

March 2, 2022

Attention: Interested and Affected Party

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION DOCUMENT**  
**ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION APPLICATION: LOMOND SAFARI 88kV POWERLINE**  
**EIA REFERENCE NUMBER: 2022-01-0005**

This Background Information Document (BID) serves to inform you, as a potential Interested and Affected Party (I&AP), of the proposed application for an Environmental Authorisation for the following project: Lomond Safari 88kV Powerline. The Environmental Authorisation application will be lodged with the National Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (the Competent Authority) in terms of the National Environmental Management Act (NEMA), 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998), as amended, and the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014 (Regulations in terms of sections 24(5) and 44 of the NEMA, 1998), as amended in 2017 and 2021. For this Environmental Authorisation application, a Basic Environmental Impact Assessment process will be conducted.

The applicant, Eskom Holdings SOC Limited, has appointed Trans-Africa Projects (TAP), who have appointed MuTingati Environmental and Projects in terms of Regulation 12 of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations (GNR. 982 of 4 December 2014, as amended in 2017 and 2021), as the independent Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) for the above-mentioned application process. The EAP complies with the requirements of Regulation 13 of GNR. 982 of 4 December 2014, as amended. Contact details for the EAP are provided below:

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### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Safari Rural substation is an 88/11kV substation supplying the South African Nuclear Energy Corporation SOC Limited (NECSA). The substation is currently supplied through 2 x 88kV underground oil filled cables from the Lomond Main Transmission Substation (MTS). The cables sometimes lose pressure resulting in a loss of supply to the Safari Rural substation.

To address the above situation, Eskom identified the following proposed project:

- Construction of a 1 x 88kV chickadee powerline of  $\pm 2.3$ km from Lomond MTS to Safari Rural substation. Steel structures will be utilised to build the HV powerline.
- Part of the 2 x 88kV underground oil filled cables will be dismantled and sealed off.
- The Safari Rural substation will be refurbished by replacing old and redundant equipment.

