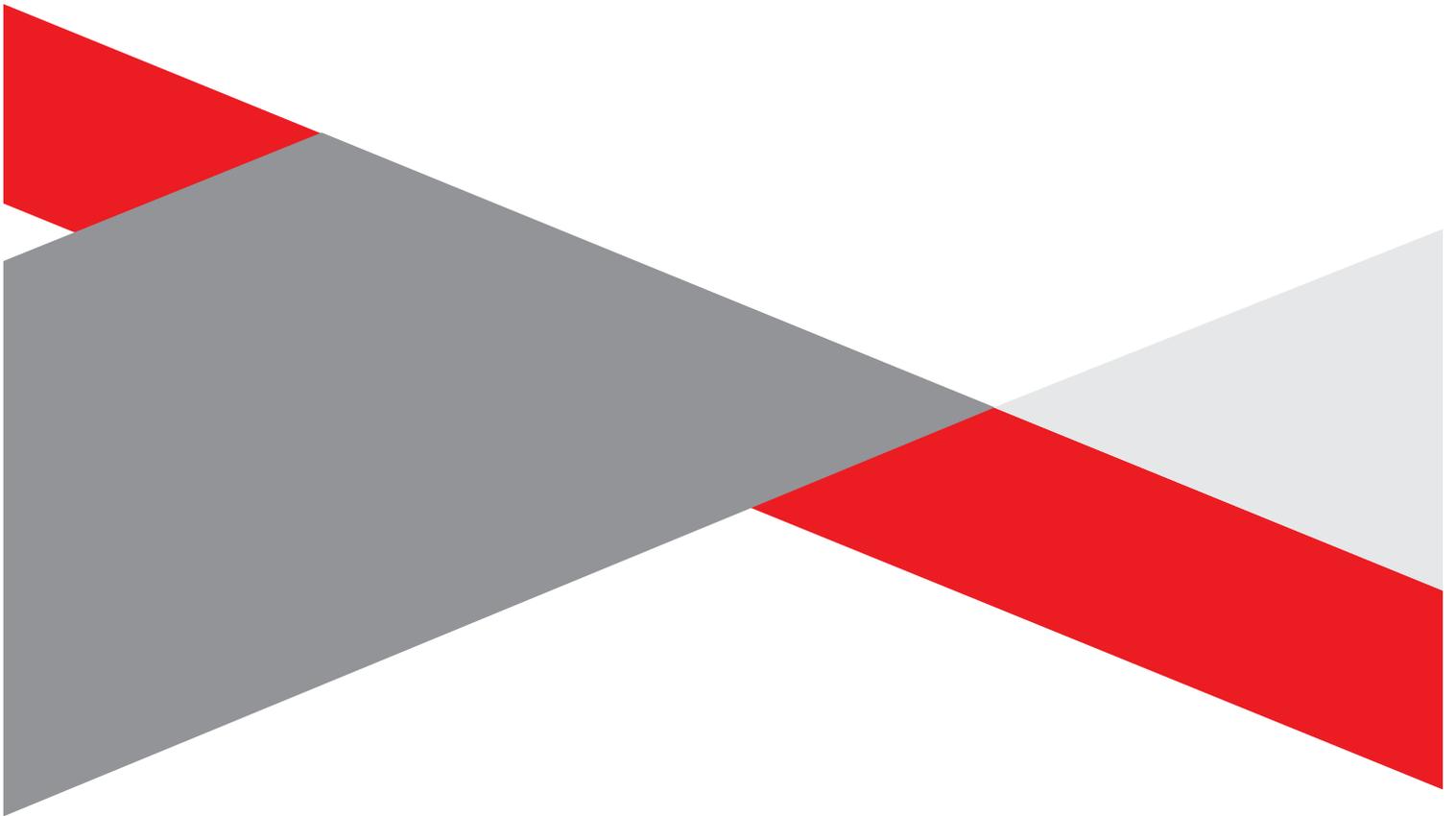


APPENDIX C1
PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN and
APPROVAL



PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN

THE CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF 2000MW PHAKWE RICHARDS BAY GAS POWER 3 COMBINED CYCLE POWER PLANT WITHIN THE RICHARDS BAY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT ZONE, UMTHLATHUZE LOCAL MUNICIPALITY IN THE KWAZULU NATAL PROVINCE

