

**INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE:**

**NOTICE OF A BASIC ASSESSMENT AND WATER USE LICENSE PROCESS FOR THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF THE 132kV CHIKADEE POWER LINE BETWEEN THE EXISTING HENDRINA/ARBEDEEN 132kV POWER LINE AND THE PROPOSED BOSCHMANSKOP TRACTION STATION WITHIN THE STEVE TSHWETE LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, MPUMALANGA PROVINCE.**

Notice is hereby given in terms of regulations published in Government Notice R. 982 in Government Gazette No. 38282 of 04 December 2014, as amended, under Sections 24(5), and 44, of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No.107 of 1998), as amended, that **Eskom Holdings SOC Ltd** (Hereafter Eskom) proposes the development of an approximately 2.3 km long 132kV Chikadee power line between the existing Hendrina/Arbedeen 132kV line and the proposed Boschmanskop traction station within the Steve Tshwete Local Municipality, Mpumalanga Province.

The objective of the proposed development is to assist Transnet in increasing its export coal capacity to 81MTPA and to upgrade the DC sections on the Transnet site as well as on the corresponding Eskom sides. The proposed development will entail the construction of the 132kV Chikadee power line that will be approximately 2.3 km in length located between the existing Hendrina/Arbedeen 132 kV power line within the Steve Tshwete Local Municipality, Mpumalanga Province.

In terms of Sections 24(2) and 24D of the National Environmental Management Act (Act No. 107 of 1998), as amended, and as read with the EIA regulations (Government Notices R. 982, R983 and R985 in Government Gazette 38282 of 04 December 2014), as amended, a Basic Assessment process is required for the proposed development.

In terms of the National Water Act No. 36 of 1998, a **Water Use License is required** as per the following specific water uses:

- **Section 21(c):** Impeding or diverting the flow of water in a watercourse; and
- **Section 21(i):** Altering the bed, banks, course or characteristics of a watercourse.

**Envirolution Consulting (Pty) Ltd** is the independent consultant appointed by Eskom to undertake the Basic Assessment and Water Use License Process for the above mentioned project.

Interested and/or affected parties who wish to participate by contributing comments, or who would like to point out any concerns regarding the environment, or who would like to obtain additional information, should please contact **Thabang Sekele** on, **Tel:** 0861 444 499, **Fax:** 0861 626 222, or **E-mail:** [thabang@envirolution.co.za](mailto:thabang@envirolution.co.za) on or before **04 December 2017**.

