

## APPENDIX B      STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT RECORDS

- B1.      Stakeholder Database
- The database of registered Interested and Affected Parties was updated throughout the EIA Process.
- B2.      Notification letter
- A Stakeholder Notification letter was sent to all Interested and Affected Parties indicating the release of the Draft Scoping Report for comments and the associated commenting period. Notification letters were distributed as follows:
    - B2.1. Notification Letter sent to Interested and Affected Parties via Email and
    - B2.2. Notification Letters sent to Interested and Affected Parties via Registered post.
- B3.      Site Notices
- Site notices providing an outline of the project, commenting period, process to register as an Interested and Affected Party and submit comments were erected on 29 January 2019. Site notices were erected in IsiZulu and English at the following sites:
    - B3.1. Pipeline Beach;
    - B3.2. Kingsburgh Library and
    - B3.3. Amanzimtoti Library.
- B4.      Newspaper Advertisements
- Advertisements providing an outline of the project, commenting period, process to register as an Interested and Affected Party and submit comments were published on 31 January 2019. Advertisements were published as follows:
    - B4.1. An isiZulu Advertisement was published in Isolezwe Newspaper and
    - B4.2. An English Advertisement was published in the South Coast Sun Newspaper.
- B5.      Authority Communication
- Communication between Commenting Authorities and the EAP have been included. Proof of communication and requests for comments have been included.

- B6. Comments Received
- Copies of all comments received during the Project commenting periods have been included.
- B7. Final Scoping Report Notifications
- B7.1 Submission of Final Scoping Report :  
A notification letter was sent via email to all registered Interested and Affected Parties indicating that the Final Scoping Report had been submitted to the Department of Environmental Affairs.
  - B7.2 Acceptance of Final Scoping Report :  
A notification was sent via email to all registered Interested and Affected Parties indicating that the Final Scoping Report had been accepted by the Department of Environmental Affairs.
- B8. Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report Notification
- A notification was sent to all I&AP's indicating the release of the Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report for comments.

**APPENDIX B1      STAKEHOLDER DATABASE**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Organisation Name</b>
<b>Landowner</b>		
Diane van Rensburg	Senior technical Planner and EIA hub for City	eThekweni Metropolitan Municipality
<b>Authorities</b>		
Sue Middleton	Chief Director: Fisheries Operational Support	Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries
Ms S. Ndundane	Deputy Director General: Fisheries Management	Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries
Mr Belemane Semoli	Aquaculture Delivery Unit	Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries
Kishan Sankar	Aquaculture Delivery Unit	Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries
Michelle Pretorius	Aquaculture and Economic Development	Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries
Andrea Bernatzeder	Aquaculture and Economic Development	Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries
Professor Edith Vries	The Director General: Agriculture	Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries
M.A Ngadlala	Director	Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries: International Relations Fisheries
Barry Turner	Director: Authorizations and Waste Disposal Management	Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA)
Mpho Tshitangoni	Waste Disposal Management	Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA)
Nigel Gwynne-Evans	Chief Director: African Integration and Industrial DeTrade and Sectors De	Department of Economic Development and Tourism (DEDAT)
Shonisani Munzhedzi	Deputy Director-General: Coastal and Biodiversity Conservation	Department of Environmental Affairs: Oceans and Coasts
Millicent Solomon	Director	Department of Environmental Affairs: Integrated Environmental Authorisations
Nosipho Ngcaba	Director General	Department of Environmental Affairs
Muhammad Essop		Department of Environmental Affairs: Integrated Environmental Authorisations
<b>Thando Boo</b>	<b>Case Officer</b>	Department of Environmental Affairs: Integrated Environmental Authorisations
Nyiko Nkosi	Attended Pre-App Meeting	Department of Environmental Affairs: Integrated Environmental Authorisations
Wilma Lutsch	Director	Department of Environmental Affairs: Biodiversity
Nitasha Baijnath-Pillay	Directorate: Coastal Pollution Management	Department of Environmental Affairs: Oceans and Coast Permitting
Rueben Molale	Directorate: Coastal Pollution Management	Department of Environmental Affairs: Oceans & Coasts
L Mudau		Department of Environmental Affairs: Biodiversity Oceans and Coast Division
Gqobani Popose	Director: Oceans Conservation Strategies	Department of Environmental Affairs: Oceans and Coasts
Dr Monde Mayekiso	Deputy Director General	Department of Environmental Affairs : Oceans and Coasts
Mr Lindelani Mudau	Chief Directorate: Integrated Coastal Management	Department of Environmental Affairs : Oceans and Coasts
Potlako Khati	Chief Director: Integrated Coastal Management and Development (CD: IC	Department of Environmental Affairs : Oceans and Coasts
Mr Chumani Mangcu	Directorate: Administration Support	Department of Environmental Affairs : Oceans and Coasts
Alan Boyd	Oceans and Coasts	Department of Environmental Affairs : Oceans and Coasts
Andy Cockroft	Ocean and Coasts	Department of Environmental Affairs : Oceans and Coasts
Dr Yazeed Peterson	Coastal Pollution Management: Director	Department of Environmental Affairs : Oceans and Coasts
Xola Mkefe	Coastal Biodiversity Conservations : Director	Department of Environmental Affairs : Oceans and Coasts
Lindelani Madau	Coastal Conservation Strategy: Director	Department of Environmental Affairs : Oceans and Coasts
Dee Fischer	Integrated Environmental Management: Chief Director	Department of Environmental Affairs : Oceans and Coasts
Sabelo Malaza	Chief Director: Integrated Environmental authorisation	Department of Environmental Affairs : Oceans and Coasts

Ishaam Abader	Deputy Director General: Legal Authorisations, Compliance and Enforcement	Department of Environmental Affairs : Oceans and Coasts
Andre Share	Chief Director	Department of Environmental Affairs Integrated Coastal Management - Oceans and Coasts
Funanani Ditinti	Acting Chief Director	Department of Environmental Affairs Integrated Coastal Management - Oceans and Coasts
Alan Boyd	Director	Department of Environmental Affairs: Oceans and Coasts
Siyanda Matomela	Human Settlements	Department of Human Settlements
Ms R Sadiki	Acting Director-General	Department of Land Affairs
Deidre Watkins	Deputy Director: Mine Environmental Management	Department of Mineral Resources
Ossie Lamb	Property Management	Department of Public Works
Hester Lyons		Department of Water and Sanitation
Barbara Weston	Deputy Director: Resources Directed Measures	Department of Water and Sanitation
Thembi Mafilela	Directorate: Water Sector Support	Department of Water and Sanitation
Mrs Ashia Petersen	Directorate: Regulations : Acting: Chief Executive Officer	Department of Water and Sanitation
Ms B Hene	Director	Department of Water and Sanitation
Wilna Moolman	Assistant Director	Department of Water and Sanitation
Ms Notmbi Madibe	Acting Water Quality Area manager	Department of Water and Sanitation
Shereen Whitby	Deputy Director: Resource Directed Measures	Department of Water and Sanitation
Coleen Munsamy		Department of Water and Sanitation
Sandra Graham	Deputy Director: Water Quality Management	Department of Water and Sanitation
Peter Roberts	Environmental Health	Department of Water and Sanitation
Neo Leburu	Acting Environmental Control Officer	Department of Water and Sanitation
Ms Margaret-Anne Diedricks	Director General	Department of Water and Sanitation
Mr Pule Godfrey PG Selepe	Director General	National Government: Department of Transport
Phumla Ngesi	Manager: Environmental Compliance	Petroleum Agency South Africa
Ragna Redelstorff		South African heritage Resources Agency
Lesla La Grange	Acting Manager: Maritime and Underwater Cultural Heritage Team	South African heritage Resources Agency
Briege Williams	Heritage Officer: Maritime and Underwater Cultural Heritage Team	South African heritage Resources Agency
Nigel Campbell	Acting Regional Manager	South African Maritime Safety Authority (SAMSA)
Ms Debbie James	Asst. to Regional Man & Office Admin	South African Maritime Safety Authority (SAMSA)
Mr H Esterhuizen	Ship Surveyor (Saldanha)	South African Maritime Safety Authority (SAMSA)
David Manley	Principal Officer	South African Maritime Safety Authority (SAMSA)
Mr Martin Slabber	Principal Officer (Saldanha)	South African Maritime Safety Authority (SAMSA)
Mr Malcolm Nelson		SA Navy Hydrographic Office
Theo Stokes	Captain - South African Navy	SA Navy Hydrographic Office
<b>Provincial Authorities</b>		
Mavis Padayachee	District Manager and Environmental Management Inspector	KZN Department of Economic Development, Tourism & Environmental Affairs
Nombulelo Zungu	Assistant Manager	KZN Department of Economic Development, Tourism & Environmental Affairs
Yugeshni Govender	EIA Division	KZN Department of Economic Development, Tourism and Environmental Affairs
Natasha Brijlal	EIA Division	KZN Department of Economic Development, Tourism and Environmental Affairs
Karen Moodley	Forestry regulations and support	KZN Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries
Vanessa Maclou	Senior Manager	Deputy Director: Resources Directed Measures

<b>Municipality: KwaZulu Natal</b>		
Diane van Rensburg	Senior technical Planner and EIA hub for City	eThekwini Metropolitan Municipality
KM Jaggeth	Environmental Management: Pollution	eThekwini Metropolitan Municipality
Sibusiso Shange	Professional Technologist for Island View Area	eThekwini Metropolitan Municipality
Logan Moodley	Deputy Strategic Transport Planner	eThekwini Metropolitan Municipality
Zibuse Ngcece	Department of Fire	eThekwini Metropolitan Municipality
Greg Evans	Head of Engineering Department	eThekwini Metropolitan Municipality
Nomvelo Mthembu	PA - Greg Evans	eThekwini Metropolitan Municipality
Goefrey Pullan	Environmental committee - Democratic Alliance	eThekwini Metropolitan Municipality
Sebenzile Zenzile	Councillor	eThekwini Metropolitan Municipality
Michelle Lotz	Regional Coordinator Biodiversity Impact Assessment	eThekwini Metropolitan Municipality
Aubrey Snyman	Ward Councillor ward 68/Democratic Alliance	eThekwini Metropolitan Municipality
Diane van Rensburg	Biodiversity Impact Assessment	eThekwini Metropolitan Municipality
Steve Ferreira	Manager	eThekwini Metropolitan Municipality
Kheswa Johnson	Environmental Manager: Pollution - Bluff	eThekwini Metropolitan Municipality
Bonga Mathonsi	Director Executive: Brighton Beach SAPS	eThekwini Metropolitan Municipality
John Forbes	Environmental Manager	eThekwini Metropolitan Municipality
Gavin Hegter	Councillor - Bluff Area	eThekwini Metropolitan Municipality
Debra Roberts	Climate protection unit	eThekwini Metropolitan Municipality
Wilfred Mkhwanazi	Manager	eThekwini Metropolitan Municipality - Disaster Management
Jamila Ndovela	Manager	eThekwini Metropolitan Municipality - Disaster Management
Carlos Esteves	Deputy Head Ethekwini Transport Authority	Ethekwini Transport authority
Nerissa Pillay	IEM Technician	Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife
<b>NGOS &amp; Nature Conservation groups</b>		
Simon Gear	Policy & Advocacy	Birdlife SA
Rico Eurpidou	Chairperson	GroundWork - Friends of the Earth SA
Bobby Peek	Director	GroundWork - Friends of the Earth SA
Dr Kerry Sink	Marine Program Manager	South African National Biodiversity Institute
Desmond D'Sa	Office Coordinator	South Durban Community Environmental Alliance (SDCEA)
Shanice Gomes	Environmental education officer	South Durban Community Environmental Alliance (SDCEA)
Zakia Kikia-Khan	Board Member	South Durban Community Environmental Alliance (SDCEA)
Dr S Plon (Stephanie)	Marine Mammal Scientist	SA Institute for Aquatic Biodiversity (SAIAB)
Khalid Mather	Environmental Activist	Wildlands Conservation Trust
Samantha Petersen	Manager	WWF South Africa
Judy Main	Manager	South African Association for Marine Biological Research
Jade Maggs	Oceanographic Research Institute	South African Association for Marine Biological Research
Dave Watts	Maritime consultant	South African Association of Freight Forwarders
Morgan Griffiths	Conservation department	WESSA
Mr Mike Denison	-	WESSA
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<b>Fisheries</b>		
Suleiman Salie	Chairman	Fish SA
Steve Cameron Dow	Chairman	Fresh Tuna Exporters Association
Wally Croome		South African Commercial Line Fishing Association
Richard Ball	Secretary	South African Tuna Longline Association

Johann Augustyn	Chairman	South African Deep-Sea Trawling Industry Association
Dr Dino Moodaley	Chairman	South African Squid Management Industrial Association
<b>Others</b>		
Lindiwe Msomi	HR Manager	Amafa KwaZulu-Natal
Lynn Erasmus	Member	Bluff CPS
Business report editor	Journalist	Business Report
Lee D'Eathe	Owner	Business Unusual
Baxolile Zwane	Managing Director	Caurus Energy
Rishi Singh	President	Clairwood Ratepayers and Residents Association
Judy Bell	Member	Coast Watch
Glen Govender	Business development Manager	Commercial Waste SA
Erika du Plessis	Ward Councillor	Democratic Alliance (DA)
Charlie Else	Manager	Electrowave SA
Josette Oberholzer	Environmental Officer	Enviropro
Dheena Govender	Senior Manager	Enviroserv
Tony Carnie	Journalist	Freelance Environmental journalist
Bonke Dumisa	Advocate	High Court
Thomas Ngomane	News Editor	Ilanga News
Deena Pillay	Journalist	Independent Journalist
Barbara Cole	Journalist	Independent Journalist
Johan Malan	Manager	Industrial Oleochemical Products
Brian Akoon	Materials Specialist	Isegen South Africa (Pty) Ltd
Theuns Badenhorst	Portfolio Manager	Ithala Bank
Zaziwe Zondi	Property Manager	Ithala Bank
Ferhana Dickens	Finance Director	Melron Group
Grant Howes	Sales Rep	Valve and Automation
Stuart Collett	I&AP	I&AP
Liz Coxen	I&AP	I&AP
S. Dannhauser	I&AP	I&AP
Samantha Enslin	I&AP	I&AP
Gary Glen	I&AP	I&AP
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Ros Grandin	I&AP	I&AP
Joey Grimett	I&AP	I&AP
Ted Holden	I&AP	I&AP
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Deshnee Sukdeo	I&AP	I&AP
Steven van Wyk	I&AP	I&AP
Virginia Waldeck	I&AP	I&AP
Ronald Wicks	I&AP	I&AP

Dave Woest	I&AP	I&AP
John Forbes	I&AP	I&AP
Earl Baillache	Journalist	South Coast Sun



## **APPENDIX B2      NOTIFICATION LETTER**

B2.1. Notification Letter Sent to Interested and Affected Parties via Email

B2.2. Notification Letter Sent to Interested and Affected Parties via Registered  
Post

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INTERESTED AND AFFECTED PARTIES VIA  
EMAIL**

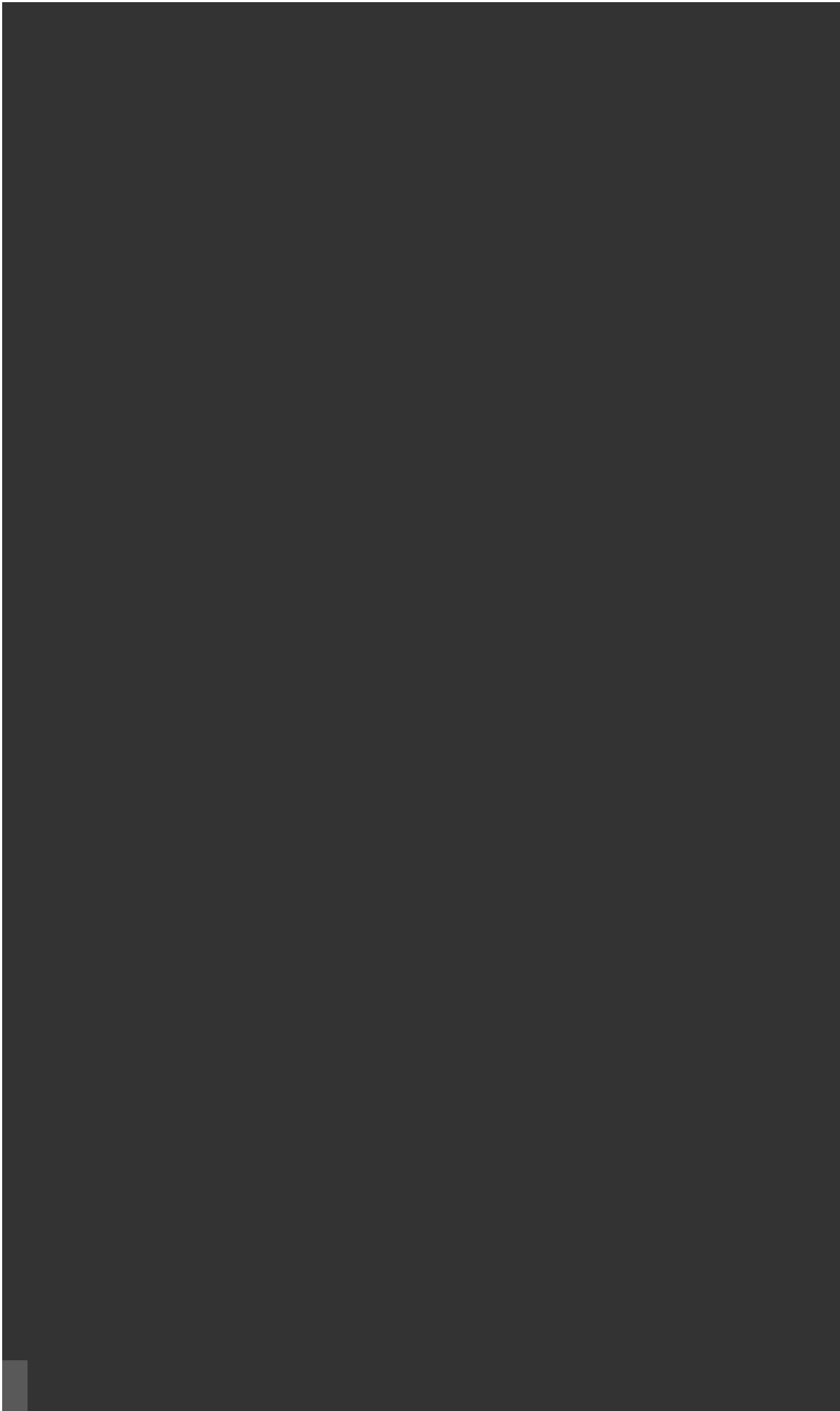
**Notification of the release of the Draft Scoping Report in terms of the National Environmental Management Act No 107 of 1998 and Opportunity to register as a Stakeholder for the METISS Subsea Cable System**

ERM South Africa METISS ESIA

Thu 2019/01/31 3:13 PM

**Bcc**







 1 attachments (251 KB)

Stakeholders Letter.pdf;

Dear Stakeholder,

You are hereby notified of the availability of the Draft Scoping Report for the METISS Subsea Cable System to be landed in Pipeline Beach, Amanzimtoti, Kwa Zulu Natal.

