PROPOSED HYDROPOWER STATION AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE AT BOEGOEBERG DAM ON THE ORANGE RIVER, NEAR GROBLERSHOOP, NORTHERN CAPE:
Availability of the Draft Scoping Report
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Hydro 9 SA (Pty) Ltd wishes to construct a hydropower station and associated infrastructure of approximately 10 Megawatt (MW) at Boegoeberg Dam on the Orange River, on the farm Zeekoebaart (Remainder of Farm no. 306 and Portion 1 of Farm no. 306), approximately 26km south east of Groblershoop.

In terms of the National Environmental Management Act (No. 107 of 1998) (NEMA) each of the proposed projects triggers listed activities 1, 9, 10, 11, and 18 in **Listing Notice 1;** listed activity 10 in Listing **Notice 2** and listed activity 4, 13, 14 and 16 in **Listing Notice 3** (Government Notice (GN) No. R544 and R546 of the 2010 Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations).

Authorisation from the competent environmental authority, namely the Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA), via the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process, as outlined in sections 21 to 25 of GN No. R543 in terms of NEMA, is necessary. Aurecon South Africa (Pty) Ltd (Aurecon) has been appointed to undertake the required NEMA process..

Notice is hereby given of the commencement of a public participation process in terms of the NEMA EIA Regulations 2010. The application for the above-mentioned project has been submitted to the competent authority in terms of these Regulations.

You are hereby notified of the proposed project and the availability of the Draft Scoping Report (DSR) for public review and comment from **17 July 2013 – 26 August 2013**. The Draft DSR will be available at the Groblershoop Public Library, at the offices of the Kheis Municipality in Groblershoop as well as on the Aurecon website (http://www.aurecongroup.com)- [change "Current Location" to South Africa, then click on '***Public participation***'.]

I&APs have until **26 August 2013** to submit comment by mail, phone, fax or e-mail on the proposed projects. Please submit your comments to Aurecon, Attention Simon Clark or Diane Erasmus, P.O. Box 494, Cape Town, 8000; Tel: (021) 526 6034; Fax: (021) 526 9500 or Email: simon.clark@aurecongroup.com / diane.erasmus@aurecongroup.com

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VOORGENOME HIDRO-KRAGSENTRALE, EN VERWANTE INFRASTRUKTUUR BY BOEGOEBERGDAM OP DIE ORANJE RIVIER IN DIE OMGEWING VAN GOBLERSHOOP, NOORD-KAAP:
Beskikbaarheid van die Konsep Omvangbepalingsverslag
DOS Verw.: 14/12/16/3/3/1/951

Hydro 9 SA (Edms) Bpk beoog om 'n hidro-elektriese kragstasie en gepaardgaande infrastruktuur van ongeveer 10 megawatt (MW) by Boegoeberg Dam op die Oranjerivier op te rig, op die plaas Zeekoebaart (Restant van Plaas Nr 306 en Gedeelte 1 van die Plaas No.. 306), ongeveer 26km suidoos van Groblershoop.

In terme van die Wet op Nasionale Omgewingsbestuur (Nr. 107 van 1998) (WNOB) word die voorgenome projekt gelys as bedrywighede 1, 9, 10, 11, en 18 van **Kennisgewingslys 1,** bedrywigheid 10 van **Kennisgewingslys 2** en bedrywighede 4, 13, 14 en 16 van **Kennisgewingslys 3** (Goewermentskennisgewing (GK) Nr. R544 en R546 van die 2010 Omgewingsinvloedbepaling (OIB) regulasies).

Hierdie proses verg 'n magtiging van die bevoegde owerheid, naamlik die Departement van Omgewingsake, na afloop van 'n Omgewingsinvloedbepalingsproses (OIB) soos uiteengesit in Artikels 21 tot 25 van GK Nr. R543. Aurecon (Edms) Bpk (Aurecon) is aangestel om die vereiste WNOB-proses uit te voer.

Kennis geskied hiermee dat daar begin word met die proses van openbare deelname kragtens die WNOB se Regulasies vir Omgewingsinvloedbepalings 2010. Die aansoek vir die bogenoemde projek is reeds ingedien by die bevoegde owerheid in terme van hierdie Regulasies.

U word hiermee van die proses in kennis gestel, asook van die beskikbaarheid van die Konsep Omvangbepalingsverslag (OBV), vanaf **17 Julie 2013 - 26 Augustus 2013**, vir openbare oorsig en kommentaar. Die Konsep OBV sal beskikbaar wees by die Groblershoop Openbare Biblioteek, by die kantore van die Kheis Munisipaliteit in Groblershoop sowel as op Aurecon se webblad (http://www.aurecongroup.com) –[verander 'Current Location' na Suid Afrika en kliek op '***Public participation***'].

