

NOTICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION APPLICATION: LOMOND SAFARI 88KV POWERLINE
EIA REFERENCE NUMBER: 2022-01-0005

This notice board serves to inform you, as a potential Interested and Affected Party (I&AP), of the proposed application for Environmental Authorisation for the following project: Lomond Safari 88kV Powerline. The Environmental Authorisation application will be lodged with the National Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (the Competent Authority) in terms of the National Environmental Management Act (NEMA), 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998), as amended, and the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2014 (Regulations in terms of sections 24(5) and 44 of the NEMA, 1998), as amended on 7 April 2017 and 11 June 2021. For this Environmental Authorisation application, a Basic Environmental Impact process will be conducted.

The applicant, Eskom Holdings SOC Limited, has appointed Trans-Africa Projects, who have appointed MuTingati Environmental and Projects in terms of Regulation 12 of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations (GNR. 982 of 4 December 2014, as amended on 7 April 2017 and 11 June 2021), as the independent Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) for the above-mentioned application process. The EAP complies with the requirements of Regulation 13 of GNR. 982 of 4 December 2014, as amended.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Safari Rural substation is an 88/11kV substation supplying the South African Nuclear Energy Corporation SOC Limited (NECSA). The substation is currently supplied through 2 x 88kV underground oil filled cables from the Lomond Main Transmission Substation (MTS). The cables sometimes lose pressure resulting in a loss of supply to the Safari Rural substation.

To address the above situation, Eskom identified the following proposed project:

- Construction of a 1 x 88kV chickadee powerline of ±2.3km from Lomond MTS to Safari Rural substation. Steel structures will be utilised to build the HV powerline.
- Part of the 2 x 88kV underground oil filled cables will be dismantled and sealed off.
- The Safari Rural substation will be refurbished by replacing old and redundant equipment.

PROJECT LOCATION

Project property: Portion 0 of the Farm Weldaba 567 JQ. The project site is located in the Madibeng Local Municipality, Bojanala Platinum District Municipality, North West Province. The project location is entirely within the confines of the NECSA Pelindaba property, situated south of the town Hartbeespoort, North West Province.

Project site GPS coordinates:

- Starting point (Lomond MTS): 25° 48.141'S; 27° 56.315'E
- End point (Safari Rural Substation): 25° 48.067'S; 27° 55.111'E

LEGISLATION APPLICABLE TO THE PROJECT

The proposed project requires Environmental Authorisation and a Basic Environmental Impact Assessment process for the following listed activities in terms of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014, as amended on 7 April 2017 and 11 June 2021:

- **GNR. 983 of 4 December 2014 (Listing Notice 1), as amended by GNR. 327 of 7 April 2017 and GNR. 517 of 11 June 2021: Activity 11:** The development of facilities or infrastructure for the transmission and distribution of electricity– (i) Outside urban areas or industrial complexes with a capacity of more than 33 but less than 275 kilovolts.
- **GNR. 985 4 December 2014 (Listing Notice 3), as amended by GNR. 324 of 7 April 2017 and GNR. 517 of 11 June 2021: Activity 12:** The clearance of an area of 300 square metres or more of indigenous vegetation except where such clearance of indigenous vegetation is required for maintenance purposes undertaken in accordance with a maintenance management plan. (h) North West. iv. Critical biodiversity areas as identified in systematic biodiversity plans adopted by the competent authority.

The Environmental Authorisation application will be submitted to the Competent Authority in due course.

The following reports are applicable to this application for Environmental Authorisation:

- A Basic Assessment Report in accordance with Appendix 1 of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended on 7 April 2017 and 11 June 2021; and
- An Environmental Management Programme in accordance with Appendix 4 of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended on 7 April 2017 and 11 June 2021.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESSES

The public participation processes for this application are conducted according to the requirements of Chapter 6 of the EIA Regulations of 4 December 2014, as amended on 7 April 2017 and 11 June 2021, and the requirements of the Protection of Personal Information Act, 2013 (Act No. 14 of 2013) (POPIA). Full details are given in the Background Information Document obtainable from the EAP.

Should you wish to register as an I&AP for the proposed project, and subsequently be kept informed of the progress of the project, please request and complete the I&AP registration form (obtainable from the EAP). If you do not receive a confirmation of registration, kindly please confirm that we have received your registration form. Alternatively, you may also submit your name, contact information and interest in the matter, in writing, to the EAP using the contact details given below.

As required in the EIA Regulations, a newspaper advertisement has been placed in the Kormorant Newspaper on the 3rd of March 2022.