You are invited to submit your comments on the Draft Scoping Report to ERM on or before **4 March 2019**. The report is available electronically at [www.erm.com/metiss-fibre-optic-submarine-cable-system](http://www.erm.com/metiss-fibre-optic-submarine-cable-system) and has been placed in numerous public places as per the attached letter.

If required, ERM will be available in the Amanzimtoti from **1-2 March 2019** for “one-on-one” engagement sessions with key stakeholders. Should you wish to be part of the engagement sessions, please contact ERM on or before **15 February 2019**. The venue for the “one-on-one” engagement sessions will be confirmed.

Kindly contact us directly as detailed below should you wish to be registered or de-registered from receiving any further information during the Public Participation Process. Correspondence in this regard should preferably be via email or telephonically.

**Stakeholder Engagement Coordinator:** Reinett Mogotshi

**Contact via-**

**Email:** [metiss-subseacable-eia@erm.com](mailto:metiss-subseacable-eia@erm.com)

**Post:** Postnet Suite 90, Private Bag X12, Tokai, 7966

**Tel:** 021 681 5400

**Website:** [www.erm.com/metiss-fibre-optic-submarine-cable-system](http://www.erm.com/metiss-fibre-optic-submarine-cable-system)

We look forward to your participation in this process.

Yours Sincerely,

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31 January 2019



ERM Ref: 0482086

Dear Stakeholder,

**RE: Draft Scoping Report for the METISS Subsea Cable System to be landed in Amanzimtoti, KwaZulu-Natal.**

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The Project will provide additional telecommunications capacity to South African users through a fibre optic cable of approximately 3,200 km in length and deliver a boost to bandwidth between the respective countries, providing a connection speed of 24 terabytes per second. The anticipated METISS subsea cable footprint within the South African waters is approximately 538 km (inclusive of Territorial Waters and Economic Exclusive Zone (EEZ)). The system includes a 14 mm to 35 mm diameter subsea cable that will enter the South African EEZ (approximately 370 km from the seashore) and continue through Territorial Waters (approximately 22 km from the seashore), to a landing site at Amanzimtoti Pipeline Beach in KwaZulu-Natal.

In terms of the National Environmental Management Act (Act 107 of 1998, as amended) (NEMA) and the 2014 NEMA EIA Regulations as amended in Government Notice (GN) R324, R325, R326 and R327 on 7 April 2017, a Scoping and EIA Process is required for the Project. Environmental Resources Management South Africa (Pty) Ltd (ERM) has been appointed to manage the Scoping and EIA Process.

Notice is hereby given that the Draft Scoping Report is available for comment, and can emailed to you on request from ERM.

The report is available as detailed below for the period **1 February 2019 to 4 March 2019 (i.e. a 30 day comment period)**.

<b>Place</b>	Amanzimtoti Library • 1 Riverside Road, Amanzimtoti, 4126
	Kingsburgh Library • 1 Hall Road, Warner Beach, Amanzimtoti, 4126
<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://www.erm.com/metiss-fibre-optic-submarine-cable-system">www.erm.com/metiss-fibre-optic-submarine-cable-system</a>

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Please note that all future communication around the Project and reports requiring review will be made available to registered stakeholders.

We look forward to your participation in this process.

Yours sincerely



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**APPENDIX B2.2. NOTIFICATION LETTER SENT TO  
INTERESTED AND AFFECTED PARTIES VIA  
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31 January 2019



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**Proof of Postage**

This hereby confirms that notification letters RE: Draft Scoping Report for the METISS Subsea Cable System to be landed in Amanzimtoti, KwaZulu-Natal, have been posted to the following individuals:

Mr Andy Gubb  
Wildlife & Environment Society of SA (WESSA)  
Western Cape Region



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Laura Conde  
WESSA



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Mr Pule Godfrey Selepe  
National Government: Department of Transport



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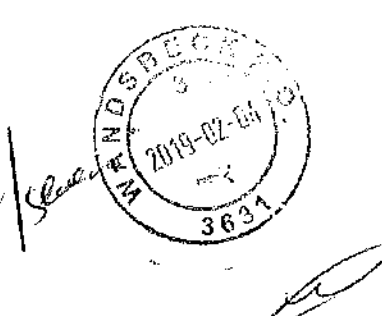
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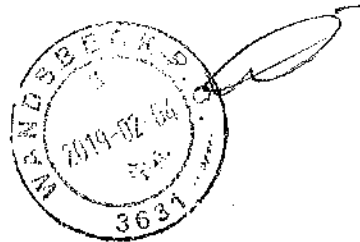
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KZN Department of Economic Development, Tourism & Environmental Affairs



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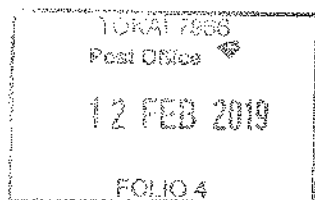
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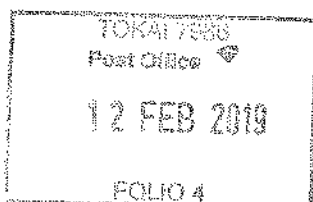
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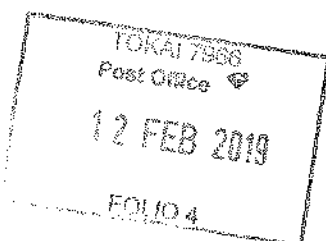
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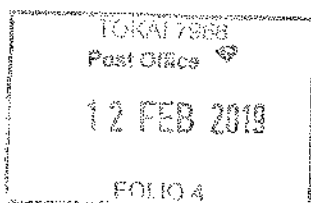
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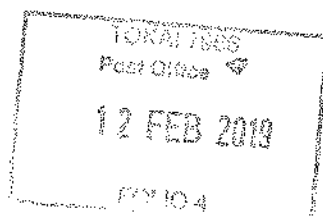
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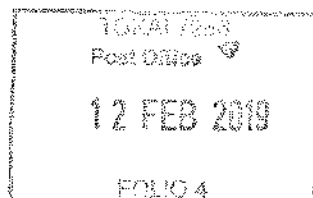
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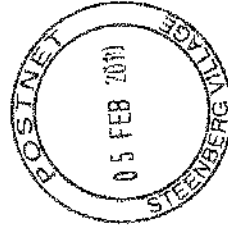
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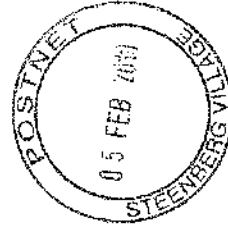
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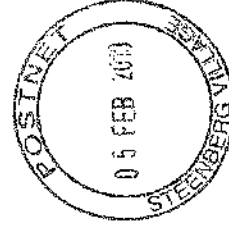
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## **APPENDIX B3**

## **SITE NOTICES**

- B3.1. Site Notices at Pipeline Beach
- B3.2. Site Notices at Kingsburgh Library
- B3.3. Site Notices at Amanzimtoti Library

**APPENDIX B3.1. SITE NOTICES AT PIPELINE BEACH**

Inombolo Yereferensi ye-ERM: 0482088

### Ukuhlolwa Komthelela Emvelweni Kohlelo Lwe-METISS Lwekhebuli Langaphansi Kolwandle

#### Isimemo Sokubhalisa Kanye Nokuphawula Ngo Mbiko Wokukala Ubungako Owuhlaka

##### Isendlelo Seprojekthi

Uhlelo Lwekhebuli Langaphansi Kolwandle wuhlelo lwekhebuli le-fibre optic elizakuma i-Mauritius ne-Ningizimu Afrika lidule e-Madagascar, nase Réunion Island. Iprojekthi izokhokelela ngomvelo ezokufumana ngocingo egebwe kubasbenzi baseNingizimu Afrika ngokubandakanya ihebuli le-fibre optic elisise libe wu-3,200 km ukuze futhi landise ububano bebhendi phakathi kwilawa mazwe abalwa.

Izinye zeNingizimu Afrika zeProjekthi ibandakanya ukufakela kanye nomsebenzi wohlelo lwe-METISS lwekhebuli le-fibre optic langaphansi kolwandle okungama-538 km ngobude. Uhlelo lubandakanya ihebuli langaphansi kolwandle elingamadiyethi awu-14 ukuya ku-26 mm elingaphansi eManteni Yomnotho Okhulile yeNingizimu Afrika (oshe u-372 km), ngokuhamba sidute eManteni eMingosile (oshe u-22 km) lya andweni yokulala esingweni eManteni Pipeline Beach kwaZulu-Natal. Kuzoba kukhona ukuchama lwekhebule elincane elilandelelani kukukala ebhishi kuze kube saSikhumalweni seChithane lapho ikhebula lizogqezaz khona.

##### Uhlelo lokuhlolwa Komthelela Emvelweni

Lapha kuzilezwe isizatho sikhelo lokuhlulanyela komphakathi okudingeka ngengonyame yohlelo lokuhlolwa Komthelela Emvelweni ngokubhekisa Wokuphawula Kwazemvelo Kuzwelonke (NEMA) (Nombolo 107 ka-1998) iProjekthi ephakanyiswayo kanye nokufakwa lwekhebuli kuzibala imisebenzi Ebalwe elandelayo ngokweZinqo Zombhaliso i-EIA ka-2014 (njengoba uchabanyiswe):

Izinto Edwumusa Wale Projekthi	
GN R 327	Umsebenzi 15, 17 no-19A
GN R 328	Umsebenzi 14
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Isitatimandla esichazisi ngale Projekthi kuMnyango Wazemvelo Kazwelonke (DEA) Umfakaziyo womsebenzi weNingizimu Afrika mayelana ne-METISS ye-Liquid Telecom, futhi i-Environmental Resources Management (ERM) igadwe nengqoMsebenzi Wokuhlola Ezemvelo ezimile (EAP) ukuthi anze i-EIA kanye nohlelo oluhambisana nokuhlulanyela komphakathi.

##### Ukubhalisa kwababambiqhaza

Njengengonyame yohlelo lwe-EIA, ababambiqhaza kanye nomphakathi bayaminywa ukuthi babhalise njengeBantu Abanentshisekileyo Natantsikayo (ama-IsAP) bangangonyame oshelweni lwe-EIA. Ama-IsAP abhalisa azobala azizwe ngohlelo lwe-EIA futhi azokhaziswa ngokubala khona kwemithetho okhululekile ngokuphawula. Ukubhalisa njenge-IsAP, ukutha imbono yokuphawula, nokubhalisa lwazi okutha okazi, akona uchumane ne-ERM ngemangonyame enokhaziswa ngemithetho.

##### Ukutholokala koMbiko Wokukala Ubungako Owuhlaka

Umhlobo Wokuhlola Ubungako owayokhulakala ukuthi kugxaxaxwe kusukela ziny-1 kuFebhuwari 2019 kuya kumhla ziny-4 kuMeyi 2019 (okokhathi walingana nezinye ezingu-30) futhi unqophelakala kwebhulawayithi yeProjekthi, [www.erm.com/metiss-fibre-optic-submarine-cable-system](http://www.erm.com/metiss-fibre-optic-submarine-cable-system), ngokucela ku-ERM (lapha bizothumela khona i-imeyili). Umhlobo uphinde uhlolokale nakuzi zindawo zomphakathi ezilandelayo:

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ERM Reference Number: 0482086

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Invitation to Register and Comment on the Draft Scoping Report**

**Project Background**

The proposed Project, (METISS Subsea Cable System) is a fibre optic subsea cable system that will link Mauritius to South Africa via Madagascar, and Réunion Island. The Project will provide additional telecommunications capacity to South African users through a fibre optic cable of approximately 3,200 km in length, and increase bandwidth between the respective countries.

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## Ukuhlolwa Komthelela Emvelweni Kohlelo Lwe-METISS Lwekhebuli Langaphansi Kolwandle

### Isimemo Sokubhalisa Kanye Nokuphawula Ngo Mbiko Wokukala Ubungako Owuhlaka

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Noma iziphi izethulo ezingalukethe lonke lolu lwazi olubalulwe endimeni 3 ngenhla zizothathwa ngokuthi azikaze zethulwe kwiBhodi futhi iBhodi angeke izicubungule.

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# OwoSuthu kwiMDC ufuna amaphuzu

### NDUDUZO DLADLA

UKAPUTENI waMaZulu FC kwiMultiChoice Diski Challenge (MDC), uSandile Khumalo, uthi bawafuna ephelile amaphuzu ayisithupha emidlalweni yabo emibili yokugcina kwiMDC.

Ngokusho kwalesi sitobha, uma bengathola la maphuzu bazongena khaxa kwiTop 5, nokuyinto ababezibekele yona ngesikhathi kuqala isizini yeMDC.

Usuthu luzotholana phezulu neMaritzburg United emdlalweni weMDC ozoba ngeSonto, ePrince Mangosuthu Regional Stadium, Olundi, ngo-10 ekuseni.

“Siwafuna ephelile amaphuzu, asihleki. La maphuzu azosisiza kakhulu ngoba sifuna ukuqeda kwiTop 5. Ngesizini edlule asenzanga kahle kwiMDC, futhi besikulindlele lokho ngoba bekuyisizini yethu yokuqala. Kulokhu sithe sifuna ukungena kwiTop 5 bese kuthi ngesizini ezayo sibalwe namaqembu ajaha isicoco,” usho kanje uKhumalo.

Empeleni uKhumalo ungowokuzalwa khona oNdini lapho le midlalo yeMDC izobe idlalwe khona kule mpelasonto. Engxoxweni neSolezwe, uKhumalo uthe akayizwa nakancane ingcindezi yokudlalala ngakubo, kunalokho ujabulile futhi akusavumi alinde.

“Ngizobe ngibukwa abanye abadlali bangakithi abafisayo ukuba kulesi sigaba engikusona. Lokho kusho ukuthi kufanele ngibe yisibonelo esihle kubona, ngibakhombise ukuthi nabo bangakwenza kwenzeke. Okungijabulisa kakhulu ukuthi ngizobukwa abantu bangasekhaya, nomndeni wami, lokho kuyangijabulisa kakhulu ngoba ngifuna baziqhenye ngami. Angingabazi ukuthi inkundla izogcwala ithi phama ngoba liyathandwa ibhola

ngakithi,” usho kanje uKhumalo obumuzwa nasocingweni ukuthi ujabule.

Imidlalo yeMDC ihambela izinkundla zasemakhaya nasemalokishini lapho kulanjelwe khona unobhutshuzwayo. Phakathi kwezinkundla lo mqhudelwano ozihambelayo iSeshego, Mdantshane naseHammarisdale.



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Golden Arrows	13	6	3	4	5	21
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Sundowns	13	5	4	4	6	19
AmaZulu	13	5	4	4	5	19
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Pirates	13	4	3	6	-2	15
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Chippa United	13	2	3	8	-2	19
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**ERM Reference Number: 0482086**

**Environmental Impact Assessment for the METISS Subsea Cable System Invitation to Register and Comment on the Draft Scoping Report**

**Project Background**  
The proposed Project, (METISS Subsea Cable System) is a fibre optic subsea cable system that will link Mauritius to South Africa via Madagascar, and Réunion Island. The Project will provide additional telecommunications capacity to South African users through a fibre optic cable of approximately 3,200 km in length, and increase bandwidth between the respective countries.

The South African component of the Project involves the installation and operation of a subsea cable system 538 km in length (inclusive of Territorial Waters and Economic Exclusive Zone). The system includes a 14 to 35 mm diameter subsea cable that will enter the South African Exclusive Economic Zone (approximately 372 km from the seashore), through the Territorial Waters (approximately 22 km from the seashore) to a coastal landing site at Amanzimtoti Pipeline Beach in KwaZulu-Natal. There will then be a short terrestrial cable connection from the beach to the Cable Landing Station where the cable will be terminated.

**Environmental Impact Assessment Process**  
Notice is hereby given of the public participation process required as part of the Environmental Impact Assessment process (EIA) in terms of the National Environment Management Act (NEMA) (No. 107 of 1998). The proposed Project and cable installation triggers the following Listed Activities in terms of the EIA Regulations of 2014 (as amended):

Project Activities	
GN R 327	Activity 15, 17 and 19A
GN R 325	Activity 14
GN R 324	Activity 12

The competent authority for this Project is the National Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA). The applicant for the South African component of the METISS subsea cable system is Liquid Telecom. Environmental Resources Management (ERM) has been appointed as the independent Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) to undertake the EIA and associated public participation process.

**Registration of Stakeholders**  
As part of the EIA Process, stakeholders and members of the general public are invited to register as Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) and participate in the EIA process. Registered I&APs will be kept informed through the EIA process and will be notified of the availability of opportunities to provide comment. To register as an I&AP, submit comments, and to obtain more information, please contact ERM on the details provided below.

**Availability of the Draft Scoping Report**  
The Draft Scoping Report is available for comment from the 1 February 2019 to 4 March 2019 (i.e. a 30-day comment period) and can be obtained from the Project website: www.erm.com/metiss-fibre-optic-submarine-cable-system, or requested from ERM (for email transmission). Additionally, the report is available at the following public locations:  
• Amanzimtoti Library and  
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**APPENDIX B5      AUTHORITY COMMUNICATION**

## Amishka Mothilal

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**From:** ERM South Africa METISS ESIA  
**Sent:** Thursday, 31 January 2019 16:05  
**To:** Diane.Vanrensburg@durban.gov.za  
**Cc:** ERM South Africa METISS ESIA  
**Subject:** Notification of Submission of the Application for Environmental Authorisation for the METISS Subsea Cable System to be Landed in Amanzimtoti  
**Attachments:** Landowner Notification\_V1.pdf

Dear Diane Van Rensburg

You are hereby notified, as a potentially affected landowner of Pipeline Beach (30°2'27.03"S; 30°53'58.40"E), that Liquid Telecom (Pty) Ltd is in the process of applying for Environmental Authorisation for the installation of a subsea cable system landing, on Pipeline Beach, Amanzimtoti.

