
OLIFANTSHOEK 132kV POWER LINE, NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE

PRE-APPLICATION MEETING WITH DEA: NOTES FOR THE RECORD

Meeting Date: 7 July 2020

Time: 12:00

Venue: via Microsoft Teams (online virtual meeting)

Attendees (Savannah Environmental attendance register attached):

NAME	ORGANISATION
Constance Musemburi	Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA)
Lerato Mokwena	Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA)
Lisa Opperman	Savannah Environmental (SE)
Reuben Maroga	Savannah Environmental (SE)
Pierre van Rhyn	MVM Consulting Engineers (MVM)
Andrew Randall	MVM Consulting Engineers (MVM)
Jerome Bob	Gamagara Local Municipality (GLM)

Savannah Environmental lead the discussion to cover the items as listed in the agenda. These points were presented and included:

1. Welcome, introduction and purpose of the meeting.
2. Overview of the project, including location, project infrastructure and associated infrastructure.
3. Discussion on Basic Assessment Process.
4. Discussion on the Public Participation Plan proposed for the project.
5. Discussion on specialist studies as per the DEA Screening Report and the studies undertaken as part of the BA process.
6. Discussions and questions.
7. Way forward.
8. Meeting closure.

The agenda and project maps presented are attached to the Notes for completeness.

Notes:

The purpose of the meeting was to introduce the Department of Environmental Affairs to the proposed Olifantshoek 132kV Power Line project, advise on the project details and the EIA process, and specifically present the proposed Public Participation Plan for the Olifantshoek 132kV Power Line, as per the directions laid out in GNR 650 of 05 June 2020. In addition, the specialist studies undertaken for the projects and the specialist studies identified as part of the DEA Screening Report (through the use of the DEA Screening Tool) were also discussed. The following project-specific documentation was provided to the attendees prior to the online meeting: a) the agenda for the meeting, b) locality and sensitivity maps, c) the proposed Public Participation Plan for the project, and d) an attendance register to be completed by each attendee.

Lisa Opperman opened the meeting, explained the purpose of the meeting, and provided information on the location of the project.

Lisa Opperman explained that Savannah Environmental has designed a Public Participation Plan which is in-line with the directions issued under GNR 650 as well as Regulations 39 to 44 of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2014, as amended, (GNR 326) (refer to attached Public Participation Plan). She explained how the requirements of Regulations 39 to 44 have been addressed in the Public Participation Plan considering the current restrictions enforced in terms of Government Gazette 43096, which placed the country in a national state of disaster limiting the movement of people to curb the spread of the COVID-19 virus.

Lisa Opperman made the DEA aware of the fact that the specialist studies for the project were completed. She explained that the Basic Assessment Report for the project was near completion, and that independent specialist studies, associated fieldwork and reporting for the project had been undertaken in February and April 2020 and finalised prior to the implementation of the National State of Disaster and commencement of the Lockdown. She explained that the specialist studies were, therefore, undertaken and finalised prior to the date where the procedures for the assessment and minimum criteria for reporting on identified environmental themes (GNR 320 of 20 March) came into effect, but could not be released due to the restrictions on initiating new projects (and lodging new Applications for Environmental Authorisation) at that time. The date where the requirements of GNR 320 came into effect was also within the national lockdown period associated with the National State of Disaster (refer to **Appendix D** of the Meeting Notes).

The following was stated and noted for the record:

- » Constance Musemburi (DEA) inquired on the previous basic assessment undertaken for the power line and whether it was authorised by the Department. Lisa Opperman (SE) indicated that the project was authorised by the Department, however an appeal was lodged by the Kathu Mine based on the proposed promulgation of the Brooks and Bredenkamp Nature Reserve at the time of the process. As a result, the DEA upheld the appeal and a new basic assessment process for the current project and newly identified grid connection corridor had to be lodged which avoids the Nature Reserve. Lisa Opperman (SE) further explained the new route for the proposed grid connection corridor was identified following a stakeholder meeting held with

officials from Department of Agriculture Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF) and the Department of Environment, Nature and Conservation to confirm the suitability and acceptability of the corridor considering the presence of sensitive plant tree species identified in the area.

- » Lisa Opperman provided an explanation of the proposed Public Participation Plan, which includes an online stakeholder engagement platform, where interested and affected parties will be able to download project-related documents for the duration of the 30-day comment and review period for the project. She further indicated that where interested and affected parties and ward councillors do not have access to the internet, other means of consultation such as telephonic interviews, WhatsApp Messenger and a 'Please Call Me' option will be used to provide interested and affected parties and ward councillors with an opportunity to provide comments on the project. In addition, she indicated that the plan would include the placement of a newspaper and radio adverts at the commencement of the 30-day review and comment period. The radio advert will be staggered across the duration of the 30-day review and comment period in order to provide interested and affected parties with sufficient time and information to comment on the BA Report.
- » Pierre van Rhyen (MVM Consulting Engineers) commended the Savannah Environmental Team for the Public Participation Plan which will include engagement with ward councillors in the area.
- » Constance Musemburi (DEA) emphasised that proof of all consultations (including telephonic discussions) undertaken for the project should be provided as proof of consultation to the Department during the submission of the Final BA Report. Lisa Opperman (SE) indicated that there is a telephone discussion record sheet available which will be used to log each call on the project with interested and affected parties and will be submitted to the Department with the Final BA Report.
- » Lisa Opperman shared the sensitivity map compiled for the project and indicated that the surrounding area to the grid connection corridor is generally transformed as a result of the extensive mining activities present in the area. In addition, she took the attendees through the various sensitivities identified within the grid connection corridor and the surrounding area by the specialist studies which have been completed.
- » Lisa Opperman (SE) inquired whether the Department would permit the submission of the specialist reports, which were compiled prior to the promulgation of the specialist protocols. She further indicated that the feedback received from IQ at the DEA indicated that specialist studies that commenced prior to the promulgation of GNR 320 could be submitted to the Department for their consideration. Constance Musemburi (DEA) indicated that the Department the Department would accept the submission of the specialist reports. Lisa Opperman further indicated the meeting notes will be submitted to the Department by Monday, 13 July 2020.
- » Constance Musemburi (DEA) indicated that there were no further comments and the public participation plan would be approved by Lerato Mokwena via email. She further indicated that the application for environmental authorisation should be submitted on the DEA's online submission portal and that the correspondence regarding the approval of the public participation plan should be appended to the BA Report as part of the submission.

