

Annex B - Distribution Environmental Screening Document (DESD)


(Informative)

Reticulation Powerlines and Ancillary Services

Ratified and accepted by
Environmental Practitioner
Environmental Specialist
Head of Engineering Survey
(one signature please)

Accepted by Land Owner/s/Users

I have seen the completed document and accept the
recommendations made

Form completed by M.S. Ramoani Assessor/s Signature: 

in consultation with : S. Venkatesh Signature:

CAPACITY (e.g. land owner, specialist): Manager

DATE COMPLETED: 8/7/15

Instructions

1. Fill the report in as neatly and completely as possible.
2. Where the question / statement is not applicable mark N/A.
3. Indicate sensitive areas on a map and/or spanning plans.
4. When in doubt, consult the Environmental Practitioner in your region.

The purpose of this *DESD* is to:

- Determine whether or not the project should be subject to R543 -7, published in terms of the National Environmental Management Act 107 of 1998.
- Identify and mitigate the negative impact of Eskom's activities to a minimum in line with both Legislation and Eskom's Environmental Policies.
- This report is a guide to Route Selection, Construction and Field Services.

NOTE Complete the report before the survey!!!

This is not an office exercise.

Extra sheets of paper may be added and referenced if insufficient space has been provided.

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1 Project description

Project name/Survey Request At Sold Properties cc Area Lephalale L Munic
Project number SEL139697997B File number
Rural scheme/
Feeder Tafelkop Voltage 22kv
Supply from VNT 172/1/69
(scheme name, pole numbers for tee-off)
Supply to A Lomfraai 484 LG
(Farm name, etc.)

2 Properties traversed

Farm name A Lomfraai 484 LG
Registration number and Division 484 LG Sub-division 1
Compilation number 2327 DB Line length (m) 422m
Farm name A Lomfraai 484 LG
Registration number and Division 484 LG Sub-division 1
Compilation number 2327 DB Line length/Site area (m²) 178.084m²

3 Brief description of the surrounding area

The new line is to be built through protected tree, e.g. marula and lead roads, but have been spared/missed/preserved during pegging. The new line crosses the D77 gravel road as well as telephone line and game fence.

Could the proposed project have an impact on or be constrained by any of the following environmental aspects?

Encircle the appropriate aspect, giving a description of the present state as well as an indication of the possible negative impact. Note that mitigating measures for these impacts are to be included in the Environmental Management Programme.

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4 Physical environment

4.1 Water: streams rivers dams wetlands Springs floodplains OTHER Dryland.
...N/A...

Present condition: N/A Dryland and bushy & grassy.

Potential impact (e.g. threat of pollution): Not foreseeable now

4.2 Soil: sandy Rocky clayey OTHER

Present condition: Sandy soils

Potential impact (e.g. of erosion) Compact soil & thick grass.

4.3 Topography mountains ridges hills Valley Ravines dongas OTHER Flat terrain.

Present condition: Flat land.

Potential impact (e.g. of erosion) Flat and compact.

Comments/mitigating measures:
Normal construction methods.

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5 Natural environment

5.1 Flora: indigenous Protected exotic OTHER

Brief description and conservation status (e.g. rare, etc., mention trees/bush/grass) There are thick grass and marula trees not affected.
Potential impact (e.g. permit applications) No permit required.

5.2 Fauna: mammals Birds OTHER

Brief description and conservation status:
(e.g. rare, protected, etc., mention giraffe, elephants, eagles, vultures, etc., mention migratory paths)
There are eagles and vultures as well as Swartwippen, Swartrooibok, Koedoes and animals.
Potential impact (e.g. threat of electrocution, collision, etc.) Normal construction to cater for such mentioned animals.

Comments/mitigating measures:
Normal construction methods

6 Social environment

6.1 Restricted areas: nature/game reserves hiking trails tourism routes parks recreational areas
Residential-areas green belts sacred/holy grounds OTHER ... game farm

Brief description Land to be used for game farming

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Potential impact e.g. threat of encroachment, etc. Land demarcated into game fences.

6.2 Visual aesthetics: easily seen Hidden partially

Brief description The line will be 20% partially seen and 80% hidden.

Potential impact The fences are as tall as the new line to be constructed.

