
**DEVELOPMENT OF THE MUTSHO POWER PROJECT AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE ON A SITE NEAR MAKHADO (LOUIS TRICHARDT),
LIMPOPO PROVINCE
COMMENTS AND RESPONSES REPORT**

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1.	When were any of these documents forwarded to any of my clients who have registered as IAPs? More specifically, while we shall now study the papers, might you indicate when the PPP occurred in respect of the project; specifically involving my clients.	<p>Christo Reeders Attorney</p> <p>Christo Reeders Attorneys</p> <p>Email: 16-10-2017</p>	<p>The draft Scoping Report was available for public review for a 30-day review period from 25 August 2017 to 26 September 2017. The availability of the draft Scoping Report was advertised in the Citizen, Zoutpansberger and Limpopo Mirror newspapers at the onset of the review period on 25 August 2017. All registered I&APs were advised of the availability of the Scoping Report on 25 August 2017 via written notification. The report was available for download from Savannah Environmental's website. The report could also be viewed at the Musina-Nancefield Public Library, the Louis Trichardt Public Library and the Makhado Centre of Learning.</p> <p>Following the closure of the review period, all comments received were captured within a Comments and Responses Report, and responses were provided as far as possible. This Report as well as copies of the comments received were included within the Final Scoping Report. The Final Scoping Report is not released for public comment as this not a requirement of the EIA Regulations 2014, as amended, but is provided on request. A copy of the Final Scoping Report was provided to you as you specifically requested a copy of it via a Dropbox link on 16 October 2017.</p> <p>The public participation process undertaken to date is detailed in Chapter 6 Section 6.2.2 of the Scoping Report. A summary of the PP activities undertaken in respect of the Scoping Phase is provided below. Please note that Focus Group Meetings and an Open House will be held during the EIA phase and that opportunities for direct consultation with your client will also take place during the EIA phase.</p> <p>Mr Anthonie van Staden of the Vhembe Forum registered as an I&AP on 11 September 2017 (refer to the attached reply form). Mr Van Staden noted his interest in the project as "the Vhembe Forum is the Umbrella Forum monitoring all mining and relevant activities in the Vhembe district." Further he stated that questions, views or concerns regarding the project would be sent by email. An email confirming that the Vhembe Forum had been registered as an I&AP was sent on 13 September 2017. The submission was included within the Final Scoping Report submitted to the DEA.</p>

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			<p>Your letter dated 26 September 2017, requesting the registration of the Vhembe Mineral Resources Forum (with the email address antonie@zz2global.onmicrosoft.com and hcr@crattorneys.co.za) as an I&AP on the project's database and detailing the Forum's questions, views and concerns was received on 26 September 2017, the final day of the 30-day review period. The submission was included within the Final Scoping Report submitted to the DEA.</p> <p>A meeting will be arranged with your clients to discuss their specific issues regarding the project at the commencement of the EIA phase so that your client's issues are addressed in the EIA studies to be undertaken. Savannah Environmental will contact Mr. Rheeders in to arrange a meeting in the EIA phase.</p>
2.	<p>I acknowledge with thanks receipt of your email dated 16 October 2017, regarding the above mentioned subject matter.</p> <p>Kindly note that the matter had been brought to the attention of Mr Julias Shiko Mashaphu for attention and response.</p> <p>Should you wish to make a follow-up on this matter, kindly contact Zimkhitha Ceke; by telephone 015 297 or email; Zimkhitha. Ceke@drdlr.gov.za</p>	<p>Ms Alice Mboba Office of the Director General</p> <p>Department of Rural Development and Land Reform</p> <p>25-10-2018</p>	<p>Acknowledgment noted. Zimkhitha Ceke has been added as a registered Interested and Affected Party (I&AP) on the project's database.</p>
3.	<p>Interest in Project: Job creation. Environmental sustainability and protection Heritage protection</p> <p>Comments: » Where will the water for the project be sourced and how » When do you anticipate to commence with the Environmental authorisation processes?</p>	<p>Takalani Telekisa Environmental Practitioner</p> <p>Department of Environmental Affairs</p> <p>Reply Form: 08-03-2018</p>	<p>Mr Telekisa has been registered as an I&AP on the project's database.</p> <p>Water resource and supply options are in the process of being investigated by a Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS), acknowledged, water specialist with extensive experience in the planning and management of water resources in Limpopo Province and through the recent development of the Limpopo (North) Water Management Area Reconciliation Strategy. Bulk water supply options have therefore been excluded from the current scope of work and will be assessed through a separate application for Authorisation.</p>

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	Where will the water for the project be sourced and how will it impact on the local communities?		<p>The following options have been identified as being the most feasible to date and will be considered further as part of the water specialists ongoing investigations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Transfer of treated effluent from the Makhado Rietvly Wastewater Treatment Works (WWTW) » Transfer from dams in Zimbabwe (alternative to above). » Direct abstraction from the Limpopo River. <p>Once a preferred option or combination of options are selected, the proposed bulk raw water supply pipeline will be assessed through a separate application for Environmental Authorisation (EA).</p> <p>The process of applying for Environmental Authorisation (EA) for the project commenced in August 2017. An Application for Integrated Environmental Authorisation (EA) and a Waste Management License (WML) was submitted to the Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA), and the project was assigned DEA Reference Number: 14/12/16/3/3/3/220.</p>