

Environmental Impact Management Services (Pty) Ltd
Registration Number: 92/05927/07
Directors: T. Nkhahle, A. Smith, L. Whitlow



14 November, 2013

EIMS ref: 0988

Dear Interested and Affected Party;

**NOTIFICATION REGARDING AN APPLICATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL
AUTHORISATION FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE PROPOSED 132kV LINES AT
THE WATERSHED SUBSTATION, NORTH WEST PROVINCE**

Environmental Impact Management Services (Pty) Ltd (EIMS) has been appointed by Eskom Holdings SOC Limited (Eskom) (the Applicant) to apply for Environmental Authorisation (EA) for the proposed construction of new as well as re-aligning existing 132kV lines and associated infrastructure at the existing Watershed Substation (SS) within the footprint of the surrounding Eskom property near Lichtenburg, North West Province. Please refer to the attached locality map of the proposed project.

The applicant has applied for the following NEMA listed activities:

- ✎ GN R. 544 Item 10(i): The construction of facilities or infrastructure for the transmission and distribution of electricity outside urban areas or industrial complexes with a capacity of more than 33 but less than 275 kilovolts;
- ✎ GN R. 544 Item 22(ii): The construction of a road, outside areas where no reserve exists where the road is wider than 8 metres;
- ✎ GN R. 544 Item 23(i): The transformation of undeveloped, vacant or derelict land to residential, retail, commercial, recreational, industrial or institutional use, inside an urban area, and where the total area to be transformed is 5 hectares or more, but less than 20 hectares;
- ✎ GN R. 544 Item 26: Any process or activity identified in terms of section 53 (1) of the National Environmental Management: Biodiversity Act, 2004 (Act No. 10 of 2004); and
- ✎ GN R.544 Item 42: The expansion of facilities for the storage, or storage and handling, of a dangerous good, where the capacity of such storage facility will expand by 80 metres or more.

This application is being made in terms of Regulation 54 of Government Notice No. R. 543 under the EIA Regulations (2010) promulgated under Section 24 (5) of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act 107 of 1998 - NEMA) (as amended). The project requires an EA under Chapter 5 of the NEMA. In accordance with the requirements of the NEMA, a Basic Assessment process will be followed for this project, and consequently the applicant intends submitting an application for an EA to the competent authority, the National Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA).

A public notification and involvement process will be carried out as part of the Basic Assessment process. During this process an advertisement will be placed in local newspaper(s), notice boards will be placed at central locations (e.g. public library, local municipality) and notification documents of the proposed activity will be sent out to all identified Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) (e.g. Local authorities, national and provincial government departments, etc.).

I&APs are hereby invited to participate in the Public Participation Process and to submit their comments on the application. Comments must be done in writing or telephonically and directed at EIMS. Comments will be taken up into an Issues and Responses Report

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(IRR) that will be submitted to the DEA at the end of the process, in order to inform their decision-making.

In order to ensure participation and involvement in the Basic Assessment process moving forward, please register as an Interested and Affected Party (I&AP) using the contact details below. Any objections, comments and responses to the application must be submitted to EIMS using the following contact details:

- ✍ Contact person: Nobuhle Hughes
- ✍ E-mail: nobuhle@eims.co.za
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- ✍ Reference No: 0988

Please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned if you have any queries or concerns.

Sincerely,

Nobuhle Hughes





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Geagte Belanghebbende en Geaffekteerde Party;

KENNISGEWING AANGAANDE 'N AANSOEK VIR OMGEWINGS MAGTIGING VIR DIE KONSTRUKSIE VAN DIE VOORGESTELDE 132kV KRAGLYNE BY DIE WATERSHED SUBSTASIE, NOORDWES PROVINSIE

Environmental Impact Management Services (Pty) Ltd (EIMS) is deur Eskom Holdings SOC Limited (Eskom) (die aansoeker) aangestel om aansoek te doen vir Omgewings magtiging (EM) vir die voorgestelde konstruksie van nuwe, sowel as aanpassing van die bestaande 132kV kraglyne en verwante infrastruktuur by die bestaande Watershed substasie (SS) binne die grondplan van die omliggende Eskom eiendom naby Lichtenburg, Noordwes Provinsie. U kan verwys na die aangehegte liggingskaart van die voorgestelde projek.

