

Application for Amendment of Environmental Authorisation:
Part 1 Amendment for Outeniqua-Oudtshoorn Powerline projects



environmental affairs

Department:
Environmental Affairs
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

Application for amendment of an environmental authorisation in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998), as amended, and the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations 2014

Kindly note that:

1. This form must be used to apply for the amendment of an environmental authorisation. An amendment includes:
 - a) adding, substituting, removing or changing a condition or requirement of an environmental authorisation, or
 - b) updating or changing any details or correcting a technical error.
2. This form is current as of 08 December 2014. It is the responsibility of the Applicant / EAP to ascertain whether subsequent versions of the form have been published or produced by the competent authority.
3. The required information must be typed within the spaces provided in the form. The sizes of the spaces provided are not necessarily indicative of the amount of information to be provided. It is in the form of a table that can extend itself as each space is filled with typing.
4. Incomplete applications may be rejected or returned to the applicant for amendment.
5. The use of "not applicable" in the form must be done with circumspection. Where it is used in respect of material information that is required by the competent authority for assessing the application, this may result in the rejection of the application as provided for in the regulations.
6. **No faxed or e-mailed applications will be accepted.**
7. Unless protected by law, all information contained in and attached to this application, will become public information on receipt by the competent authority. Upon request during any stage of the application process, the applicant / EAP must provide any registered interested and affected party with the information contained in and attached to this application.
8. This form must be submitted to the Department at the postal address given below or by delivery thereof to the Registry Office of the Department. Should the application form and attached reports not be submitted to the addresses given below it will be rejected.
9. Proof of payment of the prescribed fee of R2000 must accompany the submission of this form, unless an exclusion applies (see section 1 below). The application will not be processed without proof of payment unless one of the exclusions provided for in the fee Regulations is applicable AND such information in the exclusion section of this application form has been confirmed by this Department.

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DEPARTMENTAL DETAILS

Postal address:

Department of Environmental Affairs
Attention: Director: Integrated Environmental Authorisations

Private Bag X447
Pretoria
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Physical address:

Department of Environmental Affairs
Attention: Director: Integrated Environmental Authorisations
Environment House
473 Steve Biko Road
Arcadia
Pretoria

Queries must be directed to the Directorate: Integrated Environmental Authorisations at:
Tel: (012) 399-9372 Email: EIAAdmin@environment.gov.za

***Please note that this form must be copied to the relevant provincial environmental department(s)
View the Department's website at <http://www.environment.gov.za/> for the latest version of the documents.***

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1. PROOF OF PAYMENT

Applicants are required to tick the appropriate box below to indicate that either proof of payment is attached or that, in the applicant's view, an exclusion applies. Proof and a motivation for exclusions must be attached as **Appendix 1** of this application form.

Proof of payment attached as **Appendix 1**

Exclusion applies

An applicant is excluded from paying fees if:

- The activity is a community based project funded by a government grant; or
- The applicant is an organ of state.

TYPE OF EXCLUSION	Tick where applicable. Proper motivation must be attached to the application
The activity is a community based project funded by a government grant	
The applicant is an organ of state	✓

Department of Environmental Affairs' details for the payment of application fees

<p>Payment Enquiries: Tel: 012 399 9119 Email: eiafee@environment.gov.za</p> <p>Banking details: ABSA Bank Branch code: 632005 Account number: 1044 2400 72 Current account Reference number :(application reference number to be used)</p> <p>Proof of payment must accompany the application form:</p> <p>Tax exemption status: Status: Tax exempted</p>

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2. APPLICATION DETAILS

Name of person to whom the environmental authorisation was issued:	DR BARBARA VAN GEEMS ESKOM HOLDINGS SOC LIMITED		
Contact person:	JUSTINE WYNGAARDT		
Postal address:	P.O. BOX 222 BRACKENFELL		
	Postal code:	7561	
Telephone:	+27 21 980 3242	Cell:	
E-mail:	WYNGAAJO@ESKOM.CO.ZA	Fax:	+27 21 980 3047
Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP):	N/A		
Contact person:			
Postal address:			
	Postal code:		
Telephone:		Cell:	
E-mail:		Fax:	
EAP Qualifications:			
EAP Registrations/Associations:			
Name of landowner if the person to whom the environmental authorisation has been issued is not the owner:	Eskom has an existing registered servitude over the property affected.		
Contact person:			
Postal address:			
	Postal code:		
Telephone:		Cell:	
E-mail:		Fax:	
	In instances where there is more than one landowner, please attach a list of landowners with their contact details to the back of this page, together with copies of the notices given to these landowners about the amendment application.		
Project Description:	Proposed installation of a 132 kV overhead power line from the existing Outeniqua Substation to the existing Oudtshoorn Substation		
Farm name, Erf No., portion etc:	Portion 2 of the Farm 27 George, Martin Truter Trust		
Physical address where authorised activity is taking or will take place:	Divisional Road 1643, Oudtshoorn Pass Turn off from N12.		
Magisterial District or Town:	OUDTSHOORN		