6.3 Natural heritage: cultural significance archaeological objects monuments palaeontological objects graves Meteorites Ruins OTHER game farm

Note: Should any natural heritage resource as listed above, or as defined in the National Heritage Resource Act, No 25 of 1999 be identified, the requirements of Act 25 of 1999 shall be followed by notifying the SAHRA. If line or access road length exceeds 300m SAHRA shall be notified.

Potential impact SAHRA to be notified

Comments/mitigating measures Normal construction methods.

7 Economic environment

7.1 Land use: crops game farming Orchards forestry areas grazing mining crop spraying OTHER

Brief description Land use for game farming e.g. nyalas, kudus, Swart wit pens, Swart rooibok & impala.

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Potential impact Line to be designed to cater
for the mentioned animals

7.1.1 Commercial: factories Shops OTHER game farm

Brief description Land to be used as game farm

Potential impact Line to be designed to cater
for the mentioned game.

7.1.2 Infrastructure: roads railways communications power lines air fields
pipelines sewage OTHER

Brief description: There is a gravel road D177
as well as telephone line and
existing power line to Tiff farm and
game fences.

Potential impact Normal Crossing Clearance
to be adhered to.

Comments/mitigating measures:

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..... Normal Crossing Clearance to
..... be followed.
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What impact will this project have on elements 4 to 7?

1. Physical

No impact (0)

Medium impact (2)

High impact (4)

2. Natural

No impact (0)

Medium impact (2)

High impact (4)

3. Social

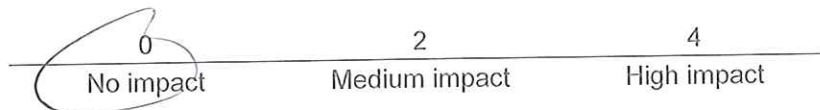
No impact (0)

Medium impact (2)

High impact (4)

Overall impact:

This section addresses the overall environmental impact of the project. The impacts as assessed in the above three spheres (physical, natural and social) need to be considered to determine the overall impact



If the overall impact is between 2 and 4, contact the Environmental Management Officer or the Environmental Senior Superintendent.

Alternatives

Have alternative routes been discussed with the relevant land owner/s or users?

Yes

No

Detailed study

Is an *environmental assessment* required in terms of Regulation R543?

Yes

No

Should a permit application be made to DWA?

Yes

No

Should the SAHRA be notified?

Yes

No

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1 General conditions

- 1.1 The Eskom project manager or co-ordinator shall be responsible for ensuring that the land owners have been informed before any work is carried out on site. Contractors shall find out if the landowners have been informed before moving onto site.
- 1.2 No fences, gates or locks shall be damaged to obtain access onto a line route. Arrangements shall be made in advance to obtain permission for access.
- 1.3 Use of private roads shall be arranged in advance. Any damage to private roads shall be repaired at the contractor's expense and to the satisfaction of the landowner. This shall be the responsibility of the project manager or co-ordinator.
- 1.4 Gates shall be left as they are found, i.e. closed gates shall be kept closed and open gates shall be left open. Gates to adjacent properties or onto public roads shall be closed at all times. Any Eskom gates installed on the line route shall be kept closed and locked except while stringing is taking place. Open gates shall be guarded to prevent animals straying and unauthorised persons and vehicles entering into adjacent camps or properties.
- 1.5 Permission shall be obtained from landowners before any water is used.
- 1.6 No fires shall be lit on private property. If fires are lit on Eskom's property or in the construction camp, provision shall be made that no accidental fires are started. No firewood shall be collected in the veld.
- 1.7 If activities that can cause a fire are carried out, fire extinguishers shall be available on site and in the construction camp.
- 1.8 No property may be accessed after normal working hours except with the permission of the landowner. Privacy shall be respected at all times.
- 1.9 Eskom, Eskom's contractors and their employees shall at all times be courteous towards landowners, tenants and the local community.
- 1.10 Eskom, Eskom's contractors and their employees shall not cause damage to property, crops or animals. Activities that may cause conflict with landowners, tenants, the local work force or the local community shall be avoided. Should conflict arise it shall be immediately reported to the Eskom project manager or co-ordinator.
- 1.11 Vehicles shall be driven at a moderate speed on private roads and stay within the statutory speed limit on public roads.
- 1.12 All movement of vehicles shall take place on the established Eskom servitude road or on private roads as agreed in advance. Keep to existing tracks. No movement shall take place through the veld. Special care shall be taken to prevent excess damage during wet weather.

