Appendix F-6: Presentations and minutes of the meeting

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ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT, VARIATION TO EXISTING WASTE MANAGEMENT LICENCE, AND WATER USE LICENCE APPLICATION FOR THE PROPOSED RETROFITTING OF A FLUE GAS DESULPHURISATION (FGD) SYSTEM AT MEDUPI POWER STATION, LEPHALALE, LIMPOPO PROVINCE

PUBLIC MEETING

Monday, 12 March 2018 @ 11h00 Community Hall, Lesedi Tshukudu Thusong Centre, Steenbokpan

AGENDA

Facilitator: Mathys Vosloo, Zitholele Consulting

10:30 – 11:00	Registration for the meeting	
11:00 – 11:10	Welcome, Evacuation Procedures, Introductions	M. Vosloo
11:10 – 11:30	Project Background	T. Blom
11:30 – 12:15	Presentation of application process and findings	M. Vosloo
12:15 – 12:45	Discussion	All
12:45 – 13:00	Closing and Way Forward	M. Vosloo

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Public Meeting

Lesedi Tshukudo Thusong Centre 11am – 1pm Zitholele Consulting Mathys Vosloo 12 March 2018







- Focus on project related issues
- Focus on issue, not the person
- Agree to disagree
- Courtesy one person at a time
- Question / Comment raise your hand
- Please state name & organisation when raising question/comment
- Work through facilitator
- Cell phones on silent









Objectives of the Meeting

- Project Motivation
- Proposed development activities
- Study / development area
- What is being applied for?
- Findings of specialist studies
- Public Participation Process
- Recommendation of the EAP
- Way forward









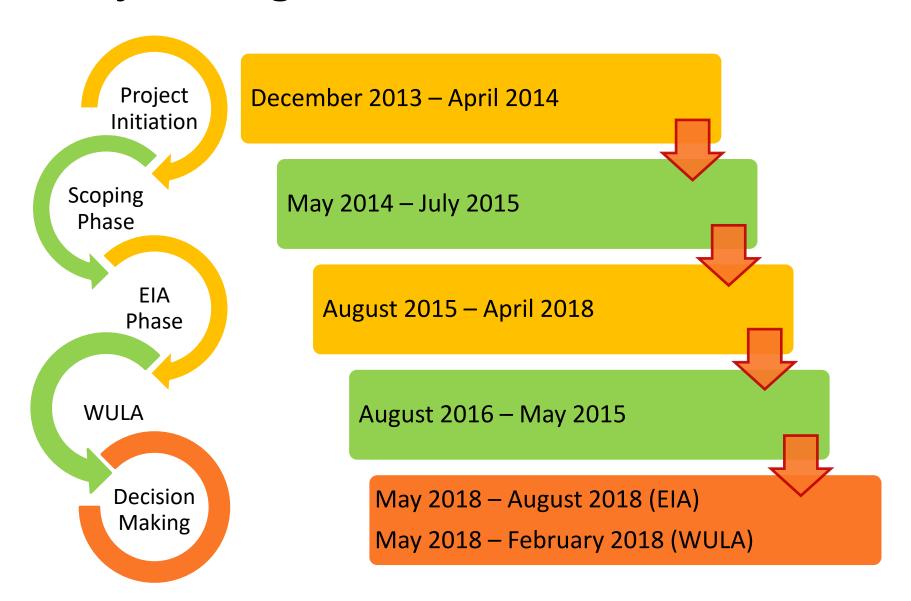
1. Project Motivation

- Medupi PS Air Emissions Licence (AEL) amended in 2015
 - Operate and maintain a Flue Gas Desulphurisation (FGD)
 plant for SO₂ control
 - Reduce SO₂ to below 500 mg/Nm² by 1 April 2025
- Funder requirements

Result in need to retrofit a FGD system to the Medupi PS before 2025.

