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# 1 INTRODUCTION

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## 1.1 PROJECT BACKGROUND

Red Rocket South Africa (Pty) Ltd (Red Rocket) proposes to construct a 132 kV overhead powerline (OHPL) approximately 6 km in length to connect the authorised Bon Espirange substation near Matjiesfontein in the Laingsburg Local Municipality within the Central Karoo District Municipality of the Western Cape Province to the existing Komsberg substation near Sutherland in the Karoo Hoogland Local Municipality in the Namakwa District Municipality of the Northern Cape, South Africa (**Figure 1-1**). The proposed OHPL runs directly adjacent to an existing powerline and will be necessary to connect the proposed Brandvalley Wind Energy Facility (WEF) and Rietkloof WEF to the national grid.

The proposed Brandvalley (DFFE Ref No. 14/12/16/3/3/2/900) and Rietkloof (DFFE Ref. No. 14/12/16/3/3/2/899) WEFs were authorised under separate Environmental Authorisations (EA) and were awarded preferred bidder status in Round 5 of the Renewable Energy Independent Power Producer Procurement Programme (REIPPPP) in October 2021. The Brandvalley and Rietkloof WEF sites are located in the Laingsburg Local Municipality approximately 10 km and 12 km southwest of the Bon Espirange substation, respectively.

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

The proposed OHPL traverses a Critical Biodiversity Area (CBA). As such, the proposed OHPL requires an EA in terms of the National Environmental Management Act (Act 107 of 1998), as amended (NEMA) and the associated Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2014, as amended.

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





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## 1.2 TERMS OF REFERENCE AND DETAILS OF THE EAP

WSP was appointed in the role of Independent EAP to undertake the BA processes for the proposed Project. This Stakeholder Engagement Report was compiled as part of the BA process and must be read in conjunction with the Basic Assessment Report (BAR) in support of the EA application. The CV of the EAP is available in **Appendix A** of the BAR. The EAP declaration of interest and undertaking is included in **Appendix B** of the BAR. **Table 1-1** details the relevant contact details of the EAP.

**Table 1-1: Details of the EAP**

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

### STATEMENT OF INDEPENDENCE

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

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## 1.3 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Public participation is understood to be a series of inclusive and culturally appropriate interactions aimed at providing stakeholders with opportunities to express their views, so that these can be considered and incorporated into the decision-making process. Effective public participation requires the prior disclosure of relevant and adequate project information to enable stakeholders to understand the risks, impacts, and opportunities of the proposed Project.

Basic reasons why the public are involved in the BA Process:

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

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### 1.3.1 OBJECTIVES

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

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

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### 1.3.2 WHAT IS AN INTERESTED AN AFFECTED PARTY?

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

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

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

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

### RIGHTS, ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE STAKEHOLDER

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

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

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

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

In order to participate effectively, stakeholders should:

- Become involved in the process as early as possible;
- Register as a stakeholder;
- Advise the EAP of other stakeholders who should be consulted;

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

## 1.4 APPROACH TO STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

Our approach to stakeholder engagement is based on the following principles:

- Undertake meaningful and timely participation with stakeholders;
- Focus on important issues during the process;
- Undertake due consideration of alternatives;
- Take accountability for information used;
- Encourage co-regulation, shared responsibility and a sense of ownership over the proposed Project lifecycle;
- Apply “due process” particularly with regard to public participation as provided for in the EIA Regulations; and
- Consider the needs, interests and values of stakeholders.

The Public Participation guideline in terms of the NEMA EIA Regulations, drafted by the DEA (now DFFE) in 2017, tabulates the level of Public Participation required for various levels of anticipated project impacts. This table has been used to identify additional Public Participation methods which are required for the Project. Highlighted cells indicate the applicable response to the anticipated impacts. Results of the process are shown in **Table 1-2** below.

