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EIA Phase Public Participation Report: Environmental Impact Assessment for the Proposed Continuous Ash Disposal Facility for the Matimba Power Station in Lephalale, Limpopo Province

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## 1 I&AP DATABASE

## 1.1 Organs of State

|              |                                      | Organs of State  |
|--------------|--------------------------------------|--|
| Name         | Last Name                            | Company  |
| AK           | Kharivhe                             | Department of Mineral Resources  |
| Azwihangwisi | Mulaudzi                             | Department of Minerals Resources   |
| L            | Kobe                                 | Department of Water and Sanitation   |
| Daisy        | Mafubelu                             | Department of Health and Social Development                                      |
| Floyd        | Brink                                | Department of Roads and Transport  |
| LB           | Maesela                              | Department of Economic Development, Environment and Tourism                      |
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| Maylene      | Broderick                            | Department of Economic Development, Environment and Tourism - Head of Department |
| ММ           | Komape                               | Department of Water and Sanitation - Director: Water Regulation and Use          |
| Phillip      | Hine                                 | South African Heritage Resources Agency  |
| Steven       | Kgobalala                            | Department of Agriculture  |
| Raletjena    | Moloko                               | Department of Water and Sanitation   |
| Thabo        | Kwena                                | Department of Health and Social Development                                      |
| Themba       | Nkolele                              | Department of Health and Social Development                                      |
| Tinyiko      | Malungani                            | Limpopo Department of Economic Development, Environment & Tourism (LEDET)        |
| Ivan         | Riggs                                | Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries - National                     |
| IJ           | Selokela                             | Lephalale Local Municipality   |
| Edward       | Munyai                               | Lephalale Local Municipality   |
| G. B.        | Koadi                                | Lephalale Local Municipality   |
| Johan        | Van den Berg                         | Lephalale Local Municipality   |
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| M.J.         | Selokela                             | Lephalale Local Municipality   |
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| Michael      | Mohatshe                             | Lephalale Local Municipality   |
| Tebogo       | Ntshangase                           | Lephalale Local Municipality Speakers Office                                     |
| Victor       | Monyepao                             | Lephalale Local Municipality   |
|              | Department of Public<br>Works        | Department of Public Works   |
|              | Department of Roads<br>and Transport | Department of Roads and Transport  |

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| Ward Councillors    |           |        |  |
|---------------------|-----------|--------|--|
| William             | Motlokwa  | Ward 1 |  |
| Galethabeloe Bertha | Koadi     | Ward 2 |  |
| Sybil Maud          | Nieuwoudt | Ward 4 |  |
| Mokgadi Johanna     | Mojela    | Ward 5 |  |

## 1.3 Landowners

|  | Landowners |   |  |  |  |
|--|------------|---|--|--|--|
| Hilton                                 | Atkinson   | Exxaro Coal (Pty) Ltd                             |  |  |  |
| Mervin                                 | Govender   | Exxaro Coal (Pty) Ltd                             |  |  |  |
| Marius                                 | Fuls       | Exxaro Coal ( Pty) Ltd (Ferroland Wildlife)       |  |  |  |
| Victor Monyepao Lephalale Local Munici |            | Lephalale Local Municipality (Appelvlakte 448 LQ) |  |  |  |
| Susara Maria Gouws Private (G          |            | Private (Ganzepan 446 LQ)                         |  |  |  |
| Allan                                  | Malherbe   | Triple Farm Game Ranch                            |  |  |  |

## 1.4 General I&APs

|           |               | General                                 |
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| Name      | Last Name     | Company                                 |
| AH        | Grobbelaar    | Farm Jacobsloop                         |
| Andries   | Van Rensburg  | Farms Hanover, Colesberg & Adelaide     |
| Anna      | Shongoane     | Tribal Authority: Setateng, Mmatladi    |
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| Bob       | Naidoo        | Private                                 |
| Carel     | Erasmus       | Farm Grietasvlakte: Portion 1           |
| Clive     | Robinson      | Werkendam (Portion 1) & Rietspruit      |
| D         | De Beer       | Noed Family Trust                       |
| Dries     | De Ridder     | Stads & Streekse Planner                |
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| EL        | Grove         | Farm Gorkum                             |
| FFW       | Heystek       | Farm: Good Hope                         |
| Filomaine | Swanepoel     | Exxaro Coal (Pty) Ltd                   |
| Francois  | Van der Mark  | Farm Marseilles: Portion 1 of portion 2 |
| Francois  | Van der Merwe | Marseilles                              |
| Frederick | Malan         | Halbosrust & Grootfontein               |
| GAM       | Ravazzotti    | Ellington Ranch (Pty)Ltd & Farms Toulon |
| Gysbert   | Vlok          | Marseilles                              |
| Н         | Kotze         | Rhinoland Safaris (Pty) Ltd             |

|                     |               | General                                    |
|---------------------|---------------|--|
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| Hendrik             | Van Rensburg  | Farm Norfolk                               |
| Herman              | Pretorius     | Ellisras & Hoornbosch Farmers' Union       |
| Hester              | Ellis         | Farm Grietasvlakte: Ptn 2                  |
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| Jacobus             | De Wet        | Farm New York                              |
| Jacobus             | Myburgh       | Farm Zwellendam                            |
| James               | Higgs         | Farms Jacobsloop                           |
| Jan                 | Eckard        | Transvaal Agricultural Union               |
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| JL                  | Wepener       | Exxaro Coal (Pty) Ltd                      |
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| Johannes Wilhelmus  | Van Rooyen    | Private                                    |
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| JSC                 | Duvenhage     | Farm Caledon                               |
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| Koos                | Smit          | Exxaro                                     |
| Louise              | Van Rooyen    | Private                                    |
| Louw                | Swanepoel     | Private                                    |
| Mare                | Nel           | Farm Kalkfontein                           |
| Maria               | Cocquyt       | Private                                    |
| Marius              | Kotze         | Rhinoland Safaris (Pty)Ltd                 |
| Mathienus Frederick | Loots         | Private                                    |
| Menno               | Glas          | Sonhel Boerdery (Pty)Ltd                   |
| MI                  | Shiko         | Private                                    |
| Michiel Christiaan  | Erasmus       | Private                                    |
| Nico                | Meyer         | Matlabas Spares                            |
| Nicolene            | Venter        | Pilot Freight (PTY) Ltd                    |
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| Р                   | Vastapane     | Farm George                                |
| Petrus              | Van Staden    | Farm Beaufort                              |
| Phillip             | Bronkhorst    | Safari Lands                               |
| PM                  | Tomaszenski   | Authoriteit                                |
| PSJ                 | Van Rensburg  | Farm Beaufort                              |
| RJ                  | Setlane       | Shonghoane Chief Representative            |
| Ronell              | Kruger        | Ellisras Tourism Association               |
| Ronnie              | Wiehahn       | Wild Study & Kolobe Bush Lodge             |
| TA                  | Smit          | Preymentos Beleggings CC                   |
| Theresa             | White         | Kudu Canyon & Waterberg Nature Conservancy |
| Tienie              | Loots         | Farm Zongesien: Portion 1                  |

| General |                 |  |
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| Name    | Last Name       | Company  |
| Tshiala | Silas Raluthaga | Hi-Q Multichoice Industrial Cleaning                     |
| Stef    | Snyders         | Private  |
| WA      | Lewies          | Transvaal Agricultural Union                             |
|         |                 | Highmast Properties                                      |
|         |                 | ALTOOSTYD CC   |
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|         |                 | Exxaro Coal ( Pty) Ltd                                   |
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|         |                 | Farm George Town   |
|         |                 | Ferroland Wildlife                                       |
|         |                 | Exxaro Coal ( Pty) Ltd                                   |
|         |                 | ONSNAMU NURSARY PTY LTD                                  |
|         |                 | PLAASLIKE OWERHEID VAN MARAPONG                          |
|         |                 | ROOIBOSRAND DEV PTY LTD                                  |
|         |                 | SUNFOX 33 CC   |
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#### INTEGRATED ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION APPLICATION FOR THE PROPOSED CONTINUOUS ASH DISPOSAL FACILITY FOR THE MATIMBA POWER STATION IN LEPHALALE, LIMPOPO PROVINCE (DEA REF: 14/12/16/3/3/3/56)

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Notice is hereby given in terms of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations (2010) published in Government Notice No R 5.43 to No R 5.46 of 2010, in terms of Section 24 (5) of the National Environmental Management Act (No 107 of 1998)(as amended), the National Environmental Management: Waste Act (No 59 of 2008), and the National Water Act (No 50 of 1998) that Eskom Holdings SOC Ltd ("Eskom") has submitted an Integrated Environmental Authorisation application to the National Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA) and is in the process of submitting a Water Us Licence Application to the Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) for the proposed continuous ast disposal facility for the Matimba Power Station in Lephalale, Limpopo Province. Eskom has undertaken an Environmental Impact Assessment study and will submit the final Environmental Impact Assessment Report and associated Water Use Licence Application to DEA and DWS, respectively, in support of the proposed project.

#### NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT REPORT (EIAR) FOR PUBLIC REVIEW

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Royal HaskoningDHV website (www.hdhv.co.za/pages/services/environmentali/

#### INVITATION TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

All interested and/or affected parties (I&APs) are invited to attend either of the public meetings to be held at the venues listed below. The project team will be available to discuss and answer any questions you may have regarding the findings of the draft EIAR. The date, time and venue for the public meetings are as follows:

| DAT    | E    | TIME        | VENUE                     |  |
|--------|------|-------------|---------------------------|--|
| 21 May | 2015 | 14:00-16:00 | Mogol Club, Lephalale     |  |
| 21 May | 2015 | 17:00-19:00 | Manketti Lodge, Lephalale |  |

Please address your written comments to the public participal information you may require regarding the public meetings. ation consultant as well as any further

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#### **LEPHALALE** MUNICIPALITY **PUBLIC NOTICE**



#### INVITATION FOR INPUTS AND COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT IDP/ BUDGET 2015/2016. Notice is hereby given in terms of Section 25(a) (i) and subsection (3) (a) (i) (ii)

(b) of Chapter 5 of Municipal Systems Act (Act 32 of 2000) that the draft IDP and Budget for 2015/2016 has been compiled and presented to Council on the 30 March 2015.

This notice serves to invite comments and inputs from the public and stakeholders

The Draft IDP/Budget is available at the following offices:

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Marapong: Marapong library Thabo Mbeki: Thabo Mbeki library Ga-Seleka: Seleka Tribal Authority Office Shongoane: Shongoane Tribal Authority Office

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The document can also be accessed through our website at www.lephalale.gov.za. Written comments can be directed to the office of Municipal manager for attention manager strategic K Motebele on the following number 014 762 1496. Enquiries or inputs related to budget can be directed to Me. Maggie Ntwampe at 014 762 1498 and for IDP can be directed to Mr. Frans Mabotja at 014 762 1497. The closing date for comments and inputs is the 15th May 2015

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ACTING MUNICIPAL MANAGER

A27/2014/2015 Notice No. Ref.: 15/1/7 & 5/1/ 1 2015/2016

14 April 2015

## Teenager cries, asks forgiveness





#### By Glacier Nkhwashu

A Limpopo teenager who allegedly crashed into a group of eight high school pupils in 2013, killing one and injuring another five, appeared in the Sekgosese Periodical Court on Thursday on a charge of culpable homicide.

Nineteen-year-old Justice Baloyi, who was 17 at the time of the accident, told the court he is intending to plead guilty because he feels sorry for what he has done. His case was, however, postponed to 28 April. In the meantime Baloyi has been out on R500 bail After the court was adjourned, Baloyi cried and asked for forgiveness from the victims in the presence of their parents. The victims, who are also witnesses, were told by the state not to come to court anymore because the suspect is willing to plead guilty.

On 30 April 2013, the car that Baloyi was driving hit eight Khudugane Secondary pupils in Sekgosese, leaving one dead and five with serious injuries, including one who is now crippled. The accident took place after school Schoolgirl Nthabiseng Ramatshekgisa died after she was rushed to a local clinic.

Baloyi, who is from Rotterdam Village near

Sekgosese, was driving a relative's Honda He was transporting his sick grandmother to see a doctor in Sekgosese when the incident happened.

After the crash, the boy allegedly fled the scene, leaving his grandmother in the car. Local police spokesman Warrant Officer Mphalelwa Mashao said Baloyi was speeding. "Even though the road isn't marked, it is known to be a pedestrian crossing for school children. He didn't manage to stop because he was speeding," said Mashao.

One of the injured victims, Hosea Ngobeni - who is now 25 - no longer Ramatshekgisa

walks properly. He cannot walk long distances or play soccer like he used to Ngobeni says Baloyi impacted his future very badly. "I am now a disabled individual because of the incident," he said.

Another victim, 19-year-old Phetola Ramapatla, a Grade 12 pupil at the school, said he had to repeat Grade 11 because he was hospitalized for a long time as a result of

The parents of the victims came in numbers. wearing T-shirts printed with the words: \*In the loving memory of Nthabiseng

# INTEGRATED ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION APPLICATION FOR THE PROPOSED CONTINUOUS ASH DISPOSAL FACILITY FOR THE MATIMBA POWER STATION IN LEPHALALE, LIMPOPO PROVINCE (DEA REF: 14/12/16/3/3/3/3/56)

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## **Magistrate breaks** down in court

tears when a businessman accused of killing his wife desperately pushed to be released on bail.

Mohamed Shaik was presiding over a murder case in the Polokwane Magistrate's Court when the defence attorney spoke on behalf of a businessman who cannot be named until he

The businessman was arrested after he was linked to the death of his wife. Initially, a burglar was thought to be behind the killing of a mother who left a four-month-old baby.

When the suspect appeared this afternoon before Shaik, his counsel pleaded for his

release, claiming that his three children were traumatised by the death of their mother.

The drama started when the defence pleaded with the court that the custody of their client was causing psychological damage to his children.

But state prosecutor Alice Setakgane objected to the defence's application, saving the case was a Schedule 6 Offence and a formal bail application must be made.

She told the court that information needed to be gathered on the suspect, and applied for a

The state's move frustrated the defence, and they insisted that their client be released on

'My humble application is: 'Can bail be granted today? The children lost their mother - the delay in releasing him is causing damage to the children's state of mind," argued the defence.

