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#### INTRODUCTION

#### 1. Background

The National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) (NEMA) requires that an environmental management programme (EMPr) be submitted where an environmental impact assessment (EIA) has been identified as the environmental instrument to be utilised as the basis for a decision on an application for environmental authorisation (EA). The content of an EMPr must either contain the information set out in Appendix 4 of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014, as amended (EIA Regulations) or must be a generic EMPr relevant to an application as identified and gazetted by the Minister in a government notice. Once the Minister has identified, through a government notice that a generic EMPr is relevant to an application for EA, that generic EMPr must be applied by all parties involved in the EA process, including but not limited to the applicant and the competent authority (CA).

Please kindly see below an Organogram of the Applicant Company Structure (Figure 1) and requirements for an Environmental Site Compliance Officer (ESCO):



#### Figure 1: Organogram of the Applicant company structure

A suitably qualified ESCO must be appointed by the Applicant to monitor the project compliance onsite on a full-time basis.

Responsibilities of the ESCO include:

- Be fully conversant with the BAR, the conditions of EA and the EMPr;
- Be fully conversant with all relevant environmental legislation and ensure compliance thereof;
- Approve method statements (co-approval with Site Manager);
- Remain employed until the completion of the construction activities; and
- Report to the Project Manager, including all findings identified onsite.

In addition, the ESCO will:

- Undertake monthly inspections of the site and surrounding areas to audit compliance with the EMPr and conditions of the environmental authorisation;
- Take appropriate action if the specifications contained in the EMPr and conditions of the environmental authorisation are not followed;
- Monitor and verify that environmental impacts are kept to a minimum, as far as possible; and
- Ensure that activities onsite comply with all relevant environmental legislation.

#### 2. Purpose

This document constitutes a generic EMPr relevant to applications for the development or expansion of substation infrastructure for the transmission and distribution of electricity, and all listed and specified activities necessary for the realisation of such infrastructure.

This EMPr has been amended for the construction and operation of the **132kV Switching station** that will connect the Virginia 1, 2 and 3 Solar Parks to the Virginia 132kV Powerline and to the Eskom Theseus Substation, located on the Farm Blomskraal 216, Matjhabeng Local Municipality, Lejweleputswa District Municipality, Free State Province.

Please note that the Virginia 1 Solar Park 132kV substation was administratively split, consequently, the two components of the substation (132kV step-up substation and switching station) fall under different ownership. The Virginia 1 Solar Park 132kV step-up substation (this EMPr) falls under the URSA Energy (RF) (Pty) Ltd Applicant. The 132kV switching station falls under the Norma Energy (Pty) Ltd Applicant.

#### This Generic EMPr speaks to the <u>132kV switching station only.</u>

The roles and responsibilities of this EMPr (Section 3, page 6 and 9) have been updated as per the Client's specific organogram. The additional roles and responsibilities are indicated via underlined text.

#### 3. Objective

The objective of this generic EMPr is to prescribe and pre-approve generally accepted impact management outcomes and impact management actions, which can commonly and repeatedly be used for the avoidance, management and mitigation of impacts and risks associated with the development or expansion of substation infrastructure for the transmission and distribution of electricity. The use of a generic EMPr is intended to reduce the need to prepare and review individual EMPrs for applications of a similar nature.

#### 4. Scope

The scope of this generic EMPr applies to the development or expansion of substation infrastructure for the transmission and distribution of electricity requiring EA in terms of NEMA. This generic EMPr applies to activities requiring EA, mainly activity 11 and 47 of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations Listing Notice 1 of 2014, as amended, and activity 9 of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations Listing Notice 2 of 2014, as amended, and all associated listed or specified activities necessary for the realization of such infrastructure.

## 5. Structure of this document

This document is structured in three parts with an Appendix as indicated in the table below:

Part	Section	Heading	Content
A		Provides general guidance and information and is <b>not legally binding</b>	Definitions, acronyms, roles & responsibilities and documentation and reporting.
В	1	Pre-approved generic EMPr template	Contains generally accepted impact management outcomes and impact management actions required for the avoidance, management and mitigation of impacts and risks associated with the development or expansion of substation infrastructure for the transmission and distribution of electricity, which are presented in the form of a template that has been pre-approved. The template in this section is to be completed by the contractor, with each completed page signed and dated by the holder of the EA prior to commencement of the activity. Where an impact management outcome is not relevant, the words "not applicable" can be inserted in the template under the "responsible persons" column. Once completed and signed, the template represents the EMPr for the activity approved by the CA and is legally binding. The template <b>is not required</b> to be submitted to the CA as once the generic EMPr is gazetted for implementation, it has been approved by the CA. To allow interested and affected parties access to the pre-approved EMPr template for consideration through the decision-making process, the EAP on behalf of the applicant /proponent must make the hard copy of this EMPr available at a public location and where the applicant has a website, the EMPr should also be made available on such publicly accessible website.
	2	Site specific information	Contains preliminary infrastructure layout and a declaration that the applicant/holder of the EA will comply with the pre-approved generic EMPr template contained in <u>Part B: Section 1</u> and understands that the impact management outcomes and impact management

Part	Section	Heading	Content
			actions are <b>legally binding</b> . The preliminary infrastructure layout must be finalized to inform the final EMPr that is to be submitted with the basic assessment report (BAR) or environmental impact assessment report (EIAR), ensuring that all impact management outcomes and impact management actions have been either pre-approved or approved in terms of <u>Part C</u> .
			This section <b>must be</b> submitted to the CA together with the final BAR or EIAR. The information submitted to the CA will be considered to be incomplete should a signed copy of <u>Part B: section 2</u> not be submitted. Once approved, this Section forms part of the EMPr for the development and is legally binding.
C		Site specific sensitivities/ attributes	If any specific environmental sensitivities/ attributes are present on the site which require site specific impact management outcomes and impact management actions, not included in the pre-approved generic EMPr, to manage impacts, these specific impact management outcomes and impact management actions must be included in this section. These specific environmental attributes must be referenced spatially, and impact management outcomes and impact management actions must be provided. These specific impact management outcomes and impact management actions must be presented in the format of the pre-approved EMPr template ( <u>Part B: section 1</u> )
			This section will not be required should the site contain no specific environmental sensitivities or attributes. However, if <u>Part C</u> is applicable to the site, it <b>is required</b> to be submitted together with the BAR or EIAR, for consideration of, and decision on, the application for EA. The information in this section must be prepared by an EAP and must contain his/her name and expertise including a curriculum vitae. Once approved, Part C forms part of the EMPr for the site and is legally binding. This section applies only <b>to additional</b> impact
			management outcomes and impact management actions that are necessary for the avoidance, management and mitigation of impacts and risks associated with the specific development or expansion and which are not already included in <u>Part B: section 1</u> .

Part	Section	Heading	Content
Apper	ndix 1		Contains the method statements to be prepared prior to commencement of the activity. The method statements are <b>not required</b> to be submitted to the competent authority.

#### 6. Completion of part B: section 1: the pre-approved generic EMPr template

The template is to be completed prior to commencement of the activity, by providing the following information for each environmental impact management action:

- For implementation
  - a 'responsible person',
  - a method for implementation,
  - a timeframe for implementation
- For monitoring
  - a responsible person
  - frequency
  - evidence of compliance.

The completed template must be signed and dated by the holder of the EA prior to commencement of the activity. The method statements prepared and agreed to by the holder of the EA must be appended to the template as <u>Appendix 1</u>. Each method statement must be signed and dated on each page by the holder of the EA. This template once signed and dated is legally binding. The holder of the EA will remain responsible for its implementation.

#### 7. Amendments of the impact management outcomes and impact management actions

Once the activity has commenced, a holder of an EA may make amendments to the impact management outcomes and impact management actions in the following manner:

- Amendment of the impact management outcomes: in line with the process contemplated in Regulation 37 of the EIA Regulations; and
- Amendment of the impact management actions in line with the process contemplated in Regulation 36 of the EIA Regulations.

#### 8. Documents to be submitted as part of part B: section 2 site specific information and declaration

<u>Part B: Section 2</u> has three distinct sub-sections. The first and third sub-sections are in a template format. Sub-section two requires a map to be produced.

<u>Sub-section 1</u> contains the project name, the applicant's name and contact details, the site information, which includes coordinates of the property or farm in which the proposed substation infrastructure is proposed as well as the 21-digit Surveyor General code of each cadastral land parcel and, where available, the farm name.

<u>Sub-section 2</u> is to be prepared by an EAP and must contain his/her name and expertise including a curriculum vitae. This sub-section must include a map of the site sensitivity overlaid with the preliminary infrastructure layout using the national web based environmental screening tool, when available for compulsory use at: <u>https://screening.environment.gov.za/screeningtool.</u> The sensitivity map shall identify the nature of each sensitive feature e.g., threatened plant species, archaeological site, etc. Sensitivity maps shall identify features both within the planned working area and any known sensitive features and within 50 m from the development footprint.

<u>Sub-section 3</u> is the declaration that the applicant (s)/proponent (s) or holder of the EA in the case of a change of ownership must complete which confirms that the applicant/EA holder will comply with the pre-approved 'generic EMPr' template in <u>Section 1</u> and understands that the impact management outcomes and impact management actions are legally binding.

# (a) Amendments to Part B: Section 2 – site specific information and declaration

Should the EA be transferred, <u>Part B: Section 2</u> must be completed by the new applicant/proponent and submitted with the application for an amendment of the EA in terms of regulations 29 or 31 of the EIA Regulations, whichever applies. The information submitted as part of such an application for an amendment to an EA will be considered to be incomplete should a signed copy of <u>Part B: Section 2</u> not be submitted. Once approved, <u>Part B: Section 2</u> forms part of the EMPr for the development and the EMPr bECO, ESCOmes legally binding to the new EA holder.

#### PART A – GENERAL INFORMATION

#### 1. DEFINITIONS

In this EMPr any word or expression to which a meaning has been assigned in the NEMA or EIA Regulations has that meaning, and unless the context requires otherwise –

" clearing" means the clearing and removal of vegetation, whether partially or in whole, including trees and shrubs, as specified.

" **Construction camp**" is the area designated for key construction infrastructure and services, including but not limited to offices, overnight vehicle parking areas, stores, the workshop, stockpile and lay down areas, hazardous storage areas (including fuels), the batching plant (if one is located at the construction camp), designated access routes, equipment cleaning areas and the placement of staff accommodation, cooking and ablution facilities, waste, and wastewater management.

" contractor" - The Contractor has overall responsibility for ensuring that all work, activities, and actions linked to the delivery of the contract, are in line with the Environmental Management Programme and that Method Statements are implemented as described.

"Hazardous substance" is a substance governed by the Hazardous Substances Act, 1973 (Act No. 15 of 1973) as well as the Hazardous Chemical and Substances Regulations, 1995.

"Method statement" means a written submission by the Contractor to the Project Manager in response to this EMPr or a request by the Project Manager and ECO, ESCO. The method statement must set out the equipment, materials, labour, and method(s) the Contractor proposes using to carry out an activity identified by the Project Manager when requesting the Method Statement. This must be done in such detail that the Project Manager and ECO, ESCO is able to assess whether the Contractor's proposal is in accordance with this specification and/or will produce results in accordance with this specification.

The method statement must cover as a minimum applicable detail with regard to:

- (i) Construction procedures.
- (ii) Plant, materials, and equipment to be used.
- (iii) Transporting the equipment to and from site.
- (iv) How the plant/ material/ equipment will be moved while on site.
- (v) How and where the plant/ material/ equipment will be stored.
- (vi) The containment (or action to be taken if containment is not possible) of leaks or spills of any liquid or material that may occur.
- (vii) Timing and location of activities.
- (viii) Compliance/ non-compliance; and
- (ix) Any other information deemed necessary by the Project Manager.

"slope" means the inclination of a surface expressed as one unit of rise or fall for so many horizontal units.

**"Solid waste"** means all solid waste, including construction debris, hazardous waste, excess cement/ concrete, wrapping materials, timber, cans, drums, wire, nails, food, and domestic waste (e.g., plastic packets and wrappers).

"spoil" means excavated material which is unsuitable for use as material in the construction works or is material which is surplus to the requirements of the construction works.

"topsoil" means a varying depth (up to 300 mm) of the soil profile irrespective of the fertility, appearance, structure, agricultural potential, fertility, and composition of the soil.

"works" means the works to be executed in terms of the Contract

# 2. ACRONYMS and ABBREVIATIONS

CA	Competent Authority
cEO	Contractors Environmental Officer
dEO	Developer Environmental Officer
DPM	Developer Project Manager
DSS	Developer Site Supervisor
EAR	Environmental Audit Report
ECA	Environment Conservation Act No. 73 of 1989
ECO,	Environmental Control Officer
ESCO	
EA	Environmental Authorisation
EIA	Environmental Impact Assessment
ERAP	Emergency Response Action Plan
EMPr	Environmental Management Programme Report
EAP	Environmental Assessment Practitioner
FPA	Fire Protection Agency
HCS	Hazardous chemical Substance
NEMA	National Environmental Management Act, 1998
	(Act No. 107 of 1998)
NEMBA	National Environmental Management: Biodiversity
	Act ,2004 (Act No. 10 of 2004)
NEMWA	National Environmental Management: Waste Act,
	2008 (Act No. 59 of 2008)
MSDS	Material Safety Data Sheet
RI&APs	Registered Interested and affected parties

#### 3. ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES FOR ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAMME (EMPr) IMPLEMENTATION

The effective implementation of this generic EMPr is dependent on established and clear roles, responsibilities, and reporting lines within an institutional framework. This section of the EMPr gives guidance to the various environmental roles and reporting lines, however, project specific requirements will ultimately determine the need for the appointment of specific person(s) to undertake specific roles and or responsibilities. As such, it must be noted that in the event that no specific person, for example, an environmental control officer (ECO, ESCO) is appointed, the holder of the EA remains responsible for ensuring that the duties indicated in this document for action by the ECO, ESCO are undertaken.

Responsible Person(s)	Role and Responsibilities
Developer's Project Manager	Role
(DPM)	The Project Developer is accountable for ensuring compliance with the EMPr and any conditions of approval from the competent authority (CA). Where required, an environmental control officer (ECO, ESCO) must be contracted by the Project Developer to objectively monitor the implementation of the EMPr according to relevant environmental legislation, and the conditions of the environmental authorisation (EA). The Project Developer is further responsible for providing and giving mandate to enable the ECO, ESCO to perform responsibilities, and he must ensure that the ECO, ESCO is integrated as part of the project team while remaining independent.
	<ul> <li><u>Responsibilities</u></li> <li>Be fully conversant with the conditions of the EA.</li> <li>Ensure that all stipulations within the EMPr are communicated and adhered to by the Developer and its Contractor(s).</li> <li>Issuing of site instructions to the Contractor for corrective actions required.</li> <li>Monitor the implementation of the EMPr throughout the project by means of site inspections and meetings. Overall management of the project and EMPr implementation; and</li> <li>Ensure that periodic environmental performance audits are undertaken on the project implementation.</li> </ul>

 Table 1: Guide to roles and responsibilities for implementation of an EMPr

Responsible Person(s)	Role and Responsibilities
Developer Site Supervisor (DSS)	Role The DSS reports directly to the DPM, oversees site works, liaises with the contractor(s) and the ECO, ESCO. The DSS is responsible for the day-to-day implementation of the EMPr and for ensuring the compliance of all contractors with the conditions and requirements stipulated in the EMPr.
	<ul> <li>Responsibilities</li> <li>Ensure that all contractors identify a contractor's Environmental Officer (cEO).</li> <li>Must be fully conversant with the conditions of the EA. Oversees site works, liaison with Contractor, DPM and ECO, ESCO.</li> <li>Must ensure that all landowners have the relevant contact details of the site staff, ECO, ESCO and cEO.</li> <li>Issuing of site instructions to the Contractor for corrective actions required.</li> <li>Will issue all non-compliances to contractors; and</li> <li>Ratify the Monthly Environmental Report.</li> </ul>
Environmental Control Officer (ECO, ESCO)	RoleThe ECO, ESCO should have appropriate training and experience in the implementation of environmental managementspecifications. The primary role of the ECO, ESCO is to act as an independent quality controller and monitoring agentregarding all environmental concerns and associated environmental impacts. In this respect, the ECO, ESCO is to conductperiodic site inspections, attend regular site meetings, pre-empt problems and suggest mitigation and be available to advise onincidental issues that arise. The ECO, ESCO is also required to conduct compliance audits, verifying the monitoring reportssubmitted by the cEO. The ECO, ESCO provides feedback to the DSS and Project Manager regarding all environmental matters.The Contractor, cEO and dEO are answerable to the Environmental Control Officer for non-compliance with the PerformanceSpecifications as set out in the EA and EMPr.The ECO, ESCO provides feedback to the DSS and Project Manager, who in turn reports back to the Contractor and potential andRegistered Interested & Affected Parties (RI&APs), as required. Issues of non-compliance raised by the ECO, ESCO must be takenup by the Project Manager and resolved with the Contractor as per the conditions of his contract. Decisions regardingenvironmental procedures, specifications and requirements which have a cost implication (i.e., those that are deemed to be avariation, not allowed for in the Performance Specification) must be endorsed by the Project Manager. The ECO, ESCO mustalso, as be specified by the EA, report to the relevant CA as and when required.

Responsible Person(s)	Role and Responsibilities
Responsible Person(s)	Role and Responsibilities         Responsibilities         The responsibilities of the ECO, ESCO will include the following:         -       A suitably qualified external ECO, ESCO must be appointed by the Holder of the EA to audit the project compliance in terms of the EMPr and conditions of the EA on a monthly basis, during the construction phase, in line with Condition 21 of the EA.         -       The costs of the ECO, ESCO shall be borne by the Holder of the EA (proof of appointment must be maintained onsite).         -       Be aware of the findings and conclusions of all EA related to the development.         -       Be familiar with the rECO, ESCO must and mitigation measures of this EMPr.         -       Be conversant with relevant environmental legislation, policies, and procedures, and ensure compliance with them.         -       Undertake regular and comprehensive site inspections / audits of the construction site according to the generic EMPr and applicable licenses in order to monitor compliance as required.
	<ul> <li>Compilation and administration of an environmental monitoring plan to ensure that the environmental management measures are implemented and are effective.</li> <li>Monitoring the performance of the Contractors and ensuring compliance with the EMPr and associated Method Statements.</li> <li>In consultation with the Developer Site Supervisor order the removal of person(s) and/or equipment which are in contravention of the specifications of the EMPr and/or environmental licenses.</li> <li>Liaison between the DPM, Contractors, authorities, and other lead stakeholders on all environmental concerns.</li> <li>Compilar regular environmental audit report highlighting any non-compliance issues as well as satisfactory or exceptional compliance with the EMPr.</li> <li>Validating the regular site inspection reports, which are to be prepared by the contractor Environmental Officer (cEO).</li> <li>Checking the cEO's rECO, ESCOrd of environmental incidents (spills, impacts, legal transgressions etc.) as well as corrective and preventive actions taken.</li> <li>Checking the cEO's public complaints register in which all complaints are rECO, ESCOrded, as well as action taken.</li> <li>Assisting in the resolution of conflicts.</li> </ul>

Responsible Person(s)	Role and Responsibilities
	<ul> <li>Facilitate training for all personnel on the site – this may range from carrying out the training, to reviewing the training programmes of the Contractor.</li> <li>In case of non-compliances, the ECO, ESCO must first communicate this to the Senior Site Supervisor, who has the power to ensure this matter is addressed. Should no action or insufficient action be taken, the ECO, ESCO may report this matter to the authorities as non-compliance.</li> <li>Maintenance, update, and review of the EMPr.</li> <li>Communication of all modifications to the EMPr to the relevant stakeholders.</li> </ul>
developer Environmental Officer	Role
(dEO)	The dEOs will report to the Project Manager and are responsible for implementation of the EMPr, environmental monitoring and reporting, providing environmental input to the Project Manager and Contractor's Manager, liaising with contractors and the landowners as well as a range of environmental coordination responsibilities.
	Responsibilities
	- Be fully conversant with the EMPr.
	- Be familiar with the rECO, ESCOmmendations and mitigation measures of this EMPr and implement these measures.
	- Ensure that all stipulations within the EMPr are communicated and adhered to by the Employees, Contractor(s).
	- Confine the development site to the demarcated area.
	- Conduct environmental internal audits with regards to EMPr and authorisation compliance (on cEO).
	<ul> <li>Assist the contractors in addressing environmental challenges on site.</li> </ul>
	- Assist in incident management:
	- Reporting environmental incidents to developer and ensuring that corrective action is taken, and lessons learnt shared.
	- Assist the contractor in investigating environmental incidents and compile investigation reports.
	<ul> <li>Follow-up on pre-warnings, defects, non-conformance reports.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Measure and communicate environmental performance to the Contractor.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Conduct environmental awareness training on site together with ECO, ESCO and cEO.</li> </ul>
	- Ensure that the necessary legal permits and / or licenses are in place and up to date.
	- Acting as Developer's Environmental Representative on site and work together with the ECO, ESCO and contractor;

Responsible Person(s)	Role and Responsibilities
Contractor	Role The Contractor appoints the cEO and has overall responsibility for ensuring that all work, activities, and actions linked to the delivery of the contract are in line with the EMPr and that Method Statements are implemented as described. External contractors must ensure compliance with this EMPr while performing the onsite activities as per their contract with the Project Developer. The contractors are required, where specified, to provide Method Statements setting out in detail how the impact management actions contained in the EMPr will be implemented during the development or expansion of substation infrastructure for the transmission and distribution of electricity activities.
	<ul> <li>Responsibilities</li> <li>project delivery and quality control for the development services as per appointment.</li> <li>employ a suitably qualified person to monitor and report to the Project Developer's appointed person on the daily activities on-site during the construction period.</li> <li>ensure that safe, environmentally acceptable working methods and practices are implemented, and that equipment is properly operated and maintained, to facilitate proper access and enable any operation to be carried out safely.</li> <li>attend on site meeting(s) prior to the commencement of activities to confirm the procedure and designated activity zones.</li> <li>ensure that contractors' staff repair, at their own cost, any environmental damage as a result of a contravention of the specifications contained in EMPr, to the satisfaction of the ECO, ESCO.</li> </ul>
contractor Environmental Officer	Role
(cEO)	Each Contractor affected by the EMPr should appoint a cEO, who is responsible for the on-site implementation of the EMPr (or relevant sections of the EMPr). The Contractor's representative can be the site agent; site engineer; a dedicated environmental officer; or an independent consultant. The Contractor must ensure that the Contractor's Representative is suitably qualified to perform the necessary tasks and is appointed at a level such that she/he can interact effectively with other site Contractors, labourers, the Environmental Control Officer, and the public. As a minimum the cEO shall meet the following criteria:
	Responsibilities
	- Be on site throughout the duration of the project and be dedicated to the project.

Responsible Person(s)	Role and Responsibilities
	- Ensure all their staff are aware of the environmental requirements, conditions, and constraints with respect to all of their
	activities on site.
	- Implementing the environmental conditions, guidelines and requirements as stipulated within the EA, EMPr and Method
	Statements.
	<ul> <li>Attend the Environmental Site Meeting.</li> </ul>
	- Undertaking corrective actions where non-compliances are registered within the stipulated timeframes.
	<ul> <li>Report back formally on the completion of corrective actions.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Assist the ECO, ESCO in maintaining all the site documentation.</li> </ul>
	- Prepare the site inspection reports and corrective action reports for submission to the ECO, ESCO.
	<ul> <li>Assist the ECO, ESCO with the preparing of the monthly report; and</li> </ul>
	- Where more than one Contractor is undertaking work on site, each company appointed as a Contractor will appoint a cEO
	representing that company.
Environmental Onsite Compliance Officer	- A suitably qualified ESCO must be appointed by the Holder of the EA to monitor the project compliance onsite on a full time
(ESCO)	basis.
	<ul> <li><u>Responsibilities of the ESCO include:</u></li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Be fully conversant with the BAR, the conditions of EA and the EMPr;</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li><u>Be fully conversant with all relevant environmental legislation and ensure compliance thereof;</u></li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Approve method statements (co-approval with Site Manager);</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li><u>Remain employed until the completion of the construction activities; and</u></li> </ul>
	<ul> <li><u>Report to the Project Manager, including all findings identified onsite.</u></li> </ul>
	- In addition, the ESCO will:
	• Undertake monthly inspections of the site and surrounding areas to audit compliance with the EMPr and conditions of
	the environmental authorisation;
	• Take appropriate action if the specifications contained in the EMPr and conditions of the environmental authorisation
	are not followed;
	<ul> <li>Monitor and verify that environmental impacts are kept to a minimum, as far as possible; and</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Ensure that activities onsite comply with all relevant environmental legislation</li> </ul>

#### 4. ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION REPORTING AND COMPLIANCE

To ensure accountable and demonstrated implementation of the EMPr, a number of reporting systems, documentation controls and compliance mechanisms must be in place for all substation infrastructure projects as a minimum requirement.

#### 4.1 Document control/Filing system

The holder of the EA is solely responsible for the upkeep and management of the EMPr file. As a minimum, all documentation detailed below will be stored in the EMPr file. A hard copy of all documentation shall be filed, while an electronic copy may be kept where relevant. A duplicate file will be maintained in the office of the DSS (where applicable). This duplicate file must remain current and up to date. The filing system must be updated, and relevant documents added as required. The EMPr file must be made available at all times on request by the CA or other relevant authorities. The EMPr file will form part of any environmental audits undertaken as prescribed in the EIA Regulations.

#### 4.2 Documentation to be available

At the outset of the project the following preliminary list of documents shall be placed in the filing system and be accessible at all times:

- Full copy of the signed EA from the CA in terms of NEMA, granting approval for the development or expansion.
- Copy of the generic and site specific EMPr as well as any amendments thereof.
- Copy of declaration of implementing generic EMPr and subsequent approval of site specific EMPr and amendments thereof.
- All method statements.
- Completed environmental checklists.
- Minutes and attendance register of environmental site meetings.
- An up-to-date environmental incident log.
- A copy of all instructions or directives issued.
- A copy of all corrective actions signed off. The corrective actions must be filed in such a way that a clear reference is made to the non-compliance rECO, ESCOrd.
- Complaints register.

