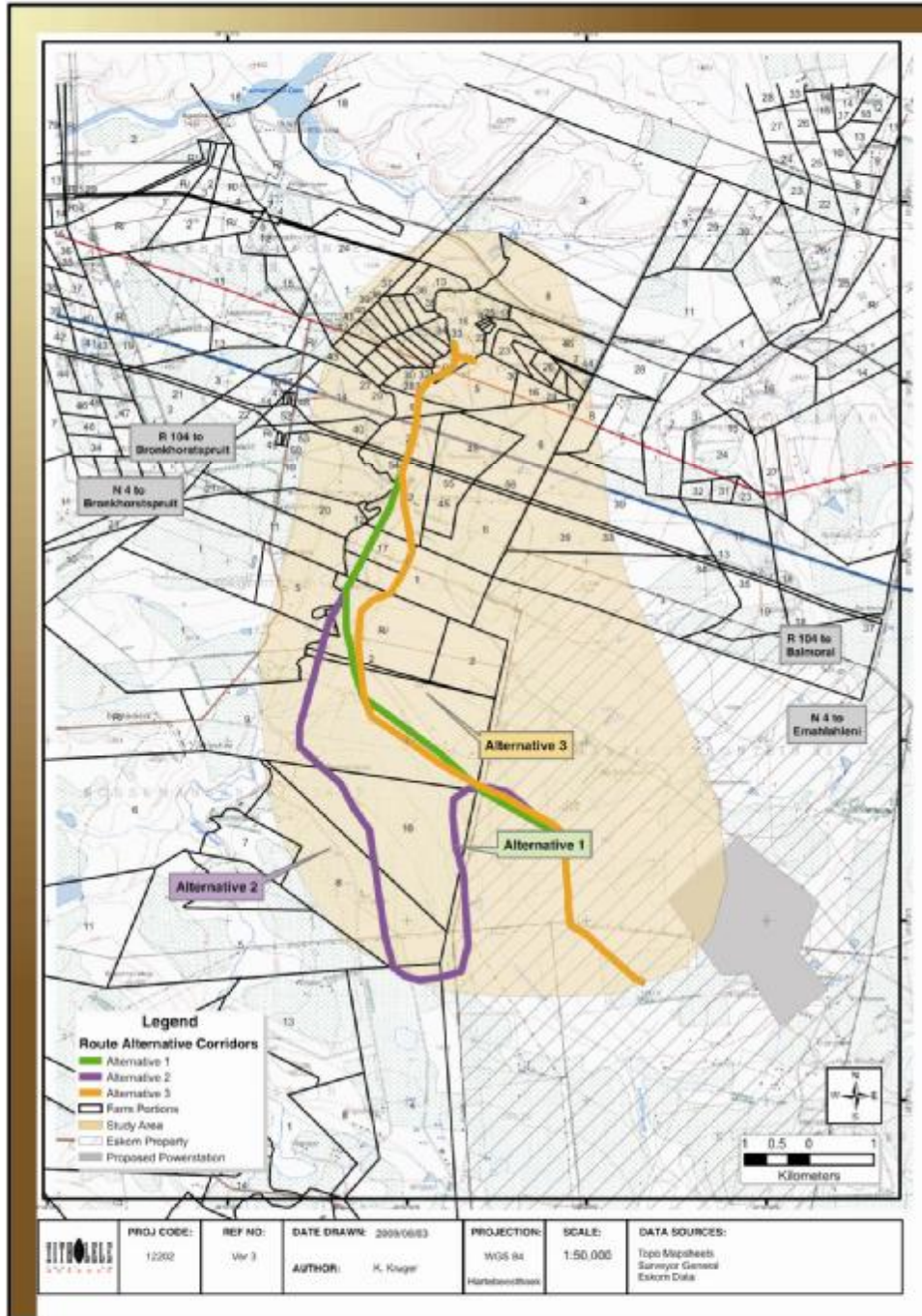


NOTICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT AND WATER USE LICENSE APPLICATION

DEAT Ref No 12/12/20/1488

Eskom would like to construct a railway line and associated infrastructure to connect Kusile Power Station, west of Witbank to the national railway grid



ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT

Notice is hereby given, in terms of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, under Section 24 (5) of the National Environmental Management Act (NEMA), (Act No 107 of 1998) as published in GN R385, 386, 387 – Government Gazette No. 28753 of 21 April 2006, that an EIA is being undertaken for the proposed development for submission to the Department of Water and Environmental Affairs.

WATER USE LICENSE APPLICATION

Notice is being given, in terms of the National Water Act (NWA) (No 36 of 1998), for the application of a Water Use License for the proposed development to the Department of Water and Environmental Affairs. It is envisaged that the following water uses will be undertaken on site:

- Section 21 (i): Altering the Bed, Banks, Course or Characteristics of a Watercourse
- Section 21 (c): Impeding or Diverting the Flow of Water in a Watercourse

The Water Use License Application will be accompanied by a Technical Report which will detail all water uses, and propose suitable monitoring programmes and mitigation measures where applicable.

The purpose of this study is to identify and evaluate issues of concern and potential environmental and social impacts, and propose feasible mitigation measures against such impacts. The objective of the assessment is to investigate the potential environmental and social impacts and issues of the proposed activity in support of an application for Environmental Authorisation.

PUBLIC COMMENT ENCOURAGED

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This assessment is being conducted on behalf of Eskom

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Indicates the location of site notices placed

| Item | Description of the location of notice | Picture/photo |
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| 1.1 | Main access road to Kusile power station. |  A photograph showing a site notice posted on a wooden post in a field. In the background, there are power lines, a utility pole, and a white van parked near a structure, likely the Kusile power station. |
| 1.2 | Farm road going north from the R104 situated east of the proposed railway route. This road only has this one access point to the R104. |  A photograph of a person in a blue jacket standing on a dirt farm road, looking at a site notice posted on a wooden post. The road is bordered by a wire fence and leads into a field. |
| 1.3 | Farm road running almost parallel next to the existing railway line. |  A photograph showing a site notice posted on a wooden post. In the background, there is a blue corrugated metal structure and a railway line running parallel to the road. |

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| Item | Description of the location of notice | Picture/photo |
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| 1.4 | Farm road going north from the R104 situated west of the proposed railway route. All the small holdings on this road only have this one access point to the R104. |  |
| 1.5 | Bossemanskraal farm road going south from the N4 at the Bossemanskraal/Wilgerivier off-ramp west of the three alternatives. |  |
| 1.6 | Farm road going over the N4 at the same spot where the proposed railway line will cross the N4 connecting the R104 with the farms south of the N4. |  |

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| Item | Description of the location of notice | Picture/photo |
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| 1.7 | Farm road south of the N4 running to the east of alternatives 1 and 3. |  |
| 1.8 | Farm road going east from the Bossemanskraal farm road crossing alternative 2. |  |

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