### PROJECT LOCATION

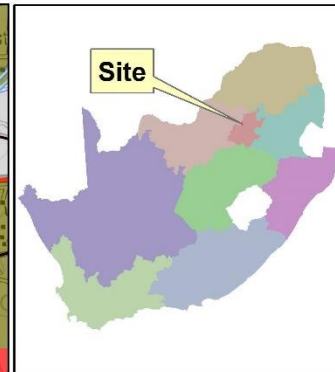
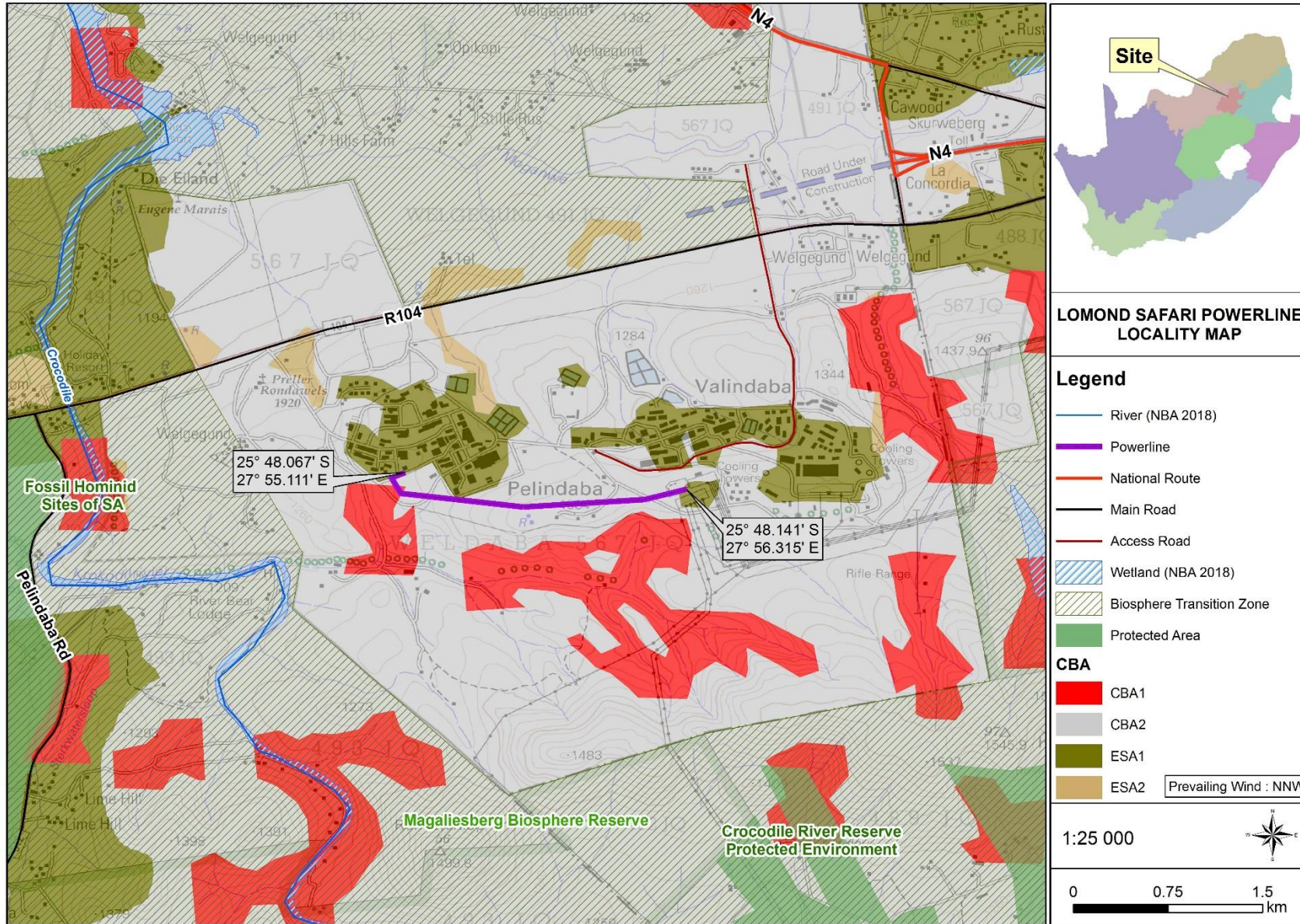
Project property: Portion 0 of the Farm Weldaba 567 JQ.

The project site is located in the Madibeng Local Municipality, Bojanala Platinum District Municipality, North West Province. The project location is entirely within the confines of the NECSA Pelindaba property, situated south of the town Hartbeespoort, North West Province.

Project site GPS coordinates:

- Starting point (Lomond MTS): 25° 48.141'S; 27° 56.315'E
- End point (Safari Rural Substation): 25° 48.067'S; 27° 55.111'E

A locality map is provided on the following page.



**LOMOND SAFARI POWERLINE LOCALITY MAP**

## LEGISLATION APPLICABLE TO THE PROJECT

The proposed project requires Environmental Authorisation and a Basic Environmental Impact Assessment process for the following listed activities in terms of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014, as amended on 7 April 2017 and 11 June 2021:

- **GNR. 983 of 4 December 2014 (Listing Notice 1), as amended by GNR. 327 of 7 April 2017 and GNR. 517 of 11 June 2021: Activity 11:** The development of facilities or infrastructure for the transmission and distribution of electricity–
  - (i) Outside urban areas or industrial complexes with a capacity of more than 33 but less than 275 kilovolts.
- **GNR. 985 4 December 2014 (Listing Notice 3), as amended by GNR. 324 of 7 April 2017 and GNR. 517 of 11 June 2021: Activity 12:** The clearance of an area of 300 square metres or more of indigenous vegetation except where such clearance of indigenous vegetation is required for maintenance purposes undertaken in accordance with a maintenance management plan.
  - (h) North West.
  - iv. Critical biodiversity areas as identified in systematic biodiversity plans adopted by the competent authority

The Environmental Authorisation application will be submitted to the Competent Authority in due course.

The following reports are applicable to this application for Environmental Authorisation:

- A Basic Assessment Report in accordance with Appendix 1 of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended on 7 April 2017 and 11 June 2021; and
- An Environmental Management Programme in accordance with Appendix 4 of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended on 7 April 2017 and 11 June 2021.

## PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESSES

The public participation processes for this application are conducted according to the requirements of Chapter 6 of the EIA Regulations of 4 December 2014, as amended on 7 April 2017 and 11 June 2021.

Should you wish to register as an I&AP for the proposed project, and subsequently be kept informed of the progress of the project, please complete the “Interested and Affected Party” registration form that forms part of this document and submit it to us at the contact details provided. If you do not receive a confirmation of registration, kindly please confirm that we have received your registration form. Alternatively, you may also submit your name, contact information and interest in the matter, in writing, to the EAP using the contact details given below.

As required in the EIA Regulations, a newspaper advertisement will be placed in the Kormorant Newspaper on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of March 2022 and site notice boards will be placed on the project property boundary.

The draft Basic Assessment Report will be available for public review and commenting for a period of 30 days from 4 April 2022 (registered I&APs will also be informed as soon as the report is available for review). Electronic copies of the report will be provided to registered I&APs via email or WhatsApp. Please inform us should you require a hard or soft copy (CD) of the report so that we can arrange for it to be couriered to you. A hard copy of the draft Basic Assessment Report and draft EMPr will also be available at the Hartbeespoort- and Brits libraries for viewing from 4 April 2022.

## Protection of Personal Information Act, 2013 (Act No. 14 of 2013) (POPIA)

The purpose of the Protection of Personal Information Act, 2013, is to give effect to the constitutional right to privacy, by safeguarding personal information when processed by a responsible party, subject to justifiable limitations that are aimed at balancing the right to privacy against other rights, particularly

the right of access to information, and protecting important interests, including the free flow of information within the Republic and across international borders (POPIA, 2013). This EIA and its Public Participation Process must be conducted in line with the requirements of the POPIA, 2013. Section 11(1)(a) of the POPIA provides that personal information may only be processed if the data subject (the registered I&AP in this case) consents to the processing thereof. Information collected by the EAP as part of the EIA process will ultimately be used by the Competent Authority to decide on this application for an Environmental Authorisation.

The provision of personal information and the submission of comments on this Environmental Authorisation Application is voluntary. Choosing not to register as an I&AP and not submitting personal information and comments on this application will mean that your comments and/or concerns cannot be considered by the Competent Authority in their decision making process. Persons who submit I&AP Registration Forms for this EIA process acknowledge and consent to their personal information [names, surnames, institutions/company names (if applicable), addresses, telephone numbers, email addresses and/or fax numbers and/or postal addresses] being included in the I&AP Register for this project. The I&AP Register will be provided to the Competent Authority but will not be made available in the public domain. Should an appeal be lodged against the decision by the Competent Authority, the I&AP Register will, however, need to be provided to the appellant in terms of the National Appeal Regulations, 2014. Persons who submit I&AP Registration Forms for this EIA process further acknowledge and consent to their personal information [names, surnames, institutions/company names (if applicable) and comments] being included in the Comments and Responses Report and Basic Assessment Reports for this project. This personal information is included in the Comments and Responses Report and Basic Assessment Reports as a result of the requirements of the EIA Regulations and is necessary to enable informed decision making by the Competent Authority. Contact details will not be included in the Comments and Responses Report and Basic Assessment Reports. The Comments and Responses Report and Basic Assessment Reports will be provided to registered I&APs as well as the Competent Authority for review as part of the Public Participation processes of the EIA. The names, surnames and comments of I&APs will therefore be available in the public domain. You may opt to not have your name included in these documents in which case only your comments will be included.

The EAP makes use of Dropbox to store EIA project information, including personal information and comments of registered I&APs. Dropbox makes use of cloud storage, and the personal information and comments are therefore stored outside of the borders of SA. Dropbox is a secure, safe, and effective platform for individual users and businesses that meets global compliance standards and regulatory requirements on data, privacy, and protection ([www.dropbox.com](http://www.dropbox.com)).

You have the right to object to the processing of your personal information as part of this EIA process. You are furthermore informed that the EAP and the Applicant are the Responsible Parties for the personal information processed as part of this EA application. The contact details of the Responsible Parties are provided below:

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