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GLOSSARY

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



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1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 PROJECT BACKGROUND

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

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

1.2 TERMS OF REFERENCE

WSP was appointed in the role of Independent Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) to undertake the Scoping & EIA (S&EIA) processes for the proposed Project. This Stakeholder Engagement Report (SER) was compiled as part of the EIA process and must be read in conjunction with the EIA Report in support of the EA application. **Table 1.1** details the relevant contact details of the EAP.

Table 1.1: Details of the EAP

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

STATEMENT OF INDEPENDENCE

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

1.3 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 EIA Process:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

RIGHTS, ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE STAKEHOLDERS

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

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

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

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

In order to participate effectively, stakeholders should:

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

1.4 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.
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.

SCALE OF ANTICIPATED IMPACTS:	RECOMMENDED RESPONSE	
	IF “YES”	IF “NO”
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.

SCALE OF ANTICIPATED IMPACTS:	RECOMMENDED RESPONSE	
	IF “YES”	IF “NO”
Do the RI&APs have special needs (e.g. a lack of skills to read or write, disability, etc)?	Consultation should include mechanisms that will ensure full participation by people with special needs.	Minimum requirements for public participation in accordance to EIA Regulations must be met. Minimum requirements for PP in accordance to the Act must be met as well as best practices relating to PP.

1.5 APPROVED PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN

As part of the pre-application consultation meeting held with DFFE on **06 July 2022**, the proposed plan for public participation was discussed. A public participation plan was subsequently submitted to DFFE, along with the meeting minutes, for approval on **12 July 2022**. The minutes of the meeting and the public participation plan were approved on **02 August 2022** respectively. **Table 1.3** below outlines the approved Public Participation Plan for the Komati SEF; BESS; and associated infrastructure.

Table 1.3: Approved Public Participation Plan

SUMMARY OF PPP REQUIREMENT (GNR 326 OF EIA REGULATIONS)	PROPOSED PLAN/ACTIVITIES
<p>41(2) The person conducting a PPP must give notice to all potential I&APs by-</p> <p>(a) fixing a notice board at a place conspicuous to and accessible by the public at the boundary, on the fence or along the corridor of—</p> <p>(i) the site where the activity to which the application or proposed application relates is or is to be undertaken; and</p> <p>(ii) any alternative site;</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Placement of six (6) site notices (in English, Afrikaans and isiZulu) at appropriate locations on site and in the surrounding area. Proof of placement will be included in the Final Scoping Report. — This will include the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Komati Power Station Entrance — Boundary/access road to the Solar PV Site A and B — Blinkplan Police Station; — OK Foods Super Market; — Komati Paypoint and Library; — Nkangala District Municipality Office; — Gerard Sekoto Library; — Eastdene Public Library; and — Hendrina Public Library.
<p>(b) giving written notice, in any of the manners provided for in section 47D of the Act, to—</p> <p>(i) the occupiers of the site and, if the proponent or applicant is not the owner or person in control of the site on which the activity is to be undertaken, the owner or person in control of the site where the activity is or is to be undertaken and to any alternative site where the activity is to be undertaken;</p> <p>(ii) owners, persons in control of, and occupiers of land adjacent to the site where the activity is or is to be undertaken and to any alternative site where the activity is to be undertaken;</p> <p>(iii) the municipal councillor of the ward in which the site and alternative site is situated and</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Written notification (in English, Afrikaans and isiZulu) will be sent to owners and occupiers on or adjacent to the proposed project site, municipality ward councillor, local and district municipality, and relevant state departments. Proof of placement will be included in the Final Scoping Report. — General communication (written notification) with I&APs (public and government departments/authorities) throughout the S&ESIA Process. — All I&APs on the database will be notified of the project via email and SMS. This email will invite them to participate in S&ESIA process and will inform them of the public review period of the Draft Scoping and ESIA reports. — I&APs will be added to the database on request as the project progresses.

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PROPOSED PLAN/ACTIVITIES

<p>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>	<p>— I&AP's already captured on Komati's I&AP database will also be used.</p>
<p>(c) placing an advertisement in—</p> <p>(i) one local newspaper; or</p> <p>(ii) any official Gazette that is published specifically for the purpose of providing public notice of applications or other submissions made in terms of these Regulations;</p>	<p>— Adverts will be published in two newspapers, the Highvelder (in English and Afrikaans) and Witbank News (in in English and IsiZulu), formally announcing the commencement of the S&ESIA process, requesting I&APs to register their interest in the project. Proof of placement will be included in the Final Scoping Report.</p>
<p>(d) placing an advertisement in at least one provincial newspaper or national newspaper, if the activity has or may have an impact that extends beyond the boundaries of the metropolitan or district municipality in which it is or will be undertaken</p>	<p>— The project does not extend beyond the boundaries of the District Municipality and therefore the use of provincial / national newspapers are not required.</p> <p>— Adverts will be published in two newspapers, the Highvelder (in English and Afrikaans) and Witbank News (in in English and IsiZulu).</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> <p>(i) illiteracy;</p> <p>(ii) disability; or</p> <p>(iii) any other disadvantage.</p>	<p>— I&APs on the existing Komati Power Station I&AP database will be contacted either telephonically or via email to verify their contact details as well as their preferred method of communication.</p> <p>— The relevant ward councillor will be contacted to ensure that community-based organisations are aware of the Project and can assist in distributing and communicating relevant Project information to community members.</p>
<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>	<p>— I&APs with a potential interest in the project will be identified at the outset of the project.</p> <p>— The I&AP database will be compiled to include all affected landowners and occupiers, adjacent landowners and occupiers, I&APs that formally registered during the previous EIA process, relevant authorities. As noted above, the existing database for Komati Power Station will be used as the basis of the register for this S&ESIA process.</p> <p>— All I&APs on the database will be notified of the project via email and SMS. The email and SMS will invite them to participate in the S&ESIA process and will inform them of the public review period of the draft Scoping and ESIA Reports.</p> <p>— All I&APs identified will be registered on the project database, and the database will be maintained throughout the S&ESIA process.</p>
<p>(43) & (44) Registered Interested and affected parties (I&APs) must be given 30 days to comment on the draft Report</p>	<p>The Draft Scoping and EIA Reports will be made available to all I&APs for a 30-day comment period. Strict adherence to all COVID-19 protocols and regulations as well as best practice measures will be ensured throughout PPP.</p>

SUMMARY OF PPP REQUIREMENT (GNR 326 OF EIA REGULATIONS)

PROPOSED PLAN/ACTIVITIES

	<p>The reports will be made available at the following places:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Komati Paypoint and Library; — Komati Power Station – Security Office; — Gerard Sekoto Library; — Eastdene Public Library; and — Hendrina Public Library; and — Online on the WSP website. <p>A Stakeholder Engagement Register will be generated for inclusion in Final Scoping and ESIA Reports for consideration by the CA.</p> <p>An open day public meeting will be held at Komati Power Station during the Scoping Phase and additional focus group meetings will be held during the ESIA Phase if requested.</p>
<p>(44) (2) The applicant must, in writing, within 14 days of the date of the decision on the application ensure that—</p> <p>(a) all registered interested and affected parties are provided with access to the decision and the reasons for such decision; and</p> <p>(b) the attention of all registered interested and affected parties is drawn to the fact that an appeal may be lodged against the decision in terms of the National Appeal Regulations, if such appeal is available in the circumstances of the decision.</p>	<p>Written notification of the decision on the EAs will be sent to all registered I&APs, Registered I&APs will be informed of the appeal procedure as well as advised that copies of the EA decisions will be provided on request.</p>

2 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION TO DATE

2.1 PRE-APPLICATION CONSULTATION

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

2.2 IDENTIFICATION OF KEY STAKEHOLDERS

Section 41 of the EIA Regulations (2014, as amended) states that written notices must be given to identified stakeholders as outlined in **Table 2.1**.

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

Table 2.1: Interested and Affected Parties

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

(vii) any other party as required by the competent authority.	<p>All tiers of government, namely, national, provincial, local government and parastatals have been included on the stakeholder database. Inclusive of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Department of Mineral Resources and Energy – Mpumalanga Departments of Water and Sanitation – Mpumalanga Department Agriculture, Rural Development, Land and Environmental Affairs – Department of Rural Development and Land Reform – DFFE – Mpumalanga Department of Water and Sanitation: Oliphant's Proto-CMA – Mpumalanga Department of Social Development – Mpumalanga Department of Public Works, Roads and Transport – Mpumalanga Department of Co-Operative Governance and Traditional Affairs – Mpumalanga Heritage Resources Authority – Department of Defence Force Mpumalanga – Nkangala District Municipality – Steve Tshwete Local Municipality – BirdLife South Africa – South African National Biodiversity Institute – Mpumalanga Tourism and Parks Agency
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Appendix A provides a list of stakeholders registered on the Project database. The stakeholders along with the date on which they registered and reference to comments received, where applicable, are indicated in **Table 2.4**. The stakeholder database will be updated throughout the EIA process

2.3 NOTIFICATION PROCEDURES

AUTHORITY CONSULTATION

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

DIRECT NOTIFICATION

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

NEWSPAPER ADVERTISEMENTS

In accordance with the requirements of GNR 982, as amended, the proposed project was advertised in two local newspapers. The purpose of the advertisement was to notify the public about the proposed project and to invite them to register as stakeholders. A copy of the advertisements are included in **Appendix B-1**. The advertisement dates are listed in **Table 2.2**.

Table 2.2: Dates on which the Adverts were published

NEWSPAPER	PUBLICATION DATE	LANGUAGE
Witbank News	10 June 2022	English and IsiZulu
Highvelder	10 June 2022	English and Afrikaans

SITE NOTICES

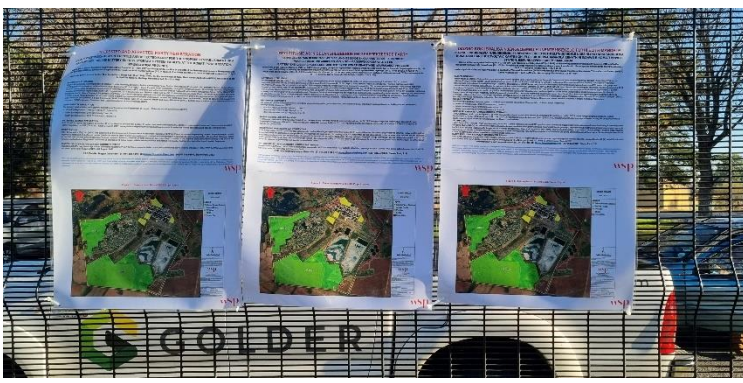

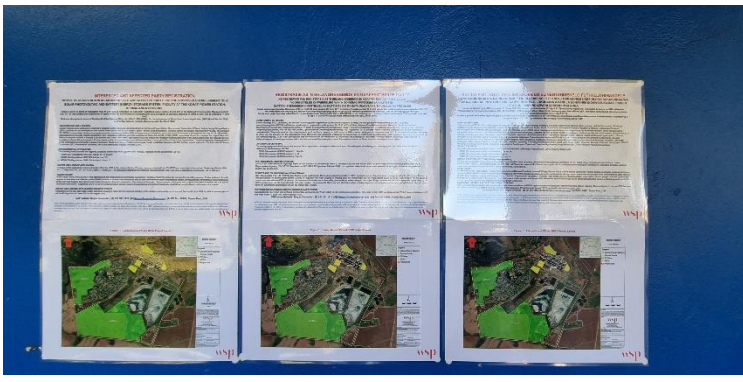

In accordance with GNR 326 Section 41(2)(a-b) site notices were developed (see **Appendix B-2**) to be placed at strategic points in close proximity to the proposed Project site, as well as in public places within Steve Tshwete Local Municipality and Nkangala District Municipality. Site notices were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




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

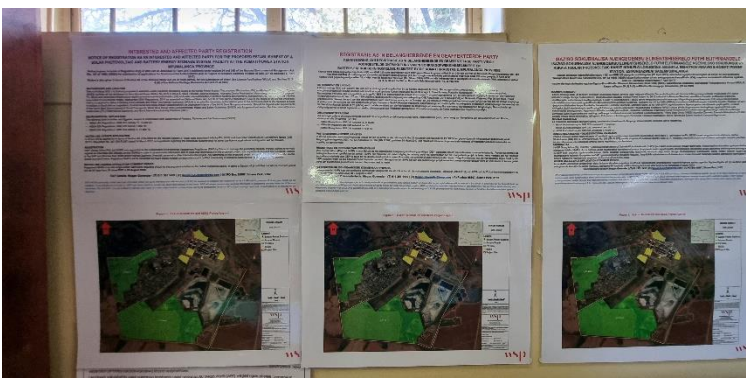

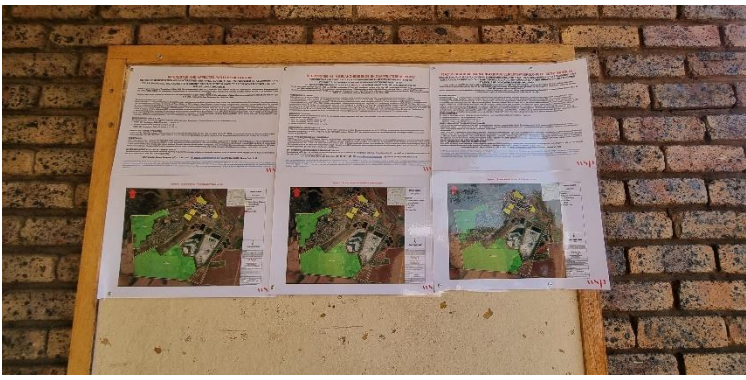

Table 2.3 shows details and proof of display. **Figure 2.1** shows the mapped locations of the site notice placements along the site boundary.

