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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(f): Altering the bed, banks, course or characteristics of a watercourse.

A Basic Assessment Process is being conducted to ensure that the environmental impacts that may be associated with the proposed activity, are taken into consideration; Interested and Affected parties (I&APs) have an opportunity to comment by providing issues of concern and/or suggestions for enhanced benefits and/or alternatives, and to ensure that the competent authority, Department of Environmental Affairs, has sufficient information to make a decision.

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AVAILABILITY OF THE DRAFT BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORT FOR PUBLIC REVIEW

In accordance with the EIA Regulations, a Draft Basic Assessment Report will be available for public review and comment by I&APs and stakeholders. You will be informed of the 30-day public review period.

You are invited to register as an Interested and Affected Party (I&AP) and/or submit your comments and queries to Envirovolution Consulting, Attention: Thabang Sekele at Tel: 0861 444 499; Fax: 0861 626 222, E-mail: thabang@envirovolution.co.za on or before Friday, **04 December 2017**.

Attached is the official notification letter and locality map.

We look forward to receiving your comments!

Regards,
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PER EMAIL / MAIL

Dear Sir/Madam

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT OF THE NEW APPLICATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION (BASIC ASSESSMENT PROCESS) AND DRAFT BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORT FOR PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF THE 132KV CHIKADEE POWERLINE BETWEEN THE EXISTING HENDRINA/ARBEDEEN 132KV LINE AND THE PROPOSED BOSCHMANSKOP TRACTION SUBSTATION WITHIN STEVE TSHWETE LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, MPUMALANGA PROVINCE

The Department confirms having received the Application for Environmental Authorisation and Draft Basic Assessment Report for the abovementioned project on 15 January 2018. You have submitted these documents to comply with the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2014, as amended.

Please take note of Regulation 40(3) of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended, which states that potential Interested & Affected Parties, including the Competent Authority, may be provided with an opportunity to comment on reports and plans contemplated in Regulation 40(1) of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended, prior to the submission of an application but must be provided an opportunity to comment on such reports once an application has been submitted to the Competent Authority.

Note that in terms of Regulation 45 of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended, this application will lapse if the applicant fails to meet any of the time-frames prescribed in terms of these Regulations, unless an extension has been granted by the Department in terms of Regulation 3(7) of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended.

You are hereby reminded of Section 24F of the National Environmental Management Act, Act No. 107 of 1998, as amended, that no activity may commence prior to an Environmental Authorisation being granted by the Department.

Kindly quote the abovementioned reference number in any future correspondence in respect of the application.

Yours Sincerely



Mr Sabelo Malaza

Chief Director: Integrated Environmental Authorisations

Department of Environmental Affairs:

Letter signed by: Ms Toinette van der Merwe

Designation: Environmental Officer: EIA Coordination, Strategic Planning and Support

Date: 17/01/2018

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	Mr Mandla Mnguni	Steve Tshwete Local Municipality	Email: mmoffice@stlm.gov.za



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PER FACSIMILE / MAIL

Dear Sir/Madam

COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF THE 132KV CHICKADEE POWERLINE BETWEEN THE EXISTING HENDRINA/ARBEDEEN 132KV POWERLINE AND THE PROPOSED BOSCHMANSKOP TRACTION STATION WITHIN THE STEVE TSHWETE LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, MPUMALANGA PROVINCE

The draft Basic Assessment Report (DBAR) received by this Department on 15 January 2018 and the acknowledgement letter for the draft BAR issued by this Department on 17 January 2018 refers

This Department has the following comments on the abovementioned application:

(i) **Listing Notices**

You are hereby advised to correctly quote the listing Notices as indicated on 2017 EIA Regulations and amend both application form and the Report when submitting Final Basic Assessment Report.

(ii) **Errors on the Report**

Recommendation contained on page (x) of the Report indicates that the project location is in Johannesburg, Gauteng yet the project is located within Steve Tshwete Local Municipality in the Mpumalanga Province, You are therefore required to clarify the project location accordingly.

General comments

You are further reminded that the final BAR to be submitted to this Department must comply with all the requirements in terms of the scope of assessment and content of basic assessment reports in accordance with Appendix 1 and Regulation 19 (1) of the EIA Regulations, 2014 as amended.

Further note that in terms of Regulation 45 of the EIA Regulations 2014 as amended, this application will lapse if the applicant fails to meet any of the timeframes prescribed in terms of the these Regulations, unless an extension has been granted in terms of Regulation 3(7).

You are hereby reminded of Section 24F of the National Environmental Management Act, Act No 107 of 1998, as amended, that no activity may commence prior to an environmental authorisation being granted by the Department.

Yours sincerely



Mr Sabelo Malaza
Chief Director: Integrated Environmental Authorisations
Department of Environmental Affairs
Signed by: Ms. Pumeza Skepe-Mngcita
Designation: Deputy Director: CIPS & S24G
Date: 02/02/2018

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26 February 2018

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Attention: Bongeka Ngcoliso

Dear Ms Bongeka Ngcoliso,

RE: COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORT FOR BASIC ASSESSMENT PROCESS FOR THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF THE 132kV CHIKADEE POWER LINE BETWEEN THE EXISTING HENDRINA/ARBEDEEN 132kV POWER LINE AND THE BOSCHMANSKOP TRACTION STATION WITHIN THE STEVE TSHWETE LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, MPUMALANGA PROVINCE.

This letter serves as confirmation that the comments from the Department of Environmental Affairs have been received in order. The response to the comments is stipulated below as follows:

- i. Listing Notices - You are hereby advised to correctly quote the correct listing Notices as indicated on 2017 EIA Regulations and amend both application form and the Report when submitting the Final Basic Assessment Report.
 - **EAP response:** Comment noted. An amended application form and Final Basic Assessment Report (FBAR) will be submitted to the department quoting the correct Listing Notices as per the 2014 EIA Regulations, as amended in 2017.
- ii. Errors on the report - Recommendation contained on page (x) of the Report indicates that the project location is in Johannesburg Gauteng yet the project is located within Steve Tshwete Local Municipality in the Mpumalanga Province. You are therefore required to clarify the project location accordingly.
 - **EAP response:** We concede the error identified by the Department and will indeed correct it to indicate the correct project locality of Steve Tshwete Local Municipality. This will be indicated in the FBAR.



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Further note that in terms of Regulation 45 of the EIA Regulations 2014 as amended, this application will lapse if the applicant fails to meet any of the timeframes prescribed in terms of these Regulations, unless an extension has been granted in terms of Regulation 3(7).

- **EAP response:** Comment noted, it will be ensured that the FBAR will comply with Appendix 1 and Regulation 19(1) of the EIA Regulations, 2014 as amended. Timeframes related to this application will be strictly adhered to as per Regulation 45 of the EIA Regulations 2014.

You are hereby reminded that should the final report fail to comply with the requirements of this letter, the proposed development will be refused in terms of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended).

- **EAP response:** Comment noted and acknowledged.

I trust you will find the above in order.

Kind regards,

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