



## PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF A 132 KV TRANSMISSION LINE (FROM THE EXISTING HARVARD 132 KV LINE TO NOORDSTAD) AS WELL AS 6 SUB-STATIONS, BLOEMFONTEIN, MANGAUNG METROPOLITAN MUNICIPALITY, FREE STATE PROVINCE

## **Public Participation Process Report**

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#### 1. INTRODUCTION

The Public Participation Process for the Basic Assessment process will be conducted in accordance with Chapter 6 (Regulations 39 to 44) of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations of 2014.

# 2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION DOCUMENT (BID) DISTRIBUTION AND LAND OWNER CONTACT INFORMATION GATHERING

Background Information Documents (BID) were distributed to all relevant landowners of properties through which the proposed transmission line will traverse and sub-stations will be developed as far as practicably possible. BID's were also distributed as far as practicably possible to landowners of adjacently located properties who might be affected by the proposed development. Landowners were informed of the proposed project and contact details were obtained in the process (see the I & AP notification register below).

This process was conducted on the following dates:

10, 14, 15, 16 & 18 February 2017



ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT OF THE BACKGROUND INFORMATION DOCUMENT PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF A 132 KV TRANSMISSION LINE (FROM THE EXISTING HARVARD 132 KV LINE TO NOORDSTAD) AS WELL AS 6 SUB-STATIONS, BLOEMFONTEIN, MANGAUNG METROPOLITAN MUNICIPALITY, FREE STATE PROVINCE February 2017

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#### 3. PRE-APPLICATION PUBLIC PARTICIPATION MEETING

An unofficial pre-application public participation meeting was conducted on 25 March 2017 at the Langenhovenpark Public Library. The main objective of the meeting was to pro-actively attempt to identify and address some of the major concerns that landowners may have so as to try to finalise a line route corridor which would as far as practicably possible suite relevant landowners. After the conclusion of the meeting, a final line route corridor was decided upon by the applicant based on the comments and recommendations received during the meeting. This final line route corridor will be applied for during the Basic Assessment process.

#### 4. DRAFT BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORT

The Draft Basic Assessment Report will be completed and submitted to the competent authority (Department of Environmental Affairs) on 22 May 2017 for comments. The competent authority acknowledgement of receipt letter will be included into the final PPP Report.

#### 4.1 NEWSPAPER ADVERTISEMENTS

• An advertisement will be placed in the Volksblad newspaper on 22 May 2017 as well as the Bloemfontein Express newspaper on 24 May 2017. The Bloemfontein Express is a free local newspaper distributed in the Mangaung Metropolitan Municipal area. The advertisement will provide details on the project and an invitation for the public to register an interest in the project. The advertisement will also indicate the Public Participation Process commencement and closing dates as well as all the other necessary information required. Proof of advertisement will be included into the final PPP Report.

#### 4.2 SITE NOTICES

• Site notices will be placed on 22 May 2017 at strategic, conspicuous and accessible locations in the vicinity of the proposed project area. The site notices will provide details on the project and an invitation for the public to register an interest in the project. The site notices will also indicate that the Public Participation Process for the proposed project would commence on 22 May 2017 and conclude on 22 June 2017 as well as all the other necessary information required. Proof of site notices will be included into the final PPP Report.

#### 4.3 HARDCOPIES

- Two hardcopies of the draft Basic Assessment Report will be made available to the public for comment on 22 May 2017 in the Langenhovenpark and Noordstad areas of Bloemfontein. Proof of hardcopies placement will be included into the final PPP Report.
- A hardcopy will be hand delivered to the competent authority on 22 May 2017.

#### 4.4 STAKEHOLDER NOTIFICATIONS

• A notification email will be sent to all the identified stakeholders, I & AP's and relevant organs of state on 22 May 2017. The email will provide details on the project and an invitation for all to register an interest in the project. The email will also indicate that the Public Participation Process for the proposed project would commence on 22 May 2017 and conclude on 22 June 2017 as well as all the other necessary information required. Proof of email and delivery receipts will be included into the final PPP Report.

#### 4.5 COMMENTS AND RESPONSES RECEIVED ON PROJECT PRIOR TO COMMENCEMENT OF THE PPP

Table 1: Summary of comments received and responses provided

Commenting party	Comment received	Response provided
1. Wally Goodrich	Via email on 14 February 2017	Via email on 15 February 2017
Portion 4 of the Farm Voorspoed no 1788 (SG:	Dear Mr Lamprecht	Good day Mr Goodrich
F0030000000178800004)	This is just a friendly mail stating	Hope all is well.
	that I object to any electrical lines to	Your comments regarding the
	be erected on my property. No	project are duly noted and will
	access will be granted to anyone, to	be included in the EIA Report .
	enter my property at any given	As indicated to you
	time.	telephonically, you will be
	You may register Walter Goodrich	officially informed once the 30
	Trust as a I & AP, as we will be	day public participation process
	objecting to the proposed erection	commences.
	of this line on our property. We will	During this process you will be
	take this matter to the high courts if	required to formally submit any
	needed.	comments or objections
		regarding the project.
	Regards	Feel free to contact me with any
	Walter Goodrich	further uncertainties.
	Trustee	Have a safe day.
		Regards