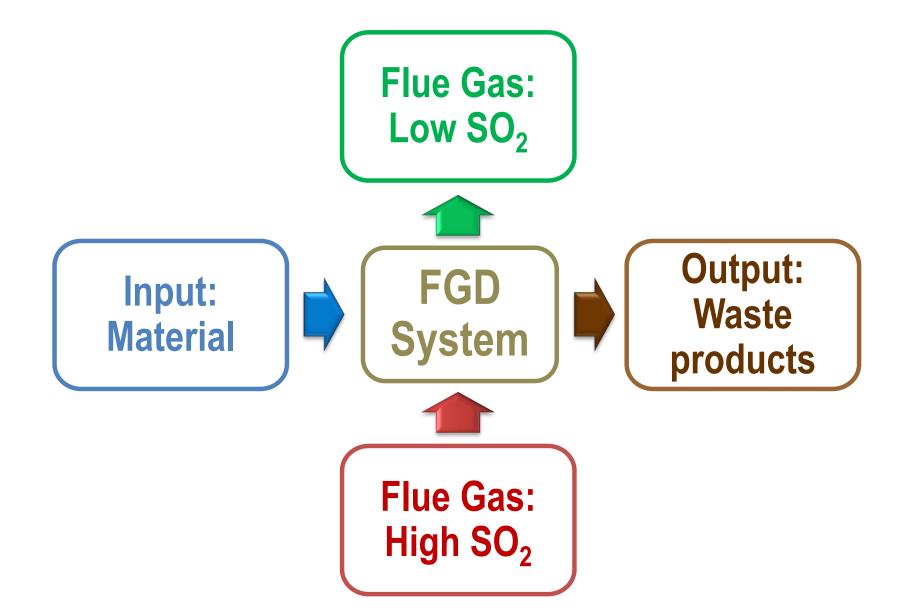


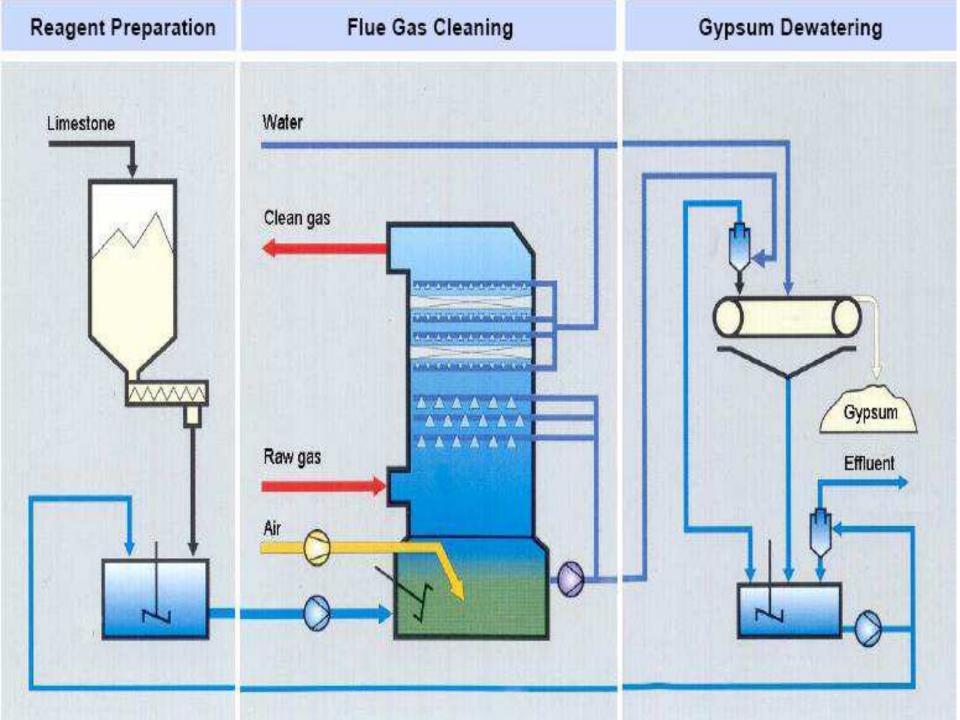
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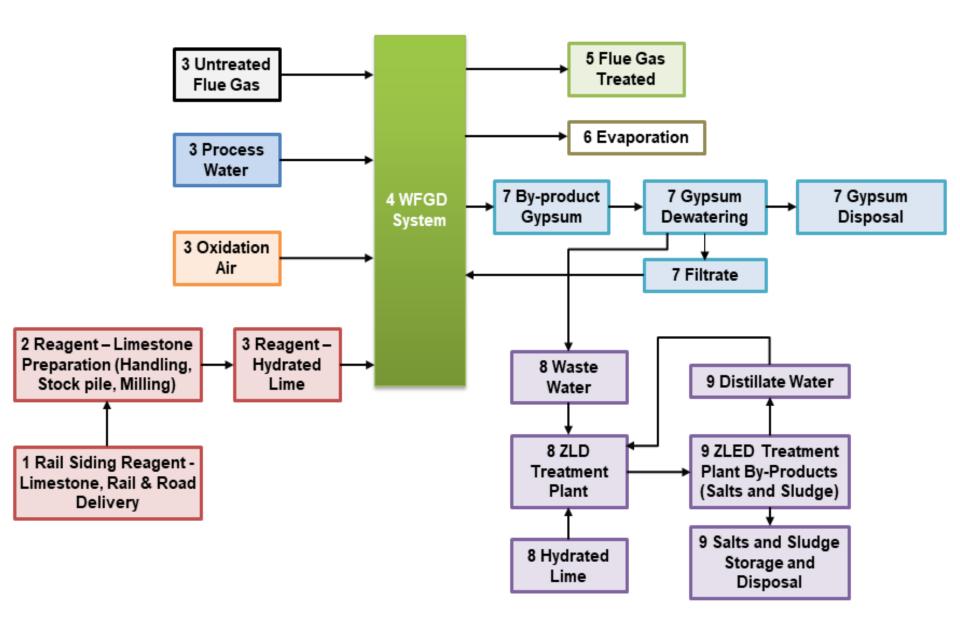
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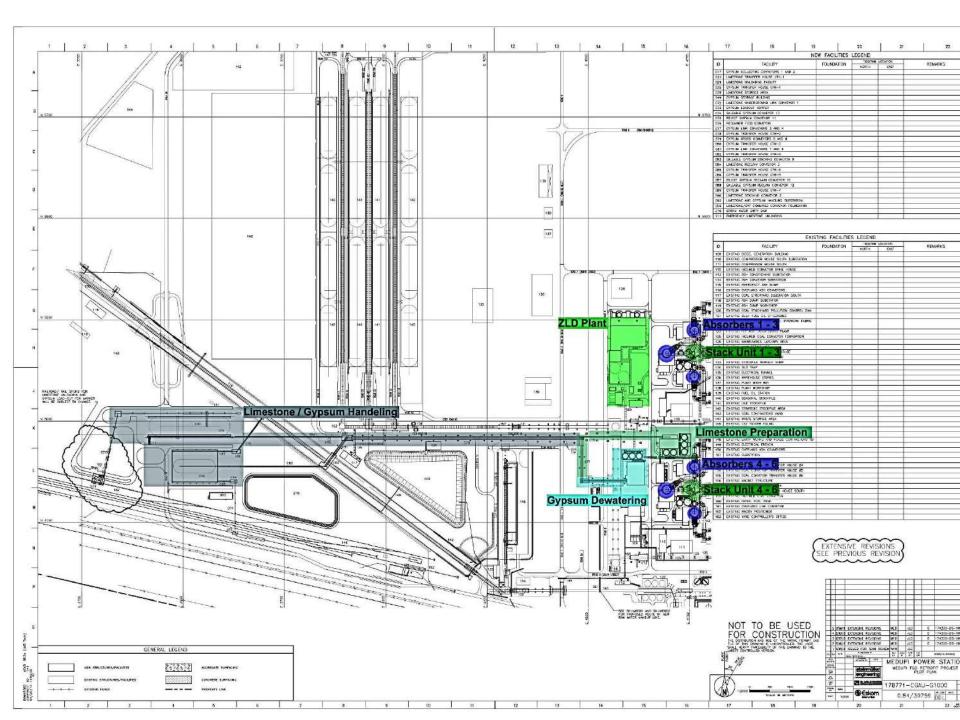
4. FGD Components Diagram





