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13 November 2020

Dear Stakeholder,

**PROPOSED TRANSMISSION INFRASTRUCTURE FOR THE 400MW GAS-TO-POWER LOCATED IN RBIDZ ZONE 1F, KWAZULU-NATAL PROVINCE**

**NOTICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS  
AND AVAILABILITY OF THE SCOPING REPORT FOR REVIEW AND COMMENT**

Richards Bay Gas Power 2 (Pty) Ltd received Environmental Authorisation in 2016 for a 400MW gas-to-power plant located within Zone 1F of the Richards Bay IDZ. This authorisation included the connection of this facility via a 132kV connection to the Indus Substation bordering the site. Through consultation with Eskom, it has been determined that this connection is no longer feasible.

Therefore, Richards Bay Gas Power 2 (Pty) Ltd proposes the construction and operation of the grid connection infrastructure for the 400MW gas to power project located in Alton, Richards Bay. The development will include an overhead power line and switching station. The power line will be constructed at 132kV or 275kV (and operated at 132kV) and will connect to the Eskom substation via a 132kV switching station to a feasible connection point to the south of the power plant site. The proposed power line is ~8.5km long and includes an assessment corridor of 200m. Two alternative power line corridors are being considered in the EIA process. The assessment of a wider corridor will allow for the optimisation of the power line servitude within the corridor, avoiding environmental sensitivities and addressing any site-specific technical and landowner conditions. Only one feasible location for the switching station has been identified. Where existing roads along the power line servitude and to the switching station sites are not available, new access roads will be required to be constructed.

The proposed grid infrastructure will be located in Alton, Richards Bay. The project site is situated in the City of uMhlathuze Local Municipality which falls within the jurisdiction of the King Cetshwayo District Municipality, KwaZulu-Natal Province.

It is the developer's intention to bid the 400MW gas-to-power plant together with the associated grid infrastructure into the procurement process initiated by the Independent Power Producer Office (IPP Office) for the procurement of up to 2000MW of dispatchable generation capacity from a range of technologies. This allocation is in accordance with the new generation capacity required as specified in the Integrated Resource Plan 2019 and accompanying ministerial determination from the Minister for the Department of Mineral Resources and Energy (DMRE) to which the National Energy Regulator of South Africa (NERSA) has concurred. The IPP Office has initiated procurement for the 2000MW of capacity under the Risk Mitigation Independent Power Producer Procurement Programme (RMIPPPP).

The following properties are affected by this proposed project:

Projects	Associated Properties
Corridor Alternative 1 and 2	Erf 1860, Erf 1906, Erf RE/1855, Erf 6724 Portion 6, Erf 1818, Erf 1858, Erf RE/1819, Erf 1813, Erf 16671, Erf 1814, Erf 6720, Erf 1856, Farm Reserve No.6 RE/15825, Farm Reserve No.6 RE/1/15825, Farm Reserve No.6 51/15825, Farm Reserve No.6 65/15825, Farm Reserve No.6 66/15825, Farm Reserve No.6 70/15825, Farm Reserve No.6 RE/12/15825, Erf 1859, Erf 1902, Erf 1903, Erf 1904, Erf 6724 Portion 1, Erf 6724 Portion 4, Erf 8817, Erf 8818, Erf 8825, Erf 9033, Erf 9074, Erf 11376 Portion 1, Erf 11376 Portion 2, Erf 11376 Portion 3, Erf 11376 Portion 4, Erf 11376 Portion 5, Erf 15406, Erf 15410, Erf 1667, Erf 16672, Erf 16875, Erf 16876, Erf 17455, Erf 17456, Erf 1817, Erf 1819 Portion 3, Erf RE/1794, Erf 6724 Portion 7, Erf 16785, Erf 17457, Erf 17458, Erf 1819 Portion 1, Erf 1819 Portion 2, Erf 11375, Erf 5333 Portion 46
Switching station	Erf 11376 Portion 5, Erf 11376 Portion 1, Erf 11375, Erf 6698, Erf 5333 Portion 7, Erf 5333, Erf 397

## ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT PROCESS

As per the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014, as amended, published in terms of Section 24(5) of the National Environmental Management Act (NEMA, Act No 107 of 1998), the proponent will require authorisation from the Department of Environment, Forestry and Fisheries<sup>1</sup> (DEFF) (in consultation with the KZN Department of Economic Development, Tourism and Environmental Affairs (DEDTEA)) for the development of the project. In terms of the EIA Regulations, GNR 982 and 984 of 4 December 2014, as amended, the application for EA is subjected to the completion of an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process.