No further comments or queries were raised by the attendees. The way forward for the Olifantshoek 132kV Power Line is for the Application for Environmental Authorisation and BA Report to be submitted on the DEA's online portal.

The meeting was closed at 12:36 PM.

Prepared by:

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Post-meeting note: An email with the correspondence from IQ regarding the submission of the specialist studies was sent to Constance Musemburi on Monday, 13 July 2020. A follow-up email regarding the written approval of the Public Participation Plan for the project was sent on Monday, 13 July 2020.

Appendix List:

Appendix A: Attendance Register

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Appendix D: Approval of the Public Participation Plan


Appendix E: Correspondence from IQ regarding submission of Specialist Reports


Appendix F: Locality and Sensitivity Maps

**APPENDIX A:
ATTENDANCE REGISTER**

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Project	Olifantshoek 132kV, Northern Cape Province		Meeting	DEA Pre-application Meeting	
Date	7 July 2020	Time	12:00	Venue	Microsoft Teams Virtual Meeting

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	Organization	Name & Postal Address	Contact Details	Signature
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**APPENDIX B:
MEETING AGENDA**

AGENDA

PRE-APPLICATION MEETING

OLIFANTSHOEK 132kV POWER LINE, NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE

Time slot	Agenda Item	Responsible Person
10h00 – 10h05	Welcome, introduction and purpose of the meeting	Lisa Opperman (Savannah Environmental)
10h05 – 10h10	Overview of the project, including location, project infrastructure and associated infrastructure	Reuben Maroga-Rev (Savannah Environmental)
10h10-10h15	Discussion on the Public Participation Plan proposed for the project.	Lisa Opperman (Savannah Environmental)
10h15 – 10h30	Presentation of the Public Participation Plan proposed for the projects	Lisa Opperman (Savannah Environmental)
10h30-10h40	Discussion on specialist studies as per the DEA Screening Report and the studies undertaken as part of the BA Process.	Lisa Opperman (Savannah Environmental)
10h40-10h55	Discussions and Questions	Lisa Opperman (Savannah Environmental)
10h55-11h00	Way Forward	Lisa Opperman (Savannah Environmental)
11h00	Meeting closure	Lisa Opperman (Savannah Environmental)

**APPENDIX C:
PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN**

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN
IN TERMS OF THE DIRECTIONS REGARDING MEASURES TO ADDRESS, PREVENT AND
COMBAT THE SPREAD OF COVID-19 RELATING TO NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL
MANAGEMENT PERMITS AND LICENCES DURING COVID-19 ALERT LEVEL 3**

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06 July 2020

The restrictions enforced in terms of Government Gazette 43096 which placed the country in a national state of disaster limiting the movement of people to curb the spread of the COVID-19 virus has placed some limitations on the commencement and continuation of the public consultation as part of an EIA process. Considering these limitations, the following consultation process has been designed and will be implemented, on approval by the DEA, to cater for the conducting of the public participation process which includes I&APs, the competent authority, directly impacted landowners/occupiers, adjacent landowners/occupiers, relevant Organs of State departments, Municipalities, ward councillors and other key stakeholders.

Project Activity: The construction and operation of grid connection infrastructure near the town of Olifantshoek, consisting of a single-circuit 132kV power line between the existing Emil Traction Substation and the authorised Olifantshoek Substation. The proposed power line will be used to strengthen the grid network in the area in order to ensure adequate supply of electricity for residents within the municipality's jurisdictional area. The power line is being assessed within a 300m wide and 36km long grid connection corridor. The project is located within the John Taolo Gaetsewe District Municipality and the Gamagara Local Municipality in the Northern Cape Province.

Location: ~2.2km east of Olifantshoek and 13.3km west of Kathu, within the John Taolo Gaetsewe District Municipality and the Gamagara Local Municipality in the Northern Cape Province.

Applicant:	Project Name:	Affected Property/ies:
Gamagara Local Municipality	Olifantshoek 132kV Power Line	Remaining Extent of the Farm Fritz 540 Portion 1 of the Farm Fritz 540 Portion 2 of the Farm Fritz 540 Portion 4 of the Farm Fritz 540 Portion 5 of the Farm Fritz 540 Portion 8 of the Farm Fritz 540 Portion 9 of the Farm Fritz 540 Portion 10 of the Farm Fritz 540 Remaining Extent of the Farm Gamagara 541

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The proposed grid connection corridor for the proposed development will only include the towers of the 132kV power line, the 4m wide unsurfaced road will be required during the construction and operation phase of the power line.

Public Participation Plan:

The public participation (PP) process will be undertaken in accordance with the requirements of Regulations 39 to 44 of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2014, as amended, (GNR 326). The aim of the public participation process is primarily to ensure that:

- » information containing all relevant facts in respect of the proposed project is made available to potential stakeholders and I&APs;
- » participation by I&APs is facilitated in such a manner that all potential stakeholders and I&APs are provided with a reasonable opportunity to comment on the proposed project; and
- » comments received from potential stakeholders and I&APs are recorded and incorporated into the EIA process.

