



NOTICE OF SCOPING AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT FOR THE PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF A TRANSMISSION POWER LINE FROM APOLLO SUBSTATION TO LEPINI SUBSTATION, EKURHULENI METROPOLITAN MUNICIPALITY, GAUTENG

INVITATION TO COMMENT DEAT REF NO: 12/12/20/1170

Notice is given in terms of Regulation 56 of the Environmental Impact Regulations published in Government Notice R385 in Government Gazette No. 28753 of 21 April 2006, under Section 24(5) of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No.107 of 1998), as amended, that **Eskom Holdings Ltd** proposes to construct a 400kV transmission line, 30km in length, from Apollo Substation to Lepini Substation in Ekurhuleni Metropolitan Municipality, Gauteng.

In terms of Sections 24 and 24(D) of the Act, as read with Government Notices Regulations 22 – 26 and R. 386 (Item 1 (m); 7; 12; 15 and 16) and R. 387 (Item 1 (l) and 2), a Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment process is required for the proposed development. The aforementioned regulations are detailed below:

R. 386

Item 1 (m): “The construction of facilities or infrastructure, including associated structures or infrastructure, for any purpose in the one in ten year flood line of a river or stream, or within 32 metres from the bank of a river or stream where the flood line is unknown, excluding purposes associated with existing residential use, but including canals; channels; bridges; dams; and weirs.”

Item 7: “The above ground storage of a dangerous good, including petrol, diesel, liquid petroleum gas or paraffin, in containers with a combined capacity of more than 30 cubic metres but less than 1 000 cubic metres at any one location or site.”

Item 12: “The transformation or removal of indigenous vegetation of 3 hectares or more or of any size where the transformation or removal would occur within a critically endangered or an endangered ecosystem listed in terms of section 52 of the National Environmental Management: Biodiversity Act, 2004 (Act No. 10 of 2004).”

Item 15: “The construction of a road that is wider than 4 metres or that has a reserve wider than 6 metres, excluding roads that fall within the ambit of another listed activity or which are access roads of less than 30 metres long.”

Item 16: “The transformation of undeveloped, vacant or derelict land to:

- (a) establish infill development covering an area of 5 hectares or more, but less than 20 hectares; or
- (b) residential, mixed, retail, commercial, industrial or institutional use where such development does not constitute infill and where the total area to be transformed is bigger than 1 hectare.”

R. 387

Item 1 (l): “The construction of facilities or infrastructure, including associated structures or infrastructure, for the transmission and distribution of above ground electricity with a capacity of 120 kilovolts or more.”

Item 2: “Any development activity, including associated structures and infrastructure, where the total area of the developed area is, or is intended to be, 20 hectares or more.”

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