Application to be submitted

The restrictions enforced in terms of Government Gazette 43096 which placed the country in a national state of disaster limiting the movement of people to curb the spread of the COVID-19 virus has placed some limitations on the commencement and continuation of the public consultation as part of an EIA process. Considering these limitations, the following consultation process has been designed and will be implemented, on approval by the DEA, to cater for the conducting of the public participation process which includes I&APs, the competent authority, directly impacted landowners/occupiers, adjacent landowners/occupiers, relevant Organs of State departments, Municipalities, ward councillors and other key stakeholders.

Project Details:

Phakwe Richards Bay Gas Power 3 (Pty) Ltd (PRBGP3) intends on developing a combined cycle (CC) gas to power plant, with a capacity of up to 2,000MW, located on various erven within the Richards Bay IDZ phase 1F, Richards Bay, KwaZulu Natal.

The power plant will operate at mid-merit or baseload duty and will include the following main infrastructure:

- » A number of gas turbines for the generation of electricity through the use of natural gas (liquid or gas forms), or a mixture of Natural gas and Hydrogen (in a proportion scaling up from 20% H₂) as fuel source, operating all turbines at mid-merit or baseload (estimated 16 to 24 hours daily operation).
- » Exhaust stacks associated with each gas turbine.
- » A number of Heat Recovery Steam Generator (HRSG) to generate steam by capturing the heat from the turbine exhaust.
- » A number of steam turbines to generate additional electricity by means of the steam generated by the HRSG.
- » The water treatment plant will demineralise incoming water from municipal or similar supply, to the gas turbine and steam cycle requirements. The water treatment plant will produce two parts demineralised water and reject one-part brine, which will be discharged to the R IDZ stormwater system.
- » Steam turbine water system will be a closed cycle with air cooled condensers. Make-up water will be required to replace blow down.
- » Air cooled condensers to condensate used steam from the steam turbine.
- » Compressed air station to supply service and process air.
- » Water pipelines and water tanks for storage and distributing of process water. (Potential sourcing of alternative water outside RB IDZ supply (Municipality))
- » Water retention pond
- » Closed Fin-fan coolers to cool lubrication oil for the gas turbines
- » Gas generator Lubrication Oil System.

- » Gas pipeline supply conditioning process facility. Please note, gas supply will be via dedicated pipeline from the proposed Transnet supply pipeline network of Richards Bay (the location of this network has not yet been confirmed) or, alternatively directly from the Regasification facilities at RB Harbour. The gas pipeline will be separately authorized.
- » Site water facilities including potable water, storm water, waste water
- » Fire water (FW) storage and FW system
- » Diesel emergency generator for start-up operation.
- » Onsite fuel conditioning including heating system.
- » All underground services: This includes stormwater and wastewater.
- » Ancillary infrastructure including:
 - Roads (access and internal);
 - Warehousing and buildings;
 - Workshop building;
 - Fire water pump building;
 - Administration and Control Building;
 - Ablution facilities;
 - Storage facilities;
 - Guard House;
 - Fencing;
 - Maintenance and cleaning area;
 - Operational and maintenance control centre;
- » Electrical facilities including:
 - Power evacuation including GCBs, GSU transformers, MV busbar, HV cabling and 1x275kV or 400kV GIS Power Plant substation.
 - Generators and auxiliaries;
 - Subject to a separate environmental authorisation application:
 - Eskom 275 or 400kV GIS interface Substation
 - Underground 275 or 400kV power cabling connecting Power Plant GIS substation and Eskom GIS Interface substation.
 - an overhead 275kV or 400kV power line connecting the ESKOM interface substation to the selected Eskom grid connection point;
- » Service infrastructure including:
 - Stormwater channels;
 - Water pipelines
 - Temporary work areas during the construction phase (laydown areas)
 - Fuel supply
 - A dedicated pipeline to connect into an on-site gas receiving and conditioning station will provide the natural gas or the mixture of natural gas and Hydrogen. The pipeline will be connected to the proposed Transnet supply pipeline network of Richards Bay (the location of this network has not yet been confirmed), or it will extend directly to the Regasification facilities in the RB Harbour
 - The dedicated pipeline will be separately environmentally authorized.

The development is proposed on the following properties, situated within Phase 1F of the Richards Bay Industrial Development Zone (RIDZ) located approximately 5km north east of Richards Bay and 1km north of the suburb of Alton:

Erf Name	Surveyor General Erf No.	Surveyor General Portion No.	SG 21-digit ID	RBIDZ plot allocation
Unnamed	16674	0	N0GV04210001667400000	Erf 16674
Unnamed	9042	0	N0GV04210000904200000	Service infrastructure (water servitude)
Unnamed	8822	0	N0GV04210000882200000	Erf 16819
Unnamed	8821	0	N0GV04210000882100000	Erf 16820
Unnamed	8820	0	N0GV04210000882000000	Erf 17442

The project site is situated in the City of uMhlathuze Local Municipality which falls within jurisdiction of the King Cetshwayo District Municipality, KwaZulu-Natal Province.

In terms of Sections 24 and 24D of the National Environmental Management Act (No 107 of 1998), as read with the EIA Regulations (2014), as amended on 07 April 2017, of GN R324 to GN R327, a Scoping and EIA is required to be undertaken for the proposed project.

Public Participation Plan:

The public participation (PP) process will be undertaken in accordance with the requirements of Regulations 39 to 44 of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended, (GNR 326). The aim of the public participation process is primarily to ensure that:

- » information containing all relevant facts in respect of the proposed project is made available to potential stakeholders and I&APs;
- » participation by I&APs is facilitated in such a manner that all potential stakeholders and I&APs are provided with a reasonable opportunity to comment on the proposed project; and
- » comments received from potential stakeholders and I&APs are recorded and incorporated into the EIA Assessment process.

The traditional means and opportunities available for the undertaking of public participation are still covered and implemented as part of this plan considering the current limitations in terms of the Regulations to limit risks associated with COVID-19. Alternative means of undertaking consultation has been designed and will be implemented by Savannah Environmental to ensure that I&APs are afforded sufficient opportunity to raise comments on the project through an interactive web-based platform readily available and accessible to any person illustrating interest in the project and enables the public participation process to be undertaken in line with Regulations 41 to 44 of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended.

The use of online tools enables stakeholders and I&APs to explore the project-specific content in their own time and allows them to participate in a meaningful way in the consultation process. The online platform allows for project information to be shared and made available. The online stakeholder engagement platform allows the Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) to visually present details regarding the project and our consultation documentation, including project maps and plans, presentations and posters regarding the project, and reports available for review.

Access to the project documentation via the Savannah Environmental website will be unrestricted to all I&APs. I&APs wanting to access the project information via this portal will be required to register and will receive a unique code (via an automated system) to access the report of interest. This step and the online portal support the EAP in maintaining a complete and accurate record and database of all parties who

have interest in the project (and who choose to access the report via the online portal), in line with the requirements of the Regulations.

The online stakeholder engagement platform considers the limitations applied by the Disaster Management Act Regulations prohibiting the gathering of people, as well as limitations which certain I&APs may have in terms of access to computers and internet as well as access to public spaces not open for operation or which have restricted access.

The benefits of the online stakeholder engagement platform include:

- Ability to create a dedicated project-specific online platform to enable easy access to project-related information.
- Ability to reach a wider audience, allowing more widespread consultation for major infrastructure projects.
- Allowing stakeholders and I&APs the opportunity to engage on a project without leaving their office or home.
- Enabling stakeholders and I&APs to register their interest in a project (for inclusion on the project database), and automatically gaining access to comprehensive project documentation.
- Enabling the EAP to maintain a complete database of I&APs through maintaining a record of persons accessing the online stakeholder consultation platform.
- Enabling the EAP and stakeholders/I&APs to meet virtually.

