

## **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SUMMARY**

This serves as a summary of the Public Participation Process (PPP) followed for the Environmental Impact Assessment for the Proposed Gas to Power Project – Port of Richards Bay, uMhlathuze Municipality, KwaZulu-Natal.

This summary is divided in the following manner:

- Summary of the PPP during the **Scoping Phase** in 2020 to provide a complete overview of PPP undertaken for the application;
- Summary of Enhanced PPP Approach prior to and during the **EIA Phase** with:
  - Actions taken before the public comment period of the draft EIA Report (DEIR); and
  - Actions taken during public comment period of the DEIR.
- Information on the actions taken after the public comment period of the 2022 draft EIAr and the current PPP for the 2023 revised draft EIAr.

### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AS PART OF THE SCOPING PHASE (2020)**

The PPP commenced during the scoping on the **21 September 2020** where site notices were strategically placed along the proposed transmission line route in Richards Bay. During this time, the BID was distributed via email to the relevant Stakeholders and Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs). Adverts were published in the Zululand Observer and the Bay Watch newspapers on the 21 and 23 September 2020 (respectively), requesting I&APs to register in order to be kept informed throughout the application process, including notice of any meetings that are held and online platform links.

#### **Public Participation Plan**

A Public Participation Plan was submitted to DFFE and approved during the pre-application meeting. The PP Plan was designed to ensure that reasonable opportunity is provided to I&APs to participate in the EIA process by providing additional opportunities and means of communication other than the minimum requirements prescribed in Chapter 6 of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended). Triplo4 also catered for I&APs who may not have access to electronic media.

#### **Advertisements**

Advertisements regarding inter alia the proposed project scope of works, location, project details and date for draft Scoping Report review as well as details of EAP were placed in the Zululand Observer and the Bay Watch newspapers in English and isiZulu on the 21<sup>st</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2020, respectively.

#### **Public Notices/Site Notices**

3 Site notices (each in English and isiZulu) in size A2 were strategically placed along the study area in September 2020.

#### **Written Notices and Background Information Document (BID)**

A notification letter and background information documents (in English and Zulu) with an invitation register to I&APs, Stakeholders and commenting authorities to submit was emailed to all registered I&APs, Stakeholders, and commenting authorities during September 2020.

## **Flyers**

In an effort to notify I&APs in the surrounding community, A5 flyers in English and isiZulu were placed at the following locations in September 2020:

- Seafarers Mission near the port entrance, Richards Bay;
- Bayside Alusaf Aluminium front desk, Richards Bay;
- Bayside Alusaf Aluminium dedicated place at turnstile entrance, Richards Bay

## **I&AP Communication**

Requests to be included on the database were received and the BID and notice was further distributed via email. As a result of the advertisement, BIDs and site notices, correspondence was received from various I&APs.

## **Draft Scoping Report Review**

The draft Scoping Report is made available for review for a period of 30 days (**06 October 2020 – 04 November 2020**) and hard copies will be placed at the following venues, as advertised:

- Richards Bay Public Library (2 Krugerrand Grove, Richards Bay)
- Triplo4 Offices (Suite 5, The Circle, Douglas Crowe Drive, Ballito); and
- Triplo4 Website: [www.triplo4.com](http://www.triplo4.com)

No comments on the Draft Scoping Report were left at the Richards Bay library during the Scoping phase. In addition, no requests were made to view the copy of the report at Triplo4 office.

## **Public Meetings**

Phelamanga, an independent public participation specialist has been appointed to facilitate the public participation process. The following initiatives are planned to ensure that all I&APs and Stakeholders are provided with a reasonable opportunity to participate.

An 'Online Open Week' allowed for active sharing of information with I&APs through the following activities:

- The draft Scoping Report has been made available before the Webinar dates.
- All presentations that would normally be done at a public meeting was sent to registered I&APs in the week of 6 October 2020.
- All I&APs were encouraged to send through any questions for the EAP and specialists in advance of the webinar dates.

In terms of a public meeting, an online Q&A webinar was hosted with the EAP and key specialists. The aim was to encourage questions, comments and engagement instead of passive presentations. The format of the webinars were as follows on 14th October 2020:

- Two sessions were scheduled (morning: 10h00-11h30 and evening: 18h00-19h30) in order to allow for all I&APs to participate.

