

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION

BASIC ASSESSMENT PROCESS FOR THE RETROFITTING OF THE EXISTING ELECTROSTATIC PRECIPITATORS WITH FABRIC FILTER BAGS AT GROOTVLEI POWER STATION UNITS 2, 3 AND 4, MPUMALANGA PROVINCE

DEA Reference Number:
14/12/16/3/3/1/600

Notice is hereby given in terms of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations published in Government Notice R543 and Listing Notice 1 (GN. R544) of 2 August 2010 in terms of Section 24 (5) of the National Environmental Management Act (Act No. 107 of 1998) (NEMA), that Eskom Holdings (SOC) Limited (Grootvlei Power Station) proposes to retrofit the existing Electrostatic Precipitators (ESPs) with Fabric Filter Bags (FFPs) at the Grootvlei Power Station Units 2, 3 and 4, Mpumalanga. In terms of the EIA Regulations of 2010 the following listed activities are applicable:

GN. No. R544 Activity 28	The expansion or changes to existing facilities for any process or activity where such expansion or changes will result in the need for a permit or license in terms of national or provincial legislation governing the release of emissions or pollution, excluding where the facility, process or activity is included in the list of waste management activities published in terms of section 19 of the National Environmental Management: Waste Act, 2008 (Act No. 59 of 2008) in which case that Act will apply
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Lidwala Consulting Engineers (SA) (Pty) Ltd has been appointed as the independent Environmental Assessment Practitioner to carry out the required Basic Assessment process, as well as to conduct the associated public consultation process. Anyone who would like to register as an Interested and/or Affected Party, receive a copy of the Background Information Document, or submit comments on the proposed project should do so using the contact details provided below.

DRAFT BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORT AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC REVIEW

As part of the Basic Assessment (BA) and public participation process, you are invited to review the **draft Basic Assessment Report**. This report includes the public participation and studies carried out during the assessment phase of the project, and it documents proposed mitigation measures for potential impacts identified during the study. A draft Environmental Management Plan (EMP) accompanies the report. The report will be available for review from **10 July 2012 to 7 August 2012** at the following public places:

Venue	Address	Hours	Contact Number
Grootvlei Power Station Main Gate - Reception		Mondays to Friday 08h00 – 16h00	017 779 8801
Balfour Public Library	Cnr Johny Mokoena Drive & Themba Shozi Street, Balfour	Mondays to Thursdays: 09h00 – 13h00 and 14h00 – 15h30 Fridays:09h00 – 13h00	017 773 0055
Lidwala Website	www.lidwala.com		0861 543 9252
Eskom EIA website	http://www.eskom.co.za/c/44/environmental-impact-assessments/		0861 543 9252

Please submit your written comments on this draft Basic Assessment Report by no later than **7 August 2012** to the public participation consultants below.

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