

**Annex A**  
(Informative)

**Distribution environmental screening document (DESD)**  
**Reticulation Powerlines and Ancillary Services**

Ratified and accepted by  
Environmental Practitioner  
Environmental Specialist  
Head of Engineering Survey  
(one signature please) .....

Accepted by Land Owner/s/Users ..... **TUMELO KEPADISA**  
I have seen the completed document and accept the  
recommendations made .....

**Assessor/s**

Form completed by **Xoliseng Buthe** Signature: .....  
in consultation with: **TUMELO KEPADISA** Signature: .....  
CAPACITY (e.g. land owner, specialist): .....

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**Instructions**

1. Fill the report in as neatly and completely as possible.
2. Where the question / statement is not applicable mark N/A.
3. The form must be completed in consultation with someone who knows the area well and who can also predict if any future development is envisaged (e.g. a land owner, land user, specialist, etc.).
4. Indicate sensitive areas on a map and/or spanning plans.
5. When in doubt, consult the Environmental Practitioner in your region.

The purpose of this *DESD* is to:

1. Determine whether or not the project should be subject to R1183, published in terms of the Environment Conservation Act No. 73 of 1989.
2. Identify and mitigate the negative impact of Eskom's activities to a minimum in line with both Legislation and Eskom's Environmental Policies.
3. This report is a guide to Route Selection, Construction and Field Services.

NOTE Complete the report before the survey!!!

This is not an office exercise.

Extra sheets of paper may be added and referenced if insufficient space has been provided.

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**1 Project description**

Project name/Survey  
Request ..... Area Montshius  
Project number ..... File number .....  
Rural scheme/  
Feeder LMU ..... Voltage .....  
Supply from LMU .....  
(scheme name, pole numbers for tee-off)  
Supply to Montshius .....  
(Farm name, etc.)

**2 Properties traversed**

Farm name Montshius Sub Station  
Registration number and Division ..... Sub-division .....  
Compilation number ..... Line length/Site area (m<sup>2</sup>) .....  
  
Farm name .....  
Registration number and Division ..... Sub-division .....  
Compilation number ..... Line length/Site area (m<sup>2</sup>) .....

**3 Brief description of the surrounding area**

Grave yard  
Man made danges  
Residential area  
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Could the proposed project have an impact on or be constrained by any of the following environmental aspects ?  
Encircle the appropriate aspect, giving a description of the present state as well as an indication of the possible negative impact. **Note that mitigating measures for these impacts are to be included in the Environmental Management Programme.**

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**4 Physical environment**

4.1 Water:    streams    rivers    dams    wetlands    springs    floodplains    OTHER .....

Present condition: Floodplains

Potential impact (e.g. threat of pollution): No threat of pollution

4.2 Soil:            sandy            rocky            clayey            OTHER .....

Present condition: Sandy & Rocky

Potential impact (e.g. of erosion) No impact of erosion

4.3 Topography:    mountains    ridges    hills    valleys    ravines    dongas    OTHER .....

Present condition: Dongas

Potential impact (e.g. of erosion) No impact of erosion

Comments/mitigating measures:

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**5 Natural environment**

5.1 Flora:            indigenous            protected            exotic            OTHER .....

Brief description and conservation status (e.g. rare, etc., mention trees/bush/grass) Indigenous, Protected & exotic

Potential impact (e.g. permit applications) No permit needed

5.2 Fauna:            mammals            birds            OTHER .....

Brief description and conservation status:  
(e.g. rare, protected, etc., mention giraffe, elephants, eagles, vultures, etc., mention migratory paths)

Birds

Potential impact (e.g. threat of electrocution, collision, etc.) No threat of electrocution provided bird Haps are used on our power line

Comments/mitigating measures:

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**6 Social environments**

6.1 Restricted areas: nature/game reserves, hiking trails, tourism routes, parks, recreational areas, residential-areas, green belts, sacred/holy grounds, OTHER .....

Brief description: Recreational Areas & Residential-areas

Potential impact e.g. threat of encroachment, etc. No threat of encroachment

6.2 Visual aesthetics: easily seen, hidden, partially.....

Brief description: easily seen

Potential impact: No impact

6.3 Sensitive areas: historical sites, archaeological landmarks, monuments, ruins, natural heritage sites, graves, OTHER.....