#### 4.3 Weekly Environmental Checklist

The ECO, ESCOs are required to complete a Weekly Environmental Checklist, the format of which is to be agreed prior to commencement of the activity. The ECO, ESCOs are required to sign and date the checklist, retain a copy in the EMPr file and submit a copy of the completed checklist to the DSS on a weekly basis.

The checklists will form the basis for the Monthly Environmental Reports. Copies of all completed checklists will be attached as Annexures to the Environmental Audit Report as required in terms of the EIA Regulations.

#### 4.4 Environmental site meetings

Minutes of the environmental site meetings shall be kept. The minutes must include an attendance register and will be attached to the Monthly Report that is distributed to attendees. Each set of minutes must clearly rECO, ESCOrd "Matters for Attention" that will be reviewed at the next meeting.

#### 4.5 Required Method Statements

The method statement will be done in such detail that the ECO, ESCOs are enabled to assess whether the contractor's proposal is in accordance with the EMPr.

The method statement must cover applicable details with regard to:

- development procedures.
- materials and equipment to be used.
- getting the equipment to and from site.
- how the equipment/ material will be moved while on site.
- how and where material will be stored.
- the containment (or action to be taken if containment is not possible) of leaks or spills of any liquid or material that may occur.
- timing and location of activities.
- compliance/ non-compliance with the EMPr; and
- any other information deemed necessary by the ECO, ESCOs.

Unless indicated otherwise by the Project Manager, the Contractor shall provide the following method statements to the Project Manager no less than 14 days prior to the commencement date of the activity:

- Site establishment Camps, Lay-down or storage areas, satellite camps, infrastructure.
- Batch plants.
- Workshop or plant servicing.
- Handling, transport, and storage of Hazardous Chemical Substance's.
- Vegetation management Protected, clearing, aliens, felling.
- Access management Roads, gates, crossings etc.
- Fire plan.
- Waste management transport, storage, segregation, classification, disposal (all waste streams).
- Social interaction complaints management, compensation claims, access to properties etc.
- Water use (source, abstraction, and disposal), access and all related information, crossings, and mitigation.
- Emergency preparedness Spills, training, other environmental emergencies.
- Dust and noise management methodologies.
- Fauna interaction and risk management only if the risk was identified wildlife interaction especially on game farms; and
- Heritage and palaeontology management.

The ECO, ESCOs shall monitor and ensure that the contractors perform in accordance with these method statements. Completed and agreed method statements between the holder of the EA and the contractor shall be captured in Appendix 1.

4.6 Environmental Incident Log (Diary)

The ECO, ESCOs are required to maintain an up-to-date and current Environmental Incident Log (environmental diary). The Environmental Incident Log is a means to rECO, ESCOrd all environmental incidents and/or all non-compliance notice would not be issued. An environmental incident is defined as:

- Any deviation from the listed impact management actions (listed in this EMPr) that may be addressed immediately by the ECO, ESCOs. (For example, a contractor's staff member littering or a drip tray that has not been emptied).
- Any environmental impact resulting from an action or activity by a contractor in contravention of the environmental stipulations and guidelines listed in the EMPr which as a single event would have a minor impact but which if cumulative and continuous would have a significant effect (for example no toilet paper available in the ablutions for an afternoon); and
- General environmental information such as road kills or injured wildlife.

The ECO, ESCOs are to rECO, ESCOrd all environmental incidents in the Environmental Incident Log. All incidents regardless of severity must be reported to the Developer. The Log is to be kept in the EMPr file and at a minimum the following will be rECO, ESCOrded for each environmental incident:

- The date and time of the incident.
- Description of the incident.
- The name of the Contractor responsible.
- The incident must be listed as significant or minor.
- If the incident is listed as significant, a non-compliance notice must be issued, and rECO, ESCOrded in the log.
- Remedial or corrective action taken to mitigate the incident; and
- RECO, ESCOrd of repeat minor offences by the same contractor or staff member.

The Environmental Incident Log will be captured in the EAR.

#### 4.7 Non-compliance

A non-compliance notice will be issued to the responsible contractor by the ECO, ESCOs via the DSS or Project Manager. The non-compliance notice will be issued in writing; a copy filed in the EMPr file and will at a minimum include the following:

- Time and date of the non-compliance.
- Name of the contractor responsible.
- Nature and description of the non-compliance.
- RECO, ESCOmmended / required corrective action; and
- Date by which the corrective action to be completed.
- The contractors shall act immediately when a notice of non-compliance is received and correct whatever is the cause for the issuing of the notice. Complaints received regarding activities on the development site pertaining to the environment shall be rECO, ESCOrded in a dedicated register and the response noted with the date and action taken. The ECO, ESCO should be made aware of any complaints. Any non-compliance with the agreed procedures of the EMPr is a transgression of the various statutes and laws that define the manner by which the environment is managed. Failure to redress the cause shall be reported to the relevant CA for them to deal with the transgression, as it deems fit. The contractor is deemed not to have complied with the EMPr if, inter alia, There is a deviation from the environmental conditions, impact management outcomes and impact management actions activities, as approved in generic and site specific EMPr as relevant as set out in the EMPr, which deviation has, or may cause, an environmental impact.

#### 4.8 Corrective action rECO, ESCOrds

For each non-compliance notice issued, a documented corrective action must be rECO, ESCOrded. On receiving a non-compliance notice from the DSS, the contractor's cEO will ensure that the corrective actions required take place within the stipulated timeframe. On completion of the corrective action the cEO is to issue a Corrective Action Report in writing to the ECO, ESCOs. If satisfied that the corrective action has been completed, the ECO, ESCOs are to sign-off on the Corrective Action Report and attach the report to the non-compliance notice in the EMPr file. A corrective action is considered complete once the report has signed off by the ECO, ESCOs.

#### 4.9 Photographic rECO, ESCOrd

A digital photographic rECO, ESCOrd will be kept. The photographic rECO, ESCOrd will be used to show before, during and post rehabilitation evidence of the project as well used in cases of damages claims if they arise. Each image must be dated, and a brief description note attached.

The Contractor shall:

1. Allow the ECO, ESCOs access to take photographs of all areas, activities, and actions.

The ECO, ESCOs shall keep an electronic database of photographic rECO, ESCOrds which will include:

- 1. Pictures of all areas designated as work areas, camp areas, development sites and storage areas taken before these areas are set up.
- 2. All bunding and fencing.
- 3. Road conditions and road verges.
- 4. Condition of all farm fences.
- 5. Topsoil storage areas.
- 6. All areas to be cordoned off during construction.
- 7. Waste management sites.
- 8. Ablution facilities (inside and out).
- 9. Any non-conformances deemed to be "significant".
- 10. All completed corrective actions for non-compliances.
- 11. All required signage.
- 12. Photographic rECO, ESCOrdings of incidents.
- 13. All areas before, during and post rehabilitation; and
- 14. Include relevant photographs in the Final Environmental Audit Report.

#### 4.10 Complaints register

The ECO, ESCOs shall keep a current and up-to-date complaints register. The complaints register is to be a rECO, ESCOrd of all complaints received from communities, stakeholders, and individuals. The Complaints RECO, ESCOrd shall:

- 1. RECO, ESCOrd the name and contact details of the complainant.
- 2. RECO, ESCOrd the time and date of the complaint.
- 3. Contain a detailed description of the complaint.
- 4. Where relevant and appropriate, contain photographic evidence of the complaint or damage (ECO, ESCOs to take relevant photographs); and

5. Contain a copy of the ECO, ESCOs written response to each complaint received and keep a rECO, ESCOrd of any further correspondence with the complainant. The ECO, ESCO's written response will include a description of any corrective action to be taken and must be signed by the Contractor, ECO, ESCO and affected party. Where a damage claim is issued by the complainant, the ECO, ESCOs shall respond as described in (section 4.11) below.

# 4.11 Claims for damages

In the event that a Claim for Damages is submitted by a community, landowner or individual, the ECO, ESCOs shall:

- 1. RECO, ESCOrd the full detail of the complaint as described in (section 4.10) above.
- 2. The DPM will evaluate the claim and associated damage and submit the evaluation to the Senior Site Representative for approval.
- 3. Following consideration by the DPM, the claim is to be resolved and settled immediately, or the reason for not accepting the claim communicated in writing to the claimant. Should the claimant not accept this, the ECO, ESCO shall, in writing report the incident to the Developer's negotiator and legal department; and
- 4. A formal rECO, ESCOrd of the response by the ECO, ESCOs to the claimant as well as the rectification of the method of making payments not amount will be rECO, ESCOrded in the EMPr file.

#### 4.12 Interactions with affected parties

Open, transparent, and good relations with affected landowners, communities and regional staff are an essential aspect to the successful management and mitigation of environmental impacts.

The ECO, ESCOs shall:

- 1. Ensure that all queries, complaints, and claims are dealt within an agreed timeframe.
- 2. Ensure that any or all agreements are documented, signed by all parties and a rECO, ESCOrd of the agreement kept in the EMPr file.
- 3. Ensure that a complaints telephone numbers are made available to all landowners and affected parties; and
- 4. Ensure that contact with affected parties is courteous at all times.

#### 4.13 Environmental audits

Internal environmental audits of the activity and implementation of the EMPr must be undertaken. The findings and outcomes included in the EMPr file and submitted to the CA at intervals as indicated in the EA.

The ECO, ESCOs must prepare a monthly EAR. The report will be tabled as the key point on the agenda of the Environmental Site Meeting. The Report is submitted for acceptance at the meeting and the final report will be circulated to the Project Manager and filed in the EMPr file. At a frequency determined by the EA, the ECO, ESCOs shall submit the monthly reports to the CA. At a minimum the monthly report is to cover the following:

- Weekly Environmental Checklists.
- Deviations and non-compliances with the checklists.
- Non-compliances issued.
- Completed and reported corrective actions.

- Environmental Monitoring.
- General environmental findings and actions; and
- Minutes of the Bi-monthly Environmental Site Meetings.

#### 4.14 Final environmental audits

On final completion of the rehabilitation and/or requirements of the EA a final EAR is to be prepared and submitted to the CA. The EAR must comply with Appendix 7 of the EIA Regulations.

#### PART B: SECTION 1: Pre-approved generic EMPr template

#### 5. IMPACT MANAGEMENT OUTCOMES AND IMPACT MANAGEMENT ACTIONS

This section provides a pre-approved generic EMPr template with aspects that are common to the development of substation infrastructure for the transmission and distribution of electricity. There is a list of aspects identified for the development or expansion of substation infrastructure for the transmission and distribution of electricity, and for each aspect a set of prescribed impact management outcomes and associated impact management actions have been identified. Holders of EAs are responsible to ensure the implementation of these outcomes and actions for all projects as a minimum requirement, in order to mitigate the impact of such aspects identified for the development or expansion of substation infrastructure for the transmission and distribution of electricity.

The template provided below is to be completed by providing the information under each heading for each environmental impact management action.

The completed template must be signed and dated on each page by both the contractor and the holder of the EA prior to commencement of the activity. The method statements prepared and agreed to by the holder of the EA must be appended to the template as Appendix 1. Each method statement must also be duly signed and dated on each page by the contactor and the holder of the EA. This template, once signed and dated, is legally binding. The holder of the EA will remain responsible for its implementation.

# 5.1 Environmental awareness training

Impact management outcome: All onsite staff are aware and understand the individual responsibilities in terms of this EMPr.							
Impact Management Actions	Implementation			Monitoring			
	Responsible	Method of	Timeframe for	Responsible	Frequency	Evidence of	
	person	implementation	implementation	person		compliance	
- All staff must receive environmental awareness training	ECO, ESCO / cEO /	Hold environmental	Pre-construction	ECO, ESCO	Monthly and	Attendance	
prior to commencement of the activities;	dEO	awareness training	Construction	dEO	as and when	registers and	
		workshops			required	training minutes /	
						notes for the	
						rECO, ESCOrd	
- The Contractor must allow for sufficient sessions to train	Contractor	Scheduling of	Pre-construction	ECO, ESCO	Monthly and	Attendance	
all personnel with no more than 20 personnel attending		sufficient sessions	Construction	dEO	as and when	registers and	
each course:		through			required	training minutes /	
		consultation with				notes for the	
		the ECO, ESCO / cEO				rECO, ESCOrd	
		/ dEO					
- Refresher environmental awareness training is available as	cEO / dEO in	Hold refresher	During the	ECO, ESCO	Monthly and	Attendance	
and when required;	consultation with	environmental	construction phase	dEO	as and when	registers and	
	the ECO, ESCO	awareness training			required	training minutes /	
		workshops				notes for the	
						rECO, ESCOrd	
<ul> <li>All staff are aware of the conditions and controls linked to</li> </ul>	cEO / dEO	Hold training	During the	ECO, ESCO	Monthly and	Attendance	
the EA and within the EMPr and made aware of their		workshops and	construction phase	dEO	as and when	registers and	
individual roles and responsibilities in achieving		ensure that the EA			required	training minutes /	
compliance with the EA and EMPr;		and EMPr is readily				notes for the	
		available				rECO, ESCOrd	

Impact management outcome: All onsite staff are aware and understand the individual responsibilities in terms of this EMPr.							
Impact Management Actions	Implementation			Monitoring	Monitoring		
	Responsible person	Method of implementation	Timeframe for implementation	Responsible person	Frequency	Evidence of compliance	
<ul> <li>The Contractor must erect and maintain information posters at key locations on site, and the posters must include the following information as a minimum:</li> <li>a) Safety notifications; and</li> <li>b) No littering.</li> </ul>	Contractor	Develop and place appropriate posters at key locations	Pre-construction Construction	ECO, ESCO dEO cEO	Monthly	Photographic rECO, ESCOrd	
<ul> <li>Environmental awareness training must include as a minimum the following: <ul> <li>a) Description of significant environmental impacts, actual or potential, related to their work activities.</li> <li>b) Mitigation measures to be implemented when carrying out specific activities.</li> <li>c) Emergency preparedness and response procedures.</li> <li>d) Emergency procedures.</li> <li>e) Procedures to be followed when working near or within sensitive areas.</li> <li>f) Wastewater management procedures.</li> <li>g) Water usage and conservation.</li> <li>h) Solid waste management procedures.</li> <li>i) Sanitation procedures.</li> <li>j) Fire prevention; and</li> <li>k) Disease prevention.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	cEO / dEO in consultation with the ECO, ESCO	Develop environmental awareness training material which covers the minimum requirements	Pre-construction Construction	ECO, ESCO dEO	Prior to the commenceme nt of the environmental awareness training	Environmental awareness training material requirements checklist	

Impact management outcome: All onsite staff are aware and understand the individual responsibilities in terms of this EMPr.								
Impact Management Actions	Implementation			Monitoring	Monitoring			
	Responsible	Method of	Timeframe for	Responsible	Frequency	Evidence of		
	person	implementation	implementation	person		compliance		
- A rECO, ESCOrd of all environmental awareness training	ECO, ESCO / cEO /	Filing system	During the	ECO, ESCO	Monthly	Completed and		
courses undertaken as part of the EMPr must be available;	dEO	including all proof of	construction phase	dEO		up to date filing		
		training (i.e.,				system with proof		
		attendance register				of training		
		and training						
		minutes / notes for						
		the rECO, ESCOrd)						
<ul> <li>Educate workers on the dangers of open and/or</li> </ul>	cEO / dEO in	Develop	Pre-construction	ECO, ESCO	Prior to the	Environmental		
unattended fires;	consultation with	environmental	Construction	dEO	commenceme	awareness		
	the ECO, ESCO	awareness training			nt of the	training material		
		material which			environmental	requirements		
		covers the dangers			awareness	checklist		
		of open and/or			training			
		unattended fire						
- A staff attendance registers of all staff to have received	ECO, ESCO / cEO /	Filing system	During the	ECO, ESCO	Monthly	Completed and		
environmental awareness training must be available.	dEO	including all proof of	construction phase	dEO		up to date filing		
		training (i.e.,				system inclusive		
		attendance register)				of all attendance		
						registers		
- Course material must be available and presented in	ECO, ESCO / cEO /	Develop	During the	ECO, ESCO	Monthly	Environmental		
appropriate languages that all staff can understand.	dEO	environmental	construction phase	dEO		awareness		
		awareness training				training material		
		material in the				requirements		
		required languages.				checklist and the		

Impact management outcome: All onsite staff are aware and understand the individual responsibilities in terms of this EMPr.								
Impact Management Actions	Implementation		Monitoring					
	Responsible	Method of	Timeframe for	Responsible	Frequency	Evidence of		
	person	implementation	implementation	person		compliance		
		Training material				training register		
		must by readily				which must		
		available to all staff				indicate the		
						language of the		
						training		

# 5.2 Site Establishment development

**Impact management outcome:** Impacts on the environment are minimized during site establishment and the development footprint are kept to demarcated development area.

Impact Management Actions	Implementation			Monitoring		
	Responsible	Method of	Timeframe for	Responsible	Frequency	Evidence of
	person	implementation	implementation	person		compliance
<ul> <li>A method statement must be provided by the contractor</li> </ul>	Contractor	Development of an	Pre-construction	ECO, ESCO	Once, prior to	Availability of the
prior to any onsite activity that includes the layout of the		appropriate method		dEO	construction	method
construction camp in the form of a plan showing the		statement				statement which
location of key infrastructure and services (where						complies with the
applicable), including but not limited to offices, overnight						minimum
vehicle parking areas, stores, the workshop, stockpile and						requirements
lay down areas, hazardous materials storage areas						listed
(including fuels), the batching plant (if one is located at the						
construction camp), designated access routes, equipment						

<ul> <li>cleaning areas and the placement of staff accommodation, cooking and ablution facilities, waste and wastewater management;</li> <li>Location of construction camps must be within approved area to ensure that the site does not impact on sensitive areas identified in the environmental assessment or site</li> </ul>	DPM	Place construction camps outside of sensitive areas	Pre-construction Construction	ECO, ESCO dEO	Once, prior to construction	Availability of a layout and sensitivity map
walk through;		Basic Assessment				avoidance of
<ul> <li>Sites must be located where possible on previously disturbed areas;</li> </ul>	DPM	Place site outside of sensitive areas and within previously disturbed areas identified in the BA Report	Pre-construction	ECO, ESCO dEO	Once, prior to construction	Availability of a layout and sensitivity map indicating avoidance of sensitive areas and placement within disturbed areas
<ul> <li>The camp must be fenced in accordance with Section 5.5: Fencing and gate installation; and</li> </ul>	DPM	Design and implementation of fencing as per the requirements of Section 5.5 of this EMPr	Pre-construction & Construction	ECO, ESCO dEO	Once, prior to construction and once during the construction of the fencing	The camp is fenced in accordance with Section 5.5 of this EMPr
<ul> <li>The use of existing accommodation for contractor staff, where possible, is encouraged.</li> </ul>	Not applicable – the	e development of new a	accommodation is not	proposed. Staff w	ill be accommodate	d in the closet town

# 5.3 Access restricted areas

Impact management outcome: Access to restricted areas prevented.							
Impact Management Actions	act Management Actions Implementation Monitoring						
	Responsible	Method of	Timeframe for	Responsible	Frequency	Evidence of	
	person	implementation	implementation	person		compliance	
- Identification of access restricted areas is to be informed	dEO / cEO in	Spatially demarcate	Pre-construction	ECO, ESCO	Once, prior to	Access restricted	
by the environmental assessment, site walk through, and	consultation with	access restricted			construction	areas are	
any additional areas identified during development;	the ECO, ESCO	areas informed by				identified and	
		the BA Report				provided in a	
						spatial format	
- Erect, demarcate and maintain a temporary barrier with	dEO / cEO in	Erect appropriate	At the	ECO, ESCO	Monthly	Access restricted	
clear signage around the perimeter of any access restricted	consultation with	temporary barriers	commencement			areas are closed-	
area, colour coding could be used if appropriate; and	the ECO, ESCO	around access	and for the duration			off through	
		restricted areas	of the construction			temporary	
			phase			barriers and	
						barriers are	
						maintained to a	
						sufficient	
						standard	
- Unauthorised access and development related activity	Contractor / dEO	Erect appropriate	During the	ECO, ESCO	Monthly, and as	Photographic	
inside access restricted areas is prohibited.	/ cEO	temporary barriers	construction phase		and when	evidence and	
		around access			required	notes of	
		restricted areas and				compliance that	
		provide clear				no unauthorised	
		signage of restricted				access or	
		status				activities has	
						taken place	
						within the access	
						restricted areas	

#### 5.4 Access roads

Impact management outcome: Minimise impact to the environment through the planned and restricted movement of vehicles on site.								
Impact Management Actions	Implementation			Monitoring				
	Responsible person	Method of implementation	Timeframe for implementation	Responsible person	Frequency	Evidence of compliance		
<ul> <li>An access agreement must be formalized and signed by the DPM, Contractor and landowner before commencing with the activities;</li> </ul>	DPM Contractor	Develop access agreements with the affected landowners. Ensure that agreements are approved and signed	Pre-construction	dEO ECO, ESCO	Once, prior to construction	Availability of approved and signed negotiations		
<ul> <li>All private roads used for access to the servitude must be maintained and upon completion of the works, be left in at least the original condition</li> </ul>	Contractor	Undertake maintenance activities on private roads used for construction as degradation takes place	During the construction phase	cEO / ECO, ESCO	Weekly	Photographic rECO, ESCOrd of the pre- construction condition and degradation of roads, and rECO, ESCOrds of the implementation and effectiveness of maintenance activities		

Impact management outcome: Minimise impact to the environment through the planned and restricted movement of vehicles on site.							
Impact Management Actions	Implementation			Monitoring			
	Responsible	Method of	Timeframe for	Responsible	Frequency	Evidence of	
	person	implementation	implementation	person		compliance	
- All contractors must be made aware of all these access	dEO / cEO	Develop a map	Pre-construction	ECO, ESCO	Once, prior to	Access routes	
routes.		illustrating all access	Construction		construction	map readily	
		routes associated				available	
		with the project and					
		present and provide					
		the map to all					
		contractors					
- Any access route deviation from that in the written	Contractor	All access routes	Construction and	ECO, ESCO	Bi-weekly (every	Photographic	
agreement must be closed and re-vegetated immediately,		developed that are	Rehabilitation		two weeks)	rECO, ESCOrd of	
at the contractor's expense;		not in-line with the				the closure of	
		access route				access roads and	
		agreements must be				re-vegetation	
		closed and re-					
		habilitated to the					
		pre-disturbance					
		state					
- Maximum use of both existing servitudes and existing	Contractor (and	Existing access	Construction and	cEO	Weekly	Implementation	
roads must be made to minimise further disturbance	Eskom	routes to be used	operation	Operation and		of the approved	
through the development of new roads;	maintenance staff	must be specified		maintenance		layout	
	where relevant to	and the		team			
	operation)	development of					
		new roads must be					
		avoided as far as					
		possible					

Impact management outcome: Minimise impact to the environment through the planned and restricted movement of vehicles on site.								
Impact Management Actions	Implementation				Monitoring			
	Responsible person		Method of implementation	Timeframe for implementation	Responsible person	Frequency	Evidence of compliance	
<ul> <li>In circumstances where private roads must be used, the condition of the said roads must be rECO, ESCOrded in accordance with section 4.9: photographic rECO, ESCOrd; prior to use and the condition thereof agreed by the landowner, the DPM, and the contractor;</li> </ul>	dEO / cEO		RECO, ESCOrd the conditions of private roads to be used (prior to use) as per the requirements of section 4.9 and agree on the required condition of the roads with the landowner, DPM and contractor	During the construction phase	ECO, ESCO	Prior to the use of private roads	Photographic rECO, ESCOrd and proof of the road conditions agreed upon with the relevant parties	
<ul> <li>Access roads in flattish areas must follow fence lines and tree belts to avoid fragmentation of vegetated areas or croplands</li> </ul>	DPM a Contractor	and	Design access roads to follow fence lines and avoid vegetated areas	Pre-construction	ECO, ESCO	Once during the design and once prior to construction	Implementation of the approved layout	
<ul> <li>Access roads must only be developed on pre-planned and approved roads.</li> </ul>	Contractor		Constructionofaccess roads only onpre-plannedandapprovedaccessroads	During the construction phase	ECO, ESCO dEO	Once during the design and weekly during the construction of access roads	Implementation of the approved layout	

#### 5.5 Fencing and Gate installation

**Impact management outcome:** Minimise impact to the environment and ensure safe and controlled access to the site through the erection of fencing and gates where required.

Impact Management Actions	Implementation			Monitoring		
	Responsible person	Method of implementation	Timeframe for implementation	Responsible person	Frequency	Evidence of compliance
<ul> <li>Use existing gates provided to gain access to all parts of the area authorised for development, where possible;</li> </ul>	Contractor	Identify and inform all relevant staff of the existing gates to be used	Pre-construction & Construction	dEO	Monthly	Existing gates are utilised on a frequent basis and only limited new access gates are developed
<ul> <li>Existing and new gates to be rECO, ESCOrded and documented in accordance with section 4.9: photographic rECO, ESCOrd;</li> </ul>	ECO, ESCO	Existing and new gates will be rECO, ESCOrded and documented as per the requirements of section 4.9	During the construction phase	ECO, ESCO	Once, when the construction of all new gates has been completed	Photographic rECO, ESCOrd of the existing and new gates as per the requirements of section4.9
<ul> <li>All gates must be fitted with locks and be kept locked at all times during the development phase, unless otherwise agreed with the landowner;</li> </ul>	Contractor	Ensure all relevant gates are fitted with locks and are always locked	Construction and Operation	ECO, ESCO Operation and maintenance team	Bi-weekly (every sECO, ESCOnd week)	All gates are locked and no complaints from landowners are received in this regard

**Impact management outcome:** Minimise impact to the environment and ensure safe and controlled access to the site through the erection of fencing and gates where required.

Impact Management Actions	Implementation			Monitoring		
	Responsible person	Method of implementation	Timeframe for implementation	Responsible person	Frequency	Evidence of compliance
<ul> <li>At points where the line crosses an existing fence in which there is no suitable gate within the extent of the line servitude, on the instruction of the DPM, a gate must be installed at the approval of the landowner;</li> </ul>	dEO	Install new gates where required with the approval of the affected landowner	During the construction phase	ECO, ESCO	Once, prior to construction and during the construction phase, as and when required	New gates are installed where required
<ul> <li>Care must be taken that the gates must be so erected that there is a gap of no more than 100 mm between the bottom of the gate and the ground;</li> </ul>	Contractor	Install gates in a manner so that there is a gap of no more than 100mm between the bottom of the gate and the ground	During the construction phase	cEO	Once, during the erection of the gates during the construction phase	New gates installed as per the requirement
<ul> <li>Where gates are installed in jackal proof fencing, a suitable reinforced concrete still must be provided beneath the gate;</li> </ul>	Contractor	Implement a reinforced concrete sill beneath gates installed for jackal proofing	During the construction phase	cEO	Once, during the erection of the gates during the construction phase	New gates installed as per the requirement
<ul> <li>Original tension must be maintained in the fence wires;</li> </ul>	Contractor	Maintain original tension of fences through required activities	During the construction phase	ECO, ESCO	Monthly	No tension reduction on fence wires
**Impact management outcome:** Minimise impact to the environment and ensure safe and controlled access to the site through the erection of fencing and gates where required.

Impact Management Actions	Implementation			Monitoring		
	Responsible	Method of	Timeframe for	Responsible	Frequency	Evidence of
	person	implementation	implementation	person		compliance
- All gates installed in electrified fencing must be re-	Contractor	Electrify gates	During the	ECO, ESCO	Once, during the	Gates installed in
electrified;		installed in	construction phase		erection of the	electrified fencing
		electrified fencing			gates during the	is electrified
					construction	
					phase	
- All demarcation fencing and barriers must be maintained	Contractor	Undertake	During the	ECO, ESCO	Monthly	Photographic
in good working order for the duration of the development		maintenance	construction phase			rECO, ESCOrd of
activities;		activities on fences				maintained
		and barriers				fences and
						barriers
- Fencing must be erected around the camp, batching plants,	Contractor	Fence construction	During the	ECO, ESCO	Once during the	Photographic
hazardous storage areas, and all designated access		camps, batching	construction phase		erection of	rECO, ESCOrd of
restricted areas, where applicable;		plants, hazardous			fencing	fences erected
		storage areas and				
		access restricted				
		areas				
- Any temporary fencing to restrict the movement of life-	dEO/ cEO	Obtain written	During the	ECO, ESCO	To be monitored	Written approval
stock must only be erected with the permission of the land	Contractor	approval from the	construction phase		as temporary	to be provided by
owner.		relevant landowner			fencing is	the dEO
		where temporary			required	
		fencing is required				
		to restrict life-stock				
		movement				

**Impact management outcome:** Minimise impact to the environment and ensure safe and controlled access to the site through the erection of fencing and gates where required.

Impact Management Actions	Implementation			Monitoring		
	Responsible person	Method of implementation	Timeframe for implementation	Responsible person	Frequency	Evidence of compliance
<ul> <li>All fencing must be developed of high-quality material bearing the SABS mark;</li> </ul>	Contractor	Make use of high- quality materials approved by SABS	During the construction phase	cEO	To be monitored as fencing is erected during the construction phase	Use of high- quality materials for fencing approved by SABS
<ul> <li>The use of razor wire as fencing must be avoided as far as possible;</li> </ul>	Contractor	Razor wire must not be sourced or used for the erection of fencing	During the construction phase	ECO, ESCO	To be monitored as fencing is erected during the construction phase	Fences erected do not make use of razor wire
<ul> <li>Fenced areas with gate access must remain locked after hours, during weekends and on holidays if staff is away from site. Site security will be required at all times;</li> </ul>	DSS and Contractor	Ensure fenced areas are locked as required through the implementation of a formalised process. Appoint a security company	During the construction phase	cEO	Weekly and as and when required	Fences are locked and no complaints from landowners are received. A security company is appointed
<ul> <li>On completion of the development phase all temporary fences are to be removed;</li> </ul>	Contractor	Removal of all temporary fences	At the end of the Construction Phase	ECO, ESCO dEO	Once, following the completion of the construction phase	No temporary fences associated with the project is present following the completion of

**Impact management outcome:** Minimise impact to the environment and ensure safe and controlled access to the site through the erection of fencing and gates where required.

Impact Management Actions	Implementation			Monitoring		
	Responsible	Method of	Timeframe for	Responsible	Frequency	Evidence of
	person	implementation	implementation	person		compliance
						the construction
						phase
- The contractor must ensure that all fence uprights are	Contractor	Appropriate	At the end of the	ECO, ESCO	Once, following	No fence uprights
appropriately removed, ensuring that no uprights are cut		removal of all fence	<b>Construction Phase</b>	dEO	the completion	associated with
at ground level but rather removed completely.		uprights			of the	the project is
					construction	present following
					phase	the completion of
						the construction
						phase

#### 5.6 Water Supply Management

Impact management outcome: Undertake responsit	ble water usage.					
Impact Management Actions	Implementation			Monitoring		
	Responsible person	Method of implementation	Timeframe for implementation	Responsible person	Frequency	Evidence of compliance
<ul> <li>All abstraction points or bore holes must be registered with the DWS and suitable water meters installed to ensure that the abstracted volumes are measured on a daily basis;</li> </ul>	Not applicable wat	er for the project will b	e either sourced from r	nunicipal sources	and abstraction po	nts.
<ul> <li>The Contractor must ensure the following:         <ul> <li>The vehicle abstracting water from a river does not enter or cross it and does not operate from within the river.</li> <li>No damage occurs to the river bed or banks and that the abstraction of water does not entail stream diversion activities; and</li> <li>All reasonable measures to limit pollution or sedimentation of the downstream watercourse are implemented.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Not applicable - wa	iter for the project will	oe sourced from munic	ipal sources and a	abstraction points.	
<ul> <li>Ensure water conservation is being practiced by:</li> <li>a. Minimising water use during cleaning of equipment.</li> <li>b. Undertaking regular audits of water systems; and</li> <li>c. Including a discussion on water usage and conservation during environmental awareness training.</li> <li>d. The use of grey water is encouraged.</li> </ul>	Contractor / dEO / cEO in consultation with the ECO, ESCO	Implementtherequiredwaterconservationmeasuresthroughouton-siteconstructionprocesses	During the construction phase	ECO, ESCO	Monthly, and as and when required	Successful implementation of water conservation

mpact management outcome: Impacts to the environment caused by storm water and wastewater discharges during construction are avoided.								
Impact Management Actions	Implementation			Monitoring				
	Responsible person	Method of implementation	Timeframe for implementation	Responsible person	Frequency	Evidence of compliance		
<ul> <li>Runoff from the cement/ concrete batching areas must be strictly controlled, and contaminated water must be collected, stored and either treated or disposed of off-site, at a location approved by the project manager;</li> </ul>	Contractor	Implement measures for the control and management of runoff	During the construction phase	ECO, ESCO	Weekly	No mismanagement of runoff or contaminated water due to the temporary concrete batching plant		
<ul> <li>All spillage of oil onto concrete surfaces must be controlled by the use of an approved absorbent material and the used absorbent material disposed of at an appropriate waste disposal facility;</li> </ul>	Contractor and cEO	Obtain approved absorbent material and make use of licensed waste disposal facilities for disposal of oil	During the Construction Phase	ECO, ESCO	Monthly	Availability of approved absorbent material at the construction site and proof of disposal of oil at licenses disposal facilities		
<ul> <li>Natural stormwater runoff not contaminated during the development and clean water can be discharged directly to watercourses and water bodies, subject to the Project Manager's approval and support by the ECO, ESCO;</li> </ul>	DPM in consultation with the ECO, ESCO	Consultation between the DPM and the ECO, ESCO to determine if water can be	During the construction phase	ECO, ESCO	As and when the need arises to discharge natural stormwater	Proof of consultation between the DPM and ECO, ESCO and the outcomes		

Impact management outcome: Impacts to the environment caused by storm water and wastewater discharges during construction are avoided.									
Impact Management Actions	Implementation			Monitoring					
	Responsible	Method of	Timeframe for	Responsible	Frequency	Evidence of			
	person	implementation	implementation	person		compliance			
		discharged directly			runoff and clean	thereof to be			
		into water bodies			water	provided. Proof			
		(where present).				of water quality			
		The necessary water				testing and the			
		quality testing must				results thereof.			
		be undertaken prior							
		to discharge							
- Water that has been contaminated with suspended solids,	DPM in	Consultation	During the	ECO, ESCO	As and when the	Proof of			
such as soils and silt, may be released into watercourses or	consultation with	between the DPM	construction phase		need arises to	consultation			
water bodies only once all suspended solids have been	the ECO, ESCO	and the ECO, ESCO			discharge water	between the DPM			
removed from the water by settling out these solids in		to determine if				and ECO, ESCO			
settlement ponds. The release of settled water back into		water can be				and the outcomes			
the environment must be subject to the Project Manager's		discharged directly				thereof to be			
approval and support by the ECO, ESCO.		into water bodies				provided. Proof			
		(where present).				of water quality			
		The necessary water				testing and the			
		quality testing must				results thereof.			
		be undertaken prior							
		to discharge							

Impact management outcome: Wastes are appropriately stored, handled, and safely disposed of at a rECO, ESCOgnised waste facility.

Impact Management Actions	Implementation			Monitoring		
	Responsible person	Method of implementation	Timeframe for implementation	Responsible person	Frequency	Evidence of compliance
<ul> <li>All measures regarding waste management must be undertaken using an integrated waste management approach;</li> </ul>	Contractor	Develop and implement a waste management plan	During the construction phase	ECO, ESCO	Monthly	Implementation of the waste management plan and proof of waste management through proof of responsible disposal
<ul> <li>Sufficient, covered waste collection bins (scavenger and weatherproof) must be provided;</li> </ul>	Contractor	Provisionofappropriatewastecollectionbinswhicharestrategicallyplacedthroughout the site	During the construction phase	ECO, ESCO	Weekly	Appropriate waste collection bins are available throughout the site
<ul> <li>A suitably positioned and clearly demarcated waste collection site must be identified and provided;</li> </ul>	DPM and Contractor	Identify an appropriate location for the waste collection site which must be clearly demarcated through signage and temporary fencing	Design and Construction Phase	ECO, ESCO	Once, prior to the commencement of construction	A waste collection site is appropriately placed and demarcated

Impact management outcome: Wastes are appropriately stored, handled, and safely disposed of at a rECO, ESCOgnised waste facility.									
Impact Management Actions	Implementation			Monitoring	Monitoring				
	Responsible person	Method of implementation	Timeframe for implementation	Responsible person	Frequency	Evidence of compliance			
<ul> <li>The waste collection site must be maintained in a clean and orderly manner;</li> </ul>	Contractor	Regular collection of waste and maintenance of the area must be undertaken as per the waste requirements for the project during construction	During the Construction Phase	ECO, ESCO	Weekly	The waste collection site is maintained and clean			
<ul> <li>Waste must be segregated into separate bins and clearly marked for each waste type for recycling and safe disposal;</li> </ul>	Contractor	Provide separate and marked bins for the different waste types associated with the construction phase	During the Construction Phase	cEO	Weekly	Separate waste bins are available on site and waste generated is separated into the relevant bins			
<ul> <li>Staff must be trained in waste segregation;</li> </ul>	cEO / dEO in consultation with the ECO, ESCO	Include waste segregation as part of the environmental awareness training material.	Pre-construction Construction	ECO, ESCO	Monthly, and as and when required	Environmental awareness training material requirements checklist			
<ul> <li>Bins must be emptied regularly;</li> </ul>	Contractor	Bins must be emptied before reaching total	During the construction phase	ECO, ESCO	Monthly	No mismanagement of bins.			

Impact management outcome: Wastes are appropriately stored, handled, and safely disposed of at a rECO, ESCOgnised waste facility.								
Impact Management Actions	Implementation			Monitoring				
	Responsible person	Method of implementation	Timeframe for implementation	Responsible person	Frequency	Evidence of compliance		
		capacity and on a regular basis as required for the project						
<ul> <li>General waste produced onsite must be disposed of at registered waste disposal sites/ recycling company;</li> </ul>	Contractor	Disposal of general waste at licensed waste disposal facilities must be undertaken as per the waste management plan	During the construction phase	ECO, ESCO	Monthly	Disposal certificates of disposal at licensed facilities to be provided		
<ul> <li>Hazardous waste must be disposed of at a registered waste disposal site;</li> </ul>	Contractor	Disposal of hazardous waste at licensed waste disposal facilities must be undertaken as per the waste management plan	During the construction phase	ECO, ESCO	Monthly	Disposal certificates of disposal at licensed facilities to be provided		
<ul> <li>Certificates of safe disposal for general, hazardous, and recycled waste must be maintained.</li> </ul>	Contractor	Obtain certificates for safe disposal of waste	During the construction phase	ECO, ESCO	Monthly	Disposal certificates of disposal at licensed facilities to be provided and filed as part		

Impact management outcome: Wastes are appropri	ately stored, hand	dled, and safely dis	posed of at a rECO,	ESCOgnised w	aste facility.		
Impact Management Actions	Implementation			Monitoring			
	Responsible	Method of	Timeframe for	Responsible	Frequency	Evidence	of
	person	implementation	implementation	person		compliance	
						of the	filing
						system	

## 5.9 Protection of watercourses and estuaries

<b>Impact management outcome:</b> Pollution and contamination of the watercourse environment and or estuary erosion are prevented.								
Impact Management Actions	Implementation	Implementation			Monitoring			
	Responsible person	Method of implementation	Timeframe for implementation	Responsible person	Frequency	Evidence of compliance		
<ul> <li>All watercourses must be protected from direct or indirect spills of pollutants such as solid waste, sewage, cement, oils, fuels, chemicals, aggregate tailings, wash and contaminated water or organic material resulting from the Contractor's activities;</li> </ul>	Contractor	Contractor to undertake activities which can cause spills of pollutants outside of watercourses	During the construction phase	ECO, ESCO	Weekly	No incidents reported of spillage of pollutants into watercourses		
<ul> <li>In the event of a spill, prompt action must be taken to clear the polluted or affected areas;</li> </ul>	Contractor and cEO	Develop a management plan or process for implementation should a spill take place	During the construction phase	ECO, ESCO	Weekly	Feedback must be provided by the contractor in terms of how the spill was handled and photographic evidence of the feedback must be provided and kept on rECO, ESCOrd		
<ul> <li>Where possible, no development equipment must traverse any seasonal or permanent wetland</li> </ul>	Not applicable - no	wetlands are located n	ear the site for the pla	cement of the su	ubstation.			
<ul> <li>No return flow into the estuaries must be allowed and no disturbance of the Estuarine functional Zone should occur;</li> </ul>	Not applicable – no	o estuaries are located v	vithin the study area.					

Impact management outcome: Pollution and contamination of the watercourse environment and or estuary erosion are prevented.								
Impact Management Actions	Implementation			Monitoring				
	Responsible person	Method of implementation	Timeframe for implementation	Responsible person	Frequency	Evidence of compliance		
<ul> <li>Development of permanent watercourse or estuary crossing must only be undertaken where no alternative access to tower position is available;</li> </ul>	Not applicable – no	watercourses will be o	crossed because of the	development of t	he substation.			
<ul> <li>There must not be any impact on the long-term morphological dynamics of watercourses or estuaries;</li> </ul>	Not applicable – the development of the substation will not have any long-term morphological impacts on watercourses as there are no watercourses present within the section of the preferred grid connection corridor where the substation will be developed.							
<ul> <li>Existing crossing points must be favoured over the creation of new crossings (including temporary access)</li> </ul>	Not applicable – no	new road crossings w	ill be required for the d	evelopment of su	bstation.			
<ul> <li>When working in or near any watercourse or estuary, the following environmental controls and consideration must be taken:</li> <li>a) Water levels during the period of construction.</li> <li>No altering of the bed, banks, course, or characteristics of a watercourse</li> <li>b) During the execution of the works, appropriate measures to prevent pollution and contamination of the riparian environment must be implemented e.g., including ensuring that construction equipment is well maintained.</li> <li>c) Where earthwork is being undertaken in close proximity to any watercourse, slopes must be stabilised using suitable materials, i.e., sandbags or geotextile fabric, to prevent sand and rock from entering the channel; and</li> <li>d) Appropriate rehabilitation and re-vegetation measures for the watercourse banks must be implemented</li> </ul>	Contractor	Activities undertaken near watercourses must be in-line with and consider the specified environmental controls	During the construction phase	ECO, ESCO	Monthly, and as and when required	No degradation of the watercourses and no incidents of destruction reported		

# **Impact management outcome:** Pollution and contamination of the watercourse environment and or estuary erosion are prevented.

Impact Management Actions	Implementation			Monitoring				
	Responsible	Method	of	Timeframe for	Responsible	Frequency	Evidence	of
	person	implementation		implementation	person		compliance	
timeously. In this regard, the banks should be								
appropriately and incrementally stabilised as soon as								
development allows.								

## 5.10 Vegetation clearing

In	Impact management outcome: Vegetation clearing is restricted to the authorised development footprint of the proposed infrastructure.											
Im	pact Management Actions	Implementatio	on					Monitoring				
		Responsible person		Method implementat	of ion	Timeframe implementation	for	Responsible person	Frequen	су	Evidence compliance	of
Ge	neral:								L		ł	
_	Indigenous vegetation which does not interfere with the	cEO a	and	Demarcate a	reas of	Construction	and	ECO, ESCO	Weekly,	and as	No unneo	cessary
	development must be left undisturbed;	contractor		indigenous		operation (i.e.,	for	Operation and	and	when	clearance	of
				vegetation	to be	maintenance		maintenance	required		indigenous	
				avoided	before	purposes)		team			vegetation	is
				clearance	is						undertaken	1
				undertaken								
-	Protected or endangered species may occur on or near the	Contractor		Demarcate	areas	During	the	ECO, ESCO	Weekly,	and as	No clearar	nce of
	development site. Special care should be taken not to			containing		Construction Pha	ase		and	when	protected	or
	damage such species;			protected	or				required		endangered	ł
				endangered	species						species	other

Impact management outcome: Vegetation clearing is restricted to the authorised development footprint of the proposed infrastructure.								
Impact Management Actions	Implementation			Monitoring				
	Responsible	Method of	Timeframe for	Responsible	Frequency	Evidence of		
	person	implementation	implementation	person		compliance		
		to be avoided by				than those		
		construction				permitted to be		
		activities				removed		
– Search, rescue, and replanting of all protected and	Relevant	Develop and	Pre-construction &	ECO, ESCO	Weekly, and as	Implementation		
endangered species likely to be damaged during project	specialist in	implement a Plant	Construction		and when	of the Plant		
development must be identified by the relevant specialist	consultation with	Search and Rescue			required	Search and		
and completed prior to any development or clearing;	the Contractor	Plan				Rescue Plan and		
						photographic		
						evidence and		
						notes of the		
						implementation		
						of the plan		
- Permits for removal must be obtained from the relevant	DPM	Undertake the	Pre-construction	ECO, ESCO	Once, prior to	Permits on file		
CA prior to the cutting or clearing of the affected species,		permitting process			the			
and they must be filed;		in order to obtain			commencement			
		the relevant permits			of the			
		for the removal of			construction			
		protected species.			phase and			
		Permits must be			removal of the			
		kept on file			protected			
					species			
- The Environmental Audit Report must confirm that all	ECO, ESCO	Ensure that the	During the	ECO, ESCO	Once, prior to	Specialist report		
identified species have been rescued and replanted and		audit report	Construction Phase		the			
		indicates all species	and following the		commencement			

Impact management outcome: Vegetation clearing is restricted to the authorised development footprint of the proposed infrastructure.								
Impact Management Actions	Implementation			Monitoring				
	Responsible person	Method of implementation	Timeframe for implementation	Responsible person	Frequency	Evidence of compliance		
that the location of replanting is compliant with conditions of approvals;		rescued and replanted and provides feedback in terms of compliance with the conditions of permits for replanting	completion of the Construction Phase		of the construction phase and removal of the protected species			
<ul> <li>Trees felled due to construction must be documented and form part of the Environmental Audit Report;</li> </ul>	ECO, ESCO	Ensure that the audit report documents the details of trees felled	During the Construction Phase and following the completion of the Construction Phase		Not Applicable			
<ul> <li>Rivers and watercourses must be kept clear of felled trees, vegetation cuttings and debris;</li> </ul>	Contractor	Felled trees, vegetation cuttings and debris must be disposed of at a licensed waste disposal facility	During the Construction Phase	ECO, ESCO	Monthly	No felled trees, vegetation cuttings and debris are dumped in inappropriate locations and disposal certificates are available as proof		

Impact management outcome: Vegetation clearing is restricted to the authorised development footprint of the proposed infrastructure.								
Impact Management Actions	Implementation			Monitoring	Monitoring			
	Responsible	Method of	Timeframe for	Responsible	Frequency	Evidence of		
	person	implementation	implementation	person		compliance		
						of responsible		
						disposal		
- Only a registered pest control operator may apply	DPM and	A suitably qualified	Construction and	ECO, ESCO	As and when the	Only registered		
herbicides on a commercial basis and commercial	Contractor	pest control	Operation		use of herbicides	pest control		
application must be carried out under the supervision of a		operator must be			is required	operators must		
registered pest control operator, supervision of a		appointed				be appointed,		
registered pest control operator or is appropriately						and proof of their		
trained;						registration must		
						be provided		
- A daily register must be kept of all relevant details of	Contractor	Develop a daily	During the	ECO, ESCO	Monthly	Daily register		
herbicide usage;		register for the	construction phase			provided by the		
		documentation of				pest control		
		the details of				operator		
		herbicide usage						
<ul> <li>No herbicides must be used in estuaries</li> </ul>	Not applicable - no	estuaries are present v	vithin the study area					
- All protected species and sensitive vegetation not removed	Contractor in	Spatially demarcate	During the	ECO, ESCO	Once, during the	Demarcation and		
must be clearly marked and such areas fenced off in	consultation with	protected species	construction phase		undertaking of	fencing are		
accordance with Section 5.3: Access restricted areas.	the cEO	and sensitive			the demarcation	undertaken in-		
		vegetation and			of the areas and	line with the		
		implement			the erection of	requirements of		
		appropriate fencing			the fencing	section 5.3		
		where required as						
		per section 5.3						

Impact management outcome: Vegetation clearing is restricted to the authorised developme	ent footprint of the proposed infrastructure.
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Impact Management Actions	Implementation			Monitoring		
	Responsible	Method of	Timeframe for	Responsible	Frequency	Evidence of
	person	implementation	implementation	person		compliance
- Alien invasive vegetation must be removed and disposed	Contractor	Remove all alien	During the	ECO, ESCO	Monthly, and as	Disposal
of at a licensed waste management facility.		invasive vegetation	construction phase		and when	certificates of
		and dispose of the			required	disposal at
		removed vegetation				licensed facilities
		at a licensed waste				to be provided
		management				and filed as part
		facility				of the filing
						system

## 5.11 Protection of fauna

Impact management outcome: Disturbance to fauna is minimised.									
Impact Management Actions	Implementation			Monitoring					
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	Responsible	Method of	Timeframe for	Responsible	Frequency	Evidence of			
	person	implementation	implementation	person		compliance			
- No interference with livestock must occur without the	dEO / cEO	Develop a	Pre-construction	ECO, ESCO	Once, prior to	Written consent			
landowner's written consent and with the landowner or a	Contractor	procedure for	and during the		the	provided by the			
person representing the landowner being present;		dealing with	construction phase		commencement	landowner and			
		livestock within the			of construction	proof of			
		affected properties			and as and when	representation of			
					required during	the landowner			

Impact management outcome: Disturbance to fauna is minimised.