The traditional means and opportunities available for the undertaking of public participation is still covered and implemented as part of this plan considering the current limitations. Alternative means of undertaking consultation has been designed and will be implemented by Savannah Environmental to ensure that I&APs are afforded sufficient opportunity to raise comments on the project through an

interactive web-based platform readily available and accessible to any person illustrating interest in the project and enables the public participation process to be undertaken in line with Regulations 41 to 44 of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended. This online stakeholder engagement platform allows the EAP to visually present details regarding the project and our consultation documentation, including project maps and plans, presentations and posters regarding the project, and reports available for review. The use of online tools enables stakeholders and I&APs to explore the project-specific content in their own time and allow them to participate in a meaningful way in the consultation process. The online platform allows for instant feedback and comments to be submitted, in so doing saving time for the stakeholder and also giving the assurance that their comments have been submitted for inclusion in the project reporting. The online stakeholder engagement platform considers the limitations applied by the Disaster Management Act Regulations prohibiting the gathering of people, as well as limitations which certain I&APs may have in terms of access to computers and internet as well as access to public spaces not open for operation or which have restricted access.

The benefits of the online stakeholder engagement platform include:

- Ability to create a dedicated project-specific online platform to enable easy access to project-related information.
- Ability to reach a wider audience, allowing more widespread consultation for major infrastructure projects.
- Allowing stakeholders and I&APs the opportunity to engage on a project without leaving their office or home.
- Enabling stakeholders and I&APs to register their interest in a project (for inclusion on the project database), and automatically gaining access to comprehensive project documentation.
- Enabling the EAP to maintain a complete database of I&APs through maintaining a record of persons accessing the online stakeholder consultation platform.
- Enabling the EAP and stakeholders/I&APs to meet virtually.
- Provides a resilient solution to a public consultation process.

Where I&APs do not have the applicable facilities i.e. access to internet, mobile phones, or computers, provision has been made to include these I&APs in the consultation process by consulting with the Ward Councillors, the ward committee members, community representatives and local community forum members.

The schematic illustration below provides an overview of the tools that are available to I&APs and stakeholders to access project information and interact with the public participation team to obtain project information and resolve any queries that may arise, and to meet the requirements for public participation.

i. Stakeholder identification and register of I&APs	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Register as an I&AP on the online platform via completion of a form and provision of contact information, by responding to an advert, or sending a 'please call me' which will be responded to• State interest in the project• Receive all project related information via email
ii. Advertisements and notifications	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Advertisement, site notices and/or radio announcements and notifications provide information and details on where to access project information• Notifications regarding the EIA process and availability of project reports for public review to be sent via email, post or SMS notifications
iii. Public Involvement and consultation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Distribution of a BID providing details on the project and how I&APs can become involved in the process• Submission of comments or queries via the online platform to the PP team• Virtual presentations (both English and Afrikaans) available via the online platform• Availability of project information via the online platform• An opportunity for I&APs and stakeholders to request virtual meetings with the project team
iv. Comment on the BA Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Availability of the project reports via the online platform for 30-day comment period• Submission of comments via the online platform, email or post to the PP team• Comments recorded and responded to, as part of the process
v. Identification and recording of comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Comments and Responses Report, including all comments received, and included within the final Report for decision-making

The PP plan, as set out in the table below, has been drafted for the above-mentioned projects to ensure that reasonable opportunity is provided to I&APs and that all administrative actions are reasonable. Proof of all notifications will be included in the public participation appendix included in the Basic Assessment Report.

The PP plan is submitted to the Department of Environmental Affairs, for discussion and agreement before the PP process is undertaken for the proposed project.

Public Participation Plan: Discussion of approach and methodology to meet the requirements of the Regulations

Regulation	Approach & Methodology to meet requirements
<p>Regulation 40(1), Regulation 40(3) & Regulation 43 – provide all potential or registered interested and affected parties, including the competent authority, access to project related information, access to the BA report which will be made available for a period of at least 30 days to submit comments on draft reports prior to submission of final reports for decision-making.</p>	<p><u>Notification of Basic Assessment (BA) process to be undertaken for application for Environmental Authorisation (EA) to be distributed using the following means:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • E-mail • Dedicated project page on the Savannah Environmental online stakeholder engagement platform • Post • Process notices placed at locations that are accessible to I&APs • Advertisement in the printed media. <p><u>Notification of availability of report and period for review using the following means:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Newspaper advert, including details of where the report can be accessed and details of the Savannah Environmental website. • Radio adverts on local radio station. • Notification letter (to be sent via email, fax or post) to registered I&APs. • Notifications to communities via Ward Councillor, ward committee members, identified and confirmed community representatives, and local community forum members. • SMS and/ or WhatsApp notifications where no other means are available. <p><u>Availability of reports for review:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reports available on the Savannah Environmental website for download. • Electronic copies can be made available to parties via a secure Dropbox link that will be emailed upon request for the documentation. • CDs to be posted, if requested. • Hard copy reports to be available only where appropriate sanitary conditions can be maintained.

Regulation	Approach & Methodology to meet requirements
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reports will be submitted to the DEA using the DEA online portal. • Reports will be submitted to Organs of State and commenting authorities via an agreed electronic platform (such as on CD, or via a secure Dropbox link). <p><u>Submission of comments to EAP:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comments will be able to be submitted directly to the EAP using the Savannah Environmental online stakeholder engagement platform. A customised reply form is available on this webpage. • The online platform allows for instant feedback and comments to be submitted, in so doing saving time for the stakeholder and also giving the assurance that their comments have been submitted for inclusion in the project reporting. • Written comments can also be submitted via email, post or fax. • Any comments provided telephonically or via instant message will be transcribed and recorded as formal comments. <p><u>Opportunity and means of consultation where applicable facilities are not available to I&APs:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Post. • Placement of process notices at accessible locations. • Placement of site Notices. • Advertisement in printed media (local newspaper). • Radio adverts (local radio). • Consultation and communication through the ward councillor, ward committee members and confirmed community representatives and local community forum members. • SMS or WhatsApp notification. • CDs to be posted, if requested (and where a computer is available). • Hard copy report where sanitary conditions can be maintained.