Where I&APs do not have the applicable facilities (i.e. access to internet, mobile phones, or computers), provision has been made to include these I&APs in the consultation process by consulting with the Ward Councillor, the ward committee members, community representatives and local community forum members. Hard copy documentation can be made available but will only be provided where appropriate sanitary conditions can be maintained.

The schematic illustration overleaf provides an overview of the tools that are available to I&APs and stakeholders to access project information and interact with the public participation team to obtain project information and resolve any queries that may arise, and to meet the requirements for public participation.

i. Stakeholder identification and register of I&APs	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Register as an I&AP on the online platform, via completion of a form and provision of contact information, by responding to an advert, or sending a 'please call me' which will be responded to• State interest in the project• Receive all project related information via email or other appropriate means.
ii. Advertisements and notifications	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Newspaper advertisements and/or radio live reads, site notices, written notifications provide information and details on where to access project information.• Notifications regarding the EIA processes and availability of project reports for public review to be sent via email, post or SMS notifications.
iii. Public Involvement and consultation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Availability of project information via the online platform or other appropriate means.• An opportunity for I&APs and stakeholders to request virtual meetings with the project team.
iv. Comment on the Scoping & EIA reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Availability of the project reports via the online platform for a minimum 30-day comment period.• Submission of comments via email or post to the PP team.• Comments recorded and responded to, as part of the process.
v. Identification and recording of comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Comments and Responses Report, including all comments received throughout the process to be included in the reporting.

The PP plan, as set out in the table below, has been drafted for the above-mentioned projects to ensure compliance with the requirements of the EIA Regulations and that reasonable opportunity is provided to I&APs and that all administrative actions are reasonable. Proof of all notifications will be included in the public participation appendix included in the Scoping and EIA reports.

The PP plan is submitted to the DFFE for discussion and agreement before the PP process is undertaken for the proposed project.

Public Participation Plan: Discussion of approach and methodology to meet the requirements of the Regulations

Regulation	Approach & Methodology to meet requirements
<p>Regulation 40(1), Regulation 40(3) & Regulation 43 – provide all potential or registered interested and affected parties, including the competent authority, access to project related information, access to the Scoping and EIA reports which will be made available for a period of at least 30 days to submit comments on draft reports prior to submission of final reports for decision-making.</p>	<p><u>Notification of EIA (S&EIR) process to be undertaken for application for Environmental Authorisation (EA) to be distributed using the following means:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • E-mail • Dedicated project page on the Savannah Environmental online platform • Site notices • Advertisement in the printed media (combined with DSR advert). <p><u>Notification of availability of report and period for review using the following means:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Newspaper advert, including details of where the report can be accessed and details of the Savannah Environmental website. • Notification letter (to be sent via email, fax or post) to registered I&APs. • Notifications to communities via any of the following, where available: Ward Councillor, ward committee members, identified and confirmed community representatives, and local community forum members. • SMS and/ or WhatsApp notifications where no other means are available. <p><u>Availability of report for review:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report available on the Savannah Environmental website for download. • Electronic copies can be made available to parties via a secure Dropbox link that will be emailed upon request for the documentation. • CDs or USBs to be posted, if requested. • Hard copy report to be available only where appropriate sanitary conditions can be maintained. • Report will be submitted to the DFFE using the DFFE online portal. • Report will be submitted to Organs of State and commenting authorities via an agreed electronic platform (such as on CD, or via a secure Dropbox link). <p><u>Submission of comments to PP team:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Written comments can be submitted via email, post or fax. • Any comments provided telephonically or via instant message will be transcribed and recorded as formal comments.