Desktop assessments have been undertaken during the scoping phase process in order to delineate areas of potential sensitivity within the study area, which will then be fully assessed during the impact phase of the EIA.

Your Department has been identified as an organ of state having jurisdiction over an aspect of the proposed project, as per Regulation 41.(2)(b) of the EIA Regulations, 2014. This letter serves to inform you, in writing, of the above-mentioned proposed project and formally request your Department's written comments on the Scoping Report within 30 days of this notice. In terms of Regulation 3.(4):

- o *When a State department is requested to comment in terms of these Regulations, such state department must submit its comments in writing within 30 days from the date on which it was requested to submit comments and if such State department fails to submit comments within such 30 days, it will be regarded that such State department has no comments.*

The Scoping Report can be download from the Savannah Environmental stakeholder engagement platform on <https://www.savannahsa.com/public-documents/grid-infrastructure/richards-bay-400mw-grid/> (using release code **4PhG98**) or can be made available via an alternative electronic platform of your preference (e.g. Dropbox or WeTransfer).

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<sup>1</sup> Previously the Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA)

## **PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PROCESS**

The public participation (PP) process will be undertaken in accordance with the requirements of Regulations 39 to 44 of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2014, as amended, (GNR 326). The aim of the public participation process is primarily to ensure that:

- » information containing all relevant facts in respect of the proposed project is made available to potential stakeholders and I&APs
- » participation by I&APs is facilitated in such a manner that all potential stakeholders and I&APs are provided with a reasonable opportunity to comment on the proposed project; and
- » comments received from potential stakeholders and I&APs are recorded and incorporated into the EIA process.

The restrictions enforced in terms of Government Gazette 43096 which placed the country in a national state of disaster limiting the movement and gathering of people to curb the spread of the COVID-19 virus has placed some limitations on how public consultation can be conducted as part of a EIA process. The consultation process for this project has been designed considering these limitations, and the implementation is in line with our public participation plan (PP Plan), as approved by the DEFF. One of our approved consultation methods is for you to visit our online stakeholder engagement platform, register your interest in the project/s, and view project documentation on our stakeholder engagement platform as per the link provided above.

As part of the environmental studies, Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) will be actively involved through the public involvement process being undertaken by Savannah Environmental. You and/or the organisation, which you represent, has been identified as an I&AP for the proposed projects as described above. A Background Information Document (BID), which provides further information on the EIA process as well as the nature and extent of the proposed Grid Connection Infrastructure for the 400MW Gas-to-Power project, is attached to this letter and is also available for download from the Savannah Environmental stakeholder engagement platform at <https://www.savannahsa.com/public-documents/grid-infrastructure/richards-bay-400mw-grid/>.

Where I&APs do not have the applicable facilities or access to internet, provision has been made to include these I&APs in the consultation process through direct consultation or by consulting with the Ward Councillor, the ward committee members, community representatives and local community forum members.

## **AVAILABILITY OF THE SCOPING REPORT FOR REVIEW AND COMMENT**

As an Interested and Affected Party (I&AP), you are hereby notified that the Scoping Report (SR) is available for your review and comment from **Friday, 13 November 2020** until **Monday, 14 December 2020**. The report is available for downloading from our stakeholder engagement platform at <https://www.savannahsa.com/public-documents/grid-infrastructure/richards-bay-400mw-grid/> (using release code **4PhG98**).

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submitted to the Department of Environment, Forestry and Fisheries (DEFF), you can also request that an electronic copy of the BAR be sent to you via file transfer services such as WeTransfer or Dropbox.

Please submit your written comments on the BAR by **Monday, 14 December 2020** via our public participation portal (link provided above) or:

- » Telephone: 011 656 3237
- » Mobile: 060 978 8396
- » Fax: 086 684 0547
- » Post: PO Box 148, Sunninghill, 2157
- » E-mail: [publicprocess@savannahsa.com](mailto:publicprocess@savannahsa.com)

All comments can be addressed to Nicolene Venter of Savannah Environmental.

All comments received during the 30-day review and comment period will be recorded and included in the Final Scoping Report for submission to the DEFF in line with Regulation 44 of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended (GN R326).

Please do not hesitate to contact us should you require additional information and/or clarification regarding the project. Our team welcomes your participation and look forward to your involvement throughout this process.

