

# BASIC ASSESSMENT (BA) PROCESS

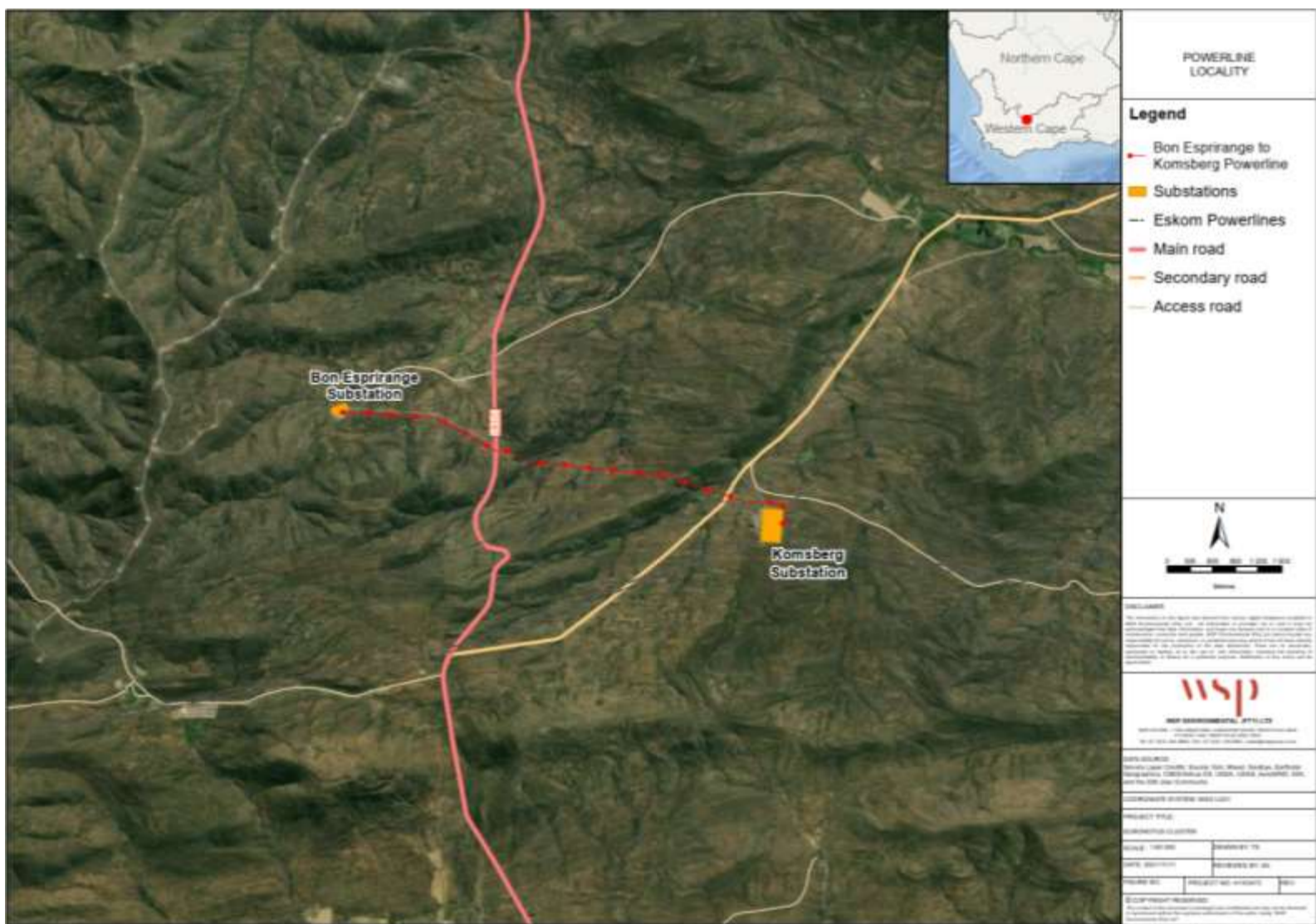
## NOTICE OF THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF THE BON ESPIRANGE TO KOMSBERG 132 KV OVERHEAD POWERLINE WITHIN THE KAROO HOOGLAND LOCAL MUNICIPALITY AND THE LAINGSBURG LOCAL MUNICIPALITY IN THE NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE AND WESTERN CAPE PROVINCE