When the defence repeated their statement about the children's suffering because of their mother's death. Shaik broke down

The case was stood down briefly for Shaik to compose himself

As he returned to the stand, he confessed that it was an emotional case and told the defence that legal procedures must be followed.

"Put emotion aside. The law must be applied to ensure the parties prepare themselves, that police collect evidence to put this court in the picture, so that it can decide if you are a suitable candidate to be released on bail or not," said Shaik.

The deceased wife was shot and killed last week Friday in Nirvana, a suburb in Polokwane The husband is facing a charge of murder. He was remanded in custody until 28 April.

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#### 2.1.1 Notifications



Date 13 April 2015

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Dear Interested and Affected Party.

## INTEGRATED ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION APPLICATION FOR THE PROPOSED CONTINUOUS ASH DISPOSAL FACILITY FOR THE MATIMBA POWER STATION IN LEPHALALE, LIMPOPO

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On 03 September 2013, the final Environmental Scoping Report (ESR) was accepted by the DEA. Two extensions were since requested from the Department in releasing the draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) for review due to the following reasons:

- The project team had to undertake a rigorous conceptual engineering design process that takes into account the future operational ash disposal methodology as well as expenditure.
- The beneficiation of sludge produced at the Matimba Power Station had to be taken into account during the current Environmental Impact Assessment study.
- The request for a Palaeontological Assessment by the South African Heritage Resource Agency (SAHRA).

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- Royal HaskoningDHV website (<u>www.rhdhv.co.za/pages/services/environmental/current-projects.php</u>)

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#### INVITATION TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

You are hereby invited to attend either of the public meetings to be held at the venues listed below. The project team will be available to discuss and answer any questions you may have regarding the findings of the draft EIAR. The date, time and venue for the public meetings are as follows:

| DATE        | TIME          | VENUE                     |
|-------------|---------------|---------------------------|
| 21 May 2015 | 14:00 – 16:00 | Mogol Club, Lephalale     |
| 21 May 2015 | 18:00 – 20:00 | Manketti Lodge, Lephalale |

Please address your **written comments** to the public participation consultant as well as any further information you may require regarding the meeting.

Kind regards

Nicole Botham Environmental Consultant Tel: (012) 367 5800 Fax: (012) 367 5878

Email: nicole.botham@rhdhv.com

#### 2.1.1.1 Proof of Notification

#### **Nicole Botham**

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 Nicole Botham

 Sent:
 20 April 2015 03:53 PM

To: 'a3bc@kingsley.co.za'; 'nxumalbj@eskom.co.za'; 'munic@lephalale.gov.za';

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'filomaine.swanepoel@exxaro.com'; 'heransie@lantic.net';
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'koos.smit@exxaro.com'; 'dionnemarais@gmail.com';
'christa.roselt@lephalale.gov.za'; 'safari@rhinoland.co.za';

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'coengouws@gmail.com'; 'amalherbe@pilotfreight.co.za';

'aaron.kharivhe@dmr.gov.za'; 'azwihangwisi.mulaudzi@dmr.gov.za';

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Subject: Matimba Ash Disposal Facility Draft EIA I&APs Notification

Attachments: Eskom Matimba EIA-Draft EIAR PP Meeting-Letter to IAPs\_Final for distrib.pdf



Dear Interested and Affected Party (I&AP)

Please find attached the Matimba Ash Disposal Facility - Draft EIA Notification.

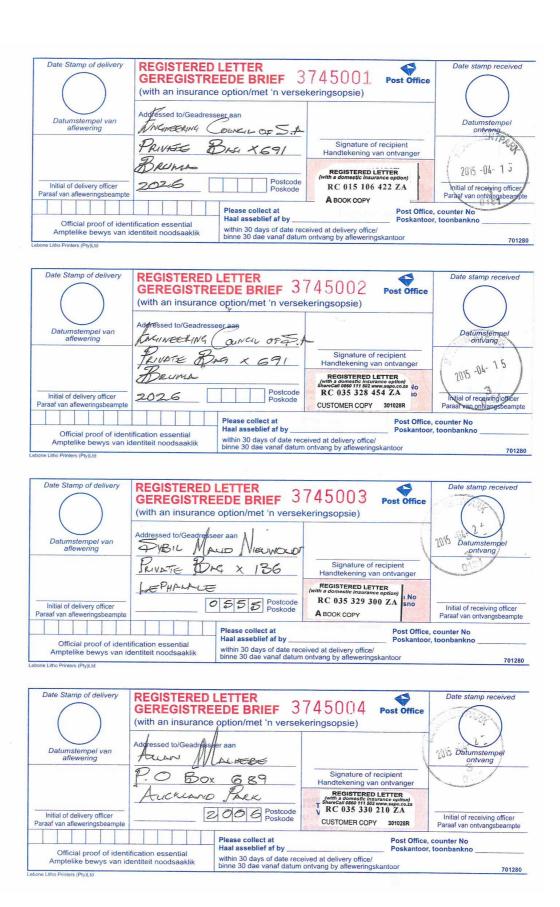
Please can you confirm whether you will be attend the public meeting on 21 May?

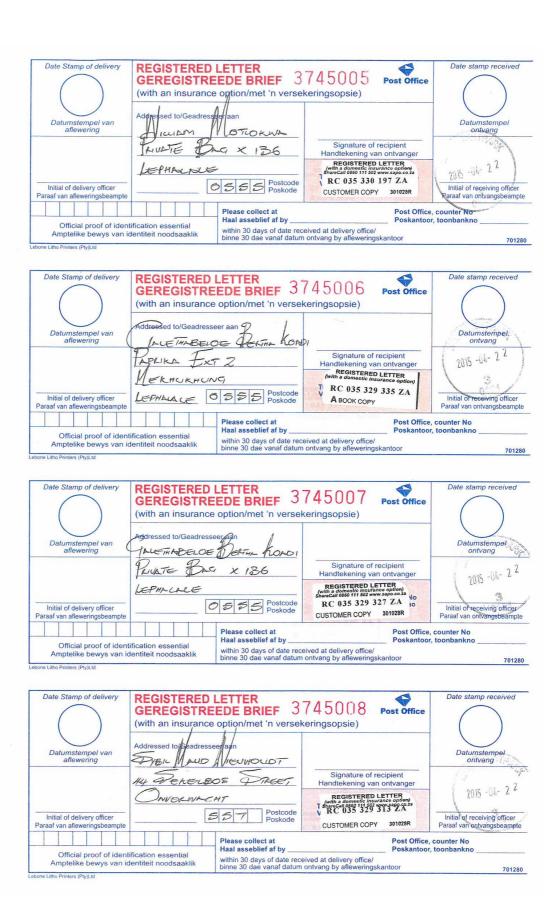
If you have any queries regarding the review period or the public meetings, please do not hesitate to contact me.

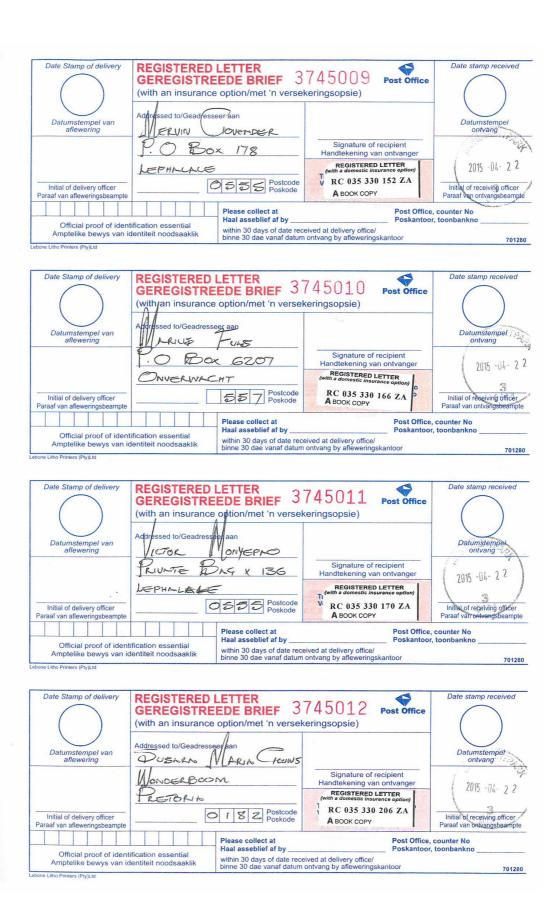
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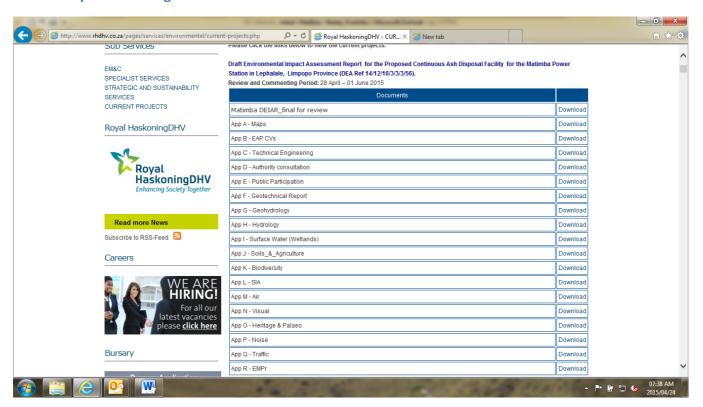






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#### 2.1.2 Royal Haskoning DHV Website



#### 2.1.3 Delivery of Reports

The draft EIA Reports were sent to the following Stakeholders and was made available at the following Public Venues:

| Department/Organisation  | Contact Person   | Address   |
|--|--|---|
| Department of Environmental Affairs  | Case Officer: Masina Litsoane                              | Environment House<br>473 Steve Biko Road<br>Arcadia, Pretoria         |
| Department of Water and Sanitation   | Chief Director: L Kobe                                     | Azmo Building<br>49 Joubert Street<br>Polokwane                       |
| Limpopo Department of Economic Development, Environment & Tourism (LDEDET) |  | 20 Hans van Rensburg Street / 19 Biccard<br>Street<br>Polokwane, 0700 |
| Lephalale Local Municipality   | Environmental Manager:<br>Department of Community Services | Corner Joe Slovo & Douwater Roads<br>Lephalale, Limpopo               |
| Waterberg District Municipality  | Lily Mokonyane<br>Department of Environmental Health       | Harry Gwala Street<br>Modimolle, Limpopo                              |
| Department of Mineral Resources  | Regional manager: Aaron Kharivhe                           | 101 Dorp street, Polokwane  |
| Marapong Community Library   | The Librarian  | 1456 Setlhora Street<br>Extension 1, Marapong<br>Lephalale, Limpopo   |
| Lephalale Public Library   | The Librarian  | Corner joe slovo & douwater roads                                     |
| Lephanic Fabric Library  |  | Lephalale, Limpopo  |

| Department/Organisation | Contact Person     | Address                                    |
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|                         |                    | Lephalale, Limpopo                         |
| Matimba Power Station   | Tshifhiwa Matamela | Nelson Mandela Drive<br>Lephalale, Limpopo |

## 2.1.3.1 Proof of Delivery



Department of Environmental Affairs

#### PROOF OF DELIVERY AND RECEIPT

| Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report for the Proposed Continuous As Disposal Facility for the Matimba Power Station in Lephalale, Limpopo Province (DE Ref 14/12/16/3/3/3/56) on date | 1,_Se110                        | (print name) received the attached documents          |
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| Disposal Facility for the Matimba Power Station in Lephalale, Limpopo Province (DER Ref 14/12/16/3/3/3/56) on date 2304/2015 (insert date).   | Draft Environmental Impact      |   |
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## 2.1.4 Final EIAR Notification



Date 16 July 2015

DEA Reference: 14/12/16/3/3/3/56

Our Reference: E02.JNB.001222

Dear Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs),

# INTEGRATED ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION APPLICATION FOR THE PROPOSED CONTINUOUS ASH DISPOSAL FACILITY FOR THE MATIMBA POWER STATION IN LEPHALALE, LIMPOPO

According to Section 56 (6) of the EIA (2010) Regulations, registered I&APs must comment on final reports and submit the comments to the competent authority and provide a copy of such comments to the applicant or Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP). Subsequently, the Final Environmental Impact Report (EIAR) will be made available to registered I&APs to review and provide comments from 23 July to 12 August 2015.

Please take note that all comments on the final EIAR must be forwarded to:

Masina Litsoane

Department of Environmental Affairs Private Bag X447, Pretoria, 0001

Tel: 012 399 9375

Email: MLitsoane@environment.gov.za Please quote the Ref no 14/12/16/3/3/3/56

A copy of comments must be forwarded to the Public Participation Consultant at Royal HaskoningDHV:

Nicole Botham

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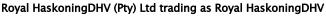
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A copy of the final EIAR will be available on the Royal HaskoningDHV website: (<a href="http://www.rhdhv.co.za/pages/services/environmental/current-projects.php">http://www.rhdhv.co.za/pages/services/environmental/current-projects.php</a>).

We greatly appreciate your participation in the EIA process. If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me.