Impact Management Actions	Implementation			Monitoring			
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	Responsible	Method of	Timetrame for	Responsible	Frequency	Evidence of	
	person	implementation	implementation	person		compliance	
					the construction	during	
					phase	interference	
- The breeding sites of raptors and other wild birds' species	dEO / cEO in	Ensure that the	Pre-construction &	ECO, ESCO	Once, prior to	The planning and	
must be taken into consideration during the planning of	consultation with	planning and	Construction		the	development	
the development programme;	the Contractor	development			commencement	programme	
		programme			of construction	which includes	
		considers breeding			and as and when	the consideration	
		sites for wild bird			required	of breeding sites	
		species				for wild bird	
						species	
- Breeding sites must be kept intact and disturbance to	dEO / cEO in	Avoid breeding sites	During the	ECO, ESCO	Weekly, and as	Photographic	
breeding birds must be avoided. Special care must be	consultation with	and ensure that	<b>Construction Phase</b>	Operation and	and when	rECO, ESCOrd of	
taken where nestlings or fledglings are present;	the Contractor	special care is taken	<b>Operation Phase</b>	maintenance	required during	intact breeding	
		in the presence of		team	the	sites	
		nestlings and			construction.		
		fledgelings			Monthly, and as		
					and when		
					required during		
					operation		
- Special rECO, ESCOmmendations of the avian specialist	dEO / cEO in	All mitigation	During the	ECO, ESCO	Weekly during	Photographic	
must be adhered to at all times to prevent unnecessary	consultation with	measures rECO,	<b>Construction Phase</b>	Operation and	construction and	rECO, ESCOrd of	
disturbance of birds;	the Contractor	ESCOmmended by	<b>Operation</b> Phase	maintenance	monthly during	compliance and	
		the avifauna		team	operation	successful	

Impact Management Actions	Implementation			Monitoring			
	Responsible	Method of	Timeframe for	Responsible	Frequency	Evidence of	
	person	implementation	implementation	person		compliance	
		specialist must be				implementation	
		implemented				of the rECO,	
						ESCOmmended	
						measures	
- No poaching must be tolerated under any circumstances.	dEO / cEO in	All site staff must be	During the	ECO, ESCO	Monthly, and as	No instances of	
All animal dens in close proximity to the works areas must	consultation with	informed of this	Construction Phase		and when	poaching are	
be marked as Access restricted areas;	the Contractor	requirement during			required	reported	
		the Environmental					
		Awareness Training					
		and the					
		consequences of					
		not adhering to the					
		requirement. These					
		areas must be					
		demarcated as					
		Access Restricted					
		Areas					
<ul> <li>No deliberate or intentional killing of fauna is allowed;</li> </ul>	dEO / cEO in	All site staff must be	During the	ECO, ESCO	Monthly, and as	No instances of	
	consultation with	informed of this	Construction Phase		and when	deliberate or	
	the Contractor	requirement during			required	intentional killing	
		the Environmental				are reported	
		Awareness Training					
		and the					
		consequences of					

Impact management outcome: Disturbance to fauna is minimised

Impact management outcome: Disturbance to fauna is minimised.									
Impact Management Actions	Implementation			Monitoring					
	Responsible	Method of	Timeframe for	Responsible	Frequency	Evidence of			
	person	implementation	implementation	person		compliance			
		not adhering to the							
		requirement. These							
		areas must be							
		demarcated as							
		Access Restricted							
		Areas							
<ul> <li>In areas where snakes are abundant, snake deterrents are</li> </ul>	dEO / cEO in	Implement and	During the	ECO, ESCO	Once, during the	Photographic			
to be deployed on the pylons to prevent snakes climbing	consultation with	maintain snake	<b>Construction Phase</b>	Operation and	construction and	rECO, ESCOrd of			
up, being electrocuted, and causing power outages; and	the Contractor	deterrents in areas	<b>Operation Phase</b>	maintenance	as and when	the			
		where snakes are		team	required.	implementation			
		abundant			Monthly during	and maintenance			
					operation	of snake			
						deterrents			
- No Threatened or Protected species (ToPs) and/or	DPM in	Undertake a	Pre-construction	ECO, ESCO	Once, prior to	Permits for			
protected fauna as listed according NEMBA (Act No. 10 of	consultation with	permitting process			the	removal			
2004), and relevant provincial ordinances may be removed	the dEO	to obtain the			commencement	and/relocation			
and/or relocated without appropriate		required permits			of construction	must be kept on			
authorisations/permits.					and as and when	file and be readily			
					required	available			

## 5.12 Protection of heritage resources

Impact management outcome: Impact to heritage resources is minimised.								
Impact Management Actions	Implementation			Monitoring				
	Responsible person	Method of implementation	Timeframe for implementation	Responsible person	Frequency	Evidence of compliance		
<ul> <li>Identify, demarcate, and prevent impact to all known sensitive heritage features on site in accordance with the No-Go procedure in Section 5.3: Access restricted areas;</li> </ul>	No significant and s	sensitive Heritage and F	Palaeontological areas i	dentified in the s	pecialist assessment			
- Carry out general monitoring of excavations for potential	Suitably qualified	Appoint a suitably	During the	ECO, ESCO	During the	Proof of		
fossils, artefacts, and material of heritage importance;	specialist in	qualified specialist	Construction Phase		undertaking of	appointment of a		
	consultation with	to carry out the			excavations of	suitably qualified		
	the ECO, ESCO	monitoring of			fossils, artefacts,	specialist and		
		excavations for			and heritage	photographic		
		fossils, artefacts,			material	rECO, ESCOrd of		
		and important				required		
		heritage material				monitoring by the		
						specialist		
- All work must cease immediately, if any human remains	dEO / cEO in	Develop and	During the	ECO, ESCO	Weekly, during	Proof of work		
and/or other archaeological, palaeontological, and	consultation with	implement	Construction Phase		the construction	ceased, and the		
historical material are uncovered. Such material, if	the Contractor	procedures for			phase and as	required		
exposed, must be reported to the nearest museum,	and ECO, ESCO	situations where			and when	procedures		
archaeologist/ palaeontologist (or the South African Police		human remains,			required	followed in cases		
Services), so that a systematic and professional		archaeological,				where material is		
investigation can be undertaken. Sufficient time must be		palaeontological, or				discovered.		
allowed to remove/collect such material before		historical material						
development rECO, ESCOmmences.		are uncovered						

## 5.13 Safety of the public

Impact management outcome: All precautions are taken to minimise the risk of injury, harm, or complaints.

Impact Management Actions	Implementation			Monitoring		
	Responsible person	Method of implementation	Timeframe for implementation	Responsible person	Frequency	Evidence of compliance
<ul> <li>Identify fire hazards, demarcate, and restrict public access</li> </ul>	cEO in	Develop an	Pre-construction	ECO, ESCO	Once, prior to	Compliance with
to these areas as well as notify the local authority of any	consultation with	Emergency	Construction		the	the Emergency
potential threats e.g., large brush stockpiles, fuels etc.;	the Contractor	Preparedness,			commencement	Preparedness,
		Response and Fire			of construction	Response and Fire
		Management Plan			and weekly	Management
		specific to the			during the	Plan
		project			construction	
					phase	
- All unattended open excavations must be adequately	Contractor	Ensure that all	During the	ECO, ESCO	Weekly	Excavations are
fenced or demarcated;		excavations	<b>Construction Phase</b>			fenced where
		undertaken is				required and
		fenced and				photographic
		demarcated within				proof can be
		a reasonable				provided
		timeframe and in				
		instances where				
		excavations will be				
		open for long-				
		periods of time				
- Adequate protective measures must be implemented to	Contractor	All staff must be	During the	ECO, ESCO	Monthly, and as	No incidents of
prevent unauthorised access to and climbing of partly		easily identifiable,	construction phase		and when	unauthorised
constructed infrastructure and protective scaffolding;		and the climbing of			required	climbing are
		infrastructure and				reported

Impact management outcome: All precautions are taken to minimise the risk of injury, harm, or complaints.									
Impact Management Actions	Implementation				Monitoring				
	Responsible	Method	of	Timeframe fo	Responsible	Frequency	Evidence of		
	person	implementation		implementation	person	riequency	compliance		
		scaffolding mus	t be		<b>1 1 1 1</b>		F		
		undertaken	by						
		authorised	,						
		personnel	as						
		managed by	the						
		Contractor							
<ul> <li>Ensure structures vulnerable to high winds are secured;</li> </ul>	Contractor	Ensure	that	During the	ECO, ESCO	Weekly, and as	No incidents of		
		sufficient		construction phase		and when	unstable		
		stabilisation				required	structures due to		
		measures	are				high winds is		
		implemented	to				reported		
		secure struct	ures						
		vulnerable to	high						
		winds							
<ul> <li>Maintain an incidents and complaints register in which all</li> </ul>	cEO	Compile	and	During the	ECO, ESCO	Monthly, and as	The incidents and		
incidents or complaints involving the public are logged.		regularly updat	e as	construction phase		and when	complaints		
		incidents	and			required	register are		
		complaints	are				complete and		
		submitted from	the				provides all the		
		public and ind	icate				required details		
		the actions take	en to						
		resolve	the						
		complaint							

**Impact management outcome:** Clean and well-maintained toilet facilities are available to all staff in an effort to minimise the risk of disease and impact to the environment.

Impact Management Actions	Implementation			Monitoring		
	Responsible	Method of	Timeframe for	Responsible	Frequency	Evidence of
	person	implementation	implementation	person		compliance
- Mobile chemical toilets are installed onsite if no other	Contractor	Mobile chemical	During the	ECO, ESCO	Weekly	Mobile toilets are
ablution facilities are available;		toilets must be	<b>Construction Phase</b>			installed and
		placed				avoid
		appropriately and in				environmental
		areas which avoid				sensitivities
		environmental				
		sensitivities				
- The use of ablution facilities and or mobile toilets must be	Contractor in	All site staff must be	Pre-construction &	ECO, ESCO	Monthly, and as	No evidence of
used at all times and no indiscriminate use of the veld for	consultation with	informed of this	Construction		and when	non-compliance
the purposes of ablutions must be permitted under any	the cEO	requirement during			required	identified
circumstances;		the Environmental				
		Awareness Training				
		and the				
		consequences of				
		not adhering to the				
		requirement.				
- Where mobile chemical toilets are required, the following	Contractor in	The installation of	During the	ECO, ESCO	Weekly	No evidence of
must be ensured:	consultation with	the toilets by the	<b>Construction Phase</b>			non-compliance
a) Toilets are located no closer than 100 m to any	the cEO	Contractor must be				identified
watercourse or water body.		as per the listed				
b) Toilets are secured to the ground to prevent them from		requirements				
toppling due to wind or any other cause.						

**Impact management outcome:** Clean and well-maintained toilet facilities are available to all staff in an effort to minimise the risk of disease and impact to the environment.

Impact Management Actions	Implementation			Monitoring		
	Responsible	Method of	Timeframe for	Responsible	Frequency	Evidence of
	person	implementation	implementation	person		compliance
c) No spillage occurs when the toilets are cleaned or						
emptied, and the contents are managed in accordance						
with the EMPr.						
d) Toilets have an external closing mechanism and are						
closed and secured from the outside when not in use to						
prevent toilet paper from being blown out.						
e) Toilets are emptied before long weekends and workers						
holidays and must be locked after working hours.						
f) Toilets are serviced regularly, and the ECO, ESCO must						
inspect toilets to ensure compliance to health standards;						
- A copy of the waste disposal certificates must be	Contractor	Certificates	During the	ECO, ESCO	Monthly, and as	Certificates for
maintained.		obtained from the	Construction Phase		and when	waste disposal
		licensed waste			required	from the licensed
		disposal facility with				waste disposal
		the emptying of the				facility
		toilets must be kept				
		on file				

## 5.15 Prevention of disease

Impact Management outcome: All necessary precautions linked to the spread of disease are taken.

Impact Management Actions	Implementation			Monitoring		
	Responsible	Method of	Timeframe for	Responsible	Frequency	Evidence of
	person	implementation	implementation	person		compliance
- Undertake environmentally friendly pest control in the	Contractor	Only	During the	ECO, ESCO	As and when	Contractor to
camp area;		environmentally	Construction Phase		pest control is	provide proof of
		friendly pest control			required for the	pest control used
		must be used, when			project	being
		required				environmentally
						friendly
- Ensure that the workforce is sensitised to the effects of	cEO / Contractor	The effects of	Pre-construction &	ECO, ESCO	Once, prior to	Environmental
sexually transmitted diseases, especially HIV/ AIDS;	in consultation	sexually transmitted	Construction		the	awareness
	with the ECO,	diseases and HIV/			commencement	training material
	ESCO	AIDS must be			of construction	requirements
		covered in the			and monthly	checklist
		Environmental			during	
		Awareness Training			construction	
- The Contractor must ensure that information posters on	Contractor	Develop and place	During the	ECO, ESCO	Weekly	Photographic
HIV/ AIDS are displayed in the Contractor Camp area;		information posters	<b>Construction Phase</b>			evidence of
		on HIV/ AIDS				poster placement
- Information and education relating to sexually transmitted	cEO / Contractor	Information and	Pre-construction &	ECO, ESCO	Monthly	Environmental
diseases to be made available to both construction	in consultation	education of	Construction			awareness
workers and local community, where applicable;	with the ECO,	sexually transmitted				training material
	ESCO	diseases must be				requirements
		covered in the				checklist
		Environmental				
		Awareness Training.				

Impact Management outcome: All necessary precautions linked to the spread of disease are taken.									
Impact Management Actions	Implementation			Monitoring					
	Responsible person	Method of implementation	Timeframe for implementation	Responsible person	Frequency	Evidence of compliance			
<ul> <li>Free condoms must be made available to all staff on site at central points;</li> </ul>	Contractor	Placement of free condoms in mobile toilets and at the construction camps	During the Construction Phase	ECO, ESCO	Monthly	Proof of placement of free condoms by the contractor to be provided			
<ul> <li>Medical support must be made available;</li> </ul>	dEO / cEO in consultation with the Contractor	Ensure that designated personnel with first aid training are available on site and that first aid kits to provide medical support is readily available	Construction and Operations	ECO, ESCO	Monthly	Check the availability of first aid trained personnel and medical kits (including if these are complete in terms of supplies)			
<ul> <li>Provide access to Voluntary HIV Testing and Counselling Services.</li> </ul>	Contractor	Compile a HIV testing schedule and provide counselling services where required	During the Construction Phase	ECO, ESCO	Quarterly, and as and when required	Voluntary testing schedules and proof of counselling (where undertaken)			

## 5.16 Emergency procedures

Impact management outcome: Emergency procedures are in place to enable a rapid and effective response to all types of environmental emergencies.

Impact Management Actions	Implementation			Monitoring			
	Responsible	Method of	Timeframe for	Responsible	Frequency	Evidence of	
	person	implementation	implementation	person		compliance	
<ul> <li>Compile an Emergency Response Action Plan (ERAP) prior to the commencement of the proposed project;</li> </ul>	Contractor	Develop an	Pre-construction	ECO, ESCO	Once, prior to	Emergency Preparedness	
to the commencement of the proposed project,		Prenaredness			commencement	Response and Fire	
		Response and Fire			of construction	Management	
		Management Plan				Plan compiled	
		specific to the				. ion complica	
		project					
- The Emergency Plan must deal with accidents, potential	Contractor	Develop an	Pre-construction	ECO, ESCO	Once, prior to	Emergency	
spillages, and fires in line with relevant legislation;		Emergency			the	Preparedness,	
		Preparedness,			commencement	Response and Fire	
		Response and Fire			of construction	Management	
		Management Plan				Plan includes	
		specific to the				required	
		project which				specifications	
		covers accidents,					
		potential spillages,					
		and fires					
<ul> <li>All staff must be made aware of emergency procedures as</li> </ul>	cEO / dEO in	Develop	Pre-construction	ECO, ESCO	Prior to the	Environmental	
part of environmental awareness training;	consultation with	environmental			commencement	awareness	
	the ECO, ESCO	awareness training			of the	training material	
		material which			environmental	requirements	
		covers the relevant				checklist	

Impact management outcome: Emergency procedures are in place to enable a rapid and effective response to all types of environmental emergencies.								
Impact Management Actions	Implementation			Monitoring				
	Responsible person	Method of implementation	Timeframe for implementation	Responsible person	Frequency	Evidence of compliance		
		emergency procedures			awareness training			
<ul> <li>The relevant local authority must be made aware of a fire as soon as it starts;</li> </ul>	Contractor in consultation with the ECO, ESCO	Develop and include a procedure in the Emergency Preparedness, Response and Fire Management Plan for the event of a fire and the procedure to be followed for informing the local authority	Construction	ECO, ESCO	As and when a fire occurs	The local authority was informed as per the relevant procedure set out in the Emergency Preparedness, Response and Fire Management Plan		
<ul> <li>In the event of emergency necessary mitigation measures to contain the spill or leak must be implemented (see <i>Hazardous Substances section 5.17).</i></li> </ul>	Contractor	Implement the required mitigation measures in the event of a spill or leak as per the requirements of Section 5.17.	Construction and Operations	ECO, ESCO	As and when a spill or leak occurs	The mitigation measures included under Section 5.17 have been adhered to		

#### 5.17 Hazardous substances

<b>Impact management outcome:</b> Safe storage, nandling, use and disposal of nazardous substances.										
Impact Management Actions	Implementation			Monitoring	Monitoring					
	Responsible person	Method of implementation	Timeframe for implementation	Responsible person	Frequency	Evidence of compliance				
- The use and storage of hazardous substances to be	cEO in	Develop a strategy	Pre-construction &	ECO, ESCO	Once, prior to	Contractor to				
minimised and non-hazardous and non-toxic alternatives	consultation with	of how hazardous	Construction		the	provide evidence				
substituted where possible;	the Contractor	substances can be			commencement	of substances				
		and should be			of construction	used for proof of				
		minimised			and monthly	compliance				
					during the					
					construction					
					phase					
- All hazardous substances must be stored in suitable	Contractor	Develop a Method	Pre-construction &	ECO, ESCO	Once, prior to	Photographic				
containers as defined in the Method Statement;		Statement for the	Construction		the	proof that				
		storage of			commencement	hazardous				
		hazardous			of construction	substances are				
		substances in			and monthly	stored in suitable				
		suitable containers			during the	containers as per				
					construction	the requirements				
					phase	of the relevant				
						Method				
						Statements				
- Containers must be clearly marked to indicate contents,	Contractor	Where hazardous	During the	ECO, ESCO	Monthly	Photographic				
quantities, and safety requirements;		waste is stored,	Construction Phase			proof that				
		these must be				containers are				
		clearly marked				marked as per the				
		indicating the				requirements				

Impact Management Actions	Implementation			Monitoring	Monitoring		
	Responsible person	Method of implementation	Timeframe for implementation	Responsible person	Frequency	Evidence of compliance	
		required details of the contents					
<ul> <li>All storage areas must be bunded. The bunded area must be of sufficient capacity to contain a spill / leak from the stored containers;</li> </ul>	Contractor	Ensure that storage areas are sufficiently bunded which are of sufficient capacity to contain a spill / leak from the stored containers	During the Construction Phase	ECO, ESCO	Monthly during the Construction Phase	Photographic proof that storage areas are bunded and proof that the bund areas are of sufficient capacity to contain a spill / leak from the stored containers	
<ul> <li>Bunded areas to be suitably lined with a SABS approved liner;</li> </ul>	Contractor	Ensure that bunded storage areas are suitably lined	During the Construction Phase	ECO, ESCO	Once, during the Construction Phase	Photographic proof that bunded storage areas are suitably lined	
<ul> <li>An Alphabetical Hazardous Chemical Substance (HCS) control sheet must be drawn up and kept up to date on a continuous basis;</li> </ul>	cEO / Contractor	Compile and update an Alphabetical Hazardous Chemical Substance (HCS) control sheet specific to the project	During the Construction Phase	ECO, ESCO	Monthly, and as and when required	Complete and up to date control sheet provided by the Contractor	

Impact management outcome: Safe storage, handling, use and disposal of hazardous substances.									
Impact Management Actions	Implementation			Monitoring					
	Responsible	Method of	Timeframe for	Responsible	Frequency	Evidence of			
	person	implementation	implementation	person		compliance			
<ul> <li>All hazardous chemicals that will be used on site must have</li> </ul>	cEO / Contractor	Keep a rECO,	During the	ECO, ESCO	Monthly, and as	RECO, ESCOrd of			
Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS);		ESCOrd of all	Construction Phase		and when	hazardous			
		hazardous			required	chemicals and the			
		chemicals and the				respective MSDS			
		respective MSDS							
<ul> <li>All employees working with HCS must be trained in the safe</li> </ul>	cEO / Contractor	Provide training for	Pre-construction	ECO, ESCO	Once, prior to	RECO, ESCOrd of			
use of the substance and according to the safety data		personnel working			the	training provided			
sheet;		with HCS			commencement	to personnel			
					of construction	working with HCS			
					and as and when				
					required				
<ul> <li>Employees handling hazardous substances / materials</li> </ul>	cEO / Contractor	Develop	Pre-construction &	ECO, ESCO	Prior to the	Environmental			
must be aware of the potential impacts and follow		environmental	Construction		commencement	awareness			
appropriate safety measures. Appropriate personal		awareness training			of the	training material			
protective equipment must be made available;		material which			environmental	requirements			
		covers the relevant			awareness	checklist and all			
		impacts and safety			training and	relevant			
		measures.			monthly during	personnel have			
					the construction	undergone			
		Provide appropriate			phase for	appropriate			
		training and			personal	training and have			
		personal protective			protective	access to			
		equipment for the			equipment	personal			
		relevant personnel							

Impact Management Actions	Implementation			Monitoring		
	Responsible person	Method of implementation	Timeframe for implementation	Responsible person	Frequency	Evidence of compliance
		handling hazardous substances and materials				protective equipment
<ul> <li>The Contractor must ensure that diesel and other liquid fuel, oil and hydraulic fluid is stored in appropriate storage tanks or in bowsers;</li> </ul>	Contractor	Appropriate storage facilities must be constructed or obtained for the storing of diesel, other liquid fuel, oil, and hydraulic fluid	During the Construction Phase	ECO, ESCO	Monthly, and as and when required	Storage tanks for the project are appropriate and no incidents are reported in this regard
<ul> <li>The tanks/ bowsers must be situated on a smooth impermeable surface (concrete) with a permanent bund. The impermeable lining must extend to the crest of the bund and the volume inside the bund must be 130% of the total capacity of all the storage tanks/ bowsers (110% statutory requirement plus an allowance for rainfall);</li> </ul>	Contractor	Appropriate storage facilities must be constructed or obtained for tanks as per the requirements listed	During the Construction Phase	ECO, ESCO	Monthly, and as and when required	Storage areas for the tanks/ bowsers for the project are appropriate and no incidents are reported in this regard
<ul> <li>The floor of the bund must be sloped, draining to an oil separator;</li> </ul>	Contractor	Appropriate storage facilities must be constructed as per the requirements listed	During the Construction Phase	ECO, ESCO	Once, during construction	Bunded storage areas are constructed according to the requirements

Impact management outcome: Safe storage, handling, use and disposal of hazardous substances.								
Impact Management Actions	Implementation			Monitoring				
	Responsible	Method of	Timeframe for	Responsible	Frequency	Evidence of		
	person	implementation	implementation	person		compliance		
<ul> <li>Provision must be made for refuelling at the storage area</li> </ul>	Contractor	Appropriately	During the	ECO, ESCO	Monthly	Soils at the		
by protecting the soil with an impermeable groundcover.		constructed	Construction Phase	cEO	Weekly	refuelling facility		
Where dispensing equipment is used, a drip tray must be		refuelling facility				are protected as		
used to ensure small spills are contained;		must be developed				required and drip		
		as per the				trays are provided		
		requirements. Drip				and used		
		trays must be						
		provided for use						
- All empty externally dirty drums must be stored on a drip	Contractor	Ensure that empty	During the	ECO, ESCO	Monthly	Drip trays or		
tray or within a bunded area;		dirty drums are	Construction Phase	cEO	Weekly	bunded areas are		
		stored				used for the		
		appropriately as per				storage of dirty		
		the requirements				drums		
- No unauthorised access into the hazardous substance's	Contractor	Ensure through the	During the	ECO, ESCO	Monthly	Proof of the		
storage areas must be permitted;		implementation of	Construction Phase			implementation		
		procedures that no				of the relevant		
		unauthorised access				procedure must		
		is undertaken into				be provided by		
		the storage areas				the contractor		
- No smoking must be allowed within the vicinity of the	Contractor	Inform all	During the	ECO, ESCO	Monthly	Photographic		
hazardous storage areas;		employees of the	Construction Phase	cEO	Weekly	rECO, ESCOrd of		
		requirement and				the signage		
		develop and place				placed must be		
						provided		

Impact management outcome: Safe storage, handling, use and disposal of hazardous substances.	
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Impact Management Actions	Implementation			Monitoring		
	Responsible	Method of	Timeframe for	Responsible	Frequency	Evidence of
	person	implementation	implementation	person		compliance
		relevant signage in				
		the relevant areas				
- Adequate fire-fighting equipment must be made available	Contractor	Hazardous storage	During the	ECO, ESCO	Monthly	Adequate fire-
at all hazardous storage areas;		areas must be fitted	Construction Phase			fighting
		with adequate fire-				equipment is
		fighting equipment				available and has
						been serviced
- Where refuelling away from the dedicated refuelling	Contractor	Provide a mobile	During the	ECO, ESCO	Monthly, and as	A mobile
station is required, a mobile refuelling unit must be used.		refuelling unit as	Construction Phase		and when	refuelling unit
Appropriate ground protection such as drip trays must be		well as suitable			required	and suitable
used;		ground protection,				ground
		where required				protection is
						available for use
<ul> <li>An appropriately sized spill kit kept onsite relevant to the</li> </ul>	Contractor	Provide an	During the	ECO, ESCO	Monthly, and as	Appropriate spill
scale of the activity/s involving the use of hazardous		appropriate spill kit	Construction Phase		and when	kits are available
substance must be available at all times;		for the project for			required	for use
		the use of				
		hazardous				
		substances				
<ul> <li>The responsible operator must have the required training</li> </ul>	cEO and	Provide training on	Pre-construction	ECO, ESCO	Once, prior to	Proof of training
to make use of the spill kit in emergency situations;	Contractor	the use of spill kits			the	to be provided by
		to the relevant			commencement	the contractor
		employees			of construction	

Impact Management Actions	Implementation					Monitoring		
	Responsible person		Method implementatio	of n	Timeframe for implementation	Responsible person	Frequency	Evidence of compliance
<ul> <li>An appropriate number of spill kits must be available and must be located in all areas where activities are being undertaken;</li> </ul>	cEO Contractor	and	Provide appropriate nu of spill kits relevant areas	an Imber s in	During the Construction Phase	ECO, ESCO	Monthly	Proof of appropriate number of spill kits in appropriate areas to be provided by the contractor
<ul> <li>In the event of a spill, contaminated soil must be collected in containers and stored in a central location and disposed of according to the National Environmental Management: Waste Act 59 of 2008. Refer to <i>Section 5.7</i> for procedures concerning <i>storm and waste water management</i> and <i>5.8</i> for <i>solid and hazardous waste management</i>.</li> </ul>	cEO Contractor	and	Storage disposal contaminated must be accordance wit National Environmental Management: Waste Act sections 5.7 an of this EMPr	and of soil in th the and of 5.8	During the Construction Phase	ECO, ESCO	Monthly, and as and when required	Proof of storage and disposal in terms of the National Environmental Management: Waste Act must be provided. Certificates of disposal at licensed waste disposal facilities must be provided
## 5.18 Workshop, equipment maintenance and storage

<b>Impact management outcome:</b> Soil, surface water and groundwater contamination is minimised.									
Impact Management Actions	Implementation			Monitoring					
	Responsible person	Method of implementation	Timeframe for implementation	Responsible person	Frequency	Evidence of compliance			
<ul> <li>Where possible and practical all maintenance of vehicles and equipment must take place in the workshop area;</li> </ul>	Contractor	Demarcate specific areas for the maintenance of vehicles and equipment	During the Construction Phase	ECO, ESCO	Monthly	A dedicated area for the maintenance of vehicles and machinery is used.			
<ul> <li>During servicing of vehicles or equipment, especially where emergency repairs are affected outside the workshop area, a suitable drip tray must be used to prevent spills onto the soil. The relevant local authority must be made aware of a fire as soon as it starts;</li> </ul>	Contractor	Ensure that a drip tray is available for an emergency repair required	During the Construction Phase	ECO, ESCO	Monthly	Contractor to provide evidence of drip tray use for emergency repairs			
<ul> <li>Leaking equipment must be repaired immediately or be removed from site to facilitate repair;</li> </ul>	Contractor	Ensure that where leaking equipment is identified it is repaired immediately or removed from site for repairs	During the Construction Phase	ECO, ESCO	Monthly	Contractor to provide details of equipment repaired or removed from site			
<ul> <li>Workshop areas must be monitored for oil and fuel spills;</li> </ul>	cEO	Undertake regular inspections of the workshop areas for oil and fuel spills and keep an	During the Construction Phase	ECO, ESCO	Monthly	Register of inspection			

**Impact management outcome:** Soil, surface water and groundwater contamination is minimised.

Impact Management Actions	Implementation			Monitoring		
	Responsible	Method of implementation	Timeframe for implementation	Responsible	Frequency	Evidence of compliance
		updated register of inspection on site				
<ul> <li>Appropriately sized spill kit kept onsite relevant to the scale of the activity taking place must be available;</li> </ul>	Contractor	Provide an appropriate spill kit for the project	During the Construction Phase	ECO, ESCO	Monthly, and as and when required	Appropriate spill kits are available for use
<ul> <li>The workshop area must have a bunded concrete slab that is sloped to facilitate runoff into a collection sump or suitable oil / water separator where maintenance work on vehicles and equipment can be performed;</li> </ul>	Contractor	Ensure that the workshop area is sufficiently bunded in accordance with the required specification	During the Construction Phase	ECO, ESCO	Once, during the Construction Phase and as and when required	Workshop area is bunded in accordance with the required specification
<ul> <li>Water drainage from the workshop must be contained and managed in accordance Section 5.7: Storm and waste water management.</li> </ul>	Contractor	Ensure that water drainage from workshop area is managed as per the requirements of section 5.7	During the Construction Phase	ECO, ESCO	Monthly	Workshop drainage is managed in accordance with the requirements

## 5.19 Batching plants

**Impact management outcome:** Minimise spillages and contamination of soil, surface water and groundwater.

Impact Management Actions	Implementation			Monitoring			
	Responsible person	Method of implementation	Timeframe for implementation	Responsible person	Frequency	Evidence of compliance	
<ul> <li>Concrete mixing must be carried out on an impermeable surface;</li> </ul>	Contractor	Provide impermeable surface for the mixing of concrete	During the Construction Phase	ECO, ESCO	Weekly	No concrete mixing is undertaken on open ground	
<ul> <li>Batching plants areas must be fitted with a containment facility for the collection of cement laden water.</li> </ul>	Contractor	Provide containment facility for the collection of cement laden water	During the Construction Phase	ECO, ESCO	Weekly	No cement laden water is released into the environment	
<ul> <li>Dirty water from the batching plant must be contained to prevent soil and groundwater contamination</li> </ul>	Contractor	Provide containment facility for the collection of cement laden water (dirty water)	During the Construction Phase	ECO, ESCO	Weekly	No cement laden water is released into the environment	
<ul> <li>Bagged cement must be stored in an appropriate facility and at least 10 m away from any water courses, gullies, and drains;</li> </ul>	Contractor	Demarcate and provide a storage area for bagged cement in-line with the listed requirements	During the Construction Phase	ECO, ESCO	Weekly	Photographic proof of bagged cement stored within the demarcated area	
<ul> <li>A washout facility must be provided for washing of concrete associated equipment. Water used for washing must be restricted;</li> </ul>	Contractor	Provide a washout facility for the washing of associated equipment. Enforce limitations on water use for washing of equipment	During the Construction Phase	ECO, ESCO	Weekly	No cement laden water is released into the environment. Only minimal water is used for washing	

- Hardened concrete from the washout facility or concrete	Contractor	Make use of	During the	ECO, ESCO	Monthly	Certificates of
mixer can either be reused or disposed of at an appropriate		hardened concrete	<b>Construction</b> Phase			disposal of
licensed disposal facility;		where possible or				concrete at
		dispose of concrete				licensed waste
		in a suitable manner				disposal facility
- Empty cement bags must be secured with adequate	Contractor	Bind empty cement	During the	ECO, ESCO	Monthly	Proof of binding
binding material if these will be temporarily stored on site;		bags and	<b>Construction</b> Phase			of empty cement
		temporarily store it				bags and storage
		in an appropriate				in an appropriate
		area on site				area on site to be
						provided by the
						Contractor
- Sand and aggregates containing cement must be kept	Contractor	Ensure that sand	During the	ECO, ESCO	Monthly	Proof of damping
damp to prevent the generation of dust (Refer to Section		and aggregates are	<b>Construction Phase</b>			(or alternative
5.20: Dust emissions)		kept damp or				dust suppression)
		otherwise protected				of sand and
		from dust				aggregates must
		generation				be provided by
						the Contractor
- Any excess sand, stone and cement must be removed or	Contractor	Ensure that all	At the completion	ECO, ESCO	Once, with the	Certificates for
reused from site on completion of the construction period		excess sand, stone,	of the Construction		completion of	the disposal of
and disposed at a registered disposal facility;		and cement is	Phase		construction	sand, stone and
		removed or reused				cement at
						licensed waste
						disposal facilities
						or proof of reuse
						must be provided
- Temporary fencing must be erected around batching	Contractor	Erect temporary	During the	ECO, ESCO	Weekly	Temporary
plants in accordance with Section 5.5: Fencing and gate		fencing around	Construction Phase			fencing is
installation.		batching plants as				undertaken in
		per the				

	requirements listed		accordance w	/ith
	in section 5.5		section 5.5	

5.20 Dust emissions

Impact management outcome: Dust prevention measures are applied to minimise the generation of dust.									
Impact Management Actions	Implementation			Monitoring					
	Responsible person	Method of implementation	Timeframe for implementation	Responsible person	Frequency	Evidence of compliance			
<ul> <li>Take all reasonable measures to minimise the generation of dust as a result of project development activities to the satisfaction of the ECO, ESCO;</li> </ul>	Contractor	Apply appropriate dust suppressant	During the Construction Phase	ECO, ESCO	Weekly	Contractor to provide proof of use of appropriate dust suppressants			
<ul> <li>Removal of vegetation must be avoided until such time as soil stripping is required and similarly exposed surfaces must be re- vegetated or stabilised as soon as is practically possible;</li> </ul>	Contractor	Proper planning for vegetation removal must be undertaken as well as for the associated rehabilitation	During the Construction Phase and Rehabilitation	ECO, ESCO	Weekly	Plan for implementation must be provided by the Contractor			
<ul> <li>Excavation, handling, and transport of erodible materials must be avoided under high wind conditions or when a visible dust plume is present;</li> </ul>	Contractor	Ensure that specific limitations are placed on the transport and handling of erodible materials during high wind	During the Construction Phase	ECO, ESCO	Bi-weekly (every sECO, ESCOnd week)	No complaints submitted in this regard			

Impact management outcome: Dust prevention measures are applied to minimise the generation of dust.								
Impact Management Actions	Implementation			Monitoring				
	Responsible person	Method of implementation	Timeframe for implementation	Responsible person	Frequency	Evidence of compliance		
		conditions or when a visible dust plume is present						
<ul> <li>During high wind conditions, the ECO, ESCO must evaluate the situation and make rECO, ESCOmmendations as to whether dust-damping measures are adequate, or whether working will cease altogether until the wind speed drops to an acceptable level;</li> </ul>	ECO, ESCO	ECO, ESCO to provide adequate rECO, ESCOmmendations	During the Construction Phase	ECO, ESCO	Daily	RECO, ESCOmmendation s made by the ECO, ESCO have been implemented by the Contractor		
<ul> <li>Where possible, soil stockpiles must be located in sheltered areas where they are not exposed to the erosive effects of the wind;</li> </ul>	Contractor	Place soil stockpiles in areas less affected by wind	During the Construction Phase	ECO, ESCO	Bi-weekly (every sECO, ESCOnd week)	Soil stockpiles are not exposed to wind and have not been eroded		
<ul> <li>Where erosion of stockpiles bECO, ESCOmes a problem, erosion control measures must be implemented at the discretion of the ECO, ESCO;</li> </ul>	Contractor in consultation with the ECO, ESCO	Contractor to implement erosion control measures as rECO, ESCOmmended and agreed with the ECO, ESCO	During the Construction Phase	ECO, ESCO	Weekly, until erosion is no longer a problem	RECO, ESCOmmendatio ns made by the ECO, ESCO have been implemented by the Contractor		
<ul> <li>Vehicle speeds must not exceed 30 km/h along dust roads or 20 km/h when traversing unconsolidated and non- vegetated areas:</li> </ul>	cEO / dEO / contractor	Inform all drivers of speed limits and place appropriate	During the Construction Phase Operation Phase	ECO, ESCO	Monthly	No complaints from community		

Impact management outcome: Dust	prevention measures are applied	to minimise the generation of dust.
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Impact Management Actions	Implementation			Monitoring		
	Responsible person	Method of implementation	Timeframe for implementation	Responsible person	Frequency	Evidence of compliance
		signage along the relevant roads		Operation and Maintenance team		members are submitted
<ul> <li>Straw stabilisation must be applied at a rate of one bale/10 m<sup>2</sup> and harrowed into the top 100 mm of top material, for all completed earthworks:</li> </ul>	Contractor	Ensure that straw stabilisation is undertaken as per the listed requirements	During the Construction Phase	ECO, ESCO	Monthly	Photographic rECO, ESCOrd of all straw stabilisation undertaken
<ul> <li>For significant areas of excavation or exposed ground, dust suppression measures must be used to minimise the spread of dust.</li> </ul>	Contractor	Appropriate dust suppressant measures are implemented	During the Construction Phase	ECO, ESCO	Weekly	Photographic rECO, ESCOrd of measures being implemented and the results thereof

## 5.21 Blasting

Impact management outcome: Impact to the environment is minimized through a safe blasting practice.

Impact Management Actions	Implementation			Monitoring					
	Responsible	Method	of	Timeframe	for	Responsible	Frequency	Evidence	of
	person	implementation		implementation	n	person		compliance	
- Any blasting activity must be conducted by a suitably	Not Applicable – no blasting proposed								
licensed blasting contractor; and									
- Notification of surrounding landowners, emergency	Not Applicable – no	blasting proposed	ł						
services site personnel of blasting activity 24 hours prior to									
such activity taking place on Site.									

# 5.22 Noise

Impact Management outcome: Prevent unnecessary noise to the environment by ensuring that noise from development activity is mitigated.									
Impact Management Actions	Implementation		Monitoring						
	Responsible	Method of	Timeframe for	Responsible	Frequency	Evidence of			
	person	implementation	implementation	person		compliance			
- The Contractor must keep noise level within acceptable	Contractor	Ensure that noise	During the	ECO, ESCO	Monthly, and as	No complaints			
limits, Restrict the use of sound amplification equipment		limits do not exceed	Construction Phase		and when	registered in this			
for communication and emergency only;		acceptable limits			required	regard. No			
		and avoid the use of				amplification			
		amplification				equipment is			
		communication				used.			
<ul> <li>All vehicles and machinery must be fitted with appropriate</li> </ul>	Contractor	Provide and	During the	ECO, ESCO	Monthly, and as	No complaints			
silencing technology and must be properly maintained;		implement silencing	Construction Phase		and when	registered in this			
		technology			required	regard. Silencing			

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Impact Management Actions	Implementation			Monitoring				
	Responsible person	Method of implementation	Timeframe for implementation	Responsible person	Frequency	Evidence of compliance		
						technology is utilised.		
<ul> <li>Any complaints received by the Contractor regarding noise must be rECO, ESCOrded and communicated. Where possible or applicable, provide transport to and from the site on a daily basis for construction workers;</li> </ul>	cEO	Update complaints register. Provide daily transport to and from site for employees	During the Construction Phase	ECO, ESCO	Monthly, and as and when required	Complaints register provided by the cEO and proof of transportation services provided		
<ul> <li>Develop a Code of Conduct for the construction phase in terms of behaviour of construction staff. Operating hours as determined by the environmental authorisation are adhered to during the development phase. Where not defined, it must be ensured that development activities must still meet the impact management outcome related to noise management.</li> </ul>	cEO and Contractor in consultation with the ECO, ESCO	Compile a Code of Conduct for staff. Appropriate operating hours must be identified for the project.	Pre-construction and Construction	ECO, ESCO	Once, prior to the commencement of construction	No complaints registered in this regard.		

**Impact Management outcome:** Prevent unnecessary noise to the environment by ensuring that noise from development activity is mitigated.

## 5.23 Fire prevention

Impact management outcome: Prevention of uncontrollable fires.

Impact Management Actions	Implementation			Monitoring		
	Posponsible	Mothod of	Timoframo for	Posponsible	Fraguancy	Evidence of
	person	implementation	implementation	person	Frequency	compliance
- Designate smoking areas where the fire hazard could be	cEO / Contractor	Identify and	Pre-construction &	ECO, ESCO	Monthly	Photographic
regarded as insignificant;		demarcate through	Construction			rECO, ESCOrd of
		signage for				designated
		designated smoking				smoking area
		areas				
- Firefighting equipment must be available on all vehicles	cEO / dEO in	Provide all vehicles	Construction	ECO, ESCO	Monthly	All vehicles are
located on site;	consultation with	with firefighting				fitted with
	the Contractor	equipment				firefighting
						equipment and
						the details
						thereof are
						provided by the
						cEO
- The local Fire Protection Agency (FPA) must be informed of	cEO in	Undertake formal	Pre-construction	ECO, ESCO	Once, during the	Proof of
construction activities;	consultation with	consultation to			commencement	consultation with
	the ECO, ESCO	inform the local FPA			of the	the FPA
		of the associated			Construction	
		construction			Phase	
		activities				
<ul> <li>Contact numbers for the FPA and emergency services must</li> </ul>	dEO / cEO /	Develop	Pre-construction &	ECO, ESCO	Prior to the	Environmental
be communicated in environmental awareness training	Contractor in	environmental	Construction		commencement	awareness
and displayed at a central location on site;		awareness training			of the	training material

Impact management outcome: Prevention of uncontrollable fires.							
Impact Management Actions	Implementation			Monitoring			
	Responsible	Method of	Timeframe for	Responsible	Frequency	Evidence of	
	person	implementation	implementation	person		compliance	
	consultation with	material which			environmental	requirements	
	the ECO, ESCO	covers the contact			awareness	checklist and	
		numbers for the FPA			training and	photographic	
		and emergency			once during the	rECO, ESCOrd of	
		services.			construction	contact numbers	
					phase	on display	
		Place the contact					
		numbers for the FPA					
		and emergency					
		services at a visible					
		and central location					
- Two-way swop of contact details between ECO, ESCO and	ECO, ESCO	Consultation	Pre-construction	Not Applicable			
FPA.		between the ECO,					
		ESCO and FPA in					
		order to exchange					
		contact details					

## 5.24 Stockpiling and stockpile areas

Impact management outcome: Reduce erosion and sedimentation as a result of stockpiling.							
Impact Management Actions	Implementation			Monitoring			
	Responsible	Method of	Timeframe for	Responsible	Frequency	Evidence of	
	person	implementation	implementation	person		compliance	
- All material that is excavated during the project	Contractor	Identify and	Pre-construction &	ECO, ESCO	Monthly	Excavated	
development phase (either during piling (if required) or		demarcate an	Construction			material is not	
earthworks) must be stored appropriately on site in order		appropriate				stored within	
to minimise impacts to watercourses and water bodies;		location for the				sensitive	
		storage of				environmental	
		excavated materials				areas	
- All stockpiled material must be maintained and kept clear	Contractor	Implement	During the	ECO, ESCO	Bi-monthly	Stockpiled	
of weeds and alien vegetation growth by undertaking		appropriate and	<b>Construction Phase</b>		(every sECO,	material is	
regular weeding and control methods;		sufficient			ESCOnd month)	maintained	
		maintenance on				sufficiently and is	
		stockpiled material				clear of weeds	
		regularly				and alien	
						vegetation	
<ul> <li>Topsoil stockpiles must not exceed 2 m in height:</li> </ul>	Contractor	Enforce limitations	During the	ECO, ESCO	Bi-monthly	Topsoil stockpiles	
		for the height of	Construction Phase		(every sECO,	do not exceed 2m	
		topsoil stockpiles			ESCOnd month)	in height	
- During periods of strong winds and heavy rain, the	Contractor	Appropriate	During the	ECO, ESCO	Monthly	Contractor to	
stockpiles must be covered with appropriate material (e.g.,		material must be	Construction Phase			provide proof of	
cloth, tarpaulin etc.);		provided in order to				availability of	
		cover stockpiles				appropriate	
		when required				material to cover	
						stockpiles when	
						required	

Impact management outcome: Reduce erosion and sedimentation as a result of stockpiling.

Impact Management Actions	Implementation			Monitoring		
	Responsible	Method of	Timeframe for	Responsible	Frequency	Evidence of
	person	implementation	implementation	person		compliance
- Where possible, sandbags (or similar) must be placed at	Contractor	Sandbags must be	During the	ECO, ESCO	Monthly	Contractor to
the bases of the stockpiled material in order to prevent		provided in order to	Construction Phase			provide proof of
erosion of the material.		prevent erosion of				availability of
		stockpiled materials				sandbags to
						prevent erosion
						of stockpiled
						materials

## 5.25 Civil works

Impact management outcome: Impact to the environment minimised during civil works to create the substation terrace.							
Impact Management Actions	Implementation			Monitoring			
	Responsible person	Method of implementation	Timeframe for implementation	Responsible person	Frequency	Evidence of compliance	
<ul> <li>Where terracing is required, topsoil must be collected and retained for the purpose of re-use later to rehabilitate disturbed areas not covered by yard stone;</li> </ul>	Contractor	Collect and retain topsoil for terracing	During the Construction Phase Rehabilitation	ECO, ESCO	Weekly	Proof of collection and retaining of topsoil	
<ul> <li>Areas to be rehabilitated include terrace embankments and areas outside the high voltage yards;</li> </ul>	Contractor	Undertake rehabilitation of terrace	During the Construction Phase Rehabilitation	ECO, ESCO	Weekly	Photographic rECO, ESCOrd of rehabilitation of	

Impact Management Actions	Implementation			Monitoring		
	Responsible	Method of	Timeframe for	Responsible	Frequency	Evidence of
	person	implementation	implementation	person		compliance
		embankments and				terrace
		areas outside of the				embankments
		high voltage yard				and areas outside
		where applicable				the high voltage
						yards
- Where required, all sloped areas must be stabilised to	Contractor	All disturbed slope	Rehabilitation	ECO, ESCO	Weekly	Disturbed slopes
ensure proper rehabilitation is affected and erosion is		areas must be				are stabilised
controlled;		stabilised				sufficiently
-  These areas can be stabilised using design structures or	Contractor	Stabilise slopes as	Pre-construction &	ECO, ESCO	Weekly	Slopes are
vegetation as specified in the design to prevent erosion of		per the design	Rehabilitation			stabilised as per
embankments. The contract design specifications must be		specifications				the design
adhered to and implemented strictly;						specifications
<ul> <li>Rehabilitation of the disturbed areas must be managed in</li> </ul>	Contractor	Undertaken	Rehabilitation	ECO, ESCO	Weekly	Rehabilitation of
accordance with Section 5.35: Landscaping and		rehabilitation of				disturbed areas is
rehabilitation;		disturbed areas as				undertaken in-
		per the				line with the
		requirements listed				requirements of
		under section 5.35				section 5.35
<ul> <li>All excess spoil generated during terracing activities must</li> </ul>	Contractor	Use a licensed waste	During the	ECO, ESCO	Monthly	Certificates
be disposed of in an appropriate manner and at a rECO,		disposal facility for	Construction Phase			obtained for the
ESCOgnised landfill site; and		the disposal of				disposal of excess
		excess spoil				spoil at a licensed
						waste disposal
						facility

Impact management of	outcome: Impact to the	environment minimised during civil works to create the substation terrace.
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Impact Management Actions	Implementation			Monitoring		
	Responsible	Method of	Timeframe for	Responsible	Frequency	Evidence of
	person	implementation	implementation	person		compliance
- Spoil can however be used for landscaping purposes and	Contractor	Spoil used for	Construction and	ECO, ESCO	Monthly	Photographic
must be covered with a layer of 150 mm topsoil for		landscaping must be	Rehabilitation			rECO, ESCOrd of
rehabilitation purposes.		applied as per the				spoil used for
		listed requirements				landscaping
						purposes as well
						as feedback from
						the contractor

### 5.26 Excavation of foundation, cable trenching and drainage systems

 Impact management outcome: No environmental degradation occurs as a result of excavation of foundation, cable trenching and drainage systems.

 Impact Management Actions
 Implementation
 Monitoring

	Responsible	Method of	Timeframe for	Responsible	Frequency	Evidence of
	person	implementation	implementation	person		compliance
- All excess spoil generated during foundation excavation	Contractor	Use a licensed waste	During the	ECO, ESCO	Monthly	Certificates
must be disposed of in an appropriate manner and at a		disposal facility for	Construction Phase			obtained for the
licensed landfill site, if not used for backfilling purposes;		the disposal of				disposal of excess
		excess spoil				spoil at a licensed
						waste disposal
						facility

Impact management outcome: No environmental degradation occurs as a result of excavation of foundation, cable trenching and drainage systems.						
Impact Management Actions	Implementation			Monitoring		
	Responsible person	Method of implementation	Timeframe for implementation	Responsible person	Frequency	Evidence of compliance
<ul> <li>Spoil can however be used for landscaping purposes and must be covered with a layer of 150 mm topsoil for rehabilitation purposes;</li> </ul>	Contractor	Spoil used for landscaping must be applied as per the listed requirements	Construction and Rehabilitation	ECO, ESCO	Monthly	Photographic rECO, ESCOrd of spoil used for landscaping purposes as well as feedback from the contractor
<ul> <li>Management of equipment for excavation purposes must be undertaken in accordance with Section 5.18: Workshop, equipment maintenance and storage; and</li> </ul>	Contractor	Undertake the management of equipment for excavation as per the requirements of section 5.18	During the Construction Phase	ECO, ESCO	Monthly	Management of equipment is undertaken in line with the requirements of section 5.18
<ul> <li>Hazardous substances spills from equipment must be managed in accordance with Section 5.17: Hazardous substances.</li> </ul>	Contractor	Undertake the management of hazardous substances spills from equipment as per the requirements of section 5.17	During the Construction Phase	ECO, ESCO	Monthly	Management of hazardous substances spills from equipment is undertaken in line with the requirements of section 5.17

## 5.27 Installation of foundations, cable trenching and drainage systems

Impact management outcome: No environmental degradation occurs during the installation of foundation, cable trenching and drainage system.

Impact Management Actions	Implementation			Monitoring		
	Responsible person	Method of implementation	Timeframe for implementation	Responsible person	Frequency	Evidence of compliance
- Batching of cement to be undertaken in accordance with	Contractor	Undertake the	During the	ECO, ESCO	Monthly	Management of
Section 5.19: Batching plants; and		batching of cement	Construction Phase			batching cement
		as per the				is undertaken in
		requirements of				line with the
		section 5.19				requirements of
						section 5.19
- Residual solid waste must be disposed of in accordance	Contractor	Undertake the	During the	ECO, ESCO	Monthly	The disposal of
with Section 5.8: Solid waste and hazardous		disposal of solid	Construction Phase			solid waste is
management.		waste as per the				undertaken in line
		requirements of				with section 5.8.
		section 5.8				

## 5.28 Installation of equipment (circuit breakers, current Transformers, Isolators, Insulators, surge arresters, voltage transformers, earth switches)

Impact management outcome: No environmental degradation occurs as a result of installation of equipment.

Impact Management Actions	Implementation	Implementation				
	Responsible person	Method of implementation	Timeframe for implementation	Responsible person	Frequency	Evidence of compliance
<ul> <li>Management of dust must be conducted in accordance with Section 5. 20: Dust emissions;</li> </ul>	Contractor	Manage dust as per the requirements of section5.20	During the Construction Phase	ECO, ESCO	Weekly	The management of dust is undertaken as per the requirements of section 5.20
<ul> <li>Management of equipment used for installation must be conducted in accordance with Section 5.18: Workshop, equipment maintenance and storage;</li> </ul>	Contractor	Undertake the management of equipment for installation as per the requirements of section 5.18	During the Construction Phase	ECO, ESCO	Monthly	Management of equipment is undertaken in line with the requirements of section 5.18
<ul> <li>Management of hazardous substances and any associated spills must be conducted in accordance with Section 5.17: Hazardous substances; and</li> </ul>	Contractor	Undertake the management of hazardous substances and associated spills as per the requirements of section 5.17	During the Construction Phase	ECO, ESCO	Monthly	Management of hazardous substances and associated spills is undertaken in line with the requirements of section 5.17
<ul> <li>Residual solid waste must be recycled or disposed of in accordance with Section 5.8: Solid waste and hazardous management.</li> </ul>	Contractor	Undertake the recycling or disposal of residual solid waste as per the	During the Construction Phase	ECO, ESCO	Monthly	The recycling or disposal of residual solid waste is

Impact management outcome: No environmental degradation occurs as a result of installation of equipment.								
Impact Management Actions	Implementation					Monitoring		
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	Responsible	Method	of	Timeframe	for	Responsible	Frequency	Evidence of
	person	implementation		implementation		person		compliance
		requirements	of					undertaken in line
		section 5.8						with section 5.8.