Please refer to the attached notification letter for further details.

Kind Regards,

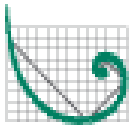
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31 January 2019

*ERM Ref:* 0482086

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The proposed Melting pot Indianoceanic Submarine System (METISS) Subsea Cable System is a fibre optic subsea cable system linking South Africa, Madagascar, Réunion and Mauritius. Alcatel Submarine Networks (ASN) and Elettra Tlc SpA have been selected as the suppliers of the METISS fibre optic subsea cable. The METISS open cable system is owned by a consortium made up of Canal+ Télécom, CEB FiberNet, EMTEL, Zeop, SRR (SFR) & TELMA. METISS. Liquid Telecom, as the landing party in South Africa, will manage the Project.

The Project will provide additional telecommunications capacity to South African users through a fibre optic cable from Mauritius to South Africa (approximately 3,200 km in length) and deliver a boost to bandwidth between the respective countries, providing a connection speed of 24 terabytes per second. The anticipated METISS subsea cable footprint within the South African waters is approximately 538 km (inclusive of Territorial Waters and Economic Exclusive Zone (EEZ)). The system includes a 14 mm to 35 mm diameter subsea cable that will enter the South African EEZ (approximately 370 km from the seashore) and continue through Territorial Waters (approximately 22 km from the seashore), to a landing site at Amanzimtoti Pipeline Beach, in KwaZulu-Natal.

In terms of the National Environmental Management Act (Act 107 of 1998, as amended) (NEMA) and the 2014 NEMA Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations as amended in

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Government Notice (GN) R324, R325, R326 and R327 on 7 April 2017, a Scoping and EIA Process is required for the Project. Environmental Resources Management South Africa (Pty) Ltd (ERM) has been appointed to manage the Scoping and EIA Process.

The EThekweni Metropolitan Municipality will be listed as an Interested and Affected Party (IAP) for the purposes of the EIA process and will receive all documentation related to the EIA process. Planning permission for the Beach Manhole (where the marine portion of the subsea cable is linked to the terrestrial portion) will be applied for to the Pipeline Beach separately.

The Draft Scoping Report is currently available to all identified I&APs on ERM'S Website <https://www.erm.com/metiss-fibre-optic-submarine-cable-system> as well as any stakeholders that may further register to participate in the process. Media notices have been placed in the South Coast Sun and Isolezwe.

The Draft Report is also available at the following public locations:

- Amanzimtoti Library; and
- Kingsburgh Library.

This Report is being released for a 30 day review period from **1 February 2019 to 4 March 2019**.

Although no formal response to this notification is required, please do not hesitate to contact the stakeholder engagement coordinator on the details below for any queries related to the submission.

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Yours sincerely,



Reinett Mogotshi  
**Stakeholder Engagement Coordinator**

## **Amishka Mothilal**

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**From:** ERM South Africa METISS ESIA  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 05 March 2019 09:50  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** ERM South Africa METISS ESIA  
**Subject:** Final Scoping Report - METISS Subsea Cable to be Landed in Amanzimtoti

Good Day Ms Ditinti,

I trust that you are well.

Further to our telephonic conversation on 04 March 2019, this email serves to record that Department of Environmental Affairs: Oceans and Coasts have not submitted comments on the Draft Scoping Report for the METISS Subsea Cable System to be landed in Amanzimtoti, Kwa-Zulu Natal. A CD copy of the Final Scoping Report will be couriered to the Department upon release of the Final Scoping Report.

Have a lovely day

Kind Regards

**Amishka Mothilal**

**ERM**





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### **PER EMAIL / MAIL**

Dear Sir/Madam

### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT OF THE NEW APPLICATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION (ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT PROCESS) AND SCOPING REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED METISS SUBSEA CABLE SYSTEM TO BE LANDED IN AMANZIMTOTI, KWAZULU NATAL PROVINCE**

The Department confirms having received the Application and draft Scoping Report for Environmental Authorisation for the abovementioned project on 31 January 2019. We further confirm that you have submitted these documents to comply with the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014 published under Government Notice R982 in Government Gazette No. 38282 dated 04 December 2014, as amended ('the EIA Regulations, 2014').

Please take note of Regulation 40(3) of the EIA Regulations, 2014 which states that potential Interested & Affected Parties, including the Competent Authority, may be provided with an opportunity to comment on reports and plans contemplated in Regulation 40(1) of the EIA Regulations, 2014, prior to the submission of an application but must be provided an opportunity to comment on such reports once an application has been submitted to the Competent Authority.

**Note that in terms of Regulation 45 of the EIA Regulations, 2014 this application will lapse if the applicant fails to meet any of the time-frames prescribed in terms of these Regulations, unless an extension has been granted by the Department in terms of Regulation 3(7) of the EIA Regulations, 2014.**

All documentation delivered to the physical address contained in this form must be delivered during the official Departmental Office Hours which is visible on the Departmental gate. EIA related documents (includes application forms, reports or any EIA related submissions) that are faxed; emailed; delivered to Security or placed in the Departmental Tender Box will not be accepted.

You are hereby reminded of Section 24F of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998), as amended, that no activity may commence prior to an Environmental Authorisation being granted by the Department.

Kindly quote the abovementioned reference number in any future correspondence in respect of the application.

Yours sincerely



**Mr Sabelo Malaza**

**Chief Director: Integrated Environmental Authorisations**

**Department of Environmental Affairs**

**Letter signed by: Ms Azrah Essop**

**Designation: Environmental Officer: EIA Coordination, Strategic Planning and Support**

**Date: 1/2/2019**

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	Natasha Brijlal	KZN Department of Economic Development, Tourism and Environmental Affairs	Email:	
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# **Application for Heritage Impact Assessment Letter of Exemption for the METISS Terrestrial Fibre Optic Cable System, Amanzimtoti, Ethekekini Municipality, Kwazulu-Natal**

Prepared for

**ERM Southern Africa**

On behalf of

**Alcatel Submarine Networks (ASN), Elettra Tlc SpA and Liquid Telekom**

March 2019



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4 March 2019

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Attention: Ms Bernadet Pawandiwa

Dear Ms Pawandiwa

**APPLICATION FOR HIA LETTER OF EXEMPTION: PROPOSED METISS TERRESTRIAL FIBRE OPTIC CABLE SYSTEM, AMANZIMTOTI, ETHEKWINI MUNICIPALITY, KWAZULU-NATAL**

ERM Southern Africa, on behalf of Alcatel Submarine Networks (ASN), Elettra Tlc SpA and Liquid Telekom has appointed ACO Associates to produce a Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) for the proposed installation of the terrestrial portion of METISS subsea fibre optic cable system in Amanzimtoti, Ethekewini Municipality, Kwazulu-Natal. The METISS Subsea Cable System will link South Africa to Mauritius, with branches to Madagascar and Reunion.

The subsea portion of the proposed cable will make landfall and terminate at a beach manhole on Amanzimtoti's Pipeline Beach. From there a terrestrial cable will be routed to a Cable Landing Station (CLS) in the Southgate Industrial Park. Two route options from the BMH location to the CLS are under consideration (see Figures 1 and 2 in Annexure A) with the choice of the preferred route dependant on local council approval and the results of the Impact Assessment phase.

The terrestrial cable route is approximately 5 km long and the proposed cable installation therefore triggers Section 38 (1) (a) of the National Heritage Resources Act (No. 25 of 1999), for a development "categorised as the construction of a road, wall, powerline, pipeline, canal or other similar form of linear development or barrier exceeding 300 m in length". This letter serves as the notification to the responsible heritage resources authority of the proposed Project, required in terms of Section 38 (1) of the Act.

The terrestrial cable will be installed, as far as possible, along existing roads and servitudes up to the point where it joins existing infrastructure. The receiving environment is illustrated in Annexure B.

Installation will require a dedicated trench up to 1.5 m deep and 1 m wide which avoids power lines and other infrastructure. Two High Density Polyethylene ducts of approximately 110/95 mm diameter will be installed in the trench for the installation of the terrestrial cable. Manholes and other infrastructure will be installed at intervals as required along the route to provide future access to the terrestrial cable.

Given the proposed routing along and within existing road reserves, it is unlikely that heritage resources will be impacted during the installation of the terrestrial cable.

We therefore request exemption from the necessity to carry out a HIA, in terms of Section 38 of the NHRA, for the proposed Project, with the proviso that in the event of heritage material being uncovered during the installation of the terrestrial cable, the following mitigation measures will be implemented. The onus will be on the applicant to ensure that these conditions are met and the mitigation measures implemented:

- Construction activity must stop immediately if any archaeological material is encountered and the area must be cordoned off. No archaeological material may be removed from the site;
- A suitably qualified archaeologist must be called to site to assess the significance of the find and Amafa aKwaZulu-Natali (Amafa) must be notified of the find;
- Only once the archaeologist gives the go-ahead can work in the area of the find recommence;
- Under no circumstances may any archaeological material be destroyed or removed from site unless under direction of the archaeologist;
- In the event of human remains being uncovered during work, all activities in the vicinity must cease and the site made secure until a suitably qualified archaeologist and SAHRA and Amafa have been notified, the significance of the material has been assessed and a decision has been taken as to how to deal with it.

SAHRA's palaeosensitivity map (<https://sahris.sahra.org.za/map/palaeo>) shows the palaeontological sensitivity of the area within which the terrestrial cable will be installed as **high** (orange) and indicates that a desktop study is required. However, the routing of the terrestrial cable along existing roadways and servitudes and its depth of burial (1.5 m maximum) suggests that impacts on palaeontological resources are also unlikely. It is suggested, nevertheless, that a protocol for reporting palaeontological finds is commissioned from a suitably qualified palaeontologist and implemented during all intrusive ground works.

Should you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Yours sincerely



John Gribble  
Archaeologist and Heritage Specialist  
ACO Associates





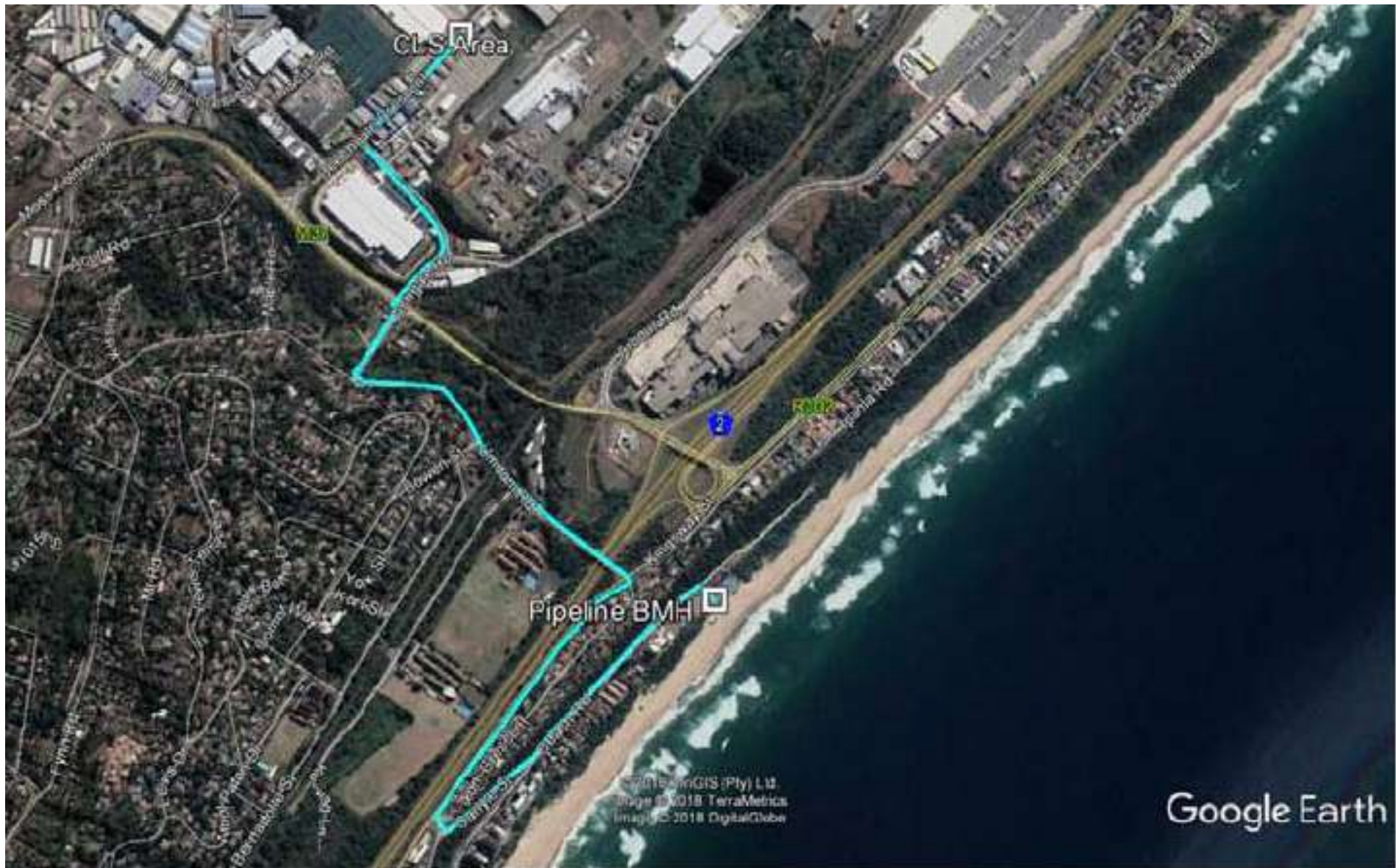


Figure 2: Terrestrial Cable Route Option 2



## ANNEXURE B: PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE PROPOSED CABLE ROUTE



**Plate 1:** The BMH will be positioned beyond the line of trees on the left and the both route options will then cross the car park and follow Beach Road south (right of image)



**Plate 2:** Option 1 - intersection of cable route with Kingsway





**Plate 3:** Option 2 - view south from approximately midway along Beach Road



**Plate 4:** Option 2 - view north along Kingsway from intersection with Beach Road on right



**Plate 5:** Options 1 & 2 - intersection of Kingsway (left) and Umdoni Road (right)



**Plate 6:** Options 1 & 2 - view north-west across Umdoni Road bridge over N2





**Plate 7:** Options 1 & 2 - view north-west along Umdoni Road



**Plate 8:** Options 1 & 2 - intersection of Umdoni (right) and Ashgate (left) Roads





**Plate 9:** Options 1 & 2 - view north along Ashgate Road from intersection with Moss Kolnick Drive



**Plate 10:** Options 1 & 2 - view south along Ashgate Road from entrance road to Southgate Industrial Park



**Plate 11:** Options 1 & 2 - view of Ashgate Road and Lavender Gate Crescent intersection



**Plate 12:** Options 1 & 2 - view up Lavender Gate Crescent to Southgate Industrial Park entrance



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**METISS Fibre Optic Cable System in Amanzimtoti, EThekwini Municipality, KwaZulu-Natal**  
**Our Ref: SAH19/13534**

Enquiries: Bernadet Pawandiwa

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Date: Friday April 05, 2019

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### **FINAL DECISION**

**IN TERMS OF SECTION 38(8) OF THE NATIONAL HERITAGE RESOURCES ACT (ACT 25 OF 1999)  
AND THE KWAZULU-NATAL AMAFA AND RESEARCH INSTITUTE ACT (ACT 05 OF 2018)**

Attention: Mr Mervin Chetty  
Liquid Telecom

**RE: This application is for a letter of exemption from having to carry out a heritage impact assessment for the terrestrial portion of the proposed METISS Fibre Optic Cable System in Amanzimtoti, EThekwini Municipality, KwaZulu-Natal.**

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this project. The motivation for exemption from a full heritage impact assessment on this project submitted by the heritage practitioner, John Gribble is noted and approved. The developer should however note that there is a high possibility of encountering maritime deposits, informal burials, historical, fossil or archaeological material and features in this region. The KwaZulu Natal Amafa and Research Institute therefore have no objection to the development.

You are also required to adhere to the below-mentioned standard conditions:  
Conditions:

1. The KwaZulu Natal Amafa and Research Institute should be contacted if any heritage objects are identified during earth-moving activities and all development should cease until further notice.
2. No structures older than sixty years or parts thereof are allowed to be demolished altered or extended without a permit from the KwaZulu Natal and Amafa Research Institute.
3. Under no circumstances may any heritage material be destroyed or removed from site unless under direction of the KwaZulu Natal and Amafa Research Institute and a heritage specialist.
4. Should any remains be found on site that is potentially human remains, the South African Police Service (SAPS) should also be contacted. No SAPS official may disturb or exhume such remains, without the necessary permission from the KwaZulu Natal and Amafa Research Institute.
5. No activities are allowed within 50m of a site, which contains rock art.
6. Sources of all natural materials (including topsoil, sands, natural gravels, crushed stone, asphalt, etc.) must be obtained in a sustainable manner and in compliance with the heritage legislation.

Failure to comply with the requirements of the National Heritage Resources Act and the KwaZulu Natal Amafa and Research Institute Act could lead to legal action being instituted against the applicant. Should you have any further queries, please contact the designated official using the case number quoted above in the case header.

Yours faithfully



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Bernadet Pawandiwa  
Senior Heritage Officer  
KwaZulu Natal Amafa and Research Institute

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James van Vuuren  
Deputy Director: Support Services, Technical

Terms & Conditions:

1. This approval does not exonerate the applicant from obtaining local authority approval or any other necessary approval for proposed work.
2. If any heritage resources, including graves or human remains, are encountered they must be reported to the Institute immediately.
3. The Institute reserves the right to request additional information as required.