Die aansoeker het aansoek gedoen vir die volgende gelyste aktiwiteite van die Wet op Nasionale Omgewingsbestuur (WNOB):

- GK R. 544 Item 10 (i): Die konstruksie van fasiliteite of infrastruktuur vir die transmissie en verspreiding van elektrisiteit buite stedelike gebiede of nywerheids komplekse met 'n kapasiteit van meer as 33 maar minder as 275 kilovolt;
- GK R. 544 Item 22 (ii): Die konstruksie van 'n pad, buite gebiede waar geen reserwe bestaan nie, waar die pad breër as 8 meter is;
- GK R. 544 punt 23 (i): Die transformasie van onontwikkelde, vakante of verlate grond vir residensiële, kleinhandel-, kommersiële-, ontspannings-, nywerheids- of institusionele gebruik, binne 'n stedelike gebied, en waar die totale gebied omskep word, 5 hektaar of meer, maar minder as 20 hektaar is;
- GK R. 544 Item 26: Enige proses of aktiwiteit wat geïdentifiseer is ingevolge artikel 53 (1) van die Wet op Nasionale Omgewingsbestuur: Biodiversiteit, 2004 (Wet 10 van 2004), en
- GN R. 544 Item 42: Die uitbreiding van fasiliteite vir die berging, of berging en hantering, van gevaarlike goedere, waar die kapasiteit van sodanige stoor fasiliteit uitgebrei sal word met 80 meter of meer.

Hierdie aansoek word gedoen in terme van regulasie 54 van Goewermentskennisgewing No R. 543 onder die OIB-regulasies (2010) uitgevaardig kragtens artikel 24 (5) van die Wet op Nasionale Omgewingsbestuur, 1998 (Wet 107 van 1998 - WNOB) (soos gewysig). Die projek vereis 'n OM onder Hoofstuk 5 van die WNOB. In ooreenstemming met die vereistes van die WNOB, sal 'n Basiese Evaluering proses gevolg word vir hierdie projek. Die aansoeker sal gevolglik beoog om 'n aansoek voor te gee aan die bevoegde owerheid, die nasionale Departement van Omgewingsake (DOS) vir omgewings magtiging.

'n Publieke kennisgewing en betrokkenheid proses sal uitgevoer word as deel van die Basiese Evaluering proses. Tydens hierdie proses sal 'n advertensie geplaas word in die plaaslike koerant(te), kennisgewingborde sal geplaas word op sentrale plekke (bv. openbare biblioteek, plaaslike munisipaliteit) en kennisgewing dokumente van die voorgestelde aktiwiteit sal gestuur word aan alle geïdentifiseerde belanghebbende en geaffekteerde partye (B & GPe) (bv. plaaslike owerhede, nasionale en provinsiale staatsdepartemente, ens.)

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B & GPe word uitgenooi om deel te neem in die publieke deelname proses en om kommentaar te lewer aangaande die aansoek. Kommentaar moet skriftelik of telefonies gedoen word en gerig word aan EIMS. Kommentaar sal opgeneem word in 'n Kommentaar-en Antwoord verslag wat aan die Departement van Omgewingsake voorgelê sal word aan die einde van die proses ten einde hul besluitneming in te lig.

Ten einde deelname en betrokkenheid in die Basiese Evaluerings proses vorentoe te verseker, kan u registreer as 'n Belanghebbende en Geaffekteerde Party (B & GP). Enige besware, kommentaar en reaksie aangaande die aansoek moet ingedien word by EIMS met behulp van die volgende kontakbesonderhede:

- ✍ Kontak Persoon: Nobuhle Hughes
- ✍ E-pos: nobuhle@eims.co.za
- ✍ Faks: (011) 787 3059
- ✍ Tel: (011) 789 7170
- ✍ Pos Adres: Posbus 2083, Pinegowrie, 2123
- ✍ Verwysing No: 0988

Moet asseblief nie huiwer om die ondertekende te kontak as u enige navrae of bekommernisse aangaande die projek het nie.

Vriendelike Groete,

Nobuhle Hughes



Locality Map: Watershed Substation





Proposed Watershed Sub Ext. and Lines Route Map Scale 1: 2 500

