

THE PROPOSED DECOMMISSIONING OF A WASTE ROCK DUMP AT MATIMBA POWER STATION, LEPHALALE, LIMPOPO PROVINCE.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION DOCUMENT (BID) AND INVITATION TO COMMENT

Introduction and background

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Motivation for the project

The rock dump is currently not in use; therefore Matimba Power Station requires it to be decommissioned. In order to comply with relevant legal requirements for decommissioning the rock dump will require a closure permit and associated Basic Assessment Process.

Location

Matimba Power Station is situated approximately 15km northwest from the town of Lephalale in the Limpopo Province. The Rock Dump is located on the farm Grootestryd LQ 465 and lies on the western section of Matimba Power Station.

Legal requirements for this Basic Assessment Process

Notice is given in terms of regulations published in Government Notice R. 718 in Government Gazette no. 32368 of 03 July 2009, under section 19(1) of the National Environmental Management: Waste Act, 2008 (Act no.59 of 2008), as amended, that Eskom Holdings Ltd proposes closure of existing rock waste dump site at Matimba Power Station in Lephalale, Limpopo Province, for the following listed activity:

Category A:

Construction, expansion or decommissioning of facilities and associated structures and infrastructure.

Purpose of this document

The purpose of this document aims to:

- Provide all interested and affected parties (I&APs) with information about the proposed decommissioning of the waste rock dump at Matimba Power Station in Lephalale, Limpopo Province.
- Invite all I&APs to comment on the proposed project by raising issues of concern and/or suggestions for enhanced benefits/alternatives on any aspect related to the proposed construction.

Environmental Consultant

Eskom Holdings Ltd has appointed Envirolution Consulting (Pty) Ltd, an independent environmental consultant, to conduct the Environmental Impact Assessment which aims to identify and assess all potential environmental impacts associated with the proposed project; as well as identify and propose mitigation measures in an Environmental Management Plan (EMP). Included is the public participation process which aims at addressing concerns / issues raised by the public in regard to the proposed project.

Contact information

To register as an Interested and Affected Party please contact the following person(s) by:

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