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DEA Reference: 14/12/16/3/3/2/1118  
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### **PER EMAIL / MAIL**

Dear Sir/Madam

### **ACCEPTANCE OF THE SCOPING REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED MELTING POT INDIANOCEANIC SUBMARINE SYSTEM (METTIS) SUBSEA CABLE SYSTEM TO BE LANDED IN AMANZIMTOTI, KWAZULU NATAL PROVINCE**

The final Scoping Report (SR) and Plan of Study for Environmental Impact Assessment (PoSEIA) dated 11 March 2019 and received by this Department on 13 March 2019 refer.

This Department has evaluated the submitted final SR and the PoSEIA dated 11 March 2019 and is satisfied that the documents comply with the minimum requirements of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations 2014, as amended. The SR is hereby accepted by the Department in terms of Regulation 22(a) of the EIA Regulations 2014, as amended.

You may proceed with the EIA process in accordance with the tasks contemplated in the PoSEIA and the requirements of the EIA Regulations 2014, as amended. However, you must take note of the following comments from the Department:

#### **Public Participation Process (PPP)**

All comments and recommendations made by all stakeholders and various Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) in the draft SR and submitted as part of the final SR must be taken into consideration when preparing an Environmental Impact Assessment report (EIAr) in respect of the proposed development. Please ensure that all mitigation measures and recommendations in the specialist studies are addressed and included in the final EIAr and Environmental Management Programme (EMPr).

Please ensure that all relevant stakeholders' comments are submitted to the Department with the final EIAr. This includes but is not limited to the Department of Environmental Affairs: Biodiversity and Conservation Directorate, Department of Environmental Affairs: Oceans and Coast Branch, KwaZulu Natal Department of Economic Development, Tourism and Environmental Affairs, Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife, eThekweni Metropolitan Municipality, the Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF): International Relation Fisheries, Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS), Department of Mineral Resources, South African Maritime Safety Authority, Department of Public Works, Petroleum Agency of South Africa, South African Navy Hydrographic Office, Department of Transport, Department of Human Settlement, the South African Heritage Resources Agency

(SAHRA), AMafa KwaZulu Natal, the Wildlife & Environment Society of South Africa (WESSA) and Birdlife South Africa, South Africa Institute for Aquatic Biodiversity, Fresh Tuna Exporters Association, Fish SA, South African Commercial Line Fishing Association, South African Deep-Sea Trawling Industry Association and South African Squid Management Industrial Association.

You are also required to address all issues raised by Organs of State and I&APs prior to the submission of the EIAr to the Department.

Proof of correspondence with the various stakeholders must be included in the EIAr. Should you be unable to obtain comments, proof should be submitted to the Department of the attempts that were made to obtain comments.

The EAP must in order to give effect to Regulation 7, give registered I&APs access to and an opportunity to comment on the draft report in writing within 30 days before submitting the final EIAr to the Department.

**In addition, the following additional information must be included in the final report:**

**Topographical and sensitivity maps**

- An environmental sensitivity map indicating environmental sensitive areas and features identified during the EIA process must be on an A3 page with a clear legend.
- A topographical map combining the final layout map superimposed (overlain) on the environmental sensitivity map must be submitted with the final EIAr.

**The Environmental Management Programme (EMPr)**

The EMPr to be submitted as part of the EIAr must include the following:

- i. All recommendations and mitigation measures recorded in the EIAr and the specialist studies conducted.
- ii. A good quality site final layout map with clear legend.
- iii. A plant rescue and protection plan which allows for the maximum transplant of conservation important species from areas to be transformed. This plan must be compiled by a vegetation specialist familiar with the site and be implemented prior to commencement of the construction phase.
- iv. A re-vegetation and habitat rehabilitation plan to be implemented during the construction and operation of the facility.
- v. A traffic management plan for the site access roads illustrating how traffic will be controlled especially on local commuters travelling on public road during peak hours and how traffic or any other impacts as a result of traffic will be managed,
- vi. Measures to protect archaeological sites, artefacts, paleontological fossils or graves from construction and operational impacts.

The EAP must provide detailed motivation if any of the above requirements is not required by the proposed development and not included in the EMPr.

**General Comments**

You are hereby reminded that should the EIAr fail to comply with the requirements of this acceptance letter, Regulation 23(2) and Appendix 3 and 4, the proposed METTIS subsea cable system to be landed in Amanzimtoti, KwaZulu Natal Province will be refused in terms of the EIA Regulations 2014, as amended.

Furthermore, it must be reiterated that, should an application for Environmental Authorisation be subject to the provisions of Chapter II, Section 38 of the National Heritage Resources Act, Act 25 of 1999, then this Department will not be able to make nor issue a decision in terms of your application for Environmental Authorisation pending a letter from the pertinent heritage authority categorically stating that the application fulfils the requirements of the relevant heritage resources authority as described in Chapter II, Section 38(8) of the National Heritage

Resources Act, Act 25 of 1999. Comments from SAHRA and/or the provincial department of heritage must be provided in the EIAr.

You are requested to submit two (2) electronic copies (CD/DVD) and one (1) hard copy of the EIAr to the Department as.

You are hereby reminded of Section 24F of the National Environmental Management Act, Act No 107 of 1998, as amended, which stipulates that no activity may commence prior to an Environmental Authorisation being granted by the Department.

Yours faithfully



**Mr Sabelo Malaza**

**Chief Director: Integrated Environmental Authorisations**

**Department of Environmental Affairs**

**Letter Signed by: Ms Olivia Letlalo**

**Designation: Control Environmental Officer: Strategic Infrastructure Developments**

**Date:** 11/04/2019

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## Amishka Mothilal

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**From:** Thando Booï  
**Sent:** Thursday, 06 June 2019 12:26  
**To:** ERM South Africa METISS ESIA; Funanani Ditinti  
**Cc:** Makhosi Yeni; Portia Makitla  
**Subject:** FW: Request for a site inspection for METISS Subsea Cable System, to be landed in Pipeline Beach, Amanzimtoti, KwaZulu Natal with ref no:14/12/16/3/3/2/1118

Dear All

This serves to confirm that the site inspection meeting schedule for the 13 June 2019 at 09h00 is proceeding as previously communicated. However the colleagues from DEA Biodiversity Conservation will not be part of the meeting. An arrangement will be made with the consultant for a site inspection at a later date.

Kind regards  
Thando Booï

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**From:** Thando Booï  
**Sent:** Thursday, 06 June 2019 08:39  
**To:** 'ERM South Africa METISS ESIA'; Funanani Ditinti  
**Cc:** Portia Makitla; Makhosi Yeni  
**Subject:** FW: Request for a site inspection for METISS Subsea Cable System, to be landed in Pipeline Beach, Amanzimtoti, KwaZulu Natal with ref no:14/12/16/3/3/2/1118

Dear All

Herewith a response from DEA's Biodiversity and Conservation unit to the invitation to the site inspection meeting on 13 June 2019. I want to find out if everyone is available on the 25 June 2019. Please confirm before the end of business today so that we can reschedule the site inspection to 25 June 2019.

Kind regards  
Thando Booï

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**From:** Portia Makitla  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 05 June 2019 15:09  
**To:** Thando Booï; Makhosi Yeni  
**Cc:** Thobekile Zungu; Seoka Lekota; Stanley Tshitwamulomoni  
**Subject:** RE: Request for a site inspection for METISS Subsea Cable System, to be landed in Pipeline Beach, Amanzimtoti, KwaZulu Natal with ref no:14/12/16/3/3/2/1118

Dear Thando


Thanks for the invite but unfortunately we are not available for the coming two weeks. We will only be available on the week of the 24<sup>th</sup>, therefore we propose that we conduct this site inspection on the 25<sup>th</sup> June .

We hope that you find the above in order.



**Portia Makitla**  
**Department of Environmental Affairs**





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**From:** Thando Booi

**Sent:** 04 June 2019 10:27 AM

**To:** ERM South Africa METISS ESIA

**Cc:** Makhosi Yeni; Portia Makitla; Funanani Ditinti

**Subject:** Request for a site inspection for METISS Subsea Cable System, to be landed in Pipeline Beach, Amanzimtoti, KwaZulu Natal with ref no:14/12/16/3/3/2/1118

Dear Vicky

I would like to conduct a site inspection for the above mentioned project on the 13 June 2019 at 09h00. Please confirm availability so that we can start with making travelling arrangements. My intention is to conduct this inspection before we comment on the draft EIR so that any issues that may arise in the site inspection can be reflected in the Departmental comments.

Kind regards

Thando

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**APPENDIX B6      COMMENTS RECEIVED**

**Amishka Mothilal**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, 31 January 2019 08:45  
**To:** ERM South Africa METISS ESIA  
**Subject:** Sun query

Hi Reinett

I would like to register as an interested party regarding the subsea cable system. Can you send me all the relevant information so that I can publish an article on it or should I get the information from the project website? Any photos or artist's impressions you have would also be welcome.

Regards



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## Amishka Mothilal

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**From:** ERM South Africa METISS ESIA  
**Sent:** Friday, 01 February 2019 09:25  
**To:** Lesa la Grange; ERM South Africa METISS ESIA  
**Subject:** RE: Notification of the release of the Draft Scoping Report in terms of the National Environmental Management Act No 107 of 1998 and Opportunity to register as a Stakeholder for the METISS Subsea Cable System

Good Day Lesa

Thank you for the email.

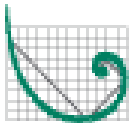
The application has been lodged on SAHRIS. The CaseID is **13412**.

Many Thanks,

Reinett Mogotshi  
Consultant II

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**From:** Lesa la Grange  
**Sent:** Friday, February 01, 2019 7:08 AM  
**To:** ERM South Africa METISS ESIA  
**Subject:** RE: Notification of the release of the Draft Scoping Report in terms of the National Environmental Management Act No 107 of 1998 and Opportunity to register as a Stakeholder for the METISS Subsea Cable System

Good day

Thank you for sending this notification. Can you kindly inform me whether this application has been lodged on the South African Heritage Resources Information System (SAHRIS) and what the Case ID is?

Thanks in advance

Regards

Lesa

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**From:** ERM South Africa METISS ESIA

**Sent:** 31 January 2019 03:13 PM

**Subject:** Notification of the release of the Draft Scoping Report in terms of the National Environmental Management Act No 107 of 1998 and Opportunity to register as a Stakeholder for the METISS Subsea Cable System

Dear Stakeholder,

You are hereby notified of the availability of the Draft Scoping Report for the METISS Subsea Cable System to be landed in Pipeline Beach, Amanzimtoti, Kwa Zulu Natal.

You are invited to submit your comments on the Draft Scoping Report to ERM on or before **4 March 2019**. The report is available electronically at [www.erm.com/metiss-fibre-optic-submarine-cable-system](http://www.erm.com/metiss-fibre-optic-submarine-cable-system) and has been placed in numerous public places as per the attached letter.

If required, ERM will be available in the Amanzimtoti from **1-2 March 2019** for “one-on-one” engagement sessions with key stakeholders. Should you wish to be part of the engagement sessions, please contact ERM on or before **15 February 2019**. The venue for the “one-on-one” engagement sessions will be confirmed.

Kindly contact us directly as detailed below should you wish to be registered or de-registered from receiving any further information during the Public Participation Process. Correspondence in this regard should preferably be via email or telephonically.

**Stakeholder Engagement Coordinator:** Reinett Mogotshi

**Contact via-**

**Email:** [metiss-subseacable-eia@erm.com](mailto:metiss-subseacable-eia@erm.com)

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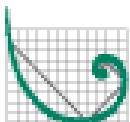
We look forward to your participation in this process.

Yours Sincerely,

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**Attachments:** interim comment metiss subsea cable\_05-02-18.pdf

Good day Reinett

Kindly be advised that a comment has been issued on SAHRIS Case ID 13412. The comment can be viewed on SAHRIS at the quoted case ID and is also attached here for ease of reference.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Regards

Lesa

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**From:** ERM South Africa METISS ESIA <metiss-subseacable-eia@erm.com>  
**Sent:** 01 February 2019 09:25 AM  
**To:** Lesa la Grange ; ERM South Africa METISS ESIA <metiss-subseacable-eia@erm.com>  
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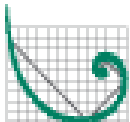
Thank you for the email.

The application has been lodged on SAHRIS. The CaseID is **13412**.

Many Thanks,

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**Sent:** Friday, February 01, 2019 7:08 AM  
**To:** ERM South Africa METISS ESIA <[metiss-subseacable-eia@erm.com](mailto:metiss-subseacable-eia@erm.com)>  
**Subject:** RE: Notification of the release of the Draft Scoping Report in terms of the National Environmental Management Act No 107 of 1998 and Opportunity to register as a Stakeholder for the METISS Subsea Cable System

Good day

Thank you for sending this notification. Can you kindly inform me whether this application has been lodged on the South African Heritage Resources Information System (SAHRIS) and what the Case ID is?

Thanks in advance

Regards

Lesa

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**From:** ERM South Africa METISS ESIA <[metiss-subseacable-eia@erm.com](mailto:metiss-subseacable-eia@erm.com)>  
**Sent:** 31 January 2019 03:13 PM  
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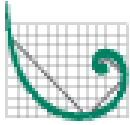
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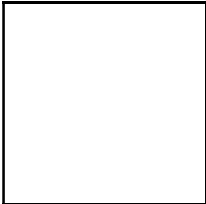
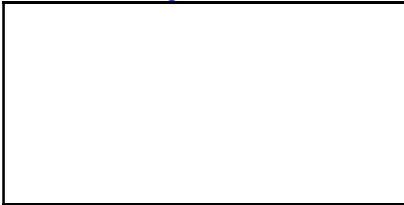
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## Interim Comment

### In terms of Section 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999)

Attention: Mr Mervin Chetty  
Liquid Telecom

**METISS is a proposed new subsea fibre optic cable system that will connect Mauritius to South Africa and provide high-speed connectivity of 24 terabytes per second to the global telecommunications network and low latency access to enhance business operations across multiple industries.**

The South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA) thanks the applicant for providing the Draft Scoping Report (DSR) for comment.

The applicant proposes to install a new subsea fibre optic cable connecting Mauritius to South Africa. The cable will run approximately 538 km (inclusive of Territorial Waters and Economic Exclusive Zone (EEZ)). The system includes a 14 mm to 35 mm diameter subsea cable that will enter the South African EEZ (approximately 370 km from the seashore) and continue through Territorial Waters (approximately 22 km from the seashore), to a landing site at Amanzimtoti Pipeline Beach in KwaZulu-Natal.

This activity requires statutory comment from SAHRA in terms of Section 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act, No. 25 of 1999 (the "NHRA").

SAHRA notes that the applicant has identified the need for a Maritime and Underwater Heritage Impact Assessment (MUCHIA), as referred to on Page 9 of the DSR, and supports the need for this specialist study.

- Please replace the term "Marine Heritage" with "Maritime Heritage" throughout the document
- The Heritage Impact Assessment referred to on Page 112 must also note the potential for the presence of heritage resources at the cable landing site, assess the potential impact, and make recommendations for mitigation where applicable.
- The HIA must be submitted to SAHRA via the South African Heritage Resources Information System (SAHRIS) for comment.
- All efforts must be made to avoid damage and/or disturbance of cultural heritage material along the offshore cable routes.
- Should any shipwreck or cultural heritage material be detected below the high water mark via sidescan

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sonar or other means, the position must be recorded and SAHRA must be notified immediately. In this event, work must cease and may not commence until feedback has been received from SAHRA.

- If shipwreck or cultural heritage material is detected along the offshore alignment is proven or suspected to be older than 60 years, and the applicant is unable to alter the alignment, a permit shall be required from SAHRA before work may commence.
- SAHRA must be provided with information regarding any wrecks or anomalies found on or within 200m of the offshore alignment. Specifically, the name of the vessel (if known), any associated chronological data, and the sources for this information must be provided.
- Page 101 - Please add a paragraph to Section 6.7.12 which summarises the remit of the South African Heritage Resources Agency in relation to the Provincial Heritage Resources Authority (Amafa KZN) - e.g. "SAHRA is responsible for maritime and underwater heritage resources, including those located on land and within 24 nautical miles seaward of the high-water mark."

SAHRA particularly supports the following statement in the DSR:

P. 103 - "Sidescan Sonar Data will be used to identify any wrecks within the vicinity of the proposed cable prior to installation. The subsea cable route will be designed to avoid any known or identified wrecks."

Should you have any further queries, please contact the designated official using the case number quoted above in the case header.

Yours faithfully

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Lesla la Grange  
Acting Manager: Maritime and Underwater Cultural Heritage  
South African Heritage Resources Agency

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## ADMIN:

Direct URL to case: <http://www.sahra.org.za/node/520560>

## Terms & Conditions:

1. This approval does not exonerate the applicant from obtaining local authority approval or any other necessary approval for proposed work.
2. If any heritage resources, including graves or human remains, are encountered they must be reported to SAHRA immediately.
3. SAHRA reserves the right to request additional information as required.

## Amishka Mothilal

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**From:** Hydrographer,  
**Sent:** Friday, 15 February 2019 16:55  
**To:** ERM South Africa METISS ESIA  
**Subject:** Re: Reminder Notification of the release of the Draft Scoping Report in terms of the National Environmental Management Act No 107 of 1998 and Opportunity to register as a Stakeholder for the METISS Subsea Cable System

Dear Reinett,

Thank you for the email and the information provided.  
We have no comment on the draft Scoping Report.

However it is requested that this Office is approached as work commences to take the necessary action to notify the mariner bmo promulgating a Coastal Navigation Warning and taking the necessary charting action as required.

Kind regards,

**Captain (SAN) Theo Stokes**

**Hydrographer South African Navy**



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On 15/02/2019 14:15, ERM South Africa METISS ESIA wrote:

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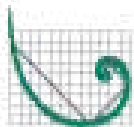
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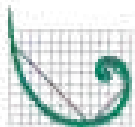
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## Amishka Mothilal

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**From:** Karen  
**Sent:** Monday, 18 February 2019 09:03  
**To:** ERM South Africa METISS ESIA  
**Cc:** PMB ResourceCentre; AyandaMny; Thembalakhe Sibozana  
**Subject:** Draft Scoping Report for the METISS Subsea Cable System to be landed in Amanzimtoti

Good morning Reinett

I have previously called your office to discuss the above project as it affects our mandate, The National Forests Act No. 84 of 1998 as amended, however the receptionist had indicated that you were unavailable.

Seeing that the cable route transverses through a section of KZN Coastal Lowlands (forest) vegetation before connecting to the existing infrastructure, DAFF would like to conduct a site inspection prior commenting on the project.

It is noted that ERM consultants will be in Amanzimtoti on the 01<sup>st</sup> -02<sup>nd</sup> March 2019 to have one on one sessions, however the comment end date is one the 04<sup>th</sup> March 2019 (Monday) , I think that this timeframe would be too short for DAFF to comment as we have internal processes that need to be followed prior submitting comments to the EAP.

Based on the above I propose the following options:

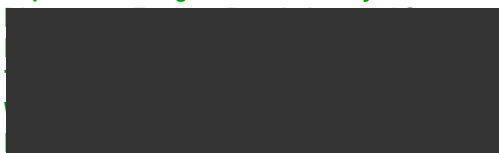
1. A site inspection can be arranged with a representative from ERM prior the 01<sup>st</sup> March 2019.
- Or
2. The EAP can extend the comment end date by a week.

Kindly assist on the above matter.

Regards,

Karen

**Karen Moodley *Cand.Sci.Nat***  
**Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries**



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Attention: Vicky Stevens

**RE: COMMENTS FOR THE DRAFT SCOPING REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED  
INSTALLATION AND OPERATION OF THE METISS (MELTING POT INDIANOCEANIC  
SUBMARINE SYSTEM) SUBSEA CABLE SYSTEM TO BE LANDED IN AMANZIMTOTI,  
SOUTH AFRICA.**

The Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries appreciates the opportunity given to review and comment on the Draft Scoping Report (DBAR) for the above mentioned project. The National Forests Act of 1998 (as amended) provides the strongest and most comprehensive legislation and mandate for the protection of all natural forests in South Africa. The principles of the Act in Section 3 state clearly that *“natural forests may not be destroyed save in exceptional circumstances where, in the opinion of the Minister, a proposed new land use is preferable in terms of its economic, social or environmental benefits”* This prescribes that no development affecting forests may be allowed unless “exceptional circumstances” can be proven. Section 7 of the Act prohibits the cutting, disturbance, destruction or removal of any indigenous living or dead tree in a forest without a licence, while Section 15 places a similar prohibition on protected tree species listed under the Act.

DAFF through the sub-directorate Forestry Regulations and Support is the authority mandated to implement the National Forest Act No. 84 of 1998 by regulating the use of natural forests<sup>1</sup> and protected trees species in terms of the said Act.

With reference to the DSR, received on the 01/02/2019, majority of the subsea cable runs through South African waters however a portion of the cable will run on terrestrial land. It is noted that there are three alternatives for the landing site location of subsea cable. Alternative 1 and 3 are situated near a sensitive dune system and therefore considered to be environmentally sensitive whilst Alternative 2 (preferred) is situated in a transformed area (tarded parking area). It is therefore recommended that although Alternative 2 is a longer route, it is the most preferred route by DAFF as it follows the road servitude in order to limit the disturbance of natural vegetation. DAFF will provide further comments upon receipt of the Draft Environmental Impact report as this will entail a detail description of the route options as well as the vegetation specialist study which will address concerns regarding the disturbance of indigenous vegetation. A site visit will also be undertaken during the Draft Environmental Impact stage by DAFF officials.

This letter does not exempt you from considering other environmental legislations. Should any further information be required, please do not hesitate to contact this office.

Yours faithfully

K. Govender



Forestry Regulations & Support - KZN

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<sup>1</sup> "Natural forest" means a group of indigenous trees-

- (a) whose crowns are largely contiguous; or
- (b) which have been declared by the Minister to be a natural forest under section 7(2); (xxviii)



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### PER E-MAIL / MAIL

Dear Ms Stevens

### COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT SCOPING REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED METTIS SUBSEA CABLE SYSTEM TO BE LANDED IN AMANZIMTOTI, KWAZULU NATAL PROVINCE

The application form and draft Scoping Report (SR) dated 01 February 2019 as received by this Department on 31 January 2019 refers.

This Department has the following comments on the abovementioned application:

#### **Activities applied for:**

Please furnish the development footprint in square metres in relation to both activity 15 and 17 of GNR 983 of NEMA regulations of 2014 as amended.

#### **Alternatives**

- Please provide a description of the identified alternatives for the proposed activity that are feasible and reasonable, including the advantages and disadvantages that the proposed activity or alternatives will have on the environment and on the community that may be affected by the activity as per Appendix 2, (2) (1) (g) (i-xi), of GN R.982 of 2014, as amended.
- Alternatively, you should submit written proof of an investigation and motivation if no reasonable or feasible alternatives exist as per the requirements of Appendix 2, (2) (1) (g) (x).

#### **Impacts Assessment**

This Department requests the EAP to familiarise themselves with the requirements of Appendix 2 of GNR 982 of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended) and ensure that the final SR submitted to this Department for consideration meets the requirements in terms of identifying, assessing and providing mitigation measures of the impacts on the alternatives and preferred site.

#### **Plan of Study of the EIA**

Ensure that the Plan of Study of EIA is compiled in accordance with Appendix 2 (h-j) of NEMA EIA Regulations 2014 as amended.

## **Maps**

Please ensure that the final Scoping Report includes the following maps.

- **Locality map**

An A3 locality map. The scale of the locality map must be relevant to the size of the development (at least 1:50 000. For linear activities of more than 25 kilometres, a smaller scale e.g. 1:250 000 can be used. The scale must be indicated on the map).

**The map must indicate the following:**

- an accurate indication of the project site position as well as the positions of the alternative sites, if any; indication of all the alternatives identified; closest town(s)
- road access from all major roads in the area;
- road names or numbers of all major roads as well as the roads that provide access to the site(s);
- all roads within a 1km radius of the site or alternative sites; and
- a north arrow; a legend and locality: GPS co-ordinates must indicate the position of the activity using the latitude and longitude of the centre point of the site for each alternative site. The co-ordinates must be provided in degrees, minutes and seconds. The projection that must be used in all cases is the Hartebeesthoek94 WGS84 co-ordinate system, in line with Regulation 5(6) of the EIA Regulations, 2014 as amended.

- **A3 Layout map**

A detailed site plan must be prepared for the site.

**The site or route plans must indicate the following:**

- the property boundaries and numbers of all the properties within 50 metres of the site;
- the current land use, the land use zoning of the site and of each of the properties adjoining the site
- the exact position of each structure to be developed triggered by the proposed development (including alternatives);
- servitude(s) indicating the purpose of the servitude;
- a legend; and
- a north arrow.

- **Sensitivity map**

A sensitivity layout plan overlaid by the sensitive features i.e. no go areas and irreplaceable Critical Biodiversity Areas (CBA), Conservation Areas, sensitive ecosystems, no go areas and water bodies also the existing structures in the vicinity of the proposed development must be submitted as part of the report for analysis of the effect of the proposed project on the environment. Please ensure all features are clearly indicated on the legend of the sensitivity layout plan.

## **Public Participation Process**

- Please ensure that all issues raised and comments received during the circulation of the SR from the registered I&APs and organs of state which have jurisdiction (including this Department's Biodiversity Section and Coastal Conservation and Strategies Directorate) in respect of the proposed activity are adequately addressed in the final SR.
- Proof of correspondence with the various stakeholders must be included in the final SR. Should you be unable to obtain comments, proof of the attempts that were made to obtain comments must be submitted to the Department.
- The Public Participation Process must be conducted in terms of Regulations 39, 40, 41, 42, 43 & 44 of the EIA Regulations 2014, as amended.



**General Comments**

You are further reminded that the final SR to be submitted to this Department must comply with all the requirements in terms of the scope of assessment and content of Scoping Reports in accordance with Appendix 2 and Regulation 21(1) of the amended EIA Regulations, 2014.

Further note that in terms of Regulation 45 of the EIA Regulations 2014, this application will lapse if the applicant fails to meet any of the timeframes prescribed in terms of these Regulations, unless an extension has been granted in terms of Regulation 3(7).

You are requested to submit one (1) copy of the final scoping report to the Department and two (2) unprotected electronic copy (CD/DVD-PDF Format) of the complete final report with the hard copy documents. All documents to be submitted must include the above DEA reference number.

You are hereby reminded of Section 24F of the National Environmental Management Act, Act No 107 of 1998, as amended, that no activity may commence prior to an environmental authorisation being granted by the Department.

Yours faithfully



**Mr Sabelo Malaza**

**Chief Director: Integrated Environmental Authorisations**

**Department of Environmental Affairs**

**Signed by: Ms Olivia Letlalo**

**Designation: Control Environmental Officer: Strategic Infrastructure Developments**

**Date: 25/02/2019**

cc:	Mervin Chetty	Liquid Telecom	Tel: (011) 585 1827	Email:	
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### **PER EMAIL / MAIL**

Dear Sir/Madam

### **ACCEPTANCE OF THE SCOPING REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED MELTING POT INDIANOCEANIC SUBMARINE SYSTEM (METTIS) SUBSEA CABLE SYSTEM TO BE LANDED IN AMANZIMTOTI, KWAZULU NATAL PROVINCE**

The final Scoping Report (SR) and Plan of Study for Environmental Impact Assessment (PoSEIA) dated 11 March 2019 and received by this Department on 13 March 2019 refer.

This Department has evaluated the submitted final SR and the PoSEIA dated 11 March 2019 and is satisfied that the documents comply with the minimum requirements of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations 2014, as amended. The SR is hereby accepted by the Department in terms of Regulation 22(a) of the EIA Regulations 2014, as amended.

You may proceed with the EIA process in accordance with the tasks contemplated in the PoSEIA and the requirements of the EIA Regulations 2014, as amended. However, you must take note of the following comments from the Department:

#### **Public Participation Process (PPP)**

All comments and recommendations made by all stakeholders and various Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) in the draft SR and submitted as part of the final SR must be taken into consideration when preparing an Environmental Impact Assessment report (EIAr) in respect of the proposed development. Please ensure that all mitigation measures and recommendations in the specialist studies are addressed and included in the final EIAr and Environmental Management Programme (EMPr).

Please ensure that all relevant stakeholders' comments are submitted to the Department with the final EIAr. This includes but is not limited to the Department of Environmental Affairs: Biodiversity and Conservation Directorate, Department of Environmental Affairs: Oceans and Coast Branch, KwaZulu Natal Department of Economic Development, Tourism and Environmental Affairs, Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife, eThekweni Metropolitan Municipality, the Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF): International Relation Fisheries, Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS), Department of Mineral Resources, South African Maritime Safety Authority, Department of Public Works, Petroleum Agency of South Africa, South African Navy Hydrographic Office, Department of Transport, Department of Human Settlement, the South African Heritage Resources Agency

(SAHRA), AMafa KwaZulu Natal, the Wildlife & Environment Society of South Africa (WESSA) and Birdlife South Africa, South Africa Institute for Aquatic Biodiversity, Fresh Tuna Exporters Association, Fish SA, South African Commercial Line Fishing Association, South African Deep-Sea Trawling Industry Association and South African Squid Management Industrial Association.

You are also required to address all issues raised by Organs of State and I&APs prior to the submission of the EIAr to the Department.

Proof of correspondence with the various stakeholders must be included in the EIAr. Should you be unable to obtain comments, proof should be submitted to the Department of the attempts that were made to obtain comments.

The EAP must in order to give effect to Regulation 7, give registered I&APs access to and an opportunity to comment on the draft report in writing within 30 days before submitting the final EIAr to the Department.

**In addition, the following additional information must be included in the final report:**

**Topographical and sensitivity maps**

- An environmental sensitivity map indicating environmental sensitive areas and features identified during the EIA process must be on an A3 page with a clear legend.
- A topographical map combining the final layout map superimposed (overlain) on the environmental sensitivity map must be submitted with the final EIAr.

**The Environmental Management Programme (EMPr)**

The EMPr to be submitted as part of the EIAr must include the following:

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- ii. A good quality site final layout map with clear legend.
- iii. A plant rescue and protection plan which allows for the maximum transplant of conservation important species from areas to be transformed. This plan must be compiled by a vegetation specialist familiar with the site and be implemented prior to commencement of the construction phase.
- iv. A re-vegetation and habitat rehabilitation plan to be implemented during the construction and operation of the facility.
- v. A traffic management plan for the site access roads illustrating how traffic will be controlled especially on local commuters travelling on public road during peak hours and how traffic or any other impacts as a result of traffic will be managed,
- vi. Measures to protect archaeological sites, artefacts, paleontological fossils or graves from construction and operational impacts.

The EAP must provide detailed motivation if any of the above requirements is not required by the proposed development and not included in the EMPr.

**General Comments**

You are hereby reminded that should the EIAr fail to comply with the requirements of this acceptance letter, Regulation 23(2) and Appendix 3 and 4, the proposed METTIS subsea cable system to be landed in Amanzimtoti, KwaZulu Natal Province will be refused in terms of the EIA Regulations 2014, as amended.

Furthermore, it must be reiterated that, should an application for Environmental Authorisation be subject to the provisions of Chapter II, Section 38 of the National Heritage Resources Act, Act 25 of 1999, then this Department will not be able to make nor issue a decision in terms of your application for Environmental Authorisation pending a letter from the pertinent heritage authority categorically stating that the application fulfils the requirements of the relevant heritage resources authority as described in Chapter II, Section 38(8) of the National Heritage

Resources Act, Act 25 of 1999. Comments from SAHRA and/or the provincial department of heritage must be provided in the EIAr.

You are requested to submit two (2) electronic copies (CD/DVD) and one (1) hard copy of the EIAr to the Department as.

You are hereby reminded of Section 24F of the National Environmental Management Act, Act No 107 of 1998, as amended, which stipulates that no activity may commence prior to an Environmental Authorisation being granted by the Department.

Yours faithfully



**Mr Sabelo Malaza**

**Chief Director: Integrated Environmental Authorisations**

**Department of Environmental Affairs**

**Letter Signed by: Ms Olivia Letlalo**

**Designation: Control Environmental Officer: Strategic Infrastructure Developments**

**Date:** 11/04/2019

cc:	Mervin Chetty	Liquid Telecom	Tel: (011) 585 1827	Email:	
	Natasha Brijlal	KZN (EDTEA)	Tel: (031) 366 7317	Email:	
	Diane Van Rensburg	EThekweni Municipality	Tel: (031) 311 7136	Email:	



**DEVELOPMENT PLANNING, ENVIRONMENT & MANAGEMENT UNIT**  
**Development Planning Department**  
**Land Use Management Branch**

166 K.E. Masinga Road  
Durban 4001  
P.O. Box 680 Durban  
4000  
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**Our Ref.:** (21/11) DPM/EIA 839(S)  
**DEA:** 14/12/16/3/3/2/1118  
**Enquiries:** Mrs D. van Rensburg  
**Telephone:** [REDACTED]

12 March 2019

ERM  
Postnet Suite 90  
Private Bag X12  
Tokai  
7966

Att: Reinett Mogotshi

Dear Sir/Madam,

**DRAFT SCOPING REPORT FOR THE INSTALLATION AND OPERATION OF THE  
METISS SUBSEA CABLE SYSTEM TO BE LANDED IN AMANZIMTOTI.**

With reference to the abovementioned Draft Scoping Report, please be advised that various Municipal Departments have had sight of the proposal and the following comments are submitted for your attention:-

**1. eThekweni Electricity Department.**

The H.V. Operations has no objection to the above mentioned application, however please note:

- 1.1. The applicant must consult eThekweni Electricity's mains records (held in the drawing office at eThekweni Electricity Headquarters, 1 Jelf Taylor Crescent, for the presence of underground electrical services. In addition should any overhead line and/or servitude be affected, the specific permission of the Head: Electricity must be sought regarding the proposed development.
- 1.2. The relocation of MV/LV electrical services, if required in order to accommodate the proposed development, will be carried out at the expense of the applicant.

**2. Environmental Planning and Climate Protection Department.**

The Environmental Planning and Climate Protection Department has no Biodiversity objection to the proposed Installation and Operation of the METISS Subsea Cable.

The landing area along the beach, is easily accessible, and no vegetation is envisaged to be lost.

This Department will comment further on the submission of the Final Scoping Report.

**3. Land Use Management Branch.**

There are no adverse comments from the Land Use Management Branch at this stage.

**4. Strategic Spatial Planning Branch.**

The Strategic Spatial Planning Branch (SSPB) notes the Draft Scoping Report for the installation and operation of the Melting Pot Indianoceanic Submarine System (METISS) in South Africa. In this regard, the SSPB do hereby request clarity regarding;

- The equipment and infrastructure that will be visible pre and post construction;
- To what extent will this proposal affect commercial as well as subsistence fisheries and what mitigation measure will be put in place; -
- Post construction, what will the daily/routine operations be, and how will this impact on the beach;
- How will the pre and post construction impact on tourism given that Amanzimtoti is a tourist destination.

In terms of Landing Site Location Alternative, the SSPB prefers Alternative 2: Amanzimtoti Pipeline Beach, due to the fact that from an environmentally sensitivity point of view the Beach Manhole will be located in a transformed area.

With regards to the Terrestrial Cable Route Alternatives, the SSPB prefers the Alternative 2 alignment route as it follows the road servitude thus limiting disturbance of the natural vegetation.

Finally, it should be noted that the SSPB will comment further upon receipt of the Final Scoping Report.

**5. Project Executive: Coastal Policy.**

No objection.

**6. Coastal, Stormwater and Catchment Management.**

This Department has no objection.

**7. Parks, Leisure and Cemeteries.**

No comment received.

**8. Pavement and Geotechnical Engineering.**

No geotechnical objection in principle. Once on-shore at Amanzimtoti, this Branch prefers the Option 2 alignment along the road as the dune crossing of Option 1 is already oversteep and zoned potentially unstable, the feasibility of crossing the dune will depend on the proposed methods of laying the cable.

**9. eThekweni Transport Authority.**

No comment received.

**10. Environmental Health Department.**

In principle, this Department supports the proposed development of the above mentioned project, however, it is recommended that the development be conducted within the following parameters:

- 10.1. Construction to be in accordance with the Occupational Health and Safety Act and any other applicable bylaws and Regulations.
- 10.2. Waste generated during/and or after construction to be disposed of at an approved landfill site (records thereof to be kept).
- 10.3. Water and ablution facilities at the construction site to be available at the beginning through to the end of construction. Effluent to be disposed of at an approved site (records to be kept).
- 10.4. Dust control measures to be in place during the construction phase.
- 10.5. Trenches to be safe guarded ensuring human and animal safety.

