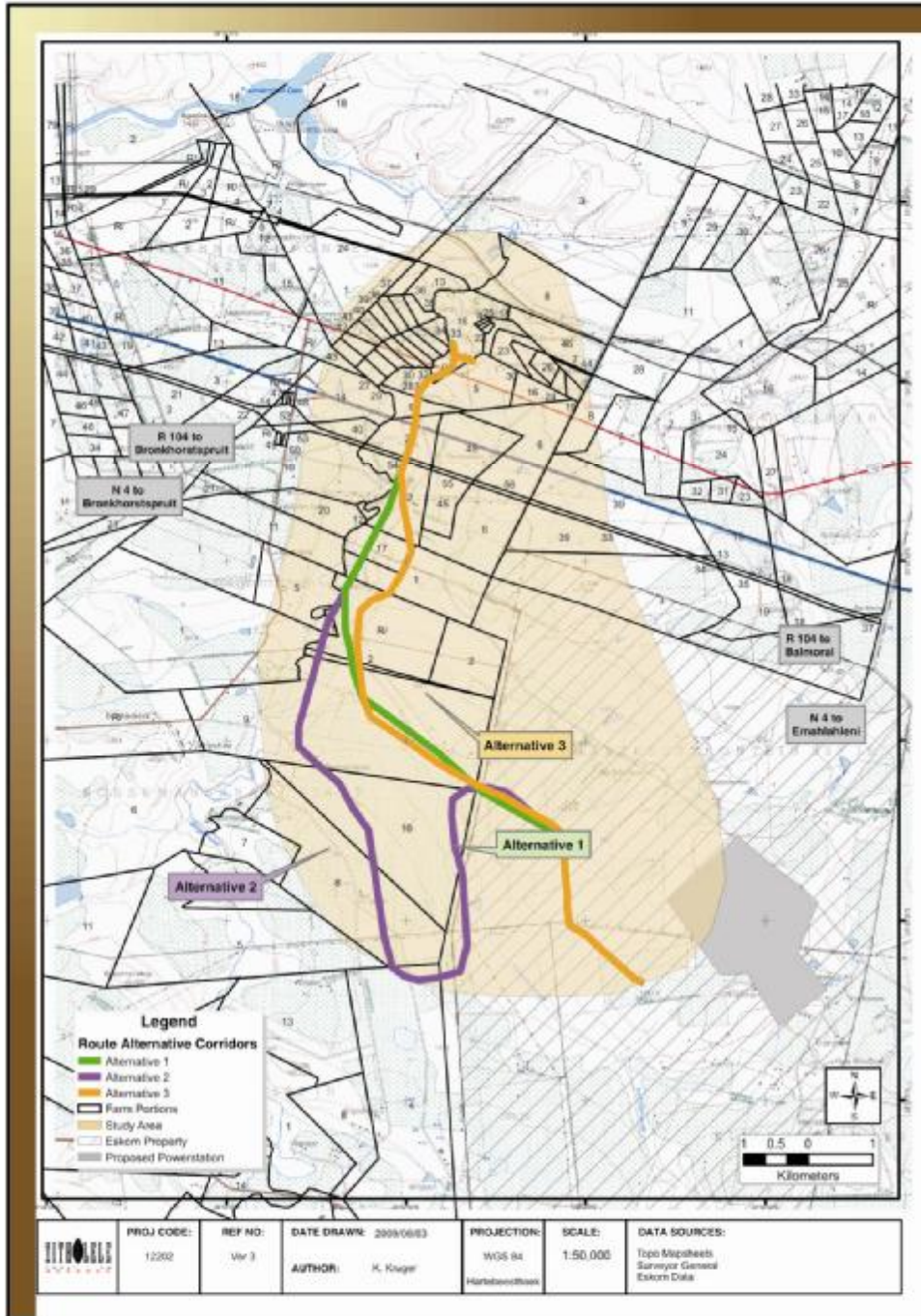


NOTICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT AND WATER USE LICENSE APPLICATION

DEAT Ref No 12/12/20/1488

Eskom would like to construct a railway line and associated infrastructure to connect Kusile Power Station, west of Witbank to the national railway grid



ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT

Notice is hereby given, in terms of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, under Section 24 (5) of the National Environmental Management Act (NEMA), (Act No 107 of 1998) as published in GN R385, 386, 387 – Government Gazette No. 28753 of 21 April 2006, that an EIA is being undertaken for the proposed development for submission to the Department of Water and Environmental Affairs.

WATER USE LICENSE APPLICATION

Notice is being given, in terms of the National Water Act (NWA) (No 36 of 1998), for the application of a Water Use License for the proposed development to the Department of Water and Environmental Affairs. It is envisaged that the following water uses will be undertaken on site:

- Section 21 (i): Altering the Bed, Banks, Course or Characteristics of a Watercourse
- Section 21 (c): Impeding or Diverting the Flow of Water in a Watercourse

The Water Use License Application will be accompanied by a Technical Report which will detail all water uses, and propose suitable monitoring programmes and mitigation measures where applicable.

The purpose of this study is to identify and evaluate issues of concern and potential environmental and social impacts, and propose feasible mitigation measures against such impacts. The objective of the assessment is to investigate the potential environmental and social impacts and issues of the proposed activity in support of an application for Environmental Authorisation.

PUBLIC COMMENT ENCOURAGED

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This assessment is being conducted on behalf of Eskom