

2 DETAILS OF ROLE PLAYERS

2.1 Introduction

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

2.2 Details of Applicant

The Eskom Conversion Act, 2001 (Act No. 13 of 2001) established Eskom Holdings SOC Limited (Eskom) as a State Owned Enterprise, with the Government of South Africa as the only shareholder, represented by the Minister of Public Enterprises. According to the Memorandum of Association required by the Eskom Conversion Act and the Companies Act, 1973 (Act No. 61 of 1973), Eskom's main objective is to "provide energy and related services including the generation, transmission, distribution and supply of electricity, and to hold interests in other entities.

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

Table 2.1: Details of the applicant

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2.3 Details of Independent Environmental Assessment Practitioner

Lidwala Consulting Engineers (SA) (Pty) Ltd was invited by Eskom Holding (SOC) Limited to submit a proposal for the required Environmental Impact Assessment for the proposed new Tabor – Nzhelele 400 kV Powerline, Limpopo Province 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, Polokwane, 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 B**.

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

Name of Consultant:	Lidwala Consulting Engineers (SA) (Pty) Ltd 
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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) with the interim board of certification. She has 13 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.</p>

2.4 Details of Competent / Relevant Authority

The National Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA) will act as the competent authority and the LDEDET 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

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2.5 Details of Commenting Authority

2.5.1 Limpopo Department of Economic Development, Environment and Tourism

The Limpopo Department of Economic Development, Environment and Tourism (LDEDET) will act as a commenting authority for this application.

Table 2.4: Details of the commenting authorities – LDEDET

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