Table 2.3: Site Notice Locations

LOCATION	CO-ORDINATES	PHOTOGRAPHS
OK Foods Store, Komati	26°05'36" S 29°27'49" E	

LOCATION	CO-ORDINATES	PHOTOGRAPHS
Komati Paypoint and Library	26°05'42" S 29°27'44" E	 
Blinkplan Police Station (Community Service Centre)	26°05'58" S 29°27'01" E	 

LOCATION	CO-ORDINATES	PHOTOGRAPHS
Solar Site B Boundary Point	26°06'07" S 29°27'02" E	
Solar Site Boundary A	26°06'36" S 29°27'09" E	
Komati Power Station Entrance	26°05'22" S 29°28'04" E	

LOCATION	CO-ORDINATES	PHOTOGRAPHS
Hendrina Public Library	26°09'38" S 29°42'58" E	 
Eastdene Public Library	25°46'17" S 29°28'48" E	 

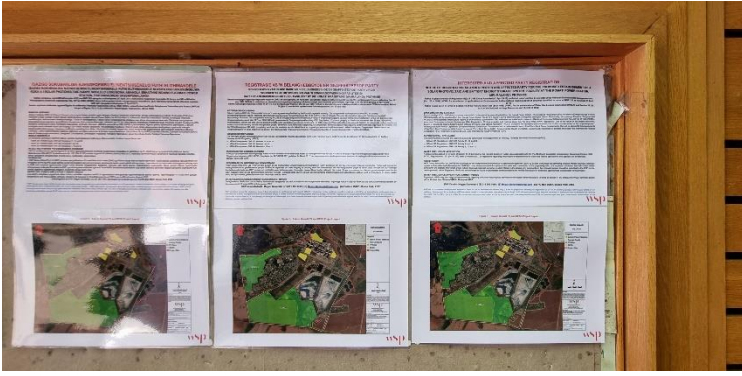

LOCATION	CO-ORDINATES	PHOTOGRAPHS
Gerard Sekoto Library	25°46'24" S 29°27'20" E	
Nkangala District Municipality	25°47'00" S 29°26'31" E	



Figure 2.1: Location of Site Notices placed around the project boundary

2.3.1 STAKEHOLDER REGISTRATION

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

2.4 PROJECT MEETINGS

2.4.1 DFFE PRE-APPLICATION MEETING

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

2.4.2 FOCUS GROUP MEETING

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

2.5 COMMENTS RECEIVED

Comments received from registered stakeholders to date have been captured and responded to within the comments and response table (**Table 2.4**). The original comments and responses are included in **Appendix D**.

Table 2.4: Comments received

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

APPENDIX

A STAKEHOLDER DATABASE



Eskom Komati PV - Stakeholder Database

First Name	Last Name	Company	Position
Air Traffic and Weather Companies			
Richard	Madlala	Air Traffic and Navigation Service	Executive Engineering
Oliver	Mohlala	SA Weather Service	Head of Technical Services
Lizell	Stroh	South African Civil Aviation Authority	Obstacle Inspector
Authorities			
Dineo	Tswai	Department Agriculture, Rural Development Land and Environment Affairs	Deputy Director: Environmental Impact Management
M	Faure	Department of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs	
Zandile	Zondi	Department of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs	
Kennel	Oos	Department of Defence Force Mpumalanga	Officer Commanding
Colonel	Saulse	Department of Defence Force Mpumalanga	Director Facilities: Logistics Division
PS	Mohlala	Department of Economic Development and Tourism	Director: Local Economic Development
Ntombi	Sibiya	Department of Education - Mpumalanga Province	
Coenrad	Agenbach	Department of Forestry, Fisheries and Environment	

First Name	Last Name	Company	Position
Muhammad	Essop	Department of Forestry, Fisheries and Environment	
Trisha Rene	Pillay	Department of Forestry, Fisheries and Environment	
Edward	Mahosi	Department of Forestry, Fisheries and Environment: Air Quality	Air Quality Directorate
Mthobisi	Ngcobo	Department of Forestry,	Directorate: Air Quality
Seoka	Lekota	Department of Forestry, Fisheries and Environment: Biodiversity Conservation	Directorate: Biodiversity Conservation
Portia	Makitla	Department of Forestry, Fisheries and Environment: Biodiversity Conservation	Directorate: Biodiversity Conservation
Mmatlala	Rabothata	Department of Forestry, Fisheries and Environment: Biodiversity Conservation	Directorate: Biodiversity Conservation
Mashudu	Mundalamo	Department of Forestry, Fisheries and Environment: Climate Change	Chief Directorate: Climate Change Monitoring
Obed	Baloyi	Department of Forestry, Fisheries and Environment: Environmental Impact Evaluation	Director: Environmental Impact Evaluation
Khayaletu	Matrose	Department of Mineral Resources and Energy	Director General's Office
Mamabefu	Modipa	Department of Mineral Resources and Energy	

First Name	Last Name	Company	Position
Nditsheni	Ramuhulu	Department of Mineral Resources and Energy	Sub-Directorate: Mine Environmental Management
Phumzile	Maseko	Department of Public Enterprises	
Esther	Nenungwi	Department of Public Enterprises	
Manthekeleng	Monama	Department of Public Works, Roads and Transport	Chief Director in the Office of the DG
Lebjane	Maphutha	Department of Rural Development and Land Reform	Regional Land Claims Commissioner
Inze	Neethling	Department of Trade, Industry and Competition	
Pieter	Ackerman	Department of Water & Sanitation	Instream Water Use Section
Standford	Macavele	Department of Water and Sanitation	Deputy Director Water Quality
Vusumuzi	Mandlazi	Mpumalanga Co-Operative Governance & Traditional Affairs	
Okwethu-kuhle	Fakude	Mpumalanga Department Agriculture, Rural Development, Land and Environmental Affairs	Environmental officer-EIA
Sindisiwe	Mbuyane	Mpumalanga Department Agriculture, Rural Development, Land and Environmental Affairs	Deputy Director: Environmenmtal Impact Management
Lindi	Msibi	Mpumalanga Department of Co-Operative Governance and Traditional Affairs	Acting Head of Communications

First Name	Last Name	Company	Position
Sam	Ngubane	Mpumalanga Department of Co-Operative Governance and Traditional Affairs	Head of Department
Aubrey	Tshivhandekano	Mpumalanga Department of Minerals and Resources	Regional Manager – Mpumalanga Region
Kgopana Matthew	Mohlasedi	Mpumalanga Department of Public Works Road and Transport	Head of Department
Stephan	Pienaar	Mpumalanga Department of Public Works Road and Transport	Public Works
Dr Savera	Mohangi	Mpumalanga Department of Social Development	Head of Department
Fikile	Guma	Mpumalanga Department of Water and Sanitation	Regional Director: Mpumalanga
Masala	Mulaudzi	Mpumalanga Department of Water and Sanitation	Acting Chief Director
Adivhaho	Rambuda	Mpumalanga Department of Water and Sanitation	Control Officer
George	Kutumela	Mpumalanga Heritage Resources Agency	Heritage Officer
Benjamin	Moduka	Mpumalanga Heritage Resources Authority	Provincial Heritage Resources Officer
Frans	Krige	Mpumalanga Tourism and Parks Agency	Development Assessment Officer
Mervyn	Lotter	Mpumalanga Tourism and Parks Agency	Control Scientist for Biodiversity Planning
Lindiwe	Mnisi	National Treasury	
Makhukhu	Mampuru	Office of the Premier	
Jermina	Marakala	Office of the Premier	

First Name	Last Name	Company	Position
Nokukhanya	Khumalo	South African Heritage Resource Agency (SAHRA)	Heritage Officer
Nkosazana	Machete	South African Heritage Resource Agency (SAHRA)	The Provincial Manager
Andrew	Salomon	South African Heritage Resource Agency (SAHRA)	Heritage Officer: Archaeology
Businesses			
Adaptation Network		Adaptation Network	
Stephen	Wee	Afsol Petroleum	
Bonga	Mabena	Bonga Metal Steel and Industrial	Owner
Stephan	Steenekamp	Buckman Laboratories	Operations Manager
Ayele	France	Café Butchery	
Liesel	Kirsten	CanPro	
Central Energy Fund		Central Energy Fund	
Shaka	Malogwa	Cesar-Avante Guard Engineering	Owner
Nokuthula	Mabogoanev	Dirotech Trading	Manager
Callie	Kruger	Effective Human Intervention	Owner
Michael	HO	ESA	Director
Tebogo	Leepile	Exxaro	
Jan	Menge	F Menge Presentations and Signs	Manager
Anton	Van Aarde	Food Zone	
Cally	Van Der Berg	Igwababa Supermarket	
Hendry	Woest	IME-SA	MD
Janet	Barnes	Johnson Crane Hire	Key Account Manager
Susan	Beausont	Johnson Crane Hire	Project Manager
Mpho	Ntimeng	JV Entities Trading and Projects	Director
Glibert	Sedibeng	Kgolane Business Enterprise	Owner

First Name	Last Name	Company	Position
Shona	Smith	KSB Pumps and Valves	HR Manager
Lakama		Lakama Guest House	
Debbie	Wessels	Leads 2 Business	Content Regulator
Sindile	Ndlovu	Mgugwana Investment	Director
Anna-Marth	Ott	Middleburg Chamber of Commerce and Industry	
Carla	Hudson	Mine water Coordinating Body	MWCB Programme Manager
Alex	Khumalo	Minerals Council South Africa	
Alexandra	Lugagne	Minerals Council South Africa	Engagement Manager (RIIS)
Herbert	Modupi	Minerals Council South Africa	Mpumalanga Regional Manager: Public Affairs & Transformation
Khatu	Nthaethuni	NKM2 Engineering Construction	Owner
Andrew	McKay	OK Foods	
Puto	Duma	Techlam Projects	Owner
Jeremiah	Mabuza	Thapo Access Specialists	Owner
Moisi	Madela	The Shaft Pub & Grill	
Thabo	Mashigo	The Shaft Pub & Grill	CEO
Lidia	Tladi	The Shaft Pub & Grill	CEO
Marcia	Mabuza	Thungela Resources	Social Performance Specialist
Faith	Mashego	Thungela Resources	Social Performance Office
Bontle	Mfolo	Thungela Resources	Regional Social Performance Manager
Michelle	Van Niekerk	TUV Sud South Africa Pro-Tec	CEO's PA
Frikkie	Streicher	Vega Controls SA	Service Manager
Chris	van den Heever	Vega Controls SA	Service Manager
Community Members			
Seun	Maselela	Blinkpan	Resident
Mbongiseni	Msumba	Blinkpan	Resident

First Name	Last Name	Company	Position
DC	Khoza	Blinkpan Primary	
Sarah	Mahamba	Blinkpan Resident	Resident
Precious	Mashego	Blinkpan Resident	Resident
Thembinkosi	Sikhosana	Booidnesplaas Forum	
Jane	Nkosi	Bultfontein Farm	Farmer
Thabisile	Sibanyom	Bultfontein Farm	Resident
Thomson	Sibiya	Business Entrepreneur	
Thandeka	Nellie	Community Leader	
Nomsa	Dlamini	Community Member	Resident
Busisiwe	Shongwe	Driefontein Farm	Farmer
Moses	Mahlangu	Farm Belt Community	
Bheki	Mashazi	Farm Belt Community	Assistant
Ronald	Baloyi	Farm Belt Community Economic Development Structure	
Thulani	Nkosi	Farm Belt Community Economic Development Structure (Geluk Farm)	Chair
Simphiwe	Mnisi	Farm Belt Community Economic Development Structure (Koorfontein Village)	Deputy Chair
December	Motou	Goedehoop Farm	Farmer
Patrick	Sitsheke	Hlathilli	Ward Committee
BL	Mahlangu	Komati Village	Chief
Happiness	Mahlangu	Komati Village	Resident
Sonto	Mahlangu	Komati Village	Resident
Cathy	Mkhuma	Komati Village	Ward Committee
Thomas	Ngcobo	Komati Village	Resident
Jeremiah	Nkosi	Komati Village	Resident
Moti	Mahlangu	Komati Village Resident	Resident
Patience	Masilela	Komati Village Resident	Resident
Muzi	Jele	Koorfontein Farm	Farmer
Sibangile	Mashego	Koorfontein Village	Resident
Othaniel	Sibambo	Koorfontein Village Resident	Resident
Polina	Jiane	Kroonfontein	Resident
JM	de Beer	Landowner	Farmer / Landowner