Kind regards,



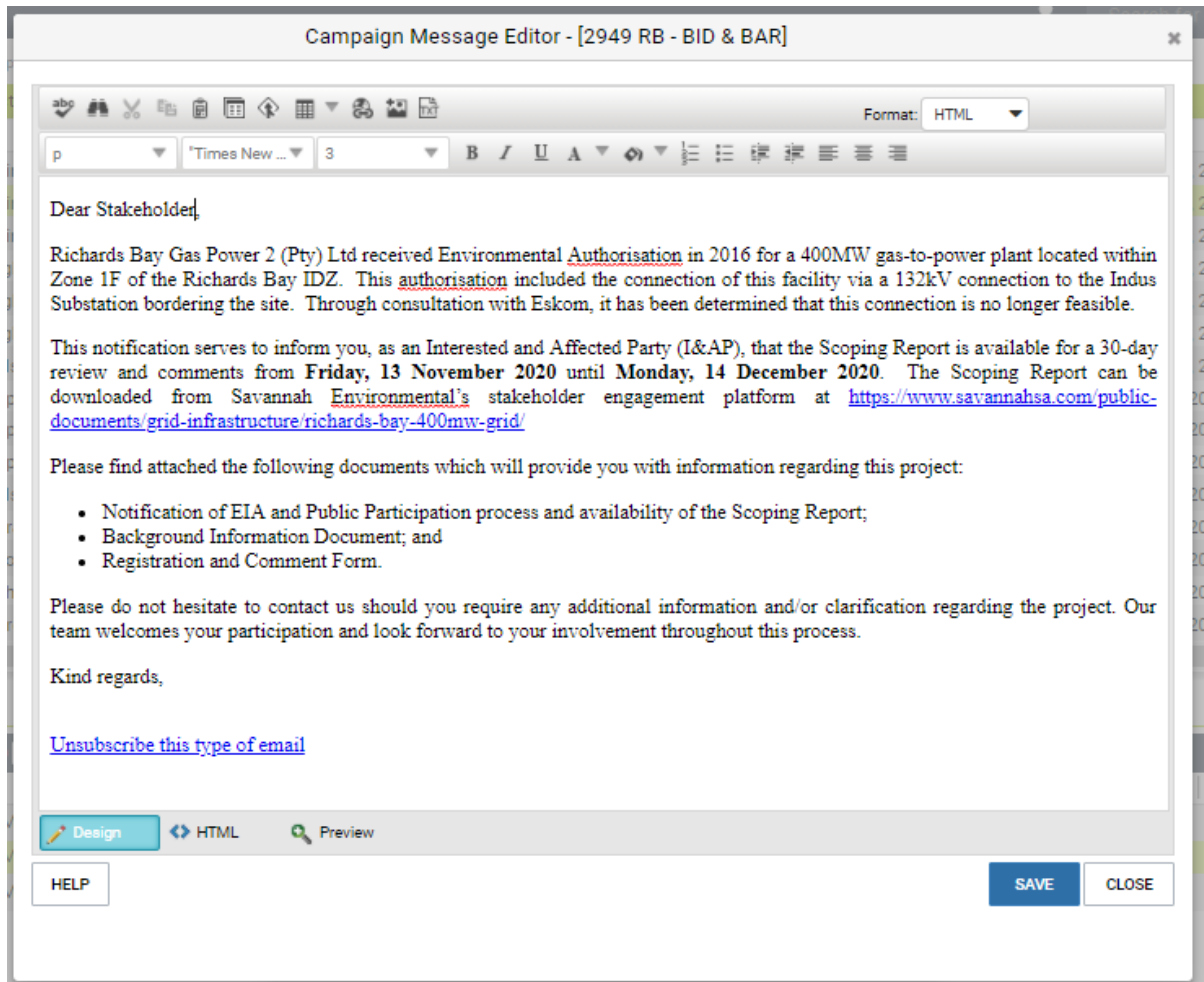
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**Document attached:** Background Information Document  
Registration and Comment Form

## Proof of email – 400MW TRANSMISSION INFRASTRUCTURE: Notification of Environmental Impact Assessment and the Availability of the Scoping Report for review and comment



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# Proof of email - 400MW GAS-TO-POWER: Notification of Environmental Impact Assessment and the Availability of the Scoping Report for review and comment

