

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

Assessor/s

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in consultation with: *X. [Signature]* Signature: *X. [Signature]*

CAPACITY (e.g. land owner, specialist) *X. [Signature]*

DATE COMPLETED: .....

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 230.007m line & Upgrade Area Pict Relief  
Project number BP104164704 C File number  
Rural scheme/  
Feeder Geelhoutboom/Driefontein Voltage 23kv  
Supply from DFE 6/1A/67  
(scheme name, pole numbers for tee-off)  
Supply to Driefontein 388/4 II  
(Farm name, etc.)

2 Properties traversed

Farm name Driefontein  
Registration number and Division 388II/4 Sub-division 388/4  
Compilation number Line length (m)  
Farm name  
Registration number and Division Sub-division  
Compilation number Line length/Site area (m<sup>2</sup>)

3 Brief description of the surrounding area

- Project is situated at Driefontein  
- near the road to Driefontein first  
stands when you enter Driefontein.  
- area is covered by grasses.

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 *None*

Present condition: *None*

Note: No pegs to be placed within 100m of a watercourse (stream, river & dam) or 500m from a wetland. The Environmental Management Officer must be consulted.

Potential impact (e.g. threat of pollution): *none*

4.2 Soil: *sandy* rocky clayey OTHER .....

Present condition: *Good*

Potential impact (e.g. of erosion) *low*

4.3 Topography mountains ridges hills *valleys* ravines dongas OTHER .....

Present condition: *Good*

Potential impact (e.g. of erosion) *low*

Comments/mitigating measures:

*no comment*

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5 Natural environment

5.1 Flora: indigenous protected exotic OTHER None

Brief description and conservation status (e.g. rare, etc., mention trees/bush/grass) .....

..... grasses .....

Potential impact (e.g. permit applications) .....

..... no permit .....

5.2 Fauna: mammals birds OTHER .....

None

Brief description and conservation status:

(e.g. rare, protected, etc., mention giraffe, elephants, eagles, vultures, etc., mention migratory paths)

..... None .....

Potential impact (e.g. threat of electrocution, collision, etc) .....

..... None .....

Comments/mitigating ..... no comment ..... measures:

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 .....

Brief description ..... Residential areas / Houses .....

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Potential impact e.g. threat of encroachment, etc. .... *none* .....

6.2 Visual aesthetics: *easily seen* hidden partially.....

Brief description *Can be seen from a distance  
and no trees which will hide  
the line*

Potential impact *low*

6.3 Natural heritage: cultural significance archaeological objects monuments palaeontological objects  
graves meteorites ruins OTHER *none*

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 *none*

Comments/mitigating measures *none*

7 Economic environment

7.1 Land use: *crops* orchards grazing crop spraying  
game farming forestry areas mining OTHER .....

Brief description *Crops*

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Potential impact ..... low

7.1.1 Commercial: factories shops OTHER .....

Brief description ..... none

Potential impact ..... none

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

Brief description: road to driefontein  
 Eskom power lines both LV and MV lines

Potential impact ..... low

Comments/mitigating measures:  
no comment

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What impact will this project have on elements 4 to 7?

1. Physical

Low impact (0)

Medium impact (2)

High impact (4)

2. Natural

Low impact (0)

Medium impact (2)

High impact (4)

3. Social

Low 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

0	2	4
Low impact	Medium impact	High 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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