This Department reserves the right to call for additional requirements should any health nuisance arise.

**11. eThekweni Water and Sanitation Department.**

No comment received.

**12. Cleansing and Solid Waste.**

No comment received.



**13. Disaster Management.**

No comment from this Department.

**14. Fire Safety.**

Full compliance with all applicable Legislative requirements.

Should you seek clarification on any of the above issues, please contact the writer on telephone: 031 - 3117136 or via e-mail: [REDACTED] in addition, the Department requests that a copy of the Environmental Authorisation be emailed to the same address.

Yours faithfully



**MANAGER: LAND USE MANAGEMENT  
CB NORTON**  
(Claire Norton: Professional Planner A/746/1993)

20/03/2019

**DATE:**



**ACTING HEAD: DEVELOPMENT PLANNING, ENVIRONMENT AND  
MANAGEMENT  
J. S. NDEBELE**

25/03/2019

**DATE:**

**Copy To:**  
Department of Environmental Affairs  
Private Bag X 447  
Pretoria  
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**METISS Fibre Optic Cable System in Amanzimtoti, EThekweni Municipality, KwaZulu-Natal**  
**Our Ref: SAH19/13534**

Enquiries: Bernadet Pawandiwa

Date: Friday April 05, 2019

CaseID: 13534

Page No: 1

### **FINAL DECISION**

#### **IN TERMS OF SECTION 38(8) OF THE NATIONAL HERITAGE RESOURCES ACT (ACT 25 OF 1999) AND THE KWAZULU-NATAL AMAFA AND RESEARCH INSTITUTE ACT (ACT 05 OF 2018)**

Attention: Mr Mervin Chetty  
Liquid Telecom

**RE: This application is for a letter of exemption from having to carry out a heritage impact assessment for the terrestrial portion of the proposed METISS Fibre Optic Cable System in Amanzimtoti, EThekweni Municipality, KwaZulu-Natal.**

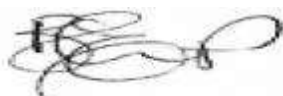
Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this project. The motivation for exemption from a full heritage impact assessment on this project submitted by the heritage practitioner, John Gribble is noted and approved. The developer should however note that there is a high possibility of encountering maritime deposits, informal burials, historical, fossil or archaeological material and features in this region. The KwaZulu Natal Amafa and Research Institute therefore have no objection to the development.

You are also required to adhere to the below-mentioned standard conditions:  
Conditions:

1. The KwaZulu Natal Amafa and Research Institute should be contacted if any heritage objects are identified during earth-moving activities and all development should cease until further notice.
2. No structures older than sixty years or parts thereof are allowed to be demolished altered or extended without a permit from the KwaZulu Natal and Amafa Research Institute.
3. Under no circumstances may any heritage material be destroyed or removed from site unless under direction of the KwaZulu Natal and Amafa Research Institute and a heritage specialist.
4. Should any remains be found on site that is potentially human remains, the South African Police Service (SAPS) should also be contacted. No SAPS official may disturb or exhume such remains, without the necessary permission from the KwaZulu Natal and Amafa Research Institute.
5. No activities are allowed within 50m of a site, which contains rock art.
6. Sources of all natural materials (including topsoil, sands, natural gravels, crushed stone, asphalt, etc.) must be obtained in a sustainable manner and in compliance with the heritage legislation.

Failure to comply with the requirements of the National Heritage Resources Act and the KwaZulu Natal Amafa and Research Institute Act could lead to legal action being instituted against the applicant. Should you have any further queries, please contact the designated official using the case number quoted above in the case header.

Yours faithfully



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Bernadet Pawandiwa  
Senior Heritage Officer  
KwaZulu Natal Amafa and Research Institute

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James van Vuuren  
Deputy Director: Support Services, Technical

Terms & Conditions:

1. This approval does not exonerate the applicant from obtaining local authority approval or any other necessary approval for proposed work.
2. If any heritage resources, including graves or human remains, are encountered they must be reported to the Institute immediately.
3. The Institute reserves the right to request additional information as required.

## Amishka Mothilal

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**From:** Judy Bell  
**Sent:** Friday, 03 May 2019 16:18  
**To:** ERM South Africa METISS ESIA  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Re: Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report for the METISS Subsea Cable System to be landed in Amanzimtoti, Kwa Zulu Natal.

Hi Victoria

Re: Climate Change and impacts on cable installation both at sea and on land

Please would you ensure that this next phase of the project includes an in depth review of assumptions following the recent coastal flooding and dune slumping in Toti.

Please also ensure this comment is formally recorded.

Thanks  
Judy Bell

Cell:

----- Original Message -----

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**From:** ERM South Africa METISS ESIA  
**To:** ERM South Africa METISS ESIA  
**CC:**

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Kind Regards,  
Victoria Braham  
Stakeholder Engagement Coordinator  
**ERM**

## Amishka Mothilal

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**From:** Diane VanRensburg  
**Sent:** Friday, 03 May 2019 16:05  
**To:** ERM South Africa METISS ESIA  
**Subject:** RE: Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report for the METISS Subsea Cable System to be landed in Amanzimtoti, Kwa Zulu Natal.

Dear Victoria,

Please provide 4 hard copies and 6 CD copies of the full report for circulation/comment by the relevant Municipal Departments once the documents are ready for review.

Kind Regards  
Diane.

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**From:** ERM South Africa METISS ESIA [mailto:metiss-subseacable-eia@erm.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, May 03, 2019 4:01 PM  
**To:** ERM South Africa METISS ESIA  
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**ERM**

## Amishka Mothilal

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**From:** ERM South Africa METISS ESIA  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 29 May 2019 10:30  
**To:** ERM South Africa METISS ESIA; PMB ResourceCentre  
**Cc:** KarenM  
**Subject:** RE: Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report for the METISS Subsea Cable System to be landed in Amanzimtoti, Kwa Zulu Natal.  
**Attachments:** Appendix C, D and E - METISS Final Scoping Report.pdf

Good Day Ms Moodley,

As per previous email, please find attached appendix C, D and E of the Final Scoping Report for the METISS Subsea Cable System to be landed in Amanzimtoti, Kwa Zulu Natal.

Kind Regards

**Amishka Mothilal**

ERM



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**From:** ERM South Africa METISS ESIA <[metiss-subseacable-eia@erm.com](mailto:metiss-subseacable-eia@erm.com)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 29, 2019 10:25 AM  
**To:** ERM South Africa METISS ESIA <[metiss-subseacable-eia@erm.com](mailto:metiss-subseacable-eia@erm.com)>; PMB ResourceCentre

**Cc:** KarenM

**Subject:** RE: Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report for the METISS Subsea Cable System to be landed in Amanzimtoti, Kwa Zulu Natal.

Good Day Ms Moodley,

As per previous email, please find the attached appendices A and B of the Final Scoping Report for the METISS Subsea Cable System to be landed in Amanzimtoti, Kwa Zulu Natal. Appendix C, D and E will follow in the next email.

Kind Regards

**Amishka Mothilal**

ERM



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**From:** ERM South Africa METISS ESIA <[metiss-subseacable-eia@erm.com](mailto:metiss-subseacable-eia@erm.com)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 28, 2019 2:41 PM  
**To:** ERM South Africa METISS ESIA <[metiss-subseacable-eia@erm.com](mailto:metiss-subseacable-eia@erm.com)>; PMB ResourceCentre

**Cc:** KarenM

**Subject:** RE: Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report for the METISS Subsea Cable System to be landed in Amanzimtoti, Kwa Zulu Natal.

Good Day Ms Moodley,

As discussed telephonically, the comments received from DAFF Forestry Branch were incorporated into the Comments and Responses Report, Appendix C of the Final Scoping Report for the METISS Subsea Cable Project. Please find attached, a copy of the Final Scoping Report. The appendices will follow in the next email due to the size

of the file being in excess of 10mb (Email attachment file size limit). The Final Scoping Report is also accessible on the project website listed below. One Hard Copy and One Soft Copy of the Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report will be couriered to your offices upon release of the report. The Draft Environmental Impact Assessment report will be uploaded onto the project website upon release of the report.

The project website is as follows: [www.erm.com/metiss-fibre-optic-submarine-cable-system](http://www.erm.com/metiss-fibre-optic-submarine-cable-system)

Kind Regards  
**Amishka Mothilal**  
ERM



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**From:** ERM South Africa METISS ESIA <[metiss-subseacable-eia@erm.com](mailto:metiss-subseacable-eia@erm.com)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 22, 2019 11:15 AM  
**To:** PMB ResourceCentre >; ERM South Africa METISS ESIA <[metiss-subseacable-eia@erm.com](mailto:metiss-subseacable-eia@erm.com)>  
**Cc:** KarenM  
**Subject:** RE: Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report for the METISS Subsea Cable System to be landed in Amanzimtoti, Kwa Zulu Natal.

Hi Karen,

We will be releasing the report shortly and will ensure you receive an electronic copy

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**From:** PMB ResourceCentre  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 7, 2019 8:38 AM  
**To:** ERM South Africa METISS ESIA <[metiss-subseacable-eia@erm.com](mailto:metiss-subseacable-eia@erm.com)>  
**Cc:** KarenM  
**Subject:** RE: Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report for the METISS Subsea Cable System to be landed in Amanzimtoti, Kwa Zulu Natal.

Good Morning Ms Victoria,

With regards to the above-mentioned project, please may you forward us a copy of the finalized report.

Regards,

**PMB Resource Centre**

Sub Directorate: Forestry Regulations & Support  
Fisheries



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**From:** KarenM

**Sent:** Monday, May 6, 2019 7:54 AM

**To:** PMB ResourceCentre

**Subject:** FW: Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report for the METISS Subsea Cable System to be landed in Amanzimtoti, Kwa Zulu Natal.

Hi

[Request copy of this report.](#)

Regards

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**From:** ERM South Africa METISS ESIA [<mailto:metiss-subseacable-eia@erm.com>]

**Sent:** 03 May 2019 04:01 PM

**To:** ERM South Africa METISS ESIA

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Kind Regards,

Victoria Braham

Stakeholder Engagement Coordinator

**ERM**

## Amishka Mothilal

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**From:** Judy Bell  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 04 June 2019 06:43  
**To:** ERM South Africa METISS ESIA  
**Subject:** Re: Notification of the release of the Draft EIA Report for the METISS Subsea Cable System to be landed in Amanzimtoti, Kwa Zulu Natal.

Hi

Please would you ensure you protect personal information as per legal requirements and use bcc for these notifications.

Please would you also send me the draft report.

Thanks  
Judy

Cell:

----- Original Message -----

Subject: Notification of the release of the Draft EIA Report for the METISS Subsea Cable System to be landed in Amanzimtoti, Kwa Zulu Natal.

From: ERM South Africa METISS ESIA



CC: ERM South Africa METISS ESIA

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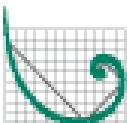
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Kind Regards,

Victoria Braham

Stakeholder Engagement Coordinator

**ERM**



## Amishka Mothilal

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**From:** Ashantia Nerissa Pillay  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 05 June 2019 09:06  
**To:** ERM South Africa METISS ESIA  
**Subject:** RE: Notification of the release of the Draft EIA Report for the METISS Subsea Cable System to be landed in Amanzimtoti, Kwa Zulu Natal.

Good morning Tori,

We actually require a hardcopy report especially in the draft stages. You can print the document in black and white, double sided, and provide the maps and layouts (in colour) on a cd.

Best Regards  
Nerissa

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**From:** ERM South Africa METISS ESIA [mailto:[metiss-subseacable-eia@erm.com](mailto:metiss-subseacable-eia@erm.com)]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 4, 2019 9:44 AM  
**To:** Ashantia Nerissa Pillay; ERM South Africa METISS ESIA  
**Subject:** RE: Notification of the release of the Draft EIA Report for the METISS Subsea Cable System to be landed in Amanzimtoti, Kwa Zulu Natal.

Good morning Ashania,

As a sustainable consultancy, ERM endeavours to print as few hard copies as possible. Would your department be happy to receive the Draft EIA on a CD?

Many thanks,  
Tori

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**From:** Ashantia Nerissa Pillay  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 4, 2019 9:31 AM  
**To:** ERM South Africa METISS ESIA <[metiss-subseacable-eia@erm.com](mailto:metiss-subseacable-eia@erm.com)>  
**Subject:** RE: Notification of the release of the Draft EIA Report for the METISS Subsea Cable System to be landed in Amanzimtoti, Kwa Zulu Natal.

Good morning Victoria,

Thank you for your email. Please note that an application is only considered and assessed by Ezemvelo's Conservation Planning division once the hardcopies of the relevant documents are received by our offices. Please can you submit the hardcopy DEIR to the following:

Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife  
Queen Elizabeth Park  
IEM Section: Conservation Planning  
1 Peter Brown Drive  
Montrose  
Pietermaritzburg

ATT: Dr Andy Blackmore or alternatively Scientific Technician: Nerissa Pillay

Please do not hesitate to contact this office should you have any queries.

Best Regards

**A. Nerissa Pillay**  
**Scientific Technician**  
**Conservation Planning: IEM**  
**Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife**



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**From:** ERM South Africa METISS ESIA [<mailto:metiss-subseacable-eia@erm.com>]

**Sent:** Monday, June 3, 2019 10:28 PM



**Cc:** ERM South Africa METISS ESIA

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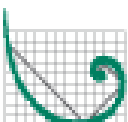
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**PER EMAIL / MAIL**

Dear Sir/Madam

### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT REPORT FOR THE METISS SUBSEA CABLE SYSTEM TO BE LANDED IN AMANZIMTOTI, KWA ZULU NATAL**

The Department confirms having received the Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report for the abovementioned project on 31 May 2019. We further confirm that you have submitted these documents to comply with the the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014 published under Government Notice R982 in Government Gazette No. 38282 dated 04 December 2014, as amended ('the EIA Regulations, 2014').

Please take note of Regulation 40(3) of the EIA Regulations, 2014, which states that potential Interested & Affected Parties, including the Competent Authority, may be provided with an opportunity to comment on reports and plans contemplated in Regulation 40(1) of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended, prior to the submission of an application but must be provided an opportunity to comment on such reports once an application has been submitted to the Competent Authority.

You are hereby reminded of Section 24F of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998), as amended, that no activity may commence prior to an Environmental Authorisation being granted by the Department.

**Kindly quote the abovementioned reference number in any future correspondence in respect of the application.**

Yours sincerely

**Mr Sabelo Malaza**

**Chief Director: Integrated Environmental Authorisations  
Department of Environmental Affairs**

**Letter signed by: Ms Toinette van der Merwe**

**Designation: Environmental Officer: EIA Coordination, Strategic Planning and Support**

**Date: 4/06/2019**

## Amishka Mothilal

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**From:** Mashishi Victor on behalf of Central Point  
**Sent:** Thursday, 06 June 2019 08:23  
**To:** ERM South Africa METISS ESIA  
**Cc:** Central Point  
**Subject:** RE: Notification of the release of the Draft EIA Report for the METISS Subsea Cable System to be landed in Amanzimtoti, Kwa Zulu Natal.

Good day

Your correspondence has reference: D26880

On behalf of Mr Squire Mahlangu, the Acting Director-General of the Department of Water and sanitation, I hereby acknowledge receipt of your Letter dated 03 June 2019.

Please be advised that the matter has been referred to the relevant officials in the department.

Regards

Victor Mashishi  
On behalf of central point



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**From:** ERM South Africa METISS ESIA [mailto:metiss-subseacable-eia@erm.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, June 3, 2019 10:28 PM



**Cc:** ERM South Africa METISS ESIA

**Subject:** Notification of the release of the Draft EIA Report for the METISS Subsea Cable System to be landed in Amanzimtoti, Kwa Zulu Natal.

Dear Stakeholder,

You are hereby notified of the availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report for the METISS Subsea Cable System, to be landed in Pipeline Beach, Amanzimtoti, Kwa Zulu Natal.

You are invited to submit your comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Assessment to ERM between 4 June and 5 July 2019. The report is available at [www.erm.com/metiss-fibre-optic-submarine-cable-system](http://www.erm.com/metiss-fibre-optic-submarine-cable-system) and a hard copy has been placed at the public locations detailed in the attached letter.

For more information on the proposed Project, contact ERM as follows:

**Email:** [metiss-subseacable-eia@erm.com](mailto:metiss-subseacable-eia@erm.com) | **Tel:** 021 681 5400 or 011 798 4300 |

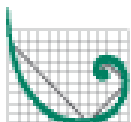
**Project Website:** [www.erm.com/metiss-fibre-optic-submarine-cable-system](http://www.erm.com/metiss-fibre-optic-submarine-cable-system) | **Post:** Postnet Suite 90, Private Bag X12, Tokai, 7966

Kind Regards,

Victoria Braham

Stakeholder Engagement Coordinator

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### PER E-MAIL / MAIL

Dear Ms Stevens

### COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED METTIS SUBSEA CABLE SYSTEM TO BE LANDED IN AMANZIMTOTI, KWAZULU NATAL PROVINCE

The application form and draft Environmental Impact Assessment report (EIAr) dated 30 May 2019 as received by this Department on 31 May 2019 refers.

The Department has noted that the draft EIAr has complied with the requirements of EIA regulations, 2014 as amended.

- The report has assessed the proposed development impacts in detail and efficient mitigation measures for the identified impacts were recorded in the report.
- Efficient public participation process (PPP) during circulation of the final scoping report was undertaken and comments were addressed in the draft EIAr.

However, the Department draws your attention to the following:

- Please provide the area in hectares to be occupied by the subsea cable as it relates to activity 15 and 17 of Listing Notice 1 (GNR 983) of the EIA regulations as amended.
- The Department has noted on page 59 of the draft EIAr dated 30 May 2019, in table 4-1 titled Project specific listed activities, it is stated in relation to activity 12 of Listing Notice 3 that "*The proposed development may require the removal of indigenous, primary dune vegetation from the Landing Site to the Beach Manhole and for the new section of the terrestrial cable route from the Beach Manhole to the Cable Landing Station. The anticipated footprint of vegetation clearance from the Landing Site to the Cable Landing Station will be confirmed in the EIA Phase by a specialist*". Therefore please confirm whether or not this activity is triggered by this development and submit an amended application form.
- Furthermore, you are reminded to ensure that all issues raised and comments received during the circulation of the draft EIAr from registered I&APs and organs of state which have jurisdiction in respect of the proposed activity are adequately addressed in the final EIAr.
- Also ensure that proof of correspondence with the various stakeholders during the draft EIAr must be included in the final EIAr.

