



## **environmental affairs**

Department:  
Environmental Affairs  
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### **Chief Directorate: Integrated Environmental Authorisations**

#### **Request for pre-application meeting**

The information below is required to assist the Department to process your request for a pre-application meeting. All fields are compulsory. Please note that the proposed date and time will be confirmed prior to the meeting. This form must be submitted prior to lodging an application where a pre-application meeting is required. This form must be submitted prior to the lodging of an application and at least one (1) month prior to the requested meeting date. Note that the EAP is required to submit minutes of the meeting to the Department for approval as per the timeframes agreed to in the meeting. The Department reserves the right to refuse the pre application meeting based on the information provided in this request.

Any queries related to this form may be addressed to [eiaadmin@environment.gov.za](mailto:eiaadmin@environment.gov.za)

Please submit the completed signed form in one of the following ways:

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## APPLICANT AND EAP INFORMATION

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## MEETING DETAILS

Purpose of the meeting request	Discuss Application for EIA for new proposed Eskom 400kv lines in Richard bay KZN		
Applicant Category	Application by Parastatal		
	Organ of State		<b>X</b>
	Private Individual/Parties		
Application type	Application for EA	<b>X</b>	Application for integrated EA
Preferred meeting date and time	Provide three suggested dates and times (note that the Department requires at least a month due to logistical arrangements)		
1	29 November 2018	10H00	
2	30 November 2018	12H00	
3	1 Desember 2018	10H00	
Duration of the meeting	1 hour		
Estimated number of people attending meeting	3		

Please attach a proposed agenda as **Appendix 1**. If the Applicant or EAP intends to discuss several projects in one meeting, an agenda must be drafted for each proposed project and the project details for each project. Please note that a detailed agenda is required.

**PROJECT DETAIL**

Project Description	Environmental Impact Assessment Process for the Proposed New 400kv Powerlines Development and Associated Infrastructure Near Richards Bay, Kwazulu-Natal Province
Indicate if any screening has taken place on site	Yes
Physical Address where the development will take place	See attached MAP of area of concern. The site is West and North of the town of Richards Bay in Kwazulu-Natal. The farms that could be impacted are indicated below.
Farm name(s)/ Erf No	Farm Name: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RESERVE NO. 5 7638</li> <li>• RESERVE NO. 5 7638</li> <li>• 12403</li> <li>• ENSELENI NATURE RESERVE</li> <li>• 10638</li> <li>• 13858</li> <li>• 12168</li> <li>• 14745</li> <li>• 14744</li> <li>• 10905</li> <li>• 11122</li> <li>• 12988</li> <li>• 13112</li> <li>• 11364</li> <li>• 11232</li> <li>• 13926</li> <li>• 11387</li> <li>• 10425</li> <li>• 9916</li> <li>• 12317</li> <li>• 167 14095</li> <li>• 9716</li> <li>• 14086</li> <li>• 14138</li> <li>• 14094</li> </ul>
Local Municipality	uMhlathuze Local Municipality
District Municipality	King Cetshwayo District Municipality
Reason for applying with DEA as the competent authority (in terms of Section 24C of NEMA)	The applicant is Eskom and the activity is viewed to be in National Interest.

**PROVIDE A DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF POTENTIALLY LISTED ACTIVITIES THAT IS OR MAY BE APPLICABLE TO THE PROJECT**

Listed activity as described in GN R. 983, GN R. 984 and GN R.985	Description of project activity that may trigger the listed activity
GN R327 activity number 12	The development of— ii) Infrastructure or structures with a physical footprint of 100 square meters or more where such development occurs— a) within a watercourse; b) in front of a development setback; or c) if no development setback exists, within 32 metres of a watercourse, measured from the edge of a watercourse
GN R327 activity number 31	The decommissioning of existing facilities, structures or infrastructure for— (i) any development and related operation activity or activities listed in this Notice, Listing Notice 2 of 2014 or Listing Notice 3 of 2014;
GN R325 activity number 9	The development of facilities or infrastructure for the transmission and distribution of electricity with a capacity of 275 kilovolts or more, outside an urban area or industrial complex excluding the development of bypass infrastructure for the transmission and distribution of electricity where such bypass infrastructure is — a) temporarily required to allow for maintenance of existing infrastructure; b) 2 kilometers or shorter in length; c) within an existing transmission line servitude; and d) will be removed within 18 months of the commencement of development.
GN R. 985 Item 3	d. KwaZulu-Natal  vi) A protected area identified in terms of NEMPAA, excluding conservancies;  viii) Critical Biodiversity areas as identified in systematic biodiversity plans adopted by competent authority or in bioregional plans”
GN R. 985 Item 12: “The clearance of an area of 300 square meters or more of indigenous vegetation except where such clearance of indigenous vegetation is required for maintenance purpose undertaken in accordance with a maintenance management plan  d. Kwazulu-Natal  v. Critical biodiversity areas as identified in systematic biodiversity plans adopted by the	The proposed corridors traverse Critical Biodiversity Areas (CBA); therefore, the project will require clearance of an area of 300 square meters or more of indigenous vegetation within CBA.

<p>competent authority or in bioregional plans.</p>	
<p>GN R. 985 Item 14:          “The development of development –            (ii) infrastructure or structures with a footprint of 10 square meters or more            Where such development occurs-          (a) Within a watercourse          (c) If no development setback exists within 32 metres of a watercourse, measured from the edge of a watercourse”.</p> <p>d. Kwazulu-Natal          vii. Critical biodiversity areas or ecological support areas as identified in systematic biodiversity plans adopted by the competent authority or in bioregional plans.          watercourse, measured from the edge of a watercourse”.</p> <p>d. Kwazulu-Natal          vii. Critical biodiversity areas or ecological support areas as identified in systematic biodiversity plans adopted by the competent authority or in bioregional plans.</p>	<p>The proposed project entails the development of a powerline with a footprint of more than 10 square meters within or in close proximity to watercourses.</p>

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IF ANY (ATTACH IF SEPARATE DOCUMENTS):**

- **Map of area of concern**

**APPENDIX 1  
PROPOSED AGENDA**

<b>Item No</b>	<b>Agenda item</b>
1	Welcome and Opening
2	Introduction of Attendees and Apologies
3	Site Safety Briefing
4	Project Brief and Requirement
5	Proposed Working Methodology
6	Discussion
7	Way Forwards
8	Meeting Conclusion

## **APPENDIX 2 PROPOSED PROJECT LAYOUT**

The development of the new Richards Bay Combined Cycle Power Plant (CCPP) is proposed in the Richards Bay Industrial Development Zone (IDZ) phase 1D. The Environmental Impact Assessment process for this proposed power plant is currently under way.

Eskom requires the power generated by the proposed CCPP to be integrated with its current 400kV infrastructure within the Richards Bay area. The proposed powerlines are connecting to existing powerline infrastructure that connects existing substations. These include Impala, Athene and Invubu substations. The construction of these proposed power lines will require Environmental Authorization issued by the National Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA)

Electricity to be generated in the proposed CCPP will need 4 x 400kV transmission power lines to evacuate power from the proposed power plant. The power will be transmitted to the existing powerline and substation infrastructure. The new proposed 400kV lines are therefore required to ensure the optimal transmission of the generated power into the Eskom grid.

The Authorisation will require an Environmental Impact Assessment to be submitted to the DEA. The process to be followed will be submitting a Scoping document. The document will include the Plan of Study for the Environmental Impact Assessment.

It is envisaged that the Scoping document will be submitted for approval early 2019. The EIR will then be submitted within allotted timeframes as indicated in NEMA.