



**PROPOSED NEPTUNE-POSEIDON 400KV POWER LINE**  
 (DEA REF NUMBER: 12/12/20/1439)  
**Notice of Review of Draft Environmental Impact Assessment 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 65km) runs in a west to east direction from the Poseidon substation to the south of the Main Route alongside the existing Eskom 220kV Pembroke-Poseidon 1 transmission line. Alternative 4 connects to the Main Route via the following two options -
  - Segment A is approximate 6km in length and connects to the Main Route close to Klu Klu, south of Fort Beaufort; and
  - Segment B continues alongside the existing Eskom 220kV Pembroke-Poseidon 1 transmission line for ± 17km and then continues in a north-easterly direction for another ± 8km to connect to the Main Route.

**REVIEW OF THE DRAFT EIA REPORT**

The Draft Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Report for the proposed project will be lodged for public review at the following venues from **31 October 2011 until 12 December 2011**:

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 7419
5.	King Williams Town Public Library	Ayliff Street, King William's Town	043 642 3391

The Draft EIA Report can also be downloaded from the Eskom website ([www.eskom.co.za/eia](http://www.eskom.co.za/eia)).

For comments and remarks on the Draft EIA Report Interested and Affected Parties can complete a Comment Sheet, which will be provided at the locations where the documents have been lodged. Completed Comment Sheets should be returned to Nemai Consulting by **12 December 2011**.

**PUBLIC MEETINGS TO PRESENT THE DRAFT EIA REPORT**

The following public meetings will be held to present the Draft EIA Report:

30 November 2011					
<b>Area:</b>	Thorn Park	<b>Area:</b>	Ndevana		
<b>Venue:</b>	Thorn Park Trading Store	<b>Venue:</b>	Ndevana Community Hall		
<b>Time:</b>	09h00 – 11h00	<b>Time:</b>	14h00 – 15h30		

  

01 December 2011					
<b>Area:</b>	Fort Beaufort	<b>Area:</b>	Adelaide	<b>Area:</b>	Bedford
<b>Venue:</b>	Savoy Hotel, Fort Beaufort	<b>Venue:</b>	Midgley's Hotel, Market Square	<b>Venue:</b>	Bedford Town Hall, Donkin Street
<b>Time:</b>	09h00 – 10h30	<b>Time:</b>	13h00 – 14h30	<b>Time:</b>	17h00 – 18h30

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