

**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EIA) AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAMME (EMPr)**

**COMMENTS AND RESPONSES REPORT – FINAL BASIC ASSESSMENT**

**PROPOSED INSTALLATION OF AN ADDITIONAL 500M<sup>3</sup> BULK STORAGE FUEL OIL TANK AT  
GROOTVLEI POWERSTATION, MPUMALANGA**

**SUMMARY OF ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES/CONCERNS AND SUGGESTIONS RAISED BY INTERESTED  
AND/OR AFFECTED PARTIES**

**AUGUST 2011 – FEBRUARY 2012**

Stakeholders who contributed issues ranging across all sectors of society are recorded in this Comments and Responses Report (C&RR). Full record of every issue raised is available from the public participation office and is also included in Appendix G of the Draft Basic Assessment Report. Similar issues raised have been grouped together. The name, affiliation and date of the commentator are also indicated. Technical comments made by the project team are not included in the C&RR.

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**ABBREVIATIONS USED IN THIS ISSUES TRAL:**

<b>BID</b>	Background Information Document
<b>I&amp;AP</b>	Interested and Affected Parties
<b>PM</b>	Public Meeting
<b>KSW</b>	Key Stakeholder Workshop
<b>EMPr</b>	Environmental Management Programme
<b>BA</b>	Basic Assessment

Issue/Comment	Raised By	Response
<b>1. Social and Socio-Economic Related Comments</b>		
No comments received.		None.
<b>2. Biodiversity Related Comments</b>		
No comments received.		None.
<b>3. Fauna &amp; Flora Impact Related Comments</b>		
No comments received.		None.
<b>4. Groundwater Impact Related Comments</b>		
No comments received.		None.
<b>5. Surface Water Impact Related Comments</b>		
No comments received.		None.
<b>6. Geotechnical Related Comments</b>		
No comments received.		None.
<b>7. Heritage Related Comments</b>		
No comments received.		None.
<b>8. Noise Related Comments</b>		
No comments received.		None.
<b>9. Soils and Agriculture Related Comments</b>		
<p>Comments were submitted on the 14<sup>th</sup> February 2012 after conducting a site inspection on the 10<sup>th</sup> February 2012. The official comments received are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Department of Agriculture Forestry and fisheries, Directorate Land Use and Soil Management have no objection to the proposed project as it will not have any negative impact on agricultural land.</li> <li>The applicant must then furnish this office with a detailed rehabilitation implementation plan of the surrounding or the might be affected natural resources after or during the proposed activity.</li> </ul> <p>Clarification was requested from Dan'sile with regards to the second</p>	<p>Ms. Mary Mogale &amp; Ms Dan'sile Cindi                      Directorate Land Use &amp; Soil Management                      Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries                      Letter: 14 February 2012</p>	<p>Clarification was required with regards to the submission of a rehabilitation plan. It was enquired that the interpretation of the aforementioned point could be taken as follows:                      A rehabilitation implementation plan must be submitted to DAFF only if there are any impacts to the surrounding environment as a result of the proposed activity (either after or during) that have not been identified in the basic assessment process and addressed in the environmental management plan for the proposed development from which the DEA will issue a decision on environmental authorisation.  <b>SIVEST – Shaun Taylor</b></p> <p>Clarification from Ms. Dan'sile Cindi in terms of the submission of a rehabilitation plan in light of the above mentioned interpretation</p>

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point in terms of the submission of a rehabilitation plan.  Dan'sile confirmed that this point could be interpreted as elaborated by the SIVEST.		was acknowledged. <b>SIVEST – Shaun Taylor</b>
<b>10. Risk Related Comments</b>		
No comments received.		None.
<b>11. BA Process Related Comments</b>		
No comments received.		None.
<b>12. Transport / Traffic Related Comments</b>		
No comments received.		None.
<b>13. Project Related Comments</b>		
No comments received.		None.
<b>14. Communication Related Comments</b>		
No comments received.		None.
<b>15. General Comments</b>		
Stated that he was in support of the project and that he has a history of working with the Railways and understands that development is necessary.	Mr. J.L. Brits Pensioner from Grootvlei	Comment was noted.

<b>COMMENTS ON DRAFT BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORT</b>		
<b>Issue/Comment</b>	<b>Raised By</b>	<b>Response</b>
No comments received.		None.