First Name	Last Name	Company	Position
WA	De Klerk	Landowner	
Pieter	Honeyborne	Landowner	Farmer
Michael	Msumba	Mechanic (Flamigo Street)	
Mathews	Zwane	Pastor	
Thabisile	Sibanyoni	Resident	Resident
Besabakhe	Mahlangu	Traditional Leader - Inkosi	
Wickus	de Bruin	Villa Rosa	
Alta	de Bruin	Villa Rosa Komati	Owner
Sindi	Mbewe	Ward Committee	
Finance Institutions			
Vishay	Rabbipal	Absa Group	Head: RE
Kennedy K	Mbekeani	African Development Bank	
Leïla Farah	Mokadem	African Development Bank	
Chuckeka	Mhlongo	Development Bank of Southern Africa	General Manager: Infrastructure Finance
Douglas	Leys	Green Climate Fund	
Glenda Tapiwa	Chikwaka	Industrial Development Corporation of South Africa	
Kgakgamatso	Mohutsiwa	Industrial Development Corporation of South Africa	
Portia	Nodangala	Land Bank	
Franscesca	van Loggerenberg	Land Bank	
Rentia	van Tonder	Standard Bank	Head: RE, Power and Infrastructure
I&APs			
Thomas	Mathebula	Middelburg Business and Unemployment Community Forum	

First Name	Last Name	Company	Position
Thabo	Mtshweni	Middelburg Business and Unemployment Community Forum	
Elijah	Mkhuma	Thembalomparathi	Secretary
Zanele	Mahlangu	Woestallen Unemployment Forum	
Cairin	Crosse		
Rienie NG	Kerk		
Kennedy	Ngwane		
Madelain	Swart		
Georgina			
Meisie			
Roger			
International Organisations			
El Mekwad	Khaled	United Nations Industrial Development Organisation	
USAID, Power Africa		USAID, Power Africa	
Juanita	Whitfield	World Bank	
Local Facilities			
Christo	Greef	Laerskool Koorfontein	
SAPS Blinkpan		SAPS Blinkpan	
Shirley	Xulu	Steve Tshwete Local Municipality Library	Librarian
Municipality			
Leah M	Mabuza	Nkangala District Municipality	Mayor
Fikile	Maseko	Nkangala District Municipality	Divisional Manager: LED
Amos	Matjiya	Nkangala District Municipality	
Ntwanano	Mtungwa	Nkangala District Municipality	Trade and Investment Specialist
Margaret	Skosana	Nkangala District Municipality	Municipal Manager

First Name	Last Name	Company	Position
Bheki	Khenisa	Steve Tshwete Local Municipality	Municipal Manager
Meshack	Mahamba	Steve Tshwete Local Municipality	Town Planner
Angel	Masia	Steve Tshwete Local Municipality	Environmental Manager
Petrus Mhlonishwa	Masilela	Steve Tshwete Local Municipality	Mayor
Michael	Nkosi	Steve Tshwete Local Municipality	Assistant Director: LED
Edward	Nyambi	Steve Tshwete Local Municipality	Ward 4 Councillor
Johannes	Silas	Steve Tshwete Local Municipality	IDP Manager
Thokozile	Zulu	Steve Tshwete Local Municipality	Acting Municipal Manager
Analize		Steve Tshwete Local Municipality	Mayor Secretary
Carlos	Vilankulu	Steve Tshwete Municipality	Ward 4 Committee Leader
NGOs			
Dr A	Berruti	BirdLife South Africa	Head of Department
EWT EIA Applications		Endangered Wildlife Trust	
Richman	Madalane	JOG Church	
Africa Climate Alliance		Africa Climate Alliance	
Lerato	Balendran	Centre for Environmental Rights	Communications Manager
Nicole	Loser	Centre for Environmental Rights	
Makoma	Lekalakala	Earthlife Africa	Branch Co-ordinator
Jack	Radmore	Green Cape	
Reshmi	Wolwers	Green Cape	Project Manager: Alternative Service Delivery Unit
Greenpeace Africa		Greenpeace Africa	
David	Hallowes	Groundwork	

First Name	Last Name	Company	Position
Tsepang	Molefe	Groundwork	Media, Information and Publications Campaign Manager
Bobby	Peek	Groundwork	
Annette	Gibbs	Just Share	
Victor	Munnik	Life After Coal	
SAFCEI		SAFCEI	
Public Entities			
John	Geeringh	Eskom Transmission Grid Planning Land and Rights	
Independent Development Trust		Independent Development Trust	
Nolwazi	Makaula	NEDLAC	PA: Executive Director
Project 90		Project 90	
SANRAL		SANRAL	
Research Institutions			
Bernard	Bekker	CRSES University of Stellenbosch	Associate Director & Eskom Chair In Power System Simulation
Sampson	Mamphweli	CRSES University of Stellenbosch	Director
Kitessa	Roro	CSIR	Senior Researcher: Energy Research Centre
Daphney	Mabuza	Development Dialogue (TIPS)	
Rory	Baker	Impact Catalyst	
Charl	Harding	Impact Catalyst	
Mark	New	UCT	Director (ACDI @ UCT)
Paida	Mhangara	University of Witwatersrand	Head of School (Geography, Archaeology and Environmental)

APPENDIX

B NOTIFICATIONS



APPENDIX

B-1 ADVERTISEMENT

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

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

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

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

Heritage Assessment Practitioner

Ms Nokusho Ngobeni

Vhubvo Consultancy

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

GS College holds intercollege debate competition

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

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

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

Each campus was represented by three speakers.

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

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

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

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

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

AGTERGROND EN LIGGING

Escom Holdings SOC Ltd (Escom) stel voor om 'n sonkrageopwekkingsfasiliteit by die Komati-kragtasie te vestig. Die voorgestelde sonkrageopwekkings (PV) en battery-energiebergingstelsel (EESS) fasiliteite sal ontwikkel word op plaas Komati Kragtasie No 56 IS in Wyk 4, Steve Tshwete Plaaslike Munisipaliteit, Nkangala Distriksmunisipaliteit, Mpumalanga Provinsie. Die voorgestelde sonkrage-PV, BESS en gepaardgaande infrastruktuur vereis 'n omgewingsmagtiging (EA) en watergebruikmagtiging in terme van die Nasionale Omgewingsbestuurswet, Wet 107 van 1998 (NEMA), geassosieerde Omgewingsimpakbepaling (OIB) Regulasies, 2014 soos gewysig en Nasionale Waterwet, Wet 36 van 1998 (NWA) onderskeidelik. Weens die aard van die projekdrempels, word van Escom verwag om 'n Omvang- en OIB-proses en Watergebruiklisensie-aansoek (WULA) te volg om die nodige magtigings te verkry vir die aanvang van die voorgestelde projek. Benewens Suid-Afrikaanse weweging, sal omgewings- en maatskaplike impakbepaling onderneem word ingevolge die vereistes van die Wêreldbankgroep. Dit sal in lyn gebring word met die vereistes van die Wêreldbank se omgewings- en maatskaplike raamwerk; Wêreldbankgroep Omgewings-, Gesondheids- en Veiligheidsriglyne vir beide algemene en sektor; die Internasionale Finansieringskorporasie Prestasiestandaarde; en Goie Internasionale Nywerheidspraktyke.

OMGIEWINGTOEPASSING

Die verwagte gestypte aktiwiteitsnommers wat met die voorgestelde projek geassosieer word, word hieronder gelys, onderhewig aan bevestiging van die Departement van Bosbou, Visserye en die Omgewing (DFFE):

- NEMA EIA-regulasies: GNR 327 Aktiwiteit 11, 14 en 23;
- NEMA EIA-regulasies: GNR 325 Aktiwiteit 1 en 15;
- NEMA EIA-regulasies: GNR 324 Aktiwiteit 4, 10 en 12.

WATERGEBRUIK-LISENSIE AANSOEK

A WULA sal onderneem word ingevolge Artikel 40 van die NWA vir die relevante Artikel 21-watergebruike wat met die PV, BESS en gepaardgaande infrastruktuur geassosieer word. Regeringskennisgewing (GN) 40713, Regulasie No. 267 (GN R.267) gedateer 24 Maart 2017, oor regulasies rakende die prosedurele vereistes vir watergebruiklisensie-aansoek en appèlle, sal gevolg word.

REGISTRASIE EN INDIENING VAN KOMMENTAAR

WSP Group Africa (Pty) Ltd (WSP) is deur Escom as die onafhanklike Omgewingsevalueringpraktisyn (OEP) aangestel om om die onderskeie prosesse te behartig. Partye wat formeel as belanghebbende en geaffekteerde partye (I&APs) wil registreer om meer inligting te ontvang en/of hul kommentaar oor die voorgestelde projek te lewer, word versoek om hul volledige kontakbesonderhede aan OEP te stuur en hul direkte en/of indirekte sake-, finansiële, persoonlike of ander belang in die projek. Enige kommentaar oor die voorgestelde projek moet by die OEP ingedien word van die besonderhede hieronder verskaf. Geregistreerde I&APs sal aan alle toekomstige projekverwante korrespondensie gestuur word en individueel in kennis gestel word van bykomende geleentehede om aan die proses deel te neem.

WATERGEBRUIK-LISENSIEAANSOEK KOMMENTAARTYDPERK

Geregistreerde I&APs kan ook skriftelike kommentaar aangaande die WULA indien vir die voorgestelde aktiwiteite. Ingevolge Artikel 41(4) van NWA sal die WULA-kommentaar tydperk 60 dae wees vanaf 10 Junie 2022 tot 9 Augustus 2022.

OEP besonderhede: Megan Govender (T) 011 361 1410 (E) Megan.Govender@wsp.com (A) Posbus 98867, Sloane Park, 2152

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



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

Notice is given in terms of Regulation 41(2) of GNR 326 as Amended (07 April 2017) published under section 24 and 24D of the National Environmental Management Act (No. 107 of 1998) (NEMA) for submission of applications for Environmental Authorisations (EA) in respect of activities identified in terms of GNR 327 as Amended (7 April 2017).

Notice is also given in terms of Section 40 of the National Water Act (36 of 1998) (NWA), for the submission of Water Use Licence Application (WULA) and Section 38 (1) & (8) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999).

BACKGROUND AND LOCATION

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Woltemade stabbing

Suspect granted R2 000 bail

Chrisuné Vermeulen

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

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

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

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

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

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

exceptional circumstances to be granted bail.

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

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

The case is remanded to August 5 for further investigations.

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



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



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

Phindile went to visit her boyfriend and has not returned home

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

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

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

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

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

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

Opvolg



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

Zita Goldswain

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

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

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

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

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

Piek is sowat vier maande gelede ook in Middelburg beroof.

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

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

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

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Ontwikkelingsbeplanning, 3de Vloer, Burgersentrum, Mandelarylaan, 1035, Tel: 013 690 6354/ 013 690 6480/ 013 690 6220 vir 'n tydperk van 28 dae vanaf 10 Junie 2022. Adres van Appikant: **J Rossouw Stadsbeplanners & Medewerkers (Edms) Bpk**, Steekbaardstraat 708, Garsfontein Uitbreiding 10, Pretoria, Posbus 72604, Lynnwoodrif, 0040. Tel no: 010 010 5479 of Faks: 086 573 3481 of E-pos: jrossouw@jrtpa.co.za OS016465

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NOTICE: ON THE DAM WINTER FLEA MARKET

Date : 25 June 2022

eMalahleni Local Municipality will be hosting its first flea market under the theme "On the Dam winter Flea Market". The municipality would like to invite all informal traders, SMMEs, Co-operative in different sectors and big businesses to participate in the Flea Market. The stalls will be sold at different prices for different vendors to accommodate small and big businesses as follows: Big businesses – R1000, Food outlets – R500, SMMEs – R200, Co-operatives – R100, and Informal Traders – R50.

The municipality will host the flea market as follows:
Date : 25 June 2022
Time : 09h00
Venue: eMalahleni Recreation Resort

Residents and visitors to the municipality will access stalls for good food, souvenirs, art and craft work, etc. at a reasonable price. Jumping castles will also be available for kiddies' entertainment and free music. **Entrance fee will be reduced to R30 per adult and R15 per child.**

The application forms for the stalls can be request via email and will also be made available at Municipal offices at Development Planning 3rd floor, Economic Development and Tourism Unit (LED).

For more information contact the Economic Development and Tourism Unit on 013 690 6538/6707 or email to mthombenip@emalahleni.gov.za or buthanel@emalahleni.gov.za.

