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**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION REPORT REGARDING AN ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION APPLICATION (BASIC ASSESSMENT PROCESS) TO BE UNDERTAKEN IN TERMS OF THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT ACT (NO. 107 OF 1998), AS AMENDED, THE PROPOSED DEVIATION ( $\pm$  1 KM DEVIATION) OF AN EXISTING GILEAD 66KV POWERLINE AT GILEAD SUBSTATION WITHIN MOGALAKWENA LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, WATERBERG DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY OF THE LIMPOPO PROVINCE.**

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## **ABBREVIATIONS**

BAR	Basic Assessment Report
BID	Background Information Document
CBD	Central Business District
CA	Competent Authority
COVID-19	Corona Virus Disease
DALRRD	Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development
DFFE	Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment
EAP	Environmental Assessment Practitioner
EIA	Environmental Impact Assessment
Eskom	Eskom Holdings SOC Limited
EGSS	Eskom Gilead Substation
GN	Government Notice
IAPs	Interested and Affected Parties
IDP	Integrated Development Plan
LM	Local Municipality
MLM	Mogalakwena Local Municipality
Myezo	Myezo Environmental Management Services (Pty) Ltd
NEMA	National Environmental Management Act (Act 107 of 1998)
PP	Public Participation
SAHRA	South African Heritage Resources Agency
SEP	Stakeholder Engagement Process

## GLOSSARY OF TERMS

**Competent Authority** - The organ of state charged by this Act with evaluating the environmental impact of that activity and, where appropriate, with granting or refusing an environmental authorisation in respect of that activity.

**Environmental Assessment Practitioner** - The individual responsible for the planning, management, coordination or review of environmental impact assessments, strategic environmental assessments, environmental management programmes or any other appropriate environmental instruments introduced through regulations.

**Environmental Impact Assessment Process** - An interdisciplinary and multistep procedure to ensure that environmental considerations are included in decisions regarding projects that may impact the environment.

**Interested and Affected Parties** - Any person, group of persons or organisation interested in or affected by such operation or activity and any organ of state that may have jurisdiction over any aspect of the operation or activity.

**Public Participation Process** - A process by which potential interested and affected parties are given opportunity to comment on, or raise issues relevant to, the application.



## 8.2 Introduction

The Public Participation (PP) process forms an integral part of the environmental impact assessment (EIA) process. It is a mechanism that aids to identify potential impacts of proposed projects on the biophysical and the human environments. Identified Interested and Affected Parties (IAPs) are given an opportunity to comment on the proposed project and make recommendations on mitigation requirements.

The National Environmental Management Act (Act No. 107 of 1998) (NEMA) defines IAPs as any person, group of persons or organisation interested in or affected by such operation or activity and any organ of state that may have jurisdiction over any aspect of the operation or activity. We will also use definitions from other applicable sources such as Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Regulations (MPRDA Regulations) published in terms of the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act (Act No. 28 of 2002) (MPRDA) where guidance relating to the identification and understanding of IAPs is provided in the definition below:

“The definition of “interested and affected persons” has been expanded to refer specifically to host communities, landowners (both traditional and title deed owners), traditional authorities, land claimants, lawful land occupiers, holders of informal rights, the Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development, any person (including on adjacent and non-adjacent properties) whose socio-economic conditions may be directly affected by the proposed prospecting or mining operation, the Local Municipality and the relevant Government Departments, agencies and institutions responsible for the various aspects of the environment and for infrastructure, which may be affected by the proposed project. Previously, this definition only related to natural or juristic persons or an association of persons with a direct interest in the proposed or existing operations or who may be affected by the proposed or existing operation”

Section 2 of the National Environmental Management Act, (Act No. 107 of 1998) (NEMA) state that “the participation of all interested and affected parties in environmental governance must be promoted, and all people must have the opportunity to develop the understanding, skills and capacity necessary for achieving equitable and effective participation and participation by vulnerable and disadvantaged persons must be ensured’. In addition, it further state that “it must be ensured that adequate and appropriate opportunity for public participation is undertaken in decisions that may affect the environment”.

Stakeholder engagement is defined as the “process of engagement between stakeholders (the proponent, authorities and IAPs) during the planning, assessment, implementation and/or management of proposals or activities. words stakeholder engagement and public participation” Department of Environmental Affairs and Tourism (2002). The term stakeholder engagement is preferred other than “public participation” because of its inclusiveness, which is lacking in the latter’s definition. However, for the purposes of this public participation (PP) report, the words will be used interchangeably.

The concept of sustainable development entails democratic approaches to decision-making, which rely on giving an opportunity to those interested in, and affected by, a development initiative, to inform development decisions at relevant and successive stages

of a development proposal and demands an enabling environment for participation by all (United Nations, 2020). In addition, the World Bank (1991) place emphasis on the importance of involving people with an interest in and affected by a development, referred to as stakeholders, and the fact that the information provided by stakeholders is imperative on the identification and appraisal of the potential impacts, environmental, social and economic, arising from a development.

### **8.2.1 Project Background**

The Chloe-Gilead powerline connects two substations, which are Chloe substation and Gilead substation located within the previously Aganang Local Municipality (which has been dissolved) and Mogalakwena Local Municipality within Limpopo Province, respectively. Eskom Holdings (SOC) Limited identified the need to upgrade the infrastructure between the two substations in order to improve the reliability of the existing electricity supply and also where possible provide new supply for any additional customers. Eskom Holdings SOC Limited was granted an environmental authorisation (EA) for the proposed upgrade of the Chloe-Gilead powerline, nonetheless, the activities for which an authorisation was issued are yet to be undertaken.

After some considerations, a decision was made to deviate part of the existing Chloe-Gilead powerline, hence this proposed project. For the proposed project Eskom intends to deviate  $\pm$  one (1) km of the existing 66kV Chloe-Gilead powerline, dismantle the existing transformer feeder from 66/22kV to 132/22kV and replace 2 x 10MVA 66/22kV by installing new 2 x 40MVA 132/22kV transformers to supply the existing 22kV feeders. In addition, one 40MVA 132/66kV transformer will be installed to supply the existing Chloe 66/22kV 2x20MVA substation via Chloe-Gilead 66kV line. The objective of the proposed upgrade is to create capacity and to strengthen the existing network supply. The deviation route alternatives as well as structural design alternatives were considered, and these are discussed in the basic assessment report (BAR) which is available for public review.

An environmental screening has been undertaken and the proposed development trigger listed activities in terms of NEMA: Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations listed under Listing Notice 1- Government Notice (GN) R R983 and Listing Notice 3-GN R988, 2014, as amended in 2017 under GN R517 dated 11 June 2021, therefore, basic assessment procedures are being followed for this environmental authorisation application. Myezo Environmental Management Services (Myezo) was appointed, by Eskom Holdings SOC Limited (Eskom), as the project Environmental Assessment Practitioner to undertake environmental studies (Basic Assessment Process) for the proposed development. The PP process will be one of the important aspects of the EIA Process for the Eskom Gilead Powerline Deviation Project.

### **8.2.2 Project Description**

The The proposed project will be undertaken at Eskom Gilead Substation located on Portion R/2 of Farm Gillimberg 861LR, under the jurisdiction of Mogalakwena Local Municipality within Waterberg District Municipality, Limpopo Province. The Surveyor-general 21-digit code for the site is TOLR00000000086100002.

The project will involve the construction of a powerline ( $\pm$  1 km) and the dismantling of the existing powerline as well as connecting the powerline to an already existent feeder. Project

locality map is presented on Figure 8.2-2 (a) and Figure 8.2-2(b) shows the powerline deviation route.