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Kind regards,

Regards, Nicole Botham

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Subject: Matimba Ash Disposal Facility - Final EIA I&AP Notification



Dear Interested and Affected Party (I&AP)

Please find attached the Matimba Ash Disposal Facility – Draft EIA Notification.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards,

Nicole Botham Environmental Consultant

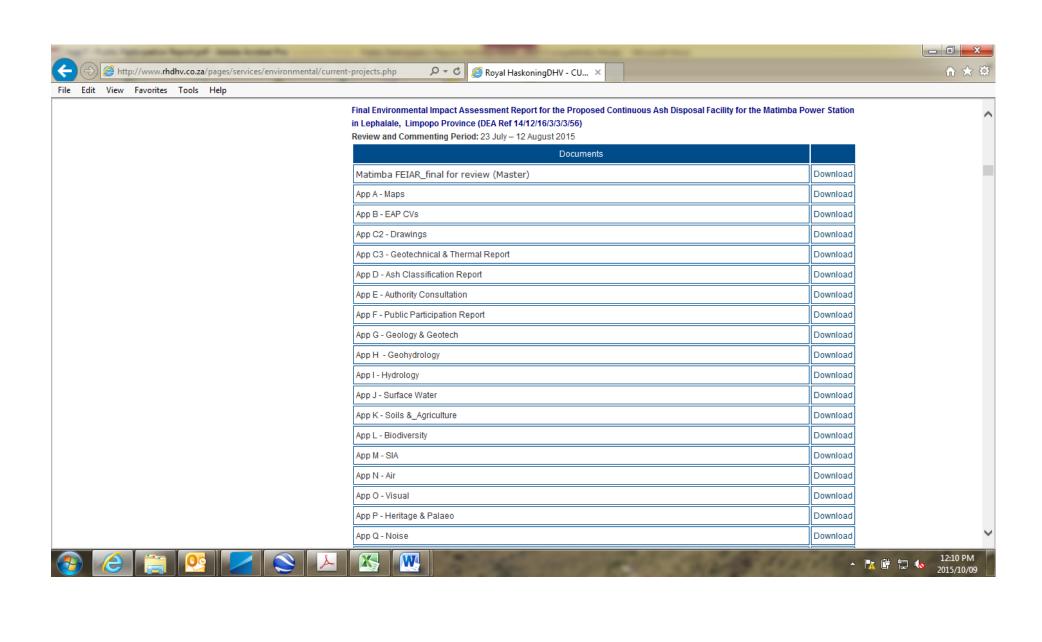
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## **3 MINUTES OF MEETINGS**



# INTEGRATED ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT AND WASTE MANAGEMENT LICENCE APPLICATION FOR THE PROPOSED CONTINUOUS ASH DISPOSAL FACILITY FOR THE MATIMBA POWER STATION IN LEPHALALE, LIMPOPO

MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING

**HELD ON** 

**THURSDAY, 21 MAY 2015 (14H00)** 

AT MOGOL CLUB, LEPHALALE

#### **ENQUIRIES**

## **ROYAL HASKONINGDHV:**

Prashika Reddy

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## **COMMENTS**

Your comments on this document would be greatly appreciated. In particular, we request you to verify that your comments during the meeting have been captured correctly. Please address your written comments to Prashika Reddy at the address given above by no later than **05 June 2015**. Please note however, that the minutes are not verbatim.

#### 1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

Malcolm Roods (MR), Royal HaskoningDHV opened the meeting and welcomed everyone present and went through the agenda. A round of introduction followed.

The attendance register is attached as Annexure A.

## 2. PURPOSE OF THE MEETING

MR briefly explained that the purpose of the meeting was to:

- Provide Interested & Affected Parties (I&APs) with information regarding the proposed project;
- Provide an overview of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA), Water Use Licence Application (WULA) and Public Participation (PP) process;
- Provide an opportunity for I&APs to seek clarity and provide input into the project;
- To record comments raised and include them in the EIA Report (EIAR); and
- Interaction with the project team.

#### 3. PRESENTATION

MR provided a presentation that highlighted the following main agenda items:

- EIA Process:
- Project Need & Justification;
- Alternatives:
- Continuous Ashing;
- Summary of Key Specialist Findings;
- Impact Statement & Recommendations;
- Water Use Licencing Process;
- Public Participation;
- Way Forward;
- · Discussion; and
- Closure.

A copy of the presentation is attached under Annexure B.

#### 4. DISCUSSION SESSION

Filomaine Swanepoel (FSw), Exxaro Grootegeluk: We have gone through the draft EIAR and understand that Site Alternative 1 (SA1) is preferred, however the concern from Exxaro's side is two-fold, if Site Alternative 2 (SA2) gets approved:

Firstly; the biodiversity specialist recommends an alternative linear infrastructure route (LIR) alignment, however nowhere in the document does it state that this alternative route is not feasible due to the following reasons: the route will cause fragmentation of the Nelsonskop farm area that is currently being managed as a Game Reserve and Biospheres as part of the Exxaro Land Management area known as Manketti and this recommended route will go through an area currently

earmarked for the Superfines Facility of Exxaro Grootegeluk which is in the pre-feasibility stage. This option is thus not feasible.

Secondly, the positioning of the facility on the farms Vooruit, Applevlakte, Droogheuwel and Ganzepan (SA2) will then also cut through a possible future servitude of roads and linear infrastructure corridor between Grootegeluk and the Zonderwater farm where Exxaro is currently conducting prospecting activities.

Prashika Reddy (PR), Royal HaskoningDHV: The alternative LIR corridor was proposed during the Scoping Study and Exxaro where requested to comment on this alternative. For the reasons stated above, this alternative was not supported and hence not further assessed in the EIA study. However, the biodiversity specialist has still recommended an alternative to the assessed LIR due to the high number of Tamboti trees found in the current proposed LIR. The EIA study prefers SA1, and this is the site that has been proposed for approval from the Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA). The final EIAR will include a discussion on the assessed LIR and the feasibility of the alternative LIR recommended by the biodiversity specialist.

FSw: Are the Section 21 c&i water uses applicable to the existing ash disposal facility (ADF) or to the new facility? Will there be a water use licence application (WULA) for both site alternatives?

Felicia Sono (FSo) Eskom – The WULA will only be lodged for the preferred site i.e. SA1. The following water uses will be applied for i.e. Section 21g and c&i (for the drainage line on the site).

FSw: Out of interest, what is the main reason that the biodiversity specialist preferred SA2 over SA1?

PR: The loss of the gravel plain habitat, which is considered to be high-sensitivity, has resulted in the specialist marginally preferring SA2 over SA1. It should be reiterated, that a development of this nature would result in loss of vegetation, irrespective of the site that is chosen. SA1 has vegetation that is largely pristine compared to SA2. When considering SA2, the impacts of establishing a LIR also needs to be taken into account as SA1 already has existing infrastructure available i.e. LIR.

FS: What is current height of ADF?

MR: The current height of the existing ADF is 50 m and the final height of SA1 will reach 90m.

FSw: Will you increase any of the pollution control dam (PCD) capacities?

FSo: Currently there are three PCDs that will service the existing ADF and the greenfield portion of SA1. The hydrologists have taken various factors (e.g. total run-off from the ADF, mean annual rainfall etc.) into the calculation and confirmed that the capacity of the new PCD (PCD3) would be adequate. When, the piggy-backing starts on the existing ADF, the surface area will be reduced and the two other PCDs (i.e. PCD 1 and 2) together with PCD3 would be adequate to handle the run-off and contaminated water for the ADF.

FSw – For the continuation of ashing on SA1, will you be lining the facility? The assumption is that the existing facility is not lined. Are you licencing the entire facility?

MR: Only the greenfield portion of SA1 will be lined. The entire 700 ha has been applied for, for licencing.

Tobile Bokwe (TB) Eskom – On the greenfield portion of SA1, the Matimba Power Station is facing a scenario whereby operations will have to continue but once the Authority provides the Integrated Environmental Authorisation, the expectation is to comply with all conditions of licencing. The reality is that immediate lining will be challenging. Therefore Eskom are proposing a phased lining approach with transitional provisions. This therefore means that there is a high possibility that Eskom will not be able to line for a period of up to 4 years and the current operating model will be followed on an unlined area. The exact footprint of this unlined area has not been determined.

#### 5. CLOSURE AND WAY FORWARD

MR mentioned that the minutes of the meeting will be prepared and distributed to the meeting attendees.

MR thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 15h00.

## ANNEXURE A ATTENDANCE REGISTER

## INTEGRATED ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION APPLICATION FOR THE PROPOSED CONTINUOUS ASH DISPOSAL FACILITY FOR THE MATIMBA POWER STATION IN LEPHALALE, LIMPOPO PROVINCE (DEA REF: 14/12/16/3/3/3/56)



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21 MAY 2015

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## ANNEXURE B PRESENTATION



INTEGRATED ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION & WATER USE LICENCE FOR THE PROPOSED CONTINUOUS ASH DISPOSAL FACILITY FOR THE MATIMBA POWER STATION IN LEPHALALE, LIMPOPO

**PUBLIC MEETING – MANKETTI LODGE** 

18h00-20h00

21 MAY 2015

## **Agenda**

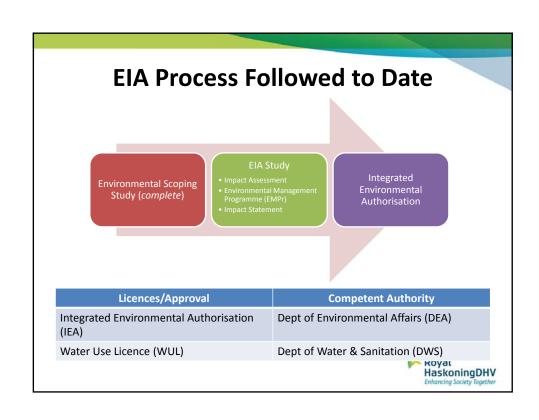
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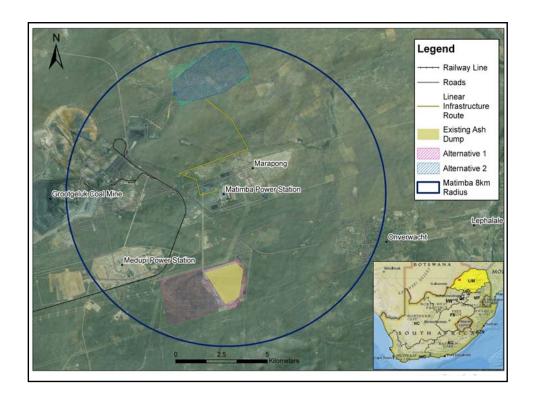


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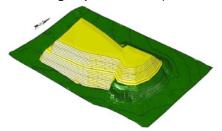
## **Project Need & Justification**

- Airspace requirements of 267 million m3 for continuous ashing
- 40 years operation of Matimba Power Station (2015 – 2055)
- Either continuation of the existing ash disposal facility (ADF) or a new facility
- Compliance with environmental legislation (National Environmental Management Act; Waste Act; Water Act; Air Quality Act; Biodiversity Act; Heritage Act)

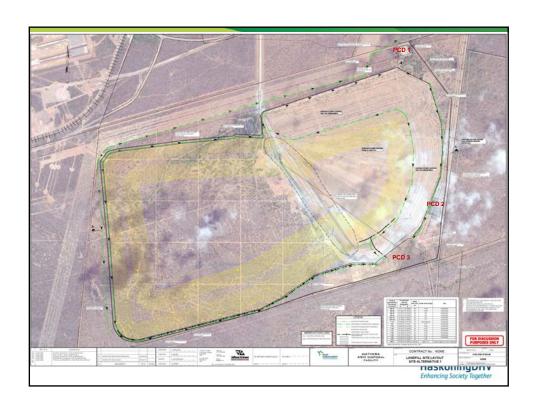
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## **Site Alternatives**

- SA1 Zwartwater 507LQ
  - Part of farm (~320ha) currently used as an ADF
  - Total footprint 700ha (510ha greenfields; 190ha piggy-backing as optimisation strategy)
  - 90m above Natural Ground Level (NGL); 45m above existing ADF
  - Existing infrastructure (PCDs, offices, plant yard facilities, overland conveyors)
  - New & expansion of infrastructure (stormwater controls, conveyors, extension of the emergency off-load area)

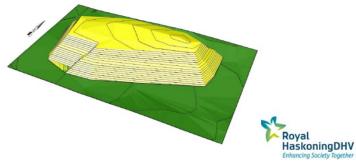


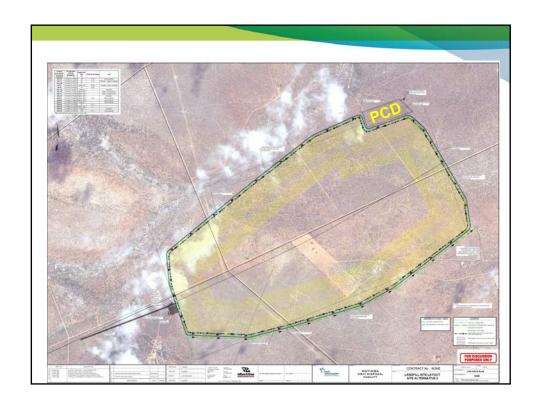




## **Site Alternatives (cont.)**

- SA2 Vooruit 449LQ; Appelvlakte 448LQ; Droogeheuvel 447LQ & Ganzepan 446LQ
  - Greenfields site, 660ha to meet airspace requirements
  - 85m above Natural Ground Level
  - New infrastructure (linear infrastructure route LIR consisting of conveyor system; stormwater controls, PCD, access control, access to ADF)





## **Continuous Ashing**

- Ash classification Type 3 requires Class C liner
- Phased lining process:
  - a) Advancing face will not be lined for 4 years;
  - b) After the 4 year period lining of Greenfields portion of the ADF
- Dust suppression using water from the PCDs
- ADF is rehabilitated progressively to protect side slopes from erosion, reduce stormwater collection volumes, lessen visual impact and particulate matter reduction
- Finished capped (rehabilitated) side slope not steeper that 1V:3H for long term slope stability
- Sludge from the PS (sewage plant ~11m3/m every 3 months) to be used as a soil ameliorant for the rehab of the dump



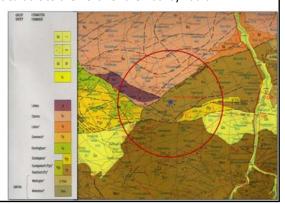
## **Specialist Input**

| Biophysical Environment                    | Social Environment       |
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| Technical Engineering & Ash Classification | Social                   |
| Geology                                    | Air Quality              |
| Geotechnical                               | Visual                   |
| Geohydrology (Groundwater)                 | Heritage & Palaeontology |
| Hydrology (Stormwater)                     | Noise                    |
| Surface Water (Wetlands)                   | Traffic                  |
| Soils & Agricultural Potential             |                          |
| Biodiversity                               |                          |



## **Summary of Key Specialist Findings**

- Geology
  - Sediments & volcanics of the Waterberg Group and Karoo Supergroup underlie the general study area
  - The Daarby Fault is a major northeast then northwest fault
  - Southern portion of SA1 is south of Eenzaamheid fault
  - LIR traverse Daarby Fault & fault to the north of the Daarby Fault
  - SA2 has numerous faults in close proximity
  - Faults buffered & excluded from site footprint
  - Faults can act as preferential flow paths for groundwater & potential contamination