NB: COVID 19 regulations will be observed. The stall fee listed above must be paid 5 days prior to flea market day at ground floor Main Municipal Building. Proof of payment and completed forms must be forwarded to the above mentioned emails or at Development Planning 3rd floor Economic Development and Tourism Unit.

H.S MAYISELA
MUNICIPAL MANAGER

W/10June2022/Stadraad Winter Flea Market/LB/LO460054

EMALAHLENI PLAASLIKE MUNISIPALITEIT KENNISGEWING VAN AANSOEK VIR DIE STIGTING VAN 'N DORP, IN TERME VAN ARTIKEL 59 VAN DIE EMALAHLENI RUIMTELIKE BEPLANNING EN GRONDGEBRUIK-BESTUUR BYWET, 2016, GELEES TESAEME MET DIE BEPALINGS VAN DIE WET OP RUIMTELIKE BEPLANNING EN GRONDGEBRUIK-BESTUUR, 2013 (WET NR. 16 VAN 2013) PHOLA UITBREIDING 18 Ons Origin Stads en Streeks Beplanning (Edms) Bpk, die gemagtigde agent van die eienaar van Gedeelte 20 van die plaas Prinshof 2-IS gee hiermee kennis in terme van Artikel 59 van die eMalahleni Ruimtelike Beplanning en Grondgebruikbestuur Bywet, 2016, gelees tesame met die bepaling van die Wet op Ruimtelike Beplanning en Grondgebruikbestuur, 2013 (Wet nr. 16 van 2013) dat 'n aansoek ingedien is by die eMalahleni Plaaslike Munisipaliteit vir die stigting van die voorgestelde dorp soos beskryf hieronder. **Naam van voorgestelde dorp:** Phola Uitbreiding 18 **Volle naam van aansoeker:** Origin Stads en Streeks Beplanning (Edms) Bpk, **Beskrywing van grond waarop dorp gestig gaan word:** 'n Deel van Gedeelte 20 van die plaas Prinshof 2-IS **Ligging van voorgestelde dorp:** Die eiendom is geleë noord van die N12 hoofweg by die kruising van die N12 en die R545. Die eiendom is wes van die R545 geleë direk wes van bestaande dorp Phola. Die voorgestelde dorp is geleë op die noordelike deel van die eiendom. **Aantal erwe in dorp volgens voorgestelde sonerings:** Twee (2) erwe, voorgestelde sonering "Kommersieel" insluitend Drankonderneming, Vermaaklikheidsplek, Verversingsplek, Plek van

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

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

IKAMUVA NENDAWO

I-Eskom Holdings SOC Ltd (Eskom) ihlongoza ukusungula indawo ephela ugesi welanga eSitheshini Samandla SaseKomati. Izinsiza ezihlongozwayo zeSolar Photovoltaic (PV) kanye neBattery Energy Storage System (BESS) zizothuthukiswa epulazini iKomati Power Station No 56 IS kuWadi 4, kuMasipala Wendawo waseSteve Tshwete, kuMasipala Wesifunda saseNkangala, esifundazweni saseMpumalanga. I-Solar PV ehlongozwayo, i-BESS kanye nengqalazizinda ehlobene nayo idinga ukugunyazwa kwemvelo (EA) kanye nokugunyazwa kokusetshenziswa kwamanzi ngokoMthetho Kazwelonke Wokuphathwa Kwemvelo, uMthetho we-107 ka-1998 (NEMA), ohambisana neMithethonqubo Yokuhlola Impatho Yendawo ka-2014 njengoba uchitshiyelwe kanye Nomthetho Kazwelonke. Umthetho Wamanzi, uMthetho wama-36 ka-1998 (NWA) ngokulandelayo. Ngenxa yesimo semikhawulo yephrojekthi, u-Eskom kudingeka ukuthi alandele inqubo ye-Scoping & EIA kanye nesicelo selayisensi Yokusebenzisa KwaManzi (WULA) ukuze athole ukugunyazwa okudingekayo ngaphambi kokuqala kwephrojekthi ehlongozwayo. Ngaphezu koMthetho waseNingizimu Afrika, ukuhlolwa Komthelela Wezemvelo kanye Nompakathi kuzokwenziwa ngokwezidingo zeQemba LeBhange Lomhlaba. Lokhu kuzohambisana nezidingo zeBhange Lomhlaba Lezemvelo & Nohlaka Lwezehlanalakahle; I-World Bank Group (WBG) Iziqondiso Zemvelo, Ezempilo Nokuphepha (EHS) kokubili jikelele kanye nomkhakha; Izilinganiso Zokusebenza Zehlangano Yezizimali Yamazwe Ngamazwe; kanye Nemikhuba Emihle Yemboni Yamazwe Ngamazwe.

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ISICELO SELAYISENSE YOKUSEBENZISWA KWAMANZI

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

UKUBHALISA KANYE NOKUTHUNYELWA KWEMIVO

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ISIKHATHI SOKUFAKA ISICELO SOKUSEBENZISWA KWAMANZI

Ama-I&APs abhalisiwe angaphinde afake imibono ebhaliwe mayelana ne-WULA ngemisebenzi ehlongozwayo ngemininingwane eshiwo ngenhla. NgokweSigaba 41 (4) se-NWA isikhathi sokuphawula kwe-WULA sizoba yizinsuku ezingama-60 kusukela zi-10 kuNhlangu (June) 2022 kuya ku-09 kuNcwaba (August) 2022.

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I-WSP izocubungula ulwazi oluthile lomuntu siqu olumayelana naye njengenhlangano enentshisekelo nethintekayo (I & AP) ngezinjongo zokwenza ukubhaliswa kwakho njenge-I & AP kanye nezinjongo zokugcina imininingwane yakho kusizindalwazi sethu, uma uvuma ukuba senze kanjalo. I-WSP isebenzisa le mininingwane ukuze ixhumane naye mayelana namanye amaphrojekthi esikhathini esizayo. I-WSP izohlala icubungula ulwazi lwakho lomuntu siqu ngokuhambisana noMthetho Wokuvikela Ulwazi Lomuntu Siqu 4 ka-2013. Unelungelo lokusebenzisa amalungelo akho njengesihloko sedatha futhi usazise uma ufisa ukukhishwa ukubhaliswa njenge-I & AP noma uma cha. usefuna imininingwane yakho yokuxhumana ifakwe kusizindalwazi sethu



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APPENDIX

B-2 *SITE NOTICES*

INTERESTED AND AFFECTED PARTY REGISTRATION

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

Notice is given in terms of Regulation 41(2) of GNR 326 as Amended (07 April 2017) published under section 24 and 24D of the National Environmental Management Act (No. 107 of 1998) (NEMA) for submission of applications for Environmental Authorisations (EA) in respect of activities identified in terms of GNR 327 as Amended (7 April 2017)

Notice is also given in terms of Section 40 of the National Water Act (36 of 1998) (NWA), for the submission of Water Use Licence Application (WULA) and Section 38 (1) & (8) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999)

BACKGROUND AND LOCATION

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

ENVIRONMENTAL APPLICATION

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

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

WATER USE LICENCE APPLICATION

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

REGISTRATION

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

WATER USE LICENCE APPLICATION COMMENT PERIOD

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

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



ISAZISO SOKUBHALISA NJENGEQEMBU ELINENTSHISEKELO FUTHI ELITHIMANDELE ISAZISO SOKUBHALISA NJENGEQEMBU ELINENTSHISEKELO FUTHI ELITHIMANDELE NGESIHLOKO SOKUSUNGULWA KUKA-A I-SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC KANYE NOHLELO LOKUGCINA AMANDLA EBHATHINI INDAWO E-KOMATI POWER STATION, ESIFUNDAZWENI SASEMPUMALANGA

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

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

IKAMUVA NENDAWO

-Eskom Holdings SOC Ltd (Eskom) ihlongoza ukusungula indawo ephehla ugesi welanga eSiteshini Samandla SaseKomati. Izinsiza ezihlongozwayo zeSolar Photovoltaic (PV) kanye neBattery Energy Storage System (BESS) zizothuthukiswa epulazini iKomati Power Station No 56 IS kuWadi 4, kuMasipala Wendawo waseSteve Tshwete, kuMasipala Wesifunda saseNkangala, esifundazweni saseMpumalanga. I-Solar PV ehlongozwayo, i-BESS kanye nengqalasizinda ehlobene nayo idinga ukugunyazwa kwemvelo (EA) kanye nokugunyazwa kokusetshenziswa kwamanzi ngokoMthetho Kazwelonke Wokuphathwa Kwemvelo, uMthetho we-107 ka-1998 (NEMA), ohambisana neMithethonqubo Yokuhlola Impatho Yendawo ka-2014 njengoba uchitshiyelwe kanye Nomthetho Kazwelonke. Umthetho Wamanzi, uMthetho wama-36 ka-1998 (NWA) ngokulandelana. Ngenxa yesimo semikhawulo yephrojekthi, u-Eskom kudingeka ukuthi alandele inqubo ye-Scoping & EIA kanye nesicelo selayisensi Yokusebenzisa KwaManzi (WULA) ukuze athole ukugunyazwa okudingekayo ngaphambi kokuqala kwephrojekthi ehlongozwayo. Ngaphezu koMthetho waseNingizimu Afrika, Ukuhlolwa Komthelela Wezemvelo kanye Nomphakathi kuzokwenziwa ngokwezidingo zeQembu LeBhange Lomhlaba. Lokhu kuzohambisana nezidingo zeBhange Lomhlaba Lezemvelo & Nohlaka Lwezenhlalakahle; I-World Bank Group (WBG) Iziqondiso Zemvelo, Ezempilo Nokuphepha (EHSG) kokubili jikelele kanye nomkhakha; Izilinganiso Zokusebenza Zehlangotho Yezezimali Yamazwe Ngamazwe; kanye Nemikhuba Emihle Yemboni Yamazwe Ngamazwe

ISICELO SEZEMVELO

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

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

ISICELO SELAYISENSE YOKUSEBENZISWA KWAMANZI

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

UKUBHALISA

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

WATER USE LICENCE APPLICATION COMMENT PERIOD

Ama-I&APs abhalisiwe angaphinde afake imibono ebhaliwe mayelana ne-WULA ngemisebenzi ehlongozwayo ngemininingwane eshiwo ngenhla. NgokweSigaba 41 (4) se-NWA isikhathi sokuphawula kwe-WULA sizoba yizinsuku ezingama-60 kusukela zi-10 kuNhlangula (June) 2022 kuya ku-09 kuNcwaba (August) 2022.

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REGISTRASIE AS 'N BELANGHEBBENDE EN GEAFFEKTEERDE PARTY

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

Kennis word gegee ingevolge Regulasie 41(2) van GNR 326 soos gewysig (07 April 2017) gepubliseer kragtens artikel 24 en 24D van die Wet op Nasionale Omgewingsbestuur (No. 107 van 1998) (NEMA) vir indiening van aansoeke om omgewingsmagtigings (EA) ten opsigte van aktiwiteite geïdentifiseer ingevolge GNR 327 soos gewysig (7 April 2017)
Kennis word gegee ingevolge artikel 39 of 41(4) van die Nasionale Waterwet (No. 36 van 1998) (NWA) vir die indiening van 'n Watergebruiklisensie-aansoek (WUL-aansoek) en Artikel 38 (1) & (8) van die Wet op Nasionale Erfenishulpbronne (No. 25 van 1999)

AGTERGROND EN LIGGING

Eskom Holdings SOC Ltd (Eskom) stel voor om 'n sonkragopwekkingsfasiliteit by die Komati-kragstasie te vestig. Die voorgestelde sonkragfotovoltaïese (PV) en battery-energiebergingstelsel (BESS) fasiliteite sal ontwikkel word op plaas Komati Kragstasie No 56 IS in Wyk 4, Steve Tshwete Plaaslike Munisipaliteit, Nkangala Distriksmunisipaliteit, Mpumalanga Provinsie. Die voorgestelde sonkrag-PV, BESS en gepaardgaande infrastruktuur vereis 'n omgewingsmagtiging (EA) en watergebruikmagtiging in terme van die Nasionale Omgewingsbestuurswet, Wet 107 van 1998 (NEMA), geassosieerde Omgewingsimpakbepaling (OIB) Regulasies, 2014 soos gewysig en Nasionale Waterwet, Wet 36 van 1998 (NWA) onderskeidelik. Weens die aard van die projekdrempels, word van Eskom verwag om 'n Omvang- en OIB-proses en Watergebruiklisensie-aansoek (WULA) te volg om die nodige magtigings te verkry voor die aanvang van die voorgestelde projek. Benewens Suid-Afrikaanse wetgewing, sal omgewings- en maatskaplike impakbepaling onderneem word ingevolge die vereistes van die Wêreldbankgroep. Dit sal in lyn gebring word met die vereistes van die Wêreldbank se omgewings- en maatskaplike raamwerk; Wêreldbankgroep Omgewings-, Gesondheids- en Veiligheidsriglyne vir beide algemene en sektor; die Internasionale Finansieringskorporasie Prestasiestandaarde; en Goeie Internasionale Nywerheidspraktyke.