**Table 1-2: Level of Public Participation as per Public Participation Guideline (DEA, 2017)**

SCALE OF ANTICIPATED IMPACTS:	RECOMMENDED RESPONSE	
	IF “YES”	IF “NO”
Are the impacts of the project likely to extend beyond the boundaries of the local municipality?	Formal Consultation with other affected municipalities should be carried out during the PPP.	No need to have a formal consultation with other municipalities during PPP. Minimum requirements for public participation in accordance to EIA must be met.
Are the impacts of the project likely to extend beyond the boundaries of the province?	Formal Consultation with other affected provinces should be carried out during the PPP.	No need to have a formal consultation with other provinces during PPP. Minimum requirements for public participation in accordance to EIA must be met.
Is the project a greenfields development (a new development in a previously undisturbed area)?	Extensive consultation with Registered Interested and Affected Parties (RI&APs) might be required before a decision is taken on the project to in order to gather more information, and to ensure that there is minimal impact on the environment.	Minimum requirements for public participation in accordance to EIA Regulations must be met.
Does the area already suffer from socio-economic problems (e.g. job losses) or environmental problems (e.g. pollution), and is the project likely to exacerbate these?	Extensive consultation with RI&APs within the area should be undertaken, to gather more information on both the socio-economic and environmental problems.	Minimum requirements for public participation in accordance to EIA Regulations must be met.



SCALE OF ANTICIPATED IMPACTS:	RECOMMENDED RESPONSE	
	IF “YES”	IF “NO”
Is the project expected to have a wide variety of impacts (e.g. socio-economic and ecological)?	Thorough consultation needs to be conducted with RI&APs, in order to address variety of impacts.	Minimum requirements for public participation in accordance to EIA Regulations must be met.
<b>Public and environmental sensitivity of the project:</b>		
Are there widespread public concerns about the potential negative impacts of the project?	Broader consultation with all RI&APs will need to be undertaken.	Minimum requirements for public participation in accordance to EIA Regulations must be met.
Is there a high degree of conflict among RI&APs?	There might need to be more consultation to ensure that there is consensus reached among RI&APs.	Minimum requirements for public participation in accordance to EIA Regulations must be met.
Will the project impact on private land other than that of the applicant?	Consultation with the private 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.
<b>Potentially affected parties:</b>		
Has very little previous public participation taken place in the area?	More thorough public participation should take place within the area, to ensure that all potential and RI&APs participate.	Minimum requirements for public participation in accordance to EIA Regulations must be met.
Did previous public participation processes in the area result in conflict?	Additional consultation might be needed to ensure that issues of conflict are addressed effectively.	Minimum requirements for public participation in accordance to EIA Regulations must be met.
Are there existing organisational structures (e.g. local forums) that can represent I&APs?	Organizational structures might minimise conflict whilst maximising the participation.	Minimum requirements for public participation in accordance to EIA Regulations must be met.
Is the area characterised by high social diversity (i.t.o. socio-economic status, language or culture)	Proper consultations that address language and cultural diversity should be promoted.	Minimum requirements for public participation in accordance to EIA Regulations must be met.
Were people in the area victims of unfair expropriations or relocation in the past?	PPP should be extensive and address any unfair practices that occurred in the past.	Minimum requirements for public participation in accordance to EIA Regulations must be met.
Is there a high level of unemployment in the area?	The PPP should ensure that there are no unrealistic expectations created due to the project. The consultation should ensure that any unrealistic expectations are adequately addressed before the project starts.	Minimum requirements for public participation in accordance to EIA Regulations must be met.
Do the RI&APs have special needs (e.g. a lack of skills to read or write, disability, etc)?	Consultation should include mechanisms that will ensure full participation by people with special needs.	Minimum requirements for public participation in accordance to EIA Regulations must be met. Minimum requirements for PP in accordance to the Act must be met as well as best practices relating to PP.

## 1.5 COVID-19 SCENARIO

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

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

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

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

In line with the Directions, a public participation plan was compiled and presented to DFFE for approval at the outset of the assessment process (as detailed in Section 1.6). Due to the risks associated with COVID-19, as far as possible, the focus of the PPP has shifted from physical public engagements to digital and electronic communication (including e-mail and websites). No provision has been made for public or focus group meetings due to current COVID-19 restrictions as well as past experience with projects of this nature. Should significant interest be obtained in this Project, a public meeting will be included as part of the PPP, should COVID-19 protocols and regulations permit.