## **Summary of Key Specialist Findings**

|              | Potential Impacts            | SA1   | SA2 + LIR  |
|--------------|------------------------------|---|--|
| Geotechnical | Stability & slope<br>failure | <ul> <li>Flat to very gently sloping</li> <li>Shallow depth to bedrock (1 – 2m)</li> <li>Poor drainage line in the middle of the site</li> <li>Proven reliability of existing ADF from a foundation stability perspective</li> <li>Preferred</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>Gently sloping</li> <li>Depth to bedrock (5 – 10m)</li> <li>Characterised by drainage lines – potential groundwater seepage</li> <li>LIR – sands are loose in consistency, ground improvements recommended</li> </ul> |



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| Geohydrology | <ul> <li>Hydrocarbon contamination through spillages</li> <li>Transport of ash</li> <li>Operational groundwater impacts</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>Water used for stock watering &amp; domestic purposes</li> <li>Groundwater flow in easterly direction towards Sandloop</li> <li>Problematic parameters in downgradient boreholes – conductivity, TDS, Chloride, Sulphate, Calcium, Sodium, Manganese, Magnesium</li> <li>Depth to water level – slightly deeper</li> <li>1 production borehole</li> <li>Preferred</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>Water used for stock watering &amp; domestic purposes</li> <li>Groundwater flow in easterly direction towards Sandloop</li> <li>Problematic parameter concentrations lower than SA1</li> <li>13 boreholes in use</li> <li>LIR – traverse 2 faults Faults potentially affect groundwater flow &amp; provide contamination pathways</li> </ul> |

|   |  | SA1   | Summary of Key Specialist Findings   |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Hydrology / Stormwater management A1  SA2 | Run-off from ADF     Improper stormwater & leachate management | Pan to the west of SA1 – elevated Fluoride & Al Implementation of Stormwater Management Plan (SWMP) Conceptual SWMP proposed, PCD capacity of 203600m3 required & confirmed Preferred | • Dam/pan - Elevated fluoride & metal levels Al; Mn; Fe • Implementation of SWMP • Single PCD recommended north of ADF, 180000m3 • LIR – sumps recommended at lowest points to collect dirty water & return it to PCDs |  |  |  |  |  |

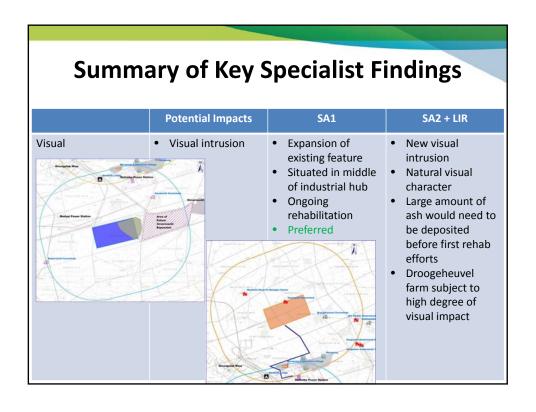
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| Surface Water<br>(Wetlands /<br>Ephemeral Drainage<br>lines) | Loss of riparian & wetland habitat     Stormwater related impacts (discharge into riparian areas) | 2 ephemeral drainage features in south west corner     Most easterly drainage line confirmed to be a low point     Traverses smaller part of site, much narrower and less pronounced veg     Sufficient distance away from the Sandloop     Preferred | • 2 ephemeral drainage lines that form a single line at the north west corner • Downstream reach of drainage line could be affected by stormwater discharge or polluted groundwater • Riparian veg in natural state • LIR – watercourse to north of Marapong , close to LIR but will not be impacted |  |  |  |  |

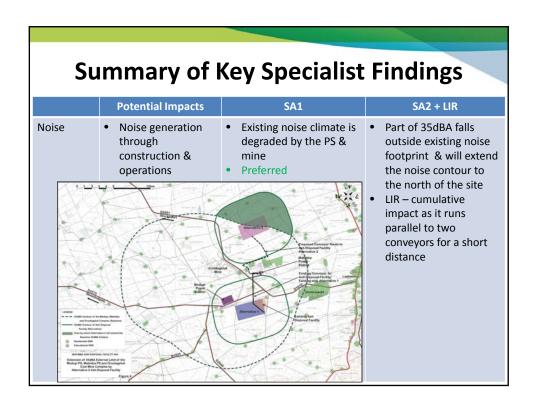
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| Soils & Agricultural | Potential Impacts  | SA1  | SA2 + LIR   |
| Potential            | <ul> <li>Impact on soils,<br/>land capability &amp;<br/>agric potential</li> <li>Erosion</li> <li>Dust generation</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>Land use – grazing &amp; ADF</li> <li>Deep sandy soils, high evapotranspiration &amp; erratic rainfall</li> <li>Risk for crop failure</li> <li>Impacts largely incurred</li> <li>Preferred</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>Extensively grazed</li> <li>Deep sandy soils,<br/>high evapotranspiration &amp;<br/>erratic rainfall</li> <li>Risk for cropfailure</li> <li>North westdrainage line</li> </ul> |
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| Sum                              | mary of Key  | Specialist F   | indings<br>SA2 + LIR   |
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| Biodiversity  SA1 – Gravel plain | Loss of sensitive /natural habitats Impact on flora & fauna species (sp) of conservation importance Impact on unique or protected habitat Displacement of fauna Ecological disconnectivity & fragmentation | <ul> <li>Removal of sensitive gravel plain habitat</li> <li>Vegetation largely pristine</li> <li>Higher number of protected trees than SA2</li> <li>Higher faunal habitat diversity</li> <li>Red Data sp — Hyena &amp; Tawny Eagle</li> <li>Implementation of added value biodiversity enhancement strategy postauthorisation</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>Slightly degraded due to grazing</li> <li>Lowest potential for conservation impact taxa to exist</li> <li>Lower habitat diversity</li> <li>Red Data sp — Hyena &amp; Leopard</li> <li>LIR — numerous protected trees (Tamboti), offer a unique sensitive faunal habitat</li> <li>Preferred</li> </ul> |

| Summary of Key Specialist Findings |  |   |   |  |  |
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| Air Quality                        | Dust generation during construction & ash disposal     Emissions from equipment & vehicles | SA1  Daily ave PM10 concentration of 203μg/m3 (within site boundary) exceed National daily ave of 120μg/m3  Annual ave of 58μg/m3 against National ave of 50μg/m3  Cumulative impacts on Matimba PS & Grootegeluk - 305μg/m3  Preferred | SA2 + LIR  Location of site – likely to impact Grootegeluk Mine  PM10 conc of 161μg/m3  Annual ave of 71μg/m3  LIR – 7.23 & 1.47 daily & annual ave respectively  Cumulative impacts on Matimba PS & Grootegeluk - 315μg/m3 |  |  |
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| Summary of Key Specialist Findings |   |  |   |  |  |
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|                                    | Potential Impacts   | SA1  | SA2 + LIR   |  |  |
| Social                             | <ul> <li>Human health</li> <li>Water contamination</li> <li>Change in land use</li> <li>Dust</li> <li>Noise</li> <li>Tourism</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>Existing ADF &amp; infrastructure</li> <li>No change in land use</li> <li>Impacts largely incurred</li> <li>Preferred</li> </ul>  | <ul> <li>Greenfields dev – change in land use</li> <li>Tourism affected (game farms)</li> <li>LIR running adjacent to Marapong</li> </ul>                           |  |  |
| Heritage &<br>Palaeont-<br>ology   | Objects of<br>significance<br>unearthed during<br>construction  | <ul> <li>No sites of heritage significance or rocks &amp; fossils found</li> <li>Small two-roomed structure in bad state – difficult to determine date of site as roof, fittings removed</li> <li>No preference</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>No sites of heritage<br/>significance or<br/>fossils found</li> <li>Possible grave<br/>located outside SA2<br/>footprint</li> <li>No preference</li> </ul> |  |  |





| Summary of Key Specialist Findings  Potential Impacts SA1 SA2 + LIR |  |  |   |  |  |  |  |
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| Traffic   | Impact on existing road network     Increase in traffic during construction & operations | <ul> <li>Access from Nelson<br/>Mandela Drive (D1675)</li> <li>Being upgraded to 4<br/>lane road</li> <li>Access road to ADF is a<br/>gravel road with a level<br/>crossing from D1675</li> <li>Preferred</li> </ul> | Access D2001 will be upgraded to a paved road if site is selected     Recommended that short right turn lane from D2001 into the access road      LIR – clearance height of 5.2m for vehicles |  |  |  |  |

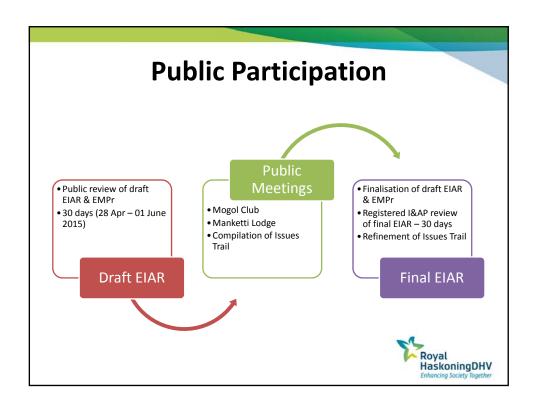
## **Impact Statement & Recommendations**

- Significant impacts on biodiversity, geohydrology, hydrology, surface water, air quality, social & visual
- Mitigation through the implementation of the EMPr
- Key Recommendations:
  - Added value biodiversity strategy
  - Implement Stormwater Management Plan
  - Groundwater & surface water monitoring
  - Operation of ADF in line with Draft Operational Plan
  - Transitional lining & lining of greenfields portion of ADF (not applicable to piggy-backed areas)
  - Compliance with key environmental legislation (NEMA, Waste Act, Water Act, Forests Act, Air Quality Act, Heritage Act)
- Comparative assessment of both site alternatives & EAP recommendation – SA1 (700ha) preferred over SA2

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## **Water Use Licencing Process**

#### Applicability **Identified Water Uses** Construction of an ADF within the buffer Section 21 (c) - impeding or diverting the flow of water in a watercourse & Section zone of drainage line/ephemeral drainage 21 (i) - altering the bed, banks, course or characteristics of a watercourse Section 21 (e) - irrigation of any land with Irrigation of the ash dump with waste water for dust suppression purposes waste or water containing waste generated through an industry activity or waterworks Section 21 (g) - disposing of waste in a Ash disposal on the ADF Disposal of leachate from the ADF into the manner which may detrimentally impact pollution control dam on a water resource Emergency off-load area Use of sludge for rehabilitation



## **Public Participation (cont.)**

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## **Discussion**

- Questions?
- Comments?







# INTEGRATED ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT AND WASTE MANAGEMENT LICENCE APPLICATION FOR THE PROPOSED CONTINUOUS ASH DISPOSAL FACILITY FOR THE MATIMBA POWER STATION IN LEPHALALE, LIMPOPO

MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING

**HELD ON** 

**THURSDAY, 21 MAY 2015 (18H00)** 

AT MANKETTI LODGE, LEPHALALE

#### **ENQUIRIES**

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## **COMMENTS**

Your comments on this document would be greatly appreciated. In particular, we request you to verify that your comments during the meeting have been captured correctly. Please address your written comments to Prashika Reddy at the address given above by no later than **05 June 2015**. Please note however, that the minutes are not verbatim.

#### 1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

Malcolm Roods (MR), Royal HaskoningDHV opened the meeting and welcomed everyone present and went through the agenda. A round of introduction followed.

The attendance register is attached as Annexure A.

#### 2. PURPOSE OF THE MEETING

MR briefly explained that the purpose of the meeting was to:

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#### 3. PRESENTATION

MR provided a presentation that highlighted the following main agenda items:

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A copy of the presentation is attached under Annexure B.

#### 4. DISCUSSION SESSION

Louis Grobler (LG), Droogeheuvel Farm Manager: There are currently other proposals for the Droogeheuvel farm and we would like to know whether our farm will be affected. The EIA study has been going on for 3 – 4 years now and we have to decide whether we should go with one of the other proposals for the farm.

MR: From the EIA study, Site Alternative 1 (SA1) is preferred and this is the opinion of the Environmental Assessment Practitioner and all the specialist assessments except for biodiversity. This site (SA1) will be put forward for the decision-making and licencing. Mr Grobler and Mr Malherbe should also get into contact with Ms Filomaine Swanepoel (Exxaro Grootegeluk), who at the earlier meeting (at the Mogol

Club) provided further details of proposed projects (Superfines Plant and prospecting activities on the farm Zonderwater) that will take place around SA2. Ms Swanepoel's details were provided to Mr Grobler post-meeting.

Tobile Bokwe (TB), Eskom: Further indicated that the transitional arrangements in terms of lining for the project needs to be emphasised. The current ash disposal facility (ADF) does not have a lining system but in terms of new environment legislation, the continuation of ashing on the greenfield footprint requires lining. Furthermore, because the operational model for dry ashing tends to move horizontally with time, the inherent expectation from the Competent Authority is that Eskom should immediately line once the Integrated Environmental Authorisation is received.

Eskom is therefore faced with the scenario whereby that the process of placing a lining on the ground requires time and in this instance, can take anything from 2 – 4 years and during this time, the Matimba Power Station will have to remain operational. Therefore Eskom propose to ash a horizontal footprint of the greenfield portion of the ADF, following the current operational model without a lining. This process can take up to 4 years.

#### 5. CLOSURE AND WAY FORWARD

MR mentioned that the minutes of the meeting will be prepared and distributed to the meeting attendees.

MR thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 19h00.

## ANNEXURE A ATTENDANCE REGISTER

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# ANNEXURE B PRESENTATION



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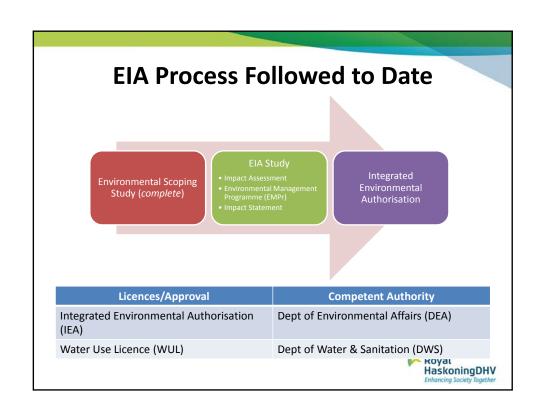
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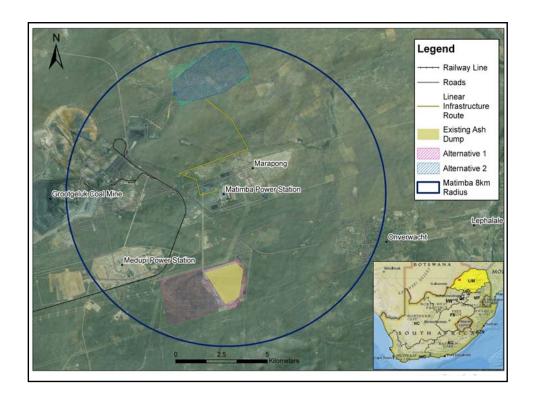


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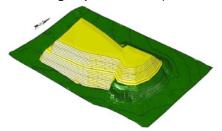
### **Project Need & Justification**

- Airspace requirements of 267 million m3 for continuous ashing
- 40 years operation of Matimba Power Station (2015 – 2055)
- Either continuation of the existing ash disposal facility (ADF) or a new facility
- Compliance with environmental legislation (National Environmental Management Act; Waste Act; Water Act; Air Quality Act; Biodiversity Act; Heritage Act)

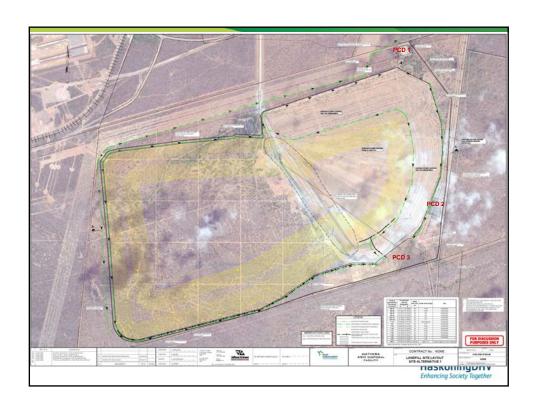
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### **Site Alternatives**

- SA1 Zwartwater 507LQ
  - Part of farm (~320ha) currently used as an ADF
  - Total footprint 700ha (510ha greenfields; 190ha piggy-backing as optimisation strategy)
  - 90m above Natural Ground Level (NGL); 45m above existing ADF
  - Existing infrastructure (PCDs, offices, plant yard facilities, overland conveyors)
  - New & expansion of infrastructure (stormwater controls, conveyors, extension of the emergency off-load area)

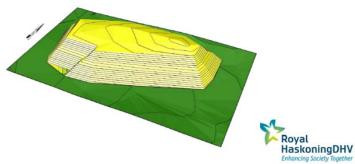


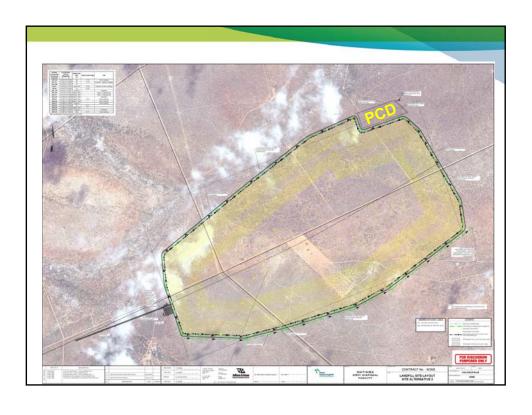




# **Site Alternatives (cont.)**

- SA2 Vooruit 449LQ; Appelvlakte 448LQ; Droogeheuvel 447LQ & Ganzepan 446LQ
  - Greenfields site, 660ha to meet airspace requirements
  - 85m above Natural Ground Level
  - New infrastructure (linear infrastructure route LIR consisting of conveyor system; stormwater controls, PCD, access control, access to ADF)





### **Continuous Ashing**

- Ash classification Type 3 requires Class C liner
- Phased lining process:
  - a) Advancing face will not be lined for 4 years;
  - b) After the 4 year period lining of Greenfields portion of the ADF
- Dust suppression using water from the PCDs
- ADF is rehabilitated progressively to protect side slopes from erosion, reduce stormwater collection volumes, lessen visual impact and particulate matter reduction
- Finished capped (rehabilitated) side slope not steeper that 1V:3H for long term slope stability
- Sludge from the PS (sewage plant ~11m3/m every 3 months) to be used as a soil ameliorant for the rehab of the dump



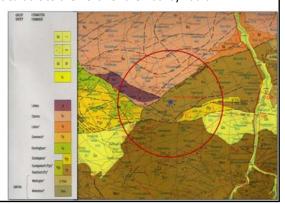
## **Specialist Input**

| Biophysical Environment                       | Social Environment       |
|---|--------------------------|
| Technical Engineering & Ash<br>Classification | Social                   |
| Geology                                       | Air Quality              |
| Geotechnical                                  | Visual                   |
| Geohydrology (Groundwater)                    | Heritage & Palaeontology |
| Hydrology (Stormwater)                        | Noise                    |
| Surface Water (Wetlands)                      | Traffic                  |
| Soils & Agricultural Potential                |                          |
| Biodiversity                                  |                          |



### **Summary of Key Specialist Findings**

- Geology
  - Sediments & volcanics of the Waterberg Group and Karoo Supergroup underlie the general study area
  - The Daarby Fault is a major northeast then northwest fault
  - Southern portion of SA1 is south of Eenzaamheid fault
  - LIR traverse Daarby Fault & fault to the north of the Daarby Fault
  - SA2 has numerous faults in close proximity
  - Faults buffered & excluded from site footprint
  - Faults can act as preferential flow paths for groundwater & potential contamination



### **Summary of Key Specialist Findings**

|              | Potential Impacts            | SA1   | SA2 + LIR  |
|--------------|------------------------------|---|--|
| Geotechnical | Stability & slope<br>failure | <ul> <li>Flat to very gently sloping</li> <li>Shallow depth to bedrock (1 – 2m)</li> <li>Poor drainage line in the middle of the site</li> <li>Proven reliability of existing ADF from a foundation stability perspective</li> <li>Preferred</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>Gently sloping</li> <li>Depth to bedrock (5 – 10m)</li> <li>Characterised by drainage lines – potential groundwater seepage</li> <li>LIR – sands are loose in consistency, ground improvements recommended</li> </ul> |



| Summary of Key Specialist Findings |  |  |   |
|------------------------------------|--|--|---|
| Geohydrology                       | Hydrocarbon contamination through spillages     Transport of ash     Operational groundwater impacts | • Water used for stock watering & domestic purposes • Groundwater flow in easterly direction towards Sandloop • Problematic parameters in downgradient boreholes – conductivity, TDS, Chloride, Sulphate, Calcium, Sodium, Manganese, Magnesium • Depth to water level – slightly deeper • 1 production borehole • Preferred | Water used for stock watering & domestic purposes     Groundwater flow in easterly direction towards Sandloop     Problematic parameter concentrations lower than SA1     13 boreholes in use     LIR – traverse 2 faults Faults potentially affect groundwater flow & provide contamination pathways |

| Hydrology / Stormwater management  SA1  • Run-off from ADF or Improper stormwater & leachate management  SA1  • Pan to the west of SA1 – elevated Fluoride & AI white items and the stormwater of Management Plan (SWMP)  • Conceptual SWMP proposed, PCD capacity of 203600m3 required & confirmed  • Preferred  • Preferred  • Preferred  • Conceptual SWMP proposed, PCD recommended north of ADF, 180000m3  • LIR – sumps recommended at lowest points to collect dirty water & return it to PCDs | Summary of Key Specialist Findings |  |  |  |
|---|------------------------------------|--|--|--|
| Stormwater management  SA1 - elevated Fluoride & Al leachate management  SA1 - elevated Fluoride & Al metal levels Al;  Mn; Fe  Implementation of Stormwater Management Plan (SWMP)  Conceptual SWMP proposed, PCD capacity of 203600m3 required & confirmed  Preferred  SA2 - Elevated fluoride & metal levels Al;  Mn; Fe  Implementation of SWMP  Single PCD recommended north of ADF, 180000m3  LIR - sumps recommended at lowest points to collect dirty water & return it to PCDs               |                                    | Potential Impacts                                  | SA1  | SA2 + LIR  |
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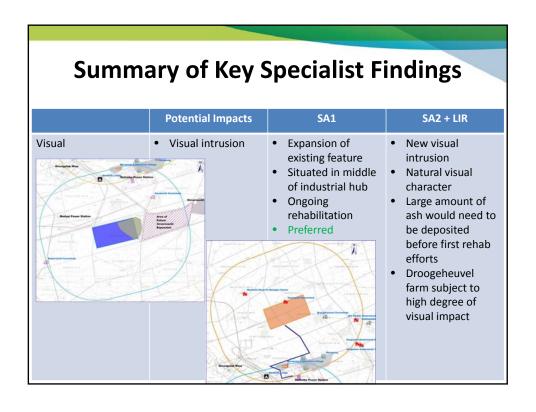
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|  | Potential Impacts  | SA1   | SA2 + LIR   |
| Surface Water<br>(Wetlands /<br>Ephemeral Drainage<br>lines)  SA1  SA2 | <ul> <li>Loss of riparian &amp; wetland habitat</li> <li>Stormwater related impacts (discharge into riparian areas)</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>2 ephemeral drainage features in south west corner</li> <li>Most easterly drainage line confirmed to be a low point</li> <li>Traverses smaller part of site, much narrower and less pronounced veg</li> <li>Sufficient distance away from the Sandloop</li> <li>Preferred</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>2 ephemeral drainage lines that form a single line at the north west corner</li> <li>Downstream reach of drainage line could be affected by stormwater discharge or polluted groundwater</li> <li>Riparian veg in natural state</li> <li>LIR – watercourse to north of Marapong , close to LIR but will not be impacted</li> </ul> |

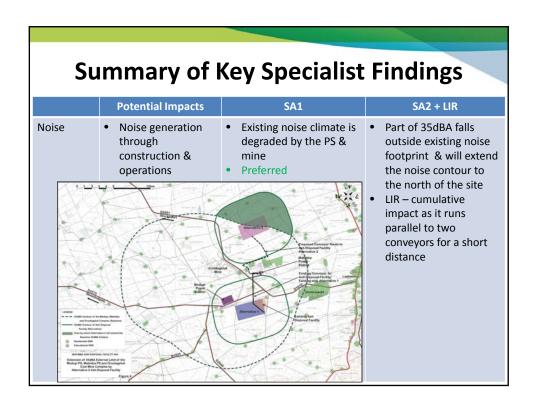
| Summary of Key Specialist Findings |   |   |   |
|------------------------------------|---|---|---|
| Soils & Agricultural               | Potential Impacts     Impact on soils,                        | • Land use – grazing  | • Extensively grazed  |
| Potential                          | land capability & agric potential • Erosion • Dust generation | & ADF  Deep sandy soils, high evapotranspiration & erratic rainfall  Risk for crop failure  Impacts largely incurred  Preferred | <ul> <li>Deep sandy soils,<br/>high evapo-<br/>transpiration &amp;<br/>erratic rainfall</li> <li>Risk for crop<br/>failure</li> <li>North west<br/>drainage line</li> </ul> |
|                                    |   |   | Royal<br>HaskoningDHV<br>Enhancing Society Together   |

| Summary of Key Specialist Findings  Potential Impacts SA1 SA2 + LIR |  |  |  |
|---|--|--|--|
| Biodiversity  SA1 – Gravel plain                                    | Loss of sensitive /natural habitats Impact on flora & fauna species (sp) of conservation importance Impact on unique or protected habitat Displacement of fauna Ecological disconnectivity & fragmentation | <ul> <li>Removal of sensitive gravel plain habitat</li> <li>Vegetation largely pristine</li> <li>Higher number of protected trees than SA2</li> <li>Higher faunal habitat diversity</li> <li>Red Data sp — Hyena &amp; Tawny Eagle</li> <li>Implementation of added value biodiversity enhancement strategy postauthorisation</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>Slightly degraded due to grazing</li> <li>Lowest potential for conservation impact taxa to exist</li> <li>Lower habitat diversity</li> <li>Red Data sp — Hyena &amp; Leopard</li> <li>LIR — numerous protected trees (Tamboti), offer a unique sensitive faunal habitat</li> <li>Preferred</li> </ul> |

| Summary of Key Specialist Findings            |  |   |   |
|---|--|---|---|
| Air Quality                                   | Dust generation during construction & ash disposal     Emissions from equipment & vehicles | SA1  Daily ave PM10 concentration of 203μg/m3 (within site boundary) exceed National daily ave of 120μg/m3  Annual ave of 58μg/m3 against National ave of 50μg/m3  Cumulative impacts on Matimba PS & Grootegeluk - 305μg/m3  Preferred | SA2 + LIR  Location of site – likely to impact Grootegeluk Mine  PM10 conc of 161μg/m3  Annual ave of 71μg/m3  LIR – 7.23 & 1.47 daily & annual ave respectively  Cumulative impacts on Matimba PS & Grootegeluk - 315μg/m3 |
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| Summary of Key Specialist Findings |   |  |   |
|------------------------------------|---|--|---|
|                                    | Potential Impacts   | SA1  | SA2 + LIR   |
| Social                             | <ul> <li>Human health</li> <li>Water contamination</li> <li>Change in land use</li> <li>Dust</li> <li>Noise</li> <li>Tourism</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>Existing ADF &amp; infrastructure</li> <li>No change in land use</li> <li>Impacts largely incurred</li> <li>Preferred</li> </ul>  | <ul> <li>Greenfields dev – change in land use</li> <li>Tourism affected (game farms)</li> <li>LIR running adjacent to Marapong</li> </ul>                           |
| Heritage &<br>Palaeont-<br>ology   | Objects of<br>significance<br>unearthed during<br>construction  | <ul> <li>No sites of heritage significance or rocks &amp; fossils found</li> <li>Small two-roomed structure in bad state – difficult to determine date of site as roof, fittings removed</li> <li>No preference</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>No sites of heritage<br/>significance or<br/>fossils found</li> <li>Possible grave<br/>located outside SA2<br/>footprint</li> <li>No preference</li> </ul> |





| Summary of Key Specialist Findings  Potential Impacts SA1 SA2 + LIR |  |  |   |
|---|--|--|---|
| Traffic   | Impact on existing road network     Increase in traffic during construction & operations | <ul> <li>Access from Nelson<br/>Mandela Drive (D1675)</li> <li>Being upgraded to 4<br/>lane road</li> <li>Access road to ADF is a<br/>gravel road with a level<br/>crossing from D1675</li> <li>Preferred</li> </ul> | Access D2001 will be upgraded to a paved road if site is selected     Recommended that short right turn lane from D2001 into the access road      LIR – clearance height of 5.2m for vehicles |

