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Dear Interested and Affected Party

**NOTIFICATION OF A BASIC ASSESSMENT (BA) PROCESS FOR THE PROPOSED DEVIATION AND REFURBISHMENT OF THE OASIS-TAAIPIT 132KV POWERLINE FROM THE OASIS SUBSTATION TO THE TAAIPIT SUBSTATION, KAI !GARIB LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE**

**Project Description**

GIBB (Pty) Ltd (GIBB) has been appointed by Eskom Holdings SOC Ltd, Eskom Distribution – Northern Cape Operating Unit (Eskom) to undertake an environmental authorisation process in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) as amended (NEMA) and the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations of 2017 for the construction of the proposed deviation of a 635m long section of the existing 132kV powerline from the Oasis Substation to the Taaipit Substation, within the Kai !Garib Local Municipality, Northern Cape Province. A 200m corridor was assessed along the existing 132 kV 42 km powerline route and each of the proposed deviation routes to determine the environmental impacts and significance of these impacts associated with the proposed development. Eskom has applied for environmental authorisation from the National Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA).

**Study Area:**

At a regional level, the study area lies within the Northern Cape Province and is situated within the Kai !Garib Local Municipality. The route for the proposed powerline deviation extending from the Oasis substation to the Taaipit substation. 2 route alternatives are being considered for this project. Alternative 1 is approximately 1 020m in length and is made up of the proposed deviation to the existing 132Kv Oasis-Taaipit Powerline. The deviation will turn off from the existing route and travel for approximately 700m in a West North West direction before turning South West and traveling the remaining 320 meters to join in with the existing powerline. Alternative 2 (preferred) is approximately 700m in length and is made up of the proposed deviation to the existing 132Kv Oasis-Taaipit Powerline. The deviation is located along the powerline near Lutzburg and is approximately 700 meters in length. The deviation will turn off from the existing route and travel for approximately 377m in a West North West direction before turning South West and traveling the remaining 323 meters to join in with the existing powerline.

**The purpose of the Project:**

The proposed project involves the construction of:

- Deviation of either 1020m (Alternative 1) or 700m (Alternative 2 – Preferred) on the existing 132kV overhead single circuit distribution powerline from the Oasis substation to the Taaipit substation, near Lutzburg;
- The upgrading of the entire line and deviation from the existing wooden 5-pole pylon structures to new steel monopole pylon structures; and
- The re-alignment of the powerline at the Oasis substation.

### **Legislative requirements:**

Eskom has submitted an application for Environmental Authorisation with the National Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA) in terms of National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No 107 of 1998) as amended (NEMA) and Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, of 2014 (as amended) for the abovementioned project.

### **The following listed activities have been triggered in terms of the above legislation:**

<b>Government Notice</b>	<b>Listed Activities</b>
<b>R 327</b>	<b>11(i); 12(ii) (a), and 19</b>

Due to the fact that the powerline will cross watercourses or be within 500m of wetlands, a Water Use Licence will be required in terms of the National Water Act, 1998 (Act No. 36 of 1998).

### **The following listed activities have been triggered in terms of the National Water Act:**

<b>NWA</b>	<b>Listed Activities</b>
<b>Section 21</b>	<b>c &amp; i</b>

### **Specialist Studies**

The following specialist studies have been conducted for the BA study and WULA:

- Avifauna Impact Assessment;
- Ecological Impact Assessment;
- Cultural Heritage Impact Assessment;
- Wetland Impact Assessment; and
- Visual Impact Assessment.

**Public involvement:** All Interested and/or Affected Parties (I&APs) are invited to participate by:

- Registering written comments on the abovementioned project to GIBB. Comments should include the I&AP's name, contact details and an indication of any direct business, financial, personal or other interest which they have in the project, and can be submitted by post, fax or email to **the Public Participation Office:**

**Attention: Richard Myburgh**

**GIBB Public Participation Office**

Email: [publicparticipation@gibb.co.za](mailto:publicparticipation@gibb.co.za)

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Post: P O Box 35007, Menlo Park, Pretoria, 0102

### **Review of the Draft Basic Assessment Report**

The Public is afforded a 30 (thirty) day period from **Thursday, 18 January 2018 to Friday, 16 February 2018 (inclusive)** to register and/or comment on the Draft Basic Assessment Report for the above mentioned project

### **The report will be made available at the following locations:**

<b>Place</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Contact Person</b>	<b>Telephone</b>
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**Details of Public Meeting to be held:**

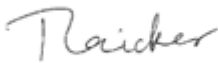
Date: Wednesday, 31 January 2018  
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Venue: NG Church Kakamas, Cnr. 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Voortrekker Way, Kakamas, 8870

**Please confirm your attendance by Wednesday, 24 January 2018.**

GIBB will distribute further information and correspondence on the project and associated BA process to all registered I&APs and provide further opportunities for comments throughout the BA process.