- Should you be unable to obtain comments, proof of the attempts that were made to obtain comments must be submitted to the Department for consideration.

**General Comments**

You are further reminded that the final EIR to be submitted to this Department must comply with all the requirements in terms of the scope of assessment and content of Environmental Impact Reports in accordance with Appendix 3 and Regulation 23(1) of the amended EIA Regulations, 2014.

Further note that in terms of Regulation 45 of the EIA Regulations 2014, this application will lapse if the applicant fails to meet any of the timeframes prescribed in terms of these Regulations, unless an extension has been granted in terms of Regulation 3(7).

You are requested to submit one (1) hard copy of the final EIR to the Department and two (2) unprotected electronic copy (CD/DVD-PDF Format) of the final report. All documents to be submitted must include the above DEA reference number.

You are hereby reminded of Section 24F of the National Environmental Management Act, Act No 107 of 1998, as amended, that no activity may commence prior to an environmental authorisation being granted by the Department.

Yours faithfully



**Mr Sabelo Malaza**

**Chief Director: Integrated Environmental Authorisations**

**Department of Environmental Affairs**

**Signed by: Ms Olivia Letlalo**

**Designation: Control Environmental Officer: Strategic Infrastructure Developments**

**Date: 25/06/2019**

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# agriculture, forestry & fisheries

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Attention: Vicky Stevens

**RE: COMMENTS FOR THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED INSTALLATION AND OPERATION OF THE METISS (MELTING POT INDIANOCEANIC SUBMARINE SYSTEM) SUBSEA CABLE SYSTEM TO BE LANDED IN AMANZIMTOTI, SOUTH AFRICA.**

The Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries appreciates the opportunity given to review and comment on the Draft Environmental Impact Assessment report (DEIAR) for the above mentioned project. The National Forests Act of 1998 (as amended) provides the strongest and most comprehensive legislation and mandate for the protection of all natural forests in South Africa. The principles of the Act in Section 3 state clearly that *“natural forests may not be destroyed save in exceptional circumstances where, in the opinion of the Minister, a proposed new land use is preferable in terms of its economic, social or environmental benefits”* This prescribes that no development affecting forests may be allowed unless “exceptional circumstances” can be proven. Section 7 of the Act prohibits the cutting, disturbance, destruction or removal of any indigenous living or dead tree in a forest without a licence, while Section 15 places a similar prohibition on protected tree species listed under the Act.

DAFF through the sub-directorate Forestry Regulations and Support is the authority mandated to implement the National Forest Act No. 84 of 1998 by regulating the use of natural forests<sup>1</sup> and protected trees species in terms of the said Act.

With reference to the DEIAr, received on the 03/06/2019 and the site inspection conducted on the 13/06/2019, majority of the subsea cable runs through South African waters however a portion of the cable will run on terrestrial land which consists of transformed areas (roads, residential dwellings), the Northern Coastal Forest that occurs in narrow strips within the Terrestrial Ecology study area and the KwaZulu-Natal Coastal Grassland. It is noted that initially there were two alternatives for the landing site location of subsea cable. Alternative 1 was situated near a sensitive dune system and therefore was considered to be environmentally sensitive whilst Alternative 2 (preferred) is situated in a transformed area (tarred parking area) and this route transverses the existing road network and smaller fragments of mostly degraded vegetation. DAFF therefore supports Alternative 2 as this route has minimal disturbance to the natural vegetation. However, should the proposed project be authorized the following conditions should be strictly adhered to:

- Individual species of *Mimusops caffra* that occur along the route (Segment B) should be avoided, no disturbance should occur to the tree rooting system during the earthworks phase.
- In segment 1 (-30.033090°S, 30.889873°E to -30.030702°S, 30.886754°E), it was observed that although there was a relatively high cover of alien invasive plant species, several of the canopy trees were indigenous including *Bridelia micrantha* and *Erythrina caffra*. It is noted that the servitude will run adjacent to this forested habitat. If disturbance of the indigenous trees will occur, a licence application should be forwarded to DAFF offices in Pietermaritzburg for review.
- The appointed environmental control officer should ensure that the conditions outlined in

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<sup>1</sup> "Natural forest" means a group of indigenous trees-

- (a) whose crowns are largely contiguous; or
- (b) which have been declared by the Minister to be a natural forest under section 7(2); (xxviii)

the Environmental management plan should be strictly adhered to in order to minimize the anticipated negative impacts on the environment.

- The re-vegetation and rehabilitation plan that has been compiled for the project should be implemented and monitored to ensure success of the plan and to control the problematic alien invasive plant species that will mostly invade new areas in response to disturbance of land during the excavation phase.

This letter does not exempt you from considering other environmental legislations. Should any further information be required, please do not hesitate to contact this office.

Yours faithfully

K. Govender

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. Govender', is written over a dotted line. The signature is stylized and cursive.

**Forestry Regulations & Support - KZN**



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### **PER E-MAIL**

Dear Sir/Madam

#### **COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT REPORT FOR THE METISS SUBSEA CABLE SYSTEM TO BE LANDED IN AMANZIMTOTI, KWAZULU NATAL PROVINCE**

The Directorate: Biodiversity Conservation confirms having received the aforementioned draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report (DBAR) for comments. After evaluation of the DBAR and its specialist reports the Directorate has noted the Metiss subsea cable system traverses two Threatened Ecosystems and the Critical Biodiversity: Irreplaceable Areas as per the KZN Systematic Conservation Assessment. Development within these areas is not recommended; however the specialist report concluded that the vegetation on site is transformed.

Based on the above, the Directorate does not have any objections to the proposed project provided that the proposed mitigation measures and the following recommendations are adhered to:

- All sensitive habitats must be clearly demarcated as No-Go Areas with fencing or orange mash netting. Barricading measures to be utilized must not restrict the movement of fauna in the project area;
- The development footprint must be prohibited, within the high sensitivity area as far as possible by aligning the cable to the existing infrastructure;
- A botanist must be appointed to perform a final walkthrough on site to identify plant species of conservation importance;



- All protected and listed species must not be disturbed or removed without a permit from relevant authorities;
- Construction activities must take place during the dry season to reduce the potential for erosion on the exposed;
- All disturbed, exposed earth and cleared areas must be rehabilitated with indigenous vegetation; and
- Recommendations from DEA: Oceans and Coast must be implemented and adhered to.

Yours faithfully



**Mr Stanley Tshitwamulomoni**  
**Control Biodiversity Officer Gr B: Biodiversity Conservation**  
**Department of Environmental Affairs**

Date: 02/07/2019



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Att: Reinett Mogotshi

Dear Sir/Madam,

**DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT REPORT FOR THE  
INSTALLATION AND OPERATION OF THE METISS SUBSEA CABLE SYSTEM  
TO BE LANDED IN AMANZIMTOTI.**

With reference to the abovementioned Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report, please be advised that various Municipal Departments have had sight of the proposal and the following comments are submitted for your attention:-

**1. eThekweni Electricity Department.**

Please liaise directly with Jonathan Lawrenz from H.V. Operations to determine their requirements, phone 031-3119293 or email [lawrenzJR@elec.durban.gov.za](mailto:lawrenzJR@elec.durban.gov.za)

Further, please note:

- 1.1. The applicant must consult eThekweni Electricity's mains records (held in the drawing office at eThekweni Electricity Headquarters, 1 Jelf Taylor Crescent, for the presence of underground electrical services. In addition should any overhead line and/or servitude be affected, the

specific permission of the Head: Electricity must be sought regarding the proposed development.

- 1.2. The relocation of MV/LV electrical services, if required in order to accommodate the proposed development, will be carried out at the expense of the applicant.

**2. Environmental Planning and Climate Protection Department.**

The Environmental Planning and Climate Protection Department has No Biodiversity objection to the proposed Installation and Operation of the METISS Subsea Cable.

The landing area along the beach, is easily accessible, and no vegetation is envisaged to be lost.

**3. Land Use Management Branch.**

This Department has no objections to the installation and operation of the METISS Subsea Cable System.

**4. Strategic Spatial Planning Branch.**

The Strategic Spatial Planning Branch (SSPB) notes the Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report for the installation and operation of the Melting Pot Indianoceanic Submarine System (METISS) in South Africa.

Given that all of the concerns raised in this Branch's previous comments have been adequately addressed, coupled with the fact that there is alignment on the preferred alternative, the SSPB raises no major concerns at this point.

**5. Project Executive: Coastal Policy.**

No objection.

**6. Coastal, Stormwater and Catchment Management.**

This Department has no objection.

**7. Parks, Leisure and Cemeteries.**

No comment received.

**8. Pavement and Geotechnical Engineering.**

The steep sand dune above Beach Road is zoned unstable and may not be modified in any way (by trenching or directional drilling) without a stability assessment by an approved (by eThekweni Pavement and Geotechnical Engineering Branch), suitably experienced, SACNASP registered engineering geologist. The project locality maps show the pipeline starting on the seaward side of Beach Road after landing but crossing to the base of the dune after Rogies Road to go up Carlyle Street. That section along the dune toe, according to the drawings, is scheduled to be trenched; this is of particular stability concern and must be specifically assessed to ensure no excavations there may destabilise the sands as a failure at the toe may well migrate up slope and negatively impact the homes a short distance up the dune face. There will probably be construction constraints such as trenching in short sections so that the dune is not unsupported for long periods; those will come out of the geotechnical investigation.

**9. eThekweni Transport Authority.**

Please be advised that there is no objection in principle to the Installation and operation of the METISS Subsea cable System which is to be landed at Amanzimtoti. The implementation of this infrastructure is supported subject to the submission of a Traffic Management Plan to the local authority prior to the commencement of the construction/implementation phase. In this regard the implementing agent is to engage with this Department's Traffic Operations Branch for the submission and approval of the Traffic Management Plan.

**10. Environmental Health Department.**

No comment received.

**11. eThekweni Water and Sanitation Department.**

No comment from this Department.

**12. Cleansing and Solid Waste.**

No comment received.

**13. Disaster Management.**

No comment from Disaster Management.

**14. Fire Safety.**

Full compliance with all applicable Legislative requirements.

Should you seek clarification on any of the above issues, please contact the writer on telephone: [REDACTED] in addition, the Department requests that a copy of the Environmental Authorisation be emailed to the same address.

Yours faithfully



**MANAGER: LAND USE MANAGEMENT**  
**CB NORTON**  
(Claire Norton: Professional Planner A/746/1993)

DATE: 02/07/2019



**ACTING HEAD: DEVELOPMENT PLANNING, ENVIRONMENT AND**  
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Dear Vicky Stevens

**SUBJECT: COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED INSTALLATION AND OPERATION OF THE METISS SUBSEA CABLE SYSTEM TO BE LANDED IN AMANZIMTOTI, SOUTH AFRICA**

The Department of Environment Forestry and Fisheries DEFF in its Branch Oceans & Coasts reviewed the Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report and does not have an objection to the proposed project. Comments and recommendations are provided below:

- (1) The applicant must take note that the Branch Oceans and Coasts in DEFF has the mandate to ensure that the use of natural resources in the coastal zone and development associated with the coastal zone is socially and economically justifiable and ecologically sustainable. To ensure the achievement of the objectives of the ICM Act, 2008, and guarantee that the coastal environment will be protected and conserved throughout all phases of the proposed project.
- (2) The report outlines that the marine portion of the subsea which will be connected to the terrestrial portion of the cable route will be constructed at the shoreline above the high water mark and buried with an access port at the ground surface on the proposed grassed island near the car park. The report further

specifies that it is expected that the construction of the BMH will take approximately 1-2 weeks (Monday-Sunday) for completion. While this DEFF:OC is in support of the proposed project, this Branch further raises concerns over the impact of these proposed construction activities on the ability of the local community to access the coastal public property for the duration of proposed construction activities.

- (3) Section 13 of the Integrated Coastal Management Act (No.24 of 2008) provides that any natural person in the Republic has a right of reasonable access to coastal public property and is entitled to use and enjoy coastal public property provided such use does not adversely affect the rights of members of the public to use and enjoy coastal public property or cause adverse effects on the environment. As such, this Branch advocates against the restriction of access to coastal public property to any member of the public. The applicant should ensure that public access to the beach is granted at all times during all phases of the proposed project. In the event where construction activities are scheduled to take place, the applicant should take the necessary measures to ensure that the locals are informed and made aware of the scheduled times and dates as well as alternative beach access points for the duration of the construction phase. It is further recommended that the applicant ensures that construction activities are restricted to Monday- Friday during normal working hours to ensure that locals and tourists are not disadvantaged from using and enjoying the coastal public property.
- (4) To ensure the safety of the public during all phases of the proposed project, it is a recommendation of this DEFF: OC that all proposed access areas should be identified through adequate demarcation. The applicant must ensure that they erect signs along with access areas where activities associated with the proposed project will be/ are being undertaken. Furthermore, the competent authority must ensure that the applicant is familiarized and adheres to Section 13 of the ICM Act, which provides further guidance on how issues relating to access to the coastal public property should be dealt with and adhered to.
- (5) The assessment and review of the alternatives presented for the installation of the subsea cable from the shoreline to the Beach Man Hole, concludes that DEFF: OC is in support of Alternative 1 "*Trenching only*" on the basis that this alternative is less evasive and would result in a smaller area of the seabed being disturbed than the second alternative presented which proposed combination of *Horizontal Directional Drilling (HDD) and Trenching*.
- (6) Assuming trenching will be implemented for the subsea cable's shore crossing, the report further documents that that five benthic habitats rated as 'Vulnerable' will be affected by the proposed subsea



cable routing, namely; the Natal Canyon, Natal Sandy Inshore, Natal Sandy Shelf, and Natal Shelf Reef Natal-Delagoa Intermediate Sandy Coast. Taking into account the importance of benthic habitats in terms of nutrient exchange and sedimentation of organic material, this Branch is of the opinion that the magnitude of potential and or cumulative impacts to the marine environment as a result of the proposed project are high and largely unavoidable. While this Branch is in support of promoting economic development, it has the mandate to ensure that development that balances the competing needs of environmental, economic and social limitations without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their needs. It is a recommendation that the applicant ensures that the final subsea cable routing plan is designed to minimize the disturbance to sensitive benthic habitats in the coastal and nearshore zone as far as practically possible.

- (7) The report clearly outlines that sub-tidal trenching would result in the mobilization and redistribution of sediments tidal currents and the littoral drift. Furthermore, the report sets out that this would result in localized increased suspended sediment concentrations in the water column. The findings of the specialist report conclude that trenching and subsea cable burial process would result in the disturbance of high shore, intertidal and shallow sub-tidal sandy beach habitats and their associated micro-benthic communities through displacement, injury or crushing. To mitigate impacts to benthic organisms, it is a recommendation of this branch that the applicant ensures that construction activities occur concurrently and timeously to ensure minimal disturbance. Furthermore, the applicant should ensure that final subsea cable routing is designed to minimize the disturbance to sensitive benthic habitats in the coastal and nearshore zone.
- (8) The report identifies that during the installation of the subsea cable shore-crossing, noise and vibration as a result of the use of excavation machinery could have a potential impact on surf-zone biota, marine mammals and shorebirds in the area. Furthermore, offshore underwater noise generated during subsea cable installation could negatively affect a wide range of benthic invertebrates and vertebrates occurring throughout the water column and in the pelagic habitats nearshore. To mitigate the impact of disturbance and injury to marine fauna due to construction noise, it is a recommendation of this DEFF: OC that the Final Environmental Impact Assessment Report specifies in more detail the planned the trenching distance; ship buffer for the fisheries and proposed timeframes for installation to ensure that the proposed project will not be in conflict with whale migration season.



(9) In terms of the terrestrial cable alternatives, this Branch concludes that it is in support of *Terrestrial Cable Route 2* on the basis that it follows existing road servitudes and has the least environmental impact.

(10) The report clearly stipulates that the proposed installation of the subsea cable would result in some activities that would require driving on the coastal area. According to the National Environmental Management: Control of Use of Vehicles in the Coastal Area Regulations, authorization in the form of a permit would be required to use a vehicle in the coastal area. It is a recommendation of this DEFF: OC that the applicant ensures that they have obtained an Off-Road Vehicle Permit from this Branch prior to undertaking proposed activities on the coastal zone.

(11) To ensure that impacts in the marine environment are minimized and managed, the applicant must ensure that the construction footprint in the marine environment is limited to the construction area. The Contractor shall restrict all activities, materials, equipment, and personnel within the area specified or restrict activities to areas that are necessary to undertake the works. It is a recommendation of this Branch that the applicant is familiarized with Section 28 Duty of Care under the National Environmental Management Act (NEMA) to take reasonable measures to prevent pollution or degradation to the environment to avoid further disturbance.

(12) Taking into account the type of project the applicant intends to implement and its vicinity to the coastal zone, specifically coastal public property, the applicant is advised to adhere to and implement Section 63 of the ICM Act by taking into account all relevant factors, including how the proposed will impact on coastal public property and on coastal access land to ensure that proposed mitigation measures will ensure the conservation and protection of the coastal zone.

(13) The applicant should ensure that these comments are forwarded to the competent authority.

The applicant is reminded of Section 24F of the National Environmental Management Act, Act No 107 of 1998, as amended, that no activity may take place in the coastal zone prior to an environmental authorization being granted by the Department. Failure to adhere to this requirement may result in statutory enforcement measures being taken against the applicant.

These comments must be sent to the competent authority for consideration and implementation, and proof thereof sent to [Fditinti@environment.gov.za](mailto:Fditinti@environment.gov.za).

Kindly note that the department reserves the right to revise our initial comments and we may request further information based on any additional information that might be received. All future correspondence and documentation (hard copy and an electronic copy) must be submitted to our office for the attention to the Funanani Ditinti Directorate: Coastal Conservation Strategies using the following contact details: Physical Address: of Environment Forestry and Fisheries (DEFF), Branch: Oceans and Coast, 2 East Pier Building, East Pier Road, Victoria and Alfred Waterfront, Cape Town, 8001.