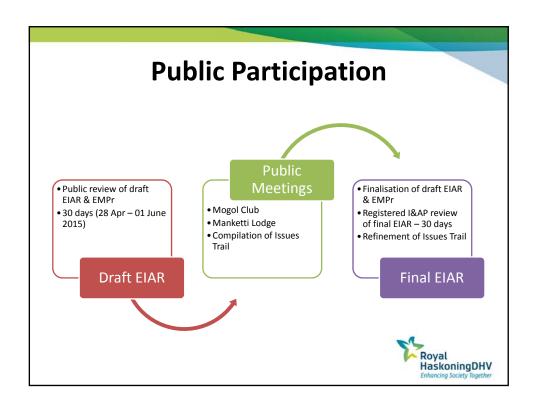
### **Impact Statement & Recommendations**

- Significant impacts on biodiversity, geohydrology, hydrology, surface water, air quality, social & visual
- Mitigation through the implementation of the EMPr
- Key Recommendations:
  - Added value biodiversity strategy
  - Implement Stormwater Management Plan
  - Groundwater & surface water monitoring
  - Operation of ADF in line with Draft Operational Plan
  - Transitional lining & lining of greenfields portion of ADF (not applicable to piggy-backed areas)
  - Compliance with key environmental legislation (NEMA, Waste Act, Water Act, Forests Act, Air Quality Act, Heritage Act)
- Comparative assessment of both site alternatives & EAP recommendation – SA1 (700ha) preferred over SA2

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### **Water Use Licencing Process**

#### Applicability **Identified Water Uses** Construction of an ADF within the buffer Section 21 (c) - impeding or diverting the flow of water in a watercourse & Section zone of drainage line/ephemeral drainage 21 (i) - altering the bed, banks, course or characteristics of a watercourse Section 21 (e) - irrigation of any land with Irrigation of the ash dump with waste water for dust suppression purposes waste or water containing waste generated through an industry activity or waterworks Section 21 (g) - disposing of waste in a Ash disposal on the ADF Disposal of leachate from the ADF into the manner which may detrimentally impact pollution control dam on a water resource Emergency off-load area Use of sludge for rehabilitation



# **Public Participation (cont.)**

| Venue s                                  | Contact Number |
|--|----------------|
| Matimba Power Station                    | 014 763 8084   |
| Lephalale Library                        | 014 762 1453   |
| Marapong Community Library               | 014 768 3927   |
| Manketti Lodge                           | 083 305 3104   |
| Royal HaskoningDHV Offices               | 012 367 5800   |
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- Review & Commenting Period of draft EIAR: 28 April 01 June 2015
- Review & Commenting Period of final EIAR: TBA





### **Discussion**

- Questions?
- Comments?





### 4 ISSUES TRAIL

# INTEGRATED ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION FOR THE PROPOSED CONTINUOUS ASH DISPOSAL FACILITY FOR THE MATIMBA POWER STATION IN LEPHALALE, LIMPOPO PROVINCE

**ISSUES TRAIL** 

DEA REF: 14/12/16/3/3/3/56

**JULY 2015** 

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| ACRO | ONYMS:                                |    |
| DEA  | Department of Environmental Affairs   |    |
| DWS  | Department of Water and Sanitation    |    |
| EAP  | Environmental Assessment Practitioner |    |
| EIA  | Environmental Impact Assessment       |    |

Environmental Impact Assessment Report

**Environmental Management Programme** 

Integrated Environmental Authorisation

Palaeontological Impact Assessment

SAHRA South African Heritage Resources Agency

**Environmental Scoping Report** 

**Environmental Scoping Study** 

Heritage Impact Assessment

Linear Infrastructure Route

I&APs Interested and Affected Parties

Site Alternative 1
Site Alternative 2

EIAR

EMPr

**ESR** 

ESS HIA

IEA LIR

PIA

SA1

SA2

SIA Social Impact Assessment

WUL Water Use Licence

#### 1. EIA STUDY

ISSUE/COMMENT **RAISED BY** RESPONSE 1. At this stage, an Environmental Scoping Study (ESS) has been conducted and an 1. Concerns regarding cumulative impacts. Filomaine Swanepoel **Environmental Specialist** Environmental Scoping Report (ESR) has been compiled for the proposed ash disposal Exxaro Coal (Waterberg region) facility (ADF) and potential positive and negative impacts have been indentified. During the Is it preferred to establish the proposed ash disposal facility Tel: 014 763 9288 next phase of the study i.e. Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) study, these impacts (ADF) on site alternative 1 (SA1), where the existing facility is including any cumulative impacts identified will be rated according to nature, extent, Email: filomaine.swanepoel@exxaro.com located? Received: 28 May 2013 duration, intensity, probability and significance. The assessment of impacts will encompass both options of extending the existing ADF and establishing another facility, depending on It was mentioned that during site selection, all the specialist studies were integrated and each of the sites was rated. Have recommended site. An Environmental Management Programme (EMPr) will be compiled that will provide actions for the management of identified impacts emanating from the the two site alternatives been rated as having a high, medium or low environmental impact? project. 4. A study was conducted and it revealed that mixing ash with the 2. This will be confirmed after completion of the EIA studies which will assess which of the 2 discarded material and disposing it in the pits is not site alternatives has the least environmental impact. Thereafter, one site will be recommended. Another alternative was suggested whereby the recommended as the preferred. ash should be used to layer the mine pits and for this a waste management licence will need to be applied for. However, the 3. At this Scoping phase, only potential impacts have been identified. Further discussion and issue of who takes responsibility for the activity will still need to rating of these impacts will be undertaken during the EIA phase. The rating that was used during site screening is specifically for GIS mapping purposes and tied to environmental be resolved. aspects. Site screening first identifies fatal flaws and then determines the potential feasible alternatives and their preference ranking and does not necessarily conclude that one is Depending on the site that is finally selected, will an additional EIA be conducted to assess the impacts of the overland ideal or it will not be impacted upon. During the EIA phase, the significance of the impacts conveyor system on site alternative 2 (SA2) or will it be part of will be determined and mitigation measures proposed. this ongoing exercise? 4. The option of backfilling the mine pit is an innovative idea but at the same time it needs to be not only technically feasible but also environmentally sustainable in terms of potential impacts that might arise and what it will cost to implement it. The option was considered and found that it is not environmentally sustainable because of negative environmental impacts e.g. increase in elements such as Boron, Mercury and Arsenic in the groundwater; increased acidity in the seepage due to Acid Rock Drainage and increase in salt loads in the water in the mine pit. Therefore, this option will not be pursued and assessed further in this study. 5. The impacts of an overland conveyor on SA2 will be conducted as part of the current EIA study. A corridor that is wide enough to allow alternatives and deviations to the facility will

be catered for and all sensitive areas will be identified and considered.

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| 1. | Main interest is a description of environmental issues and potential impacts on the surrounding area.   | Silas Raluthaga Private Tel: 073 151 4654 Email: tsraluthaga@gmail.com Received: 20 May 2013                                     | 1. | At this stage, an ESS has been conducted and an ESR has been compiled for the proposed ADF and potential positive and negative impacts have been indentified. During the next phase of the study i.e. Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) study, these impacts including any cumulative impacts identified will be rated according to nature, extent, duration, intensity, probability and significance. The assessment of impacts will encompass both options of extending the existing ADF and establishing a new facility, depending on recommended site. An EMPr will be compiled that will provide actions for the management of identified impacts emanating from the project. |
| 1. | Why hasn't backfilling of the mining pits at the Grootegeluk mine been considered as an alternative for the disposal of ash? We owe it to the environment to undertake the activities responsibly and sustainably, thus the option of backfilling of the mining pits at Grootegeluk needs to be considered. | Johannes van Rooyen Owner: Farm Kalkfontein Tel: 083 304 7063 Email: johan.vrooyen@exxaro.com Received: 15 April and 28 May 2013 | 1. | One of the main purposes of the PP process is to get input from I&APs. The Eskom team is aware of the option of backfilling the pit at the Grootegeluk mine with the ash and that extensive research that has been undertaken. This study was commissioned when Eskom applied for an Environmental Authorisation for Medupi Power Station in which the Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA) would not grant a licence for on-site ashing, until such investigations were made.  |
| 2. | Eskom also owns two (2) farms on the north-eastern side of Matimba Power Station but due to the town development, in Marapong and near the Sandloop River the proposed facility should not be considered to be placed on the side of Marapong.  |  |    | The option of backfilling the mine pit was considered and the main challenge encountered was a high risk of groundwater pollution resulting from the in-pit ash disposal and liability.  |
| 3. | Does it mean that the licence being applied for is for ash disposal for the remaining life of the power station? If SA1 is completely covered will ashing then commence on SA2?   |  |    | The report on the feasibility studies conducted on backfilling the Grootegeluk colliery mine pit has been considered. The findings and recommendations have been incorporated into the final ESR under Chapter 4 (Project Alternatives). However, this option will not be pursued and assessed further for the proposed ADF.   |
|    | Has the assessment of the impacts been done yet and will the findings be revealed at a public meeting?  |  | 2. | The two (2) Eskom owned farms on the north-eastern side of the Matimba Power Station are not under consideration for the proposed ADF. They were not identified in the process of site identification undertaken.  |
| 5. | Studies have been done previously for the proposed project and a public meeting was conducted. The same sites were identified.  |  | 3. | <b>0</b>   |
| 6. | How come EIA studies were not done for the Matimba Power Station and yet the studies have been / are being conducted for other Power Station projects?  |  |    | not necessarily mean that in future this site will be utilized for ashing. The EIA process requires the assessment of feasible alternatives and SA2 was selected as an alternative for an ADF and for which SA1 is also being assessed. One site will be recommended for licencing once the EIA studies are complete.  |
| 7. | A public meeting will need to be held to explain to I&APs impacts on the environment as a result of the proposed ADF and which site is recommended.   |  | 4. | At this stage, an ESS has been conducted and an ESR has been compiled for the proposed ADF and potential positive and negative impacts have been indentified. During the next phase of the study i.e. EIA study, these impacts including any cumulative impacts identified will be rated according to nature, extent, duration, intensity, probability and significance. The assessment of impacts will encompass both options of extending the  |

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| <ol> <li>Environmental impact on natural ecosystems functioning, landscapes and biodiversity. Specifically impacts related to Exxaro's Manketti Game Reserve.</li> <li>Establishing the proposed off-sets for the project. Off-sets envisaged on a species, ecosystem and landscape scale; he can be of assistance.</li> <li>Rehabilitation potential and plans.</li> </ol> | Marius Fuls Research Manager Exxaro: Ferroland Wildlife Tel: 083 305 3104 Email: marius.fuls@exxaro.com Received: 15 April 2013 | <ul> <li>existing ADF and establishing another facility, depending on the recommended site.  A public meeting will be held during the draft EIA report public review period; notifications will be sent to I&amp;APs informing them about the details of the meeting. The reports compiled will also be made available for public perusal and comment.</li> <li>5. Some EIA studies have previously been conducted for projects in the Lephalale area such as Medupi Power Station in 2005. Thereafter, studies were conducted for two coal fired-power stations in the Lephalale area. This public meeting is specifically for an ADF for the Matimba Power Station and no meetings have been held before.</li> <li>6. The Matimba Power Station was commissioned in the 1980s before any environmental laws came into force and thus no studies were required to be conducted. Despite this, Eskom put systems in place to minimize impacts on environment.</li> <li>7. A public meeting will be held during the draft EIA report public review period; notifications will be sent to I&amp;APs informing them about the details of the meeting. The reports compiled will also be made available for public perusal and comment.</li> <li>1. A number of potential impacts on biodiversity have been identified during this ESS phase which may occur as a result of the proposed project. Therefore, a detailed biodiversity assessment of the study area will be undertaken in the EIA study phase in order to adequately assess the potential impacts and recommend appropriate mitigation measures.</li> <li>2. The appointed biodiversity specialists (Bathusi Environmental Consulting and Fauna Specialists Incorporated) have been provided with the contact details of the I&amp;AP - Marius Fuls.</li> <li>3. A draft EMPr will be compiled that will provide actions for the management of identified impacts emanating from the project. This EMPr will also take Eskom's rehabilitation processes into consideration, as Eskom continuously rehabilitates the ADF.</li> </ul> |
| <ul> <li>Exxaro proposes that the alternative of disposing the Matimba ash into the Grootegeluk pit be investigated.</li> <li>During 2006, Eskom and Exxaro jointly appointed consultants to conduct a study for ash disposal from the Medupi Power Station into the Grootegeluk pit.</li> <li>It was concluded that the Grootegeluk pit was not</li> </ul>                 | JL Wepener General Manager Waterberg Region Exxaro Coal Tel: 014 763 9322 Email: Wolfie.jahn@exxaro.com Received: 6 June 2013   | 1. The Eskom team is aware of the option of backfilling the pit at the Grootegeluk mine with<br>the ash and that extensive research that has been undertaken. This study was<br>commissioned when Eskom applied for an Environmental Authorisation for Medupi Power<br>Station in which the DEA would not grant a licence for on-site ashing, until such<br>investigations were made. The option of backfilling the mine pit was considered and the<br>main challenge encountered was a high risk of groundwater pollution caused by the ash<br>disposal and the liability.   |