OMGEWINGSTOEPASSING

Die verwagte gelyste aktiwiteitsnommers wat met die voorgestelde projekte geassosieer word, word hieronder gelys, onderhewig aan bevestiging van die Departement van Bosbou, Visserye en die Omgewing (DFFE):

- NEMA EIA-regulasies: GNR 327 Aktiwiteit 11, 14 en 23;
- NEMA EIA-regulasies: GNR 325 Aktiwiteit 1 en 15;
- NEMA EIA-regulasies: GNR 324 Aktiwiteit 4, 10 en 12.

WATERGEBRUIK-LISENSIE AANSOEK

A WULA sal onderneem word ingevolge Artikel 40 van die NWA vir die relevante Artikel 21-watergebruike wat met die PV, BESS en gepaardgaande infrastruktuur geassosieër word. Regeringskennisgewing (GN) 40713, Regulasie No. 267 (GN R.267) gedateer 24 Maart 2017, oor regulasies rakende die prosedurele vereistes vir watergebruiklisensie-aansoeke en appèlle, sal gevolg word.

REGISTRASIE EN INDIENING VAN KOMMENTAAR

WSP Group Africa (Pty) Ltd (WSP) is deur Eskom as die onafhanklike Omgewingsevalueringspraktisyn (OEP) aangestel om om die onderskeie prosesse te behartig. Partye wat formeel as belanghebbende en geaffekteerde partye (I&APs) wil registreer om meer inligting te ontvang en/of hul kommentaar oor die voorgestelde projek te lewer, word versoek om hul volledige kontakbesonderhede aan OEP te stuur en hul direkte en/of indirekte sake-, finansiële, persoonlike of ander belang in die projek. Enige kommentaar oor die voorgestelde projek moet by die OEP ingedien word via die besonderhede hieronder verskaf. Geregistreeerde I&APs sal aan alle toekomstige projekverwante korrespondensie gestuur word en individueel in kennis gestel word van bykomende geleenthede om aan die proses deel te neem.

WATERGEBRUIKLISENSIEAANSOEK KOMMENTAARTYDPERK

Geregistreeerde I&APs kan ook skriftelike kommentaar aangaande die WULA indien vir die voorgestelde aktiwiteite. Ingevolge Artikel 41(4) van NWA sal die WULA-kommentartydperk 60 dae wees vanaf 10 Junie 2022 tot 9 Augustus 2022.

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



Figure 1: Eskom Komati PV and BESS Project Layout



APPENDIX

B-3 *BACKGROUND INFORMATION DOCUMENT*



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

INTRODUCTION

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

PURPOSE OF THE DOCUMENT

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

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

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

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

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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

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

Solar Energy Facility

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

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

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

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

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

BESS Facilities

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

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

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



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



LEGAL FRAMEWORK

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

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

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

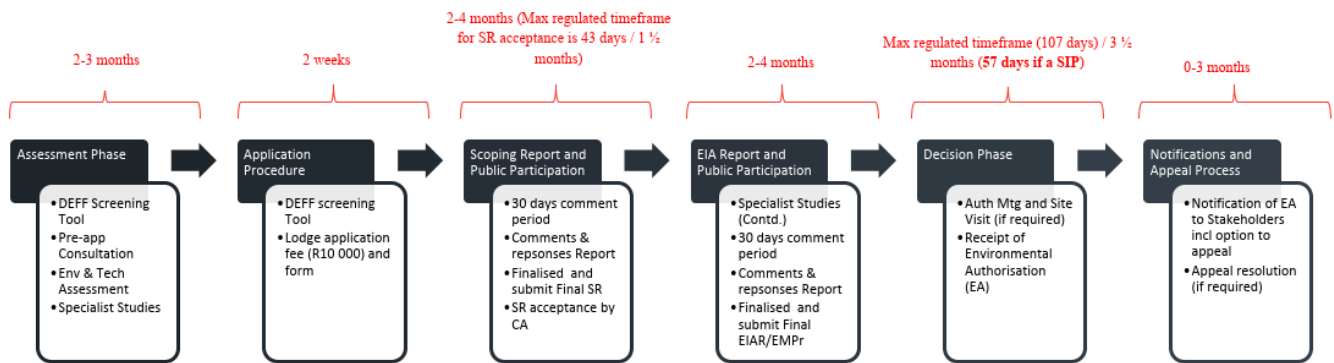


Figure 2: S&EIA Process

STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

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

Who is a Stakeholder?

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

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

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

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



PROPOSED KOMATI SOLAR PV AND BESS FACILITIES REGISTRATION AND COMMENT SHEET

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

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

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Please insert your personal details below:

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

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

NAME	CONTACT DETAILS

APPENDIX

C MEETINGS



APPENDIX

C-1 *DFFE PRE- APPLICATION MEETING*



MEETING NOTES

.JOB TITLE	Eskom Komati Power Station Solar PV ESIA and WULA
PROJECT NUMBER	41103965
DATE	06 July 2022
TIME	09h00
VENUE	MS Teams
SUBJECT	DFFE Pre-application Meeting
CLIENT	Eskom Holdings SOC Limited
PRESENT	Tutayi Chifadza (TC) – WSP Matilda Mbazo (MM) – WSP Justice Ramagoma (JR) – Eskom Warren Funston (WF) – Eskom Mpho Muswubi (MMs) – Eskom Deidre Herbst (DH) – Eskom Coenrad Agenbach (CA) – DFFE Muhammad Essop (ME) – DFFE Trisha Rene Pillay (TP) – DFFE
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MEETING NOTES

MATTERS ARISING	ACTION
<p>NOTE: These notes constitute a summary of the key discussion points and decisions made during the discussion. They are not intended to reflect the exact discussions held.</p>	
<p>1.0 INTRODUCTIONS The attendees introduced themselves, starting with the WSP team. JR requested recording of meeting for minute taking and TP started the recording.</p>	
<p>2.0 PROJECT PRESENTATION Following the introductions, TP gave the floor to TC to proceed with the presentation of the proposed Solar Photovoltaics (PV) and Battery Energy Storage Facility. TC presented the project which covered the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Project Background; – Typical Infrastructure (Solar Energy Facility (SEF), BESS and Associated Infrastructure); – Project Phases; – Environmental Authorisation Process; – Specialist Studies; – Public Participation Plan; – Timeframes; and – Clarification Questions. <p>TC highlighted the following key issues during the presentation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – The Solar PV locations (A and B) as well as the four BESS locations were not to be considered as alternatives but are all proposed to be developed to attain the required capacity output. – Although a portion of PV site B was identified to fall within a critical biodiversity area (CBA), particularly CBA 2 as per the Mpumalanga Biodiversity Sector Plan, surrounding anthropogenic activities such as the Goedehoop Colliery to the northwest, residential communities to the east and farming activity to the south renders the CBA unlikely to meet biodiversity targets for species and ecosystems and ecological processes. – The Project Area does not fall within any Strategic Transmission Corridors or Renewable Energy Development Zones. – Project will be conducted to meet the World Bank Group’s (WBG) Environmental and Social Framework (ESF) for lending purposes over and above the National Environmental Management Act (NEMA) requirements. – DFFE Screening Tool was used to identify theme sensitivities and thus define the specialist studies to be undertaken. – Additional specialist studies are to be undertaken to support the WBG’s ESF requirements as well as support the Water Use Licence Application (WULA). – Highlighted that the project is not yet a strategic infrastructure project (SIP), however, Eskom are in the application process with the project expected to be gazetted as a SIP by November 2022. A revised application form will be submitted to the DFFE when this occurs. 	WSP
<p>3.0 CLARIFICATION QUESTIONS TC indicated that Eskom is proposing to add a wind energy facility (up to 100MW) within the same footprint to the SEF. It was indicated that this will be a separate application owing to the timeframes required for 12-month pre-construction monitoring on bats and avifauna studies. There was no comment from the DFFE. TC indicated that there is a decommissioning component to the project being undertaken by another consultant (Nemai Consulting) and asked if it would be beneficial to have the same case officer on both projects. ME wanted to clarification on why this would be beneficial. TC and DH indicated that the potential overlaps of the project, although standalone, would be made easier if one case officer was used, however, this was not a must and would be left to the DFFE’s discretion. ME indicated that an internal discussion would be held within the DFFE, however, suggested that it would be unlikely with communication to be encouraged amongst the two separate case officers.</p>	All

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<p>TC indicated that the project is still in the Design Phase and asked what level of detail would be required for the motivation for the triggering of listing notices and if ranges could be used for the Scoping Phase. ME indicated the ranges would be suitable for the scoping phase, however, specific thresholds would be required for the EIA phase.</p>	
<p>4.0 DISCUSSION</p> <p>ME wanted clarification on whether the wind facility would be on the same footprint and if so, if there will be sufficient space for both the PV and wind turbines. DH indicated that the VPC report compiled as part of the feasibility assessments took into consideration the environmental and technical aspects that showed that there will be sufficient space for the wind turbines if they are along the edge of the site from a concept phase. This would be revised later when the application process for the wind project commences.</p> <p>ME wanted clarification on whether Eskom is developing the project themselves. DH confirmed that Eskom would develop the project using funding from the WBG.</p> <p>ME wanted clarification on whether all the specialist studies identified by the screening tool were accounted for. TC illustrated how each identified sensitivity theme would be covered by a specific study and also showed the additional studies required by the WBG as well as for the WULA.</p> <p>ME wanted clarification on whether the proposed specialists are registered in their respective fields. TC indicated that all specialists (internal and sub-contractors) appointed are registered as required in their fields. ME indicated that specialists would need to follow the protocols as identified in the screening tool.</p> <p>CA wanted clarification on whether two different reports would be developed to cover for NEMA and the WBG requirements. TC indicated that the preliminary ESIA report for the WBG would be repurposed into a scoping report although the current format would be sufficient for NEMA requirements. CA highlighted that this could create an issue for the project although more information is always welcomed in informing their decision making. DH acknowledge the risk for setting a precedence for future projects meeting reporting requirements that are more onerous. However, there was already a great deal of interest regarding how the social impact would be addressed, this is likely to be a more extensive social study. DH indicated that it would be prudent to wait until the end of scoping to determine whether or not the information should be separated. CA affirmed this response.</p> <p>ME requested that site sensitivity information be included in the scoping report with motivations provided for why specialist studies are conducted or not for each sensitivity theme. TC affirmed that this would be done when reporting.</p>	WSP
<p>5.0 WAY FORWARD</p> <p>DFFE to conduct internal discussion and review decision on assigning one case officer on both projects.</p> <p>WSP to prepare application and begin with scoping report to initiate application process.</p>	DFFE WSP

APPENDIX A

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN



PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN FOR THE APPLICATION OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION FOR THE PROPOSED ESTABLISHMENT OF A SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC, BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEM FACILITIES AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE AT THE KOMATI POWER STATION, MPUMALANGA PROVINCE

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

The project will be divided into three phases:

- Phase 1: Preliminary ESIA for submission to the World Bank;
- Phase 2: Scoping Phase in terms of in terms of the NEMA 2014 EIA Regulations, to the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE); and
- Phase 3: ESIA Phase in terms of the NEMA 2014 EIA Regulations as amended, and WBG Requirements, to the DFFE.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION FOR PRELIMINARY ESIA PHASE

Extensive stakeholder engagement has been undertaken by Eskom and Urban Econ for the Shutdown and Repurposing of Eskom Power Stations to notify Ward Councillors, Ward Committee Members and acknowledged representatives from various community groups who would be impacted by the shutdown of their Hendrina, Grootvlei, and Komati Power Stations which are approaching the end of their operational life.

WSP Group Africa (Pty) Ltd (WSP) will formally announce the commencement of the S&ESIA Process for the Application of an EA for the proposed establishment of a Solar PV and BESS Facilities at Komati Power Station, and request Interested and Affected Parties to register their interest in the project. **Table 1**, below provides an overview of the stakeholder engagement that will be undertaken during the preliminary ESIA Phase.

Table 1: Notification Methods

NOTIFICATION	PROPOSED ACTIVITIES
Notice will be given to the public by publishing newspaper adverts	Adverts will be published in in two newspapers, the Highvelder (in English and Afrikaans) and Witbank News (in in English and IsiZulu), formally announcing the commencement of the S&ESIA process, requesting I&APs to register their interest in the project.

