

1 ISSUES RAISED

The issues and comments raised during the public consultation process are summarised in the table below.

NAME	DATE	METHOD	Comment	RESPONSE
PARTICIPATION/ REGISTRATION				
Mr. Gys Goedhals	07/11/2013	Telephone	Mr. Gys Goedhals called to request more information regarding the study area for the proposed project. He had seen the site notification near Watershed Substation.	Ms. Nobuhle Hughes from EIMS thanked Mr. Gys Goedhals for responding to the site notification. Ms. Hughes sent Mr. Goedhals a layout of the proposed lines in the vicinity of the watershed SS and surrounding properties for his review and information. Ms. Hughes highlighted the boundary of the Eskom property as well the R505 road for orientation.
Mr. John Sello	08/11/2013	Telephone	Mr. John Sello called in response to site notice to find out what the project was about and if there were any job opportunities.	Ms. Nobuhle Hughes from EIMS informed Mr. Sello that the project involved the proposed construction of 132kv lines in the vicinity of existing Watershed SS. Furthermore, Ms. Hughes outlined the Basic Assessment process and its approximate timeframes as well which stage the project was in at present. Ms. Hughes highlighted that only once Eskom has received the decision from the competent authority (DEA) can construction take place and it is at that stage where job opportunities may arise. Ms. Hughes mentioned that most opportunities may be for highly skilled jobs (required for constructing electrical power lines), but also semi-skilled and some unskilled. The job opportunities will be the responsibility of the Eskom appointed Contractor.
Ms. Mariette Liefferink CEO – Federation for a Sustainable Environment	14/11/2013	Email	Ms. Mariette Liefferink thanked EIMS for the emailed initial notification letter and advised EIMS that The Federation of a Sustainable Environment (for which she is the CEO) focuses specifically on the extractive industry and applications pertaining to the mining industry. As such Ms. Liefferink requested that she be notified on projects regarding mining related applications and not EIA's that are not on mining. Ms.	Ms. Nobuhle Hughes thanked Ms. Liefferink for responding to the notification and for the clarification regarding the types of projects the Federation for a Sustainable Environment focuses on. Ms. Hughes informed Ms. Liefferink that she has thus been excluded from the I&AP database as the said project is not mining related.

			Liefferink inquired if the proposed project had any relevance to mining.	
B. Moeng Restitution Support – Department of Rural Development & Land Restitution (North West)	14/11/2013	Email	The office of the Chief Directorate, Restitution Support: North West Province acknowledged with thanks, receipt of the initial notification correspondence received on the 11th of November 2013. The office of the Chief Directorate requested a property description in order to assist to the correspondence.	Ms. Nobuhle Hughes from EIMS thanked the NW Department of Rural Development and Land restitution for responding to the initial notification. Ms. Hughes informed the department that the study area is mostly within Eskom property and that only two other adjacent farms may be affected. Ms. Hughes listed the property details of the said farms as well as the coordinates of the Eskom property boundary.
Ms. Mmabatho Ramagoshi Chief Executive Officer (acting) - SAHRA	14/11/2013	Email	Ms. Mmabatho Ramogoshi thanked EIMS for the notification and informed EIMS that the relevant officials have been sent copies and will be in contact.	This was noted by EIMS.
Mr. John Geeringh Eskom Senior Consultant Environmental Management (Group Capital – Land Development)	15/11/2013	Email	Mr. John Geeringh requested that EIMS contact SEF regarding an IPP development at Watershed Substation to ensure that planning does not clash.	Ms. Nobuhle Hughes from EIMS contacted Savannah Environmental (responsible for the Watershed solar Energy project) to request to be added to their I&AP database as well as requested the contact details of the person EIMS can add to the Watershed power lines BA project I&AP database in order to share information and prevent overlap or clashing of the two proposed developments. Ms. Gabrielle Wood from Savannah Environmental provided EIMS a registration form to submit towards registering on the Watershed Solar project's database as well as her contact details to be included in the watershed power lines BA project. EIMS added Ms. Wood on the Watershed power lines BA project and returned the completed registration form to Ms. Wood for inclusion in the Watershed solar project.
Ms. Keitumetse Lobakeng (on behalf of Mr. Samuel Thabakgale) North West Provincial Government	15/11/2013	Email	Ms. Keitumetse Lobakeng informed EIMS that the notification was received with thanks.	This was noted by EIMS.

Policy & Advocacy Birdlife South Africa	17/11/2013	Email	Birdlife SA Policy and Advocacy thanked EIMS for the notification received on the 14 th November 2013 regarding the proposed construction of 132kV lines at the Watershed SS near Lichtenburg. Birdlife SA only registers and comments on applications that fall within or adjacent to Important Bird and Biodiversity Areas (IBAs), or for very large projects that could have a significant impact on birds. As this project does not meet these criteria, Birdlife SA hereby declines EIMS's invitation to register and comment during the EIA process.	Ms. Nobuhle Hughes from EIMS acknowledged receipt of the clarification of projects of interest to Birdlife SA, and informed that as per their request Birdlife SA has been removed from the Interested and Affected Parties database.
Wentzel Radcliffe & Andre Bodenstein Transnet Property (Geo- Spatial)	25/11/2013	Email	The office cannot make an informed comment from the information supplied such as information on where the crossing of Transnet land will occur (i.e. no kilometer or coordinate values given or if Transnet property will be crossed). In principal, the Transnet Property office has no objection to a crossing only to request that in the event of any construction work Transnet's cadastral boundary beacons should not be removed or disturbed. In the event of this occurring, the Transnet Property office must be contacted immediately.	Ms. Nobuhle Hughes from EIMS thanked Transnet Property from responding to the initial notification and furnished Mr. Wentzel Radcliffe and Mr. Andre Bodenstein with the proposed project's layout, highlighting that the majority of the proposed activity is within Eskom property with only two other landowners that may be affected which do not include Transnet. EIMS further included site notification with coordinates of the Eskom property boundary for ease of reference.
Mr. Harry Roberts South African Civil Aviation Authority (Aviation Obstacle Assessor)	13/01/2014	Email	Kindly register the South African Aviation Authority as an I&AP regarding the Construction of proposed 132kV lines at the Watershed Substation project. Contact details of the responsible person were provided.	Ms. Nobuhle Hughes from EIMS thanked Mr. Harry Roberts for responding to the initial notification about the project, and informed him that the South African Aviation Authority under the contact details provided has been registered for the project.
Sagwata Manyike SANBI (Assistant Director – Biodiversity Planning & Implementation)	17/01/2014	Email & Letter	SANBI responded to the initial notification in the form of a letter requesting to be excluded as a commenting authority as well as from the I&AP database. The details of the letter are available in the proof of correspondence or upon request.	Ms. Nobuhle Hughes from EIMS thanked SANBI for responding to the initial notification and for clarifying their criteria for involvement in Environmental Authorisation applications. As requested EIMS has excluded SANBI as the commenting authority as well as from the I&AP database.