5.29Steelwork Assembly and Erection

Impact management outcome: No environmental degradation occurs as a result of steelwork assembly and erection.									
Impact Management Actions	Implementation			Monitoring					
	Responsible	Method of	Timeframe for	Responsible	Frequency	Evidence of			
	person	implementation	implementation	person		compliance			
- During assembly, care must be taken to ensure that no	Contractor	Inspect areas where	During the	ECO, ESCO	Weekly	Contractor to			
wasted/unused materials are left on site e.g., bolts and		construction is	Construction Phase			provide proof of			
nuts		being undertaken				inspection and			
		and remove and				removal of			
		appropriately				waste/unused			
		dispose of				materials and the			
		wasted/unused				appropriate			
		materials				disposal thereof			
						(i.e., disposal			
						certificates)			
- Emergency repairs due to breakages of equipment must be	Contractor	Undertake	During the	ECO, ESCO	Weekly	Emergency			
managed in accordance with Section 5.18: Workshop,		emergency repairs	Construction Phase			repairs of			
equipment maintenance and storage and Section 5.16:		of equipment as per				equipment is			
Emergency procedures.		the requirements of				undertaken as per			
		section 5.18 and				the requirements			
		5.16				of section 5.18			
						and 5.16			

## 5.30 Cabling and Stringing

<b>Impact management outcome:</b> No environmental degradation occurs as a result of stringing.									
Impact Management Actions	Implementation			Monitoring					
	Responsible person	Method of implementation	Timeframe for implementation	Responsible person	Frequency	Evidence of compliance			
<ul> <li>Residual solid waste (off cuts etc.) shall be recycled or disposed of in accordance with Section 6.8: Solid waste and hazardous Management;</li> </ul>	Contractor	Undertake the recycling or disposal of residual solid waste as per the requirements of section 5.8	During the Construction Phase	ECO, ESCO	Monthly	The recycling ordisposalofresidualsolidwasteisundertaken in linewith section 5.8.			
<ul> <li>Management of equipment used for installation shall be conducted in accordance with Section 5.18: Workshop, equipment maintenance and storage;</li> </ul>	Contractor	Undertake the management of equipment for installation as per the requirements of section 5.18	During the Construction Phase	ECO, ESCO	Monthly	Managementofequipmentforinstallationisundertaken in linewiththerequirementsofsection 5.18			
<ul> <li>Management of hazardous substances and any associated spills shall be conducted in accordance with <i>Section 5.17: Hazardous substances.</i></li> </ul>	Contractor	Undertake the management of hazardous substances and associated spills as per the requirements of section 5.17	During the Construction Phase	ECO, ESCO	Monthly	Management of hazardous substances and associated spills is undertaken in line with the requirements of section 5.17			

## 5.31 Testing and Commissioning (all equipment testing, earthing system, system integration)

Impact management outcome: No environmental degradation occurs as a result of Testing and Commissioning.									
Impact Management Actions	Implementation			Monitoring					
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	Responsible	Method of	Timeframe for	Responsible	Frequency	Evidence of			
	person	implementation	implementation	person		compliance			
- Residual solid waste must be recycled or disposed of in	Contractor	Undertake the	During the	ECO, ESCO	Monthly	The recycling or			
accordance with Section 5.8: Solid waste and hazardous		recycling or disposal	Construction Phase			disposal of			
management.		of residual solid				residual solid			
		waste as per the				waste is			
		requirements of				undertaken in line			
		section 5.8				with section 5.8.			

#### 5.32 Socio-ECO, ESCOnomic

Impact management outcome: enhanced socio-ECO, ESCOnomic development.									
Impact Management Actions	Implementation			Monitoring					
						-			
	Responsible	Method of	Timeframe for	Responsible	Frequency	Evidence of			
	person	implementation	implementation	person		compliance			
- Develop and implement communication strategies to	dEO / cEO	Identify and	Pre-construction &	ECO, ESCO	Once, prior to	Communication is			
facilitate public participation;		implement	Construction		the	undertaken as per			
		appropriate			commencement	the identified			
		strategies for			of construction	strategies and no			
		communication			and monthly	complaints are			

Impact management outcome: enhanced socio-ECO, ESCOnomic development.									
Impact Management Actions	Implementation			Monitoring					
	Responsible	Method of	Timeframe for	Responsible	Frequency	Evidence of			
	person	implementation	implementation	person		compliance			
		with the			during the	submitted			
		communities			construction	regarding			
		through				communication			
		consideration of the							
		community needs							
- Develop and implement a collaborative and constructive	Contractor	Development and	Pre-construction &	ECO, ESCO	Once, prior to	Conflict			
approach to conflict resolution as part of the external		implement a	Construction		the	resolution is			
stakeholder engagement process;		Grievance			commencement	undertaken in line			
		Mechanism which			of construction	with the			
		considers the			and monthly	requirements of			
		community needs			during the	the Grievance			
		and provides			construction	Mechanism. No			
		procedures for			phase	complaints on			
		conflict resolution				conflict resolution			
						are submitted by			
						the community			
- Sustain continuous communication and liaison with	Contractor	Development and	Pre-construction &	ECO, ESCO	Once, prior to	Communication /			
neighbouring owners and residents		implement a	Construction		the	liaison with			
		Grievance			commencement	neighbouring			
		Mechanism which			of construction	landowners and			
		provides			and monthly	residents are			
		procedures for			during the	undertaken in line			
		communication /			construction	with the			
		liaison with			phase	requirements of			

Impact management outcome: enhanced socio-ECC	), ESCOnomic dev	elopment.							
Impact Management Actions	Implementation				Monitoring	Monitoring			
	Responsible	Method	of	Timeframe for	Responsible	Frequency	Evidence of		
	person	implementation		implementation	person		compliance		
		neighbouring landowners ar residents	nd				the Grievance Mechanism. No complaints on communication with neighbouring landowners and		
							residents is submitted		
<ul> <li>Create work and training opportunities for local stakeholders; and</li> </ul>	Contractor	Develop ar implement a "loca first" policy for th provision employment opportunities	nd als ne of	Pre-construction & Construction	ECO, ESCO	Once, prior to the commencement of construction and monthly during the construction phase	The "locals first" policy is considered in terms of the employment and training opportunities		
<ul> <li>Where feasible, no workers, with the exception of security personnel, must be permitted to stay over-night on the site. This would reduce the risk to local farmers.</li> </ul>	Not Applicable - no	o workers, other thar	n seo	curity is proposed to	stay on-site overni	ght.			

Impact management outcome: Minimise the risk of environmental impact during periods of site closure greater than five days.

Impact Management Actions	Implementation			Monitoring		
	Responsible person	Method of implementation	Timeframe for implementation	Responsible person	Frequency	Evidence of compliance
<ul> <li>Bunds must be emptied (where applicable) and need to be undertaken in accordance with the impact management actions included in <i>sections 5.17: Hazardous substances</i> <i>and 5.18: Workshop, equipment maintenance and</i> <i>storage;</i></li> </ul>	Contractor	Regular emptying of the bunds must be undertaken. This must be undertaken as per the requirements listed in sections	During the Construction Phase	ECO, ESCO	Prior to site closure for more than 05 days	Bunds are emptied as per the requirements listed under sections 5.17 and 5.18
<ul> <li>Hazardous storage areas must be well ventilated;</li> </ul>	Contractor	Install appropriate ventilation in all hazardous storage areas	During the construction phase	ECO, ESCO	Prior to site closure for more than 05 days	Effective ventilation is installed in hazardous storage areas
<ul> <li>Fire extinguishers must be serviced and accessible. Service rECO, ESCOrds to be filed and audited at last service;</li> </ul>	Contractor / cEO	Ensure fire extinguishers are serviced, as required and are easily accessible with appropriate signage indicating location. Ensure service rECO, ESCOrds are kept	During the Construction Phase	ECO, ESCO	Prior to site closure for more than 05 days	Signage placed indicating location of fire extinguishers and service rECO, ESCOrds

Impact Management Actions	Implementation			Monitoring		
	Responsible	Method of	Timeframe for	Responsible	Frequency	Evidence of
	person	implementation	implementation	person		compliance
		up to date and filed				
– Emergency and contact details displayed must be	Contractor / cEO	Place emergency	During the	ECO, ESCO	Prior to site	Photographic
displayed;		and contact	Construction		closure for more	proof of contact
		details which are	Phase		than 05 days	details on display
		readily available				
		and easily				
		accessible				
<ul> <li>Security personnel must be briefed and have the facilities</li> </ul>	Contractor in	Hold a workshop	Pre-construction	ECO, ESCO	Prior to site	Proof of the
to contact or be contacted by relevant management and	consultation with	with all security	& construction		closure for more	workshop held
emergency personnel;	the ECO, ESCO	personnel to			than 05 days	must be kept on
		provide a brief of				file by the
		the project and				contractor.
		security				
		requirements.				
		Provide facilities				
		in order to				
		contact				
		management and				
		emergency				
		personnel				
<ul> <li>Night hazards such as reflectors, lighting, traffic signage</li> </ul>	Contractor	Regular checks of	During the	ECO, ESCO	Prior to site	Proof of checks of
etc. must have been checked;		night hazards	Construction		closure for more	night hazards
			Phase		than 05 days	

**Impact management outcome:** Minimise the risk of environmental impact during periods of site closure greater than five days.

Impact Management Actions	Implementation			Monitoring		
	Responsible	Method of	Timeframe for	Responsible	Frequency	Evidence of
	person	implementation	implementation	person		compliance
		must be				must be provided
		undertaken				by the contractor
- Fire hazards identified and the local authority must have	cEO / Contractor	Identify any	During the	ECO, ESCO	Prior to site	Proof of
been notified of any potential threats e.g., large brush	in consultation	potential fire	Construction		closure for more	notification of the
stockpiles, fuels etc.;	with the ECO,	hazards and	Phase		than 05 days	fire hazards to the
	ESCO	notify the				local authority
		relevant local				must be provided
		authority				by the Contractor
<ul> <li>Structures vulnerable to high winds must be secured;</li> </ul>	Contractor	Ensure structures	During the	ECO, ESCO	Prior to site	Structures
		vulnerable to	Construction		closure for more	vulnerable to
		wind is secure	Phase		than 05 days	wind is secured
		prior to site				prior to site
		closure				closure
<ul> <li>Wind and dust mitigation must be implemented;</li> </ul>	Contractor	Implement wind	During the	ECO, ESCO	Prior to site	Wind and dust
		and dust	Construction		closure for more	mitigation is
		mitigation prior	Phase		than 05 days	implemented
		to site closure				prior to site
						closure
<ul> <li>Cement and materials stores must have been secured;</li> </ul>	Contractor	Ensure cement	During the	ECO, ESCO	Prior to site	Cement and
		and material	Construction		closure for more	material stores
		stores are	Phase		than 05 days	are secured prior
		secured prior to				to site closure
		site closure				

**Impact management outcome:** Minimise the risk of environmental impact during periods of site closure greater than five days.

Impact management outcome: Minimise the risk of environmental impact during periods of site closure greater than five days.									
Impact Management Actions	Implementation			Monitoring					
	Responsible person	Method of implementation	Timeframe for implementation	Responsible person	Frequency	Evidence of compliance			
<ul> <li>Toilets must have been emptied and secured;</li> </ul>	Contractor	Ensure toilets are emptied and secured prior to site closure	During the Construction Phase	ECO, ESCO	Prior to site closure for more than 05 days	Toiletsareemptiedandsecuredpriorsiteclosure			
<ul> <li>Refuse bins must have been emptied and secured;</li> </ul>	Contractor	Ensure refuse bins are emptied and secured prior to site closure	During the Construction Phase	ECO, ESCO	Prior to site closure for more than 05 days	Refuse bins are emptied and secured prior to site closure			
<ul> <li>Drip trays must have been emptied and secured.</li> </ul>	Contractor	Ensure drip trays are emptied and secured prior to site closure	During the Construction Phase	ECO, ESCO	Prior to site closure for more than 05 days	Drip trays are emptied and secured prior to site closure			

Impact management outcome: Impact to the environment to be minimised during the dismantling, storage, and disposal of old equipment commissioning.

Impact Management Actions	Implementation			Monitoring		
	Responsible	Method of	Timeframe for	Responsible	Frequency	Evidence of
	person	implementation	implementation	person		compliance
- All old equipment removed during the project must be	Contractor	Appropriately store	DECO,	ECO, ESCO	Monthly	Photographic
stored in such a way as to prevent pollution of the		old equipment in a	ESCOmmissioning			rECO, ESCOrd of
environment;		manner which				appropriate
		prevents pollution				storage of old
		to the environment.				equipment
		This could include				
		the construction of				
		bunded areas				
- Oil containing equipment must be stored to prevent	Contractor	Appropriately store	DECO,	ECO, ESCO	Monthly	Photographic
leaking or be stored on drip trays;		equipment	ESCOmmissioning			rECO, ESCOrd of
		containing oil				appropriate
		through the use of				storage of
		drip trays or other				equipment
		suitable methods				containing oil
- All scrap steel must be stacked neatly, and any disused and	Contractor	Ensure all scrap	DECO,	ECO, ESCO	Monthly	Photographic
broken insulators must be stored in containers;		steel is stacked	ESCOmmissioning			rECO, ESCOrd of
		neatly and store				stacked scrap
		disused and broken				steel and
		insulators in				containers
		appropriate				containing
		containers				broken and
						disused insulators

Impact management outcome: Impact to the environment to be minimised during the dismantling, storage, and disposal of old equipment commissioning.						
Impact Management Actions	Implementation			Monitoring		
	Responsible person	Method of implementation	Timeframe for implementation	Responsible person	Frequency	Evidence of compliance
<ul> <li>Once material has been scrapped and the contract has been placed for removal, the disposal Contractor must ensure that any equipment containing pollution causing substances is dismantled and transported in such a way as to prevent spillage and pollution of the environment;</li> </ul>	Contractor	Developandimplementaprocedurefordismantlingandtransportationofequipmentcontaining pollutioncausingsubstanceswhichpreventsspillageandpollutionoftheenvironment	DECO, ESCOmmissioning	ECO, ESCO	Monthly	Proof from contractor that dismantling and transportation of equipment containing pollution causing substances has been undertaken in an appropriate manner
<ul> <li>The Contractor must also be equipped to contain and clean up any pollution causing spills; and</li> <li>Disposal of unusable material must be at a licensed waste</li> </ul>	Contractor Contractor	Ensuresufficientspillkitsareavailablefortheclean-upofpollutioncausingspillsMakeuseofaa	DECO, ESCOmmissioning DECO,	ECO, ESCO ECO, ESCO	Monthly	Sufficient spill kits are available on site Certificates
disposal site.		licensed waste disposal site	ESCOmmissioning			obtained for the disposal at a licensed waste disposal site

#### 5.35 Landscaping and rehabilitation

**Impact management outcome:** Areas disturbed during the development phase are returned to a state that approximates the original condition. **Impact Management Actions** Implementation Monitoring Responsible Responsible of Method of Timeframe for Frequency Fvidence person implementation implementation person compliance ECO, ESCO Weeklv All areas disturbed by construction activities must be Develop Pre-construction & Rehabilitation of \_ Contractor and subject to landscaping and rehabilitation; All spoil and implement а Rehabilitation the disturbed waste must be disposed of to a registered waste site; rehabilitation plan areas is undertaken as per the for rehabilitation of all the rehabilitation disturbed areas. All plan. certificates of waste disposal at Dispose of all spoil licensed facilities and waste at a licensed waste are available. disposal facility All slopes must be assessed for contouring, and to contour ECO, ESCO Weekly Contractor Assess all slopes and Rehabilitation slopes \_ in All are only when the need is identified in accordance with the consultation with determine whether assessed and the ECO, ESCO is contoured Conservation of Agricultural Resources Act, No 43 of 1983 contouring as required required All slopes must be assessed for terracing, and to terrace Contractor Assess all slopes and Rehabilitation ECO, ESCO Weekly All slopes in are determine whether only when the need is identified in accordance with the consultation with assessed and the ECO, ESCO terracing is required terraced Conservation of Agricultural Resources Act, No 43 of 1983; as required Berms that have been created must have a slope of 1:4 and Ensure all berms Weeklv \_ Contractor Rehabilitation ECO. ESCO All berms have a have a slope of 1:4 slope of 1:4 and is be replanted with indigenous species and grasses that approximates the original condition; is replanted replanted with and indigenous

Impact management outcome: Areas disturbed during the development phase are returned to a state that approximates the original condition.						
Impact Management Actions	Implementation		Monitoring			
	Responsible person	Method of implementation	Timeframe for implementation	Responsible person	Frequency	Evidence of compliance
		with indigenous species and grasses				species and grasses
<ul> <li>Where new access roads have crossed cultivated farmlands, that lands must be rehabilitated by ripping which must be agreed to by the holder of the EA and the landowners;</li> </ul>	Not applicable					
<ul> <li>Rehabilitation of access roads inside of farmland;</li> </ul>	Not applicable					
<ul> <li>Indigenous species must be used for with species and/grasses to where it compliments or approximates the original condition;</li> </ul>	Contractor	Make use of indigenous species for rehabilitation	Rehabilitation	ECO, ESCO	Weekly	Indigenous species are used for rehabilitation
<ul> <li>Stockpiled topsoil must be used for rehabilitation (refer to Section 5.24: Stockpiling and stockpiled areas);</li> </ul>	Contractor	Ensure stockpiled topsoil is used as per the requirements listed under section 5.24	Rehabilitation	ECO, ESCO	Weekly	Stockpiled topsoil is used as per the requirements listed under section 5.24
<ul> <li>Stockpiled topsoil must be evenly spread so as to facilitate seeding and minimise loss of soil due to erosion;</li> </ul>	Contractor	Ensure that topsoil is spread evenly	Rehabilitation	ECO, ESCO	Weekly	Topsoil is spread evenly
<ul> <li>Before placing topsoil, all visible weeds from the placement area and from the topsoil must be removed;</li> </ul>	Contractor	Remove all visible weeds from placement area and topsoil before spreading the topsoil	Rehabilitation	ECO, ESCO	Weekly	No weeds are visible in the placement area or the topsoil

Impact management outcome: Areas disturbed during the development phase are returned to a state that approximates the original condition.						
Impact Management Actions	Implementation			Monitoring		
	Responsible person	Method of implementation	Timeframe for implementation	Responsible person	Frequency	Evidence of compliance
<ul> <li>Subsoil must be ripped before topsoil is placed;</li> </ul>	Contractor	Undertake the ripping of subsoil prior to the spreading of topsoil	Rehabilitation	ECO, ESCO	Weekly	Subsoil is ripped before topsoil is placed
<ul> <li>The rehabilitation must be timed so that rehabilitation can take place at the optimal time for vegetation establishment;</li> </ul>	Contractor	Plan the timeframe for rehabilitation in order to undertake vegetation planting during the optimal time for vegetation establishment	Rehabilitation	ECO, ESCO	At the start of rehabilitation to confirm the correct timeframe	Rehabilitation is undertaken during the optimal time
<ul> <li>Where impacted through construction related activity, all sloped areas must be stabilised to ensure proper rehabilitation is effected and erosion is controlled;</li> </ul>	Contractor	All disturbed slope areas must be stabilised	Rehabilitation	ECO, ESCO	Weekly	Disturbed slopes are stabilised sufficiently
<ul> <li>Sloped areas stabilised using design structures or vegetation as specified in the design to prevent erosion of embankments. The contract design specifications must be adhered to and implemented strictly;</li> </ul>	Contractor	Stabilise slopes as per the design specifications	Pre-construction & Rehabilitation	ECO, ESCO	Weekly	Slopes are stabilised as per the design specifications
<ul> <li>Spoil can be used for backfilling or landscaping as long as it is covered by a minimum of 150 mm of topsoil.</li> </ul>	Contractor	Spoil used for landscaping must be applied as per the listed requirements	Rehabilitation	ECO, ESCO	Weekly	Photographic rECO, ESCOrd of spoil used for landscaping purposes as well

Impact management outcome: Areas disturbed during the development phase are returned to a state that approximates the original condition.						
Impact Management Actions	Implementation			Monitoring		
	Responsible person	Method of implementation	Timeframe for implementation	Responsible person	Frequency	Evidence of compliance
						as feedback from the contractor
<ul> <li>Where required, re-vegetation including hydro-seeding can be enhanced using a vegetation seed mixture as described below. A mixture of seed can be used provided the mixture is carefully selected to ensure the following:</li> <li>a) Annual and perennial plants are chosen.</li> <li>b) Pioneer species are included.</li> <li>c) Species chosen must be indigenous to the area with the seeds used coming from the area.</li> <li>d) Root systems must have a binding effect on the soil.</li> <li>e) The final product must not cause an ECO, ESCOlogical imbalance in the area</li> </ul>	Contractor in consultation with a suitably qualified specialist	Make use of a suitable vegetation seed mixture should enhancement be required	Rehabilitation	ECO, ESCO	As and when required	Use of a suitable vegetation seed mixture if required

#### 6 ACCESS TO THE GENERIC EMPr

Once completed and signed, to allow the public access to the generic EMPr, the holder of the EA must make the EMPr available to the public in accordance with the requirements of Regulation 26(h) of the EIA Regulations.

#### PART B: SECTION 2

#### 7 SITE SPECIFIC INFORMATION AND DECLARATION

#### 7.1 Sub-section 1: contact details and description of the project

7.1.1 Details of the applicant: Norma Energy (RF) (Pty) Ltd

PROJECT APPLICANT DETAILS			
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7.1.2 Details and expertise of the EAP: Terramanzi Group (Pty) Ltd

Details and expertise of the EAP:			
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	environmental practitioner		
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Expertise of the EAP (Curriculum Vitae included): Yes

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#### 7.1.3 Project name:

Proposed Virginia 132 kV Switching Station to connect the authorised Virginia 1, 2 and 3 Solar Parks to the National Grid - Theseus Eskom substation, via the 132 kV Powerline.

#### 7.1.4 Description of the project:

Norma Energy (Pty) Ltd proposes to establish the 132kV Switching station located on the Virgina 1 Solar Park. The Virginia 1 Solar Park received Environmental Authorisation on 19 May 2022 (DFFE Ref. No.: 14/12/16/3/3/2/2099). The Project is located on the Farm Blomskraal 216, Ventersburg RD, Matjhabeng Local Municipality, Lejweleputswa District Municipality, Free State Province.

The Virginia 1 132kV Substation was administratively split under two different ownerships. The 132kV step-up portion of the substation falls under the Virginia 1 Applicant (Norma Energy (Pty) Ltd); and the 132kV switching station portion falls under a new Applicant name: Norma Energy (Pty) Ltd. This generic Substation EMPr deals with the 132kV Switching station only.

The 132kV step-up station will connect the Virginia 1, 2 and 3 Solar Parks via the Virginia 132 kV Powerline to the Eskom Theseus Substation. The Virginia Solar Park cluster and OHPL Project was awarded Preferred Bidder Status under the 6th Round of the Renewable Independent Power Producer Programme (REIPPP). The facility is a SIP 8 project.

The Applicant has also reiterated that this is a SIP Project and that should the Competent Authority decide to authorize this Application that it is imperative that the EMPR and corridor layout be approved as assessed and presented for approval to allow the SIP Project to comply with the requirements of the REIPPPP and reach financial close. Based on the findings of the professional team and the EAP, it is reasonable to suggest that the Competent Authority can approve both the EMPR and layout as applied for.

Cadastral Land Parcel	SG Code	Approximate Co-ordinates of the Substation on land portion
Farm Blomskraal 216, Ventersburg RD	F0350000000021600000	28°13'26.48"S 27° 0'24.48"E

#### Table 2: Details of the land parcel on which the Virginia 1 Solar Park 132 kV Substation

#### 7.1.5 Project location:

The Virginia 132kV step-up station will be located within the Virginia 1 Solar Park development area. The Project is located on the Farm Blomskraal 216, Ventersburg RD, Matjhabeng Local Municipality, Lejweleputswa District Municipality, Free State Province. The Project is located approximately 16 km to the southeast of the town of Virginia (see Figure 2).

Table 3: The co-ordinates	of 132kV	switching	station
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Point	Latitude	Longitude
1	-28°12'53.60"S	26°58'32.47"E
2	-28°12'55.82"S	26°58'36.34"E
3	-28°12'58.21"S	26°58'34.60"E
4	-28°12'56.00"S	26°58'30.73"E
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Figure 2: Regional Topographical Locality Map of the Virginia Solar Park Cluster and OHPL



Figure 3: Layout Map for the Virginia 1 Solar Park. The orange polygon depicts the 132kV switching station which is applicable to this EMPr.



Figure 4: Site sensitivity map for the entire Virginia Solar Cluster



Figure 5: Site sensitivity map for the Virginia 1 Solar Park

## 7.2 Sub-section 2: Development footprint site map

This sub-section must include a map of the site sensitivity overlaid with the preliminary infrastructure layout. The sensitivity map must be prepared from the national web based environmental screening tool, when available for compulsory use at: <a href="https://screening.environment.gov.za/screeningtool">https://screening.environment.gov.za/screeningtool</a> The sensitivity map shall identify the nature of each sensitive feature e.g. threatened plant species, archaeological site, etc. Sensitivity maps shall identify features both within the planned working area and any known sensitive features within 50 m from the development footprint.

The DFFE Environmental Screening Tool was utilised for this project to initially identify potential environmental sensitivities. The environmental sensitivities were then assessed by specialists. The environmental sensitives confirmed by the specialists are presented as follows:



Figure 6: Agricultural Sensitivity Theme DFFE Screening Tool



Figure 7: Animal Sensitivity Theme DFFE Screening Tool



Figure 8: Aquatic sensitivity Theme DFFE Screening Tool



Figure 9: Archaeological Sensitivity Theme DFFE Screening Tool



Figure 10: Site plan indicating the proposed heritage conservation buffers in relation to proposed project footprint areas for the Virginia 1, 2 & 3 Solar Parks EIA Project.



Figure 11: Avian Sensitivity Theme DFFE Screening Tool



Figure 12: Bat Sensitivity Theme DFFE Screening Tool



Figure 13: Civil Aviation (Solar PV) Theme DFFE Screening Tool



Figure 14: Defence Theme DFFE Screening Tool



Figure 15: Landscape (Solar) Theme DFFE Screening Tool



Figure 16: Palaeontological Theme DFFE Screening Tool



Figure 17: Plant Species Theme DFFE Screening Tool



Figure 18: RFI Theme DFFE Screening Tool



Figure 19: Terrestrial Biodiversity DFFE Screening Tool

#### 7.3 Sub-section 3: Declaration

The proponent/applicant or holder of the EA affirms that he/she will abide and comply with the prescribed impact management outcomes and impact management actions as stipulated in part B: section 1 of the generic EMPr and have the understanding that the impact management outcomes and impact management actions are legally binding. The proponent/applicant or holder of the EA affirms that he/she will provide written notice to the CA 14 day prior to the date on which the activity will commence of commencement of construction to facilitate compliance inspections.

17applicant/holder of EA Date: 18 August 2023

### 7.4 Sub-section 4: amendments to site specific information (Part B; section 2)

Should the EA be transferred to a new holder, <u>Part B: Section 2</u> must be completed by the new holder and submitted with the application for an amendment of the EA in terms of Regulations 29 or 31 of the EIA Regulations, whichever applies. The information submitted for an amendment to an environmental authorisation will be considered to be incomplete should a signed copy of <u>Part B: Section 2</u> not be submitted. Once approved, <u>Part B: Section 2</u> forms part of the EMPr for the development and the EMPr becomes legally binding to the new EA holder.

# PART C

## 8 SITE SPECIFIC ENVIRONMENTAL ATTRIBUTES

If any specific environmental sensitivities/attributes are present on the site which require more specific impact management outcomes and actions, not included in the pre-approved generic EMPr template, to manage impacts, those impact management outcomes and impact management actions must be included in this section. These specific management controls must be referenced spatially, and must include impact management outcomes and impact management actions. The management controls including impact management outcomes and impact management actions must be presented in the format of the pre-approved generic EMPr template. This applies only to additional impact management outcomes and impact management actions that are necessary.

If Part C is applicable to the development as authorised in the EA, it is required to be submitted to the CA together with the BAR or EIAR, for consideration of, and decision on, the application for EA. The information in this section must be prepared by an EAP and the name and expertise of the EAP, including the curriculum vitae are to be included. Once approved, Part C forms part of the EMPr for the site and is legally binding.

This section will **not be required** should the site contain no specific environmental sensitivities or attributes.

Impact management outcome: Protection of Biodiversity								
Impact Management Actions	Implementation			Monitoring				
	Responsible	Method of implementation	Timeframe for	Responsible	Frequency	Evidence of compliance		
	person		implementation	person				
Management of direct Habitat destruct	ion							
A pre-construction walk-through of the final development footprint must be undertaken in order to locate and identify Species of Conservation Concern that can be translocated. Trim, rather than fell of woody species along the edges of the development site where possible. The clearing and damage of plant growth in the riparian and wetland areas should be restricted to the actual crossing where possible, and not into the sensitive adjacent areas. Identified species to be removed from construction footprint and relocated within the servitude. Where protected trees will need to be cleared or pruned, permits should be obtained from the relevant authority.	DPM, ECO, ESCO, Ecologist	A site walk down must be done prior to construction ECO, Ecologist/biodiversity specialist to identify protected plant species to be relocated.	Pre- construction	DPM, ESCO, ECO, Ecologist	Pre-construction	Walk down report and permits (if required).		

Impact management outcome: Protection of Biodiversity									
Impact Management Actions	Implementation			Monitoring					
	Responsible	Method of implementation	Timeframe for	Responsible	Frequency	Evidence of compliance			
	person		implementation	person					
The ECO, ESCO should advise the construction team in all relevant matters to ensure minimum destruction and damage to the environment. The ECO, ESCO should enforce any measures that he/she deem necessary. Regular environmental training should be provided to construction workers to ensure the protection of the habitat, fauna and flora and their sensitivity to conservation. Management of Habitat Fragmentation	dEO, cEO, ECO, ESCO, ESCO	Toolbox Talks / Environmental Training workshops. RECO, ESCOrds of such must be kept on file.	Construction	ECO, ESCO	Construction	Tool Box talks registers and site inspection checklists			
Construction activities must remain		Domessation and Site increations	Construction		Construction	Design and layout site			
within defined construction areas. No construction / disturbance will occur outside these areas, unless authorised by the ECO, ESCO/ESCO.	cEO, DSS	Demarcation and site inspections	Construction	ECO, ESCO	phase, and when site access to an area outside the development is required.	inspection checklist and/or ECO, ESCO audit report			
Management of Faunal Species									
Where holes for poles pose a risk to animal safety, they should be adequately cordoned off to prevent animals falling in and getting trapped and/or injured. This could be prevented by the constant excavating and backfilling during planting of the poles along the lines.	ECO, ESCO, DSS, dEO, cEO	Site inspections – work observations,	Construction	ECO, ESCO	Daily / When required	Site Inspections and ECO, ESCO audit report - ape or canvass (material) placed around the holes until the are filled.			

Impact management outcome: Protection of Biodiversity								
Impact Management Actions	Implementation		Monitoring					
	Responsible person	Method of implementation	Timeframe for implementation	Responsible person	Frequency	Evidence of compliance		
Poisons for the control of problem animals (rats, mice or other vermin) should only be used after approval from an ECO, Ecologist.	ECO, ESCO, dEO, cEO, Ecologist	Pest Control management plan written by a qualified ECO, Ecologist.	Construction / Operation	ECO, ESCO	Weekly / Monthly	MSDS use checklist, pest control management plan, poison checklist.		
Limit pesticide use to non-persistent, immobile pesticides and apply in accordance with label and application permit directions and stipulations for terrestrial and aquatic applications, and in accordance with the ECO, Ecologist requirements.	ECO, ESCO, dEO, cEO, Ecologist	Pest Control management plan written by a qualified ECO, Ecologist.	Construction / Operation	ECO, ESCO	Monthly	MSDS use checklist, pest control management plan, pesticide checklist.		
The taller (>3m) indigenous trees should be protected as far as possible and be incorporated into the proposed development. The removal of large dead trees is also not advised as these trees also provide smaller habitats for the mentioned bat species as well as rodents.	ECO, ESCO, dEO, cEO, Ecologist	ECO, Ecologist/biodiversity specialist to identify protected plant species to be relocated while conducting the site visit to confirm footprints for tower positions. Identified species to be removed from construction footprint and relocated within the servitude. Delineate Buffer zones and incorporate them into the layout design, follow the required permitting processes to move the trees where required (this can be confirmed by the ECO, Ecologist)	Construction / Operation	ECO, ESCO, suitably qualified Ecologist (when required)	Pre-construction (site walk down), construction	Biodiversity management plan (including search and rescue of sensitive species)		

Impact management outcome: Protection of Biodiversity							
Impact Management Actions	Implementation		Monitoring				
	Responsible	Method of implementation	Timeframe for	Responsible	Frequency	Evidence of compliance	
	person		implementation	person			
Two provincially protected species are present on site – <i>Boophone disticha</i> and <i>Helichrysum</i> (under the Free State Nature Conservation Ordinance 8 of 1969). An application must be submitted to the Provincial authorities to clear or translocate these plants as part of the plant rescue operation (refer to the Virginia 1 PVSEF EMPr Plant rescue plan). It is also imperative that where construction does not impact the plants, they should be left intact and undisturbed.	ECO, ESCO, cEO, dEO, Ecologist	Incorporate identifying these species on site during the pre-construction site walk down by the ECO, Ecologist.	Pre construction / during construction	ECO, ESCO; Ecologist (when required)	Pre construction walk down / during construction	Incorporate identifying these species on site during the pre-construction site walk down by the ECO, Ecologist. Apply for a permit if required.	
<ul> <li>A monitoring programme needs to be implemented by a specialist to monitoring:</li> <li>1. If any rare faunal species (page 74 of the Terrestrial Specialist report – August 2021) are confirmed on the property.</li> <li>2. The impact of construction and the development on the fauna (species carcass counting for example)</li> </ul>	ECO, ESCO, dEO, cEO, Ecologist	Faunal monitoring plan – including search and rescue, and rare species & species carcass counting.	Construction / Operation	ECO, ESCO, suitably qualified Ecologist (when required)	Monthly	Faunal monitoring plan Report – including search and rescue incidents, and rare species siting counts; species carcass counting, poaching incidents	
Backfill trenches as soon as possible to reduce the risk of animals falling onto the trenches.	DSS, ECO, ESCO, dEO, cEO	Demarcation and site inspections	Construction	ECO, ESCO, DSS	Daily / When required (during trench excavation)	Site Inspection	
Do not feed any wild animals on site.	ECO, ESCO, dEO, cEO, Ecologist	Faunal monitoring plan – rare species & species carcass counting.	Construction / Operation	ECO, ESCO, Suitably qualified Ecologist (when	Daily	Site inspection checklist (check waste containers, eating areas for staff)	

Impact management outcome: Protection of Biodiversity								
Impact Management Actions	Implementation			Monitoring				
	Responsible	Method of implementation	Timeframe for	Responsible	Frequency	Evidence of compliance		
	person		implementation	person				
				required)				
Speed control measures (preferably 30 km/hour) to reduce the chance of fauna fatalities.	ECO, ESCO, dEO, cEO, Health and Safety Officer	Speed control signs, speed humps and security checkpoints can be implemented. Speed bumps can be installed in sections where the speed limit tends to be disobeyed. (Speed limits will also lessen the probability of road accidents and their negative consequences).	Construction / Operation	ECO, ESCO; Health and Safety Officer	Daily	Speeding infringement incident reports.		
Management of Alien Invasive Species								
The Alien Invasive Management Plan developed by the Biodiversity specialist (page 15 of the Virginia 1 PVSEF EMPr) must be implemented on site.	ECO, ESCO, dEO, cEO, Ecologist	Alien Invasive Management Plan - Control involves killing the plants present, killing the seedlings which emerge, and establishing and managing an alternative plant cover to limit re-growth and re-invasion. Weeds and invader plants will be controlled in the manner prescribed for that category by the Conservation of Agricultural Resources Act ( <u>CARA</u> ) or in terms of <u>Working for Water</u> <u>guidelines.</u>	Construction / Operation / DECO, Decommissioni ng	ECO, ESCO, Suitably qualified Ecologist (when required)	Post Construction Activities; During and/or after Decommissionin g	Site inspections, ECO, ESCO Audit, rectification plan		
encouraged in the rehabilitated areas (stormwater canals), and stockpiles. If an annual grass species is preferred in	cEO, ESCO, dEO, cEO, Ecologist	field surveys and site inspections & Rehabilitation and Revegetation Plan	Construction / Operation / DECO,	ECO, ESCO, Suitably qualified Ecologist (when required)	Post Construction Activities; During	surveys and site inspections & Rehabilitation and		

Impact management outcome:	Protection of Biodiversity
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Impact Management Actions	Implementation			Monitoring			
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the mix these grass Dactyloctenium	person		Decommissioni	person	and/or after	Revegetation report	
aegyptium can be used. Eragrostis teff			ng		Decommissionin		
and Paspalum notatum must preferably					σ		
<b><u>not</u></b> be used as these are not indigenous					δ		
grasses. Eragrostis teff is also known as							
an annual grass and should be avoided.							
Institute strict control over materials	ECO, ESCO, DSS,	Alien Invasive Management Plan -	Construction /	ECO, ESCO, DSS;	Daily	Daily Inspection of incoming	
brought onto site, which should be	dEO, cEO,	The contractor is responsible for the	Operation	Suitably qualified		and outgoing vehicles (a	
inspected for seeds of noxious plants	Ecologist	control of weeds and invader plants	-	Ecologist (when		checklist can be drawn up	
and steps taken to eradicate these		within the construction site for the		required)		for monitoring nurnoses)	
before transport to the site. Routinely		duration of the construction site of the				for monitoring purposes)	
fumigate or spray all materials with		duration of the construction phase.					
appropriate low-residual herbicides		Alien invasive tree species listed by					
prior to transport to or in a quarantine		the CARA regulations should be					
area on site.		eradicated.					
Institute an eradication/control	ECO, ESCO, dEO,	Rehabilitation and Revegetation	Construction /	ECO, ESCO,	Weekly /	ECO, ESCO audit report,	
programme for early intervention if	cEO, Ecologist	Management Plan	DECO,	Suitably qualified	Monthly	Rehabilitation and	
invasive species are detected. The use of		5	Decommissioni	Ecologist (when	, (dependent on	Revegetation Management	
indigenous plants must be encouraged			ng	required)	(dependent of	Plan roport	
in the rehabilitated areas (stormwater			пg		site), nowever,		
canals), and stockpiles containing mostly					site should be		
exotic or weedy species should receive					checked at least		
specialised handling and should be					once a month		
covered for extended periods to inhibit							
seeding germination of these species.							
Active management and eradication of							
exotic / allen plant species should also							

Impact management outcome: Ma	anagement of So	il, Water and Air on site				
Impact Management Actions Implementation				Monitoring		
	Responsible person	Method of implementation	Timeframe for implementation	Responsible person	Frequency	Evidence of compliance
Management of soil erosion and sedime	entation		I	1	1	
Construction must include design measures that allow surface and subsurface movement of water along drainage lines so as no to impede natural surface and subsurface flows. Drainage measures must promote the dissipation of storm water runoff.	ECO, ESCO, dEO, cEO, Engineer, Freshwater Specialist	Stormwater Control management plan (Refer to the PVSEF EMPr for Virginia 1 for the Storm water management plan)	Planning and design phase	ECO, ESCO Engineer; Freshwater Specialist	; Planning and design phase, construction (daily) – especially before the storm and rain season	Storm water management plan
Protect sloping areas and drainage channel banks that are susceptible to erosion and ensure that there is no undue soil erosion resultant from activities within and adjacent to the construction camp and Work Areas.	DSS, ECO, ESCO, dEO, cEO	Site Inspection	Construction	DSS; ECO, ESCO	Construction (daily) – especially before the storm and rain season	Site inspection
Placement of pylons should be outside sensitive soil types and drainage channels.	DPM, Specialists, ECO, ESCO, dEO, cEO	Design and layout	Design & planning phase	DPM; ECO, ESCO	Pre-Construction. Daily checks during construction to ensure that no activity occurs with sensitive areas.	Layout design informed by Specialists reports and Opportunities and constraints mapping. Daily checks and observations during construction to ensure that no activity occurs with sensitive areas.
Ivianagement of Soil, Water, and air Pol			Construction	FC0 F500		FCO Audit Site incenti
approach must be implemented that is based on waste minimization and must	cEO, dEO	waste management plan	Operation /		ννθεκιγ	checklist; Site inspections

Impact management outcome: Management of Soil, Water and Air on site							
Impact Management Actions	Implementation		Monitoring				
	Responsible	Method of implementation	Timeframe for	Responsible	Frequency	Evidence of compliance	
	person		implementation	person			
incorporate reduction, recycling, re-use and disposal where appropriate. Any solid waste must be disposed of at a landfill licensed in terms of Section 20 (b) of the National Environmental Management Wast Act (Act. No 59 of 2008)						management report recording waste collection slips	
Ensure that all hazardous storage containers and storage areas comply with the relevant SABS standards to prevent leakage.	ECO, ESCO, dEO, cEO	Waste management plan & the utilization of demarcated waste skips on site	Construction / Operation	ECO, ESCO	Daily	SABS checklist, site inspection, ECO Audit	
No dumping of waste should take place within the wetland / riparian zone. If any spills occur, they should be immediately cleaned up.	ECO, ESCO, dEO, cEO; DSS	Waste management plan & the utilization of demarcated waste skips on site	Construction / Operation	DSS; maintenance manager; ECO, ESCO	Construction / Operation	Site inspection; ECO Audit, Maintenance checklist; waste management checklist (collection slips)	
Implement standard dust control measures, including periodic spraying with non-potable water (frequency will depend on many factors including weather conditions, soil composition and traffic intensity and must thus be adapted on an on-going basis) and chemical dust suppressants of construction areas and access roads, and ensure that these are continuously monitored to ensure effective implementation.	ECO, ESCO, dEO, cEO; DSS	Dust Management Plan	Construction / Operation	DSS; ECO, ESCO	Daily / Weekly (when required – especially during the windy season)	Site inspection of road irrigation and stockpile management	
A speed limit (preferably 30 km/hour) should be enforced on dirt roads to reduce dust falling into wetland areas and onto vegetation.	ECO, ESCO, dEO, cEO; DSS	Speed control signs, security check points	Construction / Operation	DSS; Safety Officer; ECO, ESCO	Construction / Operation	Speed infringement reports	

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Impact management outcome: Management of Soil, Water and Air on site

Impact Management Actions	Implementation			Monitoring				
	Responsible	Method of implementation	Timeframe for	Responsible	Frequency	Evidence of compliance		
	person		implementation	person				
Appropriate sanitary facilities must be	ECO, ESCO, DSS,	Waste management plan	Construction /	ECO, ESCO	Daily	ECO Audit; Site inspections;		
provided for the duration of the	cEO, dEO	- · ·	Operation			waste management report		
proposed development and all waste						(waste collection slips)		
removed to an appropriate waste						· · · · ·		
facility.								

Impact management outcome: Management of Human impact								
Impact Management Actions	Implementation			Monitoring				
	Responsible	Method of implementation	Timeframe for	Responsible	Frequency	Evidence of compliance		
	person		implementation	person				
Management of the effect of human activ	vities and road mor	rtalities						
Maintain proper firebreaks around	ECO, ESCO, dEO,	Fire Management Plan – Local Fire	Construction /	ECO, ESCO; Fire	Once a year /	A report recording when		
entire development footprint.	cEO, Fire	Department.	Operation	department	During winter	Fire breaks are conducted		
	department				season – when	and their frequency.		
					required. The			
					local Fire			
					Department can			
					advise.			

Impact management outcome: Management of Human impact							
Impact Management Actions	Implementation			Monitoring			
	Responsible	Method of implementation	Timeframe for	Responsible	Frequency	Evidence of compliance	
	person		implementation	person			
Educate construction workers regarding	ECO, ESCO, dEO,	Fire Management Plan & Toolbox	Construction /	ECO, ESCO	Weekly	Toolbox talk rECO, ESCOrds	
risks and correct disposal of cigarettes	cEO, Fire	talks	Operation			and attendance registers	
on site.	department		•			5	
Travelling at night should be avoided or	ECO, ESCO, dEO,	Security Checkpoints & Inspections	Construction /	ECO, ESCO;	Daily	Toolbox talk rECO, ESCOrds	
limited as much as possible.	cEO, Health and		Operation	Health and Safety	,	and attendance registers	
	Safety Officer			Officer			

Impact management outcome: Management of Freshwater Resources								
Impact Management Actions	Implementation			Monitoring				
	Responsible	Method of implementation	Timeframe for	Responsible	Frequency	Evidence of compliance		
	person		implementation	person				
Impact on the Characteristics of the Wate	Impact on the Characteristics of the Watercourse i.e Flow Regime, Habitat, Biota, Water Quality And Geomorphology due to Construction within Floodline Zone							
No activities must be allowed to	DPM, ECO, ESCO,	Submit an application for a Water	Planning and	DPM; ECO, ESCO;	Planning and	Submit an application for a		
encroach into a water without a water us	Freshwater	use license (if required) guided by	Design, Pre-	Freshwater	Design, Pre-	Water use license (if		
authorization being in place from the	Specialist.	the Freshwater Specialist	Construction	Specialist	Construction,	required) guided by the		
Department of Water and Sanitation, as					During	Freshwater Specialist		
Authorisation (14/12/16/3/3/2/2099.					construction –			
dated 19 May 2022)					daily checks			

Impact management outcome: Management of Freshwater Resources						
Impact Management Actions	Implementation			Monitoring		
	Responsible person	Method of implementation	Timeframe for implementation	Responsible person	Frequency	Evidence of compliance
Construction within the 32 m regulatory zone should be avoided where reasonably practicable. Where engineering designs do not allow for this, the mitigation measures indicated in this EMPr and the Virginia 1 Solar Park EMPr must be adhered to reduce all impacts to the freshwater ECO, ESCOsystems and to prevent sediment changes (sedimentation) to the channels.	ECO, ESCO, DSS, cEO, dEO, Freshwater Specialist	Planning, design and layout – informed by the freshwater assessment report which delineates the drainage channel extent and to inform how far into the 32m regulatory zone the construction can encroach	Planning and design phase / pre- construction / construction	ECO, ESCO; Freshwater Specialist	Planning and Design, Pre- Construction, During construction – daily checks	Planning, design and layout – informed by the freshwater assessment report which delineates the drainage channel extent and to inform how far into the 32m regulatory zone the construction can encroach
During the operational phase, vehicles must not be permitted to deviate from designated access roads, unless authorised by the ECO / ESCO. The indiscriminate use of machinery within the in-stream and riparian habitat will lead to compaction of soils and vegetation and must therefore be strictly controlled, unless authorised by the ECO / Freshwater specialist.	ECO, ESCO, DSS, dEO, cEO	All freshwater sensitive areas must be demarcated and closed off to restrict movement into these areas	Operation		Operation – when required	ECO, ESCO audit and site inspections to ensure that demarcated areas remain isolated from traffic movement on site
During the operational phase, inspections of structures and the servitude access road (particularly any culverts or bridge crossings) following severe storms must be conducted and required maintenance activities must be undertaken based on the inspection findings.	ECO, ESCO, Engineer, Freshwater specialist (if required) DSS, dEO, cEO	Site inspections post storms	Operation	ECO, ESCO; Engineer, Freshwater specialist (if required)	Operation	Site inspection, ECO, ESCO audit and report on findings of storm damage. A storm damage checklist can be written up
Minimize soil exposure around the Solar PV Modules. Re-vegetate exposed areas surrounding the powerline development	ECO, ESCO, dEO, cEO, Freshwater Specialist	Rehabilitation and Revegetation plan	Construction / Operation /		Daily Site Inspections,	ECO, ESCO audit report and Rehabilitation and Site

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Impact management outcome: Management of Freshwater Resources							
Impact Management Actions	Implementation			Monitoring			
	Responsible	Method of implementation	Timeframe for	Responsible	Frequency	Evidence of compliance	
	person		implementation	person			
and allow a sufficient buffer between the cropland development to prevent sedimentation into the wetlands / rivers. As per Condition 34 of the Environmental Authorisation - all	DPM, ECO, ESCO, dEO, cEO, DSS	Pre-construction planning and	Decommissioni ng Planning and Design phase	ECO, ESCO	inspections should especially be conducted after rainstorms/perio ds of high rain and wind Pre-construction	inspection checklist, Revegetation plan report Final design and layout	
development activities should be restricted to the footprint areas of the proposed powerline development. The ESCO should demarcate and control these areas.	420, 620, 200	development footprint area and sensitive feature areas	Design priase		planning and layout design, demarcation during Construction	development footprint boundaries against sensitive features boundaries; Site inspections can be uitilised to monitor the demarcation of these areas prior to construction and placed in an ECO, ESCO audit	
Rehabilitation of the riparian area affected by development after construction have been completed should be considered a high priority and all areas rehabilitated should be audited after construction has ceased by a suitably qualified environmentalist.	ECO, ESCO, dEO, cEO, Freshwater specialist	Rehabilitation and Revegetation Plan guided by the freshwater specialist	Decommissioni ng	ECO, ESCO; Freshwater specialist	Decommissioning	Rehabilitation and Revegetation Site walk through and report	
pegs and danger tape.	cEO, ESCO, dEO, cEO, Freshwater specialist	Planning, design and layout; and Site Inspections during construction	Construction	Freshwater specialist	Construction Phase	Inspection,	

Impact management outcome: Management of Freshwater Resources						
Impact Management Actions	Implementation			Monitoring		
	Responsible	Method of implementation	Timeframe for	Responsible	Frequency	Evidence of compliance
	person		implementation	person		
Edge effects of pre-construction and construction activities, including erosion, sedimentation and alien/weed control, need to be strictly managed in wetland areas as well as their associated buffer zones.	DPM, ECO, ESCO, DSS, dEO, cEO	Planning, design and layout – informed by a freshwater assessment report , Site inspections	Pre- construction / Construction	DPM; ECO, ESCO	During the entire Construction Phase	Site Inspection checklist
<ul> <li>The following general reliabilitation measures should be implemented in the disturbed riparian zone, where reasonably practicable:         <ul> <li>All disturbed surface areas will be re-shaped to resemble the surrounding natural topography. Surfaces will be ripped / scarified, and revegetated with indigenous grass species.</li> <li>Implement concurrent rehabilitation processes to limit degradation of soil biota.</li> <li>Terrestrial invasive removal programs must be maintained throughout the proposed development as well as in the aftercare and maintenance phases.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	cEO, Freshwater specialist	guided by the Freshwater specialist	Decommissioni ng	Freshwater specialist	Construction / Operation / Decommissioning phases	Revegetation Plan report and final site inspection by the freshwater specialist after rehabilitation
If compaction occurs, rectification can be done by application and mixing of manure, vegetation mulch or any other organic material into the area. Use of well cured manure is preferable as it will not be associated with the nitrogen	ECO, ESCO, dEO, cEO, Freshwater specialist, Soil specialist	Rehabilitation and Revegetation Plan	Construction / Operation / Decommissioni ng	ECO, ESCO; Freshwater specialist; Soil specialist	When required / After soil compaction has occurred	Site Inspections, Rehabilitation and Revegetation Plan

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# Impact management outcome: Management of Freshwater Resources

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negative period associated with organic material that is not composted. All compacted areas (including temporary access tracks) are to be ripped/scarified (along contour) to a depth of 150 mm prior to the replacement of topsoil.							
Reprofiling of the banks of disturbed drainage areas to a maximum gradient of 1:3 to ensure bank stability. The banks can be reinforced (where necessary) with gabions, reno mattresses and geotextiles. This is especially relevant for the stormwater outlet area.	Engineer, DPM, DSS, ECO, ESCO, dEO, cEO, Freshwater specialist	Avoid these areas wherever possible. If avoidance is not possible an engineer and Freshwater specialist must guide the reprofiling of the bank. The provision of bank stabilization methods must be implemented.	Construction / Operation / Decommissioni ng	ECO, ESCO; Engineer; DSS; Freshwater specialist	Construction / Decommissioning	Reprofiling design,	
A stormwater plan must be developed with the aid of an engineer to ensure that water runoff is diverted off the site without pooling and stagnation or erosion. Training with regards to stormwater management of site personnel must be undertaken as part of their induction. Refreshment training must be undertaken periodically.	Engineer, DPM, DSS, ECO, ESCO, dEO, cEO, Freshwater specialist	Storm Water Management Plan in Virginia 1 PVSEF EMPr - Appropriate design and mitigation measures must be developed and implemented to minimise impacts on the natural flow regime of the watercourse i.e., through placement of structures/supports and to minimise turbulent flow in the watercourse. The access roads and services roads and stormwater systems must be designed to ensure suitable stormwater management.	Pre- construction / construction / operation	Engineer; ECO, ESCO; Freshwater specialist	Site inspections (especially before a storm / during rainy season)	Storm Water Management Plan in the Virginia 1 PVSEF EMPr. Training rECO, ESCOrds and attendance registered.	
Impact management outcome: Ma	anagement of Fre	eshwater Resources					
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<ul> <li>Regular conditional inspections of all storm water infrastructure are required. Inspection data must be rECO, ESCOrded and accumulated for tracking purposes. Regular reporting should be a scheduled management task: <ul> <li>Specific attention must be given to inspection during and after any rain and/or flood event to kerb any damage that may occur;</li> <li>Implement energy dissipation structures where concentrated flows occur;</li> <li>Stabilise all earth berm structures by specifying correct light compaction and revegetation;</li> <li>Monitor natural drainage lines and dams for sedimentation and notify engineers immediately of issues in order to implement erosion control measures;</li> <li>Regular inspection of the solar panel areas to assess storm water impact which may result from the clearing of vegetation;</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Engineer, DSS, ECO, ESCO, dEO, cEO, Freshwater specialist, maintenance supervisor	Maintenance program for storm water infrastructure	Construction / Operation		Engineer; ECO, ESCO; Freshwater specialist, maintenance supervisor	Site inspections (especially before a storm / during rainy season)	Maintenance program for storm water infrastructure- checklist and report
approvable, should be kept to							

Impact management outcome: Management of Freshwater Resources

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11 cm (minimum) to attenuate							
the stormwater velocity;							
<ul> <li>Vegetated areas should not be</li> </ul>							
subject to chemical fertilisation							
or herbicides or pesticides; and							
<ul> <li>Maintain and clean all drainage</li> </ul>							
structures along roads within							
the project area.							