## 1.6 APPROVED PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN

As part of the pre-application consultation meeting held with DFFE on 08 October 2021, the proposed plan for public participation was discussed. A public participation plan was subsequently submitted to DFFE, along with the meeting minutes, for approval on **16 November 2021**. The meeting minutes and public participation plan were approved by DFFE on **19 November 2021**. **Table 1-3** below outlines the approved Public Participation Plan for the Bon Espirange to Komsberg 132kV OHPL Project.

**Table 1-3: Approved Public Participation Plan**

SUMMARY OF PPP REQUIREMENT (GNR 326 OF EIA REGULATIONS)	PLAN/ACTIVITIES
41(2) The person conducting a PPP must give notice to all potential I&APs by- (a) fixing a notice board at a place conspicuous to and accessible by the public at the boundary, on the fence or along the corridor of—	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— Placement of six (6) site notices (in English and Afrikaans) at appropriate locations on site (at various points along the OHPL route) and in the surrounding area.</li> <li>— This will include the boundary/access road to the site, as well as additional public places within project area, such as grocery stores, municipality, and/or local public library.</li> </ul>

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

**PLAN/ACTIVITIES**

<p>(i) the site where the activity to which the application or proposed application relates is or is to be undertaken; and (ii) any alternative site;</p>	
<p>(b) giving written notice, in any of the manners provided for in section 47D of the Act, to— (i) the occupiers of the site and, if the proponent or applicant is not the owner or person in control of the site on which the activity is to be undertaken, the owner or person in control of the site where the activity is or is to be undertaken and to any alternative site where the activity is to be undertaken; (ii) owners, persons in control of, and occupiers of land adjacent to the site where the activity is or is to be undertaken and to any alternative site where the activity is to be undertaken; (iii) the municipal councillor of the ward in which the site and alternative site is situated and any organisation of ratepayers that represent the community in the area; (iv) the municipality which has jurisdiction in the area; (v) any organ of state having jurisdiction in respect of any aspect of the activity; and (vi) any other party as required by the competent authority;</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— Written notification (in English and Afrikaans) will be sent to owners and occupiers on or adjacent to the proposed project site, municipality ward councillor, local and district municipality, and relevant state departments.</li> <li>— General communication (written notification) with stakeholders (public and government departments/authorities) throughout the BA process.</li> <li>— Stakeholders will be added to the database on request as the project progresses.</li> </ul>
<p>(c) placing an advertisement in— (i) one local newspaper; or (ii) any official Gazette that is published specifically for the purpose of providing public notice of applications or other submissions made in terms of these Regulations;</p>	<p>An advert will be published in on provincial (Cape Times) and two local newspapers (Die Noordwester and Die Courier) (in English and Afrikaans), formally announcing the commencement of the EA application process, requesting stakeholders to register their interest in the project, and informing them of the release of the Draft BAR for public review and comment.</p>
<p>(d) placing an advertisement in at least one provincial newspaper or national newspaper, if the activity has or may have an impact that extends beyond the boundaries of the metropolitan or district municipality in which it is or will be undertaken</p>	
<p>(e) using reasonable alternative methods, as agreed to by the competent authority, in those instances where a person is desirous of but unable to participate in the process due to— (i) illiteracy; (ii) disability; or (iii) any other disadvantage.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— The existing databases for the Karreebosch WEF project will be verified and updated for the purposes of the BA process. As part of the verification process, existing I&amp;APs will be contacted telephonically and asked to confirm their preferred method of communication. The POPI act will also be put into consideration to confirm all the relevant POPI requirements for the database.</li> <li>— The relevant ward councillors will be contacted to ensure that community-based organisations are aware of the Project and can assist in distributing and communicating relevant Project information to community members.</li> </ul>