The draft Basic Assessment Report will be available for public review and commenting for a period of 30 days from 4 April 2022 (registered I&APs will also be informed as soon as the report is available for review). Electronic copies of the report will be provided to registered I&APs via email or WhatsApp. Please inform us should you require a hard or soft copy (CD) of the report so that we can arrange for it to be couriered to you. A hard copy of the draft Basic Assessment Report and draft EMPr will also be available at the Hartbeespoort- and Brits libraries for viewing from 4 April 2022.

Please do not hesitate to contact us should you have any questions regarding the content of this site notice.

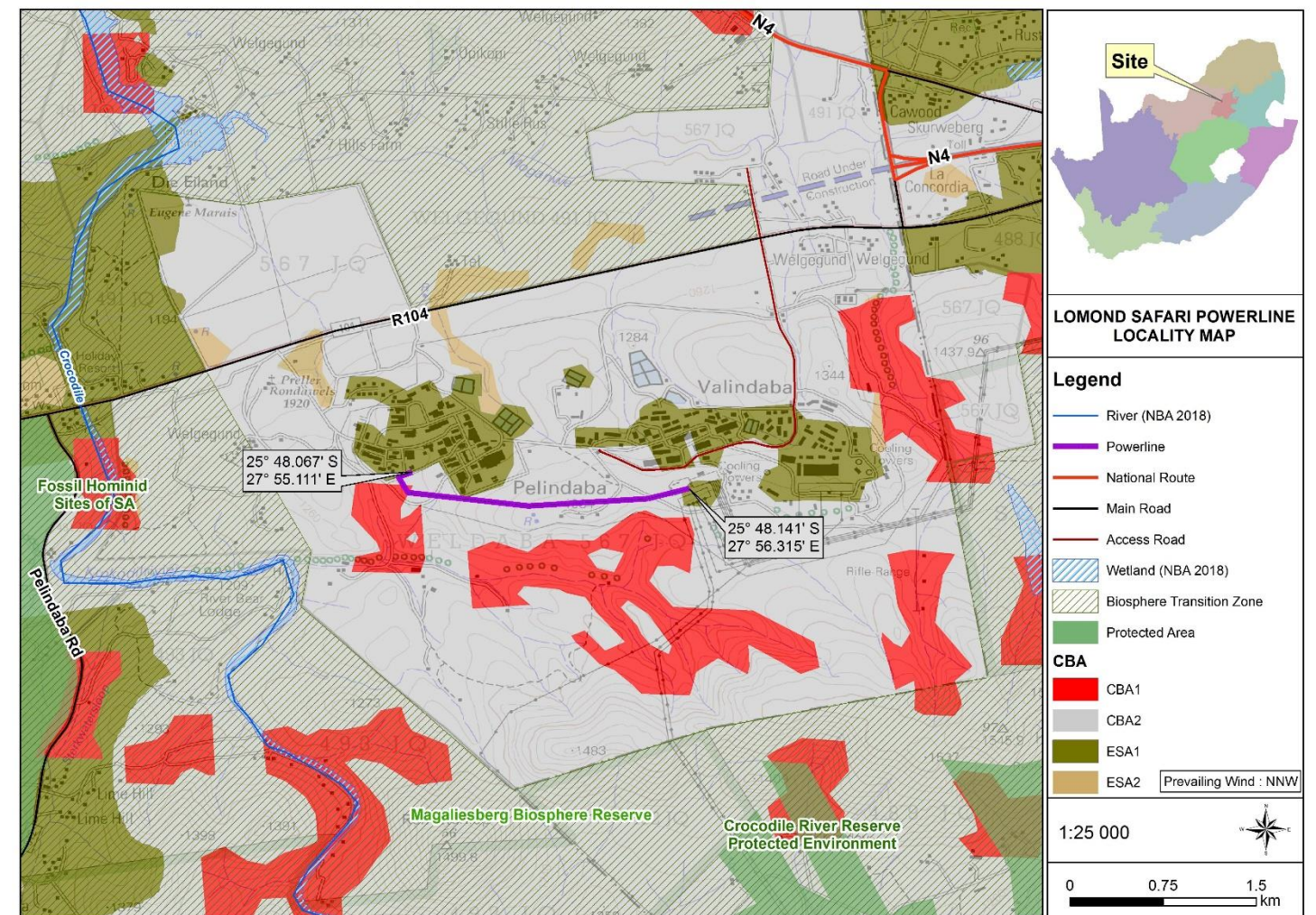
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