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Departmental reference number of the previous environmental authorisation in respect of which an amendment is applied for:	14/12/16/3/3/1/613
Date of issue of environmental authorisation:	EA DATED 31 October 2013, AND EA AMENDMENT DATED 4 August 2015
Activity/ies for which authorisation was granted:	GN R. 544 ITEM 10(i) GN R. 544 ITEM 11(xi) GN R. 544 ITEM 18(i) GN R. 546 ITEM 12(b) GN R. 546 ITEM 13(a) GN R. 546 ITEM 16(iv) (d) (ii) (ff)
Please Note: A certified copy of the environmental authorisation must be attached to this application as Appendix 2.	

3. DETAILS OF IMPLEMENTATION OF PREVIOUS ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION

Was the activity commenced with during the validity period of the environmental authorisation? If yes, please describe the implementation of the previous environmental authorisation to date:	NO
CONSTRUCTION IS DUE TO START ON 1 AUGUST 2017. THE PORTION OF LINE NOT AFFECTED BY THE LINE DEVIATION APPLIED FOR IN THIS AMENDMENT APPLICATION IS APPROXIMATELY 26.6 KILOMETERS IN LENGTH. THE LINE DEVIATION PORTION BEING APPLIED FOR IN THIS AMENDMENT APPLICATION ONLY REFERS TO 0.393 KILOMETERS OF LINE FOR THE LAST THREE POLES BEFORE ENTERING THE EXISTING OUTENIQUA SUBSTATION.	

4. AMENDMENTS APPLIED FOR AND RELATED INFORMATION

Please indicate which of the following is relevant:

4.1. The holder of an environmental authorisation may at any time apply to the relevant competent authority for the amendment of the authorisation if:

(a) there is a material change in the circumstances which existed at the time of the granting of the environmental authorisation;	NO
(b) there has been a change of ownership in the property and transfer of rights and obligations must be provided for; or	NO
(c) any detail contained in the environmental authorisation must be amended, added, substituted, corrected, removed or updated.	YES

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4.2. Describe the amendments that are being applied for:

THIS AMENDMENT APPLICATION IS FOR A PROPOSED LINE DEVIATION PORTION CLOSE TO THE EXISTING OUTENIQUA SUBSTATION OF APPROXIMATELY 0.393 KILOMETERS IN LENGTH. THE LINE DEVIATION PERTAINS TO THE LAST THREE LINE SPANS BEFORE ENTERING THE EXISTING OUTENIQUA SUBSTATION. THE DISTANCE BETWEEN THE APPROVED LINE ROUTE AND THE PROPOSED LINE DEVIATION IS APPROXIMATELY 0.92 KILOMETERS, BUT REMAINS ON THE SAME PROPERTY, REMAINS WITHIN AN ESKOM SERVITUDE. THE PROPOSED LINE DEVIATION INVOLVES THREE POLE POSITIONS WHICH ARE ALL LOCATED IN AN EXISTING LINE SERVITUDE WHICH CONTAINS THE EXISTING DROERIVIER / PROTEUS 1400KV OVERHEAD LINE AND THE DYSELSDORP / OUTENIQUA 1132KV OVERHEAD LINE.

A LINE WALKTHROUGH WAS CONDUCTED BY A BOTANIST AND AVIFAUNAL SPECIALIST ON 14 – 16 MARCH 2017. THE LINE WALKTHROUGH WAS CONDUCTED ON THE APPROVED LINE ROUTE INCLUDING THE PROPOSED LINE DEVIATION. THE AVIFAUNAL SPECIALIST MADE A RECOMMENDATION TO FIT BIRD FLAPPERS ON THE LINE DEVIATION PORTION.

4.3. Please provide the reasons and/or a motivation for the application for amendment:

THE REASON FOR THE PROPOSED LINE DEVIATION IS AS A RESULT OF ENGINEERING DESIGN REQUIREMENTS AND ENTRANCE OF THE NEW OUTENIQUA-OUTDTSHOORN LINE INTO THE EXISTING OUTENIQUA SUBSTATION. DUE TO THE EXISTING INFRASTRUCTURE AND THE TECHNICAL LIMITATIONS IT PRESENTS IN CONNECTING THE NEW LINE INTO THE SUBSTATION THE ENGINEERING DESIGN FOUND THAT THE LINE CAN ONLY ENTER AS PER THE PROPOSED LINE DEVIATION.

FROM AN ENVIRONMENTAL PERSPECTIVE THE RECEIVING ENVIRONMENT OF THE PROPOSED LINE DEVIATION AND THE APPROVED LINE ROUTE REMAINS THE SAME AS PER WHAT WAS INVESTIGATED DURING THE IMPACT ASSESSMENT PHASE. THE DISTANCE BETWEEN THE PROPOSED LINE DEVIATION AND THE APPROVED LINE ROUTE IS APPROXIMATELY 0.92 KILOMETERS, BUT REMAINS ON THE SAME PROPERTY, WITHIN AN EXISTING ESKOM SERVITUDE.