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NOTIFICATION

PROPOSED ACTIVITIES

<p>Notice will be given to the public by placing site notices at appropriate locations on site and in the surrounding area</p>	<p>Placement of site notices (in English, Afrikaans and isiZulu) at the following places:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Komati Power Station Entrance – Boundary/access road to the Solar PV Site A and B – Blinkplan Police Station; – OK Foods Super Market; – Komati Paypoint and Library; – Nkangala District Municipality Office; – Gerard Sekoto Library; – Eastdene Public Library; and – Hendrina Public Library. <p>The notices will formally announce the commencement of the S&ESIA process, requesting I&APs to register their interest in the project.</p>
<p>Notice will be given to I&APs registered on existing databases</p>	<p>Stakeholder databases have been generated from the stakeholder engagement process undertaken by Eskom and Urban Econ for the Shutdown and Repurposing of Eskom Power Stations. These databases will be used to formally announcing the commencement of the S&ESIA process, requesting I&APs to register their interest in the project.</p>
<p>Focus group meetings</p>	<p>A focus group meetings will be held at Komati Power Station for community leaders and stakeholder forums for discussion on the proposed establishment of a Solar PV and BESS Facility at Komati Power Station. Comments and concerns raised during this meeting will be noted for inclusion in the Preliminary ESIA Report.</p>

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION FOR S&ESIA PHASE

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 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.

This plan is developed for the Scoping & ESIA process applicable to the application for an environmental authorisation (EA) for the proposed establishment of a solar electricity generating facility consisting of solar photovoltaic (PV), battery energy storage system (BESS) facilities and associated infrastructure at the Komati Power Station in Mpumalanga Province.

According to Section (2)(4)(f) of the National Environmental Management Act (NEMA), the participation of all 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.

Table 2, below, provides the competent authority with the detailed process of the public participation process that will be undertaken during the project.

The existing Komati Power Station I&AP database will also be utilised for this S&ESIA process, due to its inclusivity. I&APs will be provided with opportunity to review and make comments on the draft scoping and ESIA reports.

Table 2: 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 six (6) site notices (in English, Afrikaans and isiZulu) at appropriate locations on site and in the surrounding area. Proof of placement will be included in the Final Scoping Report. — This will include the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Komati Power Station Entrance — Boundary/access road to the Solar PV Site A and B — Blinkplan Police Station; — OK Foods Super Market; — Komati Paypoint and Library; — Nkangala District Municipality Office; — Gerard Sekoto Library; — Eastdene Public Library; and — Hendrina Public Library. <p><i>This activity will be undertaken during the preliminary ESIA phase.</i></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, Afrikaans and isiZulu) will be sent to owners and occupiers on or adjacent to the proposed project site, municipality ward councillor, local and district municipality, and relevant state departments. Proof of placement will be included in the Final Scoping Report. — General communication (written notification) with I&APs (public and government departments/authorities) throughout the S&ESIA Process. — All I&APs on the database will be notified of the project via email and SMS. This email will invite them to participate in S&ESIA process and will inform them of the public review period of the Draft Scoping and ESIA reports. — I&APs will be added to the database on request as the project progresses. — I&AP's already captured on Komati's I&AP database will also be used.
<p>(c) placing an advertisement in—</p> <p>(i) one local newspaper; or</p> <p>(ii) any official Gazette that is published specifically for the purpose of providing public notice of applications or other submissions made in terms of these Regulations;</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Adverts will be published in two newspapers, the Highvelder (in English and Afrikaans) and Witbank News (in in English and IsiZulu), formally announcing the commencement of the S&ESIA process, requesting I&APs to register their interest in the project. Proof of placement will be included in the Final Scoping Report. <p><i>This activity will be undertaken during the preliminary ESIA phase.</i></p>

**SUMMARY OF PPP REQUIREMENT
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<p>(d) placing an advertisement in at least one provincial newspaper or national newspaper, if the activity has or may have an impact that extends beyond the boundaries of the metropolitan or district municipality in which it is or will be undertaken</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — The project does not extend beyond the boundaries of the District Municipality and therefore the use of provincial / national newspapers are not required. — Adverts will be published in two newspapers, the Highvelder (in English and Afrikaans) and Witbank News (in in English and IsiZulu).
<p>(e) using reasonable alternative methods, as agreed to by the competent authority, in those instances where a person is desirous of but unable to participate in the process due to— (i) illiteracy; (ii) disability; or (iii) any other disadvantage.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — I&APs on the existing Komati Power Station I&AP database will be contacted either telephonically or via email to verify their contact details as well as their preferred method of communication. — The relevant ward councillor will be contacted to ensure that community-based organisations are aware of the Project and can assist in distributing and communicating relevant Project information to community members.
<p>(42) A proponent or applicant must ensure the opening and maintenance of a register of interested and affected parties and submit such a register to the competent authority,</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — I&APs with a potential interest in the project will be identified at the outset of the project. — The I&AP database will be compiled to include all affected landowners and occupiers, adjacent landowners and occupiers, I&APs that formally registered during the previous EIA process, relevant authorities. As noted above, the existing database for Komati Power Station will be used as the basis of the register for this S&ESIA process. — All I&APs on the database will be notified of the project via email and SMS. The email and SMS will invite them to participate in the S&ESIA process and will inform them of the public review period of the draft Scoping and ESIA Reports. — All I&APs identified will be registered on the project database, and the database will be maintained throughout the S&ESIA process.
<p>(43) & (44) Registered Interested and affected parties (I&APs) must be given 30 days to comment on the draft Report</p>	<p>The Draft Scoping and EIA Reports will be made available to all I&APs for a 30-day comment period. Strict adherence to all COVID-19 protocols and regulations as well as best practice measures will be ensured throughout PPP.</p> <p>The reports will be made available at the following places:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Komati Paypoint and Library; — Komati Power Station – Security Office; — Gerard Sekoto Library; — Eastdene Public Library; and — Hendrina Public Library; and — Online on the WSP website. <p>A Stakeholder Engagement Register will be generated for inclusion in Final Scoping and ESIA Reports for consideration by the competent authority.</p> <p>An open day public meeting will be held at Komati Power Station during the Scoping Phase and additional focus group meetings will be held during the ESIA Phase if requested.</p>
<p>(44) (2) The applicant must, in writing, within 14 days of the date of the decision on the application ensure that—</p>	<p>Written notification of the decision on the EAs will be sent to all registered I&APs, Registered I&APs will be informed of the appeal procedure as well as advised that copies of the EA decisions will be provided on request.</p>



**SUMMARY OF PPP REQUIREMENT
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(a) all registered interested and affected parties are provided with access to the decision and the reasons for such decision; and
(b) the attention of all registered interested and affected parties is drawn to the fact that an appeal may be lodged against the decision in terms of the National Appeal Regulations, if such appeal is available in the circumstances of the decision.

APPENDIX B

MEETING PRESENTATION



DFFE Pre- Application Meeting

Eskom Komati Power Station
Solar PV and BESS Facilities



Agenda

- 1 Introduction
Introductions
- 2 Overview of Project
Project Background
Typical Infrastructure
- 3 Overview & Confirmation of Permitting Processes
Project Phases
Environmental Authorisation Process
Specialist Studies
Public Participation Plan
Timeframes
- 5 Discussion
Specific Clarification
Questions and Comments

Introductions

Applicant **Eskom Holdings SOC (Ltd)**
Deidre Herbst (Environmental Manager: Generation)
Justice Ramagoma (Chief Advisor: Environmental Management)
Mpho Muswabi (Senior Environmental Advisor)
Warren Funston (Middle Manager)

EAP **WSP Group Africa (Pty) Ltd**
Tutayi Chifadza

Authority **Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE)**
Muhammad Essop
Trisha Pillay

Interested EAP **Nemai Consulting**
Nicky Naidoo



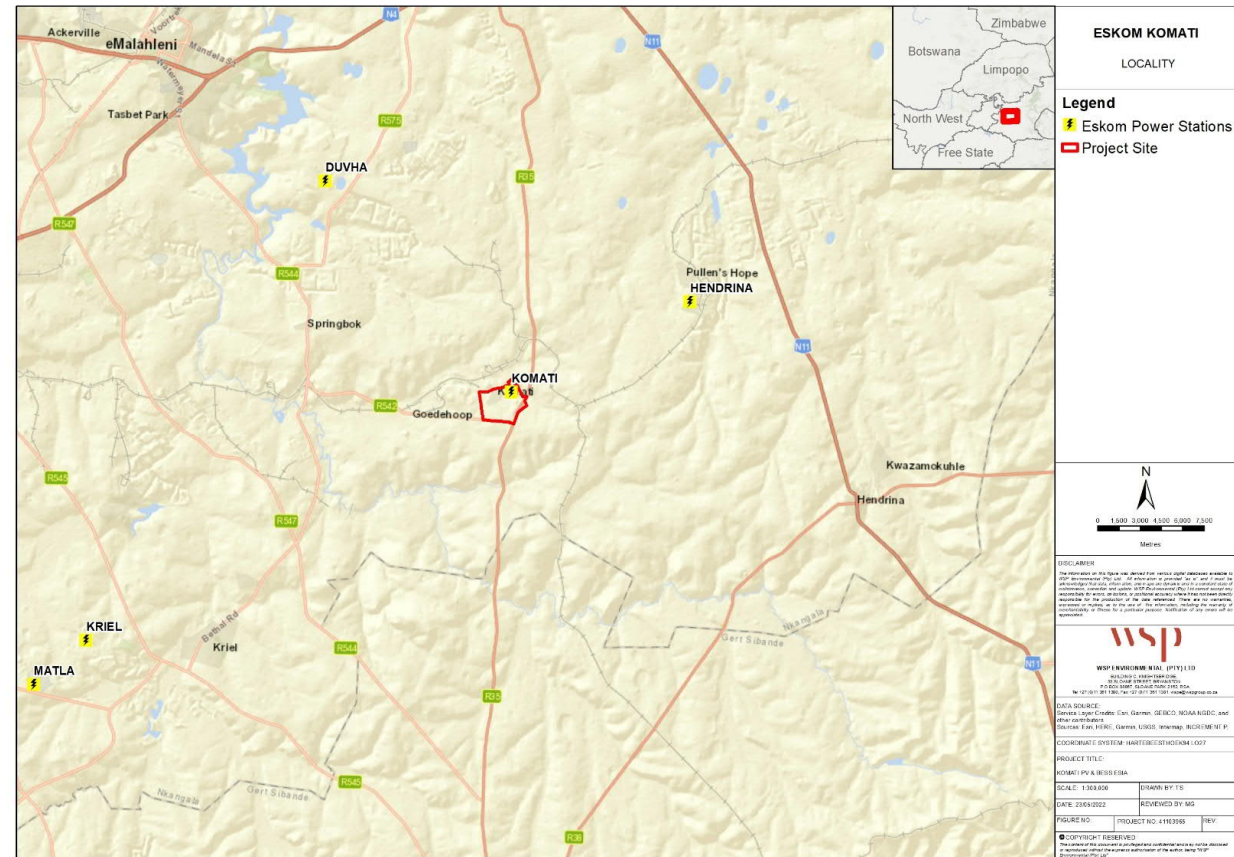
Background

- Komati Power Station is situated in Mpumalanga Province
- End of Life - September 2022
- Just Energy Transition Plan - mitigating negative impacts resulting from the shut down
- Solar energy facility (SEF) including Solar Photovoltaics (PV) energy facility, Wind energy facility (WEF) as well as Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) facilities



Location

- Komati Power Station:
 - 37km from Middelburg
 - 43km from Bethal
 - 40km from Witbank
- Ward 4 of the Steve Tshwete Local Municipality, within the Nkangala District Municipality.
- Land owned by Eskom



Overview of the Project



Typical Infrastructure

- Key infrastructure:
 - SEF;
 - Site Substation and BESS; and
 - Associated infrastructure

Typical Infrastructure

○SEF:

- Total site area: 200 - 250 Ha
- Solar PV Panels: 72 Ha
- Total capacity of 100 MW

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

Typical Infrastructure

○ BESS:

- Four BESS facilities
- Footprint: 2 Ha - 6 Ha
- Storage: 150 MW
- Lithium Battery Technologies