Should you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours faithfully,  
**For GIBB (Pty) Ltd**



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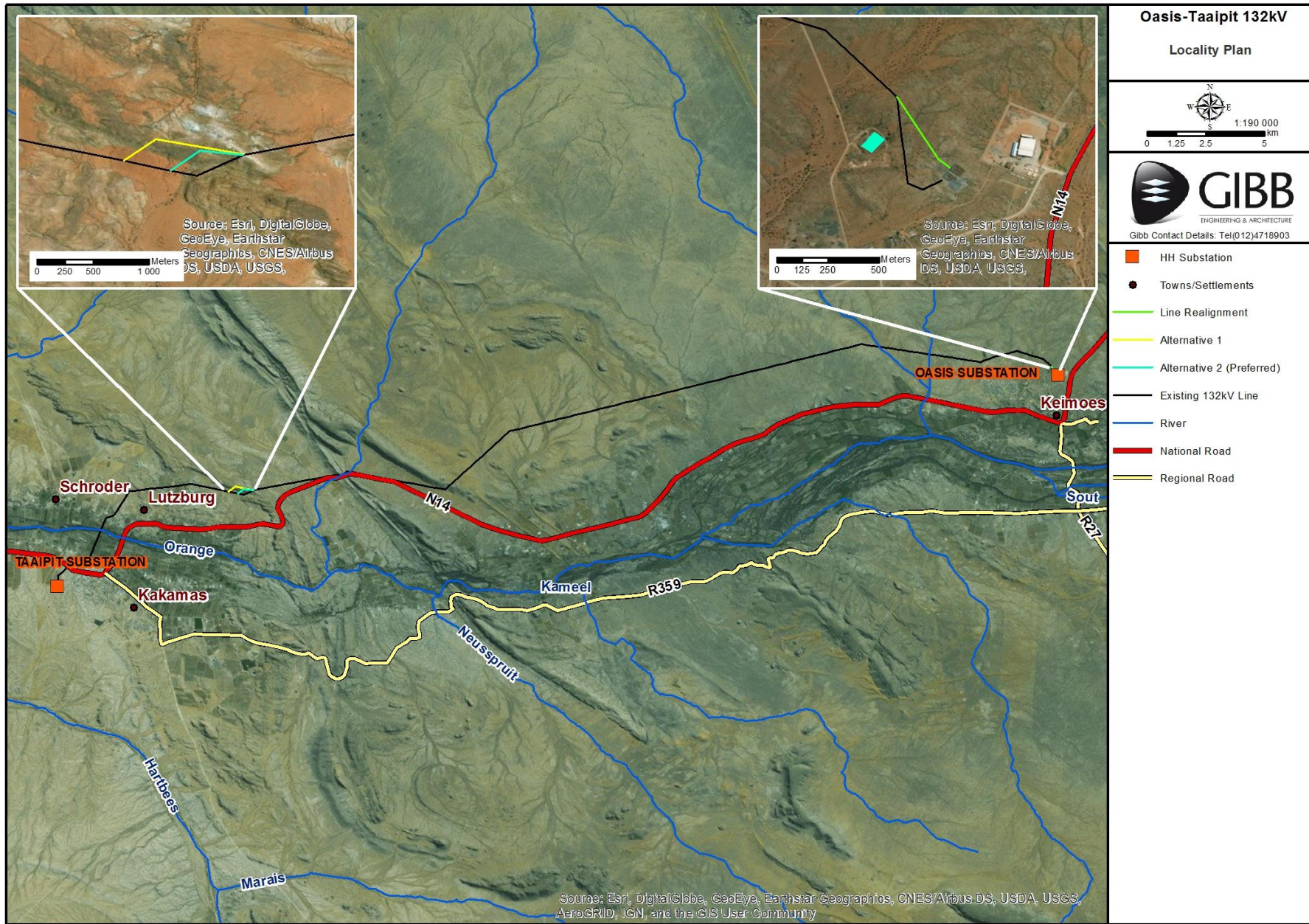


Figure 1: Locality Map

# **INTERESTED AND AFFECTED PARTY REGISTRATION SHEET**

Name	
Organisation	
Telephone number	
Physical address	
Postal address	
Fax number	
Email address	

Please state your interest (i.e. direct business, financial, personal or other interest) with respect to the approval or refusal of the application for the proposed development

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Please state any concerns, suggestions and/or potential impacts that should be considered during the Basic Assessment Process.