It must be noted that the evening meeting was not held as no attendees were present – the Secretariat (PPP facilitator), as well as the professional team and presenters, waited 45 minutes before closing off the meeting due to no attendees.

### **Ongoing I&AP / Stakeholder communication**

All concerns, comments, viewpoints and questions (collectively referred to as 'issues') from the Scoping Phase (as well as after submission and acceptance of the Final Scoping Report) have been documented and responded to.

### **Scoping Report Acceptance**

The Scoping Report was submitted to DEFF on the 18 November 2020 and accepted on 06 January 2021.

## **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION DURING EIA PHASE (2022)**

### **Actions Taken Before the Public Comment Period (2022)**

#### **Meeting with DFFE**

On 24 August 2022, an in-person consultation meeting was held between Triplo4 Sustainable Solutions, KSA and DFFE, confirming the approach to the EIA phase as well as the timeframe for the process.

#### **Identifying and creating initial I&AP database**

Potential stakeholders were identified in a number of ways to ensure a detailed I&AP database. The database consisted of two main components, namely potential I&APs with e-mail addresses and those with only cellphone numbers. At the time of submitting the I&AP notification and invitation to register on the 24<sup>th</sup> October 2022, a total of 577 emails were submitted, in addition to 35 SMSs.

#### **Developing and updating of I&AP database**

The comprehensive database of I&APs, which included authorities, different spheres of government (national, provincial and local), stakeholders, landowners, traditional authorities, social groups, informal Small Scale Fishers, NGOs, business and representative chambers, education and research institutions, interest groups and members of the general public, was compiled based on the approach above. This database was updated throughout the PPP process that commenced on 24 October 2022 (the date on which the first formal notifications were sent to I&APs) and registered I&APs and referrals from I&APs responding to the communications for participation, were added.

#### **Language selection**

The Public Participation considered, as part of appropriate participation methods, the language requirements for the posting of notices, newspaper and radio advertisements, flyers and information brochure and communication at the public meetings.

#### **Capacity Building**

Capacity building is an approach to PP which seeks to involve communities and people who do not have access to resources or have not been afforded the opportunity to higher levels of education. Steps were taken to take information to the I&APs personally via door-to-door distribution of pamphlets and flyers and in-person discussions and at a level more understandable for the relevant I&AP. KSA undertook various steps in addition to the formal PP arranged by the EAP, in order to commence fostering relationships with I&APs and to further add to the steps with capacity building.

KSA also employed a male and female Community Liaison Officers (CLOs) to engage with the community, organise arrangements for the community to attend the Small Scale Fishers workshop and Public Meetings, and clarify information where possible or alternatively, refer queries to Triplo4. The CLOs were appointed in in early 2022.

In addition, KSA designed and distributed an 'Information Booklet', which aimed to provide information regarding the project in a format and at a level which was easily accessible to I&APs who were not formally educated.

1500 booklets were printed in English, and were distributed at the public in-person meetings for the 3 proposed projects (i.e. at Richards Bay, Saldanha Bay and Coega). 500 booklets per project were distributed.

#### *Information Leaflet*

A further Information Leaflet was developed and distributed with the reminder e-mail notification of the public participation and registration notices as well as over 68 000 "knock-and-drop" notices that were delivered to individual properties as per the external distribution services provider, Vibrant Direct. The English leaflet, translated in isiZulu, isiXhosa and Afrikaans, comprised of basic information on the project in simple terms, specialist aspects being assessed, the importance of public participation and how to engage in the PPP for the project.

#### *Pre-consultation engagement*

Meetings were held with the key stakeholders to provide opportunity for open communication on the proposed project, referrals of key stakeholders to include in the database and preliminary comments and clarification.

#### **Additional resources:**

An independent and experienced PP facilitator, Phelamanga, was appointed to manage the in-person as well as virtual meeting facilitation. The facilitator had full access to the e-mail account to review comments and responses as well as notices and engagements with stakeholders and registered I&APs.

A dedicated e-mail address and a cellphone numbers for the PPP were created. The purpose of the email address was to ensure project specific e-mails be attended to in an efficient and effective manner as well as independent scrutiny by the Independent Service Providers. The dedicated cellphone number also ensured that calls could be identified as project specific calls and engagements ensured in accordance thereof.

