - b) Detailed process flow and proof must be provided, to indicate how the specialist's recommendations, mitigation measures and conclusions from the various similar developments in the area were taken into consideration in the assessment of cumulative impacts and when the conclusion and mitigation measures were drafted for this project.
 - 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.
- (iv) 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 —
- (v) Avoid, modify, remedy, control or stop any action, activity or process which causes pollution or environmental degradation;
- (vi) Comply with any prescribed environmental management standards or practices;
- (vii) Comply with any applicable provisions of the Act regarding closure, where applicable; and
- (viii) Comply with any provisions of the Act regarding financial provision for rehabilitation, where applicable.
- (ix) 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.
- (x) 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.
- (xi) An indication of the persons who will be responsible for the implementation of the impact management actions.
- (xii) 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.
- (xiii) The mechanism for monitoring compliance with the impact management actions contemplated in paragraph (f) of Appendix 4 of the EIA Regulations 2014, as amended.
- (xiv) A program for reporting on compliance, taking into account the requirements as prescribed by the Regulations.

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.

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”.*

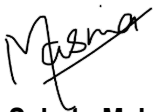
Should there be significant changes or new information that has been added to the BAR or EMPr which changes or information was not contained in the reports or plans consulted on during the initial public participation process, you are required to comply with Regulation 19(1)(b) of the NEMA EIA Regulations, 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 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.”

Should you fail to meet any of the timeframes stipulated in Regulation 19 of the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended, your application will lapse.

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



Mr Sabelo Malaza

**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: 23/03/2022.

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RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF INTENT TO DEVELOP: FINAL
In terms of Section 38(1) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999) and the Western Cape Provincial Gazette 6061, Notice 298 of 2003

NOTIFICATION OF INTENT TO DEVELOP: PROPOSED NEW POWERLINE ALIGNMENT FOR ESIZAYO WEF OHL ON FARM 285, LAINGSBURG, CENTRAL KAROO, SUBMITTED IN TERMS OF SECTION 38(8) OF THE NATIONAL HERITAGE RESOURCES ACT (ACT 25 OF 1999)

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The matter above has reference.

Heritage Western Cape is in receipt of the above application. This matter was discussed at the Heritage Officers meeting held on 4 November 2021.

You are hereby notified that, since there is no reason to believe that the proposed new powerline alignment for Esizayo WEF OHL on Farm 285, Laingsburg, Central Karoo will impact on heritage resources, no further action under Section 38 of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999) is required.

However, should any heritage resources, including evidence of graves and human burials, archaeological material and paleontological material be discovered during the execution of the activities above, all works must be stopped immediately, and Heritage Western Cape must be notified without delay.

This letter does not exonerate the applicant from obtaining any necessary approval from any other applicable statutory authority.

HWC reserves the right to request additional information as required.

Should you have any further queries, please contact the official above and quote the case number.

Yours faithfully

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Colette M Scheermeyer
Deputy Director

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