5. Development site







6. Changes in project packaging

Scoping Phase

Integrated EIA/WML & WULA

FGD, RAIL, LIME, INFRAS, ADF, on-site WDF

Bridging Document, Nov 2016

Integrated EIA/WML 1 & WULA

FGD, RAIL, LIME, INFRAS

Integrated EIA/WML 2

Off-site WDF

WML Variation

ADF

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EIA

FGD, RAIL, LIME (NEMA), INFRAS **GN926**

LIME

(Registration of storage facility prior construction)



WML Variation

ADF

WULA

FGD, RAIL, LIME, INFRAS, ADF

FGD = FGD system, **RAIL** = Rail Yard, **LIME** = Limestone / Gypsum handling & storage, **INFRAS** = Associated Infrastructure, **ADF** = Disposal of ash & gypsum on existing Ash Disposal Facility (4-20 yrs), **WDF** = Disposal of ash, gypsum, salts & sludge on new Waste Disposal Facility (21-50 yrs)



7. Legislative requirements – EIA

EIA - National Environmental Management Act (Act 107 of 1998) as amended

EIA Regulations of 2010 (GNR 543), as amended

GNR 545 activity 3: Storage and handling of diesel within the FGD footprint and rail yard.

GNR 545 activity 11: Construction of railway yard for purposes of transport of products and wastes relating to FGD process.

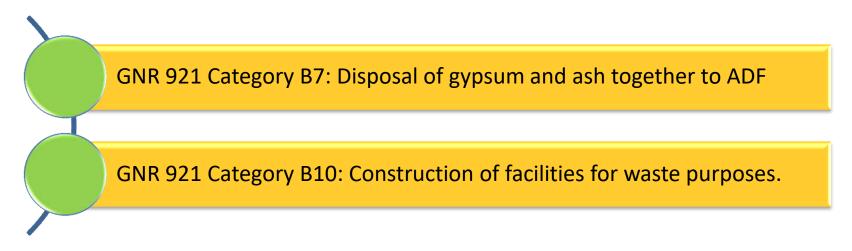
GNR 545 activity 15: Alteration of undeveloped land for the railway yard of more than 20ha.

Activities 9 and 18 of GNR 544 (Basic Assessment), and 14(a)(i) of GNR 546 also triggered



7. Legislative requirements – WML

WML Variation Application – National Environmental Management: Waste Act (Act 59 of 2008) as amended.

