

DEA Reference: Graskoppies - **14/12/16/3/3/1/1869**
Hartebeest Leegte - **14/12/16/3/3/1/1868**
Ithemba - **14/12/16/3/3/1/1867**
!Xha Boom - **14/12/16/3/3/1/1870**

Our reference: 13622 – Substations and Power Lines
Date: 09 July 2018

Dear Interested and/or Affected Party / Stakeholder,

NOTICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATIONS (EAs) FOR THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF THE 132KV MAINSTREAM LINKING SUBSTATION AND FOUR (4) 132KV ON-SITE ESKOM SUBSTATIONS AND POWER LINES NEAR LOERIESFONTEIN, NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE

- **Graskoppies Substations and Power Line – DEA Ref No: 14/12/16/3/3/1/1869**
- **Hartebeest Leegte Substations and Power Line – DEA Ref No: 14/12/16/3/3/1/1868**
- **Ithemba Wind Farm – DEA Ref No: 14/12/16/3/3/1/1867**
- **Xha! Boom Wind Farm – DEA Ref No: 14/12/16/3/3/1/1870**

We would like to inform you that the Final Basic Assessment Reports (FBARs) for the four (4) above-mentioned proposed substation and power line developments (i.e. Graskoppies, Hartebeest Leegte, Ithemba and !Xha Boom Substations and Power Lines) were received by the Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA) for consideration on the **22nd of March 2018**.

After reviewing the documentation, the DEA has issued Environmental Authorisations (EAs), in terms of the National Environmental Management Act (NEMA) (Act 107 of 1998) and Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations 2014, as amended, for the development of all four (4) of the above-mentioned Mainstream Substation and Power Line projects near Loeriesfontein in the Northern Cape Province (namely the Graskoppies, Hartebeest Leegte, Ithemba and !Xha Boom Substations and Power Lines).

The EAs for the above-mentioned Graskoppies, Ithemba and !Xha Boom Substations and Power Lines were issued on and dated the **27th of June 2018**. The EA for the above-mentioned Hartebeest Leegte Substations and Power Line was however issued on and dated the **5th of July 2018**. The DEA is satisfied, on the basis of the information provided and subject to compliance with the conditions of the EAs, that the applicant should be authorised to undertake the triggered activities for each of the above-mentioned proposed projects.

The reasons given are as follows – but not limited to:

- The identification and assessment of impacts are detailed in the Basic Assessment Report (BAR) dated 19 March 2018 and sufficient assessment of the key identified issues and impacts have been completed.
- The procedure followed for impact assessment is adequate for the decision-making process.
- The proposed mitigation of impacts identified and assessed adequately curtails the identified impacts.
- The information contained in the BAR dated 19 March 2018 is accurate and credible.
- EMPr measures for the pre-construction, construction and rehabilitation phases of the development were proposed and included in the BAR and will be implemented to manage the identified environmental impacts during the construction phase.

Should any person wish to lodge an appeal against this decision, he/she must submit the appeal to the appeal administrator, and a copy of the appeal to the applicant, any registered interested and affected party, and any organ of state with interest in the matter within twenty (20) days from the date that the notification of the decision was sent to the registered interested and affected parties by the applicant.

Appeals must be submitted in writing in the prescribed form to:

Director: Appeals and Legal Review of the DEA at the below mentioned addresses:

By E-mail: appealsdirector@environment.gov.za

By Hand: Environment House
473 Steve Biko Street,
Arcadia,
Pretoria,
0083;

OR

By Post: Department of Environmental Affairs
Private Bag X447,
Pretoria,
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Please note that appeals should not be sent solely to SiVEST.

It should be noted that the EAs have been made available on SiVEST's website: <http://www.sivest.co.za/>, click on 'Downloads' then browse to the folder '13622 Mainstream Substations and Power Lines'.

For further information, please contact SiVEST as follows:

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Please refer to the guideline on the administration of appeals attached herewith for details pertaining to the appeal process.

We would like to thank you for participating in the Basic Assessment (BA) processes and for being part of the public participation process during the BAs the above-mentioned proposed projects. Your participation has been valuable and highly appreciated and was a key factor in assisting the preparation of the EAs.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andrea Gibb".

Andrea Gibb
Senior Manager
SiVEST Environmental Division

Documents Included: Guideline on the administration of appeals