FURTHERMORE, THE PROPOSED LINE DEVIATION ONLY INVOLVES THREE POLE POSITIONS WHICH WOULD ALL BE LOCATED IN AN EXISTING LINE SERVITUDE WHICH ALREADY CONTAINS THE EXISTING DROERIVIER / PROTEUS 1400KV OVERHEAD LINE AND THE DYSELSDORP / OUTENIQUA 1132KV OVERHEAD LINE.

RECOMMENDATIONS AS PER THE AVIFAUNAL SPECIALISTS AND BOTANIST FINAL LINE WALKTHROUGHTS UNDERTAKEN ON 14 – 16 MARCH 2017 WILL BE IMPLEMENTED AND INCORPORATED IN THE ENGINEERING DESIGN AND SCOPE OF WORKS.

ESKOM THEREFORE MOTIVATES FOR A PART 1 NON-SUBSTANTIVE AMENDMENT.

4.4. Should the amendment being requested result due to 4.1 (b) above, you are requested to furnish the Department with a written undertaking that the new holder of the environmental authorisation is willing and able to assume responsibility of the environmental authorisation issued. Provide a short motivation and explanation below:

N/A

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5. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS

5.1. Describe any negative environmental impacts that may occur if the application for amendment is granted, amongst others information on any increases in air emissions, waste generation, discharges to water and impacts of the natural or cultural environment must be included.

NEW ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS ARE NOT ANTICIPATED AS THE VEGETATION AND BIRD RISKS REMAIN THE SAME. ANTI-COLLISION DEVICES FOR BIRDS WOULD HAVE BEEN RECOMMENDED FOR THE APPROVED LINE AND THESE WILL BE INSTALLED ON THE PROPOSED LINE DEVIATION AS WELL WHICH IS IN LINE WITH THE AVIFAUNAL SPECIALIST RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED IN THE FINAL WALKTHROUGH REPORT.

FURTHERMORE, THE PROPOSED LINE DEVIATION IS LOCATED IN AN EXISTING LINE SERVITUDE OCCUPIED BY TWO OVERHEAD POWERLINES.

ESKOM THEREFORE MOTIVATES FOR A PART 1 NON-SUBSTANTIVE AMENDMENT.

5.2. Describe any negative environmental impacts that may occur if the application for amendment is **not** granted.

NONE

5.3. Describe any positive environmental impacts that may occur if the application for amendment is granted, amongst others information on any reduction in the ecological footprint, air emissions, waste generation and discharges to water must be included.

THE TERMINAL POLE POSITION ON THE APPROVED LINE ROUTE WOULD HAVE BEEN CLOSER TO THE RIVER COMPARED TO THE PROPOSED NEW POLE POSITION OF THE LINE DEVIATION.

A GENERAL AUTHORISATION IN TERMS OF THE NATIONAL WATER ACT, 36 OF 1998, WAS ISSUED FOR THIS DEVELOPMENT ON 30 NOVEMBER 2016.

6. AUTHORISATION FROM OTHER GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS

6.1. Are any permission, licenses or other authorisations required from any other departments before the requested amendments can be effected? NO

If yes, please complete the table below.

Name of department and contact person	Authorisation required	Authorisation applied for (Yes/ No)

7. RIGHTS OR INTERESTS OF OTHER PARTIES

In your opinion, will this proposed amendment adversely affect the rights and interests of other parties? NO

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Please provide a detailed motivation of your opinion.

THE PROPOSED LINE DEVIATION WOULD BE LOCATED IN AN EXISTING LINE SERVITUDE WHICH ALREADY CONTAINS THE EXISTING DROERIVIER / PROTEUS 1 400KV OVERHEAD LINE AND THE DYSELSDORP / OUTENIQUA 1 132KV OVERHEAD LINE.


THEREFORE, THE EXISTING SERVITUDE RESTRICTIONS WOULD REMAIN IN FORCE.

NOTE: The Department is entitled to request further information if it believes it is necessary for the consideration of the application. If the application is for a substantive amendment or if the rights or interests of other parties are likely to be adversely affected, the Department will instruct the applicant to conduct a public participation process and to conduct any investigations and assessments that it deems necessary.

8. DECLARATION:

I, JUSTINE WINGAARDT, declare that I will comply with all my legal obligations in terms of this application and provide accurate information to everyone concerned in respect to this application.

Signature of the applicant:



Name of company or organisation: ESKOM HOLDINGS SOC LIMITED, DISTRIBUTION WCOU

Date: 14/07/2017

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APPENDIX 1
PROOF OF PAYMENT/ MOTIVATION FOR EXCLUSION

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APPENDIX 2
CERTIFIED COPY OF ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION