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## 2 DETAILS OF THE APPLICANT, THE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT PRACTITIONER AND THE DECISION-MAKING AUTHORITY

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### 2.1 Introduction

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This section of the EIR provides the particulars of the Applicant, the Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) and the relevant decision-making authority.

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### 2.2 Details of the Applicant

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The Eskom Conversion Act, 2001 (Act No. 13 of 2001) established Eskom Holdings Limited (Eskom) as a State-Owned Enterprise, with the Government of South Africa as the only shareholder, represented by the Minister of Public Enterprises. According to the Memorandum of Association required by the Eskom Conversion Act and the Companies Act, 1973 (Act No. 61 of 1973), Eskom's main objective is to *"provide energy and related services including the generation, transmission, distribution and supply of electricity, and to hold interests in other entities."*

Eskom is regulated under licences granted by *inter alia* the National Electricity Regulator of South Africa (NERSA) and the National Nuclear Regulator (NNR) (Eskom 2007). Eskom is a vertically integrated operation that generates, transmits and distributes electricity. Eskom generates approximately 95 % of the electricity used in South Africa.

The details of Eskom's representative for this project are in **Table 2-1** below.

**Table 2-1: Details of the Applicant**

<b>Name of Applicant</b>	Eskom Holdings (SOC) Limited (Eskom)
<b>Contact Person</b>	Ms Deidre Herbst (Environmental Manager: Generation Division)
<b>Postal address</b>	P.O. Box 1091, Johannesburg
<b>Postal code</b>	2000

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### 2.3 Details of the Environmental Assessment Practitioner

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GIBB is an integrated group of professional scientists, project managers and engineers providing cost-effective solutions and specialist services within a wide range of disciplines. The multi-disciplinary consulting, management and design approach allows for the development of projects in a holistic manner, as this is believed to be the best environment to fully meet the needs of our clients.

Specific to environmental management GIBB has a team of specialists comprising environmental scientists and environmental engineers that form a national environmental team. These specialists have broad experience of working on a range of environmental projects within the public and private sector. The Environmental Services Division has a formidable track record and exemplary reputation in southern Africa. The Division comprises a number of highly qualified and experienced technical staff with over 450 years of combined consulting experience.

The Environmental Services Division is based throughout South Africa. The team has been purposely set up to mobilise and co-ordinate any given range of environmental services wherever these may be geographically required.

The details of the Senior Environmental Assessment Practitioner for the proposed development are listed **Table 2-2** below.

**Table 2-2: Details of the Environmental Assessment Practitioner**

<b>Environmental Consultant</b>	GIBB (Pty) Ltd
<b>Contact Person</b>	Ms Elisabeth Nortje
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<b>Ms E Nortje's Professional affiliation(s)</b>	International Association for Impact Assessors SA Charter (registration number: 3407)
<b>Expertise of Ms E Nortje to carry out the EIA Process</b>	Ms Elisabeth Nortje BSc. Hons (Geology), Post Grad. Dipl. (Environmental Science) and an Environmental Manager with 16 years' experience. During this time she has been responsible for the project (Technical, Financial and Quality) and environmental management of a number of projects including those associated with large infrastructure, industrial, mixed use residential as well as urban renewal developments. As such she has worked on EIA's related to the construction of linear features such as national roads and pipelines, EIA's related the distribution power lines and power generation amongst others.

## 2.4 Details of Competent / Relevant Authority

The Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA), formerly known as the Department of Environmental Affairs and Tourism (DEAT), is the competent environmental authority for this application because the applicant (Eskom) is a statutory body<sup>1</sup>. The mandate and core business of the DEA is underpinned by the Constitution and all other relevant legislation and policies applicable to the government. The details of the Competent / Relevant Authority for this specific project are provided in **Table 2-3** below:

**Table 2-3: Details of the Competent / Relevant Authority**

<b>Name:</b>	Department of Environment Affairs
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The proposed authorisation of the nuclear power station will be made by the DEA in consultation with the relevant provincial environmental authorities, namely the Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning (DEA&DP) of the Western Cape and the Department of Economic Affairs Environment and Tourism (DEA&ET) of the Eastern Cape.

<sup>1</sup> The Eskom Conversion Act, 2001 (Act No. 13 of 2001) established Eskom Holdings Limited (Eskom) as a State Owned Enterprise, with the Government of South Africa as the only shareholder, represented by the Minister of Public Enterprises.