

**PROPOSED BOTSWANA-SOUTH AFRICA (BOSA) TRANSMISSION
INTERCONNECTION PROJECT**

DEA REF: 14/12/16/3/3/2/1025

**ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (ESIA) REPORT
AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAMME (EMPr) NOW
AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

A full environmental impact assessment process is underway for the BOSA project. Notice is hereby given in terms of Regulation 41 published in Government Notice R982 of December 2014, promulgated under the National Environmental Management Act No. 107 of 1998 (NEMA) (as amended), of the availability of the ESIA Report and EMPr for this project. The project entails the installation of 210 km of 400 kV transmission line which will link the Isang substation near Gaborone in Botswana and the proposed Mahikeng Substation near Mahikeng in South Africa, with 146 km of the line being in South Africa and the rest in Botswana. The spacing of the pylons will be determined in the detailed design phase. The application for environmental authorisation (EA) is for a 1 km wide corridor within which the transmission lines will be located.

The Southern African Power Pool (SAPP) has appointed Aurecon South Africa (Pty) Ltd, as the independent Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) to undertake and manage the overall ESIA process to obtain the required EA. Aurecon is managing the ESIA process in South Africa and partners with Digby Wells, trading as RPM, to ensure compliance with the national requirements in Botswana.

Report now available for comment

A hard copy of the Draft ESIA and EMPr Reports will be available at the **Lehurutshe Community Library** for the duration of the public comment period (from 26 January to 26 February 2018). **[Note: The report may not be removed from the premises].**

Electronic copies of the reports are also available for download from:
<http://www.aurecongroup.com/en/public-participation.aspx>.

TOWN / COMMUNITY	Copies of a Non-Technical Summary will be available for review at the following venues
Miga	Supreme Poultry Ramatlabama; Ramatlabama Border Control; Klippan Farmers Association, Miga Community Hall
Khunotswana	Khunotswana Community Hall
Lehurutshe	Lehurutshe Community Library; Lehurutshe Civic Centre; Ga Matshogo Village
Serake, Driefontein, Mantsie, Borakalalo	Driefontein Clinic; Swartfontein Post Office; Mantsie Village; Borakalalo Village
Supingstad	Supingstad Clinic

Invitation to Open House and Public Meeting

Interested and Affected Parties are cordially invited to attend an Open House and Public Meeting scheduled to be held between the 13th and the 16th of February 2018 at the venues detailed below.

TOWN / COMMUNITY	Meeting Date	Meeting Time	Meeting Venue
Miga	13 February 2018	11h00: Open House; 11h30: Public Meeting	Miga Community Hall
Khunotswana	13 February 2018	14h00: Open House; 14h30: Public Meeting	Khunotswana Tribal Authority Hall
Lehurutshe	14 February 2018	16h00: Open House; 16h30: Public Meeting	Lehurutshe Civic Centre

Serake, Driefontein	15 February 2018	10h00: Open House; 10h30: Public Meeting	Serake Tribal Office
Supingstad	16 February 2018	09h00: Open House; 09h30: Public Meeting	Ntlung Morafe

Should you wish to attend one of the Public Meetings, kindly RSVP **before 9 February 2018** and extend the invitation to any other stakeholders you may be aware of. Please also ensure that anyone living on your land is informed of the project and the meetings.

Kindly submit any comments and concerns you have on the ESIA and EMPr Reports in writing, (please remember to mention the project's name and your contact details), on or before 26 February 2018 to:

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