Regulation	Approach & Methodology to meet requirements
<p>Regulation 40(2) - Provide access to all project information that has the potential to influence any decision regarding the application, unless protected by law, and must include consultation with Competent Authority, Organs of State & registered I&APs.</p> <p>Regulation 41(6) – Relevant information available and accessible</p>	<p>Provision of project information and consultation via various means including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Telephonic consultation. • Email correspondence. • Correspondence sent via post. • SMS and/or WhatsApp. • The Savannah Environmental online stakeholder engagement platform will ensure that I&APs are afforded sufficient opportunity to participate in the project and raise comments on the project to any person with interest in the BA process for the projects. This online stakeholder engagement platform which will include the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A means to register on the project database and provide details of their interest in the project ○ Background information on the project ○ Project maps (including locality map, layout map, sensitivity map, landowner map, etc) ○ Photos of the project site and surrounds ○ Presentation with narration providing a summary of the project details and the findings of the BA ○ Posters providing a summary of the findings of the BA ○ A means of submitting written comment or queries. • Virtual meetings using an appropriate platform agreeable to all parties (such as Zoom, Skype or Teams). The meeting will be recorded and the attendees' details captured in an attendance register. Confirmation of their attendance will also be requested by e-mail and the correspondence will be included in the report. • Communities will be consulted via the relevant Ward Councillor, ward committee members, community representative or local community forum members, as determined and confirmed during the consultation process.

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	<p><u>Opportunity and means of consultation where applicable facilities are not available to I&APs:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Telephonic consultation • Post • SMS and/or WhatsApp • Consultation and communication through the ward councillor, ward committee members and confirmed community representatives and local community forum members.
Regulation 41(2)(a) – Site notice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Site notices will be placed at affected properties by the EAP, landowner or specialist, depending on specific travel restrictions applicable at the time. • Size and content will be in accordance with Regulation 41(3) & 41(4).
Regulation 41(2)(b) – Written notification to affected and neighbouring landowners and occupiers; municipality; ward councillors; Organs of State & other parties required by the CA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notification letter to be sent via email, fax or post. <p><u>Opportunity and means of consultation where applicable facilities are not available to I&APs:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Post. • SMS or WhatsApp notification.
Regulation 41(2)(c) – (e) – Advertisements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advert to be placed in a local newspaper. • Radio adverts will be used as alternative means based on the nature, extent of the projects and the demographics within the vicinity of the project location. • Process notices (A4 size) with site notice details will be placed at public places that are frequented by and accessible to community members during Alert Level 3.
Regulation 42 – Project database	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I&APs to be identified through a process of networking and referral, obtaining information from the Savannah Environmental existing stakeholder database, liaison with potentially affected parties in the greater surrounding area and a registration process involving the completion of a reply form. • Organs of State, key stakeholders and affected and surrounding landowners will be identified and registered on the project database.

Regulation	Approach & Methodology to meet requirements
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Other stakeholders will be required to formally register their interest in the project through either directly contacting the Savannah Environmental Public Participation team via email or fax or use of the Savannah Environmental website. • In order to access the Savannah Environmental online stakeholder engagement platform for a specific project, I&APs will be required to provide their details such that they are automatically registered on the project database. • The register of I&APs will contain the names of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ all persons who requested to be registered on the database through the use of the Savannah Environmental website, or in writing and disclosed their interest in the project; ○ all Organs of State which hold jurisdiction in respect of the activity to which the application relates; and ○ all persons who submitted written comments or attended virtual meetings and viewed virtual presentations on the Savannah Environmental website during the public participation process. • The information captured on the project database will contain the names, organisation and contact details, as required. <p><u>Opportunity and means of consultation where applicable facilities are not available to I&APs:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Process of networking and referral • Telephonic registration • SMS and/or WhatsApp • Fax or post
Regulation 44 – Comments to be recorded	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comments will be able to be submitted directly to the EAP using the Savannah Environmental online stakeholder engagement platform. A customised reply form is available on this webpage. • The Savannah Environmental online stakeholder engagement platform includes:

Regulation	Approach & Methodology to meet requirements
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A means to register on the project database and provide details of their interest in the project ○ A means of submitting written comment or queries. • The online platform allows for instant feedback and comments to be submitted, in so doing saving time for the stakeholder and also giving the assurance that their comments have been submitted for inclusion in the project reporting. • Written comments can also be submitted via email, post or fax. • Any comments provided telephonically or via instant message will be transcribed and recorded as formal comments. • I&APs without the applicable electronic facilities to access the Savannah Environmental website will be provided with the opportunity to submit their comments and communicate with the public participation team via SMS, WhatsApp or by sending a Please-call-me notification. These comments will be transcribed and recorded as formal comments. • All comments received throughout the EIA process will be acknowledged and captured in the comments and responses report (C&RR) with a relevant response. • The C&RR will be included each final report submitted to the CA. <p><u>Opportunity and means of consultation where applicable facilities are not available to I&APs:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Written comments via post or fax • Comment submission telephonically and instant messaging (SMS and/or WhatsApp) • Sending a Please-call-me notification to the Public Participation team so that contact can be made.
Regulation 4(2) – Notification of decision on application	<p><u>Notification of Environmental Authorisation (EA) using the following means:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notification letter with details as outlined in EA issued will be sent via email, fax or post.

