

# APPLICATIONS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATIONS FOR THE PROPOSED NSELENI INDEPENDENT FLOATING POWER PLANT AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE, PORT OF RICHARDS BAY, KWAZULU-NATAL PROVINCE

Notice is hereby given, that applications for Environmental Authorisations (EA) in terms of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations promulgated in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998), as amended [NEMA] have been submitted for

1. Anchor Energy (Pty) Ltd - for the proposed Liquid Natural Gas (LNG) receiving and storage facility and associated physical infrastructure to support the Nseleni Independent Floating Power Plant (NIFPP).
2. Nseleni Power Corporation (Pty) Ltd - for the proposed Nseleni Independent Floating Power Plant (NIFPP) and associated infrastructure for the evacuation of power from the NIFPP to the National Grid.

The proposed NIFPP and associated infrastructure is located within the Port of Richards Bay, in the City of uMhlatuze, King Cetshwayo District Municipality, KwaZulu-Natal. The two NEMA EIA EA application processes above will be run concurrently with the following additional EA applications:

- Nseleni Power Corporation (Pty) Ltd - Atmospheric Emissions License (AEL) in terms of the National Environmental Management: Air Quality Act, 2004 (Act No. 39 of 2004), as amended [NEMAQA];
- Nseleni Power Corporation (Pty) Ltd - Water Use License (WUL) in terms of the National Water Act, 1996 (Act No. 36 of 1996), as amended [NWA];
- Nseleni Power Corporation (Pty) Ltd - Formal comment in terms of the National Heritage Resources Act, 1999 (Act No. 25 of 1999) [NHRA];
- Anchor Energy (Pty) Ltd - (Possible) Dumping at Sea Permit in terms of the National Environmental Management: Integrated Coastal Management Act, 2008 (Act No. 24 of 2008), as amended [NEMICMA] and the Dumping at Sea Regulations; and,
- Nseleni Power Corporation (Pty) Ltd - (Possible) Permits in terms of the National Forest Act, 1998 (Act No. 84 of 1998) [NFA].

The following NEMA EIA listed activities are triggered by the proposed development (in totality):

- GN No. R. 327 of 07 April 2017: Listing Notice 1 - Activity Nos. 12, 16, 17, 19, 19A, 25 and 27;
- GN No. R. 325 of 07 April 2017: Listing Notice 2 – Activity Nos. 2, 4, 6, 9, 14, and 26; and,
- GN No. R. 324 of 07 April 2017: Listing Notice 3 – Activity Nos. 12 and 14.

Thus, the application process to be followed in order to obtain EA is by way of a **Scoping and Environmental Impact Reporting (S&EIR) process**. The Competent Authority for the NEMA S&EIR process is the **National Department of Environment, Forestry and Fisheries (DEFF)**.

In terms of the NWA, activities on site trigger the need for a **WUL** in terms of Section 21 (a), (c), (e), (f), (g), (h) and (i). The Competent Authority for the NWA WULA is the **Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS)**.

In terms of the NEMAQA, the activity that requires an **AEL** is subcategory 1.4 – gas combustion installations and subcategory 2.4 – all liquid storage facilities with combined storage of greater than 1000m<sup>3</sup>. The Competent Authority for the AEL application is the **King Cetshwayo District Municipality**.

**The announcement and registration period of the NEMA S&EIR application process is running concurrently with the review and commenting period of the Draft Scoping Report (DSR) (30 calendar days from 06 November – 07 December 2020).** The DSR has been prepared and is available for review and comment on the SE Solutions website ([www.sesolutions.co.za](http://www.sesolutions.co.za)) (accessed via the 'Reports' tab, entitled 'NIFPP Draft Scoping Report').

You are invited to **register, review & comment as an Interested and Affected Party (I&AP)** within these EA application processes. I&APs must provide their comments together with their name, contact details (preferred method of notification, e.g. e-mail address or fax number) and an indication of any direct business, financial, personal or other interest which they have in the application to the contact person indicated below within the above-mentioned timeframes.

Should you wish to be included in online stakeholder meetings, during the review period, where the content of the Draft Scoping Report will be discussed, you are welcome to register on the project as an I&AP and indicate that you'd like to be included in any online stakeholder meetings.

**To register as an I&AP and/or to obtain more information, please contact:**

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