

2 DETAILS OF ROLE PLAYERS

2.1 Introduction

The following section of the DSR provides the particulars, including contact details, of the applicant, the EIA consultant and the relevant authorities.

2.2 Details of Applicant

In 2010 Eskom Holding Limited invited proposals for an EIA for the expansion of the Ash dam infrastructure at Hendrina Power Station in order to increase the life of the power station. Lidwala Consulting Engineers (SA) (Pty) Ltd responded to the invitation and was commissioned as an independent environmental consultant to conduct the EIA and Waste License Application.

The details of the applicant are shown in **Table 2.1** below.

Table 2.1: Details of the applicant

Name of Applicant:	Eskom Holding Limited (Hendrina Power Station) 
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2.3 Details of Independent Environmental Assessment Practitioner

Lidwala Consulting Engineers (SA) (Pty) Ltd was invited by Eskom Holding Limited to submit a proposal for the required Environmental Impact Assessment and Waste License Application for the expansion of the Hendrina Ash Dam infrastructure at the Hendrina Power Station, Mpumalanga and was subsequently appointed to undertake the relevant investigations.

Lidwala Consulting Engineers (SA) (Pty) Ltd. is an integrated group of highly trained scientists, project managers, engineers and GIS technicians, providing cost-effective solutions and specialist services in a wide range of disciplines. The multi-disciplinary consulting, management and design approach allows for the execution of projects in a holistic way, as this is believed to be the best environment to fully meet the needs of our clients.

The environmental and planning services department (Lidwala EPS) is situated in Nelspruit, Bloemfontein, Randburg and Pretoria. Lidwala EPS provides environmental planning and management services in accordance with the Integrated Environmental Management (IEM) procedure, the EIA regulations required by the Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA), and other internationally recognised standards such as ISO 14000, the international standard for Environmental Management Systems.

The members of this department have extensive experience in the environmental strategic planning fields, impact assessment, management plans and other related environmental fields such as waste management, Environmental Management Systems (EMS) and environmental legislation. The company's impressive track record includes a wide range of projects.


It comprises of a small yet experienced group of professional staff that have over 55 years combined experience. We offer a wide spectrum of environmental services including:

- Environmental Impact Assessments;
- Environmental Management Programmes and Plans;
- Environmental advisory services;
- Environmental monitoring and auditing;
- Environmental training;
- Mining Permits;
- Public participation;
- Environmental Management Systems;
- Strategic Environmental Assessments;
- Environmental Management Frameworks;
- Integrated Development Planning; and
- Geographical Information Systems.

Our team's combined experience in the environmental field ensures that we are able to successfully complete this project.

The CVs of the Project Director and Project Leader as well as the environmental scientists are available in **Appendix C**.

Table 2.2: Details of the independent EIA consultant (Environmental Assessment Practitioner)

Name of Consultant:	Lidwala Consulting Engineers (SA) (Pty) Ltd 
Contact person:	Mr. Frank van der Kooy / Ms. Ashlea Strong
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Expertise to conduct this EIA:	<p>Mr. van der Kooy is currently the director and manager of the environmental unit. He holds diplomas in both Agriculture and Landscape planning as well as an Honours Degree in the Sociology of city and urban planning, environment and ecology. He is registered as an environmental scientist (Pr.Sci.Nat) with the SA Council for Natural Scientific Professions. Frank has over 38 years of experience in the environmental field. He provides strategic and technical input on a diverse range of environmental fields and projects including the design and implementation of environmental management systems, environmental impact assessment studies, environmental management plans, as well as the provision of environmental management solutions and mitigation measures.</p> <p>Ms A. Strong holds a Masters in Environmental Management; a BTech (Nature Conservation), and a National Diploma (Nature Conservation); She is also a Certified Environmental Assessment Practitioner of South Africa (CEAPSA). She has 12 years experience in the environmental field - she provides technical and strategic expertise on diverse projects in the environmental management field, including environmental scoping and impact assessment studies, environmental management plans, waste management, as well as the provision of environmental management solutions and mitigation measures. She has been involved in the management of a number of large EIAs within South Africa and has environmental auditing and training experience and expertise. Ashlea currently awaits the outcome of her EAPSA application.</p>

2.4 Details of Competent / Relevant Authority

The National Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA) will act as the competent authority and the DWA and MDEDET as the commenting authority for this application. The mandate and core business of DEA is underpinned by the Constitution and all other relevant legislation and policies applicable to the government.

Table 2.3: Details of the relevant competent authority – DEA

Name:	National Department of Environmental Affairs 
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Case Officer:	Nyiko Ngoveni / Mmatlala Rabothata
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2.5 Details of Commenting Authorities

2.5.1 Mpumalanga Department of Economic Development, Environment and Tourism

The Mpumalanga Department of Economic Development, Environment and Tourism (MDEDET) and the Department of Water Affairs (DWA) will act as a commenting authority for this application.

Table 2.5: Details of the commenting authorities – MDEDET



Name:	Mpumalanga Department of Economic Development, Environment and Tourism 
Contact person:	Mrs Dineo Tswai
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Table 2.6: Details of the commenting authorities – DWA

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