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**All comments must be submitted to GIBB by no later than Friday, 16 February 2018.**

**Contact:**

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Geagte Belangstellende en/of Geaffekteerde Party

**INDIENING VAN DIE KONSEP BASIESE EVALUERINGSVERSLAG VIR DIE VOORGESTELDE  
AFWYKING EN OPKNAPPING VAN DIE OASIS-TAAIPIT 132KV KRAGLYN WAT OPPERIG  
MOET WORD VANAF DIE BESTAANDE OASIS SUBSTASIE TOT EN MET DIE TAAIPIT  
SUBSTASIE, KAI !GRIB MUNISIPALITEIT, NOORD KAAP PROVINSIE**

Eskom Holdings SOC Bpk, Eskom Versoreiding – Noord Kaap Streek (Eskom) het aansoek ingedien vir die Omgewingsmagtiging vir die voorgestelde afwyking en opknapping van die Oasis-Taaipit 132kV kraglyn wat opperig moet word vanaf die bestaande Oasis substasie tot en met die Taaipit substasie, ingedien het.

GIBB (Pty) Ltd (GIBB) is aangestel deur Eskom as 'n onafhanklike Omgewingskonsultant (EAP) om die nodige omgewings magtiging prosesse (Basiese Assessering-en watergebruik lisensie) asook die gepaardgaande proses van publieke deelname te onderneem ter ondersteuning van die bogenoemde aansoeke. 'n 200m Korridor is geassesseer die lente van die bestaande 132 KV 42 Km Kraglynroete en en van die voorgestelde afwykingsroetes om die omgewingimpakte en die betekenisvolheid van hierdie impakte wat met die voorgestelde ontwikkeling verband hou, te bepaal.

**Studie Area:**

Die voorgestelde ontwikkeling vind plaas in die Noord Kaap Provinsie, binne die Kai !Garib Munisipaliteit. Twee roete opsies word huidiglik oorweeg vir die afwyking van die kraglyn tussen die Oasis en Taaipit substasies. 2 roete alternatiewe word vir hierdie projek oorweeg. Alternatiewe 1 is ongeveer 1 020m lank en bestaan uit die voorgestelde afwyking van die bestaande 132Kv Oasis-Taaipit Powerline. Die afwyking sal afwyk van die bestaande roete en reis vir ongeveer 700m in 'n Wes-Noordwes rigting voordat jy Suidwes draai en die oorblywende 320 meter ry om by die bestaande kraglyn aan te sluit. Alternatiewe 2 (voorkeur) is ongeveer 700m lank en bestaan uit die voorgestelde afwyking van die bestaande 132Kv Oasis-Taaipit Powerline. Die afwyking is langs die kraglyn naby Lutzburg en is ongeveer 700 meter lank. Die afwyking sal afwyk van die bestaande roete en reis vir ongeveer 377m in 'n Wes-Noordwes rigting voordat jy Suidwes draai en die oorblywende 323 meter ry om by die bestaande kraglyn aan te sluit.

### **Die doel van die Projek:**

Daar moet kennis geneem word dat die hoof doel van die voorgestelde kraglyn is om die bestaande elektrisiteitsvoorsiening in die gebied te versterk en sodoende die gebied te voorsien van voldoende en betroubare kragtoevoer om huidige en toekomstige eise te bevredig.

### **Wetgewende vereistes:**

Eskom het 'n aansoek om Omgewingsmagtiging by die Nasionale Departement van Omgewingsake (DEA) ingedien ingevolge die Wet op Nasionale Omgewingsbestuur, 1998 (Wet Nr 107 van 1998) soos gewysig (WNOB) en Omgewingsimpakstudies (OIB), April 2017 Vir die bogenoemde projek.

### **Die volgende gelyste aktiwiteite is geaktiveer in terme van bogenoemde wetgewing:**

<b>Regeringskennisgewing</b>	<b>Gelyste Aktiwiteite</b>
<b>R 327</b>	<b>11(i); 12(ii) (a), en 19</b>

As gevolg van die feit dat die kraglyn waterpaaie sal oorsteek of binne 500m van die vleilande sal wees, sal 'n Watergebruikslisensie ingevolge die Nasionale Waterwet, 1998 (Wet No. 36 van 1998) vereis word.

### **Die volgende gelyste aktiwiteite is geaktiveer ingevolge die Nasionale Waterwet:**

<b>Nasionale Waterwet</b>	<b>Gelyste Aktiwiteite</b>
<b>Gedeelte 21</b>	<b>c &amp; i</b>

### **Publieke Deelname:**

Alle belangstellende en/of geaffekteerde partye (B&GP's) word uitgenooi om deel te neem deur hul geskrewe kommentaar te registreer op die bogenoemde projek by die GIBB Kantoor vir Openbare Deelname. Kommentaar moet die B&GP se naam, organisasie, telefoon-en faksnommer, fisiese en posadres, e-posadres jou kommentaar en/of belangstelling in die projek bevat. Hierdie inligting kan dan gestuur word na die Kantoor vir Openbare Deelname (besonderhede verskaf hieronder) deur middel van pos, faks of e-pos.

**Aandag: Richard Myburgh**

**GIBB Publieke Deelname Kantoor**

E-pos: [publicparticipation@gibb.co.za](mailto:publicparticipation@gibb.co.za)

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### **Oorsig van die Konsep Basiese Evalueringsverslag**

Belanghebbende en geaffekteerde partye (B&GP's) word genooi om te registreer en/of kommentaar te lewer op die Konsep Basiese Evalueringsverslag vir die Eskom Holdings projek. Die publieke oorsigtydperk sal wees vanaf **Donerdag, 18 Januarie 2018 tot en met Vrydag, 16 Februarie 2018 (insluitend)**. Die Konsep Basiese Evalueringsverslag en WUL is beskikbaar vir kommentaar by die volgende plekke:

<b>Place</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Contact Person</b>	<b>Telephone</b>
Kakamas Biblioteek	28 Voortrekker Straat, Kakamas, 8870	Ontvangs	054 431 6300
Keimoes Hospitaal	459 Hoof Pad, Keimoes, 8860	Rejane Petersen	045 461 1004

**Die Konsep Basiese Evalueringsverslag sowel as die meegaande WULA sal ook beskikbaar gemaak word op die GIBB webtuiste by die volgende webwerf skakel:**

- [https://projects.gibb.co.za/Eskom\\_Oasis\\_Taaipit\\_132KV\\_Powerline\\_DBAR](https://projects.gibb.co.za/Eskom_Oasis_Taaipit_132KV_Powerline_DBAR)
- 'n CD kopie beskikbaar op aanvraag.

**Uitnodiging na 'n Publieke Vergadering:**

B&GP's word hiermee uitgenooi na 'n publieke ope-dag. Inligting in verband met hierdie vergadering word verskaf hieronder:

Datum: Woensdag, 31 Januarie 2018

Voorlegging tyd: 16:00 – 18:00

Plek: NG Kerk Kakamas, Hoek van 10de Laan en Voortrekker Weg, Kakamas, 8870

**Bevestig asseblief u teenwoordigheid by die publieke vergadering teen Woensdag, 24 Januarie 2018.**

GIBB sal verdere inligting en korrespondensie aangaande die projek en verwante omgewingsproses aan alle geregistreerde belanghebbende en geaffekteerde partye versprei en sal ook verdere geleenthede vir kommentaar bied vorentoe gedurende die omgewingsproses.

Indien u enige verdere inligting benodig, moet asseblief nie huiwer om ons te kontak nie.