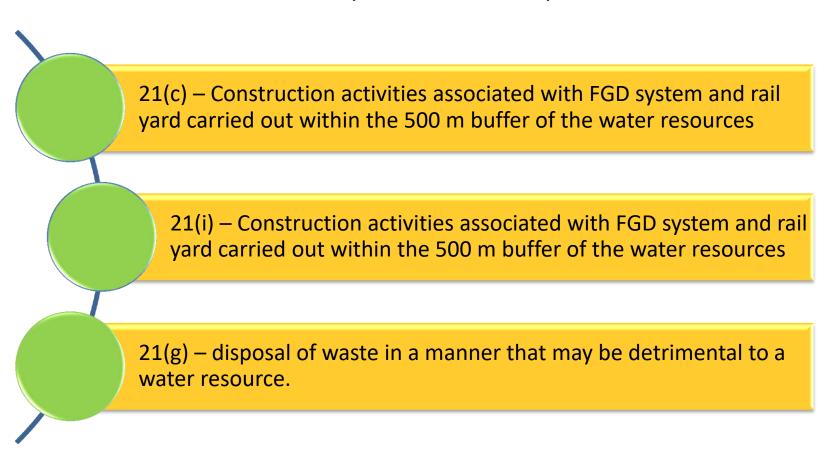


Registration of temporary waste storage facility for storage of salts and sludge i.t.o. Schedule C of GN 921 (list of waste management activities) of the NEM:WA, and GN 926 of 29 November 2013 (Norms and Standards for Storage of Waste).



7. Legislative requirements – WULA

WULA - National Water Act (Act 36 of 1998) as amended.





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FGD Infrastructure (within MPS footprint)
Rail Yard Infrastructure and Buildings
Limestone and Gypsum Handling Facilities
Associated Infrastructure (incl. fuel storage areas)
Waste Water Treatment Plant and Waste Storage Area



8. Alternatives considered (EIA)

1. Location / Layout

None – infrastructure to be fitted to footprint predefined by power station layout and infrastructure

2. Technology

Dry FGD: Slightly lower water consumption that WFGD, cannot fit within existing available space, very high capital and operating costs

Wet FGD: Fit within site space constraints, high efficiency to remove SO₂, uses more water than DFGD

Wet FGD (gas cooler): uses less water than WFGD, layout and space constraints, high maintenance & problematic during operation, reduction in unit power output, high capital and operation cost



8. Alternatives considered (EIA)

3. No-go Option

The no-go option is to continue operation of the Medupi Power Station without the FGD retrofit.

- Medupi PS not be compliant with AEL
- Need to shut down the power station
- Significant impact on economy and stability of electricity supply
- Considered FATALLY FLAWED

9. Key issues identified



- Air Quality
- Waste handling and disposal
- Water allocation and use
- Social and economic impacts of FGD
- Biodiversity and wetland impacts



10. Studies undertaken



Terrestrial ecology (Biodiversity)



Aquatic and wetland ecology



Socio-economic



Air Quality



Waste classification



Groundwater



Surface water



Heritage, Archaeology



Palaeontology



Traffic



Noise



Geotechnical



Soils and land capability



11. Specialist conclusions

Study area	Conclusion	Residual impact / Impact significance
Geology / Geotechnical	Standard footing/ foundations systems.	No significant geotechnical hazards or fatal flaws identified.
Soils and Land capability	Site already disturbed, but loss of soil resources probable.	Residual impact Moderate to Low.
Groundwater	Impact on groundwater quality, volume and flow minor for all phases.	Low significance, groundwater monitoring to be undertaken.
Surface water	No significant changes in surface water runoff or flooding, no expected increases in pollutant loads.	Residual impact Low , implement SWMP and continue surface water monitoring.



