

19 April 2021
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Karbochem (Pty) Ltd
P.O. Box 19, Sasolburg
1947**Attention: Mr. P. Steenkamp; Mr. H. Steenkamp**

Dear Sirs

**Newcastle Gas Engine Power Plant (NGEPP) Environmental Impact Assessment Process:
Landowner Consent Request**

Newcastle Energy (Pty) Ltd. (Newcastle Energy), a subsidiary of Vutomi Energy (Pty) Ltd. (Vutomi), own an 18.5 megawatt (MW) capacity gas fired cogeneration (steam and power) plant on Erf 15618 Newcastle within the Karbochem Industrial Complex in Newcastle, KwaZulu-Natal. The property is owned by Karbochem (Pty) Ltd. and leased to Newcastle Energy (i.e. via lease agreement signed in October 2020).

As you are aware, Newcastle Energy is in the process of undertaking an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process for the removal of the existing 18.5MW cogeneration plant and the construction of the proposed approximately 100MW "Newcastle Gas Engine Power Plant" (NGEPP) on the same property (i.e. a development footprint of 1.26 hectare is proposed to be constructed within the 1.78 ha site located on the southwestern boundary of the Karbochem Industrial Complex – see yellow polygon in the attached map).

Further to discussions between Newcastle Energy and Karbochem, Newcastle Energy require additional land in order to develop an LNG storage and regassification facility to serve as a backup fuel supply (i.e. in the event that piped natural gas supply is interrupted). It was initially proposed to locate such an LNG storage facility in the parking area to the north of the NGEPP site. Karbochem were not in favour and suggested that the vacant land, within the Karbochem Industrial Complex, to the east of the NGEPP site be considered by Newcastle Energy and its LNG service provider, Volco Power (Pty) Ltd. (Volco Power).

In this regard, Volco Power engineers have considered the suggestion and have proposed that the areas indicated in orange (connected via the blue pipeline system) in the attached map, are viable for Newcastle Energy's purposes (subject to in principal agreement from Karbochem).

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SRK Consulting (South Africa) (Pty) Ltd. (SRK) has been appointed as the independent Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) to undertake the required EIA Process on behalf of Newcastle Energy for the proposed project. This letter serves as a formal request to Karbochem to provide landowner consent for the undertaking of the EIA process for the proposed NGEPP and associated LNG facility as presented in the attached map.

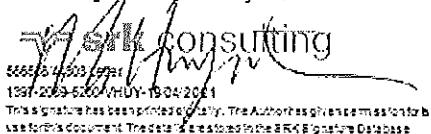
[Note: Once all the required environmental approvals are in place (assuming such), formalised lease agreements, legal contracts, etc. can be entered into between the relevant parties prior to any site activities/construction commencing.]

Should you have any queries or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned (cell: 082 574 6437; email: mvanhuyssteen@srk.co.za).

Yours faithfully,

SRK Consulting (South Africa) (Pty) Ltd

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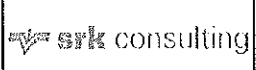
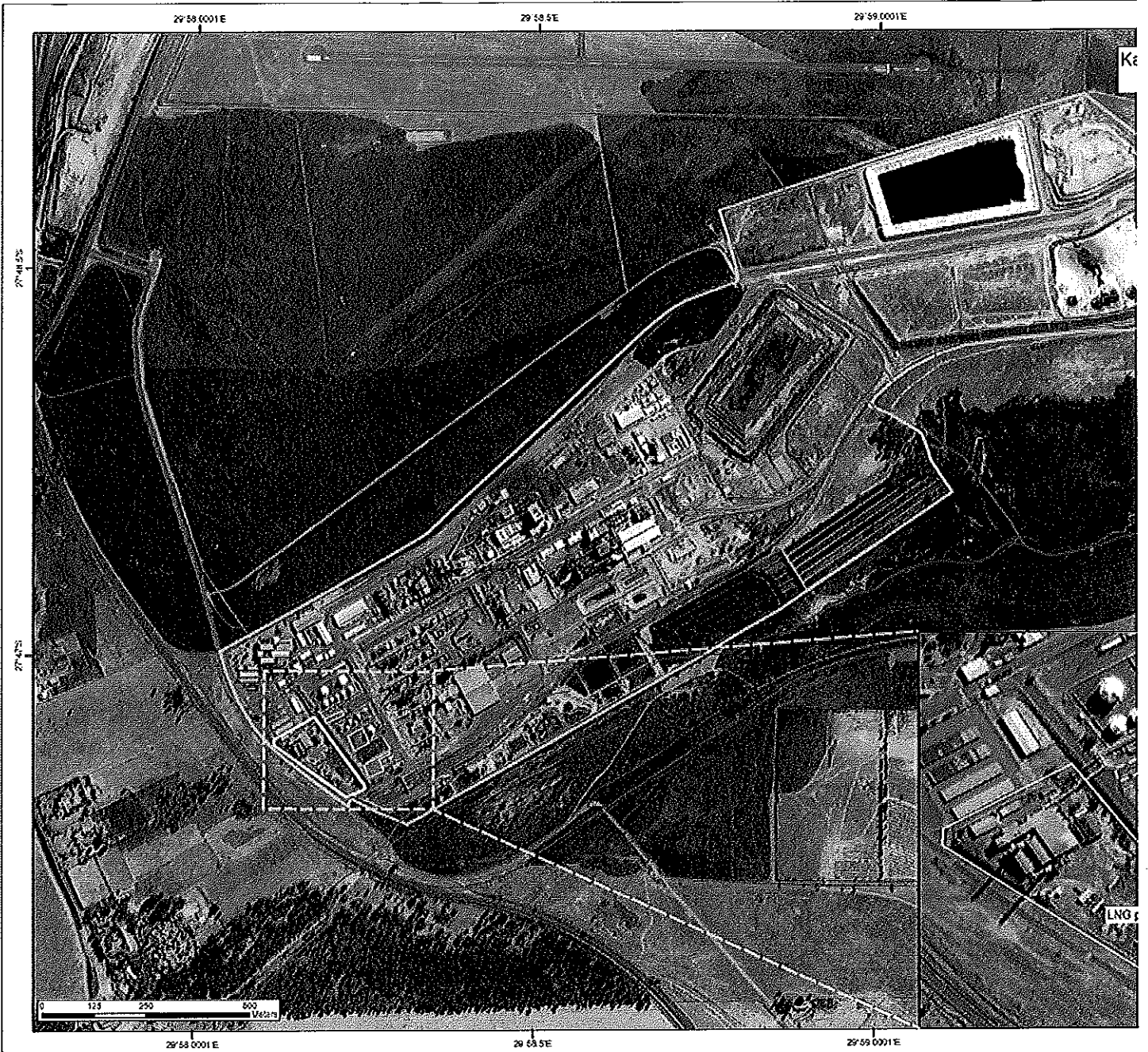
Landowner acknowledgement and consent to undertake an Environmental Impact Assessment Process

I, (name) HA Steenkamp (ID Number) 8808255153089, Chief Executive Officer of Karbochem (Pty) Ltd., as the lawful owner of the properties within the Karbochem Industrial Complex, am aware and give consent for the undertaking of the Environmental Impact Assessment process for the proposed Newcastle Gas Engine Power Plant (NGEPP) project, and associated Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) facility, within the Karbochem Industrial Complex (i.e. in the areas indicated in the attached map), provided all required consents are obtained. I am further aware of my right to participate in the public participation process.

Name: HA Steenkamp

Signature: 

Date: 19/04/2021



NEWCASTLE GAS ENGINE POWER PLANT (NGEPP)
AERIAL VIEW OF NGEPP SITE