

APPENDIX 7B: COMMENTS AND RESPONSE REPORT

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AMENDMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION FOR THE PROPOSED ±130KM ESKOM FOSKOR – MERENSKY POWERLINE FROM 275KV TO 400KV AND ASSOCIATED SUBSTATION WORKS IN THE LIMPOPO PROVINCE



Date	Receipt	Name and contact details	Organization		Comment or Issues raised by the	Response by	Date of Response by EAP
of Co	mment	of the interested and			interested and affected party	Environmental	
		affected party				Assessment Practitioner	
						(EAP)	
31	October	Craig Spencer	Warden:	Balule	It has come to our attention that	Your email dated 31	02 November 2016
2016			Nature Reserv	⁄e	Nsovo is applying on behalf of	October 2016 has	
					Eskom Holdings to amend the	reference.	
					Record of Decision issued for the		
					above.	Please receive attached	
					As this will directly affect the	BID as requested and	
					properties, nature reserves and	your previous comments	
					Protected Areas already listed as	will be incorporated in the	
					Interested and Affected Parties	Amendment report.	



during the original process,		
please provide us with the	Please note that you will	
intended amendments as	be kept abreast with the	
mentioned in your notice, pinned	project proceedings	
to the existing power lines, dated		
27 October 2016.		
For the record:		
1. Please be aware that the		
affected regions of the Balule		
Nature Reserve enjoy statutory		
protection in terms of Section 23		
of the National Environmental		
Management: Protected Areas		
Act;		
2. The objections and comments		
logged during the previous		
prescribed public participation		
process that guided the current		
record of decision, have not		
changed.		
3. The Meseke and		



Mashishimale tribal authorities	
and community property	
associations have not been	
consulted and are unaware of	
the proposals.	
4. I have been instructed by the	
367 farmers that are represented	
by the Balule Nature Reserve	
Management Authority, to up-	
hold our original objections and	
comments.	
5. The Balule Nature Reserve	
and its neighbours are	
recognised as important	
components of the Kruger	
National Park Buffer Zone, in	
terms of the National Buffer Zone	
policy for National Parks.	
Therefore, please furnish me	
with the proposed amendments	
and the supporting	



			documentation.		
16 November	Juliet Nkomi	Maseke Community	No comment received from	A notice of amendment of	16 November 2016
2016	julietnkomi@gmail.com		I&AP.	Environmental	
	072 725 9854			Authorisation for the	
				proposed ±130km Eskom	
				Foskor – Merensky Power	
				line From 275kv To 400kv	
				And Associated	
				Substation Works, was	
				sent to the land owner,	
				however no response was	
				received.	
16 November	Marlette Ferreira	McCormick Property	Ms Ferreira acknowledged	Site notice and locality	17 November 2016
2016	012 654 6330	Development	receipt of the notification and	map were forwarded to	
			requested digital format of the	the I&AP.	
			document.		
	Jaco du Plessis	Pieterse, Du Toit &	The Minister of Agriculture	The EAP acknowledge	16 January 2017
	0828539070	Associate (PTY) LTD	approved our application for	receipt of the	
		Town and Regional	township establishment	correspondence in this	



		Planners	(Burgersfort X75) on 12 January	regard.	
			2017.		
			We are in progress to continue	The letter and the locality	
			with the township establishment	plan were forwarded to	
			procedure, i.e. surveying of	Eskom for comment	
			township, submission of general	response/comment.	
			plan to Surveyor-General and		
			registration of township.		
			If Eskom intends to make		
			amendments to the approved		
			layout plan of Burgersfort X75 to		
			accommodate the proposed		
			Foskor-Merensky Power line, it		
			should be done before we		
			commence surveying of the		
			township.		
23 February	Adam Gunn	Representing Phuza	Adam Gunn from Gunn	Information was provided	24 February 2017
		Moya	Attorneys is the legal	as per the request of the	
			representative of Phuza Moya	I&AP.	
			Game Farm owned by Mr. Steve		
			Topham: Following receipt of	The draft amendment	



			the notice he raised the following: Requested additional information and a meeting with the EAP.	report will be submitted on 13th April 2017 for review and comment, following which meetings will be held with all stakeholders and affected parties.	
13 March 2017	Adam Gunn adam@gunnattorneys.co. za	Representing Phuza Moya	Adam Gunn submitted a letter with comments.	The comments were addressed during the focus group meeting with Alexia-Rae Sebba. Refer to Appendix 11.2.	01 June 2017
23 March 2017	Pienaar pienaarp1571@gmail.com	Land owner	No comment from the I&AP.	The EAP had a telephone conversation with Mr. Pienaar notifying him about the project An email was sent as follow up; however no response was received.	23 March 2017
23 March 2017	Albert Zinn azinn@iafrica.com	Land owner	No comment from the I&AP.	A telephone call was made to Mr. Zinn to notifying him about the	23 March 2017