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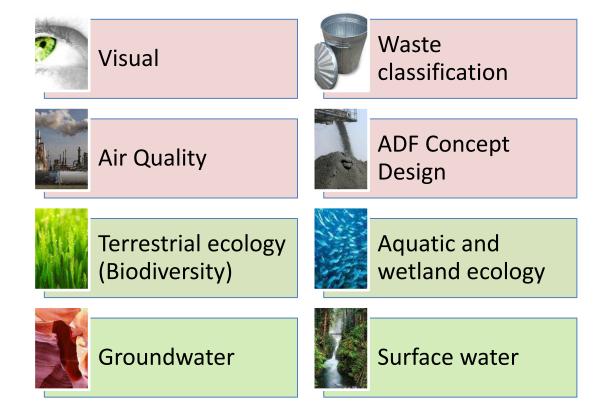
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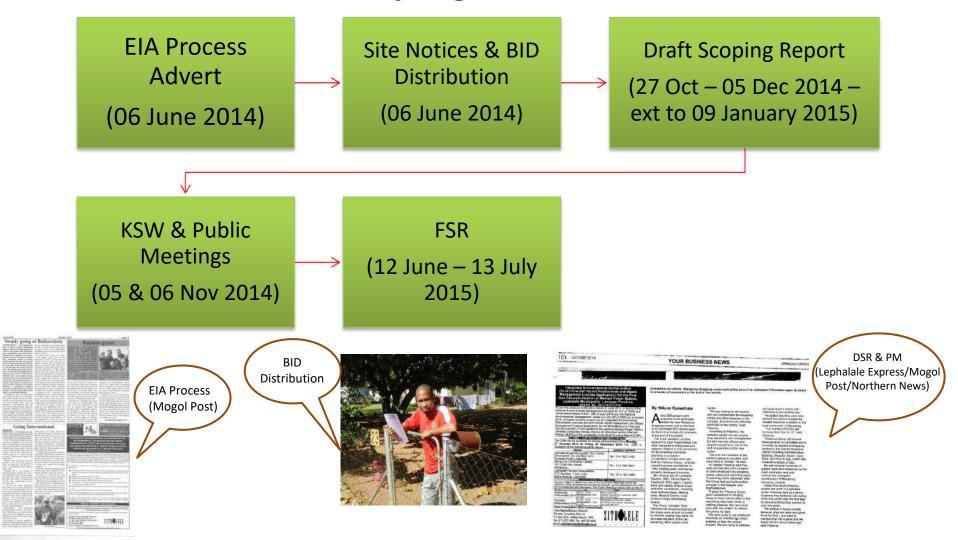
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16. Stakeholder Engagement

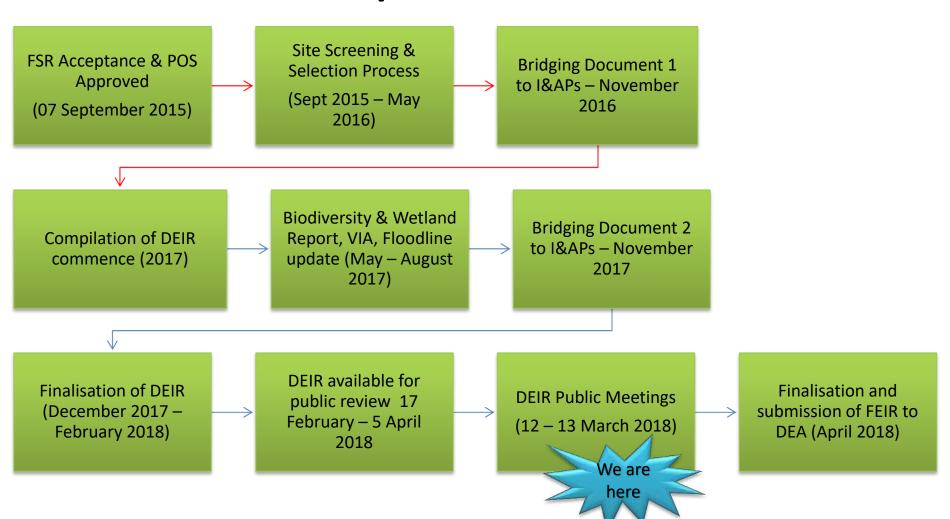
Scoping Phase





16. Stakeholder Engagement

Impact Phase





17. Authority engagement

08 July 2014

- DEA
- Intro project
- Post application meeting

11 Nov 2014

- DEA Waste Directorate
- Project info
- Waste disposal methods

02 July 2015

- DEA and DWS
- Gypsum disposal method

01 Oct 2015

- DEA
- Dynamic info post Scoping Phase

23 February 2016

- DEA and DWS
- CBA and NFEPA on site

30 November 2017

- DWS
- NFEPA on site, wetland offset requirements and rehabilitation plan



9. Discussion

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DEA REF.: 14/12/16/3/3/2/1060

Minutes

CLIENT : Eskom Holdings SOC Ltd CONSULTANT : Zitholele Consulting (Pty) Ltd **PROJECT** : Medupi FGD Retrofit Project EIA **CONTRACT NO.** : DEA REF.:14/12/16/3/3/3/110

PROJECT NO. : 12949

DATE : 12 March 2018

TIME : 11h00

VENUE : Community Hall, Lesedi Tshukudu Thusong Centre, Steenbokpan

PRESENT

Please refer to the attendance register

APOLOGIES

Please refer to the attendance register

ITEM	DISCUSSION POINTS	ACTION, DATE
1	WELCOME AND ATTENDANCE: Dr. Mathys Vosloo, Zitholele Consulting welcomed all attendees to the Public Meeting and introduced the project team and proponent.	
2	 MEETING OBJECTIVES: To present information regarding the proposed development To present the EIA and Public Participation Processes followed to date Provide key stakeholders overview of project activities and applications Present findings of specialist studies Provide clarity on the FDG processes Present recommendations of the EAP and Way forward. 	
3	ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA	
4	ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES	
5	MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES – No previous minutes	
6	GENERAL	
	NEXT MEETING	

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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

