BASIC ASSESSMENT PROCESS

NOTICE OF THE PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF A MAKE-UP AND RAW WATER SUPPLY PIPELINE AT THE MEDUPI COAL FIRED POWER STATION IN LEPHALALE, LIMPOPO PROVINCE

Notice is given in terms of Regulation 41(2) of GNR 326 (07 April 2017) published under section 24 and 24D of the National Environmental Management Act (No. 107 of 1998) (NEMA) (as amended) for submission of applications for an Environmental Authorisation (EA) in respect of activities identified in terms of GNR 327 as Amended (7 April 2017)

BACKGROUND AND LOCATION

Eskom Holdings SOC Limited (Eskom) proposes to construct a make-up and raw water supply pipeline at the Medupi Coal Fired Power Station on farms Naauw Ontkomen 509 LQ, Portion 0 and Kuipersbult 511 LQ, Portion 0, in Lephalale, Ward 2, Lephalale Local Municipality, Limpopo. Medupi Power Station is being constructed with installation of Flue Gas Desulphurisation (FGD) system, to manage sulphur dioxide (SO₂) emissions, to each of the six 800 MegaWatt (MW) coal fired steam electricity generating units. The FGD Project will result in the addition of wet limestone open spray tower FGD systems to each of units. To support the FGD operation, additional raw water is required, and this water will be supplied from the Mokolo Crocodile Water Augmentation Project – Phase 2 (MCWAP-2). The proposed pipeline requires an environmental authorisation (EA) in terms of NEMA)and the associated Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2014 as amended. Due to the nature of the project thresholds, Eskom is required to follow a Basic Assessment (BA) process to acquire environmental approval prior to the commencement of the Proposed Project.

ENVIRONMENTAL APPLICATION

The following listed activities are triggered:

NEMA EIA Regulations: GNR 327 Activities 9, 12, 19 and 27.

REGISTRATION

WSP Environmental (Pty) Ltd (WSP) was appointed as the independent Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) by Eskom to manage BA process. Parties wishing to formally register as interested and affected parties in order to receive more information and/ or raise their comment(s) on the proposed project, are requested to forward their full contact details to the EAP and disclose their direct and/or indirect business, financial, personal or other interest in the project. Any comments on the proposed project should be submitted to the EAP via the details provided below. Registered interested and affected parties will be forwarded all future project related correspondence and notified individually of additional opportunities to participate in the process.

DRAFT BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORT REVIEW PERIOD

The Draft Basic Assessment Report will be made available at the venues below for review and comment for 30 days from 13 May 2019 – 12 June 2019.

Area	Venue	Street Address	Contact No
Lephalale	Ellisras Public Library	Cnr Jan Lee and Magol Street	014 762 1453
Marapong (Lephalale)	Marapong Public Library	916 Phukubye Street, Marapong, Lephalale, 0556	014 762 1617
Lephalale	Mogol Golf Club	Wells Street, Lephalale, 0557	014 763 4948
WSP Website	https://www.wsp.com/en-ZA/services/public-documents		
Eskom Website	http://www.eskom.co.za/OurCompany/SustainableDevelopment/EnvironmentalImpactAssessments/Pages/Environment_Impact_Assessments.aspx (it will be saved		
	as Medupi Make-up and Raw Water Supply Pipelines)		

Kindly ensure that all comments on the proposed project or requests to be registered as an Interested and Affected Party are submitted to the contact details provided herewith, by **12 June 2019**. Should you have any queries/comments, please do not hesitate to contact the EAP.

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Figure 1: Site Layout



