

**DEVELOPMENT OF THE 450MW EMERGENCY RISK MITIGATION POWER PLANT (RMPP) INCLUSIVE OF LIQUID PETROLEUM GAS STORAGE FACILITIES AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE ON SITES LOCATED IN ALTON, RICHARDS BAY, KWAZULU-NATAL PROVINCE**

**COMMENTS AND RESPONSES REPORT**

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The 450MW Emergency Risk Mitigation Power Plant (RMPP) inclusive of Liquid Petroleum Gas Storage Facilities and Associated Infrastructure Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process was announced on 18 September 2020 through the distribution of the process notification letter and a Background Information Document (BID). The letter and BID served to invite Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) to register their interest in the project and to submit any comments / queries that they might have. All written comments received during the commencement of the EIA process and prior to the release of the draft Scoping Report (DSR), have been included in the table below.

The DSR has been made available for a 30-day review and comment period from **Friday, 02 October 2020** until **Monday, 02 November 2020** and all comments received during the review and comment period will be included in the final Scoping Report (FSR) as **Appendix C8**.

**LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS / ACRONYMS**

DSR	Draft Scoping Report	EIA	Environmental Impact Assessment
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## 1. COMMENTS RECEIVED DURING THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE EIA PROCESS

### 1.1. Organs of state

No.	Comment	Raised by	Response
1.	<p>We acknowledge receipt of your enquiry received on 8 September 2020 and advise that our records indicate that no claims for restitution in terms of the provisions of the Restitution of Land Rights Act, 22 of 1994 (as amended) have been lodged in respect of properties described as:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Erf 1794;</li> <li>2. Erf 1804;</li> <li>3. Remainder of Erf 1796</li> <li>4. Portion 1 of Erf 1796;</li> <li>5. Erf 16875;</li> <li>6. Remainder of Erf 5333;</li> <li>7. Portion 118 of Erf 5333;</li> <li>8. Portion 145 of Erf 5333;</li> <li>9. Portion 150 of Erf 5333;</li> <li>10. Remainder of Portion 8 of Erf 5333;</li> <li>11. Erf 15424;</li> <li>12. Portion 148 of Erf 5333; and</li> <li>13. Remainder of Erf 6363.</li> </ol> <p>Whilst great care is taken to verify the accuracy of the information regarding all claims, the Regional Land Claims Commission will not be held responsible for any damage or loss suffered as a result of information furnished in this regard as there are claims lodged with</p>	<p>NP Mdluli                      (pp: Lynn Boucher)                      Manager: Information and Records Management                      Regional Land Claims Commissioner: KwaZulu-Natal</p> <p>Letter: 21 September 2020</p>	<p>The confirmation regarding the current record status that no claims for restitution for the properties listed are acknowledged and the project team will consult with the Department throughout the EIA process.</p>

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	the Commission which are not yet captured in our database as they are not yet published in the relevant government gazette.		
2.	Kindly find my interest to be registered in a database for I&APs for the Development of the 450mw emergency risk mitigation power plant (RMPP). I represent Eskom Transmission division in the study area and would like your office to share KMZ files for your proposed development with us.  We will provide comments on behalf of Eskom Transmission	Vuledzani Thanyani Eskom Transmission / Land and Rights Senior Environmental Advisor Eskom  E-mail: 22 September 2020	Eskom's representative has been registered on the project database and will receive a formal request to submit written comments on the DSR when available for review and comment.

## 1.2. Key stakeholders

No.	Comment	Raised by	Response
1.	Grindrod Property owns the adjoining site and therefore we have a natural interest.	Patrick Caley Director Grindrod Property Holdings  Registration and Comment Form: 17 September 2020	The property owner's registration was acknowledged and a formal letter informing them of the commencement of the EIA has been sent to the Director of Grindrod Property Holdings.

## 1.3. Registered I&APs

No.	Comment	Raised by	Response
1.	I have been forwarded the relevant documents for the public participation process by please may I have some additional detail:	Dave Savides Editor-in-Chief Zululand Observer	The capital expenditure on the project is dependent upon the final technology choice and power plant size and could be up to US\$450 million.

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	<p>What is the value of the project?</p> <p>Jobs during construction and permanent?</p> <p>Time frame?</p> <p>FYI                      It probably needs to be checked whether there is a pending land claim on the area.                      I have been in Richards Bay for over 30 years and, sad to say, that area is almost sterile.                      In the past whenever there was a bush fire we would see many animals and reptiles crossing the highway to escape – now we see nothing: no snakes, tortoises, hares, etc.</p>	<p>E-mail: 08 September 2020</p>	<p>Estimate of 300 jobs during construction and 40 during operations (excluding contractors), with an operational life of at least 20 years.</p> <p>The project is being developed in order to bid into the Risk Mitigation Independent Power Producer Procurement Programme being administered by the Independent Power Producer Office, which is targeting to procure 2000MW of new dispatchable generation projects for commissioning by 30 June 2022.</p> <p>The recommendation to the project team to confirm any pending land claim/s submitted on the development site is acknowledged. It can confirm that the Chief: Land Claims and the Department of Rural Development and Land Reform, as an Organ of State, is on the project database and a formal letter will be submitted to the Land Claims Commission to obtain information regarding any land claims submitted, as is the practice.</p> <p>The information shared regarding the biodiversity state of the development area is noted.</p>
<p>2.</p>	<p>Please find below details as discussed just now.</p> <p><b>Company interest was listed in e-mail and is included in Appendix C5 of the DSR)</b></p>	<p>Heidi                      Weldtech Engineering (Pty)                      Ltd</p> <p>E-mail: 15 September 2020</p>	<p>Company details as submitted per e-mail was acknowledged and the project's registration and comment form, to formally register, on the project database was included in the acknowledgement e-mail.</p> <p>It needs to be noted that Savannah Environmental's scope of work is to undertake the environmental studies</p>

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			for the proposed development and is not part of sourcing vendors, staff, construction phase or operational phase, and therefore the company details as provided has been forwarded to the applicant for their perusal.