Regulation	Approach & Methodology to meet requirements
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notification will be available on the Savannah Environmental website • Notifications that the EA has been issued and where to download and/or obtain a copy to communities via Ward Councillor and his/her ward committee members and identified and confirmed community representatives. • SMS or WhatsApp notification. <p><u>Opportunity and means of consultation where applicable facilities are not available to I&APs:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Post • Communication through the ward councillor, ward committee members and confirmed community representatives and local community forum members. • SMS and/or WhatsApp

**APPENDIX D:
APPROVAL OF THE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN**

Reuben Maroga

From: Reuben Maroga
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To: CMusemburi@environment.gov.za
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Subject: SE2545-Olifantshoek 132kV Power Line-Authority Correspondence: Follow-up on Approval of Public Participation Plan

Importance: High

Good Day Constance,

Just a follow-up on your approval email on the public participation plan for the Olifantshoek 132kV Power Line.

Thanks.

Best Regards



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**APPENDIX E:
CORRESPONDENCE FROM IQ REGARDING SUBMISSION OF
SPECIALIST REPORTS**

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From: Gideon Raath
Sent: Friday, July 3, 2020 11:51 AM
To: Arlene Singh; Lisa Opperman
Subject: FW: IQ/20/0242: RETRACTION: IQ/20/0140: Specialist protocols query
Attachments: Raumix Aggregates (Pty) Ltd v Richter Sand CC and Another (Oct 2019) - P....pdf

Importance: High

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Cc: EIAAdmin <EIAAdmin@environment.gov.za>; Betty Mdala <BMdala@environment.gov.za>; Alvan Gabriel <agabriel@environment.gov.za>; Dr Dee Fischer <DFischer@environment.gov.za>; Franz Scheepers <FScheepers@environment.gov.za>; Milicent Solomons <MSolomons@environment.gov.za>; Vusi Skosana <VSkosana@environment.gov.za>; Amanda Van Reenen <avanreenen@environment.gov.za>
Subject: IQ/20/0242: RETRACTION: IQ/20/0140: Specialist protocols query
Importance: High

Dear Gideon

Please note that, upon discussions with the Department's Directorate: Legal Support - NEMA and having taken into account the attached judgment and also having given due consideration to the effect of the national lockdown announced on 27 March 2020, the previous response to your query (IQ/20/0140, dated 21 May 2020) is herewith withdrawn.

It is the Department's view that, irrespective of whether an application has been submitted or not, before 9 May 2020 - if the specialist assessment affected by any of the protocols was commissioned before 9 May 2020, then the applicant is allowed to continue and submit documents for decision-making, which do not need to comply with the requirements of the protocols. Proof that the specialist work was outsourced before 9 May 2020, is deemed to be sufficient to allow this, on a case by case basis and you are strongly advised to liaise with the relevant competent authority in this regard.

For the DEFF, kindly contact EIAAdmin@environment.gov.za for further guidance.

Regards
Chantal Engelbrecht

From: IQ
Sent: Thursday, 21 May 2020 21:08
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Subject: IQ/20/0140: Specialist protocols query

Dear Gideon,

Please find highlighted in yellow the responses to your query, as provided by Mr Gabriel.

Should you have any queries regarding the implementation of GNR 320, please do not hesitate to contact Alvan Gabriel (agabriel@environment.gov.za) or Dr Dee Fischer (dfischer@environment.gov.za)

Regards

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Sent: Friday, 24 April 2020 12:19
To: IQ <IQ@environment.gov.za>; Chantal Engelbrecht <CEngelbrecht@environment.gov.za>; Franz Scheepers <FScheepers@environment.gov.za>
Cc: Jo-Anne Thomas <joanne@savannahsa.com>; Karen Jodas <karen@savannahsa.com>; Ethanne Soar <Ethanne@savannahsa.com>; Lisa Opperman <lisa.o@savannahsa.com>
Subject: Specialist protocols query

Good day IQ, Chantal and Franz,

We are hoping to gain some clarity around the transitional arrangements applicable to the gazetted protocols for specialist studies (attached).:

- For processes that are ongoing, are there any transitions envisaged, or is it simply all before and all after the 50 day kick-in date that applies? The specialist assessment must meet the requirements of the protocols after 9 May 2020. On application for an EA post 9 May 2020, should these requirements not be met, an application would be incomplete and the requirements would need to be met. It is important that proponents engage with competent authorities prior to submitting these applications to ensure that proponents are proceeding appropriately.
- Secondly, at what point or step in the process is the 50 day kick in relevant to – i.e. to the date of fieldwork conducted for specialist, or the date of the application form submission, for example? From 9 May 2020 the protocols will apply - any parts which are deficient will need to be done to fulfil the requirements of the protocols.