**Notice is given in terms of Regulation 41(2) of GNR 326 (07 April 2017) published under section 24 and 24D of the National Environmental Management Act (No. 107 of 1998) (NEMA) (as amended) for an application process for environmental authorisation (EA) in respect of activities identified in terms of GNR 327 and GNR 324 of the 2014 Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations (as amended) (EIA Regulations)**

### BACKGROUND AND LOCATION

The proponent, Red Rocket South Africa (Pty) Ltd (Red Rocket), proposes to construct a 132kV overhead powerline (OHPL), approximately 3km in length, from the existing Bon Espirange substation to the existing Komsberg substation located in the Western and Northern Cape Provinces, South Africa. The proposed grid connection includes a new 33/132kV Eskom switching substation and a new 132kV collector substation. **The proposed OHPL will serve to connect the Rietkloof and Brandvalley WEFs to the National Grid. Both WEFs are confirmed Round 5 Preferred Bidder Projects.** The table and figure below outline the location of the proposed project:

PROJECT	AFFECTED PROPERTIES	STRATEGIC TRANSMISSION CORRIDORS
<b>Bon Espirange to Komsberg 132kV Overhead Powerline</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Bon Espirange 73 Portion 1 and Remainder</li> <li>– Aprils Kraal 105 Remainder</li> <li>– Standvastigheid 210 Portion 2 (Komsberg Substation)</li> </ul>	Central Strategic Transmission Corridor (promulgated in GN 113 of 2018)



### ENVIRONMENTAL APPLICATION

Because the proposed OHPL is greater than 33kV, as well as the fact that it traverses areas classified as Critical Biodiversity Areas (CBA) according to the Northern Cape Critical Biodiversity Areas (2016) and the Western Cape Biodiversity Spatial Plan (2017), several listed activities in GNR 327 and GNR 324 are triggered, as indicated in the table below. Should you wish to obtain a complete copy of these listed activities, please contact the Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP), as per the details provided below.

PROJECT NAME	LISTING NOTICE	ACTIVITIES APPLIED FOR IN TERMS OF THE EIA REGULATIONS				PROCESS
<b>Bon Espirange Komsberg 132kV Overhead Powerline</b>	GNR 327	11	12	19	27	Basic Assessment
	GNR 324	4	12	14		Basic Assessment

A Basic Assessment (BA) process will therefore be followed as outlined in Regulation 19 of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended). The Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE) is the Competent Authority in respect of this application for Environmental Authorisation.

### DRAFT BA REPORT REVIEW PERIOD

The Draft BA Report will be made available at the venues below for review and comment for 30 days from **3 December 2021 – 24 January 2022**.

- Sutherland Public Library, Sarel Celliers Street, Sutherland, 6920 (Tel: 023 571 1429);
- Matjiesfontein Community Centre, Matjiesfontein, 6901 (Tel : 023 551 1019).
- WSP Website: <https://www.wsp.com/en-ZA/services/public-documents>

### REGISTRATION

WSP Group Africa (Pty) Ltd (WSP) has been appointed as the independent and suitably qualified EAP to manage and undertake the BA process. Parties wishing to formally register as interested and affected parties (IAPs) 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 business, financial, personal or other interest in the project. Any comments on the proposed project may be submitted to the EAP via the details provided below. Registered IAPs will be forwarded all future project related correspondence and notified individually of additional opportunities to participate in the process. Please register as an interested and affected party with the EAP (details below) to receive more information.

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