

30 March 2021

Interested and Affected Party Notification letter

NOTICE OF A BASIC ASSESSMENT (BA) AND WATER USE LICENSE APPLICATION (WULA) PROCESS FOR THE PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF THE GREENFIELD SITE 1A TELECOMMUNICATION RADIO TOWER NEAR ULUNDI, KWAZULU-NATAL

Dear Sir / Madam

The proposed construction of the Greenfield Site 1A Telecommunication Radio Tower project is part of a suite of projects collectively known as the Ermelo-Richards Bay Coal Link Upgrade.

Project Background: *Transnet is South Africa's sole provider of rail transport infrastructure for coal transportation. One of South Africa's largest foreign exchange earners is the export of high-quality coal products to China. The Transnet rail link between the coal fields in Mpumalanga Province and the export node, the Richards' Bay Coal Terminal, is one of the busiest railway links in South Africa.*

The increase in demand for South Africa's high-quality coal necessitates the increase in production, which in turn has demands on the railway network infrastructure. In response to the increased demand for South Africa's coal in the global market place, Transnet needs to increase the volume of coal that is being transported between the Mpumalanga coal fields and the Richard's Bay Coal Terminal. This increase will be facilitated through capital expenditure on two fronts, the supporting infrastructure, i.e. the electrical network supplying the locomotives and the locomotives themselves.

In order for Transnet to accomplish the above they need to upgrade their power supply to their various traction substations between Ermelo and Richards Bay to facilitate the introduction of the new, larger locomotives that will be added to increase the volume of coal being transported and exported. Eskom Holdings SOC Ltd being one of the main suppliers of electrical energy in South Africa has been tasked by Transnet to supply the additional energy requirements to these traction substations.

*The project was handed over to Land Development after EA has been secured, land acquisition process has been completed. However, the EIA listed activity dealing with radio tower within the approved Duma Substation was not included in the Environmental Authorisation (EA) process. In order to connect radio towers within substations, it is necessary to establish new Telecommunication towers. The exclusion of listed activity in terms of EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended) necessitates a new Basic Assessment Processes to be undertaken for the approval of the radio tower. The proposed telecommunication mast would serve as voice and data telecommunication mechanism for Eskom staff and contractors. The mast will be located near Ulundi, within the Mthonjaneni Local Municipality in Kwazulu-Natal (**Map attached herewith**). The Mast will be approx. 80m in height requiring a foot print of 30m X 30m.*

In terms of sections 24(2) and 24D of the **National Environmental Management Act** (No. 107 of 1998), as read with the 2014 Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations of Government Notices GNR 326, 327, 325 & 324 (as amended), a Basic Assessment process is required for the authorisation of proposed project. In terms of Section 21 of the **National Water Act** (Act No. 36 of 1998), a Water Use License is required as a result of the project 'proximity to watercourses.