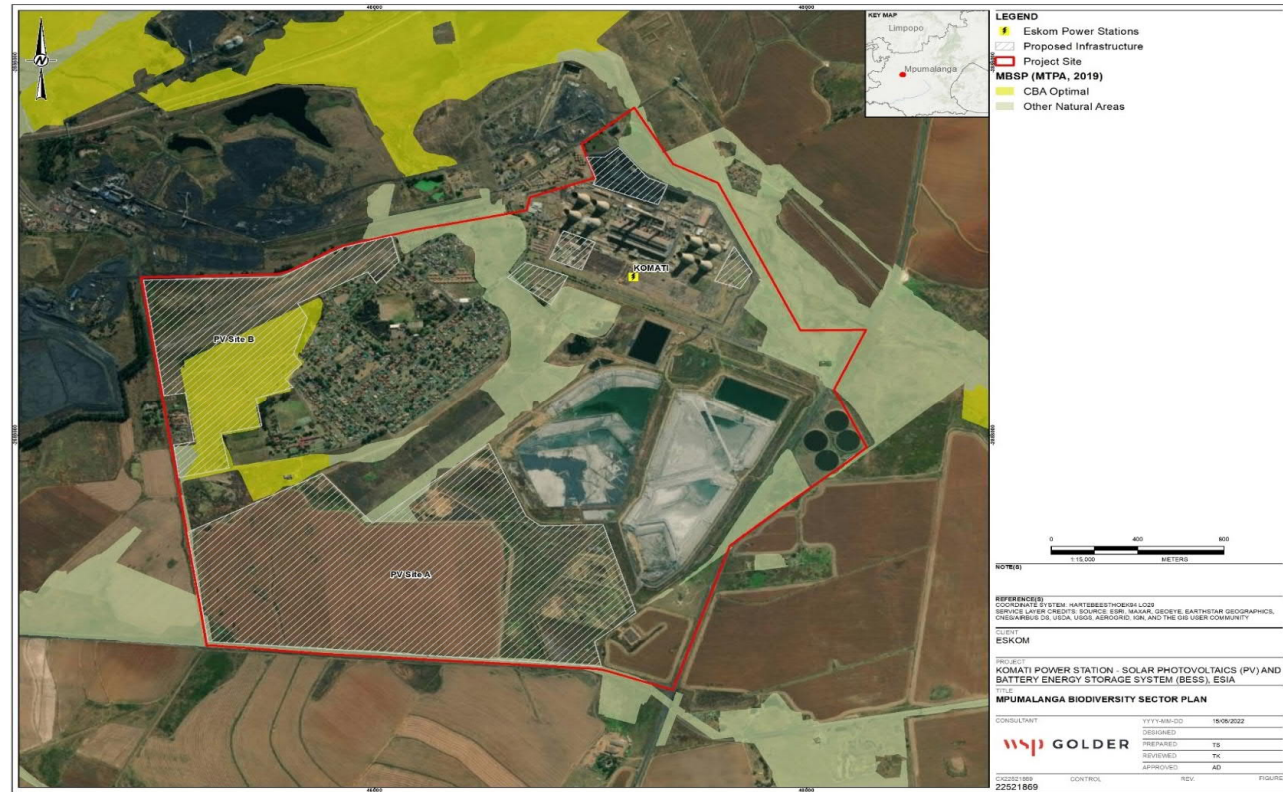
Typical Infrastructure

○ Associated Infrastructure:

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

Key Considerations

- The general project area falls within a Critical Biodiversity Areas (CBA).
- The area is mapped as 'CBA 2" by the Mpumalanga Biodiversity Sector Plan, 2019
- The CBA within which the proposed PV Site B is situated is bordered by the Goedehoop Colliery operations on the north and west, and a residential area on the east and farmlands on the south, all of which encompass Heavily or Moderately Modified Areas. Thus the level of anthropogenic disturbance renders the CBA unlikely to meet biodiversity targets for species and ecosystems and ecological processes.
- The Project Area does not fall within any Strategic Transmission Corridors or Renewable Energy Development Zones.



Project Phases

- Undertake an Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) to meet the requirements of the World Bank Group Environmental and Social Framework.
- To satisfy the WB requirements the EIA will go over and above the NEMA requirements.
- The project will be divided into three phases:
 - Phase 1: Preliminary ESIA (for submission to the WB);
 - Phase 2: Scoping Phase in terms of in terms of the NEMA 2014 EIA Regulations; and
 - Phase 3: EIA Phase and WULA

Environmental Authorisation Process

- Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment (S&EIA) Processes:
 - SEF (100MW)
 - BESS (150MW)

- Water Use Licence
 - Water use Licences and/or General Authorisations will be applied for as required

Listed Activities - Listing Notice 1

Listed Activity	Description of Project Activity
<p>Activity 11(i)</p> <p>The development of facilities or infrastructure for the transmission and distribution of electricity—</p> <p>(i) outside urban areas or industrial complexes with a capacity of more than 33 but less than 275 kilovolts</p>	<p>The Komati Solar PV facility will require either a 132 KV or 275 KV powerline to transmit power to the BESS facilities. The transmission lines are outside of the urban edge.</p>
<p>Activity 12(ii)</p> <p>The development of -</p> <p>(ii) infrastructure or structures with a physical footprint of 100 square metres or more;</p> <p>(a) within a watercourse;</p>	<p>Internal access roads will be required for access to the Facility. The physical footprint of internal access roads and electrical cabling required to connect the various components of the Facilities will either traverse the delineated watercourses on site, or be located within 32m of the outer extent of the delineated watercourses on site.</p>
<p>Activity 14</p> <p>The development and related operation of facilities or infrastructure, for the storage, or for the storage and handling, of a dangerous good, where such storage occurs in containers with a combined capacity of 80 cubic metres or more but not exceeding 500 cubic metres.</p>	<p>The proposed BESS facilities will potentially result in the handling of between 80 and 500 cubic metres of dangerous goods.</p> <p>This activity will only be applicable in the event that the BESS facilities are assembled on site. This is currently unknown.</p>

Listed Activities - Listing Notice 1

Listed Activity	Description of Project Activity
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.	The proposed infrastructure, with specific reference to access roads and the grid infrastructure, may require the removal of soil more than 10 cubic metres from a watercourse.
Activity 24 (ii) The development of a road— (ii) with a reserve wider than 13,5 meters, or where no reserve exists where the road is wider than 8 metres.	The proposed access roads for the Solar facility will potentially be 8 metres wide.

Listed Activities - Listing Notice 2

Listed Activity	Description of Project Activity
<p>Activity 1 The development of facilities or infrastructure for the generation of electricity from a renewable resource where the electricity output is 20 megawatts or more, excluding where such development of facilities or infrastructure is for photovoltaic installations and occurs — (a) within an urban area.</p>	<p>The proposed solar generating facility will generate 100 MW of electricity from a renewable resource.</p>
<p>Activity 15(ii) The clearance of an area of 20 hectares or more of indigenous vegetation. (ii) with a reserve wider than 13,5 meters, or where no reserve exists where the road is wider than 8 metres.</p>	<p>The proposed solar generating facilities will require the clearance of vegetation between 200 and 250 ha.</p>

Listed Activities - Listing Notice 3

Listed Activity	Description of Project Activity
<p>Activity 4 The development of a road wider than 4 metres with a reserve less than 13,5 metres. f. Mpumalanga i. Outside urban areas (ee) Critical biodiversity areas as identified in systematic biodiversity plans adopted by the competent authority or in bioregional plans.</p>	<p>The proposed access roads for the Solar facility will potentially be wider than 4 metres but less than 13.5 metres within a critical biodiversity area (CBA).</p>
<p>Activity 10 The development and related operation of facilities or infrastructure for the storage, or storage and handling of a dangerous good, where such storage occurs in containers with a combined capacity of 30 but not exceeding 80 cubic metres. f. Mpumalanga i. Outside urban areas (ee) Critical biodiversity areas as identified in systematic biodiversity plans adopted by the competent authority or in bioregional plans.</p>	<p>The proposed BESS facilities will potentially result in the handling of between 80 and 500 cubic metres of dangerous goods. This activity will only be applicable in the event that the BESS facilities are assembled on site. This is currently unknown.</p>
<p>Activity 12 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. f. Mpumalanga ii. Within critical biodiversity areas identified in bioregional plans.</p>	<p>The total footprint to be cleared is between 200 and 250 ha, the CBA portion is located within Solar Site B. The exact footprint will be determined during the ESIA process through the biodiversity impact study.</p>

DFFE Screening Tool Identified Sensitivities

THEME	VERY HIGH SENSITIVITY	HIGH SENSITIVITY	MEDIUM SENSITIVITY	LOW SENSITIVITY
Agricultural Theme		✓		
Animal Species Theme		✓		
Aquatic Biodiversity Theme	✓			
Archaeological and Cultural Heritage Theme				✓
Avian Theme				✓
Civil Aviation (Solar PV) Theme			✓	
Defence Theme				✓
Landscape (Solar) Theme	✓			
Palaeontology Theme	✓			
Plant Species Theme			✓	
RFI Theme			✓	
Terrestrial Biodiversity Theme	✓			

Specialist Studies Identified to be Included

SPECIALIST ASSESSMENT	COMMENT
Soils and Agricultural Potential Assessment	A soils and land capability survey will be undertaken.
Visual Impact Assessment	The projects could potentially negatively impact sensitive visual receptors. A Visual Impact Assessment will therefore be undertaken.
Archaeological and Cultural Heritage Impact Assessment	An Archaeological and Heritage Impact Assessment will be undertaken.
Palaeontology Impact Assessment	A Palaeontological Impact Assessment will be undertaken.
Terrestrial Biodiversity Impact Assessment	The projects could negatively affect CBA. A Terrestrial Biodiversity Assessment will be undertaken. This assessment will include both fauna and flora aspects.
Aquatic Biodiversity Impact Assessment	An Aquatic Biodiversity Assessment will be undertaken.
Socio-Economic Assessment	A Socio-Economic Assessment will be undertaken

Specialist Studies Commissioned

ASSESSMENT	NAME OF SPECIALIST	COMPANY
Air Quality Specialist	Kirsten Collet	WSP
Avifauna Specialist	Megan Diamond	Feathers Environmental
★ Contaminated Land Specialist	Adam Sanderson	WSP
Ecology Specialist	Andrew Zinn and Aisling Dower	WSP
Groundwater Specialist	Sarah Skinner	WSP
Heritage Specialist	Anton Pelser	A Pelser Archaeological Consulting
Noise Specialist	Kirsten Collet	WSP
Palaeontology Specialist	Heidi Fourie	Independent Consultant
★ Social Specialist	Stephen Horak	WSP
Soil Specialist	Zakariya Nakhooda	WSP
Surface Water Specialist	Eugeshin Naidoo	WSP
Traffic Specialist	Nico Jonker	Innovative Transport Solutions (Pty) Ltd
Visual Specialist	Lourens du Plessis	LOGIS
Wetland & Aquatic Specialist	Bradley Graves	WSP

Competent Authority

- Section 24C(2)(a) of NEMA
 - The Minister must be identified as the Competent Authority (CA) if the activity has implications for international environmental commitments or relations
- Section 24C(2)(d)(iii) of NEMA
 - The Minister must be identified as the Competent Authority (CA) if the activity is undertaken by a statutory body, excluding any municipality, performing an exclusive competence of the national sphere of government
- 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

Public Participation Plan

Activities Completed

- Formally announce project via:
 - Adverts (English, Afrikaans and Zulu in local newspaper)
 - Site notices
 - Utilising existing stakeholder databases
- Hold focus group meeting

Activities to be undertaken

- Compilation and management of I&AP Database
- Written notification:
 - Owners adjacent to the proposed project site
 - Municipality Ward Councillor
 - District Municipality
 - Relevant State Departments
- Hold public meeting during Scoping Phase
- Hold focus group meetings with vulnerable groups as per the WBG requirements
- Advertisement for review of Draft Reports Review for 30 days

Timeframes

○ Authority Timeframes

- Does not fall within a Strategic Transmission Corridor (GN 113)
- Does not fall within a REDZ (GN 114)
- Authority decision making timeframe is 107 days
- Eskom currently working on attaining a SIP letter which will be submitted to the DFFE once the JETP is gazetted (anticipated in November 2022)

○ Key Milestones:

- Submission of Application Forms - August 2022
- Draft Scoping Report Public Review - August 2022
- Submission of Final Scoping Reports - October 2022
- Draft EIA Report Public Review - January 2023
- Submission of Final EIA Report - March 2023

○ Specific Clarification

- Eskom is proposing to add a wind energy facility (up to 100 MW) within the same footprint of the SEF. This will be a separate application.
- There is a decommissioning component to the project being undertaken by another consultant (Nemai Consulting). Would it be beneficial to have the same case officer?
- The project is still in the Design Phase. What level of detail is required for the motivation for the triggering of listing notices? Can ranges be used for the Scoping Phase?

Discussion

- Questions
- Way Forward





Thank you



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Sent: Tuesday, 02 August 2022 11:02
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Subject: RE: 2022-06-0013 Pre-app meeting for Solar Photovoltaic (PV) Energy Facility, Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) Facilities and associated infrastructure at the Komati Power Station

Good Morning Tutayi,

The minutes are accepted and you can move forward submitting your application for review. Apologies for the delay in response.

Kind Regards,

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Subject: RE: 2022-06-0013 Pre-app meeting for Solar Photovoltaic (PV) Energy Facility, Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) Facilities and associated infrastructure at the Komati Power Station

Good day,

I'm following up on the approval of the minutes of the pre-application meeting we held on 6 July. I have reattached them to this email for easy reference and we also appended the public participation plan to the minutes.

Regards,



Tutayi Chifadza
Principal Consultant
Pr Sci Nat

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Subject: RE: 2022-06-0013 Pre-app meeting for Solar Photovoltaic (PV) Energy Facility, Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) Facilities and associated infrastructure at the Komati Power Station

Good day,

Well received. Please find the attached final version of meeting minutes which includes the proposed public participation plan and the meeting presentation.

Regards,

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From: Trisha Rene Pillay <tpillay@dffe.gov.za>
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Subject: 2022-06-0013 Pre-app meeting for Solar Photovoltaic (PV) Energy Facility, Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) Facilities and associated infrastructure at the Komati Power Station

Good Morning Mr. Chifadza,

Please find attached the transcript and the link to listen to the recording.