Present condition: Graves

Potential impact: No impacts

Comments/mitigating measures

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**7 Economic environments**

7.1 Land use: crops orchards grazing crop spraying  
game farming forestry areas mining OTHER .....

Brief description Forestry Areas  
grazing

Potential impact No impact

7.1.1 Commercial: factories shops OTHER .....

Brief description shops

Potential impact No impact

7.1.2 Infrastructure: roads railways communications power lines air fields  
pipelines sewage OTHER .....

Brief description: Roads  
power lines  
pipelines

Potential impact No impact



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**Environmental Management Plan**

**1 General conditions**

- 1.1 The Eskom project manager or co-ordinator shall be responsible for ensuring that the land owners have been informed before any work is carried out on site. Contractors shall find out if the land owners have been informed before moving onto site.
- 1.2 No fences, gates or locks shall be damaged to obtain access onto a line route. Arrangements shall be made in advance to obtain permission for access.
- 1.3 Use of private roads shall be arranged in advance. Any damage to private roads shall be repaired at the contractor's expense and to the satisfaction of the land owner. This shall be the responsibility of the project manager or coordinator.
- 1.4 Gates shall be left as they are found, i.e. closed gates shall be kept closed and open gates shall be left open. Gates to adjacent properties or onto public roads shall be closed at all times. Any Eskom gates installed on the line route shall be kept closed and locked except while stringing is taking place. Open gates shall be guarded to prevent animals straying and unauthorized persons and vehicles entering into adjacent camps or properties.
- 1.5 Permission shall be obtained from land owners before any water is used.
- 1.6 No fires shall be lit on private property. If fires are lit on Eskom's property or in the construction camp, provision shall be made that no accidental fires are started. No fire wood shall be collected in the veld.
- 1.7 If activities that can cause a fire are carried out, fire extinguishers shall be available on site and in the construction camp.
- 1.8 No property may be accessed after normal working hours except with the permission of the land owner. Privacy shall be respected at all times.
- 1.9 Eskom, Eskom's contractors and their employees shall at all times be courteous towards land owners, tenants and the local community.
- 1.10 Eskom, Eskom's contractors and their employees shall not cause damage to property, crops or animals. Activities that may cause conflict with land owners, tenants, the local work force or the local community shall be avoided. Should conflict arise it shall be immediately reported to the Eskom project manager or co-ordinator.
- 1.11 Vehicles shall be driven at a moderate speed on private roads and stay within the statutory speed limit on public roads.
- 1.12 All movement of vehicles shall take place on the established Eskom servitude road or on private roads as agreed in advance. Keep to existing tracks. No movement shall take place through the veld. Special care shall be taken to prevent excess damage during wet weather.

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- 1.13 If any vehicle should get stuck, the damage shall be repaired immediately so that no deep ruts remain.
- 1.14 Any damage to private property shall immediately be reported to Eskom and the owner. The damage shall be rectified immediately if possible and/or appropriate compensation shall be paid to the owner at the discretion of the project manager/coordinator in consultation with the property owner. A record of damages and rectifying action shall be kept. The land owner's satisfaction with the outcome of rectifying action shall be obtained in writing.
- 1.15 A proper system of waste management shall be instituted in the construction camp. This entails that sufficient waste bins are available on site and in the construction camp. The waste shall be dumped at an approved waste disposal site. No containers, scrap metal, conductor etc. shall be left on site.  

All scrap shall be removed and taken to an appropriate disposal site. No oil, diesel or other chemicals shall be spilled or discarded anywhere. If an accidental spill occurs, it shall be reported immediately and cleaned to the satisfaction of Eskom and the land owner. No waste shall be left in the veld or on the line route.
- 1.16 Washing and toilet facilities shall be provided on site and in the construction camp. The facilities shall comply with Eskom standards and shall have the approval of the land owner.
- 1.17 No human excrement shall be left in the veld. If no toilet facilities are available such waste shall be buried *immediately*.
- 1.18 Herbicides shall only be applied with Eskom's permission and in accordance with the Eskom Policy on Herbicides ESKPBAAD4.
- 1.19 Camp and office sites shall be dismantled and removed after completion of the construction phase of the project. The site shall be rehabilitated to as close as possible to its original condition to the satisfaction of the land owner which shall be in writing.
- 1.20 All excavations shall be enclosed to prevent animals or people from accidentally falling into excavations.
- 1.21 No trees shall be cut or removed without prior permission from the landowner. Permits shall be obtained for the cutting and removal protected trees (protected trees shall be dealt with in 2, **Special conditions**).

**2 Special conditions**

(Specific issues identified during the scoping as needing attention i.e. erosion berms, bird flappers, protected trees. etc.).

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