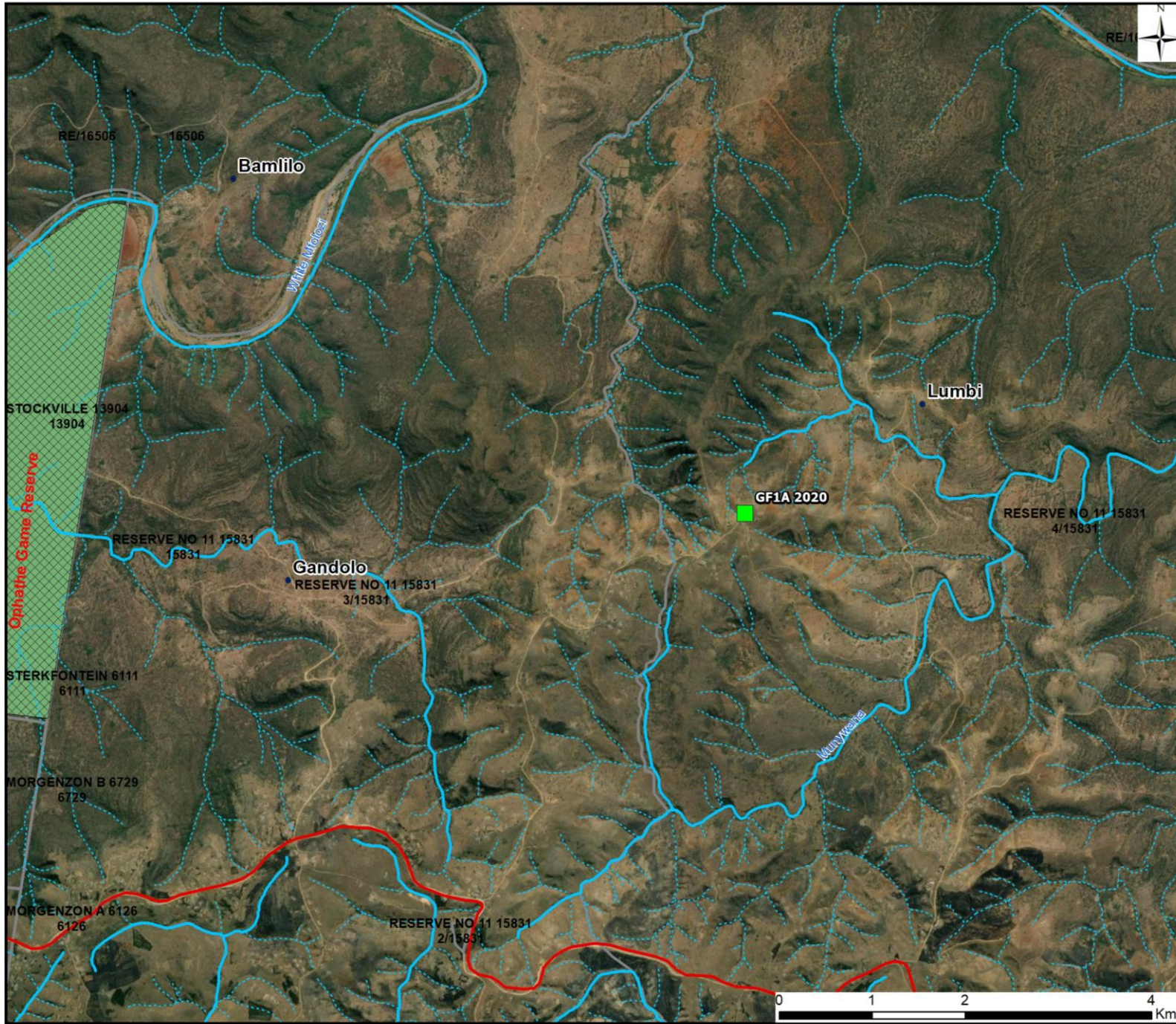
Envirolution Consulting (Pty) Ltd has been appointed as the Independent Environmental Assessment Practitioners to conduct a Basic Assessment, public participation processes and a Water Use License Application processes for the proposed development.

You and/or your organisation have been identified as an Interested Affected Party (I&AP) for the project as such we would like to keep inform you of the Environmental Authorisation Processes that is being undertaken. You will be notified as the process progresses. Should you have any queries or concerns, please contact Sheila Bolingo of Envirolution Consulting (Pty) Ltd at Tel: 0861 44 44 99 /Fax: 0861 62 62 22 /E-mail: sheila@envirolution.co.za.

We look forward to your participation and involvement throughout this process

Yours sincerely

Sheila Bolingo (Environmental Consultant)



Transnet Coal Link Upgrade Projects:
Proposed Greenfield Site 1A
Telecomms Radio Tower
 LOCALITY MAP

- Legend**
- Proposed Site
 - Main Road
 - Perennial River
 - - - Non-Perennial River
 - Ezemvelo Protected Area Boundary
 - Protected Areas
 - Parcels

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Projection: LO31
 Scale: 1:40 000

REPLY FORM

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Would you like to register as an interested and affected party (I&AP)? YES
(please tick the relevant box) NO

Note: You are required to register as an I&AP to receive further correspondence regarding the EIA process for the project.

Please state your interest in the project (add additional pages if necessary):

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Please list your questions, views or concerns regarding the project (add additional pages if necessary):

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Please provide contact details of other persons who you regard as a potential interested or affected party:

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INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE: THE PROPOSED GREENFIELD SITE 1A TELECOMMUNICATION RADIO TOWER NEAR ULUNDI

4 messages

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Tue, Mar 30, 2021 at 6:02 PM

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NOTICE OF A BASIC ASSESSMENT (BA) AND WATER USE LICENSE APPLICATION (WULA) PROCESS FOR THE PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF THE GREENFIELD SITE 1A TELECOMMUNICATION RADIO TOWER NEAR ULUNDI, KWAZULU-NATAL

Dear Interested and Affected Party

Eskom Holdings SOC Ltd is proposing construction of the GREENFIELD SITE 1A Telecommunication Radio Tower project is part of a suite of projects collectively known as the Ermelo-Richards Bay Coal Link Upgrade.

In terms of sections 24(2) and 24D of the **National Environmental Management Act** (No. 107 of 1998), as read with the 2014 Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations of Government Notices GNR 326, 327, 325 & 324 (as amended), a Basic Assessment process is required for the authorisation of proposed project. In terms of Section 21 of the **National Water Act** (Act No. 36 of 1998), a Water Use License is required as a result of the project 'proximity to watercourses.

Envirolution Consulting (Pty) Ltd has been appointed as the Independent Environmental Assessment Practitioners to conduct a Basic Assessment, public participation processes and a Water Use License Application processes for the proposed development.

