
Eskom Lephale Customer Network Centre Project

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS

Notification of a Basic Environmental Impact Assessment and Request for Public Input



BACKGROUND

Landscape Dynamics Environmental Consultants was appointed by Eskom Holdings SOC Limited to apply for Environmental Authorisation for the proposed Lephhalale CNC Project. The study area is located on the farm Zwartwater 507-LQ situated west of Lephhalale, south of Matimba Power Station and east of the Medupi Power Station in the Limpopo Province.

The Consultants are undertaking the Basic Assessment process according to the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations which came into effect in August 2010 and promulgated in terms of section 24(5) of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998). Government Notice R544 (Listing Notice 1) is applicable and a Basic Assessment Report has to be compiled. This Public Participation Programme forms part thereof.

The decision-making authority for this Basic Assessment is the National Department of Environmental Affairs.

PURPOSE OF THIS DOCUMENT

The purpose of this document is to provide Interested & Affected Parties (IAPs) the opportunity to obtain background information with regards to the project and to comment on the development proposal. Contributions from the public forms an important part of the environmental process, which is to identify negative impacts that the project may have on the environment and to provide mitigation measures in order to avoid / reduce those impacts. Comment from IAPs can greatly assist in reaching the overall goals of the environmental assessment process.

PROJECT NAME

Eskom Lephhalale CNC Project

PROJECT APPLICANT

Eskom Holdings SOC Limited: Limpopo Operating Unit - Land Development and Environment (Environmental Section)

BASIC ASSESSMENT: LISTED ACTIVITIES

Government Notice R544 (Listing Notice 1) is applicable and a Basic Assessment Report has to be compiled. The listed activities for which environmental authorisation could be required, are:

Listing Notice 1

13. The construction of facilities or infrastructure for the storage, or for the handling of a dangerous good where such storage occurs in containers with a combined capacity of 80 but not exceeding 500 cubic metres.
23. The transformation of undeveloped, vacant or derelict land bigger than 1 hectare but less than 20 hectares.

Please note that, as more detail about the project becomes available and specialist studies are completed, further listed activities might be added / deleted to those mentioned above.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION AND LOCALITY

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

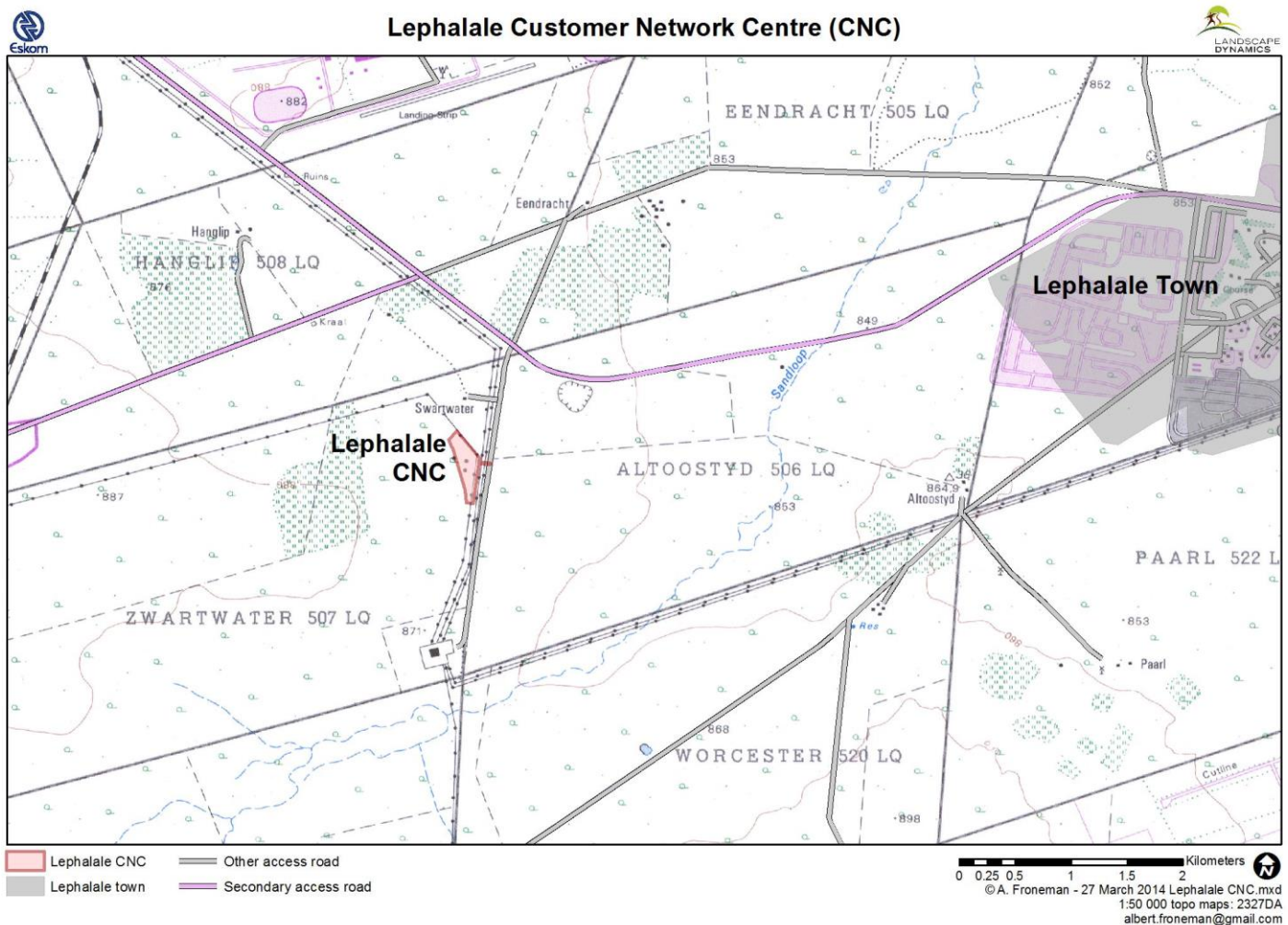
The project involves the construction of a Customer Network Centre (CNC) on a fenced area of approximately 10,1 hectares that includes a technical service centre; customer service centre; equipment store; parking; facilities for storage of fuel with a capacity of 103 680m³; a guard house; general store; standby accommodation; parking for bin trucks; a wash bay; ladder racks; a pole yard that includes a scrap compartment, transformer plinth, drainage sump and oil bund; a refuse area, a small sewage treatment plant and possibly also a communication tower.