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

**PLAN/ACTIVITIES**

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– No public meetings or focus group discussions have been provided for.</li> </ul>
<p>(42) A proponent or applicant must ensure the opening and maintenance of a register of interested and affected parties and submit such a register to the competent authority,</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Stakeholders with a potential interest in the Project will be identified at the outset of the Project. As noted above, the existing databases will be verified and updated for the purposes of the BA process. The database will also be updated to include landowners and other stakeholders relevant to the Project.</li> <li>– All stakeholders identified will be registered on the project stakeholder database, and the database will be maintained throughout the BA process.</li> </ul>
<p>(43) &amp; (44) Registered Interested and affected parties (I&amp;APs) must be given 30 days to comment on the draft Report</p>	<p>The Draft BAR will be made available to all stakeholders for a 30-day comment period. Strict adherence to all COVID-19 protocols and regulations as well as best practice measures will be ensured throughout PPP. As a result, the Draft BAR will be made available to stakeholders as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Matjiesfontein Community Hall;</li> <li>– Sutherland Public Library;</li> <li>– From WSP on request; and</li> <li>– Online on the WSP website.</li> </ul> <p>At the time of disclosure, WSP will confirm the relevant COVID-19 protocols and regulations in place and <i>will confirm with the local libraries as to whether they are open and able to accept documents for public review prior to placement.</i></p> <p>A Comment and Response Report (CRR) will be generated for inclusion in Final BAR and EMPr for consideration by the competent authority.</p>



## 2 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION TO DATE

### 2.1 PRE-APPLICATION CONSULTATION

A pre-application meeting was held on 08 October 2021 with the DFFE in order to discuss the proposed Project. The minutes of this meeting are included in **Appendix C1**.

### 2.2 IDENTIFICATION OF KEY STAKEHOLDERS

Section 41 of the EIA Regulations (2014, as amended) states that written notices must be given to identified stakeholders as outlined in **Table 2-1**.

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

**Table 2-1: Interested and Affected Parties Table**

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

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

**Appendix A** provides a list of stakeholders registered on the Project database. The stakeholders along with the date on which they registered and reference to comments received, where applicable, are indicated in Error! Reference source not found.. The stakeholder database will be updated throughout the BA process.

## 2.2.1 NOTIFICATION PROCEDURES

### DIRECT NOTIFICATION

Notification of the proposed Project will be issued to potential Stakeholders, via direct correspondence (i.e. site notices and e-mail) on **03 December 2021**. The notification letter to be circulated is included in **Appendix B-3** of this report. Proof of notification will be included in the Final BA Report.

### ADVERTISEMENT

Notification of the proposed Project was issued to the general public via an advertisement on **03 December 2021**. The purpose of the advertisement was to notify the general public of the proposed application and provide an opportunity to register on the Project database and provide input into the process. A copy of the advertisement is included as **Appendix B-1**. The advertisement publication details are provided in **Table 2-2**. Proof of placement of the advertisements will be included in the Final BAR.

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

NEWSPAPER	PUBLICATION DATE
The Cape Times	<b>03 December 2021</b>
Die Noordwester	<b>03 December 2021</b>
Die Courier	<b>03 December 2021</b>

### SITE NOTICES

In accordance with GNR 326 Section 41(2)(a-b) site notices were developed (see **Appendix B-2**) and placed at four (4) strategic points along the OHPL route that are accessible by the public, as well as in public places within the town of Sutherland, Laingsburg and Matjiesfontein. Site notices were placed on site on 03 December 2021.

Proof of display and the mapped locations of the site notice placements along the route will be included in the Final BAR.

## AVAILABILITY OF THE DRAFT BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORT

The Draft BA Report will be placed on public review for a period of 30 days from **03 December 2021** to **24 January 2022**, at the venues as follows:

- Hard Copy: Sutherland Public Library (Sarel Cilliers Street, Sutherland);
  - Hard copy: Matjiesfontein community centre (Matjiesfontein); and
  - Electronic Version: WSP’s website - to be accessed by the public via the following link:  
<https://www.wsp.com/en-ZA/services/public-documents>
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### 2.2.2 STAKEHOLDER REGISTRATION

All stakeholders that either call in or send written correspondence, such as emails, fax, or post, to the EAP will be added to the database and their comments and/or queries will be responded to.

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## 2.3 COMMENTS RECEIVED

No comments have been received to date. Comments received from registered stakeholders will be captured and responded to within the comments and response report, which will form part of the Final BAR.

# APPENDIX

# A STAKEHOLDER DATABASE





# APPENDIX

## **B** NOTIFICATIONS



## APPENDIX

# ***B-1*** ADVERTISEMENT

## APPENDIX

# ***B-2*** *SITE NOTICES*



## APPENDIX

# ***B-3*** NOTIFICATION LETTER

# APPENDIX

## C MEETINGS



## APPENDIX

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