Numerous notification methods were undertaken, consisting of the following:

#### **Notification of PPP and Registration**

##### *Direct notification to I&AP database*

Notification letters and background information documents (in 4 languages) were distributed on the 24 October 2022 to all identified I&APs by WAHM using the MailerLite programme with a dedicated e-mail address, as per the comprehensive I&APs database.

A reminder e-mail containing the notification letter, background information document and capacity building leaflet in the four languages was distributed by WAHM on 02 November 2022 via the MailerLite application to all I&APs that had not unsubscribed from the mailing list. The purpose was to remind potential I&APs to register as an I&AP and submit comments as per the BID.

An SMS was submitted to potential I&APs where only a cellphone number was available.

*Newspaper ads (local and national)*

Advertisements to draw the public’s attention to the project were placed in 3 local newspapers and in 3 national newspapers, in 4 languages (official provincial languages), as summarised in the table below. The adverts contain the proposed project scope of works, location, project details, the dates and locations for review of the draft EIA Report, the dates and locations of the public meetings, as well as details of EAP and contacts to register and submit comments.

The advertisements were placed within the newspaper body where possible (as per individual newspaper) to improve visibility.

**Summary of newspapers advertisements**

<b>Local Newspapers</b>	<b>Language</b>	<b>Date of Publication</b>
Zululand Observer	English, Afrikaans, isiZulu	24 October 2022
The Bay Watch	English, Afrikaans, isiZulu, isiXhosa	26 October 2022
Isolezwe KZN	isiZulu, IsiXhosa	24 October 2022
<b>National Newspapers</b>	<b>Language</b>	<b>Date of Publication</b>
Sunday Times	English	30 October 2022
Rapport	Afrikaans	30 October 2022
Ilanga	IsiZulu& IsiXhosa	24 October 2022

*Radio Announcements*

Announcements to inform the local communities were read in selected local radio stations, in the two most widely spoken languages in the Richards Bay area (English and isiZulu), during the various dates and slots, as describe in the table below. The announcements were read by the show hosts. The announcements were focused on informing the public of the project, the dates and locations for the public meetings, the public locations to review the draft EIA Report, as well as the EAP contact details to obtain further information.

**Summary of Radio announcements**

<b>Radio station</b>	<b>Language</b>	<b>Date and time</b>
Ukhozi FM	IsiZulu	<b>24/10/2022</b> Between 12pm -3pm
Gagasi 99.5 FM	IsiZulu	<b>27/10/2022</b> <b>and</b> <b>2/11/2022</b> Between the 4am-6am
East Coast Radio	English	<b>24/10/2022</b> 2 slots – Between the 4am-6am Between 7pm -10pm

### *Specific approaches to existing community structures, committees and leaders*

Specific engagements were held between the Applicant's Business Developer and the CLOs with the Business Community, to create an understanding for the project and for concerns and comments from these stakeholders to be recorded and internalised by the Applicant.

In addition, Triplo4 identified non-governmental organisations, committees and leaders with memberships who may be interested in the project and submitted a dedicated letter requesting these stakeholders to either provide contact details (considering compliance with POPIA) or alternatively disseminate the notification for registration and participation to their members via their internal databases.

### *Site Notices and flyers*

Over 20 locations were strategically selected along the site area, for the display of site notices (over 100 site notices), as well placements of public notices flyers, including leaflets (over 420 copies distributed). These locations were selected upon engagement with the local Community Liaison Officers (CLOs), to ensure wide reach. These notices were distributed in the four official provincial languages, i.e. English, Afrikaans, isiZulu and isiXhosa. The site notices were printed in size A2 and the public notices flyers, together with the leaflets, in A5.

### *Enhanced Notification methods*

In an effort to further reach and notify marginalised communities who may not have access to various public amenities, radio or internet services, a "knock and drop" initiative was carried out, and a pack containing flyers and leaflets (in 4 languages) were distributed by Vibrant Direct, the professional service provider, to over 68 000 households. These areas were strategically selected by the distribution company, based on their data and experience in reaching these marginalised and potentially vulnerable communities, as well as consultation with the CLOs, and their familiarity with the area.

### **Additional Media Coverage**

As a result of the media coverage, (own initiatives by the stakeholders), wide spread awareness of the project as well as details of the public participation was additionally made available to the public. This included various organisations placing notices on their websites.