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BirdLife South Africa	Ralston Paton	Samantha	
Centre for Environmental Rights	Koyama	Michelle	
Centre for Environmental Rights	Lesele	Khumo	
Centre for Environmental Rights	Lloyd	Timothy	
Centre for Environmental Rights	Loser	Nicole	
Centre for Environmental Rights	Sefatso	Dimakatso	
City of uMhlathuze Municipality	Botha	Christo	
City of uMhlathuze Municipality	Govender	Sharin	
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City of uMhlathuze Municipality	Mokoena	City	
City of uMhlathuze Municipality	Strachan	Brenda	
City of uMhlathuze Municipality	Viljoen	Allen	
Department of Agriculture, Forestry & Fisheries	Marubini	Mashudu	
Department of Communications	Liphoko	Donald	
Department of Energy	Masipa	Pheladi	
Department of Energy	Modise	Mokgadi	
Department of Mineral Resources	Njoko	Nqobile	
Department of Public Works	Vuleka	Sam	
Department of Rural Development and Land Reform	Makgalemele	Nozizwe	
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Department of Science and Technology	Kgampe	Mere	
Department of Water and Sanitation	Moonsamy	Coleen	
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Earth Justice	Pejan	Ramin	
Endangered Wildlife Trust	Hoogstad	Constant	
Eskom Holdings SOC Ltd	Geeringh	John	
Exigent Environmental	Adam	Jacquette	
Exigent Environmental & Engineering	Nkomo	Siphesihle	
Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife	Blackmore	Andy	
Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife	Langazane	Phindile	
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groundWork	Hallowes	David	
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KZN Department of Economic Development, Tourism and Environmental Affairs	Mathenjwa	Sikhali	
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National Energy Regulator of South Africa (NERSA)	Khumalo	Siphiwe	
National Energy Regulator of South Africa (NERSA)	Nkadimeng	Donald	
Nedbank Corporate and Investment Banking	Mungroo	Sanjeev	
NEMAI Consulting	Beater	Jean	
QS2000 Plus (Quantity Surveyors & Project Managers)	Van Der Walt	Frans	
Richards Bay Alloys	Schmidt	Franz	
Richards Bay Clean Air Association	Camminga	Sandy	
Richards Bay Gas Power 2 (Pty) Ltd	Wilmans	Dion	
Richards Bay Industrial Development Zone	Langa	Percy	
Richards Bay Industrial Development Zone	Muller	Joe	
Richards Bay Industrial Development Zone	Roux	Theunis	
Savannah Environmental (Pty) Ltd	Raath	Gideon	
Sentech Ltd	Koegelenberg	Johan	
South African Civil Aviation Authority	Stroh	Lizell	
South African National Roads Agency Limited	Marx	Judy	
South African National Roads Agency Limited	Ramklown	Ishaan	
Tata Steel KZN	Ngongoma	Ndumiso	
Telkom SA SOC Ltd	Bester	Amanda	
Telkom SA SOC Ltd	Shaw	Leonard	
Trade and investment KwaZulu Natal	Hlongwane	Innocent	
Umhlathuze Water	Mdamba	Muziwandile	
Wild Life and Environmental Society of South Africa, Western Cape	Regional Manager	Regional Manager	
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**Subject:** 400MW TRANSMISSION INFRASTRUCTURE: Notification of Environmental Impact Assessment and the Availability of the Scoping Report for review and comment  
**Attachments:** SE2949 RBGP2 Grid ProcessDSR Notification-OoS.pdf; RBGP2 Grid Connection Infrastructure BID.pdf; SE2949-RBGP2 Grid Infrastructure RegistrationForm-FINAL.pdf

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# Proposed development of a power line to connect a 400MW gas-to-power plant in the Richards Bay area to the electricity grid, Richards Bay

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<p><b>Status:</b> SUBMITTED</p> <p><b>HeritageAuthority(s):</b> Amafa</p> <p><b>Case Type:</b> Section 38 (8) - Statutory Comment Required</p> <p><b>Development Type:</b> Electrical Infrastructure</p> <p><b>ProposalDescription:</b> This application is for the development of an overhead power line and switching station to connect the authorised RBGP2 400MW gas-to-power facility to the national grid. The power line will be construction at 132kV or 275kV (and operated at 132kV) and will connect to the Eskom substation via a 132kV switching station to a feasible connection point as determined in consultation with Eskom. Two alternative power line corridors are being considered in the EIA process, each approximately 8.5km in length. Both alternatives include an assessment corridor of 200m. Only one feasible location for the switching station has been identified. Where existing roads along the power line servitude and to the switching station sites are not available, new access roads will be required to be constructed.</p> <p><b>ApplicationDate:</b> Tuesday, November 17, 2020 - 09:58</p> <p><b>CaseID:</b> 15797</p> <p><b>Applicants:</b> Savannah Environmental (Pty) Ltd</p> <p><b>Consultants/Experts:</b> Jenna Lavin</p> <p><b>OtherReferences:</b> <b>Heritage Reports:</b> Heritage Screening Assessment: Richards Bay Powerline</p> <p><b>ReferenceList:</b></p>			