Die uwe,

**Vir GIBB (Edms) Bpk**

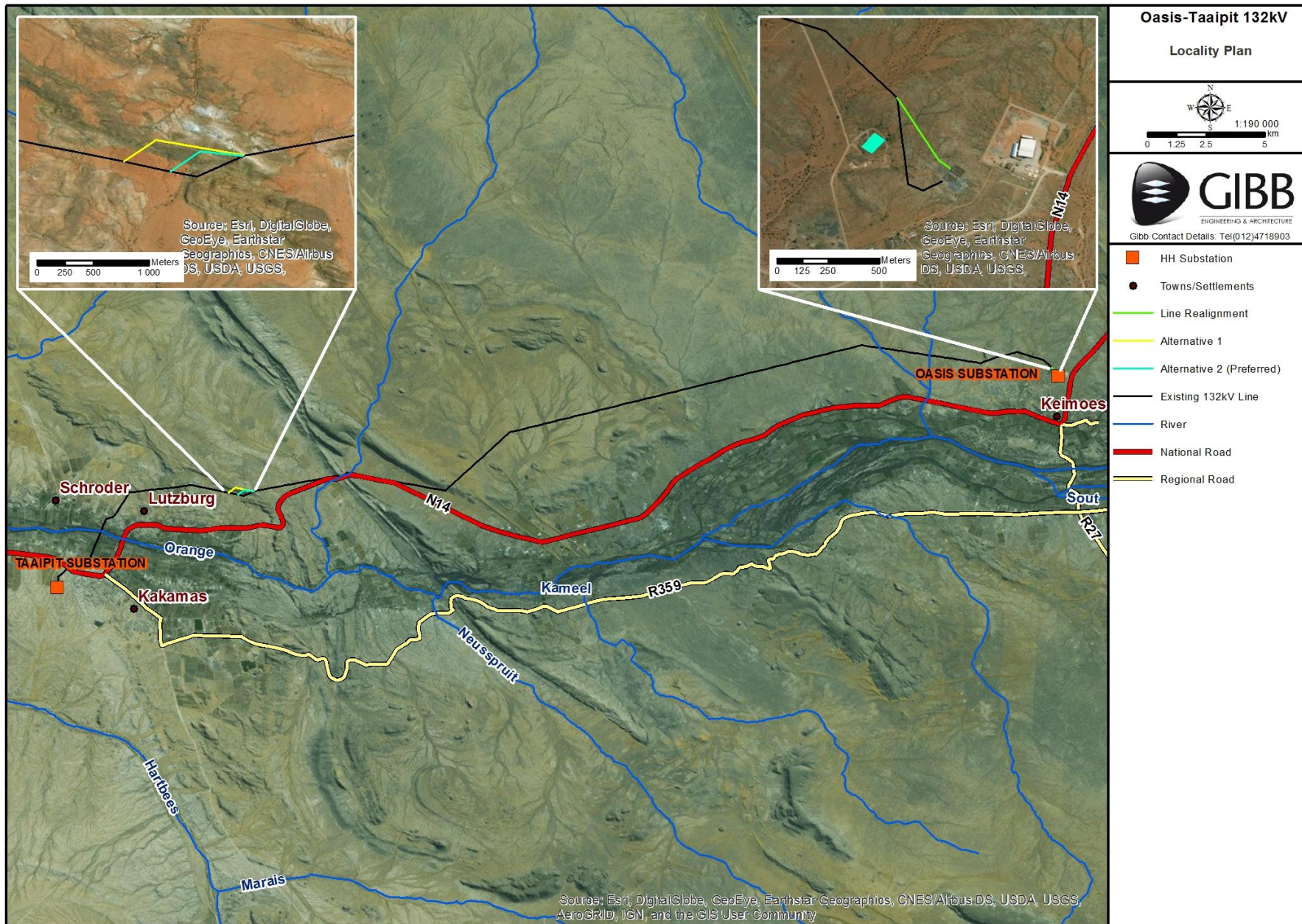


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**Tashriq Naicker**

**Senior Omgewingswetenskaplike**





Figuur 1: Liggingkaart

## **REGISTRASIE FORM**

Naam	
organisasie	
Telefoon Nommer	
Fisiese Adres	
Posadres	
Faks nommer	
E-pos adres	

Stel asseblief u belangstelling in terme van die goedkeuring of afkeuring van die voorgestelde projek.

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Stel asseblief enige bekommernisse, voorstelle of moontlike impakte wat in kennis geneem moet word

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**Alle kommentaar moet deur GIBB ontvang word teen Vrydag, 16 February 2018.**

**Kontak:**

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Dear Salome Mambane

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Eskom Holdings SOC Ltd, Eskom Distribution – Northern Cape Operating Unit (Eskom), has applied for environmental authorisation for the abovementioned project.

Please find attached two (2) hard copies and Two (2) CD copies of the Draft Basic Assessment Report (BAR) for your perusal. Please note that the Draft BAR has been submitted to the following State Departments for their comments. As per Regulation 56 (b) of GN No. R543 should no comments be received within the 30 day public comment period, it will be assumed that the State Department has no comments.

Title	First Names	Surname	Organisation	Telephone
Ms	Anga	Yathi	NC DEANC	054 338 4800
Mr	Moses	Mahunyane	DWS	053 830 8800
Mr	Andrew	September	Heritage Northern Cape	021 483 9543
Mr		Mackey	Kai !Garib Local Municipality	054 431 6300
Mr		Ntoba	ZF Mgcawu District Municipality	054 337 2800

Should you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours faithfully,



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A list of divisional directors is available from the company secretary.



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**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS**

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Attention: Rejane Petersen

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Thank you for making the Draft Basic Assessment Report available for public review at the Hospital.

Please keep the document in an accessible place in the Library for the public from **Thursday, 18 January 2018 to Friday, 16 February 2018.**

We will send a GIBB representative to collect the report thereafter.

Should you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tashriq Naicker".

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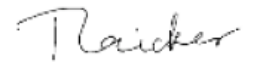
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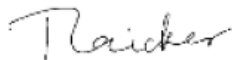
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