Impact management outcome: Agricultural Impact Management							
Impact Management Actions	Implementation			Monitoring			
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Management of agricultural resources, sp	pecifically pertainin	g to soil, on site					
Vegetation and soil should be retained in position for as long as possible and should only be removed immediately ahead of construction/earthworks in any specific area.	DSS, ECO, ESCO, dEO, cEO	Site inspection of stockpile management and scarifying activities - Vegetation (grass and small shrubs) should not be cleared from the site prior to construction except if vegetation requires relocation as determined through an ECO, ESCOlogy assessment). This material is to be stripped together with topsoil as it will supplement the	Construction	ECO, ESCO	Construction phase	Site inspection	

Impact management outcome: Agricultural Impact Management							
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		organic and possibly seed content of the topsoil stockpile depending on the time of soil stripping (whether plants are in seed or not).					
Ensure that no unnatural depressions remain that could act as channels for preferential water flow.	DSS, ECO, ESCO, dEO, cEO; Freshwater Specialist	Design and Layout. Ensure these requirements are considered during the final design of the powerline	Construction	ECO, ESCO; Freshwater Specialist	Construction	Final design and layout that incorporates avifaunal buffers (layout must be approved by the Freshwater specialist)	
Management of loss of land capability							
Corridors should be secured around the development footprint areas to ensure the current land use (grazing and agriculture) surrounding the site can continue in a functional way after construction.	ECO, ESCO, dEO, cEO	Site Inspection to ensure no encroachment occurs into the adjacent areas	Construction / DECO, Decommissioni ng	ECO, ESCO	Construction / Decommissionin g	Site Inspection to ensure no encroachment occurs into the adjacent areas	
This is a recommendation – not a requirement: Considering that re-growth of grass will take place under the panels as the mounting systems are at least 1m above ground level, the grazing value of the land will still be available to small livestock such as game, goats and sheep. At the end of the lifetime of the solar plant, structures will be removed, and natural vegetation will re-establish naturally. The grazing value of the land can therefore be increased by using planted pasture underneath the solar	DPM, ECO, ESCO, DSS, dEO, cEO, Agricultural Specialist	This option must be discussed with the DPM and ECO, ESCO and Agricultural Specialist after construction	Post construction / Operation	ECO, ESCO; DPM; Agricultural Specialist	Operation / Decommissionin g	This option must be discussed with the DPM and ECO, ESCO and Agricultural Specialist after construction	

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Impact management outcome: Ag	ricultural Impact	Management						
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panel mounts. The nature of the vegetation at the farm is therefore marginal for extensive livestock production. Using planted pasture to supplement livestock production is however possible but this could be constrained by high demand for irrigation.	vilication							
Management of Son destruction and Ste	ermsation							
Topsoil should be handled twice only - once to strip and stockpile, and secondly, to replace, level, shape and scarify.	ECO, ESCO, DSS, dEO, cEO	Stockpile Management	Construction	ECO, ESCO; DSS	During Construction – when Stockpiling activities are applicable	Site inspections		
Stockpile topsoil separately from subsoil.	ECO, ESCO, DSS, dEO, cEO	Stockpile Management on Site	Construction	ECO, ESCO; DSS	During Construction – when Stockpiling activities are applicable	Site inspections		
Topsoil stockpiles should not exceed 2.0 m in height and should be protected by a mulch cover where possible.	ECO, ESCO, DSS, dEO, cEO	Stockpile Management on Site	Construction	ECO, ESCO; DSS	During Construction – when Stockpiling activities are applicable	Site inspections		
Maintain topsoil stockpiles in a weed free condition.	ECO, ESCO, DSS, dEO, cEO	Stockpile Management on Site	Construction	ECO, ESCO; DSS	During Construction – when Stockpiling	Site inspections		

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					activities are			
					applicable			
Topsoil should not be compacted in any	ECO, ESCO, DSS,	Stockpile Management on Site	Construction	ECO, ESCO; DSS	During	Site inspections		
way, nor should any object be placed or	dEO, cEO				Construction –			
stockpiled upon it					when Stockpiling			
					activities are			
					applicable			
Stockpile topsoil for the minimum time	ECO, ESCO, DSS,	Stockpile Management on Site	Construction	ECO, ESCO; DSS	During	Site inspections		
possible i.e., strip just before the	dEO, cEO				Construction -			
relevant activity commences and					when Stockpiling			
replace as soon as it is completed.					activities are			
					applicable			

Impact management outcome: Avifaunal Impact Management						
Impact Management Actions	Implementation			Monitoring		
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Reduction and management of bird habit	at loss and displace	ement of resident birds.				
An Avifaunal walkthrough must be	DPM, ECO, ESCO,	Site walk down by the Avifaunal	One month	ECO, ESCO;	Pre-Construction	Site walk down Avifaunal
conducted by a suitably qualified	Avifaunal	Specialist - identify nesting sites just	prior to	Avifaunal		Report to look for nesting
Avifaunal Specialist within one month	Specialist	before construction begins as there	construction	Specialist		sites
prior to the commencement of construction to identify breeding sites		will have been a long time period	commenceme			

Impact management outcome: Av	ifaunal Impact M	anagement				
Impact Management Actions	Implementation			Monitoring		
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and ground truth the final layout. The most sensitive bird species on site is the Secretary bird <i>Sagittarius serpentarius</i> .		since the last survey was done. If any nests are found a suitably qualified bird specialist must be contacted for advice on dealing with these	nt			
As the site falls into regime 2 of the best practice guidelines (as per above) there is an additional requirement of carcass searching as well as avifaunal baseline monitoring if the best practice guidelines are to be followed. Carcass searching must be done during operation and the avifaunal baseline monitoring needs to be done for 6 months in year 1 and 6 months in year 2. The construction and operational avifaunal monitoring plan that is in line with BirdLife South Africa/Endangered Wildlife Trust's most recent guideline. Monitoring of: - Bird collisions - Bird carcass counting	ECO, ESCO, dEO, cEO, Avifaunal Specialist	The construction and operational avifaunal monitoring plan, considering Birdlife guidelines – to be determine by the Avifaunal Specialist	Construction / Operation	ECO, ESCO; Avifaunal Specialist	Construction / Operation phases	Avifaunal monitoring plan report which incorporates the BirdLife South Africa/Endangered Wildlife Trust's most recent guideline. This must be written by and signed of by a suitably qualified Avifaunal Specialist
Management of the disturbance to bird	s during the constr	uction stage		·	·	·
Any bird nests that are found during the construction period must be reported to the ECO, ESCO and Avifaunal Specialist. Most birds are particularly sensitive to disturbance during the breeding season	ECO, ESCO, dEO, cEO, Avifaunal Specialist	Site inspections / observations of bird nests.	Construction / Operation	ECO, ESCO; Avifaunal Specialist	Construction / Operation phases	Site inspections, Avifaunal monitoring report

Impact management outcome: Av	ifaunal Impact M	anagement				
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and this must be borne in mind when planning the initial earth-moving phase.						
Reducing and management of bird elect	rocutions on the u	tility infrastructure of the plant				
All high-risk perching surfaces should be fitted with bird guards and perch guards as deterrents (Hunting 2002).	ECO, ESCO, dEO, cEO, DSS, Avifaunal specialist	Design and Layout. Ensure these requirements are considered during the final design of the powerline	Construction / Operation	ECO, ESCO; Avifaunal specialist	Construction / Operation phases	Final design and layout that incorporates avifaunal buffers (layout must be approved by the Avifaunal specialist)
Installation of artificial bird space perches and nesting platforms, at a safe distance from energised components (Goudie 2006; Prinsen et al. 2012).	ECO, ESCO, dEO, cEO, DSS, Avifaunal specialist	Design and Layout. Ensure these requirements are considered during the final design of the powerline	Construction / Operation	ECO, ESCO; Avifaunal specialist	Construction / Operation phases	Final design and layout that incorporates avifaunal buffers (layout must be approved by the Avifaunal specialist)
Bird collisions with solar panels						
Unnecessary lighting around the plant should be eliminated and security lights should not illuminate the night sky and preferably be directed downwards. - Panels should be tilted towards the vertical when not in use. - If the site must be lit at night for security purposes, this should be done with downward- directed low-UV type lights.	ECO, ESCO, dEO, cEO, DSS, Avifaunal specialist, Engineer	Lighting design and layout	Operation	ECO, ESCO; Avifaunal specialist; Engineer	Operation phase – nighttime checks of lighting	Lighting design and layout site inspections and collision checklists and reporting
ECO, ESCO's should be trained in collecting information w.r.t bird collision cases and avian research institutions	ECO, ESCO, dEO, cEO, DSS, Avifaunal	Training on bird collisions	Operation	Avifaunal specialist	Operation phase – Weekly	Training rECO, ESCOrds on bird collisions

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Impact management outcome: Avifaunal Impact Management							
Impact Management Actions	Implementation			Monitoring			
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should be commissioned to carry out ongoing monitoring.	specialist, Engineer						
General considerations to reduce bird in	npacts						
All jumpers at transformers, t-offs and strain structures should be insulated and made bird safe (Jenkins 2008).	ECO, ESCO, dEO, cEO, DSS, Avifaunal specialist, Engineer	Design and Layout. Ensure these requirements are considered during the final design of the powerline	Construction / Operation	ECO, ESCO; DSS; Avifaunal specialist	Construction / Operation phases	Insulation methods and materials and techniques must be approved by the Avifaunal Specialist	
The possibility of using a single perimeter, bird and small mammal- friendly fence should be investigated.	ECO, ESCO, dEO, cEO, DSS, Avifaunal specialist	Implementation of a small mammal- friendly fence on site	Operation	ECO, ESCO; DSS; Avifaunal specialist	Construction / Operation phases	Site inspections and ECO, ESCO audits to check the functioning of the fence	
Regular cleaning and maintenance activities should prevent defecation on the panels from bECO, ESCOming a problem. ECO, ESCO-friendly bird deterring devices could also prevent large birds from perching on the panel structures.	ECO, ESCO, dEO, cEO, DSS, Avifaunal specialist	Solar panel maintenance and cleaning maintenance plan that incorporate environmentally friendly cleaning materials and products that will not harm fauna and flora on site	Operation	ECO, ESCO; Avifaunal specialist	Construction / Operation phases	Cleaning and maintenance checklist and site inspections	
If birds are nesting on the infrastructure of the facility and cannot be tolerated due to operational risks of fire, electrical shorts, soiling of panels or other concerns, this can be prevented by using mesh or other devices to excluding them.	ECO, ESCO, dEO, cEO, DSS, Avifaunal specialist	Bird deterrents mechanisms such as mesh.	Operation	ECO, ESCO	Construction / Operation phases	Site inspections and ECO, ESCO audits to check the functioning of the bird deterrent utilized	

Impact Management Actions	Implementation			Monitoring	Monitoring		
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Management of Heritage features						•	
A 100m buffer must be retained around the Heritage site – <b>Site EXIGO</b> – <b>VSP-</b> <b>IA01</b> . The site is located outside the proposed Virginia Solar Park project areas however, the buffer must be maintained to ensure that any activity during the construction, operation and dECO, Decommissioningof the site does not encroach (refer to Figure 10 of this	ECO, ESCO, dEO, cEO, Heritage / Paleo Specialist	Desing and Layout; or if the sites will be destroyed the correct permitting process must be followed and the Heritage Specialist contacted to guide the process	Planning phase and prior to construction	ECO, ESCO Heritage/ Palae Specialist	); Construction O phase	Desing and Layout; or if the sites will be destroyed the correct permitting process must be followed and the Heritage Specialist contacted to guide the process	
EMPr). The following sites fall outside of the development area and do not have buffers, however, monitoring by an ECO, ESCO must occur to ensure that any activity during the construction, operation and dECO, Decommissioningof the site does not encroach (refer to Figure 10 of this EMPr). Site Exigo-VSP-HP01 to Site Exigo-VSP- HP06	ECO, ESCO, dEO, cEO, Heritage / Paleo Specialist	Desing and Layout; or if the sites will be destroyed the correct permitting process must be followed and the Heritage Specialist contacted to guide the process	Planning phase and prior to construction	ECO, ESCO Heritage/ Palae Specialist	0; Construction 0 phase	Site inspections and ECO, ESCO Audits	
Three burial sites occur on Blomskraal outside of the Virginia Solar Park project areas (Site Exigo-VSP-BP01 - Site Exigo- VSP-BP03). The sites are of high heritage	ECO, ESCO, dEO, cEO, Heritage / Paleo Specialist	Site Management Plan (SMP) which is incorporated into the ECO, ESCO Audit reports	Construction	ECO, ESCO Heritage/ Palae Specialist	0; Construction 0 phase	Site inspections and ECO, ESCO Audits . Site Management Plan (SMP)	

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Impact management outcome: Heritage and Palaeontological Impact Management

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significance and it is rECO,						should be implemented,
ESCOmmended that these resources be						detailing these conservation
closely monitored by an informed ECO,						measures and indicating
impact on these sites. A conservation						responsible parties in this
buffer of 50m should be observed						regard. In addition, it is
around the sites.						advisable to erect fences
						around the burial sites and
						to implement access control
						to the sites.
Should any subsurface palaeontological	ECO, ESCO, dEO,	A Chance find Protocol (Please see	Construction	ECO, ESCO;	Construction	A Chance find Protocol
(fossils), archaeological or historical	cEO, Heritage / Paleo Specialist	the Palaeontological Specialist		Heritage / Palaeo Specialist	phase	(Please see the
material, or burials be exposed during		Report Appendix A) must be adhered				Palaeontological Specialist
construction activities, all activities		to. The Heritage and				Report Appendix A) must be
archaeological specialist and SAHRA		Palaeontological Specialist must be				adhered to. The Heritage
should be notified immediately.		contacted when material is				and Palaeontological
		unearthed				Specialist must be contacted
						when material is unearthed
It is recommended that the proposed	ECO, ESCO, dEO,	Design and Layout to incorporate the	Daily / weekly	ECO, ESCO;	Daily / weekly	A final layout and design
development be constrained to, where	cEO, Heritage /	sensitive Palaeonotological and	monitoring of	Heritage / Palaeo	monitoring of	which incorporates the
reasonably practicable:	Paleo Specialist	Heritage areas into the layout.	potential	Specialist	potential	sensitive Palaeonotological
<ul> <li>The flat, non-impated grassland that covers the</li> </ul>			development		development	and Heritage areas into the
majority of the farm, currently			encroachment		encroachment	layout. This must be
serving as cattle and game			into these 'No-		into these 'No-go'	approved by the Heritage /
farming land			go' areas.		areas.	Palaeo Specialist
<ul> <li>the irrigated cropland in the</li> </ul>			-			·
northwest and northeast						
sections of the farm, currently						

Impact management outcome: Heritage and Palaeontological Impact Management

Impact Management Actions	Implementation			Monitoring		
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growing maize/corn						
Due to palaeontological sensitivity, we do	ECO, ESCO, dEO,	Design and Layout to incorporate the	Daily / weekly	ECO, ESCO;	Daily / weekly	A final layout and design
not recommend development on:	cEO, Heritage /	sensitive Palaeonotological and	monitoring of	Heritage / Palaeo	monitoring of	which incorporates the
The north-south Maselspruit	Paleo Specialist	Heritage areas into the layout.	potential	Specialist	potential	sensitive Palaeonotological
The three east-west erosional			development		development	and Heritage areas into the
gullies or tributary streams, west			encroachment		encroachment	layout. This must be
of the Maselspruit River			into these 'No-		into these 'No-go'	approved by the Heritage /
<ul> <li>The south-east running erosional</li> </ul>			go' areas.		areas.	Palaeo Specialist
gully or tributary stream, east of						
the Maselspruit River (Fig. 9:						
light yellow shading).						

Impact management outcome: Visual Impact Management								
Impact Management Actions	Implementation		Monitoring					
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	person		implementation	person				
Management of Visual Impacts								
Dust clouds from construction activities	DSS, ECO, ESCO,	Dust Management Plan. Consider	All phases	DSS, ECO, ESCO	Daily monitoring	Daily road watering		
and vegetation clearance. Ensure that	dEO, cEO	Laying asphalt for internal and				irrigation checklist		
dust suppressing techniques are in place		access roads				_		
at all times. These could include the								
regular wetting of the soil or the								
application of dust suppressing agents.								

Impact management outcome: Visual Impact Management								
Impact Management Actions	Implementation			Monitoring				
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<ul> <li>During the field work and impact assessment it was noted that the existing vegetation would play a minimal role in screening the proposed project components from VSRs. However, care should still be taken to: <ul> <li>Retain as much of the existing vegetation as possible.</li> <li>Where vegetation is cleared, a rehabilitation plan should be implemented. This should be done in conjunction with the Vegetation, Visual Impact and any other relevant specialists.</li> <li>Where possible and required, careful placement of new or transplanted vegetation should be planted in areas relevant to (Visual Sensitive Receptor) VSR</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	DSS, ECO, ESCO, dEO, cEO	Rehabilitation and Revegetation Plan. The Visual specialist can be contacted to guide vegetation rehabilitation requirements pertaining to visual impacts specifically	Construction / Decommissioni ng	DSS, ECO, ESCO	Weekly observations	Rehabilitation and Revegetation Plan. The Visual specialist can be contacted to guide vegetation rehabilitation requirements pertaining to visual impacts specifically		
It is assumed that construction activities would be limited to daylight hours. With regards to the construction camp: - Refrain from causing 'light spillage' beyond the construction camp by installing light fixtures with directional illumination. - Keep lighting to a minimum by installing low-level bollard type lights instead of post top lights along walkways between	ECO, ESCO, dEO, cEO, DSS, Visual Specialist	Design guidelines informed by the Visual Impact Assessment and a qualified and suitable Visual Specialist.	Construction / Operation	ECO, ESCO; Visual Specialist	Daily checks of lighting	Design guidelines; Site Inspections; Complaints register rECO, ESCOrding light pollution complaints by neighbours		

Impact management outcome: Visual Impact Management							
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buildings. - Where possible avoid high flood lights, and instead use lower locally lit installations. - In general, lighting should be carefully directed and only be used where absolutely necessary. Should construction activities extend during night-time, adhere to the same recommendations as for the construction camp.							
Colour: Where possible use earthy tones to greys with a toned-down hue, instead of whites and creams, as such combinations are recessive to the eye and tend to be slightly less noticed. Do not keep to a uniform colour but break up the components with slightly different colour tones.	DPM, DSS, ECO, ESCO, Visual Specialist	Design and Layout	Planning and design phase; pre- construction; Construction (painting phase)	DSS; ECO, ESCO	Planning and design phase; pre-construction; Construction (painting phase)	Design and Layout	

Impact management outcome: Tra	affic Impact Man	agement						
Impact Management Actions	Implementation			Monitoring	Monitoring			
	Responsible	Method of implementation	Timeframe for	Responsible	Frequency	Evidence of compliance		
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Management of Traffic Impacts - Recommendations								
The below are recommendations:	DPM, DSS, ECO,	Design and Layout	Planning phase	DSS; ECO, ESCO;	Construction /	Final design and layout		
	ESCO, Traffic		and prior to	Traffic Specialist	Operation phases			
Intersection of Virginia Road and	Specialist		construction					
Proposed Virginia 1, 2 and 3 access points:			construction					
<ul> <li>Provide 60 meters dedicated</li> </ul>								
right turn lane on the eastern								
approach of Virginia Road.								
<ul> <li>Provide 60 meters dedicated</li> </ul>								
right turn lane on the western								
approach of Virginia Road.								
<ul> <li>Provide 60 meters dedicated</li> </ul>								
left turn lane on the eastern								
approach of Virginia Road.								
<ul> <li>Provide 60 meters dedicated</li> </ul>								
left turn lane on the western								
approach of Virginia Road.								
<ul> <li>Provide 60 meters acceleration</li> </ul>								
lane towards the east of								
Virginia Road.								
<ul> <li>Provide 60 meters acceleration</li> </ul>								
lane towards the west of								
Virginia Road.								
<ul> <li>Provide reflective road studs as</li> </ul>								
part of the proposed								
intersection to improve								
visibility of the intersection								
geometry when it is dark.								
- Provide relevant road traffic								
signs and road markings.								

Impact management outcome: Traffic Impact Management								
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As part of the construction phase, a dedicated loading and off-loading area on site should be established where workers can safely be loaded and off- loaded by public transport or arranged transport.	DSS, ECO, ESCO	Demarcation of a loading bay	Construction	DSS; ECO, ESCO	Daily checks that the loading bay is being utilized correctly and that offloading or on- loading is not occurring outside of demarked areas	Demarcation using red danger tape during construction		
Obtain approval for the position and geometric layout for the proposed access intersection from and to Virginia Road. This approval should be obtained from the Free State Department of Police, Roads and Transport as part of the detailed design phase.	DSS, ECO, ESCO, cEO, dEO, Traffic Specialist	The final layout must be submitted to the Free State Department of Police, Roads and Transport for approval on road access positions	Post construction – if required	DPM; Traffic Specialist; ECO, ESCO	Post construction – if required	The final layout must be submitted to the Free State Department of Police, Roads and Transport for approval on road access positions		

Impact management outcome: Social Impact Management							
Impact Management Actions	Implementation	Implementation			Monitoring		
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Creation of employment and business op	Creation of employment and business opportunities, and opportunity for skills development and on-site training.						

Impact management outcome: Social Impact Management							
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<ul> <li>Preparation and implementation of a Stakeholder Engagement Plan (SEP) prior to and during the construction phase.</li> <li>Where reasonable and practical, the proponent should appoint local contractors and implement a 'locals first' policy, especially for semi and low-skilled job categories.</li> <li>Where feasible, appoint local contactors that are compliant with Broad Based Black ECO, ESCOnomic Empowerment (BBBEE) criteria.</li> </ul>	Project Manager, Contractor	Agreements and training	Pre- construction and during construction	Project Manager, Contractor, ECO, ESCO	Pre-construction and during construction	Signed agreements and training rECO, ESCOrds	
Impacts associated with the presence o	f construction wor	kers on local communities					
<ul> <li>Preparation and implementation of a Stakeholder Engagement Plan (SEP) prior to and during the construction phase.</li> <li>Preparation and implementation of a Community Health, Safety and Security Plan (CHSSP) prior to and during the construction phase.</li> <li>The SEP and CHSSP should include a Grievance Mechanism that enables stakeholders to report resolve incidents.</li> <li>The proponent and contractor should develop a Code of Conduct (CoC) for construction workers</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Project Manager, Contractor</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Stakeholder engagement, security, grievance form, and safety Agreements and training</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Pre- construction and during construction</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Project Manager, Contractor, ECO, ESCO</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Pre- construction and during construction</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Signed agreements and training rECO, ESCOrds</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>The proponent and the contractor should implement an HIV/AIDS, COVID-19 and Tuberculosis (TB) awareness programme for all</li> </ul>							

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construction workers at the outset of the construction phase. The programmes should form part of the CHSSP.	f ioh-seekers							
	i job seekers							
<ul> <li>The proponent should implement a policy that no employment will be available at the gate.</li> </ul>	Project Manager, Contractor	Stakeholder engagement, security and safety Agreements and training	Pre- construction and during construction	Project Manager, Contractor, ECO, ESCO	Pre-construction and during construction	Signed agreements, stakeholder engagement registers and documents		
Increased risks to livestock and farming	infrastructure asso	ociated with the construction related a	ctivities and presend	ce of construction v	workers on the site			
<ul> <li>All farm gates must be closed after passing through.</li> <li>Should damage to farmland occur, a Grievance procedure must be implemented and followed</li> <li>Contractors appointed by the proponent must ensure that all workers are informed at the outset of the construction phase of the conditions contained in the Code of Conduct, specifically consequences of stock theft and trespassing on adjacent farms.</li> </ul>	Project Manager, Contractor	Farmer engagement, live stock management, Agreements and training, Grievance procedure and report	Pre- construction and during construction	Project Manager, Contractor, ECO, ESCO	Pre-construction and during construction	Signed agreements and, live stock management records, Grievance procedure and report		
Increased risk of grass fires associated w	vith construction re	elated activities						

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<ul> <li>Contractor should ensure that open fires on the site for cooking or heating are not allowed except in designated areas.</li> <li>Smoking on site should be confined to designated areas.</li> <li>Contractor should ensure that construction related activities that pose a potential fire risk, such as welding, are properly managed and are confined to areas where the risk of fires has been reduced. Measures to reduce the risk of fires include avoiding working in high wind conditions when the risk of fires is greater. In this regard special care should be taken during the high-risk dry, windy winter months.</li> </ul>	Project Manager, Contractor	Farmer engagement, fire department engagement, management, Agreements and training	Pre-construction and during construction	Project Manager, Contractor, ECO, ESCO	During construction	Signed agreements and rECO, ESCOrds, fire management plan
Nuisance impacts, such as noise, dust, ai	nd safety, associat	ed with construction related activities	and vehicles			
<ul> <li>Establishment of a Grievance Mechanism that provides local farmers and other road users with an effective and efficient mechanism to address issues related to construction related impacts, including damage to local gravel farm roads.</li> <li>The movement of heavy vehicles associated with the construction phase should be timed to avoid times days of the week. such as</li> </ul>	Project Manager, Contractor	Site control signs, establish a grievance mechanism form, dust management plan	Pre- construction, during construction, operation	Project Manager, Contractor, ECO, ESCO	Pre-construction, during construction, operation	Site control signs, establish a grievance mechanism form, dust management plan

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weekends, when the volume of traffic travelling along the access roads may be higher.								

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