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AEL Atmospheric Emission License BID **Background Information Document**

CBA's Critical Biodiversity Areas

DAFF Dept. of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries DEA Department of Environmental Affairs DEIR Draft Environmental Impact Report DFGD Dry Flue Gas Desulphurisation

DSR **Draft Scoping Report**

DWS Department of Water and Sanitation EIA **Environmental Impact Assessment EMC Environmental Monitoring Committee**

FGD Flue Gas Desulphurisation **FSR** Final Scoping Report

IAP Interested and Affected Party's **GNR** Government Notice Regulation KSW Key Stakeholder Workshop MPS Medupi Power Station

NAAQS National Ambient Air Quality Standards NEMA National Environmental Management Act National Freshwater Ecosystem Priority Areas **NFEPA**

NWA National Water Act PM **Public Meeting** POS Plan of Study

PM **Public Participation Process**

 SO_2 Sulphur Dioxide

WDF Waste Disposal Facility

Wet Flue Gas Desulphurisation WFGD WML Waste Management License WULA Water Use License Application **WWTP** Waste Water Treatment Plant

ZLD Zero Liquid Discharge

The following aspects was presented at the meeting presentation:

- Background of the FGD plant was presented.
- The importance of the project in relation to reducing the air gas emission and reducing SO₂ footprint which will benefit the health of the community.
- History of the project and timeline highlighted.
- Water usage is also an important feature of the project, for which the application of the water use license is still under way.
- The FGD process was explained.
- The main purpose of the project is essentially to build an infrastructure that will assist in the disposal and reduction of air quality pollution to receiving the environment.
- A WWTP will ensure that waste water can be treated for reuse within the FGD process and power station operation.
- Important aspects of the process are the gypsum, sludge and salts these are the most critical aspects of the project including the Atmospheric Emissions License which came with conditions which require that the SO₂ emissions from the Power Station be reduced by more than 90%. This is one of the key reasons for the initiation of the FGD retrofit project.
- FGD Technology explained.
- No Go option says that the FGD infrastructure will not be constructed which means that the entire power station would have to be decommissioned, which would have economical and socioeconomical implications.
- Specialist studies were conducted for the following areas:
 - Physical environment

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- Ground and surface water
- Socioeconomic factors 0
- Traffic 0
- Heritage 0
- Geology, including consideration of geotechnical factors.
- The conclusion of the studies was that there was minimal impact on the project for geology, noise, heritage and traffic.
- Significant negative impacts related to biodiversity impacts, while positive impacts relate to reduction in SO₂ concentrations in emissions from the power station.
- The biodiversity and wetland studies had triggers especially for the sensitive vegetation. Although mitigation strategies are in place, some residual wetland loss is unavoidable resulting in the need for offsets for which a wetland offset plan must be developed.
- The socioeconomic impacts have been raised by the community which are being monitored through the Medupi Power Station EMC.
- With regard to the disposal of ash and gypsum together on the existing ADF, no additional impact on surface water runoff or quality has been identified by the surface water
- Public review process is still underway comment sheets can still be filled in and forwarded to councilor.

Discussion

Comments / questions raised by Mr. Miles Mputhi

- Why is the power station only taking measures now to protect the community from health impacts of the gas emissions?
 - Eskom must remain compliant to legislative requirements of the authorizations and licenses issued to the power station. The Medupi Power Station is therefore implementing requirements relating to the FGD system in relation to changes in the National Ambient Air Quality (NAAQ) Minimum Emission Standards (MES).
- How long will construction process take and when will it start?
 - Construction will commence in approximately 2020 and will take 3 years to complete.
- Protection of the water resources, particularly the underground systems, must be ensured
 - Dirty water dams would be lined as required by legislation, while a water use license application must also be obtained to prevent or minimize pollution into the ground water. External Environmental Control Officers are furthermore contracted to undertake continuous assessment of the construction activities.
- What were the learning outcomes from the other power stations, particularly Matimba so that similar mistakes aren't repeated?
 - All legislative process was followed and adhered to for compliance purposes. However, the question will be deferred to Matimba Power Station Environmental Manager.
- Heritage issues still remains a problem, especially with surveying of land and keeping the respect of ancestral graves, local tradition and implications thereof.
 - Eskom undertook an extensive process to investigate, and rectify where needed, any impacts on graves during the construction of the Medupi Power Station. Heritage specialists were also appointed to specifically investigate issues around graves and relocation where it was needed. Eskom understands that it is an ongoing issue, and this issue will be addressed through the Medupi Power Station EMC.
- The ward councillor said that Eskom was going to talk about jobs at this meeting.
 - Eskom has not made such promises to the ward councillor and the matter will be raised with the councillor. It was specifically said that this meeting was to present the outcomes of the Environmental Impact Assessment to the community and engage in discussion relating to the project with the community.