The buildings, inclusive of parking areas and access roads will be approximately 1800m² in size. The total size of the property (farm Zwartwater 507-LQ) is 10.1 hectares.

PROJECT LOCALITY

The project is located on the farm Zwartwater 507-LQ situated west of Lephalale, south of Matimba Power Station and east of the Medupi Power Station in the Limpopo Province.

The farms bordering this 10 hectare site is Wellington LQ 519 Remainder, Altoostyd LQ 506 Portion 1, Kuipersbult LQ 519, Remainder, Hanglip LQ 508, Portion 6 and Enkelbult LQ 462, Remainder.



ALTERNATIVES

Site alternatives within the 10 hectare property will be investigated.

SPECIALIST STUDIES

The following specialist studies are being undertaken as part of this Basic Assessment process:

- Ecological Impact Assessment (fauna, flora and aquatic features)
- Bird Impact Assessment
- Heritage Impact Assessment

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

COMMENT ON THE DEVELOPMENT PROPOSAL & REGISTRATION AS AN IAP

Should you wish to comment on this development proposal, your comment should reach us not later than 16 May 2014. Your comment should be in writing and can be submitted via email, fax or post. In order to be registered as an IAP, your contact details should also be provided.

Registered IAPs will be included in our database which will ensure that you are directly informed of any important dates, availability of documents, etc.

Please do extend this invitation to comment to others whom you believe may also be affected by, or would be interested in, this Eskom project.

DRAFT BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORT (Draft Environmental Management Plan included)

The Draft Basic Assessment Report (Draft BAR) will be compiled in due course and will contain detail about the project, the need and desirability of the project, specialist studies and other relevant information.

All comment / objections received up to this date will be addressed in the Draft BAR. This document will be made available for public input.

FINAL BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORT (Final Environmental Management Plan included)

The Final BAR will contain the comment received on the Draft BAR, the consultants' responses thereto as well as any amendments that came about as a result of these comments. The Final BAR will be submitted to the National Department of Environmental Affairs for their perusal, comment and ultimately, the issuing of environmental authorisation for this Eskom Lephalale CNC Project.

DATE OF NOTICE

This notice is being distributed in the week of 11 - 18 April 2014.

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