Thanks,



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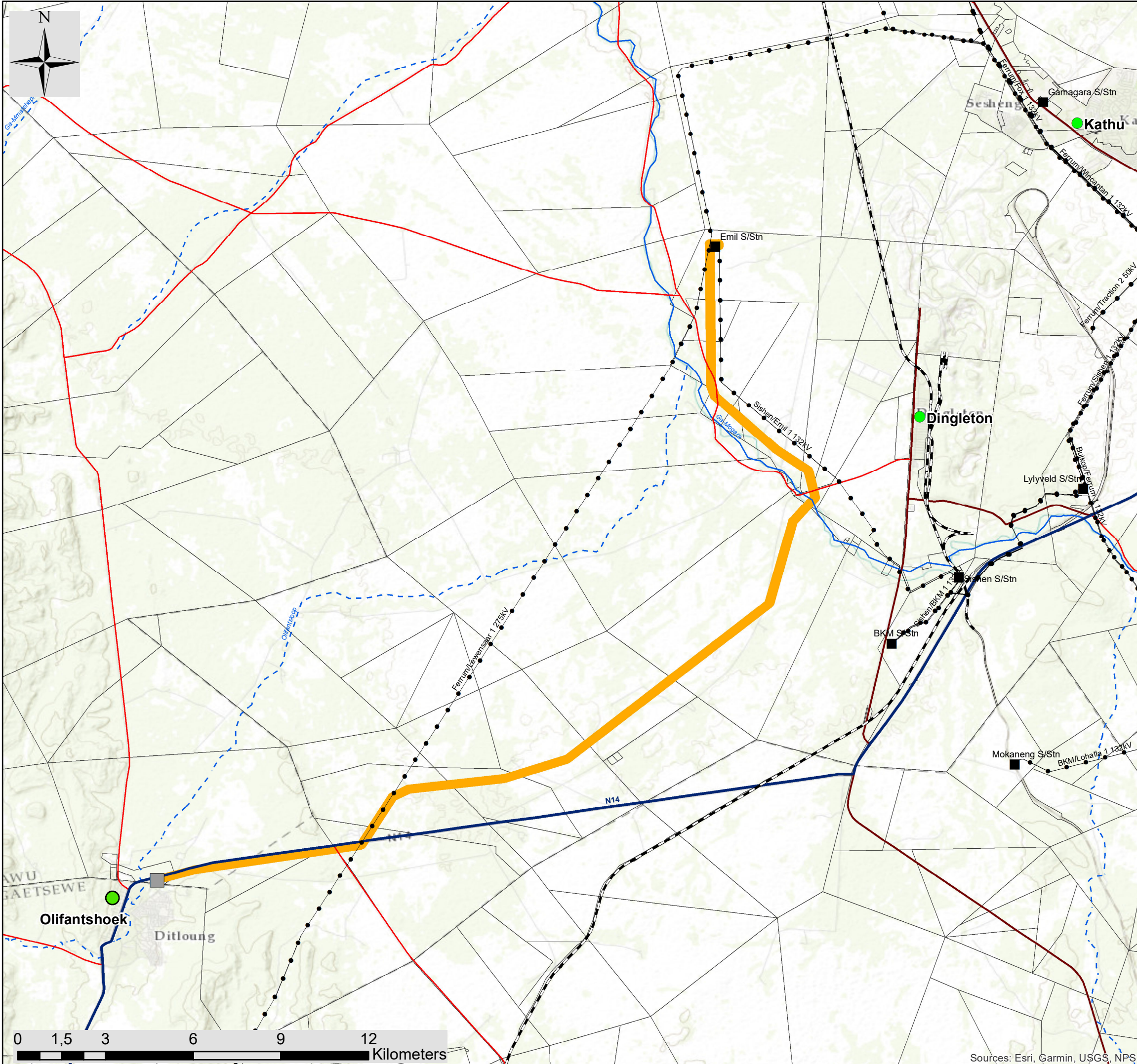
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**APPENDIX F:
LOCALITY AND SENSITIVITY MAPS**



Olifantshoek 132kV Power Line, Northern Cape Province

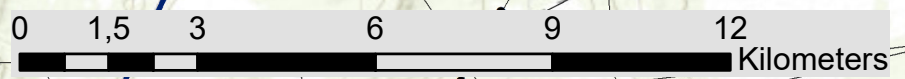
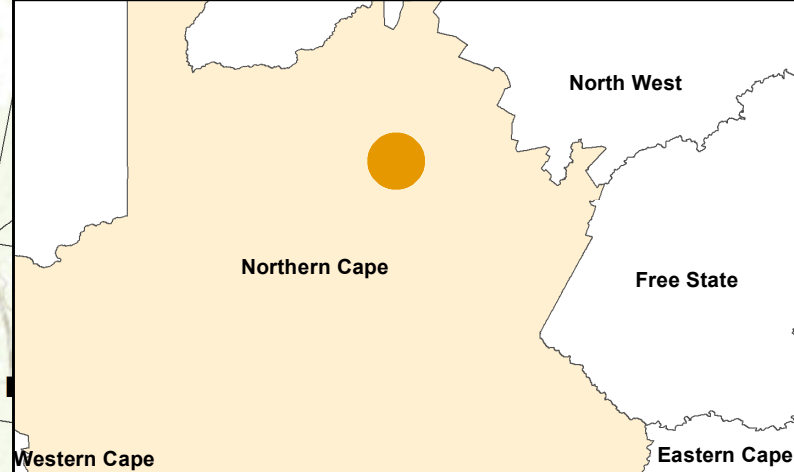
Locality Map

Legend

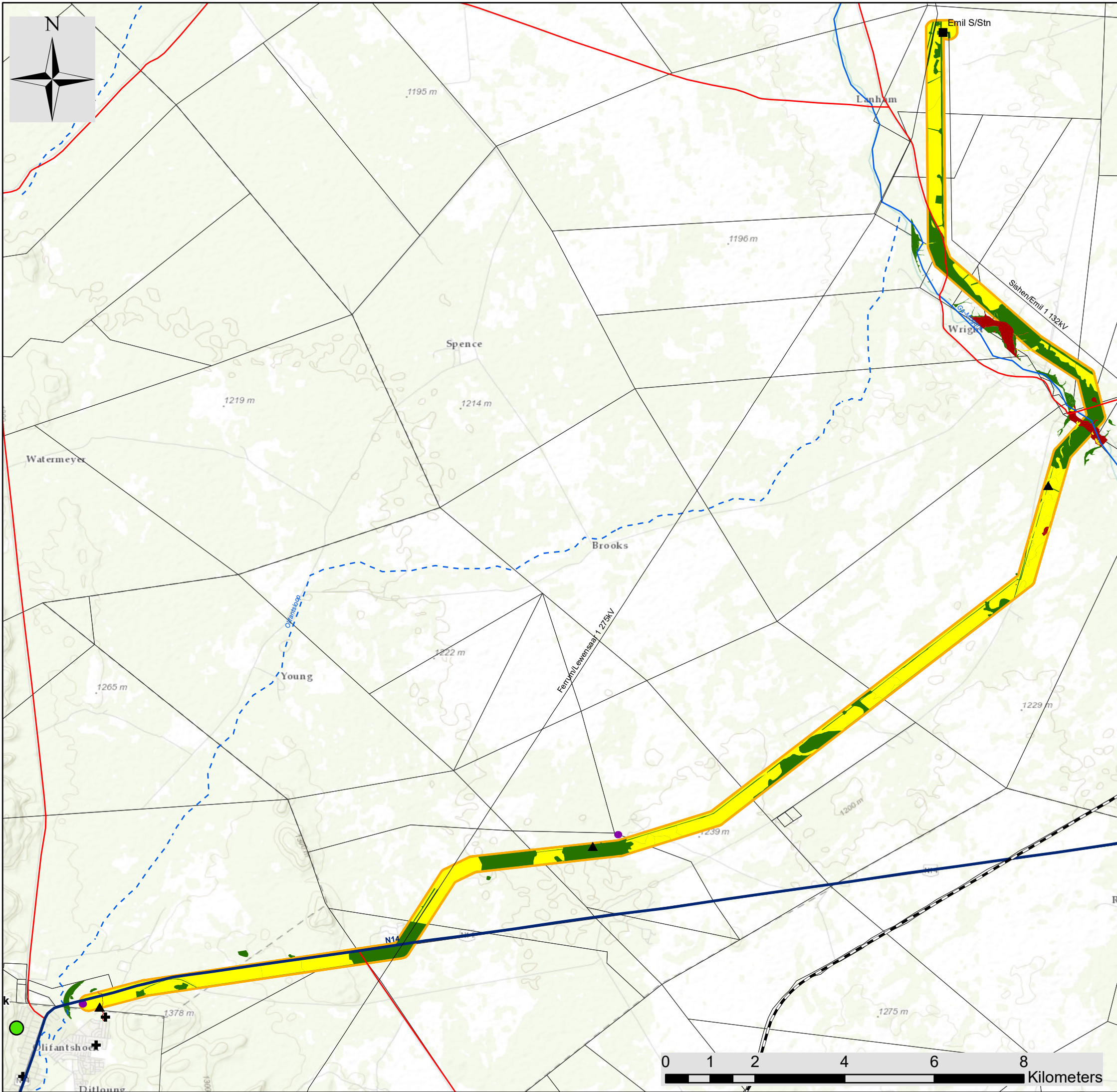
- Town
- Eskom Substation
- Eskom Power Line
- - - Railway Line
- National Road
- Regional Road
- Main Road
- Perennial River
- - - Non-perennial River
- Grid Connection Corridor (300m)
- Authorised Olifantshoek Substation
- Farm Portions



Scale: 1: 127 750
 Projection: LO19
 Map ref: Olifantshoek Locality Map - 29.06.20



Sources: Esri, Garmin, USGS, NPS

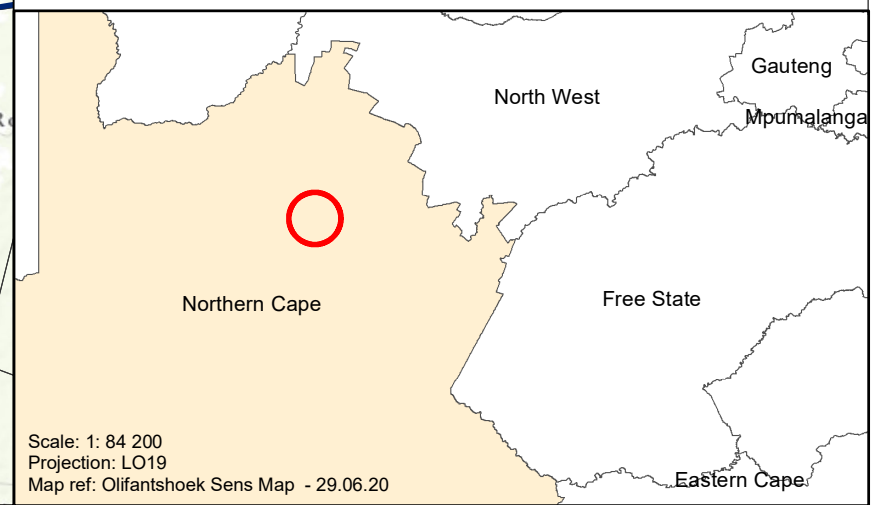


Olifantshoek 132kV Powe Line, Northern Cape Province

Environmental Sensitivity Map

Legend

- Town
 - Eskom Substation
 - Eskom Power Line
 - National Road
 - Regional Road
 - Main Road
 - Perennial River
 - - - Non-perennial River
 - Grid Connection Corridor (300m)
 - Farm Portions
-
- ### Environmental Sensitivity
- + Cemetery (Heritage No-Go)
 - ▲ Archaeological Resource (Low Significance)
 - Unmarked Grave 50m Buffer (Heritage No-Go)
 - High Sensitivity (Ecology, Freshwater & Avifauna - No-Go)
 - Medium Sensitivity (Ecology, Freshwater & Avifauna)
 - Low Sensitivity (Ecology, Freshwater & Avifauna)
 - Transformed Areas



Scale: 1: 84 200
 Projection: LO19
 Map ref: Olifantshoek Sens Map - 29.06.20

Reuben Maroga

From: Lerato Mokoena <LMokoena@environment.gov.za>
Sent: Thursday, 16 July 2020 09:00
To: Reuben Maroga
Cc: Lisa Opperman; Constance Musemburi
Subject: RE: SE2545-Olifantshoek 132kV Power Line-Authority Correspondence: Submission of Pre-Application Meeting Notes
Attachments: SE2545-Olif132kVPL-Pre-AppMeetingNotes-Final-RM-13.07.2020.pdf

Dear Reuben

Please note that the proposed PPP Plan is acceptable to the Department and you may continue as proposed.