Yours Sincerely

P.P.



CHIEF DIRECTOR: INTEGRATED COASTAL MANAGEMENT

DATE:

12/07/2019

**APPENDIX B7      FINAL SCOPING REPORT NOTIFICATIONS**

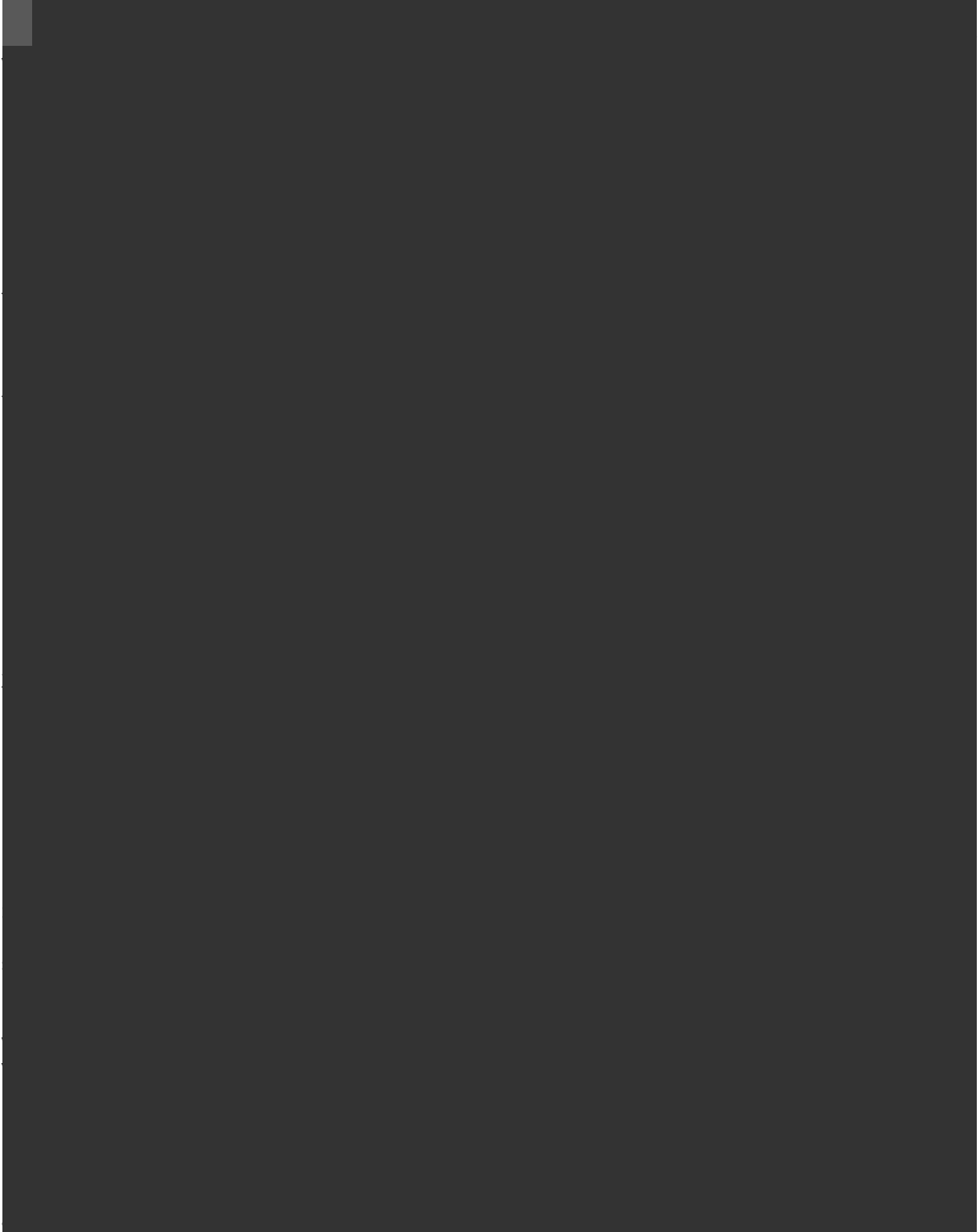
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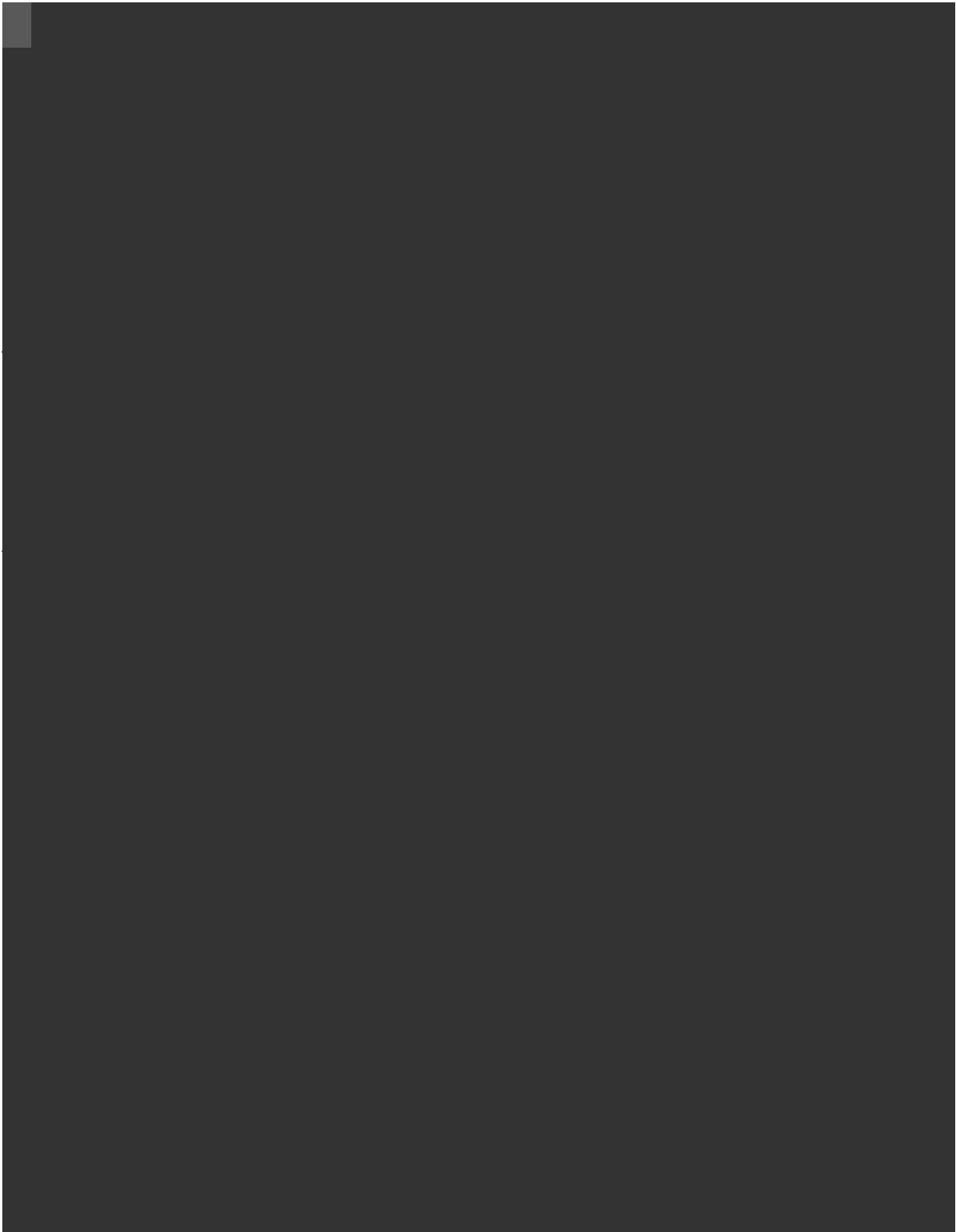
## Final Scoping Report for the METISS Subsea Cable System to be landed in Amazimtoti, KwaZulu-Natal

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Wed 3/13/2019 3:04 PM

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 2 attachments (574 KB)

METSS Stakeholders Letter.pdf; Appendix C \_Comments and Response Report.pdf;

Dear Stakeholder,

This notification serves to inform you that the Final Scoping Report for the proposed METISS Subsea Cable System to be landed in Amanzimtoti, KwaZulu-Natal has been submitted to the Department of Environmental Affairs for adjudication. A copy of the Final Scoping Report is available on the Project website [www.erm.com/metiss-fibre-optic-submarine-cable-system](http://www.erm.com/metiss-fibre-optic-submarine-cable-system) and a copy of the Comments and Responses Report has been attached to this email. You are encouraged to read through the Comments and Responses Report and ensure that your comment has been recorded and responded to.

Should you have any questions, please contact the Stakeholder Engagement Coordinator.

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13 March 2019

DEA Reference: 14/12/16/3/3/2/1118



Dear Stakeholder,

**RE: Final Scoping Report for the METISS Subsea Cable System to be landed in Amanzimtoti, KwaZulu-Natal.**

This notification serves to inform you that the Final Scoping Report for the proposed METISS Subsea Cable System to be landed in Amanzimtoti, KwaZulu-Natal has been submitted to the Department of Environmental Affairs for adjudication.

A copy of the Final Scoping Report is available on the Project website [www.erm.com/metiss-fibre-optic-submarine-cable-system](http://www.erm.com/metiss-fibre-optic-submarine-cable-system) and a copy of the Comments and Responses Report has been attached to this email. You are encouraged to read through the Comments and Responses Report and ensure that your comment has been recorded and responded to.

Should you have any questions, please contact the Stakeholder Engagement Coordinator at the details below:

Victoria Braham  
Stakeholder Engagement Coordinator  
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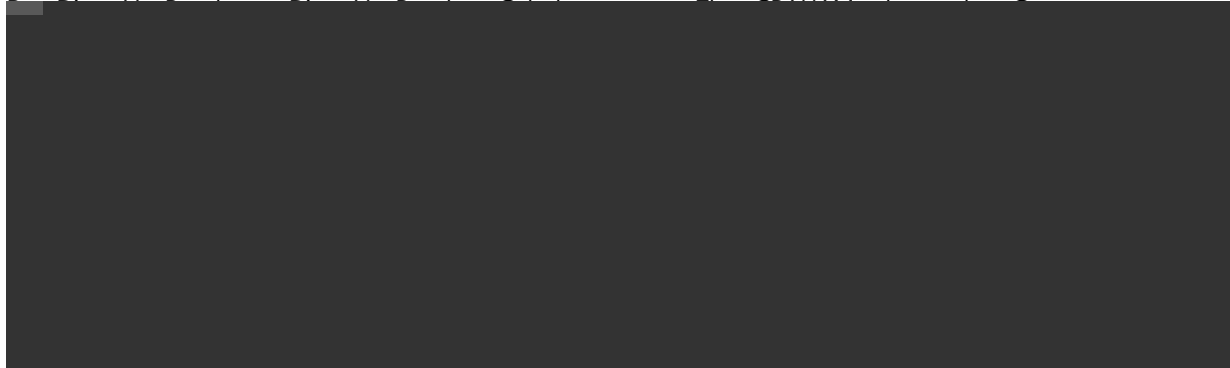
## **APPENDIX B7.2 ACCEPTANCE OF FINAL SCOPING REPORT**

## Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report for the METISS Subsea Cable System to be landed in Amanzimtoti, Kwa Zulu Natal.

ERM South Africa METISS ESIA

Fri 5/3/2019 2:00 PM

To: ERM South Africa METISS ESIA <metiss-subseacable-eia@erm.com>



Dear Stakeholder,

The proposed Melting pot Indianoceanic Submarine System (METISS) Subsea Cable System is a fibre optic subsea cable system linking South Africa, Madagascar, Réunion and Mauritius. Alcatel Submarine Networks (ASN) and Elettra Tlc s.p.a have been selected as the Suppliers of the METISS fibre optic subsea cable. The Project will provide additional telecommunications capacity to South African users through a fibre optic cable of approximately 3,200 km in length and deliver a boost to bandwidth between the respective countries, providing a connection speed of 24 terabytes per second.

The anticipated METISS subsea cable footprint within the South African waters is approximately 538 km (inclusive of Territorial Waters and Economic Exclusive Zone (EEZ)). The system includes a 14 mm to 35 mm diameter subsea cable that will enter the South African EEZ (approximately 370 km from the seashore) and continue through Territorial Waters (approximately 22 km from the seashore), to a landing site at Amanzimtoti Pipeline Beach in KwaZulu-Natal.

The Final Scoping Report for this Project was compiled and submitted to the Department of Environmental Affairs on 15 March 2019. The report was subsequently approved by DEA on 13 April 2019 commencing the Environmental Impact Assessment Phase of the project. As such, notice is hereby given that the Draft EIA Report is being compiled and will be made available to the public for comment.

For more information on the proposed project, contact ERM as follows:

**Email:** [metiss-subseacable-eia@erm.com](mailto:metiss-subseacable-eia@erm.com) | **Tel:** 021 681 5400 or 011 798 4300 |

**Project Website:** [www.erm.com/metiss-fibre-optic-submarine-cable-system](http://www.erm.com/metiss-fibre-optic-submarine-cable-system) | **Post:** Postnet Suite 90, Private Bag X12, Tokai, 7966

Kind Regards,

Victoria Braham  
Stakeholder Engagement Coordinator  
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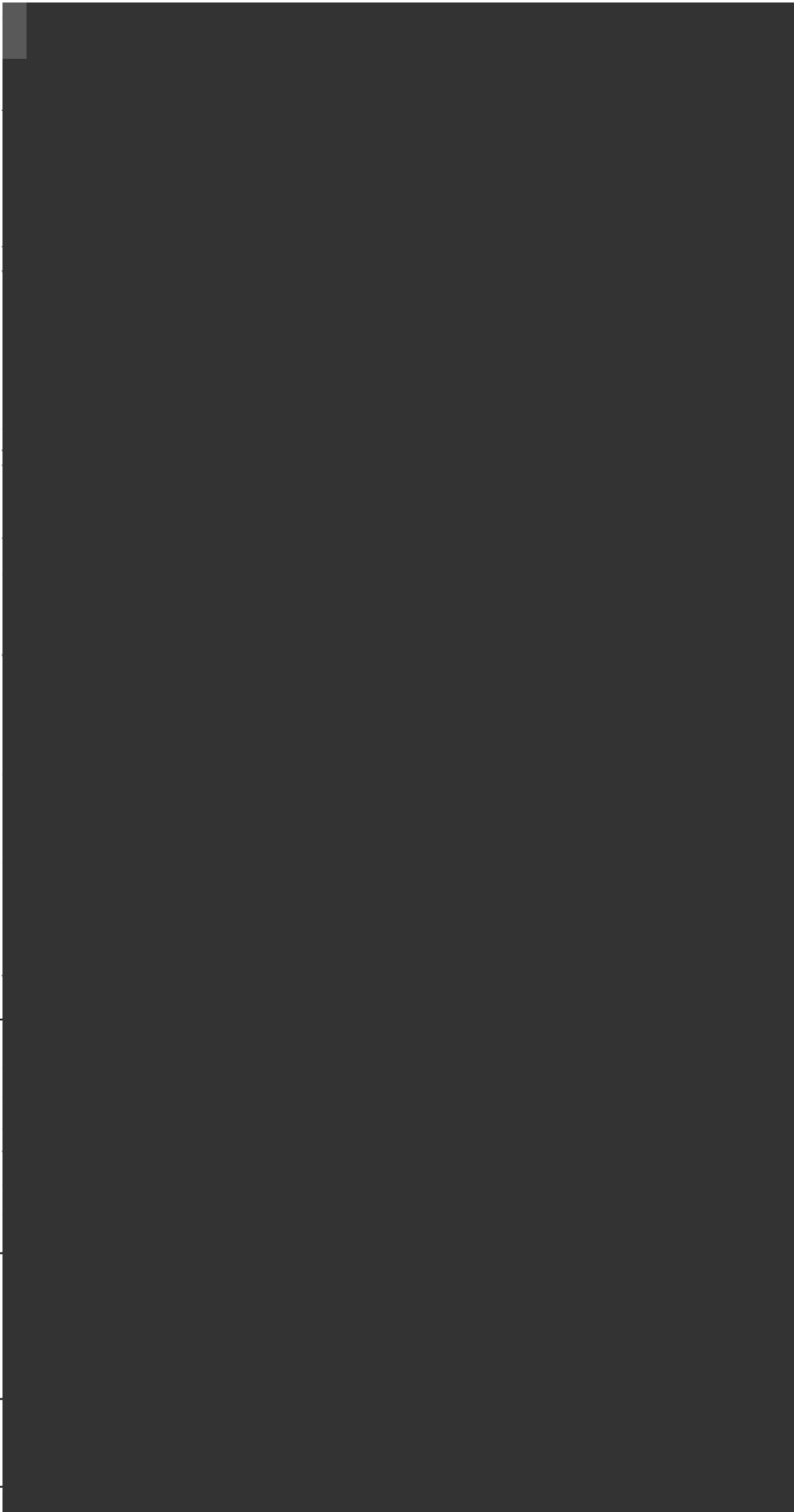
**APPENDIX B8**

**DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT  
ASSESSMENT REPORT NOTIFICATION**

**Amishka Mothilal**

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**From:** ERM South Africa METISS ESIA  
**Sent:** Monday, 03 June 2019 22:28  
**To:**



**To:**



**Cc:** ERM South Africa METISS ESIA  
**Subject:** Notification of the release of the Draft EIA Report for the METISS Subsea Cable System to be landed in Amanzimtoti, Kwa Zulu Natal.  
**Attachments:** Stakeholder Notification -EIA Release\_V3.pdf

Dear Stakeholder,

You are hereby notified of the availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report for the METISS Subsea Cable System, to be landed in Pipeline Beach, Amanzimtoti, Kwa Zulu Natal.

You are invited to submit your comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Assessment to ERM between 4 June and 5 July 2019. The report is available at [www.erm.com/metiss-fibre-optic-submarine-cable-system](http://www.erm.com/metiss-fibre-optic-submarine-cable-system) and a hard copy has been placed at the public locations detailed in the attached letter.

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Kind Regards,

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