The Password to get access to the recording 2022-06-0013

[2022-06-0013 Pre-app meeting for Solar Photovoltaic \(PV\) Energy Facility, Battery Energy Storage System \(BESS\) Facilities and associated infrastructure at the Kom-20220706_090555-Meeting Recording.mp4](#)

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APPENDIX

C-2 *FOCUS GROUP MEETING*



MEETING NOTES

JOB TITLE	Eskom Komati Power Station Solar PV and BESS ESIA
PROJECT NUMBER	41103965
DATE	09 June 2022
TIME	10h00
VENUE	SSB Hall – Komati Power Station
SUBJECT	Focus Group Meeting
CLIENT	Eskom Holdings SOC (Ltd)
PRESENT	<p>In person:</p> <p>Deidre Herbst (DH) – Eskom Felicia Sono (FS) – Eskom Justice Ramagoma (JR) – Eskom Mokgadi Mvambo (MM) – Eskom Sasavona Baloyi (SB) – Eskom Zekhethelo Ndlovu (ZN) – Eskom Anna Marth Ott (AO) – Stakeholder (MCCT) Alta de Bruin (AB) – Stakeholder (Villa Rosa Guesthouse) Mathews Zwane (MZ) – Stakeholder (Church Representative) Nomsa Dlamini (ND) – Stakeholder (Community Representative) Othaniel Sibembo (OS) – Stakeholder (B&K Komati) Simphiwe Mnisi (SM) – Stakeholder (Komati Farmbelt) Wickus de Bruin (WB) – Stakeholder (Villa Rosa Guesthouse) Megan Govender (MG) – WSP Tumelo Mathulwe (TM) – WSP</p> <p>On-line:</p> <p>Collins Nyamadzawo (CN) – Mpumalanga Green Cluster Agency Matjaka Ketsi (MK) – Mpumalanga Green Cluster Agency Stephen Horak (SH) - WSP</p>

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MEETING NOTES

MATTERS ARISING	ACTION
<p>NOTE:</p> <p>These notes constitute a summary of the key discussion points made during the meeting. They are not intended to reflect the exact discussions held.</p>	
<p>1.0 WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS</p> <p>MM welcomed everyone to the meeting. MM clarified the evacuation route should the need arise.</p>	
<p>2.0 JUST ENERGY TRANSITION PROJECT</p> <p>MM presented the Just Energy Transition Plan (Refer to Appendix A for a copy of the presentation) with the following to be noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Eskom will shut down many of its fossil-fired power plants due to ageing fleet, environmental compliance requirements, decarbonisation goals and overall end of plant life. — Komati is one of the power stations that will be shut down as it will reach its end of life in September 2022. — Shutting down of the power station will have a socio-economic impact on existing employees, and surrounding communities. Eskom has therefore explored options for the repurposing and repowering of the power station — Renewable energy requires using vast amounts of land surface area, therefore there could be competition for usable land in transitioning to cleaner sources of fuel. — Solar PV and wind are the preferred main technologies to be used for the re-purposing of Komati with the addition of batteries (BESS) and the repurposing of the generators that are in good condition to synchronous condensers units. — A Gas Power Plant was also considered as one of the technologies. — The retiring process will include the dismantling and removal of several buildings, structures, and dams, as well as the decontamination and rehabilitation of waste and dirty areas. — The move away from coal-fired power stations will have a significantly positive impact on the environment. — However, the demolition of cooling towers and other distinctive features of the “old coal power station” may be perceived as negative from a sense of place perspective. <p>DH: The focus of the meeting today is on the Solar PV and BESS project, however the presentation by MM puts the entire project into perspective. This is the first Environmental Impact Assessment being undertaken. There are several other projects however the EIAs will have to be done individually. This will unfortunately result in repetition of meetings however we will try to align the meetings and projects as much as possible.</p>	
<p>3.0 SOLAR PV AND BESS EIA</p> <p>MG: WSP was appointed to undertake the Environmental Authorisation Process for the Komati Solar PV, Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) and Associated Infrastructure. The aim of today’s focus group meeting is to present the project and listen to the input stakeholders may have regarding the project.</p> <p>MM presented the Komati Power Station Solar Photovoltaic, Battery Energy Storage System Facilities and Associated Infrastructure Project (Refer to Appendix B for a copy of the presentation) with the following to be noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Just Energy Transition Plan is aimed at mitigating the negative social impacts resulting from the shutting down of the Komati Power Station. The solar energy generating facility is one of several initiatives Eskom is proposing. — Solar energy facility is made up of Solar Photovoltaics energy facility as well as BESS facilities — The land earmarked for this development is owned by Eskom — The PV facility will have a capacity of up to 100 MW. Solar PV modules will convert solar radiation directly into electricity. They will be elevated above the ground and will be mounted on either fixed tilt systems or tracking systems. 	

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- There are four BESS facilities proposed. The BESS storage capacity will be up to 150MW.
- It is proposed that Lithium Battery Technologies will be considered as the preferred battery technology however the specific technology will only be determined following the appointment of an Engineering, Procurement and Construction (EPC) contractor. The BESS components will arrive on site pre-assembled.
- Additional associated infrastructure will be confirmed once the Conceptual Design is complete.
- The general project area falls within a Critical Biodiversity Areas.
- The Project Area does not fall within any Strategic Transmission Corridors or Renewable Energy Development Zones (REDZ).
- Due to the nature of the project thresholds, the proposed project will require a Scoping & EIA process to obtain an environmental authorisation in terms of the National Environmental Management Act. A Water Use Licence (WUL) in terms of the National Water Act will also be required. The WUL application processes will be undertaken concurrently with the S&EIA process as far as possible.
- In addition to South African Legislation, the Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) will be undertaken in terms of the World Bank Group requirements. The assessment will be aligned to the requirements of the World Bank Environmental & Social Framework; relevant World Bank Group Environmental, Health and Safety Guidelines; the International Finance Corporation Performance Standards; and Good International Industry Practices.
- Specialist studies are required to support the ESIA, and several have been commissioned already.
- Public Participation will be undertaken for the project in line with legislative requirements. This will include formally announcing the project, holding a focus group meeting (this meeting), hosting public meetings and providing the Draft Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment Reports for public review. These reports will contain information about the project including specialist inputs and environmental and socio-economic impacts.
- The EIA will take approximately eighteen months to undertake including public participation and authority review timeframes.

4.0 DISCUSSION

AO: What happens in Komati will impact the whole country therefore it is important to repurpose the power station otherwise we will have an economic crisis on our hands. How do we go about getting a REDZ allocated to the area? Hendrina is the next power station to be decommissioned and the power stations fall outside the REDZ.

MG: We will investigate this and provide you with feedback outside of this meeting.

AO: It was mentioned that the BESS parts will arrive already assembled. This is a concern as we need to be creating jobs in the area. We would like to establish a local manufacturing facility for solar plants including the manufacturing of batteries in the Komati area. How do we go about doing this? This will mitigate the negative impact of the closure of the Komati Power Station. The other concern is baseload as this will still be needed for major industries. We do not want the green energy to take away the base load required for major industries.

MG: Your comment is noted and we will provide you with feedback outside of this meeting.

AB: A local manufacturing facility must be in Komati and not in Middelburg. The problem is here in Komati. There is a need to create work for the people here.

AO: There are several ideas of what can be done at Komati and how it can be used as an example. A training centre can be set up in the area. It was mentioned that the Secunda FET is excellent and training is going to be moved there. This was mentioned in the presentation made by Res4Africa, an Italian Organisation, that has funding for re-skilling. The other aspect to consider is that re-skilling is focussed on the illiterate community. There are already literate skilled people that need to be re-skilled. The type of training to be provided will need to be looked at. There will be more momentum if the skilled community is up-skilled.

AB: They must come here to Komati first because the people of the area have no work.

AO: The worst thing would be if Eskom imported pre-assembled panels and batteries from China.

MG to provide AO with feedback

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AB: Eskom must make use of the local businesses Eskom does not make use of local guest houses. Eskom uses businesses outside of Komati.

AO: This Project needs to be linked to the Master Steel Plan and localisation initiatives that are being driven for the region.

CN: Regarding the issue of localisation and producing batteries and solar panels, has Eskom decided on the battery technology that will be used and the battery manufacturer that will be used? It has been noted that the solar panels will occupy 75 hectares of the available land which is only a quarter of the available land. What is the reasoning behind the 100 MW cap when there is still ample land to install additional solar panels?

DH: Eskom are going the route of appointing an EPC contractor. They will determine the procurement of the BESS and solar panels. Eskom will provide you with additional feedback outside of this meeting after consulting with the engineers.

MG: Additional feedback outside of this meeting on the layout of the project and the utilisation of the land will be provided.

TM: Is there anyone else that should be made aware of the project?

DH: There was a Socio-Economic study and stakeholder engagement undertaken by UrbanEcon. The stakeholder databases generated from that project has been shared with WSP to include in the stakeholder database for this project.

AO: Could a copy of the UrbanEcon study be made available?

DH: Ms Beauty Mazibuko will be requested to make the final report available. There was a draft report and finalisation was planned for June 2022.

AO: The scope of the UrbanEcon study was not wide enough. The study seemed to only look at the Komati area and not at the bigger municipal area. This will be necessary to get an idea of the actual economy of the municipality.

DH: WSP will also be undertaking their own Socio-Economic Study and will be drawing from the report undertaken from UrbanEcon. WSP can address your comments in their study, if it falls within their scope and if it has not been done so already within the UrbanEcon Report.

OS: Eskom needs to consider the local community for job opportunities within the project. Eskom should include local businesses such as guesthouses and transport companies that can be used for this project. If possible, Eskom should also give vendor numbers for small businesses in the area.

SM: How are the solar structures going to operate, will there be any noise from the solar panels?

MG: There is no operational noise emitting from the solar panels. However, there is a full suite of specialists appointed to assess how the project will impact the environment as well as the community. The specialists appointed include noise, air quality, surface and ground water quality and ecology. The noise specialist study will highlight any impacts this would mainly be during the construction phase. The specialist studies as well as the impacts identified will be made available for the public to review and provide any comments or concerns, they may have.

SM: As a community, we are used to a Power Station that utilises coal and we have been skilled in this manner. Now that there is a transition to a different technology, we as the community would like to be upskilled so that when new jobs arises from this project, we will have the required skill set. As noted by others, local businesses should be used where possible.

MG to provide CN with feedback

DH to request the final UrbanEcon report from Beauty Mazibuko

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AB: What are the project timeframes? The community cannot wait three years for the project to start, there are no jobs. Training should start now.

AO: What re-skilling will be done? Unless there is an end goal of a job opportunity, there is no point in re-skilling people. On the other hand, for businesses to survive, they need to be able to take their own future in their hands and continuous handouts will also not help.

Meeting concluded.

Proposed Komati Power Station Solar PV, BESS Facilities And Associated Infrastructure

Focus Group Meeting, Komati Power Station – 09 June 2022 - 10:00am

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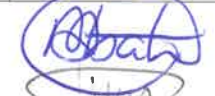


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MEGAN GOVENDER	WSP		36	No	No	No	No	No	No	
Nomsa Dlamini	Ward con			No	No	No	No	No	No	
SABAVONA DALSI	Eskom			No	No	No	No	No	No	
Wichus + Alida	Villa Rosea			No	No	No	No	No	No	
Othaniel Sibambo	Bek Komati			No	No	No	No	No	No	
SIMPHINGE Mlisi	Lambell Komati				YES	No	No	No	No	

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Mokgadi MAMBO	ESKOM								NO.	
Justice Ramagoma	ESKOM								NO	
Deidre Herbst	ESKOM			36	No	No	No	No	No	
Felicia Sono	ESKOM				No	No	No	No	No	
Matthews Zesame	Church Rep			32	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	
Anna-Marth Ott	MCCJ			36	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	

APPENDIX

D COMMENTS



Govender, Megan

From: Govender, Megan
Sent: Wednesday, 15 June 2022 15:08
To: Debbie Wessels
Subject: RE: Komati Power station Solar
Attachments: 41103965_20220606_Eskom_Komati PV and BESS_BID.pdf

Good Day Debbie

I can confirm that you have been added as an I&AP to the database. Please find the BID attached as requested.

Kind Regards,
Megan Govender
Senior Consultant
WSP in Africa

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From: Debbie Wessels | Redacted as per POPIA requirements
Sent: Wednesday, 15 June 2022 14:59
To: Govender, Megan <Megan.Govender@wsp.com>
Subject: Komati Power station Solar

Good afternoon Megan

With reference to the EIA and WULA for the solar photovoltaic and battery energy storage system facility at the Komati Power Station in Mpumalanga.

Please could I be registered as I&AP and if I could get a copy of the BID?

Looking forward to hearing from you.

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Kind Regards
Debbie Wessels | Content Regulator

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