



PROPOSED NEPTUNE-POSEIDON 400KV POWER LINE
(DEA REF NUMBER: 12/12/20/1439)
Notice of Review of Extended Draft Scoping Report

BACKGROUND

Eskom Holdings Limited has proposed the construction of a new 400kV power line as part of the greater East London Strengthening scheme. To this end, the following alternatives have been proposed:

- **Main Route** – Power line (approximately 191km) which runs in an east to west direction from the existing Neptune substation (near East London) to the Poseidon substation (near Cookhouse), in the Eastern Cape. The proposed alignment is situated within the existing vacant Eskom servitude between the aforementioned substations. The substations will also be expanded and upgraded to accommodate the new line. In addition, two turnings of approximately 5km each will be constructed from the proposed Neptune-Poseidon line to the existing Pembroke substation site.
- **Alternative 2** – Deviation from Main Route, where the power line (approximately 40km) runs in an east to west direction from the Neptune substation to the south around Mdantsane and the Bridle Drift Dam and reconnects to the Main Route to the south of Berlin, at Rini.
- **Alternative 3** – Deviation from Main Route, where the power line (approximately 39km) runs in an east to west direction from the Neptune substation to the north around Nqonqweni, around Berlin and connects to the Main Route south of Berlin, at Hillcrest. The last 16km of this route runs parallel to an existing Eskom line.
- **Alternative 4** – Deviation from Main Route, where the power line (approximately 70km) runs in a west to east direction from the Poseidon substation to the south alongside the existing Eskom 220kV Pembroke-Poseidon 1 transmission line and connects to the Main Route close to Xuxuwa.

REVIEW OF THE EXTENDED DRAFT SCOPING REPORT

To following activities have been undertaken as part of the public participation process for the Main Route:

- Notification of the Scoping process was provided in April 2009, and the registration period for Interested and Affected Parties and submission of comments ended on 25 May 2009.
- Public open days were held from 05-07 May 2009.
- The draft Scoping Report was lodged for public review from 25 January 2010 to 08 March 2010. Public meetings were held to present the draft Scoping Report from 08-09 February 2010.

To following activities have been undertaken as part of the public participation process for the Main Route as well as Alternative Routes:

- The extended draft Scoping Report was lodged for public review from 03 May 2010 to 15 June 2010. Public meetings were held to present the extended draft Scoping Report from 19-20 May 2010.

During public participation of the Scoping Phase, several alternative routes (i.e. Alternatives 2, 3 and 4) were identified and have been incorporated into the Extended Draft Scoping Report. In accordance with Regulation 58(2) of Government Notice No. R. 385 of 21 April 2006, registered Interested and Affected Parties are granted an opportunity to review and comment on the extended draft Scoping Report. To this end, copies of the extended draft Scoping Report have been lodged at the following places for review from **15 June 2010 until 30 June 2010**:

Copy No.	Location	Address	Tel. No.
1.	Adelaide Public Library	Market Square, Adelaide	046 684 0034
2.	Bedford Public Library	Van Riebeeck St, Bedford	046 685 0187
3.	Buffalo City Municipal Library	Corner Gladstone and Oxford St, East London	043 722 4991
4.	Fort Beaufort Public Library	Campbell Street, Fort Beaufort	046 645 1656
5.	King Williams Town Public Library	Ayliff Street, King William's Town	043 642 3391

Due to various new landowners identified during the public meetings to present the extended draft Scoping Report it was decided to extend the public review period to 30 June 2010 to give these new landowners the opportunity to also review the Extended Draft Scoping Report. For comments on the Extended Draft Scoping Report Interested and Affected Parties can complete a Comment Sheet, which will be provided at the locations where the documents have been lodged, or send their comments via letter, fax or email directly to Nemai Consulting by **30 June 2010**. The Extended Draft Scoping Report can also be downloaded from the Eskom website (www.eskom.co.za/eia).

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