Regulation	Approach & Methodology to meet requirements
	<p><u>Opportunity and means of consultation where applicable facilities are not available to I&APs:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Post (where email or telephonic consultation is not available) • Placement of site Notices. • Advertisement in printed media (local newspaper). • Consultation and communication through one of the following, where available: the ward councillor, ward committee members and confirmed community representatives and local community forum members. • SMS or WhatsApp notification. • CDs to be posted, if requested (and where a computer is available). • Hard copy report only where sanitary conditions can be maintained and requested.
<p>Regulation 40(2) - Provide access to all project information that has the potential to influence any decision regarding the application, unless protected by law, and must include consultation with Competent Authority, Organs of State & registered I&APs.</p> <p>Regulation 41(6) – Relevant information available and accessible</p>	<p>Provision of project information and consultation via various means including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Telephonic consultation. • Email correspondence. • Correspondence sent via post where email or telephonic means are not available. • SMS and/or WhatsApp. • The Savannah Environmental online stakeholder engagement platform will include the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A means to register on the project database and provide details of their interest in the project ○ Project maps (as applicable) • Virtual meetings using an appropriate platform agreeable to all parties (such as Zoom, Skype or Teams). The meeting will be recorded and the attendees' details captured in an attendance register. Confirmation of their attendance will also be requested by e-mail and the correspondence will be included in the report. • Communities will be consulted via one of the following, where available: the relevant Ward Councillor, ward committee members, community representative or local community forum members, as determined and confirmed during the consultation process. <p><u>Opportunity and means of consultation where applicable facilities are not available to I&APs:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Telephonic consultation

Regulation	Approach & Methodology to meet requirements
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Post (where email or telephonic means are not available) • SMS and/or WhatsApp • Consultation and communication through one of the following, where available: the ward councillor, ward committee members and confirmed community representatives and local community forum members.
Regulation 41(2)(a) – Site notice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Site notices will be placed at affected properties by the EAP, landowner or specialist, depending on specific travel restrictions applicable at the time. • Size and content will be in accordance with Regulation 41(3) & 41(4).
Regulation 41(2)(b) – Written notification to affected and neighbouring landowners and occupiers; municipality; ward councillors; Organs of State & other parties required by the CA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notification letter to be sent via email, fax or post. <p><u>Opportunity and means of consultation where applicable facilities are not available to I&APs:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Post (where email or telephonic means are not available) • SMS or WhatsApp notification.
Regulation 41(2)(c) – (e) – Advertisements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advert to be placed in a local newspaper and/or live reads to be undertaken on an appropriate local radio station.
Regulation 42 – Project database	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I&APs to be identified through a process of networking and referral, obtaining information from the Savannah Environmental existing stakeholder database, liaison with potentially affected parties in the greater surrounding area and a registration process involving the completion of a reply form. • Organs of State, key stakeholders and affected and surrounding landowners will be identified and registered on the project database. • Other stakeholders will be required to formally register their interest in the project through either directly contacting the Savannah Environmental Public Participation team via email or fax or use of the Savannah Environmental website. • In order to access the Savannah Environmental online platform for a specific project, I&APs will be required to provide their details such that they are automatically registered on the project database. • The register of I&APs will contain the names of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ all persons who requested to be registered on the database through the use of the Savannah Environmental website, or in writing and disclosed their interest in the project;

Regulation	Approach & Methodology to meet requirements
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ all Organs of State which hold jurisdiction in respect of the activity to which the application relates; and ○ all persons who submitted written comments or attended virtual meeting/s and viewed virtual presentations on the Savannah Environmental website during the public participation process. ● The information captured on the project database will contain the names, organisation and contact details, as required. It must be noted that personal details will not be shared in public documentation in accordance with the requirements of the POPI Act. <p><u>Opportunity and means of consultation where applicable facilities are not available to I&APs:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Process of networking and referral ● Email notification (if available) ● Telephonic registration ● SMS and/or WhatsApp ● Fax or post (where email or telephonic means are not available)
<p>Regulation 44 – Comments to be recorded</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Written comments can be submitted via email, post or fax. ● Any comments provided telephonically or via instant message will be transcribed and recorded as formal comments. ● All comments received throughout the EIA processes will be acknowledged and captured in the comments and responses report (C&RR) with a relevant response. ● The C&RR and all comments received will be included in the final report submitted to the CA. ● <u>Opportunity and means of consultation where applicable facilities are not available to I&APs:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ I&APs without the applicable electronic facilities to access the Savannah Environmental website will be provided with the opportunity to submit their comments and communicate with the public participation team via SMS, WhatsApp or by sending a Please-call-me notification. These comments will be transcribed and recorded as formal comments. ○ Written comments via post or fax (where email or other means are not possible).

