



**ENVIRONMENTAL SCOPING REPORT FOR THE
PROPOSED PUMPED STORAGE POWER
GENERATION FACILITY IN THE STEELPOORT
AREA, LIMPOPO AND MPUMALANGA
PROVINCES**

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**Environmental Scoping Report
Checklist**

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**COMPLIANCE CHECKLIST FOR THE SUBMISSION OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL SCOPING
REPORT**

Activity	
Obtain the written consent of the landowner to undertake the proposed activity on that land.	Complete
Applications subject to scoping and environmental impact assessment Submission of application to competent authority	
Compile and submit the completed application form for environmental authorisation to the competent authority, together with – (i) a declaration of interest by the EAP on a form provided by the competent authority;	Complete Complete
Steps to be taken after submission of application	
Give notice, to any organ of state which has jurisdiction in respect of any aspect of the activity;	Complete
Open and maintain a register of all interested and affected parties in respect of the application in accordance with regulation 57;	Complete
Consider all objections and representations received from interested and affected parties following the public participation process;	Complete
Subject the application to scoping by identifying – (i) issues that will be relevant for consideration of the application; (ii) the potential environmental impacts of the proposed activity; and (iii) alternatives to the proposed activity that are feasible and reasonable;	Complete Complete Complete
Prepare a scoping report in accordance with regulation 29; and	Complete
Give all registered interested and affected parties an opportunity to comment on the scoping report in accordance with regulation 58.	Complete
Content of scoping reports	
A scoping report must contain all the information that is necessary for a proper understanding of the nature of issues identified during scoping, and must include –	Complete
Details of the EAP who prepared the report	Complete

A description of the proposed activity and of any feasible and reasonable alternatives that have been identified;	Complete
A description of the property on which the activity is to be undertaken and the location of the activity on the property	Complete
A description of the environment that may be affected by the activity and the manner in which the physical, biological, social, economic and cultural aspects of the environment may be affected by the proposed activity;	Complete
An identification of all legislation and guidelines that have been considered in the preparation of the scoping report;	Complete
A description of environmental issues and potential impacts, including cumulative impacts, that have been identified	Complete (Cumulative Impacts to be assessed during the EIA phase as the ESS is an issues based report)
Information on the methodology that will be adopted in assessing the potential impacts that have been identified, including any specialist studies or specialised processes that will be undertaken;	Complete
Details of the public participation process conducted in terms of regulation 28(a), including – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) the steps that were taken to notify potentially interested and affected parties of the application; (ii) proof that notice boards, advertisements and notices notifying potentially interested and affected parties of the application have been displayed, placed or given; (iii) a list of all persons or organisations that were identified and registered in terms of regulation 57 as interested and affected parties in relation to the application; and (iv) a summary of the issues raised by interested and affected parties, the date of receipt of and the response of the EAP to those issues; 	Complete Complete Complete Complete
A plan of study for environmental impact assessment which sets out the proposed approach to the environmental impact assessment of the application, which must include – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) a description of the tasks that will be undertaken as part of the environmental impact assessment process, including any specialist reports or 	Complete Complete

<p>specialised processes, and the manner in which such tasks will be undertaken;</p> <p>(ii) an indication of the stages at which the competent authority will be consulted;</p> <p>(iii) a description of the proposed method of assessing the environmental issues and alternatives, including the option of not proceeding with the activity; and</p> <p>(iv) particulars of the public participation process that will be conducted during the environmental impact assessment process; and</p>	<p>Complete</p> <p>Complete</p> <p>Complete</p>
Submission of scoping reports to competent authority	
<p>The EAP managing an application must submit the scoping report compiled in terms of regulation 28(f) to the competent authority, together with –</p> <p>(a) copies of any representations, objections and comments received and responses to those comments and or objections</p> <p>(b) copies of the minutes of any meetings held</p>	<p>Complete</p> <p>Included in Issues Trail</p> <p>Complete</p>
Public participation process	
<p>Take into account any guidelines applicable to public participation and must give notice to all potential interested and affected parties of the application which is subjected to public participation by –</p>	<p>Complete</p>
<p>Fixing a notice board at a place conspicuous to the public at the boundary or on the fence of -</p> <p>(i) the site where the activity to which the application relates is or is to be undertaken; and</p> <p>(ii) any alternative site mentioned in the application;</p>	<p>Complete</p> <p>Complete</p> <p>Complete</p>
<p>Giving written notice to –</p> <p>(i) the owners and occupiers of land adjacent to the site where the activity is or is to be undertaken or to any alternative site;</p> <p>(ii) the owners and occupiers of land within 100 metres of the boundary of the site or alternative site who are or may be directly affected by the activity;</p> <p>(iii) the municipal councillor of the ward in which the site or alternative site is situated and any organisation of ratepayers that represents the</p>	<p>Complete</p>

community in the area; (iv) the municipality which has jurisdiction in the area; and (v) any organ of state having jurisdiction in respect of any aspect of the activity;	Complete Complete
Placing an advertisement in – (i) one local and regional newspaper;	Complete Complete
A notice board which should provide all the necessary information regarding the application and the project and contact details. This notice board should be of the correct size as stipulated by the regulations	Complete
The person conducting the public participation process must ensure that, a briefing paper is distributed to all necessary parties. Provide all I&APs with opportunity to comment.	Complete
Register of interested and affected parties	
An applicant or EAP managing an application must open and maintain a register which contains the names and addresses of all interested and affected parties and organs of state	Complete

Signed by the EAP: _____

Date: _____