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| <ul> <li>advanced sufficiently at that stage to take the Medupi ash into the pit.</li> <li>The Grootegeluk pit has in the meantime advanced considerably making the disposal of Matimba ash into the Grootegeluk pit in the near future a real possibility.</li> </ul>   |   | The report on the feasibility studies conducted on backfilling the Grootegeluk colliery mine pit has been considered. The findings and recommendations have been incorporated into the final ESR under Chapter 4 (Project Alternatives). However, this option will not be pursued and assessed further for the proposed ADF.  |
| <ul> <li>Exxaro thus proposes that the disposal of Matimba ash into<br/>the Grootegeluk pit be considered as an alternative to on-<br/>surface ash disposal. All reports of the previous studies are<br/>available from the Eskom Megawatt Park offices.</li> </ul>  |   |   |
| <ol> <li>Is the Eskom environmental team aware of discussions that were being undertaken between Eskom and Exxaro to dispose of the ash into the mining pits at the Grootegeluk mine? Studies for this option have already been undertaken and the contact details of the relevant Exxaro officials are available from whom detailed information can be obtained. This option can be included as an additional alternative to be assessed in the EIA.</li> <li>What are the timeframes for the proposed project?</li> <li>Will the findings of the specialist studies be distributed?</li> </ol> | Exxaro: Ferroland Wildlife<br>Tel: 082 269 6334 | <ol> <li>The Eskom environmental team is aware of the option of backfilling the pits at the Grootegeluk mine with the ash and that extensive research that has been undertaken. This study was commissioned when Eskom applied for an Environmental Authorisation for Medupi Power Station in which the DEA would not grant a licence for on-site ashing, until such investigations were made. The option of backfilling the mine pit was considered and the main challenge encountered was a high risk of groundwater pollution caused by the ash disposal and the liability.         The report has been considered on the feasibility studies conducted on backfilling the Grootegeluk colliery mine pits. The findings and recommendation have been incorporated into the final ESR under Chapter 4 (Project Alternatives).     </li> <li>After the draft ESR public review period is completed, the scoping report will be finalized and submitted to DEA for review and decision making (the DEA has 14 days to acknowledge receipt of the final ESR and 30 days to reject or accept the final ESR). The final ESR will also be made available to l&amp;APs for further review and comment for 21 days (the comments are sent directly to DEA and a copy provided to the Environmental Assessment Practitioner i.e. Royal HaskoningDHV).         The EIA phase can only commence once the final ESR has been accepted by DEA and it will involve the compilation of an EIA report (including the findings of the detailed specialist studies) and an EMPr. These reports go through a public review period again.     </li> <li>The findings of the specialist reports will form part of the EIA report; full copies of the specialist reports will be included in the appendices.</li> </ol> |

#### 2. WATER RESOURCES

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| 1. | Concern is that proposed project will lead to the contamination of groundwater. | Susara Maria Gouws Owner: Farm Ganzepan 446 LQ Tel: 012 567 4646 Email: coeng@gmail.com Received: 14 May 2013 | Contamination of groundwater has been identified as a potential imparant will be examined in detail in the EIA study phase during whydrological assessment will be undertaken. An EMPr will be compactions for the management of identified groundwater impacts emanated in addition, The design of the ADF will be undertaken by the apport Engineering Company (Jeffares & Green). The proposed ADF will be and constructed as per the following legislation:  DWA Minimum Requirements (Trilogy)  GN. R. 614 of 2012 Waste Classification and Management Regulations.  GN. 35583 of 2012 - National Waste Information Regulations.  Post note – all studies have been updated to be in compliance with the Classification and Management Regulations); GN. R. 635 (Norms and Assessment of Waste for Landfill).   | nich a detailed geo-<br>iled that will provide<br>ing from the project.<br>Sinted Environmental<br>nave to be designed<br>ations.             |
| 1. | Concern is groundwater contamination.   | Marius Fuls Research Manager Exxaro: Ferroland Wildlife Tel: 083 305 3104 Email: marius.fuls@exxaro.com       | Contamination of groundwater has been identified as a potential imparant will be examined in detail in the EIA study phase during whydrological assessment will be undertaken. A draft EMPr will be comactions for the management of identified groundwater impacts emanated in addition, The design of the ADF will be undertaken by the apple Engineering Company (Jeffares & Green). The proposed ADF will be and constructed as per the following legislation:  DWA Minimum Requirements (Trilogy)  GN. R. 614 of 2012 - Waste Classification and Management Regions.  GN. R. 625 of 2012 - Standard for Disposal of Waste to Landfill.  GN. R 625 of 2012 - National Waste Information Regulations.  Post note – all studies have been updated to be in compliance with the Classification and Management Regulations); GN. R. 635 (Norms and Assessment of Waste for Landfill Disposal) and GN. R. 636 (Norm Disposal of Waste to Landfill). | piled that will provide ing from the project.  Sinted Environmental nave to be designed ulations.  Be GN. R. 634 (Waste and Standards for the |

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| <ol> <li>Are the Section 21 c &amp; i water uses a<br/>ADF or to the new facility? Will there<br/>application (WULA) for both site alternation</li> </ol> | be a water use licence ves?  Environmental S  Exxaro Coal (Wa  Tel: 014 763 928 | Specialist<br>aterberg region)<br>88<br>.swanepoel@exxaro.com | . The WULA will only be lodged for the preferred site i.e. SA1. The following water uses will be applied for i.e. Section 21e, g and c & i (for the drainage lines on the site). |

#### 3. HERITAGE

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|   | 1. It is noted in the draft ESR, a Heritage Impact Assessment will be undertaken for this proposed project. Please note that in addition to the assessment of archaeological and palaeontological resources, any other heritage resources that may be impacted such as built structures over 60 years old, sites of cultural significance associated with oral histories, burial grounds and graves, graves of victims of conflict, and cultural landscapes or viewscapes must also be assessed.  If the property is very small or disturbed and there is no significant site the heritage specialist may choose to send a letter to the heritage authority to indicate that there is no necessity for any further assessment. | Phillip Hine Heritage Officer SAHRA Tel: 021 462 4502 Email: phine@sahra.org.za Received: 25 May 2013     | <ol> <li>A full phase 1 archaeological survey of the two alternative sites (selected for the proposed ADF) will be conducted in the EIA phase in accordance with the requirements of Section 38 of the National Heritage Act (No. 25 of 1999).</li> </ol>   |
| : | <ol> <li>SAHRA requests that the heritage impact assessment is revised in the light of the heritage sites highlighted in Figure 14 and 32 of the Scoping Report. The impact that the proposed SA1 and 2 and LIR will have on these sites must be clearly explained in the assessment.</li> <li>A palaeontological desktop assessment be undertaken for SA1. If the palaeontologists deems it suitable, a letter of exemption may be submitted to the heritage authority suggesting that no further palaeontological studies are necessary.</li> </ol>  | Phillip Hine Heritage Officer SAHRA Tel: 021 462 4502 Email: phine@sahra.org.za Received: 16 October 2014 | <ol> <li>The interim comments were provided on the draft Scoping Report (2013) that included a high-level assessment of heritage/archaeological sites that might be found in an 8km radius surrounding the Matimba Power Station. The 8km study area was then subject to a fatal flaw/screening assessment and all heritage sites of significance e.g. Nelson's Kop (Category 1 site) included in Figure 14 of the ESR were indicated as fatal flaws and not considered as feasible areas for the construction of the ADF. Subsequent to this fatal flaw/screening investigation, two feasible sites were proposed for further assessment in the Scoping phase. At a high-level, the sites included within SA1 and SA2 were presented in the ESR and would be subject to detail investigation and an Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA).</li> <li>The HIA was unloaded 22 May 2014 that looked at the heritage resources within/close proximity.</li> </ol> |
|   |  |   | <ol><li>The HIA was uploaded 22 May 2014 that looked at the heritage resources within/close proximity<br/>to site alternatives. The HIA also took in to account the conveyor route system. Comments on</li></ol>  |

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| 3. | A palaeontological impact assessment be undertaken for SA2 and the related conveyor belt.   |           |    | the HIA are still outstanding.   |
| 4. | If SA2 is preferred for the ADF, a palaeontological field assessment will be required and must be submitted to SAHRA for commenting before authorisation is granted. The field assessment must include the proposed conveyor route alignment. |           | 3. | As per the interim comments, a desktop Palaeontological Impact Assessment (PIA) was requested for SA1 and PIA requested for SA2 and the conveyor route. A PIA has since been done for both sites as well as the conveyor system. No fossils were found at either site alternative or the conveyor route. The PIA was uploaded as well as the confirmation from Prof Marion Bamford (also uploaded onto the SAHRIS site). |

#### 4. SOCIAL

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| 1. | Concern is loss of property value to properties adjacent to the area.                  | Susara Maria Gouws Owner: Farm Ganzepan 446 LQ Tel: 012 567 4646 Email: coeng@gmail.com Received: 14 May 2013 | 1. | During the EIA study phase, a Social Impact Assessment (SIA) study will be conducted and which will identify and assess in detail the social impacts resulting from the proposed ADF. Management and mitigation measures to address the identified impacts will be recommended. These measures will be formulated to maximize the positive impacts and reduce the extent of the negative impacts.  |
| 2. | Main interest is the negative impact on the environment – i.e. impact on game farming. | Susara Maria Gouws Owner: Farm Ganzepan 446 LQ Tel: 012 567 4646 Email: coeng@gmail.com Received: 14 May 2013 | 1. | One of the potential impacts identified during the ESS study is that the proposed ADF might have an impact on land uses such as game farming. During the EIA study phase, a SIA study will be conducted and which will identify and assess in detail the social impacts resulting from the proposed ADF. Management and mitigation measures to address the identified impacts will be recommended. These measures will be formulated to maximize the positive impacts and reduce the extent of the negative impacts. |

#### 5. AIR

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| 1. Concern is the rise of air pollution that will be a health risk. | Susara Maria Gouws<br>Owner: Farm Ganzepan 446 LQ | <ol> <li>Health concerns as a result of air pollution from the ADF have been identified during the ESS<br/>phase as a potential impact. During the EIA study phase, a SIA study will be conducted and</li> </ol> |

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|  | Tel: 012 567 4646<br>Email: coeng@gmail.com<br>Received: 14 May 2013  | which will identify and assess the social impacts resulting from the proposed and mitigation measures to address the identified impacts will be reconceasures will be formulated to maximize the positive impacts and reduce negative impacts.  Furthermore, an Air Quality Impact Assessment will be undertaken in the order to assess in detail the potential air quality impacts and recommend appreasures.   | commended. These see the extent of the EIA study phase in                                      |
| Exxaro is not in favour of constructing any new ADF on their property. The proposed sites are directly in the prevailing wind direction of their existing operations and thus, dust will be a serious problem. | JL Wepener General Manager Waterberg Region Exxaro Coal Tel: 014 763 9322 Email: Wolfie.jahn@exxaro.com Received: 6 June 2013     | Air pollution as a result of dust generation from the ADF has been identification between the potential impact. An Air Quality Impact Assessment will be unstudy phase in order to assess in detail the potential air quality impact appropriate mitigation measures.  | dertaken in the EIA  |
| . Concern is on the farms Zongesien and / or Peerboom which are just east of Marapong. Wind direction is normally west and cause hygiene and dusty environment leading to health problems.                     | Johannes van Rooyen<br>Owner: Farm Kalkfontein<br>Tel: 083 304 7063<br>Email: johan.vrooyen@exxaro.com<br>Received: 15 April 2013 | Health concerns as a result of air pollution from the ADF have been identified by the set of air pollution from the ADF have been identified by the set of all the set of a | If be conducted and ADF. Management commended. These we the extent of the adertaken in the EIA |

#### 6. BIODIVERSITY

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| 1. | Sandloop River and dams downstream are rich with water bird life such as Fish Eagle and therefore should not be disturbed. | Johannes van Rooyen Owner: Farm Kalkfontein Tel: 083 304 7063 Email: johan.vrooyen@exxaro.com Received: 15 April 2013 | 1. | The occurrence of threatened fauna species such as birds has been noted during the ESS phase and which the proposed project may impact. Therefore, a detailed biodiversity assessment of the study area will be undertaken in the EIA study phase in order to adequately assess the potential impacts and recommend appropriate mitigation measures. |

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| Out of interest, what is the specialist preferred SA2 over | main reason that the biodiversity SA1? | Filomaine Swanepoel Environmental Specialist Exxaro Coal (Waterberg region) Tel: 014 763 9288 Email: filomaine.swanepoel@exxaro.com Received: 21 May 2015 | 1. | The loss of the gravel plain habitat, which is considered to be high-sensitivity, has resulted in the specialist marginally preferring SA2 over SA1. It should be reiterated, that a development of this nature would result in loss of vegetation, irrespective of the site that is chosen. SA1 has vegetation that is largely pristine compared to SA2. When considering SA2, the impacts of establishing a linear infrastructure route (LIR) also needs to be taken into account as SA1 already has existing infrastructure available i.e. LIR. |

#### 7. CONTINUOUS ASHING

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| <ol> <li>For the continuation of ashing on SA1, will you be lining the<br/>facility? The assumption is that the existing facility is not lined.<br/>Are you licencing the entire facility?</li> </ol> | Filomaine Swanepoel Environmental Specialist Exxaro Coal (Waterberg region) Tel: 014 763 9288 Email: filomaine.swanepoel@exxaro.com Received: 21 May 2015 | 1. Only the greenfield portion of SA1 will be lined. The entire 700 ha has been applied for, for licencing. On the greenfield portion of SA1, the Matimba Power Station is facing a scenario whereby operations will have to continue but once the Authority provides the Integrated Environmental Authorisation, the expectation is to comply with all conditions of licencing. The reality is that immediate lining will be challenging. Therefore Eskom are proposing a phased lining approach with transitional provisions. This therefore means that there is a high possibility that Eskom will not be able to line for a period of up to 4 years and the current operating model will be followed on an unlined area. The exact footprint of this unlined area has not been determined. Post meeting note: Due to the processes that need to be followed and the timeframes required for preparation of the footprint and construction of the lining system, there will be a period from current operations to disposal on the lining system. The area that will not be lined during the 2 - 4 year period is estimated to be 60 ha, approximately 15 ha per year. The location of this area assumes that the lining provisions start from the time the project gets environmental approval, wherever the ash operations are at that point. The Applicant (Eskom), will lodge an Application for Exemption (with the DEA) as stipulated under Section 44(1)(a) read with the Section 24M(3) of NEMA (No 107 of 1998) and the National Exemption Regulations (No R.994). In proposing and motivating for the exemption from lining, it |
|   |   | must be noted that this situation is practically unavoidable as the basal lining system must first<br>be approved before work can commence on the ground preparation and construction. During<br>this time, it is in the Nation's best interest that the Matimba Power Station continue to operate<br>according to its current ashing model, requiring ash disposal continue as at present. This will  |