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- 1.13 If any vehicle should get stuck, the damage shall be repaired immediately so that no deep ruts remain.
- 1.14 Any damage to private property shall immediately be reported to Eskom and the owner. The damage shall be rectified immediately if possible and/or appropriate compensation shall be paid to the owner at the discretion of the project manager/co-ordinator in consultation with the property owner. A record of damages and rectifying action shall be kept. The landowner's satisfaction with the outcome of rectifying action shall be obtained in writing.
- 1.15 A proper system of waste management shall be instituted in the construction camp. This entails that sufficient waste bins are available on site and in the construction camp. The waste shall be dumped at an approved waste disposal site. No containers, scrap metal, conductor etc. shall be left on site.
- All scrap shall be removed and taken to an appropriate disposal site. No oil, diesel or other chemicals shall be spilled or discarded anywhere. If an accidental spill occurs, it shall be reported immediately and cleaned to the satisfaction of Eskom and the landowner. No waste shall be left in the veld or on the line route.
- 1.16 Washing and toilet facilities shall be provided on site and in the construction camp. The facilities shall comply with Eskom standards and shall have the approval of the landowner.
- 1.17 No human excrement shall be left in the veld. If no toilet facilities are available such waste shall be buried *immediately*.
- 1.18 Herbicides shall only be applied with Eskom's permission and in accordance with the Eskom Policy on Herbicides ESKPBAAD4.
- 1.19 Camp and office sites shall be dismantled and removed after completion of the construction phase of the project. The site shall be rehabilitated to as close as possible to its original condition to the satisfaction of the landowner, which shall be in writing.
- 1.20 All excavations shall be enclosed to prevent animals or people from accidentally falling into excavations.
- 1.21 No trees shall be cut or removed without prior permission from the landowner. Permits shall be obtained for the cutting and removal protected trees (protected trees shall be dealt with in 2, **Special conditions**).
- 1.22 Should any natural heritage object be found, or exposed during excavations, all work shall be terminated immediately and the finding reported to the Project Manager who shall inform the Eskom Environmental Practitioner and the SAHRA.

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2 Special conditions

(Specific issues identified during the scoping as needing attention i.e. erosion berms, bird flappers, protected trees. etc.).

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HANDOVER DOCUMENT:**PERMITS AND LICENSES ASSOCIATED WITH NEW ESKOM Dx 11-132 kV
PROJECTS AND MAINTENANCE PROJECTS REQUIRING ENVIRONMENTAL
PERMITS AND LICENCES****NEW PROJECTS (A-D)****A) National Environmental Management Act No. 107 of 1998**

Section	Description	Y/N	If Yes [Land Development]	Project Management		
24	Is this a listed activity according to the Environmental Impact Assessment or Waste regulations?		Have you submitted an application to DEA?	Y	Has the Environmental Authorisation been obtained?	Y
				N		N
30	Is this activity being carried out under an <u>emergency</u> ?		Has an application been submitted to DEA	Y		
				N		

B) National Water Act No. 36 of 1998

Section	Description	Y/N	If Yes [Land Development]	Project Management		
21 (c)	Can this activity be deemed to <u>divert the flow of water in a watercourse</u> ?		Have you applied for a water use license from DWA?	Y	Has the license been obtained?	Y
				N		N
21 (i)	Can this activity be deemed to be <u>altering the bed, banks, course or characteristics of a watercourse</u> (e.g. wetlands, rivers, springs etc)?		Have you applied for a water use license from DWA?	Y	Has the license been obtained?	Y
				N		N

C) National Heritage Resources Act No. 25 of 1999

Section	Description	Y/N	If Yes [Land Development]	Project Management		
34	Are you likely to disturb any <u>structure that is older than 60 years, archaeological or palaeontological site or any meteorite or grave</u> ?		Have you applied for a license from the applicable heritage authority?	Y	Has the license been obtained?	Y
				N		N
38	Is the power line or access road <u>longer than 300m</u> ?		Has the applicable heritage authority been notified?	Y		
				N		

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