You and/or your organisation have been identified as an Interested Affected Party (I&AP) for the project as such we would like to keep inform you of the Environmental Authorisation Processes that is being undertaken. **A formal notification letter attached with a comment sheet are enclosed herewith for your perusal, the "comments and registration" sheet.** Please do not hesitate to contact us should you require additional information and/or clarification regarding the proposed project.

Our team welcomes your participation and looks forward to your involvement throughout this process.

Regards**Sheila Bolingo****Environmental Consultant**

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CONSTRUCTION OF THE GREENFIELD SITE 1A TELECOMMUNICATION RADIO TOWER NEAR ULUNDI, KWAZULU-NATAL**

Landowner;

Eskom Holdings SOC Ltd is proposing construction of the GREENFIELD SITE 1A Telecommunication Radio Tower project is part of a suite of projects collectively known as the Ermelo-Richards Bay Coal Link Upgrade.

In terms of sections 24(2) and 24D of the **National Environmental Management Act** (No. 107 of 1998), as read with the 2014 Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations of Government Notices GNR 326, 327, 325 & 324 (as amended), a Basic Assessment process is required for the authorisation of proposed project. In terms of Section 21 of the **National Water Act** (Act No. 36 of 1998), a Water Use License is required as a result of the project 'proximity to watercourses.

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You have been identified as a landowner on one of the properties that may be traverse by the project, as such we would like to keep inform you of the Basic Assessment Process that is being undertaken. You will be notified as the process progresses. **A formal notification letter attached with a comment sheet are enclosed herewith for your perusal, the "comments and registration" sheet.** Please do not hesitate to contact us should you require additional information and/or clarification regarding the proposed project.

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Regards

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"In the end, what we regret most are chances we never took." ~ Frasier Krane

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23 June 2023

Interested and Affected Party Notification letter

NOTICE OF A BASIC ASSESSMENT (BA) AND WATER USE LICENSE APPLICATION (WULA) PROCESS FOR THE PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF **THE 2X GREENFIELD SITES TELECOMMUNICATION RADIO TOWER WITHIN ULUNDI & MTHONJANENI LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, KWAZULU-NATAL**

Dear Sir / Madam

The proposed construction of the 2x Greenfield Sites Telecommunication Radio Tower project is part of a suite of projects collectively known as the Ermelo-Richards Bay Coal Link Upgrade.

Project Background: The proposed construction of Telecommunication Radio Towers is part of a suite of projects collectively known as the Transnet Coal Link Upgrade, various projects were proposed including the Construction of Nzalo and Duma 400kV Main Transmission Stations (MTS) in Kwazulu Natal Province. Eskom is required to provide communication services for the MTSs that would serve as voice, data as well as other telecommunications and ancillary services for Eskom staff and contractors for the Nzalo and Duma Substations. Various Telecommunication Radio Tower Sites have been investigated including the Proposed **Construction of the 2x Greenfield Sites Telecommunication Radio Tower**. The proposed telecommunication mast would serve as voice, data as well as other telecommunications and ancillary services for Eskom staff and contractors.

LOCATION: The sites are located between Ulundi & Melmoth within Ward 4 in the Ulundi Local Municipality and Ward 1, 11 & 12 in the Mthonjaneni Local Municipality in KwaZulu-Natal Province.

LEGISLATION: In terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998), (NEMA, Act 107 of 1998, as amended) and GNR 324 to 327 of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2014, a Basic Assessment Process is required for the environmental authorisation of Listed Activities associated with this project from the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and Environment (DFFE). In terms of Section 21 of the National Water Act (Act No. 36 of 1998), a Water Use License is required as a result of the project's proximity to watercourses. **Envirolution Consulting (Pty) Ltd** has been appointed by Eskom as the Independent Environmental Assessment Practitioners to conduct the Basic Assessment and Public Participation Process (PPP) for the proposed development.

DRAFT BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORT AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW:

The Draft Basic Assessment Report (DBAR) has been prepared and made available for a 30-day public review and comment **from 23 June 2023 to 24 July 2023**. You are invited to review the reports at:

- 1) **MELMOTH LIBRARY:** 21 Reinhold Street, Melmoth; and
- 2) **ULUNDI LIBRARY:** cnr of Princess Magogo & King Zwelithini, Ulundi.

Should you require access to the electronic copy the reports or to obtain further information and register on the project database, kindly submit your name, contact information and interest in the project to Sheila Bolingo at Tel: 087 898 5000; Fax: 0861 626 222, E-mail: sheila@envirolution.co.za. **Please submit written comments by Monday, 24 July 2023**

We look forward to your participation and involvement throughout this process

Yours sincerely
Sheila Bolingo (Environmental Consultant)

REPLY FORM

BASIC ASSESSMENT (BA) AND WATER USE LICENSE APPLICATION (WULA) PROCESS FOR THE PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF THE DUMA TELECOMMUNICATION RADIO TOWER WITHIN MTHONJANENI LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, KWAZULU-NATAL

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