B&GPe kan tot en met **26 Augustus 2013** kommentaar op die beoogde projek indien. Rig u kommentaar aan Aurecon, Vir aandag Simon Clark of Diane Erasmus, Posbus 494, Kaapstad, 8000; Tel: (021) 526 6034; Faks: (021) 526 9500 of e-pos: simon.clark@aurecongroup.com / diane.erasmus@aurecongroup.com

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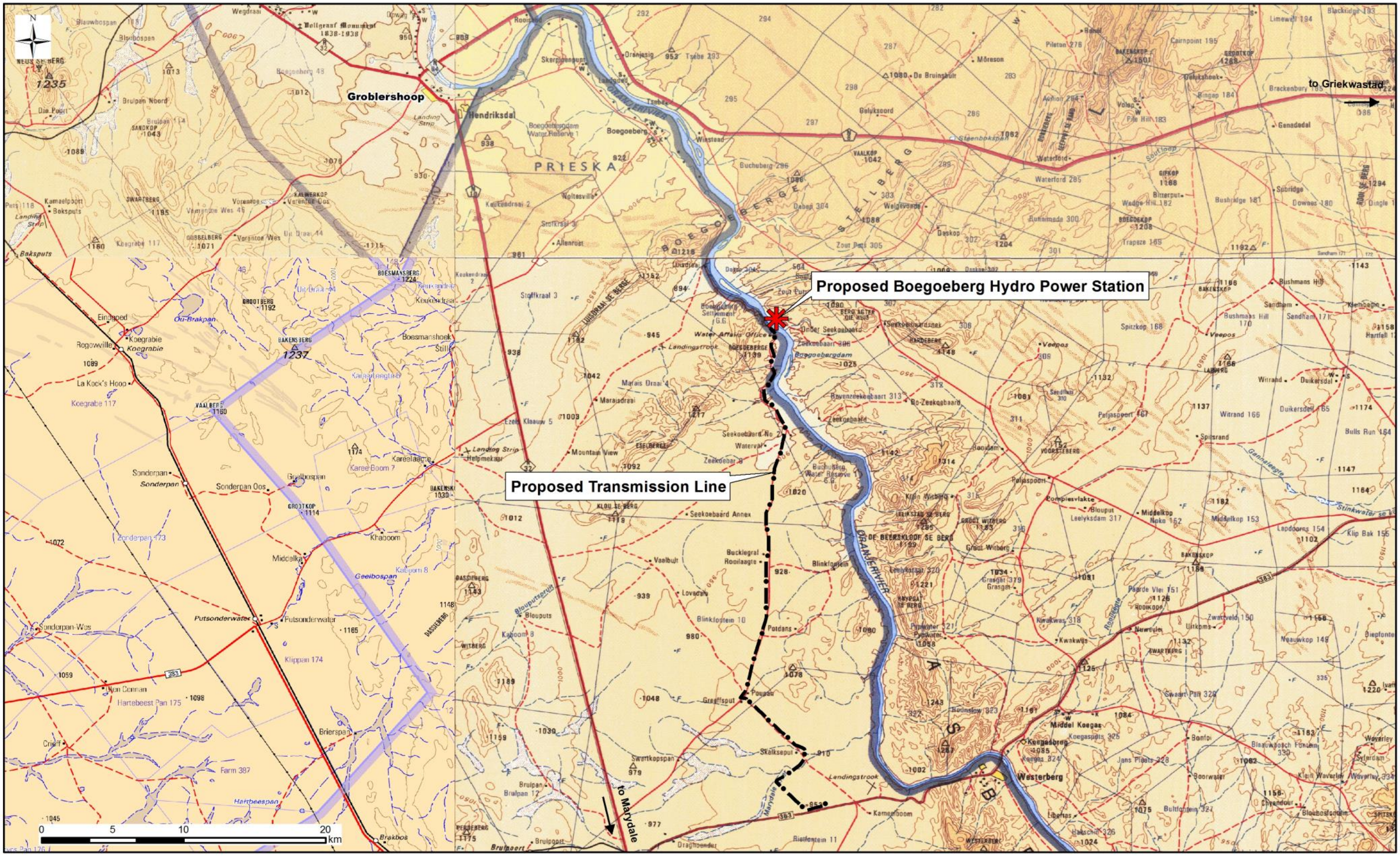

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