Regulation	Approach & Methodology to meet requirements
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Comment submission telephonically and instant messaging (SMS and/or WhatsApp). ○ Sending a Please-call-me notification to the Public Participation team so that contact can be made.
<p>Regulation 4(2) – Notification of decision on application</p>	<p><u>Notification of Environmental Authorisation (EA) using the following means:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notification letter with details as outlined in EA issued will be sent via email, fax or post. • Notifications that the EA has been issued and where to download and/or obtain a copy to communities via one of the following, where available: Ward Councillor and his/her ward committee members and identified and confirmed community representatives. • SMS or WhatsApp notification. <p><u>Opportunity and means of consultation where applicable facilities are not available to I&APs:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Post (where email or telephonic means are not available) • Communication through one of the following, where available: the ward councillor, ward committee members and confirmed community representatives and local community forum members. • SMS and/or WhatsApp

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From: Fiona Grimett <FGRIMETT@dffe.gov.za>
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Attachments: PP Plan PRBGP3 CAPP-14-23.pdf

Subject: Approval of Public Participation (PP) Plan for the proposed application for environmental authorisation for the construction and operation of the 2000MW Phakwe Richards Bay Gas Power 3 Combined Cycle Power Plant within the Richards Bay Industrial Development Zone, Umthlathuze Local Municipality, Kwazulu Natal Province (Pre-application reference: 2021-11-0006)

Dear Ms Thomas

The attached Public Participation (PP) Plan for the proposed 2000MW Phakwe Richards Bay Gas Power 3 Combined Cycle Power Plant within the Richards Bay Industrial Development Zone, Umthlathuze Local Municipality, Kwazulu Natal Province, received by this Department on 08 November 2021, refers.

Based on the information provided, this Department decided to **approve** the PP Plan for the project. You may proceed with the PP process in accordance with the tasks contemplated in the PP plan. Should you wish to deviate from the submitted PP Plan, the amended PP Plan must be submitted to the Department for approval prior commencement.

A copy of the PP Plan and this approval must be submitted as part of the application form when the application is lodged.

Also note that submission of a PP Plan and approval thereof do not negate your responsibility to comply with the requirements for public participation in terms of Regulations 39, 40, 41, 42, 43 & 44 of the EIA Regulations 2014, as amended.

Regards,

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Subject: RE: 2021-11-0006

Dear Matlhodi

Your assistance is greatly appreciated, as we are aiming to submit the application for Environmental Authorisation by tomorrow.

Thank you & kind regards

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Subject: Re: 2021-11-0006

Dear Jana,

It is noted that the pre-application meeting request is to have the PP Plan approved. The PP plan is being considered; approval will be communicated to you in due course.

Regards

Matlhodi Mogorosi

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Subject: FW: 2021-11-0006

Dear Matlhodi

As indicated in the pre-application request a meeting is not specifically require however, kindly note that we urgently require a decision on the PP plan.

Your assistance in this regard will be greatly appreciated.

Kind regards



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Subject: 2021-11-0006

Dear Matlhodi.

Please note that you have been allocated an application:

Type of Application: Pre-Application Meeting Request;
Reference Number: 2021-11-0006;
Date Received: 08/11/2021;
Action Required: Decide on meeting request.

Kindly let Ephron know which date the meeting is to be held, if it will be set.

*EAP/Applicant: please use this reference number when submitting the application for EA/amendment application (page 1 of the application form), as well as attach the approved PP Plan if the application requires a PP process.

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Cc: Jo-Anne Thomas <joanne@savannahsa.com>

Subject: Pre-Application Request & PP Plan for Approval - Phakwe Richards Bay Gas Power 3 CCPP

Good day

Kindly find attached the pre-application request form including the Public Participation Plan for the proposed Phakwe Richards Bay Gas Power 3 Combined Cycle Power Plant, Richards Bay, KwaZulu-Natal.

As indicated in the pre-application request a pre-application meeting is not specifically required and the purpose of the application is for the Department to consider the details of the project and the Public Participation Plan.

Please confirm receipt of the request.

Kindly advise should you require any further information. Thank you.

Kind regards



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