
Amendment of Wag n Bietjie 400KV Main Transmission substation (MTS)

Since the Agricultural Compliance Statement was completed for this development, the following layout changes are required:

1. The area required for the Wag 'n Bietjie MTS needs to be increased to 36ha, instead of the previously indicated 10ha.
2. An existing gravel road needs to be upgraded as the access road to the Wag 'n Bietjie MTS.

The finding of the original Agricultural Compliance Statement was that the amount of agricultural land loss resulting from the development is totally insignificant in the context of the agricultural environment. In addition, the land is of very limited agricultural potential, anyway. The conclusion of this assessment was that the proposed development will have insignificant agricultural impact and will therefore be acceptable in terms of its impact on the agricultural production capability of the site.

The entire proposed project, including the amendments, are within an area of low and medium agricultural sensitivity. The proposed amendments will have insignificant impact and will not change the original agricultural assessment in any way. No changes or additions to the mitigation measures for agricultural impacts that were recommended in the original assessment are required, and there are therefore no required changes to the EMPr.

Therefore, from an agricultural impact point of view, it is recommended that the amendments be approved.



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