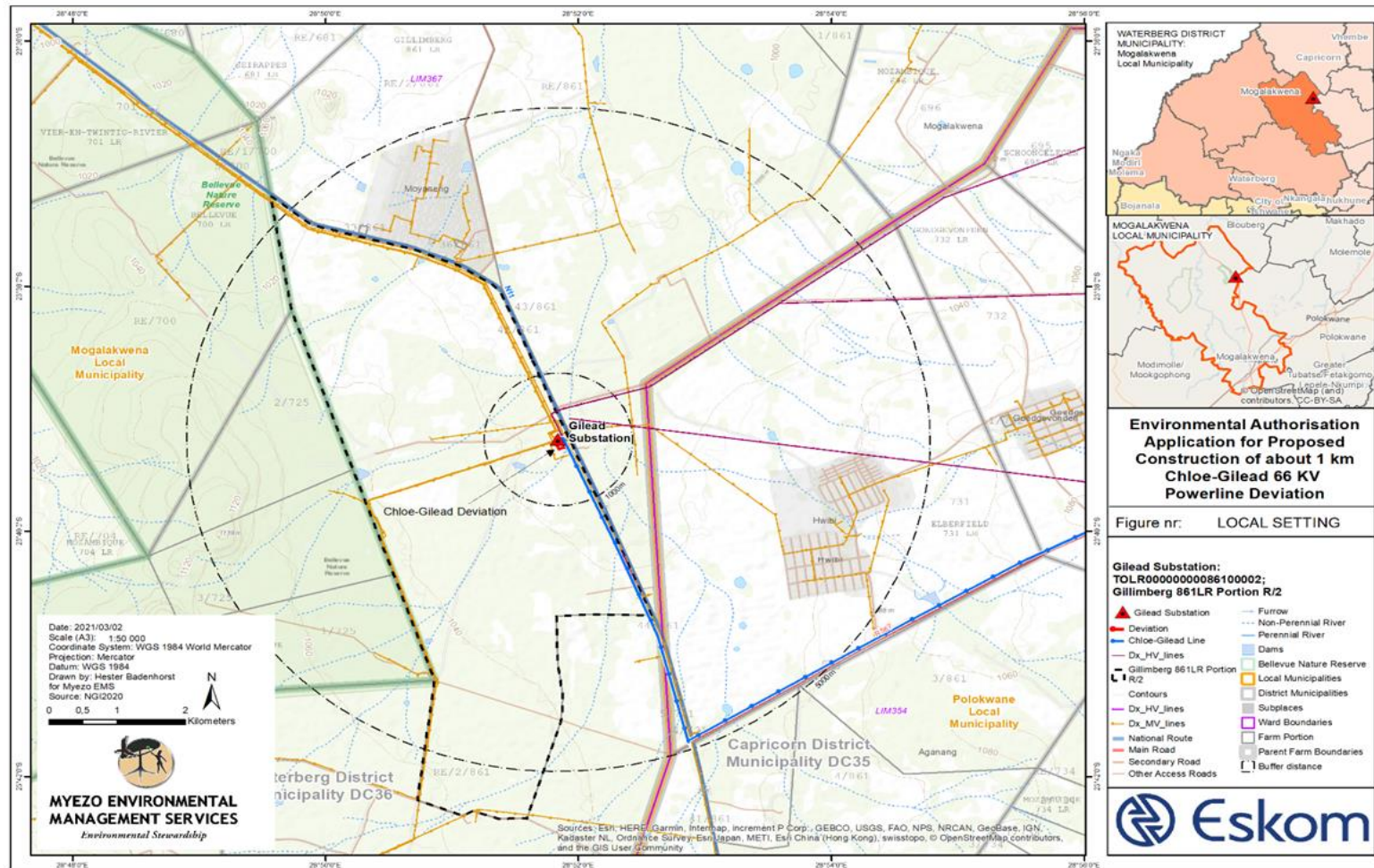


Figure 8.2-2 (a): Project Locality Map



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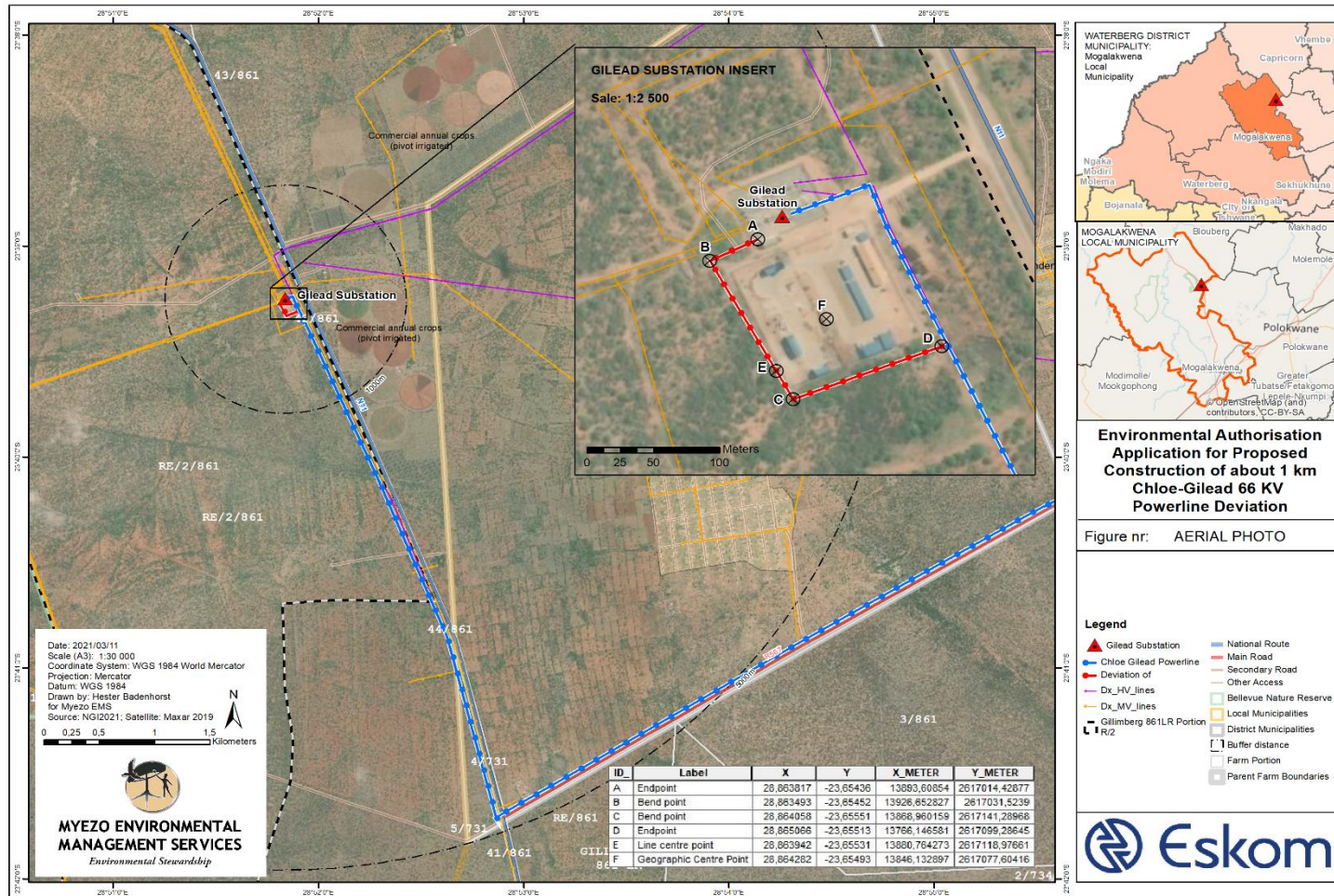


Figure 8.2-2(b): Map Showing Powerline Deviation

### **8.2.3 Stakeholder Engagement Plan**

The purpose of the PP process is to ensure that the issues, inputs and concerns of IAPs are taken into account during the decision-making process. This requires the identification of IAPs, communication of the process and findings to these IAPs and the facilitation of their input and comments in the EIA Process. A SEP was compiled and adopted for the project and the public participation process for this project will be guided by the adopted SEP. The project SEP details the manner in which the pp process will be undertaken, and this is used as a checklist to ensure that all the planned activities are undertaken. In addition, the SEP is used to ensure credibility of the PP process, testing and ensuring that any gaps are identified and closed through use of external review process in the form of the authorities and other key stakeholders.