## AdditionalDocuments

- 01.-RBGP2-Grid-DSR-13.11.2020.pdf
- 02.-Appendix-CVs.pdf
- 03.-Appendix-B-AuthorityCorrespondence-1.pdf
- 04.-Appendix-C1-IAP-Database.pdf
- 05.-Appendix-C2-Site-Notices-and-Newspaper-Advertisements-1-1.pdf
- 06.-Appendix-C3-Background-Information-Documnet-1.pdf
- 07.-Appendix-C4-Organs-of-State-Correspondence-1.pdf
- 08.-Appendix-C5-Stakeholder-Correspondence-1.pdf
- 09.-Appendix-C6-Comments-Received-1.pdf
- 10.-Appendix-C7-Minutes-of-Meetings-1.pdf
- 11.-Appendix-C8-Comments-and-Responses-Report-1.pdf
- 12.-Appendix-C9-Public-Participation-Plan-and-Approval.pdf
- 14.-Appendix-E-Properties-Coords.pdf
- 15.-Appendix-F-A3-Maps.pdf
- 16.-Appendix-G-EAPDeclarationAffirmation.pdf
- 17.-Appendix-H1-132kV-Switching-Station-DEFF-report.pdf
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## Richards Bay Gas-to-Power 132kV Grid Connection

### Establishment of Grid Connection Infrastructure for the 400MW Gas-to-Power located in RBIDZ Zone 1F, KwaZulu-Natal Province

**Applicant:** Richards Bay Gas Power 2 (Pty) Ltd

**Proposed Activity:** The development of an overhead power line and switching station to connect the authorised RBGP2 400MW gas-to-power facility to the national grid. The power line will be constructed at 132kV or 275kV (and operated at 132kV) and will connect to the Eskom substation via a 132kV switching station to a feasible connection point to the south of the power plant site. Two alternative power line corridors are being considered in the EIA process, each approximately 8.5km in length. Both alternatives include an assessment corridor of 200m. Only one feasible location for the switching station has been identified. Where existing roads along the power line servitude and to the switching station sites are not available, new access roads will be required to be constructed.

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**Impact Assessment Process:** In terms of Sections 24 and 24D of the National Environmental Management Act (No 107 of 1998), as read with Government Notice R324 – R327, as amended, a Scoping & EIA process is required to be undertaken in support of the application for the Environmental Authorisation of this project. Savannah Environmental is undertaking the required EIA and public participation process for the project.

**Scoping Report Available for Review:** A Scoping Report is available for review and comment. The report can be viewed at <https://www.savannahsa.com/public-documents/grid-infrastructure/> from **13 November 2020 – 14 December 2020**. The due date for written comment is **14 December 2020**.

**Public Participation Process:** Savannah Environmental (Pty) Ltd has been appointed as the independent environmental consultant responsible for undertaking the EIA and Public Participation process in support of this application for EA. To obtain further information on the project and to register on the project database, please submit your name, contact information and interest in the project as per the details below.

**Consultation Meetings:** Consultation meetings will be held with relevant I&APs and stakeholders via an appropriate forum during the review period. Should you wish to be included in these meetings or receive further information on the project please contact us as per the details below

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### Richards Bay Gas to Power 132kV Grid Connection

[Scoping Report](#)

