

1. INTRODUCTION AND OVERVIEW

The aim of this document is to inform all Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) about the proposed splitting of the 2xSycamore 88kV lines that are entering the Bafokeng 7 88/33kV substation and the 2xSycamore 88kV lines that are also leaving the Eskom Ararat Main Transmission Substation (MTS), so as to increase a load for Impala Platinum mine while maintaining a firm supply at Eskom's Millennium 88/33/6.6kV substation by shifting load from the Millennium point of supply to Eskom's Bafokeng 7 substation.

The project will require an Environmental Authorisation (EA) to be applied for through the Basic Assessment (BA) process prior to commencement of construction works. The BA application will be undertaken in line with the requirements of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) as amended (NEMA).

As an interested or affected party, you are hereby requested to please read this document carefully as it provides you with information relating to:

- The proposed project;
- The legal processes that will be undertaken;
- The Public Participation Process (PPP) which will be followed; and
- The registration process for (I&APs).

2. PROJECT LOCATION

The project is located on Farm Doornspruit 106 JQ RE (Bafokeng 7 site) and Farm Kookfontein 265 JQ (Ararat site) near the villages of Ga-Luka and Phokeng respectively.

3. ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATORY PROCESSES

The activities in terms of NEMA that will be triggered by the proposed project have been listed below:

GNR 983, Activity No. 11(i): The development of facilities or infrastructure for the transmission and distribution of electricity-

(i) outside urban areas or industrial complexes with a capacity of more than 33 but less than 275 kilovolts;

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS

Stakeholders affected by or who are interested in the proposed project are invited to register as an I&AP to participate in the consultation process. Activities that are planned to take place as part of the PPP are discussed below.

a. Notification

All stakeholders are hereby notified of the proposed project and invited to register as I&APs and provide comments on the proposed project. In addition to this Background Information Document (BID) serving as notification, site notices will be erected around the fencing boundary of the proposed site providing background to the project and application processes.

Furthermore, an advertisement was published in the Platinum Weekly on the **29th of July 2022**. The newspaper ad was to notify potential stakeholders of the project and invite them to register as I&APs. The abovementioned notification also contains details of Humba Environmental Consultancy, where further information on the project can be obtained.

b. Public Review of Draft Reports

The Draft Basic Assessment Report (DBAR) and associated appendices will be made available to the public for a **30-day** commenting period from **Friday, 29 July 2022 to Tuesday, 30 August 2022**. The DBAR can be reviewed at the following public places:

VENUE	CONTACT DETAILS
SAPS, Phokeng, Salema Section, Phokeng, 0300	Tel.: 014 566 1879
Phokeng Community Library	Tel.: 014 590 3907
Thethe Secondary School, Ga-Luka, 0322	Tel.: 067 919 7660
Mogono Primary School, Mogono, 0328	Tel.: 083 619 6917/ 083 365 3570
https://we.tl/t-peB1jhl4em	

5. FOR ENQUIRIES

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