This stakeholder engagement process will be guided by principles such as inclusivity, transparency, appropriateness, clarity and comprehensiveness. In addition, a meaningful consultation will be undertaken. Meaningful consultation means that an applicant, in good faith, engaging with the landowner, lawful occupier and interested and affected parties in respect of the land subject to the application about the impact the activities would have to his right of use of the land by availing all the information pertaining to the proposed activities enabling these parties to make an informed decision regarding the impact of the proposed development

Schematic Illustration 3.1 provides an overview of the stakeholder mapping and engagement approach to be followed.

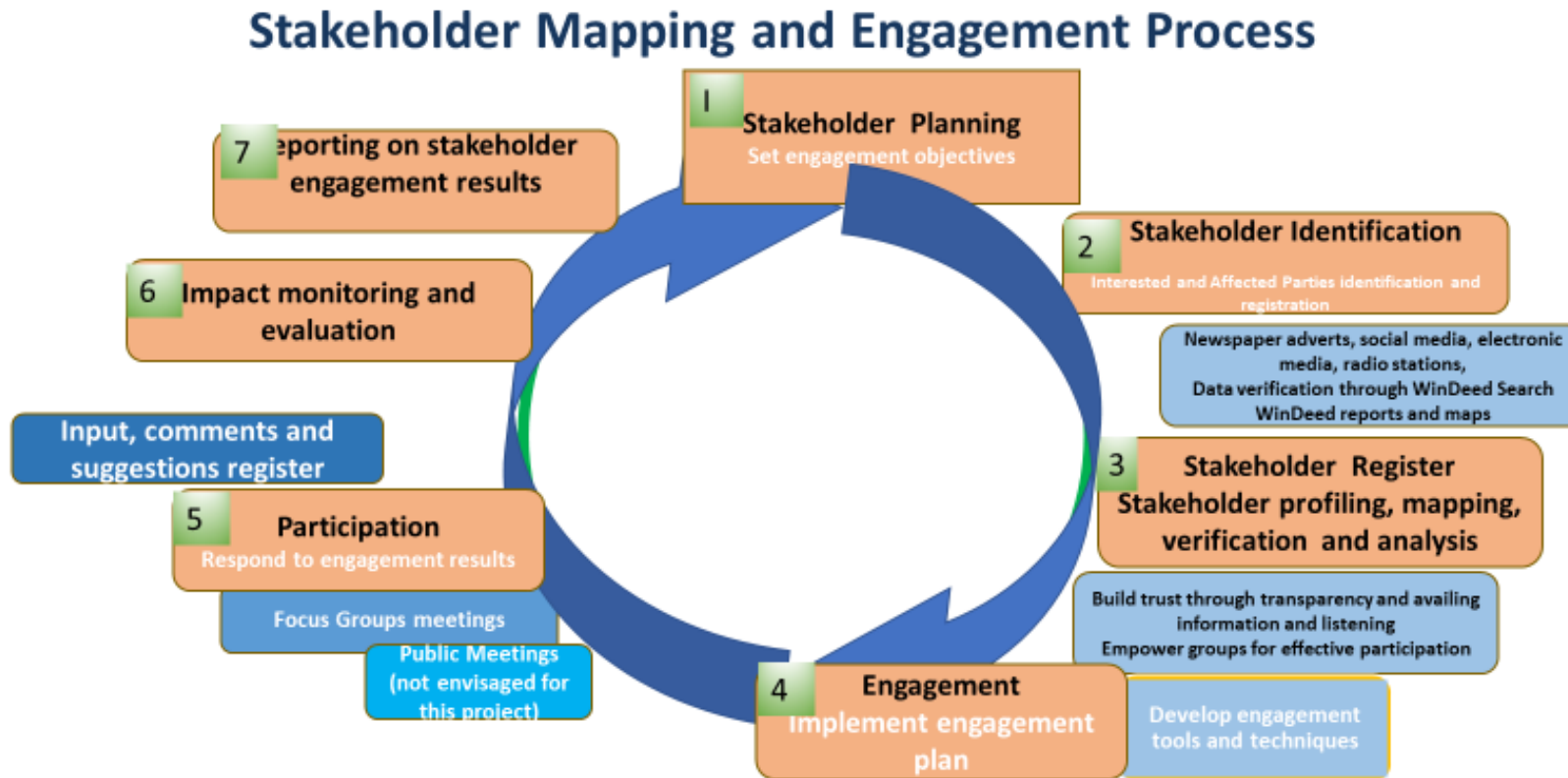


Illustration 3.1: Stakeholder Mapping and Engagement Process

#### **8.2.4 Public Participation Regulations**

The PP process for this project is in line with the processes stipulated in Regulation 40 to 44 of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act 107 of 1998) (NEMA): Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014: GN R326. The process will meet the required standards as listed in the regulations and this is summarised in Table 8.2-4.



**Table 8.2-4: Checklist for Compliance with Public Participation Process Regulations**

Section of Regulation	Requirement or Description	Activities that will be undertaken to Comply
40 (1) (a)	(1) The public participation process to which the— (a) basic assessment report and EMPr, and where applicable the closure plan, submitted in terms of regulation 19; was subjected to must give all potential or registered interested and affected parties, including the competent authority, a period of at least 30 days to submit comments on each of the basic assessment report, EMPr, scoping report and environmental impact assessment report, and where applicable the closure plan, as well as the report contemplated in regulation 32, if such reports or plans are submitted at different times.	Allowing IAPs an opportunity to submit written comments during notification and public review periods as detailed in Sections 3 and 6 of Table 8.2-5.
40 (2) (a) (b) (c) (d)	(2) The public participation process contemplated in this regulation must provide access to all information that reasonably has or may have the potential to influence any decision with regard to an application unless access to that information is protected by law and must include consultation with— (a) the competent authority; (b) every State department that administers a law relating to a matter affecting the environment relevant to an application for an environmental authorisation; (c) all organs of state which have jurisdiction in respect of the activity to which the application relates; and (d) all potential, or, where relevant, registered interested and affected parties.	Placement of documents at public places and generation of links for easy access of documents as detailed in Section 6 of Table 8.2-5.
40 (3)	(3) Potential or registered interested and affected parties, including the competent authority, may be provided with an opportunity to comment on reports and plans contemplated in subregulation (1) prior to submission of an application but must be provided with an opportunity to comment on such reports once an application has been submitted to the competent authority.	Allowing IAPs an opportunity to comment on the documents for a 30-day period as detailed in Section 6 of Table 8.2-5.
41 (2) (a) (i) (ii)	(a) fixing a notice board at a place conspicuous to and accessible by the public at the boundary, on the fence or along the corridor of— (i) the site where the activity to which the application or proposed application relates is or is to be undertaken; and (ii) any alternative site;	A site notice to be erected on site and other strategic points as detailed in Section 3 of Table 8.2-5.

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41 (2) (b) (i) (ii) (iii) (iv) (v) (vi)	<p>b) giving written notice, in any of the manners provided for in section 47D of the Act, to—</p> <p>(i) the occupiers of the site and, if the proponent or applicant is not the owner or person in control of the site on which the activity is to be undertaken, the owner or person in control of the site where the activity is or is to be undertaken and to any alternative site where the activity is to be undertaken;</p> <p>(ii) owners, persons in control of, and occupiers of land adjacent to the site where the activity is or is to be undertaken and to any alternative site where the activity is to be undertaken;</p> <p>(iii) the municipal councillor of the ward in which the site and alternative site is situated and any organisation of ratepayers that represent the community in the area;</p> <p>(iv) the municipality which has jurisdiction in the area;</p> <p>(v) any organ of state having jurisdiction in respect of any aspect of the activity; and</p> <p>(vi) any other party as required by the competent authority;</p>	Notification emails will be sent to the stakeholders as detailed in Section 3 of Table 8.2-5.
41 (2) (c) (i) (ii)	<p>c) placing an advertisement in—</p> <p>(i) one local newspaper; or</p> <p>(ii) any official that is published specifically for the purpose of providing public notice of applications or other submissions made in terms of these Regulations;</p>	Placement of newspaper advert in as detailed in Section 3 of Table 8.2-5.
41 (2) (e) (i) (ii) (iii)	<p>(e) using reasonable alternative methods, as agreed to by the competent authority, in those instances where a person is desirous of but unable to participate in the process due to—</p> <p>(i) illiteracy;</p> <p>(ii) disability; or</p> <p>(iii) any other disadvantage.</p>	Physical notification where the project will be explained to community members in languages, they will understand to alleviate language barriers as detailed in Section 4 of Table 8.2-5.
41 (3) (a) (b) (i) (ii) (iii) (iv)	<p>(3) A notice, notice board or advertisement referred to in subregulation (2) must—</p> <p>(a) give details of the application or proposed application which is subjected to public participation; and</p> <p>(b) state—</p> <p>(i) whether basic assessment or S&amp;EIR procedures are being applied to the application;</p>	A site notice and advertisement containing the required information.

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	(ii) the nature and location of the activity to which the application relates; (iii) where further information on the application or proposed application can be obtained; and (iv) the manner in which and the person to whom representations in respect of the application or proposed application may be made.	
41 (4) (a) (b)	(4) A notice board referred to in subregulation (2) must— (a) be of a size of at least 60cm by 42cm; and (b) display the required information in lettering and in a format as may be determined by the competent authority.	An A2 size site notice to be erected on site and other strategic points as detailed in Section 3 of Table 8.2-5.
41 (6) (a) (b)	(6) When complying with this regulation, the person conducting the public participation process must ensure that— (a) information containing all relevant facts in respect of the application or proposed application is made available to potential interested and affected parties; and (b) participation by potential or registered interested and affected parties is facilitated in such a manner that all potential or registered interested and affected parties are provided with a reasonable opportunity to comment on the application or proposed application.	Placement of documents at public places and generation of links for easy access of documents as detailed in Section 6 and 7 of Table 8.2-5.
42 (a) (b)	A proponent or applicant must ensure the opening and maintenance of a register of interested and affected parties and submit such a register to the competent authority, which register must contain the names, contact details and addresses of— (a) all persons who, as a consequence of the public participation process conducted in respect of that application, have submitted written comments or attended meetings with the proponent, applicant or EAP; (b) all persons who have requested the proponent or applicant, in writing, for their names to be placed on the register; and (c) all organs of state which have jurisdiction in respect of the activity to which the application relates.	Development and maintenance of an Interested and Affected Parties (IAP) Register and detailed in Section 1 of Table 4.1-1 and Section 8.2-5.
43 (1)	(1) A registered interested and affected party is entitled to comment, in writing, on all reports or plans submitted to such party during the public participation process contemplated in these Regulations and to bring to the attention of the proponent or applicant any issues which that party believes may be of significance to the consideration of the application, provided that the interested and affected party	Allowing IAPs an opportunity to submit written comments during notification and public

Section of Regulation	Requirement or Description	Activities that will be undertaken to Comply
	discloses any direct business, financial, personal or other interest which that party may have in the approval or refusal of the application.	review periods as detailed in Sections 3 and 6 of Table 8.2-5.
44 (1)	(1) The applicant must ensure that the comments of interested and affected parties are recorded in reports and plans and that such written comments, including responses to such comments and records of meetings, are attached to the reports and plans that are submitted to the competent authority in terms of these Regulations.	Capturing of comments and responses as presented on Table 8.2-5.
44 (2) (a) (b) (c)	(2) Where a person desires but is unable to access written comments as contemplated in sub-regulation (1) due to— (a) a lack of skills to read or write; (b) disability; or (c) any other disadvantage; reasonable alternative methods of recording comments must be provided for.	Appointment of a professional to interpret the contents of the documents to landowners as specified in Section 5 of Table 8.2-5.
45	An application in terms of these Regulations lapses, and a competent authority will deem the application as having lapsed, if the applicant fails to meet any of the time frames prescribed in terms of these Regulations, unless extension has been granted in terms of regulation 3(7).	The public participation timeframes will be complied with by ensuring that the public review period timeframes are adhered to. The timeframes are to be adhered to are included in Section 6 of Table 8.2-5.

### **8.2.5 Public Participation Process**

The purpose of the PPP is to ensure that the issues, inputs and concerns of IAPs are taken into account during the decision-making process. This requires the identification of IAPs (including authorities, technical specialists and the public), communication of the process and findings to these IAPs and the facilitation of their input and comment on the process and environmental impacts, including issues and alternatives that are to be investigated. The steps taken during the execution of the PPP undertaken for this project are detailed in the sections that follows.

**Table 8.2-5: Detailing stakeholder engagement plan**

Activity/ Tasks (What will be done)	Objectives (Why)	Execution Plan (How)	Deliverables
<p>1. Stakeholder profiling, data collection and identification of relevant stakeholders and IAPs.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To ensure that all the relevant stakeholders IAPs are identified in accordance with the NEMA, EIA Regulations, 2014;</li> <li>To understand the socio-economic and geographic environment and key role players within these sectors;</li> <li>To undertake identification of relevant stakeholders and IAPs. The stakeholder profiling will done to identify all the relevant stakeholders upfront, from various stakeholder sectors including national, provincial and local authorities, civil society sectors and landowners. These include the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ DFFE</li> <li>➤ Department of Human Settlements, Water and Sanitation</li> <li>➤ Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development</li> <li>➤ Department of Public Works</li> <li>➤ South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA),</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>The key stakeholders will be notified about the Environmental Studies /Environmental Impact Assessment to be conducted. The following approach will be employed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Understanding of scope of work from the applicant;</li> <li>Mapping of project locality and delineating neighbouring activities or land uses</li> <li>Understanding of the site through site investigations and surveys;</li> <li>Literature review of existing documents and reports including the Mogalakwena Local Municipality Integrated Development Plan (IDP), Mogalakwena Local Municipality Spatial Development Framework, Waterberg District Municipality IDP, Waterberg District Municipality Growth Development Strategy, Local Economic Development Plans, Municipal by-laws, and Provincial ordinances;</li> <li>Literature review of specialists /experts reports that will contribute to the understanding of the area</li> <li>Analysis and review of legislation;</li> <li>Utilised local setting maps to identify stakeholders such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Occupiers of land adjacent to the study area that might be affected or impacted upon by the project execution</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>IAP Register attached as Appendix 8.2-5 (a)</li> <li>Project locality map attached as Appendix 2.2-2 of the BAR</li> <li>CSGIS Search Certificate attached as Figure 2.2-3 of the BAR.</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Limpopo Department of Economic Development, Environment and Tourism</li> <li>➤ Limpopo Heritage Resources Authority</li> <li>➤ Limpopo Department of Roads and Public Works</li> <li>➤ Limpopo Department of Employment and Labour</li> <li>➤ Limpopo Department of Water and sanitation</li> <li>➤ Limpopo Department of Agriculture and Rural Development</li> <li>➤ Department of Cooperative Governance, Human Settlement and Traditional affairs (CoGHSTA)</li> <li>➤ Waterberg District Municipality</li> <li>➤ Mogalakwena Local Municipality</li> <li>➤ South African National Biodiversity Institute (SANBI)</li> <li>➤ Birdlife SA</li> <li>➤ Traditional leaders such as Chief Matlala</li> <li>➤ Ward Councillor Josephine Ngoepe</li> <li>➤ Working for Wetlands</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Current and planned land uses and similar projects that are planned for the study area.</li> <li>• Making use of IAPs historic data collected during onsite stakeholder identification.</li> <li>• Windeed search, IAP's referrals and IAP's registration. In addition, IAP referral system will be used where identified IAPs will also be requested to provide contact details of other IAPs whom they think should be registered for the proposed project.</li> <li>• A winded search showing neighbouring farms has been generated. In addition, the Ward councillor and Traditional Authorities were identified during the previous application period and it has been confirmed that the ward councillor is still in the office. However, there has been changes in the Tribal Authority leadership and the Tribal Leaders will be engaged with.</li> <li>• National, Provincial and local authorities will be sourced from knowledge of the government departments who administer laws relating to matters affecting the environmental aspects relevant to the study area.</li> <li>• The application for environmental authorisation will be submitted to DFFE as the competent authority. However,</li> </ul>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ African Farmers Association of South Africa</li> <li>➤ South African Police Service</li> <li>➤ Endangered Wildlife Trust (EWT),</li> <li>➤ Adjacent landowners such as Rekhuditje Chesanyama, Kitsiso Tlou Project (Pty) Ltd</li> <li>➤ Schools such as Moyaneng High School</li> <li>➤ Libraries and</li> <li>➤ Media</li> </ul>	<p>there will be constant engagement with the Provincial Authority, Limpopo Department of Economic Development, Environment and Tourism (LEDET).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A meeting was undertaken with the DFFE on 03 May 2022 and guidance on the environmental authorisation process as well as the public participation process was given.</li> <li>• Review of the designs.</li> <li>• Analysis and review of relevant legislation.</li> </ul>	
2. Data verification and preliminary consultation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To validate the preliminary collected data and check credibility to ensure that the relevant Stakeholders and IAPs are contacted, and the correct contact details are recorded.</li> <li>• To validate the legislative requirements and administration.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Validation of collated information will be done through literature review of existing documents and reports such as review of existing documents Integrated Development Plans (IDPs) for Mogalakwena Local Municipality and Waterberg District Municipality, Spatial Development Frameworks for Mogalakwena Local Municipality;</li> <li>• Analysis of data collected from site visits, meetings with stakeholders such as Ward Councillors, Traditional Leaders and other Interested and Affected Parties (IAPs). In addition, there will be constant engagement between Myezo and DFFE and LEDET regarding the proposed project.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Updated IAP Register attached as Appendix 8.2-5 (a).</li> <li>• Meeting Agendas for all the meetings with the DFFE, ward councillor and the Traditional Leader attached as Appendix 8.2-5 (c), (d) and (e) respectively.</li> <li>• Attendance Registers for the ward councillor and the Traditional Leader meetings attached as Appendix 8.2-5 (f).</li> </ul>



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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To validate the land zoning of the area, will be done with Mogalakwena Local Municipality.</li> <li>A preapplication meeting, with the Competent Authority was undertake on 03 May 2022.</li> <li>Two separate meetings were held with the Ward Councillor and the Traditional Leader on 17 May 2022.</li> </ul>	
<p>3. Notification of stakeholders and IAPs.</p> <p>3.1 Compilation of Background Information Document (BID).</p> <p>3.2 Development of adverts, site notices and notification letter.</p> <p>3.3 Distribution of BID and notifying stakeholders about adverts output date and sourcing and organising meetings.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To ensure that IAPs are informed about the project;</li> <li>Give stakeholders and IAPs an opportunity to liaise any concerns, or suggest solutions they might have in relation to the proposed project;</li> <li>To ensure stakeholders are notified and broader geographic representation of stakeholders is reached;</li> <li>To distribute the technical BID and leaflet;</li> <li>To ensure that IAPs receive a notification email; and</li> <li>To ensure total participation of IAPs and avoid marginalising the disadvantaged.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Check with newspaper for their geographic distribution boundaries. A confirmation of the local newspaper was done, and quotations were sought.</li> <li>During a meeting with the Ward Councillor, a suggestion that the advertisement be published in the Daily Sun was made. An elaboration that the Regulation 41 (d) require the placement of an advert on a national newspaper when project impacts extend beyond the boundaries of the metropolitan or district municipality in which the activity is or will be undertaken. Thus, a newspaper advert will be place in a local newspaper, Bosveld only.</li> <li>Send advert to newspaper for publication for publishing on 09 June 2022.</li> <li>Translation of site notice and the advert to SePedi, which has been identified as the local language spoken in the area.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Background Information Document (BID) attached as Appendix 8.2-5 (g)</li> <li>Draft Newspaper advert to be published in a local newspaper on 09 June 2022 attached as Appendix 8.2-5 (hi) and the Draft Sepedi advert attached as Appendix 8.2-5 (hii)</li> <li>Ward Councillor Notification letter and communication attached as Appendix 8.2-5 (ii) and (iii), respectively.</li> <li>Draft Notification letters to be sent to all registered IAPs informing them of the proposed activities. Key stakeholders to be notified will include the proponent; national, provincial and local authorities; the competent authority; statutory bodies; civil society organisations, community groups, landowners and</li> </ul>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Place site notice at strategic points within the project area at the beginning of the public review period commencing on 09 2022.</li> <li>Send notification and information sharing documents to all registered stakeholders. The following notification methods will be applied: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Email;</li> <li>➤ SMS;</li> <li>➤ Physical (distribution to adjacent landowners, which will be complemented by adverts and site notices) and</li> </ul> </li> <li>The Ward Councillor was notified on 13 May 2022 and physical notification was done on 17 May 2022 in the form of a meeting.</li> <li>IAPs will be notified at the beginning of the public review period commencing on 09 June 2022.</li> <li>Continual Engagement with community leaders, Ward Councillors and Traditional Leaders.</li> <li>Awarding IAPs a 30-day period to submit written comments during the public review period commencing on 09 June 2022.</li> <li>Lodge a case with South African Heritage Resources Agency's SAHRIS and upload project documents.</li> </ul>	<p>community groups. Draft Notification letter is attached as Appendix 8.2-5 (j)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Draft site notice attached as Appendix 8.2-5 (ki) for the English version and Appendix 8.2-5 (kii) for the SePedi version.</li> <li>Acknowledgement of Receipt register for physical notification to be produced at the end of the public review period.</li> <li>Updated IAP Register</li> </ul>

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<p>4. Stakeholder engagement</p> <p>4.1 The information to be collected during stakeholder profiling will be used to determine the best engagement strategies. The literacy levels and circumstances that could hinder effective participation will noted during these stages.</p>	<p>The main objectives of the stakeholder engagement are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To inform stakeholder authorities about the proposed project;</li> <li>• To clarify legislative and administrative requirements;</li> <li>• To notify all the identified stakeholder of the proposed activities and ensure there is thorough understanding of the project;</li> <li>• To gather issues and concerns regarding the project and ensure that they are addressed in the Basic Assessment Report;</li> <li>• To facilitate, review and inform input into the Basic Assessment Report; and</li> <li>• To conduct meetings and facilitate presentations of the project to the stakeholders and IAPs.</li> </ul>	<p>The strategy for stakeholder engagement will conducted as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Project Initiation with Eskom was undertaken during the period of 26 April to 03 May 2022.</li> <li>• Site visit meetings were conducted on 17 May 2022 and social data was gathered. Engagement was done with the following stakeholders: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ Telephone communication with the ward councillor and the Traditional Leader to notify them about the project and the anticipated process.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Undertaking of focus group meetings with the Ward Councillor and the Traditional Authorities. It is a requirement under Regulation 41(b) (ii) of the EIA Regulations to consult with the Ward Councillor during the PPP. The Councillor has been telephonically notified and was briefed about the project. In addition, the Traditional leader was also briefed of the proposed project. A courtesy meeting with the Councillor and the Traditional Leader was undertaken 17 May 2022.</li> <li>• One public meeting is planned for June 2022 and the meeting will be held in Ham Number 1 village at a venue to be agreed on with the Councillor.</li> <li>• One meeting with the authorities to be undertaken on MS Teams.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preapplication meeting request and Response from the CA representative attached as Appendix 8.2-5 (l)</li> <li>• Meeting agendas for all the meetings with DFFE, ward councillor and the Traditional Leader Appendix 8.2-5 (c, (d) and (e).</li> <li>• Attendance Registers for all meetings attached as Appendix 8.2-5 (f).</li> </ul>

Activity/ Tasks (What will be done)	Objectives (Why)	Execution Plan (How)	Deliverables
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A pre-consultation meeting with the DFFE, which was held on 03 May 2022.</li> <li>• Upload project documents on SAHRIS so that SAHRA might verify the heritage status of the area and provide input.</li> </ul> <p>NB: It should be noted that all face-to-face meetings will be conducted under strict conditions as stipulated in the relevant COVID-19 Regulations.</p>	
<p>5. Face to face, email and telephonic engagements to solicit data also done in isiZulu when necessary by the dedicated facilitator.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To compile the minutes of the meetings;</li> <li>• To solicit comments from the IAPs and afford them enough time to submit their comments;</li> <li>• To ensure incorporation of issues in the Basic Assessment Report; and</li> <li>• To facilitate compilation of Issues and Response Report.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Site visit meetings were conducted from 17 May 2022 and social data was gathered. Engagement was done with the following stakeholders: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Telephone communication with the Ward Councillor and the Traditional Leader.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• The following meetings were and will be undertaken: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Focus group meetings with the ward Councillor and the Traditional Leader was undertaken on 17 May 2022;</li> <li>➤ One public meeting with the community members and any other IAPs is planned to be undertaken in June 2022.</li> <li>➤ One virtual MS Teams meeting with the authorities.</li> <li>➤ A pre-consultation meeting with DFFE was held on 03 May 2022.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meeting Agendas for all the meetings with the DFFE, ward councillor and the Traditional Leader attached as Appendix 8.2-5 (c, (d) and (e).</li> <li>• Draft newspaper adverts attached as Appendix 8.2-5 (hi) for the English version and Appendix 8.2-5 (hii) for the English version.</li> <li>• Attendance registers for all meetings attached as Appendix 8.2-5 (f)</li> </ul>

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		NB: It should be noted that all face-to-face meetings will be conducted under strict conditions as stipulated in the relevant COVID-19 Regulations.	
6. Collation and consolidating of issues raised during the IAP engagement and notification period.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To identify and record all the details of relevant stakeholders;</li> <li>• To receive and respond to issues raised by interested and affected parties;</li> <li>• Capture analysed data; and</li> <li>• To analyse data received from IAP engagement.</li> <li>• To ensure that Draft Documents are available to IAPs by placing such documents at public places as well as uploading the documents on internet-based platforms.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Issues raised will be collated and the communications and responses will be captured in the issues and response report.</li> <li>• Awarding IAPs a 30-day period to submit written comments during the public review period commencing on 09 June 2022.</li> <li>• Placement of Draft Basic Assessment Report (BAR), Environmental Management Programme (EMPr) and Specialists Studies documents at strategic points to ensure that IAPs have access to documents.</li> <li>• Uploading Draft BAR, EMPr and Specialists Studies documents on internet-based sources such as WeTransfer and Dropbox and share links with IAPs to facilitate easy access of project documents. This method will be applied when electronic copies are requested for.</li> <li>• The process followed during the public participation will be recorded in the comments and response report.</li> <li>• Update IAP register with IAP comments.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Draft Notification Letter to be sent to IAPs on 09 June 2022 attached as Appendix 8.2-5 (j)</li> <li>• Acknowledgement of Receipt register for physical notification</li> <li>• Issues and Response Report to be compiled at the end of the public review and commenting period.</li> <li>• Updated IAP register</li> </ul>

Activity/ Tasks (What will be done)	Objectives (Why)	Execution Plan (How)	Deliverables
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Final Draft Basic Assessment to be updated with comments addressed at the end of the commenting period.</li> </ul>	
7. Submission of Draft documents to the Competent Authority (CA) (DFFE)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Submission of application form to authorities;</li> <li>To allow authorities an opportunity to review and comment on the Draft BAR, EMPr and Specialists Studies documents; and</li> <li>To capture and address issues raised by authorities;</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Submission of hard copies of the application form and supporting appendices to DFFE and LEDET.</li> <li>Submission of hard copies of the Draft BAR and supporting Appendices together with the EMPr and Specialists Studies Reports to DFFE and LEDET.</li> <li>Awarding the CA a 30-day period to submit written comments during the public review period; and</li> <li>Capturing the CA comments on the comments and response report as well as addressing concerns in the Final BAR.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Submission Letters to be signed by Authorities upon receiving draft BAR and supporting documents to form part of the Final BAR.</li> </ul>

### 8.2.6 Identification of IAP's and establishment of database

The activities pertaining to the identification of the IAPs and adjacent landowners/occupants as identified in Table 8.2-6 are detailed below.

**Table 8.2-6: IAP Identification Activities Undertaken**

Site	IAP Identification	Date	Potential Risks
Eskom Gilead Substation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Historic IAP Databases</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>03 to 13 May 2022</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>IAP databases of the previous stakeholder engagement, in 2021, undertaken for the project was used during the identification on IAPs. There is a risk of registering officials who are no longer in office, considering local government elections were undertaken in November 2021. Hence, telephone calls were made to relevant officials and request confirmation of authority.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Web-based search Engines</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>03 to 13 May 2022</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Web based search engines such as Municipalities South Africa, Municipal Demarcation Board and Websites were utilised during the IAP identification process. There is a great risk of having obsolete contact details listed on these search engines and this shall be mitigated by making telephone calls to confirm the contact details before adding them to the IAP register.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>WinDeed Search</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>03 to 13 May 2022</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Generation of Windeed Search reports.</li> <li>Furthermore, a winded search in conjunction with Geographical Information System (GIS) mapping using Cadastral overlay will be used to verify adjacent landowners.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>On site identification of IAP (site visit)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>17 May 2022</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>IAPs on site identification was undertaken on 17 May 2022.</li> <li>To eradicate the trust related issues, a professional social scientist has been and will continue engaging with the leaders.</li> <li>Lack of understanding of the project scope by landowners whereby aspects outside the project scope might be raised. The residents shall be capacitated and empowered to participate with understanding by ensuring that the project team representatives explain the project to adjacent landowners. In addition, community leaders such as Traditional Authorities, Ward Councillors and the Induna's will be capacitated to provide project information to community members.</li> <li>There might be issues of different language dynamics as some of the landowners might not be well conversant with English. As such, documents will be hand delivered and the representatives who shall deliver the documents will ensure that the landowners understand the</li> </ul>

			contents of the notification letters, which will be written in English, before they submit their comments. In addition, advertisements will be translated to SePedi, which is the main language in the area.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>IAP's referrals</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>03 May 2022 to 17 May 2022</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The project is being initiated during the COVID-19 pandemic and the nation is still under national lockdown and all operations are guided by the National Disaster Regulations. Some of these regulations limit the number of personnel working from offices at a given time as such getting hold of a variety of participants telephones might be a challenge. In addition, some email addresses might not be functional and the issue of having some official in the offices might exacerbate the verification challenge. To ensure that all key stakeholders were identified and registered, a referral technique will also have applied whereby information of IAPs will be requested from stakeholders who have been engaged with.</li> <li>Risk of exclusion of some of the key stakeholders. This will be mitigated by the use of different stakeholder identification tools such as deeds searches, social media sites research, internet searches of organisations and CBOs, maps and peer to peer referrals.</li> </ul>



### **8.3 Issues Raised by Interested and Affected Parties**

This synthesizes the issues and concerns identified by interested and affected parties during the notification period of the public participation process. As indicated in Section 9.3.3 of the BAR, an application for the same project was lodged in 2021 and a refusal was granted in 2022. Eskom then decide to recommence with the application process. Thus, public participation information submitted for the previous application is crucial for this application and will form part of the Comments and Response Section.