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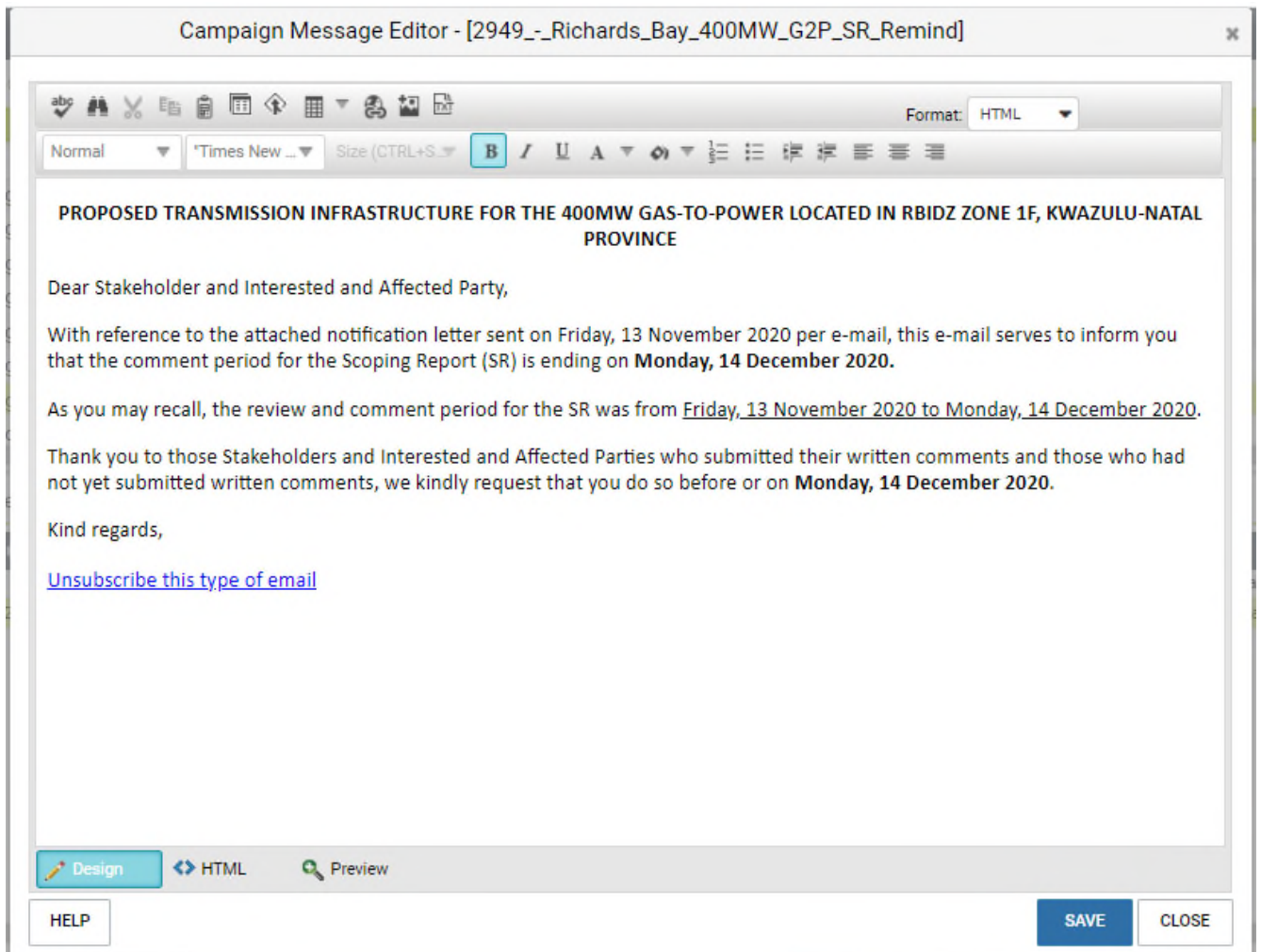


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**REMINDER THAT THE REVIEW AND COMMENT PERIOD OF THE SCOPING REPORT IS ENDING SOON**

**SENT TO ALL REGISTERED ORGANS OF STATE AND I&Ps ON PROJECT DATABASE**

**(REFER TO APPENDIX C1)**



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**Cc:** Nicolene Venter; Ronald Baloyi  
**Subject:** 400MW TRANSMISSION INFRASTRUCTURE: Notification of Environmental Impact Assessment and the Availability of the Scoping Report for review and comment  
**Attachments:** SE2949 RBGP2 Grid ProcessDSR Notification-OoS.pdf; RBGP2 Grid Connection Infrastructure BID.pdf; SE2949-RBGP2 Grid Infrastructure RegistrationForm-FINAL.pdf

### PROPOSED TRANSMISSION INFRASTRUCTURE FOR THE 400MW GAS-TO-POWER LOCATED IN RBIDZ ZONE 1F, KWAZULU-NATAL PROVINCE

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
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**Attachments:** Application-form-J-Developments.pdf; Amafa Fee Schedule 2018 to 2019 20180226113512783.pdf

Good day

Thank you for notifying us. You are required to fill in and submit Form J and the EIA documents via the Courier/Postal Services and online via the SAHRIS facility as per guidelines on the attached Form J.

### Kind regards

Bernadet Pawandiwa  
Senior Heritage Officer  
**Archaeology Research and Compliance/Permits**  
**KwaZulu –Natal Amafa and Research Institute**

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