2. A	andre Venter	Via email on 16 February 2017	Via email on 16 February 2017
		Hi Rikus	Goeie dag Andre
		Andre venter van Vuurenlaan 36 groenvlei. Gedeelte 1 Van 12 Van plaas Rooidam Rikus die kaart wat jy saam met die inligting dokumente gestuur het,is vir my onduidelikheid Van waar die krag drade gaan loop. 1)Kan jy my dalk net inlig waar die drade gaan loop en hoe die drade ons eiendom se waarde gaan beinvloed. 2)Watse gesondheids nadele sulke hoogs spanning drade vir ons gaan inhou. 3)Gaan dit enige verskil maak aan ons huideglike krag onderbreeking	Hoop dit gaan goed.  U kommentaar op die projek word genoteer en sal in die EIA verslag ingesluit word. Soos egter telefonies bespreek, sal u offisieel ingelig word van die aanvang van die 30 dae publieke deelname proses. Gedurende hierdie proses sal u versoek word om enige kommentaar of besware rakende die projek formeel in te dien aan my. Kontak my gerus met enige verdere onsekerehede. Geniet die naweek.
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		Cell 0825460166	
3. H	Iennie van Rensburg	Via email on 17 February 2017	Via email on 17 February 2017
		Dear Rikus	Good day Mr van Rensburg
		Herewith please be advised that I, Hendrik Schalk Jansen van Rensburg, ID 6405015026086, cell 0836307843 elect to be registered as a affected party regarding the abovementioned EIA.	Thank you for registering an interested in the project. I am unfortunately struggling to get hold of you telephonically. Will you kindly please give me a call on my cell phone to discuss. Thank you.
		Hennie	Regards
		Hennie van Rensburg Property Developer Retail Department   Engen Sales + Marketing Division PO Box 414 • Bloemfontein • 9300 • Fax:+27 51 503 7047 Tel: +27 51 503 7006 Cell: +27 83 630 7842 Hennie.vanRensburg@engenoil.com Reply via email on 17 February 2017	

	Rikus	
	Het jou twee keer gekontak en kon jou nie bereik nie.	
	Hennie	
4. Fanie Joubert	Via email on 10 March 2017	Via email on 13 March 2017
	Hi Rikus,	Goeie dag Mnr Joubert
	Hoop dit gaan goed.	Hoop dit gaan goed. Soos telefonies bespreek, projek
	Dis vir ons nodig om kennis van die beplande kraglyne se roetes te kry om daarop te kan reageer.	en spesialis inligting is ongelukkig nog in die proses om gefinaliseer te word. Sodra die finale verslae rakende
	Sal jy asb vir my die beplande roetes mail, Het huidig geen kennis daarvan nie. Ek woon in Pta en is 1/4 aandeelhouer in die plaas Hillandale 249.	die voorgestelde projek voltooi is, sal alle geaffekteerde partye formeel ingelig word van die beskikbaarheid van die inligting en die aanvang van die publieke deelname proses.
	Groete Fanie Joubert. 0828780481.	·
		Stuur asb ook vir my die ander relevante individue se kontak inligting deur, baie dankie.
		Laatweet gerus indien daar enige onduidelikhede is. Geniet die week.
		Groete
5. Johann Nel	Via email on 31 March 2017	Via email on 31 March 2017
	Hi Rikus,	Goeie dag Mnr Nel
	Ek was Saterdag by die vergadering ,maar het nie tot die einde gebly nie. Wat is die pad nou vorentoe? Ek sien in die epos word daar genoem dat 'n eposl uitgestuur sal word rakende die PPP, is dit al uitgestuur?  Groete Johann	Hoop dit gaan goed.  n Finale lynroete word tans gefinaliseer deur CENTLEC gebasseer op die inligting en moontlike voorstelle van Saterdag se vergadering. Sodra die omgewingsimapkstudie se verslae voltooi is en die aansoek ingedien word gedurende April 2017 sal n offisiele epos uitgestuur word aan alle

		van die 30 dae publieke deelname aan te kondig. Laat weet gerus indien daar enige verdere onsekerhede is. Geniet die naweek. Groete
6. Department of Agriculture , Forestry and Fisheries - Malcolm P	Via email on 4 April 2017  Good Morning We have no Protected trees in that area We will therefore have no i=concerns regarding this line M Procter DD DAFF Free State	Via email on 4 April 2017  Good day sir  Hope all is well. Thank you very much for the feedback in this regard. Your comment will be noted in the PPP Report. Have a safe week.  Regards

#### 5. THE WAY FORWARD

The Public Participation Process on the draft Basic assessment Report will conclude on 22 June 2017. All comments received and responses provided during the PPP will be incorporated into the final PPP Report.

#### 6. CONCLUSION

It is concluded that the level and time period of advertising, notification and additional mechanisms and communication incorporated into this Public Participation Process on the draft Basic Assessment Report, to inform surrounding land owner/users, stakeholders, I & AP's and identified organs of state, will be adequate for providing sufficient opportunity for participation and engagement.