Triplo4 also placed the BID in all 4 languages on its website, should any person becoming aware of the project visit the website for information.

## **Actions Taken During the Public Comment Period (2022)**

### **Availability of DEIR for public comments**

I&APs were informed that the Draft EIAR would be available for a period of 33 days (**10 November 2022 – 13 December 2022**) and informed where hardcopies would be available for perusal and how they could access online versions of the Draft EIAR.

Links to the draft EIA Report were emailed to I&APs on 09 November 2022. The links which were made available on the Triplo4 website, became 'live' on 10 November 2022.

Hard copies were placed at the following venues on 9 November 2022, as advertised:

- Richard's Bay Public Library (Physical Address: Kruger Road CBD, Richard's Bay);
- Empangeni Public Library (Physical Address: Corner of Union and Commercial Streets, Empangeni).

A further copy of the Draft EIAR could be found at Triplo4's Ballito Office: Physical Address: Douglas Crowe Drive, The Circle, Suite 5, Ballito. No person had come to the office to view the documents.

### **Public Meetings**

Two public meetings were held on Wednesday 23 November 2022. An independent public participation specialist, Phelamanga, was appointed to facilitate the public participation process. The meetings were chaired by the independent PPP facilitators and presentations were made by key specialists and project representatives.

Measures were put in place to ensure that all I&APs and Stakeholders are provided with a reasonable opportunity to participate.

Two meeting time options with three-hour timeframes were offered - a morning session (during working hours 10:00 to 13:00) and an evening session (after working hours 17:00 – 20:00). The same information was provided at both sessions, and registered I&APs received the transcripts of both sessions.

<b>Meeting</b>	<b>Venue Address and Coordinates</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>
<b>In person</b>	Zululand Chambers of Business Foundation (ZCBF) King Fisher Hall at Alton Rd, Richards Bay Central. Coordinates – 28°45'23.04"S 32° 2'5.52"E	<b>23 Nov 2022</b>	<b>10am-1pm</b>
<b>Virtual</b>	The registration link will be emailed to all previously & newly registered I&AP's.	<b>23 Nov 2022</b>	<b>5pm-8pm</b>

#### *In Person Public meeting*

The in person meeting was attended by 345 people in total, of which 322 were not consultants, specialists or representatives of the applicant.

The meeting was conducted in English and independent translators for Afrikaans, isiZulu and isiXhosa were present to conduct translations, should this have been requested by any of the I&APs. Sign language interpreters introduced themselves in sign language and requested I&APs that require sign language to provide such indication. No sign language requirements were indicated at the meeting. The slides presented were summarised in isiZulu by the translator during the meeting and attendees could raise questions or comments in the language of their choice. These were then translated to English. The response provided in English was also translated to the language in which the comment or question was posed.

The meeting was recorded and the transcript of the meeting (verbatim minutes) was sent to all registered I&APs on 05 December 2022.

### *Virtual Public Meeting*

Total of 127 registration were made, and the session was attended by 82 people in total, of which 43 were not consultants, specialists or the applicant's representatives. This additional virtual meeting was arranged in addition to the in-person public meeting, to afford I&APs another opportunity to obtain information, raise queries or clarify aspects heard at the in-person meeting.

The meeting was conducted in English and independent translators for Afrikaans, isiZulu and isiXhosa were introduced at the beginning of the meeting, and attendees were informed that the translators were available should the services be needed. No requests for translations were received. A sign-language interpreter was also present for the meeting and introduced herself. No requests for sign language interpretation were received.

Following the meeting, WAHM provide the attendee list from the AirMeet platform and the downloaded list of all questions asked, marked as answered or unanswered. The meeting was recorded and the transcribed minutes of the meeting were sent to all registered I&APs on the 08 December 2022 together with all questions raised that were not answered during the meeting. A total of 50 questions were raised and answered.

### *Additional Notifications of Public meetings*

In the days leading up to the public meeting, additional announcements were made on East Coast Radio to inform the local communities of the project, the dates and locations for the public meetings, the public locations to review the draft EIA Report, as well as the EAP contact details to obtain further information.

### **Additional stakeholder engagements**

Focus meetings were held with key stakeholders to provide further opportunity for open communication on the proposed project, to determine any issues that may not have been raised during the two public meetings held on 23 November 2022, or if there were any clarifications required by the stakeholders. These focus meetings didn't have a formal agenda, with the purpose being to allow the stakeholders to raise any concerns, ask any questions or provide any comments related to the proposed project.

### **Continuous media awareness**

It is noted that there was continued media coverage on the PPP by external media outlets, which provided additional opportunities to alert potential I&APs to register for the PPP.

### **Engagements to obtain comments**

Triplo4 continually strived to obtain comments from I&APs, including comments from Authorities.

### **Actions Taken After the Public Comment Period (2022 – 2023)**

#### **Comments and Responses Report**

Following the concluding of the public participation period on 13 December 2022, the Comments and Responses Report was updated to record all the comments received and responses provided during the EIA process, and was submitted to the DFFE with the final EIA Report on 6 January 2023.



To ensure no prejudice, comments or queries received from IA&Ps after the closing date of 13 December 2022 were still acknowledged and responded to and are included in the comments and Responses Report.

The table below summarises the main issues raised during the commenting period on the draft EIA Report that were to be addressed in the EIA phase, with the reference to the sections within this final EIA Report that address these issues.

#### Main issues raised during EIA phase PPP

MAIN ISSUES RAISED DURING EIA PHASE	SECTIONS ADDRESSING THESE ISSUES IN THE EIAR
Impacts on critical endangered and protected vegetation units	Section 3.2.3 – Transmission Line Alternatives Section 7.5.5 – Wetland Impacts Section 7.5.7 – Terrestrial Biodiversity Impacts Appendix 9 – A6 – Wetland Delineation and Functionality Assessment Appendix 9 – A9 – Terrestrial Biodiversity Assessment
The study area falls within a Critical Biodiversity Area (CBA) listed as irreplaceable	Section 3.2.3 – Transmission Line Alternatives Section 7.5.5 – Wetland Impacts Section 7.5.7 – Terrestrial Biodiversity Impacts Appendix 9 – A6 – Wetland Delineation and Functionality Assessment Appendix 9 – A9 – Terrestrial Biodiversity Assessment
Consultation must be undertaken with Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife	Section 5.2.5.5 – Pre Consultation Engagement Section 5.3.3 – Additional Stakeholders Engagement
Consideration of KZN Provincial Biodiversity Conservation Plan and other environmental management tools	Appendix 9 – A9 – Terrestrial Biodiversity Assessment Section 7.9.1 – Biodiversity Offsets / Ecological Compensation Appendix 7.9 – Biodiversity Management Plans
Plant Search and Rescue Plan to be developed	Appendix 6 – EMPr
Rehabilitation Plan to be developed	Appendix 9 – A7 – Wetland Rehabilitation Plan Appendix 6 – EMPr
Avifaunal mitigation measures to avoid collision	Appendix 6 – EMPr Appendix 9 – A10 – Avifauna Assessment
The conduct of the public meetings	Section 5.3.2 – Public Meetings Appendix 3.12 – Public Meetings
Impacts on avifaunal sensitive areas	Section 7.5.8 – Avifaunal Impacts Section 7.5.11 – Coastal, Estuarine and Marine Ecology Impacts Appendix 9 – B4 - Coastal, Estuarine and Marine Ecology Assessment Appendix 9 – A10 – Avifauna Assessment Appendix 9 – A11 – Avifaunal Monitoring Plan

Avifaunal Baseline Data collection	Appendix 9 – A10 – Avifauna Assessment Appendix 9 – A11 – Avifaunal Monitoring Plan Appendix 6 - EMPr
Terrestrial Noise impacts on Avifauna	Section 7.5.8 – Avifaunal Impacts Section 7.5.11 – Coastal, Estuarine and Marine Ecology Impacts Section 7.5.13 – Terrestrial Noise Impacts Appendix 9 – B4 - Coastal, Estuarine and Marine Ecology Assessment Appendix 9 – A10 – Avifauna Assessment Appendix 9 – C2 – Terrestrial Noise Assessment Appendix 6 - EMPr
Avifauna Monitoring Plan	Appendix 9 – A10 – Avifauna Assessment Appendix 9 – A11 – Avifaunal Monitoring Plan Appendix 6 - EMPr
Underwater Noise Impacts	Section 7.5.9 – Underwater Noise Impacts Section 7.5.11 – Coastal, Estuarine and Marine Ecology Impacts Appendix 9 – B4 - Coastal, Estuarine and Marine Ecology Assessment Appendix 9 – B1 – Underwater Noise Baseline Assessment Appendix 9 – B2 – Underwater Noise Assessment Appendix 6 - EMPr
Lighting Impacts on sensitive areas	Section 7.5.8 – Avifaunal Impacts Section 7.5.11 – Coastal, Estuarine and Marine Ecology Impacts Appendix 9 – B4 - Coastal, Estuarine and Marine Ecology Assessment Appendix 9 – A10 – Avifauna Assessment Appendix 6 - EMPr
Offset / Ecological compensation related to Avifauna	Section 4.1.2 – Provincial Legislation and Planning Section 9.2 – Mitigation Hierarchy Appendix 6 – EMPr Section 7.9.1 – Biodiversity Offsets / Ecological Compensation Appendix 7.9 –Biodiversity Management Plans
Consideration of the approved Richards Bay/uMhlathuze Estuarine Management Plan	Appendix 9 – B4 - Coastal, Estuarine and Marine Ecology Assessment
Impacts on <i>Zostera capensis</i>	Section 6.1.10.3 - <i>Zostera capensis</i> Section 7.5.11 – Coastal, Estuarine and Marine Ecology Impacts Appendix 9 – A9 – Terrestrial Biodiversity Assessment Appendix 9 – B4 - Coastal, Estuarine and Marine Ecology Assessment
Distance between the vessels and the sandspit area	Section 2.1.3 - Berthing, Mooring of the Powerships and FSRU Appendix 1.5 - Preferred Powership and FSRU Position layout Appendix 6 - EMPr
Impacts on mammals	Section 7.5.7 – Terrestrial Biodiversity Impacts Appendix 9 – A9 – Terrestrial Biodiversity Assessment

	Appendix 6 - EMPr
Impacts on water quality in the estuarine area	Section 7.5.11 – Coastal, Estuarine and Marine Ecology Impacts Appendix 9 – B4 - Coastal, Estuarine and Marine Ecology Assessment Appendix 6 - EMPr
Hydrological Impacts	Section 7.5.1 – Hydrological Impacts Appendix 9 – A1 – Hydrology Assessment
Consideration of coastal processes and coastal climate vulnerability	Section 7.5.11 – Coastal, Estuarine and Marine Ecology Impacts Section 7.5.14 – Climate Change Impacts Appendix 9 – B4 - Coastal, Estuarine and Marine Ecology Assessment Appendix 9 – C3 – Climate Change Impact Assessment Appendix 10.3 – Geotechnical Review
Impacts of seawater abstraction for cooling system	Section 7.5.11 – Coastal, Estuarine and Marine Ecology Impacts Appendix 9 – B4 - Coastal, Estuarine and Marine Ecology Assessment Appendix 6 – EMPr Appendix 10.2 - Integrated Dispersion Modelling of Thermal Plumes
Upskilling of workers and eco-tourism opportunities	Section 2.1.10 – Socio Economic Commitments Appendix 9 – C1 – Socio-Economic Impact Assessment Appendix D1.2 - Tourism Assessment
Resilience to rising sea levels and extreme storms	Section 7.5.14 – Climate Change Impacts Appendix 9 – C3 – Climate Change Impact Assessment
Methane Gas Emissions	Appendix 9 – C3 – Climate Change Impact Assessment
Climate Change Value Chain	Section 7.5.14 – Climate Change Impacts Appendix 9 – C3 – Climate Change Impact Assessment
Air Quality Emission Data	Section 7.5.12 – Atmospheric Impacts Appendix 9 – C1 – Atmospheric Impact Assessment
Air Quality related to start-up and shut down	Section 2.1.1 – Overview Section 7.5.12 – Atmospheric Impacts Section 7.5.14 – Climate Change Impacts Appendix 9 – C1 – Atmospheric Impact Assessment Appendix 9 – C3 – Climate Change Impact Assessment
Air Quality Baseline Assessment and Cumulative Impacts	Section 7.5.12 – Atmospheric Impacts Appendix 9 – C1 – Atmospheric Impact Assessment
Air Quality and refuelling Emissions	Section 7.5.14 – Climate Change Impacts Section 7.5.19 – Major Hazard Installation Impacts Appendix 9 – C3 – Climate Change Impact Assessment Appendix 9 – D3 - Major Hazard Installation Risk Assessment
Emergency Situation	Section 7.5.19 – Major Hazard Installation Impacts Appendix 9 – D3 - Major Hazard Installation Risk Assessment Appendix 6 – EMPr Appendix 11.2 - Emergency Response Plan Appendix 10.1 - Marine Traffic Assessment