Comments and questions raised by Ms Magda Mogwane (Ex Matimba employee)

I think the distance between the power station and the community will not affect the community. Tests are also being conducted to ascertain the truth if those that claim grave sites that those graves belong to them.

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0	Processes have been undertaken to compensate for the loss of graves for those that have a right.	
Meetir	ng closed and adjourned	

ACTION	FUNCTION	NAME	DATE	SIGNATURE
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PUBLIC MEETING

Monday, 12 March 2018 @ 15h00 Ditheku Primary School, 1601 Ramahlody Street, Marapong Ext 2.

AGENDA

Facilitator: Mathys Vosloo, Zitholele Consulting

14:30 – 15:00	Registration for the meeting	
15:00 – 15:10	Welcome, Evacuation Procedures, Introductions	M. Vosloo
15:10 – 15:30	Project Background	T. Blom
15:30 – 16:15	Presentation of application process and findings	M. Vosloo
16:15 – 16:45	Discussion	All
16:45 – 17:00	Closing and Way Forward	M. Vosloo

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Public Meeting

Ditheku Primary School Marapong 3pm – 5pm Zitholele Consulting Mathys Vosloo 12 March 2018







- Focus on project related issues
- Focus on issue, not the person
- Agree to disagree
- Courtesy one person at a time
- Question / Comment raise your hand
- Please state name & organisation when raising question/comment
- Work through facilitator
- Cell phones on silent









Objectives of the Meeting

- Project Motivation
- Proposed development activities
- Study / development area
- What is being applied for?
- Findings of specialist studies
- Public Participation Process
- Recommendation of the EAP
- Way forward









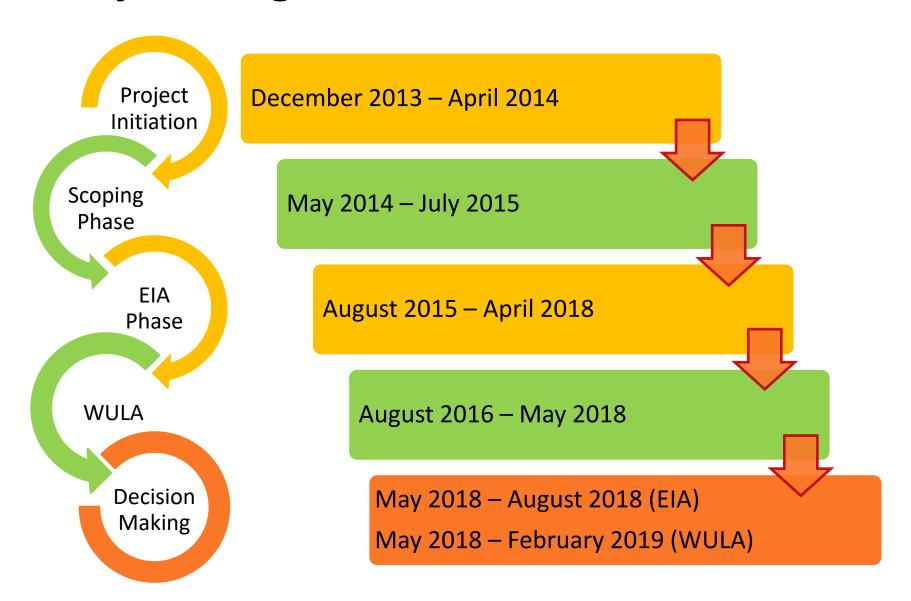
1. Project Motivation

- Medupi PS Air Emissions Licence (AEL) amended in 2015
 - Operate and maintain a Flue Gas Desulphurisation (FGD)
 plant for SO₂ control
 - Reduce SO₂ to below 500 mg/Nm² by 1 April 2025
- Funder requirements

Result in need to retrofit a FGD system to the Medupi PS before 2025.