				project, and it was	
				followed by an email	
				notifying him of the	
				proposed project. Further	
				the Draft report was set for	
				review and comment and	
				no response was	
				received.	
				The landowner was invited	
				to the public meetings;	
				unfortunately he did not	
				pitch at any of the	
				meetings.	
06 March 2017	Jacques Du Randt	Ekuthuleni Share	Jacques would like to be register	The EAP acknowledged	10 April 2017
		Block (Pty) Ltd	as an interested and Affected	receipt and informed him	
		Portion 7 of the Farm	Party.	that he will be added on	
		Oxford 183,		the I&AP database.	
		Registration Division		Further, the EAP sent the	
		KT, Limpopo		draft Amendment report to	
		Province		the I&AP for review and	
				comment, and invited him	



						to the public meeting to	
						further address all	
						questions and queries	
						regarding the	
						aforementioned project.	
						No comments were	
						received on the Draft	
						report and he did not	
						attend any of the	
						meetings.	
20 April 2017	Luki Mia	Owner	of	Farm	Luki Mia's comments were as	Luki Mia was invited to	1 June 2017.
		Oxford			follows:	attend a focus group	
					We are the Owner's of Farm	meeting where he asked	
					Oxford which falls within the	questions and his issues	
					Corridor.	were addressed. Refer to	
						Appendix 11.2.	
					We need Clarity Regarding the		
					Following:		
					1) Are You Constructing a Totally		
					New Powerline or Just an		



Extension and Ungrade of the
Extension and Upgrade of the
Existing 275kva Line?
2) What will be the total distance
of the Width of the corridor on
our Property?
We have the Following
Immediate Objections:
1) De-valuation of our property
2) We have been blessed with a
beautiful farm; the power lines
spoil the beautiful scenery.
3) The current 275kV line is
noisy, the 400kV would be un-
acceptable.
We also fall under the Olifants
West Nature Reserve which is
within the Balule Nature
Reserve. You will have to first
consult them before we proceed



			further.		
15 - 17 May	Comments raised during	Refer to Appendix	Most of the comments raised	E-mails with information	1 June 2017.
2017	the public meetings at	E11-2.	during the public meetings were	were sent to some of the	
	Greater Tubatse Local		addressed during the meetings.	attendants.	
	Municipality and The				
	Oaks Tribal Hall.				
1 May 2017	Ross Kettles		Ross Kettles submitted his	Rob Panos was sent the	2 May 2017
			comments as follows:	draft Foskor – Merensky	
			Please take note that I am no	Amendment Report and	
			longer employed by The Greater	Environmental	
			Makalali Private Game Reserve.	Management programme.	
			Please address all reserve		
			related correspondence to the	However no further	
			new warden,	comments were received.	
			wardengmpgr@rawifi.co.za (Rob	Ross Kettles did not	
			Panos) Private emails can be	attend any of the	
			sent to my new email address,	meetings.	
			rossk@wispernet.co.za. My cell		
			phone number will remain the		



			same.		
30 May 2017	Irene Becjer	Owner Portion 7 of	Irene requested a map that show	A locality map depicting	01 June 2017
	Tel: 012 492 1108	Farm Oxford 183	the powerline route in relation to	where their farm is located	
	admin1@uni-vision.co.za		their property and she also	in relation to the powerline	
			wanted to know if there will be an	was sent to her	
			increase in servitude between		
			275kV and400kV powerline		
31 May 2017	Luki Mia	Owner of Farm	Luki Mia requested a map or	A locality map was sent to	1 June 2017
	Cell: 072 238 9781	Oxford	diagram of Exactly where the	him.	
	sollysjhb@gmail.com		Proposed New Powerline will		
			cross his farm.		
	LEDET	Provincial Authority	The Draft Environmental	Comments received and	15 May 2015
	Mr Mothapo		Authorisation Amendment	captured accordingly.	
	0152907164		Report was sent to the		
	MothapoSW@ledet.gov.z		department on 18th April 2017 for		
	<u>a</u>		comment and review.		
			The Department acknowledged		
			receipt and indicated that they		



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	are satisfied with the contents.	