Regards

Lerato Mokoena

From: Reuben Maroga [mailto:reuben@savannahsa.com]
Sent: Monday, 13 July 2020 3:01 PM
To: Constance Musemburi <CMusemburi@environment.gov.za>
Cc: Lerato Mokoena <LMokoena@environment.gov.za>; Lisa Opperman <lisa.o@savannahsa.com>
Subject: SE2545-Olifantshoek 132kV Power Line-Authority Correspondence: Submission of Pre-Application Meeting Notes

Hi Constance,

Please see attached for your records the pre-application meeting notes for the pre-application meeting held last week Tuesday for the Olifantshoek 132kV Power Line. Let me know if you have any queries, I will be glad to assist.

Best Regards

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Reuben Maroga

From: Constance Musemburi <CMusemburi@environment.gov.za>
Sent: Monday, 13 July 2020 15:45
To: Reuben Maroga; Lerato Mokoena
Subject: RE: SE2545-Olifantshoek 132kV Power Line-Authority Correspondence: Pre-Application Meeting

Dear Reuben

Please note that the signed register will be sent to you in due course, at the moment we do not have access to printer and scanner.

Regards

Constance

From: Reuben Maroga [mailto:reuben@savannahsa.com]
Sent: 13 July 2020 12:49 PM
To: Constance Musemburi <CMusemburi@environment.gov.za>; Lerato Mokoena <LMokoena@environment.gov.za>
Subject: RE: SE2545-Olifantshoek 132kV Power Line-Authority Correspondence: Pre-Application Meeting
Importance: High

Hi Constance and Lerato,

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Your feedback will be most appreciated.

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Cc: LMokoena@environment.gov.za; Lisa Opperman <lisa.o@savannahsa.com>
Subject: SE2545-Olifantshoek 132kV Power Line-Authority Correspondence: Pre-Application Meeting
Importance: High

Hi Attendees,

Please see attached for the purpose of the meeting scheduled for 12PM today the following;

- i. Attendance Register – please complete this and revert to me with the scanned version of the document.

- ii. Project Locality & Sensitivity Map – only for your reference

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From: Constance Musemburi <CMusemburi@environment.gov.za>
Sent: Tuesday, 07 July 2020 09:14
To: Reuben Maroga
Cc: Lerato Matlakala; Lisa Opperman
Subject: RE: SE2545-Olifantshoek 132kV Power Line-Authority Correspondence: Public Participation Plan for Pre-Application Meeting

Dear Reuben

Received. Thank you.

Regards

Constance

From: Reuben Maroga [mailto:reuben@savannahsa.com]
Sent: 06 July 2020 03:40 PM
To: Constance Musemburi <CMusemburi@environment.gov.za>
Cc: Lerato Matlakala <LMatlakala@tourism.gov.za>; Lisa Opperman <lisa.o@savannahsa.com>
Subject: SE2545-Olifantshoek 132kV Power Line-Authority Correspondence: Public Participation Plan for Pre-Application Meeting
Importance: High

Hi Constance,

Please see attached for your reference and consideration the proposed public participation plan for the pre-application meeting scheduled for tomorrow at 12PM mid-day. The plan will be discussed in detail in the meeting.

Thanks.

Best Regards
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From: Constance Musemburi <CMusemburi@environment.gov.za>
Sent: Monday, 06 July 2020 11:35
To: Reuben Maroga
Subject: Accepted: Pre-application Meeting for the Olifantshoek 132kV Power Line

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Reuben Maroga

From: Constance Musemburi <CMusemburi@environment.gov.za>
Sent: Thursday, 02 July 2020 14:40
To: Jo-Anne Thomas
Cc: Lerato Mokoena; Lisa Pizzut-Nel; Reuben Maroga
Subject: RE: Pre-App Meeting: Olifantshoek 132kV Power Line, Northern Cape

Dear Lisa and Reuben

The Departments notes your availability for the Pre-app meeting on 07 July 2020 via MS Teams. Please send the MS Teams invite/request to us for the meeting, then we will join on the date.

Regards

Constance

From: Jo-Anne Thomas [mailto:joanne@savannahsa.com]
Sent: 29 June 2020 08:51 AM
To: Constance Musemburi <CMusemburi@environment.gov.za>
Cc: Lerato Mokoena <LMokoena@environment.gov.za>; Ephron Maradwa <EMaradwa@environment.gov.za>
Subject: RE: Pre-App Meeting: Olifantshoek 132kV Power Line, Northern Cape
Importance: High

Dear Constance,

Thank you for your email. I can confirm that we are available for this meeting. Please can you send a meeting request. Please copy lisa@savannahsa.com and reuben@savannahsa.com

Kind regards

Jo-Anne

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Sent: Friday, 26 June 2020 14:24
To: Jo-Anne Thomas <joanne@savannahsa.com>
Cc: Lerato Mokoena <LMokoena@environment.gov.za>; Ephron Maradwa <EMaradwa@environment.gov.za>
Subject: Pre-App Meeting: Olifantshoek 132kV Power Line, Northern Cape

Dear Joanne

Your request for a pre-application meeting for the abovementioned application, received by the Department on 23 June 2020 refer;

Please note that the Department will be available on 07 July 2020 at 12hrs. Please confirm your availability on this date.

Regards

Constance

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