Heritage and Underwater Archaeology Impacts	Section 7.5.6 – Heritage Impacts Section 7.5.10 – Underwater Archaeology Impacts Appendix 6 – EMPr Appendix 9 - A8 - Heritage Assessment Appendix B3 - Underwater Heritage Compliance Letter
Risk of collision with marine fauna and other vessels	Section 7.5.11 – Coastal, Estuarine and Marine Ecology Impacts Appendix 9 – B4 - Coastal, Estuarine and Marine Ecology Assessment Appendix 9 – D3 - Major Hazard Installation Risk Assessment Appendix 6 – EMPr Appendix 10.1 - Marine Traffic Assessment
Access to site	Section 2.3.2 – Site Access Appendix 9 – D1.3 – Traffic Evaluation
Marine Traffic Management	Section 7.5.10 – Marine Traffic Appendix 10.1 – Marine Traffic Assessment
Impacts on biodiversity in the estuarine area	Section 7.5.11 – Coastal, Estuarine and Marine Ecology Impacts Appendix 9 – B4 - Coastal, Estuarine and Marine Ecology Assessment Appendix 6 - EMPr
Consideration of municipal-climate change policy tools	Appendix 9 – C3 – Climate Change Impact Assessment
Extreme weather events’ risks	Section 7.5.14 – Climate Change Impacts Appendix 9 – C3 – Climate Change Impact Assessment
Climate Change cumulative impacts	Appendix 9 – C3 – Climate Change Impact Assessment
Renewable Energy Vs. Gas	Chapter 8 – Motivation, Need and Desirability Appendix 8.1 - Gas to Power Projects and the Just Energy Transition from Fossil Fuels in the South African Political Economy Appendix 8.2- South Africa Country Specific Energy Security Assessment
Climate Change Context and Impacts	Section 7.5.14 – Climate Change Impacts Appendix 9 – C3 – Climate Change Impact Assessment Appendix 8.4 - Sustainability Assessment
Impacts on Marine Ecology	Section 7.5.9 – Underwater Noise Impacts Section 7.5.11 – Coastal, Estuarine and Marine Ecology Impacts Appendix 9 – B4 - Coastal, Estuarine and Marine Ecology Assessment Appendix 9 – B1 – Underwater Noise Baseline Assessment Appendix 9 – B2 – Underwater Noise Assessment Appendix 6 - EMPr
Socio Economic Impacts	Section 7.5.15 – Socio-Economic Impacts Appendix 8 - Independent Contributions to the Need and Desirability Appendix 9 - D1 - Socio-economic Impact Assessment Appendix 9 - D1.1 - Small Scale Fishers Engagement

**PPP for revised DEIAR (2023)**

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> of May 2023, a condonation has been granted, and a further public participation process (“PPP”) is required to be conducted, to provide registered I&APs with additional opportunity to comment on the revised EIAR (this document).

As required, registered I&APs were informed of this decision regarding the request for condonation in time in terms of Section 47C of NEMA. During the dates 4<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> May 2023, over 800 notification emails were submitted to registered I&APs. In addition, a total of 252 SMSs were sent, using the MailerLite platform, to registered I&APs where only a cellphone number was provided.

Following the notification of the condonation decision, registered I&APs were further notified on the 9<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> of May 2023 of the PPP and the opportunity to comment on the revised EIAR. The registered I&APs were provided with details on the commenting period (17 May – 15 June 2023) and on where the report will be available for review (Richards Bay and Empangeni public libraries, as well as Triplo4’s Ballito office and on Triplo4’s website: [www.triplo4.com](http://www.triplo4.com) / online platform). Over 800 notification emails were submitted to registered I&APs. In addition, a total of 252 SMSs were sent, using the MailerLite platform, to registered I&APs where only a cellphone number was provided.