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|               |           | <ul> <li>mean continued ashing on an unlined surface during this period.</li> <li>Mitigation measures which must be enforced during the 2 - 4 year ash disposal includes the following:</li> <li>Any boreholes located on the site footprint where ash disposal will occur must be backfilled so as to prevent direct migration of potentially poor quality water into the aquifers and further groundwater pollution. The sealing procedure will be finalised with an appointed Contractor.</li> <li>Prevent excess water on the ADF, dust suppression must be controlled.</li> <li>The groundwater monitoring programme must be continued as detailed in the EMPr (Appendix S).</li> </ul> |

#### 8. GENERAL

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| 1 | . Farm Appelvlakte 448LQ and Vooruit 449 LQ belong to Exxaro Coal.   | Filomaine Swanepoel Environmental Specialist Exxaro Coal (Waterberg region)                  | <ol> <li>Royal HaskoningDHV have established that the farm Appelvlakte 448 LQ Portion 1<br/>indeed belongs to Exxaro Coal (Pty) Ltd and not Lephalale Local Municipality as noted in<br/>the ESR. The farm ownership information has been corrected in the final ESR under</li> </ol>  |
| 2 | The ADF is sealed on the edges to capture any run-off from the ash pile and seepage of groundwater at the toe of the ash pile. | Tel: 014 763 9288 Email: filomaine.swanepoel@exxaro.com                                      | Chapter 4, section 4.1.2.  |
|   |  |  | 2. The existing ADF does have seepage management measures to control groundwater contamination seeing that the groundwater is shallow. The proposed ADF will have a barrier system that will be approved to the Authorities (Department of Water & Sanitation - DWS, and DEA. Even though there was no legislation requiring lining of the facilities, Eskom implemented some Duty of Care principles in these facilities, in order to minimize impacts on the environment.  |
| 1 | . Main interest is the design and construction of the ash dam.   | Silas Raluthaga Private Tel: 073 151 4654 Email: tsraluthaga@gmail.com Received: 20 May 2013 | <ol> <li>The concept design of the ADF will be undertaken by the appointed Environmental Engineering Company (Jeffares &amp; Green). The proposed ADF will have to be designed and constructed as per the following legislation:         <ul> <li>Minimum Requirements Trilogy (Trilogy).</li> <li>GN. R. 614 of 2012 Waste Classification and Management Regulations.</li> <li>GN. R. 615 of 2012- Standard for Disposal of Waste to Landfill.</li> <li>GN. R 625 of 2012 - National Waste Information Regulations.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Post note – all studies have been updated to be in compliance with the GN. R. 634</li> </ol> |

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|   |   | (Waste Classification and Management Regulations); GN. R. 635 (Norms and Standards for the Assessment of Waste for Landfill Disposal) and GN. R. 636 (Norms and Standard for Disposal of Waste to Landfill).  |
| <ol> <li>He is a farm owner within 8 km radius. There is a planned<br/>development of an earth dam at Sandloop River with resort<br/>rights as the area's wildlife and waterbirds must be protected<br/>and not disturbed. Sandloop River cannot be blocked off as the<br/>farms downstream have dams in them for water storage.</li> </ol>   | Johannes van Rooyen Owner: Farm Kalkfontein Tel: 083 304 7063 Email: johan.vrooyen@exxaro.com                                 | <ol> <li>The Sandloop River is the only significant natural water resource that was identified in the study area during the ESS. All sensitive areas will be identified and considered during the establishment of the proposed ADF.</li> <li>SA2 is being considered as an alternative for the establishment of the ADF. This is</li> </ol>  |
| <ol> <li>Why disturb another area? The proposed ADF should be kept at the existing area south of the power station and should not affect the township.</li> </ol>   | Received: 15 April 2013   | because the EIA process requires the assessment of feasible alternatives and SA2 was selected as an alternative for the same function for which SA1 is also being assessed. One site will be recommended for the establishment of the ADF once the EIA studies are complete.  |
| 3. Is the existing ADF lined underneath and if not, why not?  |   | 3. The existing ADF is not lined as it was constructed in the 1980's and there was no legislation providing guidelines on how the ADF should be designed, Eskom was therefore not compelled to line the site. Even though there was no legislation requiring lining of the facilities, Eskom implemented some Duty of Care initiatives, in these facilities, in order to minimize impacts on the environment.   |
|   |   | However, the proposed new ADF will have a barrier system (only the greenfield portion) that will be approved by the Authorities (DWS and DEA).  |
| <ol> <li>He cannot see any reason why the existing area cannot be<br/>used. Should the adjacent farms be used, Ganzepan should<br/>also be bought.</li> </ol>   | Susara Maria Gouws Owner: Farm Ganzepan 446 LQ Tel: 012 567 4646 Email: coeng@gmail.com Received: 14 May 2013                 | <ol> <li>SA2 is being considered as an alternative for the establishment of the ADF. This is<br/>because the EIA process requires the assessment of feasible alternatives and SA2 was<br/>selected as an alternative for the same function for which SA1 is also being assessed.<br/>One site will be recommended for the establishment of the ADF once the EIA studies are<br/>complete.</li> </ol>  |
|   |   | Additionally, if Eskom needs to purchase any private land, they will contact the owners directly.   |
| <ol> <li>Two of the farms identified as potential sites are the property of Exxaro Coal (Pty) Ltd. These are farms Vooruit 449 LQ and Appelvlakte 448 LQ.</li> <li>The existing ash dump on the farm Zwartwater 507 LQ only covers approximately 35% of the total farm area. Thus, sufficient space is available for a very long period into the future.</li> <li>Exxaro realises that the legal requirements for ash disposal</li> </ol> | JL Wepener General Manager Waterberg Region Exxaro Coal Tel: 014 763 9322 Email: Wolfie.jahn@exxaro.com Received: 6 June 2013 | <ol> <li>Eskom purchased the farm Zwartwater 507 LQ for the disposal of ash a long time before the promulgation of the NEM: Waste Act (No 59 of 2008). However, in order for the activity to continue on the remaining portion of farm Zwartwater 507 LQ or another alternative site, an Integrated Environmental Authorisation (IEA) must be obtained under the current environmental laws i.e. EIA Regulations (2010) promulgated in terms of the National Environmental Management Act (NEMA) No 107 of 1998 [as amended] and the National Environmental Management Waste Act (NEM: WA) No. 59 of 2008.</li> </ol> |

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|    | have changed, hence the investigation.  |   |    | SA2 is being considered as an alternative for the establishment of the ADF. This is because the EIA process requires the assessment of feasible alternatives and SA2 was selected as an alternative for the same function for which SA1 is also being assessed. One site will be recommended for the establishment of the ADF once the EIA studies are complete.  |
| 1. | The existing ADF is located on farm Zwartwater 507 LQ; how many years are remaining before the entire farm can be completely covered by the ash?  If the raising of the ash pile on the existing ADF is successful, it means that another alternative site will not be required for the establishment of ADF?   | Johannes Molepo Exxaro: Ferroland Wildlife Tel: 082 269 6334 Email: Johannes.molepo@exxaro.com Received: 28 May 2013                                      |    | The remaining portion of farm Zwartwater 507LQ can cater for ash disposal for the remaining life of the Matimba power station i.e. 40 years (2015 – 2055).  Correct. However, SA2 is being considered as an alternative for the establishment of the ADF. This is because the EIA process requires the assessment of feasible alternatives and SA2 was selected as an alternative for the same function for which SA2 is also being assessed. One site will be recommended for the establishment of the ADF once the EIA studies are complete.  |
|    | as a result of the activity must be reported to the Department in terms of Section 30 (5) of the National Environmental Management Act (No. 107 of 1998).  Adequate measures must be implemented regarding the collection, removal and disposal of waste during each stage of the development from site preparation to construction and operation.  No waste, including excavated topsoil and boulders may be buried or burned on the site. | L.B. Maesela Limpopo Department of Economic Development, Environment and Tourism Tel: 015 290 7098 Email: maesela@ledet.gov.za Received: 24 June 2013     | 3. | Procedures for reporting, handling and recording spills will be provided in the EMPr which will form part of the final EIAR.  Waste management measures and procedures during the construction phase of the ADF will be provided in the Environmental Management Programme (EMPr) which will form part of the final EIAR. The operational phase will be in compliance with the station's ISO 14001 certification requirements.  Waste management measures and procedures during the construction phase of the ADF will be provided in the EMPr which will form part of the final EIAR. The operational phase will be in compliance with the station's ISO 14001 certification requirements.  This will be done in compliance with the station's ISO 14001 certification requirements. |
| 1. |   | Filomaine Swanepoel Environmental Specialist Exxaro Coal (Waterberg region) Tel: 014 763 9288 Email: filomaine.swanepoel@exxaro.com Received: 21 May 2015 | 1. | The alternative LIR corridor was proposed during the Scoping Study and Exxaro where requested to comment on this alternative. This alternative was not supported and hence not further assessed in the EIA study. However, the biodiversity specialist has still recommended an alternative to the assessed LIR due to the high number of Tamboti trees found in the current proposed LIR. The EIA study prefers SA1, and this is the site that has been proposed for approval from the DEA. The final EIAR will include a discussion on the assessed LIR and the feasibility of the alternative LIR recommended by the biodiversity specialist.  |

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| being managed as a Game Reserve and Biospheres as part of the Exxaro Land Management area known as Manketti and this recommended route will go through an area currently earmarked for the Superfines Facility of Exxaro Grootegeluk which is in the pre-feasibility stage. This option is thus not feasible.  b) Secondly, the positioning of the facility on the farms Vooruit, Applevlakte, Droogheuwel and Ganzepan (SA2) will then also cut through a possible future servitude of roads and linear infrastructure corridor between Grootegeluk and the Zonderwater farm where Exxaro is currently conducting prospecting activities. |   |  |
| 1. What is current height of ADF?  | Filomaine Swanepoel Environmental Specialist Exxaro Coal (Waterberg region) Tel: 014 763 9288 Email: filomaine.swanepoel@exxaro.com Received: 21 May 2015 | 1. The current height of the existing ADF is 50 m and the final height of SA1 will reach 90m.  |
| Will you increase any of the pollution control dam (PCD) capacities?   | Filomaine Swanepoel Environmental Specialist Exxaro Coal (Waterberg region) Tel: 014 763 9288 Email: filomaine.swanepoel@exxaro.com Received: 21 May 2015 | 1. Currently there are three PCDs that will service the existing ADF and the greenfield portion of SA1. The hydrologists have taken various factors (e.g. total run-off from the ADF, mean annual rainfall etc.) into the calculation and confirmed that the capacity of the new PCD (PCD3) would be adequate. When, the piggy-backing starts on the existing ADF, the surface area will be reduced and the two other PCDs (i.e. PCD 1 and 2) together with PCD3 would be adequate to handle the run-off and contaminated water for the ADF.   |
| <ol> <li>There are currently other proposals for the Droogeheuvel farm<br/>and we would like to know whether our farm will be affected. The<br/>EIA study has been going on for 3 – 4 years now and we have to<br/>decide whether we should go with one of the other proposals for<br/>the farm.</li> </ol>  | Louis Grobler<br>Droogeheuvel Farm Manager<br>Tel: 083 3611805<br>Received: 21 May 2015   | 1. From the EIA study, SA1 is preferred and this is the opinion of the Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) and all the specialist assessments except for biodiversity. This site (SA1) will be put forward for the decision-making and licencing. Mr Grobler and Mr Malherbe should also get into contact with Ms Filomaine Swanepoel (Exxaro Grootegeluk), who at the earlier meeting (at the Mogol Club) provided further details of proposed projects (Superfines Plant and prospecting activities on the farm Zonderwater) that will take place around SA2. Ms Swanepoel's details were provided to Mr Grobler post-meeting. |
|  |   | It was further indicated that the transitional arrangements in terms of lining for the project needs to be emphasised. The current ADF does not have a lining system but in terms of new environment legislation, the continuation of ashing on the greenfield footprint   |

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|   |  | requires lining. Furthermore, because the operational model for dry ashing tends to move horizontally with time, the inherent expectation from the Competent Authority is that Eskom should immediately line once the Integrated Environmental Authorisation is received. Eskom is therefore faced with the scenario whereby that the process of placing a lining on the ground requires time and in this instance, can take anything from 2 – 4 years and during this time, the Matimba Power Station will have to remain operational. Therefore Eskom propose to ash a horizontal footprint of the greenfield portion of the ADF, following the current operational model without a lining. This process can take up to 4 years.  Post meeting note: Due to the processes that need to be followed and the timeframes required for preparation of the footprint and construction of the lining system, there will be a period from current operations to disposal on the lining system. The area that will not be lined during the 2 - 4 year period is estimated to be 60 ha, approximately 15 ha per year. The location of this area assumes that the lining provisions start from the time the project gets environmental approval, wherever the ash operations are at that point.  The Applicant (Eskom), will lodge an Application for Exemption (with the DEA) as stipulated under Section 44(1)(a) read with the Section 24M(3) of NEMA (No 107 of 1998) and the National Exemption Regulations (No R.994). In proposing and motivating for the exemption from lining, it must be noted that this situation is practically unavoidable as the basal lining system must first be approved before work can commence on the ground preparation and construction. During this time, it is in the Nation's best interest that the Matimba Power Station continue to operate according to its current ashing model, requiring ash disposal continue as at present. This will mean continued ashing on an unlined surface during this period.  Mitigation measures which must be enforced during the 2 - 4 year ash disposal |
| <ol> <li>In the presentation for the public meeting, on Slide 22 (Visual<br/>impacts), it is indicated that the Droogeheuvel farm will be<br/>subject to a high degree of visual impact. I am concerned about<br/>this statement and would like to know if my farm is selected for</li> </ol> | Alan Malherbe Droogeheuvel Landowner Tel: 082 442 9296 Email: amalherbe@pilotfreight.co.za | <ol> <li>From the EIA study, SA1 is preferred and this is the opinion of the EAP and all the<br/>specialist assessments except for biodiversity. This site (SA1) will be put forward for the<br/>decision-making and licencing.</li> </ol>   |

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| <ul><li>the ashing project.</li><li>I have no further comments to make, however I would appreciate being informed of the final decision regarding the site location.</li></ul> |           | 2. The final decision regarding the project, i.e. the IEA, will be forwarded to all stakeholders and I&APs once issued by the DEA. |