During the previous application, comments were received from organs of state such as SAHRA, LEDET and Mogalakwena Local Municipality, the Ward Councillor as well as a private entity, G7 Renewable Energies (Pty) Ltd. Comments submitted during the previous application are attached as Appendix 8.3-1. The details of the comments submitted, and responses given are detailed in Table 8.3-1. For the current application, no comments were submitted, and this section will be updated after the public review period. It should be noted that organs of state who provided comments during the previous application will still be given an opportunity to submit comments for the current application. As such a new case will be opened on ISAHRS, SAHRA's online portal and the Draft BAR and supporting documents will be loaded for review during the public participation and commenting period commencing on 09 June 2022.

**Table 8.3-1: Historic Issues Comments Received during the Previous Application**

ISSUE/COMMENT	RAISED BY	RESPONSE	MODE OF RECEIPT	SECTION WHERE ADDRESSED IN THE BAR
1. It is crucial that a public meeting with the community members be held, and clarity be given to community members in regard to any concerns, issues or comments they might have	Ward Councillor	The Councillor was requested to engage with the EXCO members and the iNduna and provide feedback after which meeting date will be set.	Notification Meeting held on 23 April 2021.	Section 8.4
2. In terms of the National Heritage Resources Act, no 25 of 1999, heritage resources, including archaeological or palaeontological sites over 100 years old, graves older than 60 years, structures older than 60 years are protected. They may not be disturbed without a	South African Heritage Resource Agency (SAHRA)	Heritage Impact Assessment, including Archaeological and Paleontological components, was compiled in February 2021. The report was uploaded on SAHRIS on 17 May 2021.	Comments submitted on 06 May 2021 during the notification period.	Section 8.5.7 and Section 11.1.2

ISSUE/COMMENT	RAISED BY	RESPONSE	MODE OF RECEIPT	SECTION WHERE ADDRESSED IN THE BAR
<p>permit from the relevant heritage resources authority. This means that prior to development it is incumbent on the developer to ensure that a Heritage Impact Assessment is done. This must include the archaeological component (Phase 1) and any other applicable heritage components. Appropriate (Phase 2) mitigation, which involves recording, sampling, and dating sites that are to be destroyed, must be done as required.</p>				

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3. The quickest process to follow for the archaeological component is to contract an accredited specialist (see the web site of the Association of Southern African Professional Archaeologists <a href="http://www.asapa.org.za">www.asapa.org.za</a> ) to provide a Phase 1 Archaeological Impact Assessment Report. This must be done before any large development takes place.	SAHRA	An accredited Professional Archaeologists was appointed in February 2021 and Heritage Impact Assessment studies were undertaken in February 2021,	Comments submitted on 06 May 2021 during the notification period.	Section 8.5.7 and Section 11.1.2
4. The Phase 1 Impact Assessment Report will identify the archaeological sites and assess their significance. It should also make recommendations	SAHRA	An accredited Professional Archaeologists was appointed in February 2021 and Heritage Impact Assessment studies were undertaken in February 2021.	Comments submitted on 06 May 2021 during the notification period.	Section 8.5.7 and Section 11.1.2

ISSUE/COMMENT	RAISED BY	RESPONSE	MODE OF RECEIPT	SECTION WHERE ADDRESSED IN THE BAR
(as indicated in section 38) about the process to be followed. For example, there may need to be a mitigation phase (Phase 2) where the specialist will collect or excavate material and date the site. At the end of the process the heritage authority may give permission for destruction of the sites.				
5. Where bedrock is to be affected, or where there are coastal sediments, or marine or river terraces and in potentially fossiliferous superficial deposits, a Palaeontological Desk Top study must be undertaken to	SAHRA	Information on the underlying rocks and the potential of the existence of fossils were discussed in the Heritage Impact Assessment Report.	Comments submitted on 06 May 2021 during the notification period.	Section 8.5.7

ISSUE/COMMENT	RAISED BY	RESPONSE	MODE OF RECEIPT	SECTION WHERE ADDRESSED IN THE BAR
<p>assess whether or not the development will impact upon palaeontological resources - or at least a letter of exemption from a Palaeontologist is needed to indicate that this is unnecessary. If the area is deemed sensitive, a full Phase 1 Palaeontological Impact Assessment will be required and if necessary a Phase 2 rescue operation might be necessary. Please note that a nationwide fossil sensitivity map is available on SAHRIS to assist applicants with determining the fossil sensitivity of a study area</p>				

ISSUE/COMMENT	RAISED BY	RESPONSE	MODE OF RECEIPT	SECTION WHERE ADDRESSED IN THE BAR
6. If the property is very small or disturbed and there is no significant site, the heritage specialist may choose to send a letter to the heritage authority motivating for exemption from having to undertake further heritage assessments.	SAHRA	An accredited Professional Archaeologists was appointed in February 2021 and Heritage Impact Assessment studies were undertaken in February 2021. Therefore, no motivation for exemption letter was submitted as the Heritage Impact Assessment Report was submitted to SAHRA	Comments submitted on 06 May 2021 during the notification period.	Section 8.5.7
7. The SAHRA Archaeology, Paleontology and Meteorites (APM) Unit requests the submission of the BAR before further processing of the case. SAHRA will provide further comments once the BAR is submitted to the case.	SAHRA	The Basic Assessment Report was uploaded on SAHRIS on 09 August 2021. Proof of submission is attached as Appendix 8.4.1. To date, no further comments were received from SAHRA.	Comments were submitted on the Tuesday, 08 June 2021 after submission of Heritage Impact Assessment Report during the notification period.	Section 8.4

ISSUE/COMMENT	RAISED BY	RESPONSE	MODE OF RECEIPT	SECTION WHERE ADDRESSED IN THE BAR
<p>8. The Department does not have objection(s) to the proposed construction activities for the deviation of an existing Gilead 66 KV powerline as it will be constructed along the boundary of the existing Gilead substation.</p>	<p>Department of Economic Development, Environment and Tourism (LEDET)</p>	<p>Thank you for participating in the public participation process. Communication that the LEDET does not have objections on the project has been received.</p>	<p>Comments were submitted on Tuesday, 06 August 2021 as part of the public review and commenting period comments.</p>	<p>Section 8.4</p>
<p>9. The powerline length as per the geographical coordinates provided on page 35 of the BAR is approximately 350 metres. The length of about 1 km as indicated in the BAR is incorrect and should be corrected.</p>	<p>LEDET</p>	<p>The actual length of the powerline is approximately 350 metres, however, to ensure that a larger area is covered when conducting environmental studies, an approximation of 1 km has been factored in. A 500-metre buffer zone has been applied. This together with the 1 km approximation ensures that a bigger area is covered and any deviations of the powerline, though not anticipated, will still fall within the 500-metre buffer that has been applied.</p>	<p>Comments were submitted on Tuesday, 06 August 2021 as part of the public review and commenting period comments.</p>	<p>Section 4</p>



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10. Vegetation clearing must be limited to the development area (power line and access route)	Mogalakwena Local Municipality	Thank you for participating in the public participation process. Myezo acknowledge receipt of the comments, and this has been incorporated into the Basic Assessment Report (BAR). Vegetation clearing will be limited to areas of the powerline route and servitude area.	Comments submitted on Thursday, 16 September dated Monday, 16 August 2021, as part of the public review and commenting period comments.	Section 8.8, Section 8.9, Section 9 and Section 10
11. Fuel spillage must be removed immediately 12. to prevent soil and water contamination	Mogalakwena Local Municipality	Thank you for participating in the public participation process. Myezo acknowledge receipt of the comments, and this has been incorporated into the Basic Assessment Report (BAR). Vehicles and machinery will be regularly inspected and maintained in good condition to reduce oil and fuel leaks. Section 4.2-3 of the Environmental Management Programme (EMPr) in the event of a spill, a bioremediation contractor must be appointed to rehabilitate the spillages.	Comment submitted on Monday, 16 August 2021, it was sent during the public participation reporting	Section 8.9 and Section 10
13. All hazardous waste must be disposed in a hazardous land fill and poof of disposal must be	Mogalakwena Local Municipality	Thank you for participating in the public participation process. Myezo acknowledge receipt of the comments, and this has been incorporated into the Basic Assessment Report (BAR). Hazardous material and substances will be segregated. Section 4.2-3 of the EMPr details the management of hazardous management of hazardous material. In addition, disposal certificates shall be always kept onsite.	Comment submitted on Monday, 16 August 2021, it was sent during the public	Section 10

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14. kept in the file on site ‘			participation reporting	
15. Drip trays must be placed under plants to avoid spillage 16.	Mogalakwena Local Municipality	Thank you for participating in the public participation process. Myezo acknowledge receipt of the comments, and this has been incorporated into the Basic Assessment Report (BAR). Drip trays shall be used to contain any possible spill of oil from faulty equipment and construction vehicle parked overnight, if any.	Comment submitted on Monday, 16 August 2021, it was sent during the public participation reporting	Section 10
17. The entire site must be rehabilitated after construction to avoid soil erosion during rainfall season.	Mogalakwena Local Municipality	Thank you for participating in the public participation process. Myezo acknowledge receipt of the comments, and this has been incorporated into the Basic Assessment Report (BAR). Section 4.2-4 of the EMPr details rehabilitation measures to be undertaken.	Comment submitted on Monday, 16 August 2021, it was sent during the public participation reporting	Section 8.6.1, Section 10 and Section 19
The SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites (APM) accepts the HIA and Palaeontology Exemption Letter reports and the recommendations contained in them. The SAHRA has no objection to	SAHRA	Thank you for participating in the public participation process. Receipt of your comment has been received.	SAHRA comments submitted on 21 October 2021	Section 8.5.7, Section 11.1.2, Section 13 and Section 14

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<p>the development going ahead on the following conditions: The Environmental Control Officer must monitor construction activities around sites within close proximity to the development footprint area</p> <p>In the event that fossils are uncovered during construction then construction must cease within the immediate vicinity, a buffer of 30 m must be established, and a palaeontologist called in to inspect the finds. The palaeontologist must obtain a section 35(4) permit in terms of NHRA and Chapter IV NHRA Regulations, before any fossils are collected.</p> <p>If there are any new heritages resources are discovered during construction and operation phases of the proposed development, then a professional archaeologist or palaeontologist,</p>				

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<p>depending on the nature of the finds, must be contracted as soon as possible to inspect the findings at the expense of the developer.</p> <p>If the newly discovered heritage resources prove to be of archaeological or palaeontological significance, a Phase 2 rescue operation may be required at the expense of the developer. Mitigation will only be carried out after the archaeologist or palaeontologist obtains a permit in terms of section 35 of the NHRA (Act 25 of 1999). You may contact SAHRA APM Unit for further details: (Nokukhanya Khumalo/Phillip Hine 021 202 8654).</p> <p>If any unmarked human burials are uncovered and the archaeologist called in to inspect the finds and/or the police find them to be heritage graves, then mitigation may be</p>				

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<p>necessary and the SAHRA Burial Grounds and Graves (BGG) Unit must be contacted for processes to follow (Thingahangwi Tshivase/Mimi Seetelo 012 320 8490).</p> <p>Once a Record of Decision from the competent authority is issued, it must also be submitted to the case.</p>				
<p>Good day,</p> <p>Kindly register Veronique Fyfe, using the email address <a href="mailto:eia@g7energies.com">eia@g7energies.com</a>, as an I&amp;AP for the above mentioned development.</p>	<p>G7 Renewable Energies (Pty) Ltd</p>	<p>Dear Veronique Fyfe,</p> <p>Myezo Environmental Management Services (Pty) Ltd (Myezo) would like to thank you for participating in the public participation process for the proposed deviation of the Chloe Gilead Powerline at Gilead substation within Mogalakwena Local Municipality, Waterberg District Municipality of the Limpopo Province.</p> <p>We acknowledge receipt of your communication. Please be advised that you have been registered as an interested and affected parties (I&amp;APs) for the project and all communication and project related documents will be shared with you.</p> <p>In support of the public participation process, please be advised the basic assessment report (BAR) and supporting environmental management programme (EMPr) and the specialists studies, are available for public review. The BAR and supporting documents can be assessed from the Dropbox and WeTransfer Links below:</p>	<p>Comments received 22 December 2021 sent during public participation process.</p>	<p>Section 8.2</p>

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		<p>Dropbox Link: <a href="https://www.dropbox.com/sh/2vsm0m121gcmf5u/AAD4rvq22jYSNFGuSYa6PQuya?dl=0">https://www.dropbox.com/sh/2vsm0m121gcmf5u/AAD4rvq22jYSNFGuSYa6PQuya?dl=0</a> (Please note that the link expires on 28 January 2022).</p> <p>We Transfer Link: <a href="https://we.tl/t-yNM4o2DeO8">https://we.tl/t-yNM4o2DeO8</a> (Please note that the link expire after seven (7) days of receipt).</p> <p>You are reminded that comments and/or issues can be formally submitted, either by fax or email, to the Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) by 28 January 2022. This ensures that all responses are incorporated and assessed into the Comments and Response Report, which will form part of the Final Basic Assessment Report to be submitted to the Competent Authority, Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE).</p>		

## **8.4 Conclusion and Way Forward**

The PP process will be done in phases and the first phase involve the identification of I&APs and the identified I&APs will be notified of the proposed project. To date, data collection, data validation, development of an IAP register are some of the activities that have been undertaken. An assessment has been done during site visits and it has been discovered that the sole use of English as medium of communication will not result in inclusive PP, Therefore, Sepedi language will be adopted for during the process. The EAP endeavours to facilitate a transparent and accommodating PP Process. In addition, telephone engagements with the Ward Councillor and the Traditional Leader.

A draft Basic Assessment Report has been compiled with the main aim to identify issues, and potential impacts in this project. It will also include proceedings of the stakeholder engagement process which includes communication with registered Interested & Affected Parties (I&APs) and capturing of comments and responses. The draft BAR will be submitted to the Competent Authority, DFFE, on 09 June 2022, marking the 30-day public review and commenting period. In addition, the documents will also be placed at public places for public review. Additionally, electronic copies will be shared on request and electronic files will be shared through internet-based applications such as WeTransfer and Dropbox.

Following the 30-day public comment period, the BAR will be updated by incorporating any IAP comments received (where relevant). All comments will be recorded and responded to in the PP Report which will be circulated to all who have provided comment. The updated BAR will then be submitted to DFFE for decision-making. Once DFFE has made their decision on the proposed amendment project, all registered I&APs will be notified of the outcome of the decision within fourteen (14) calendar days of the decision and awarded with the right to appeal the project