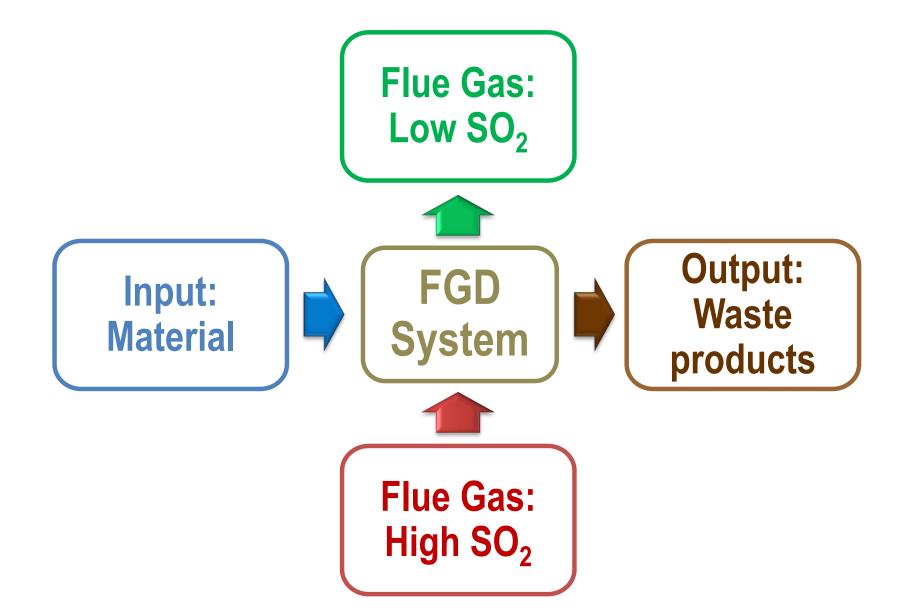


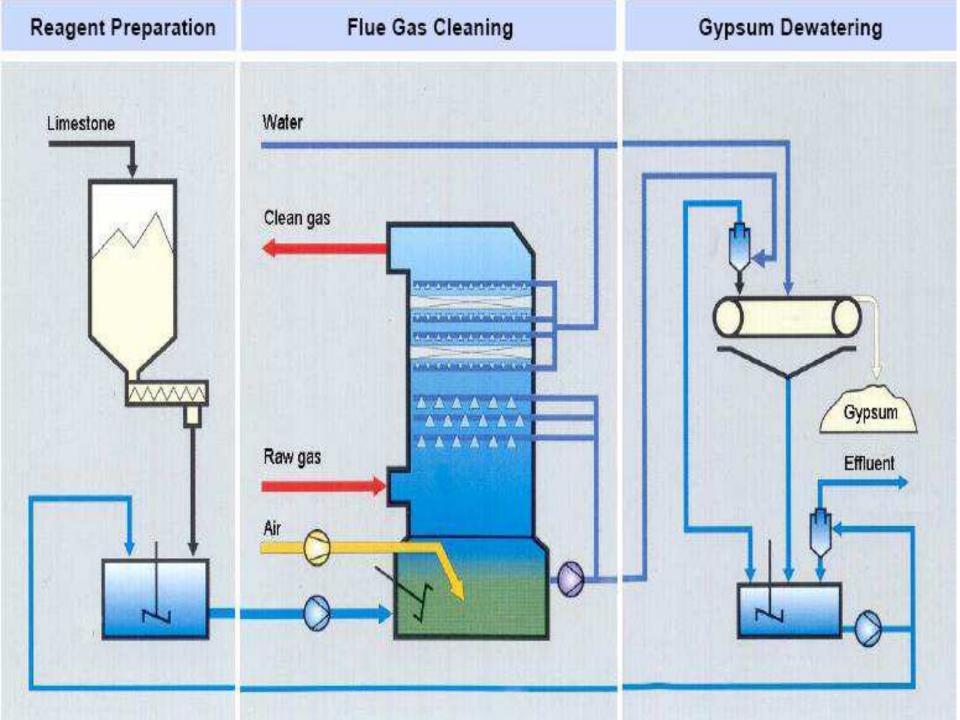
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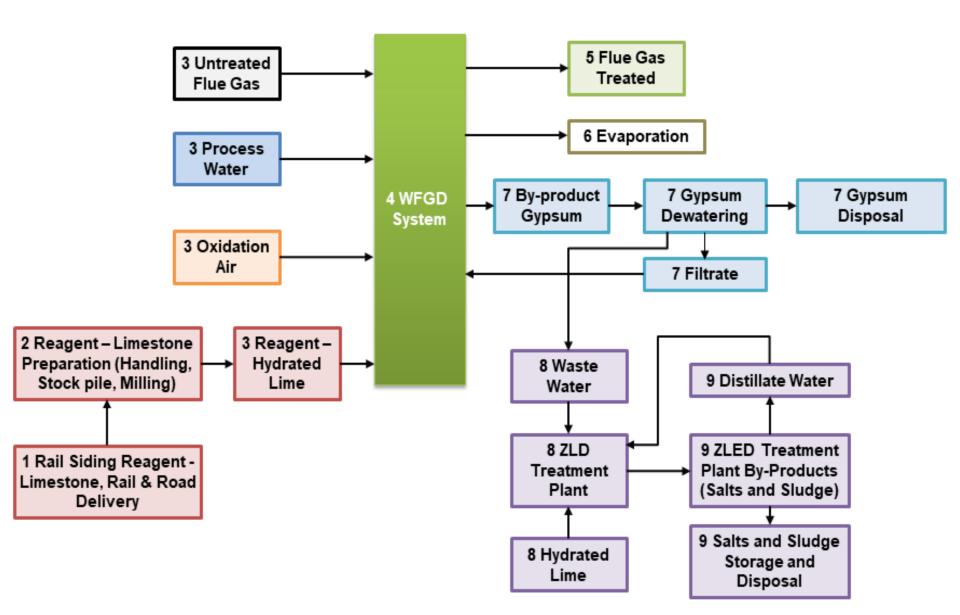
3. FGD Simplified







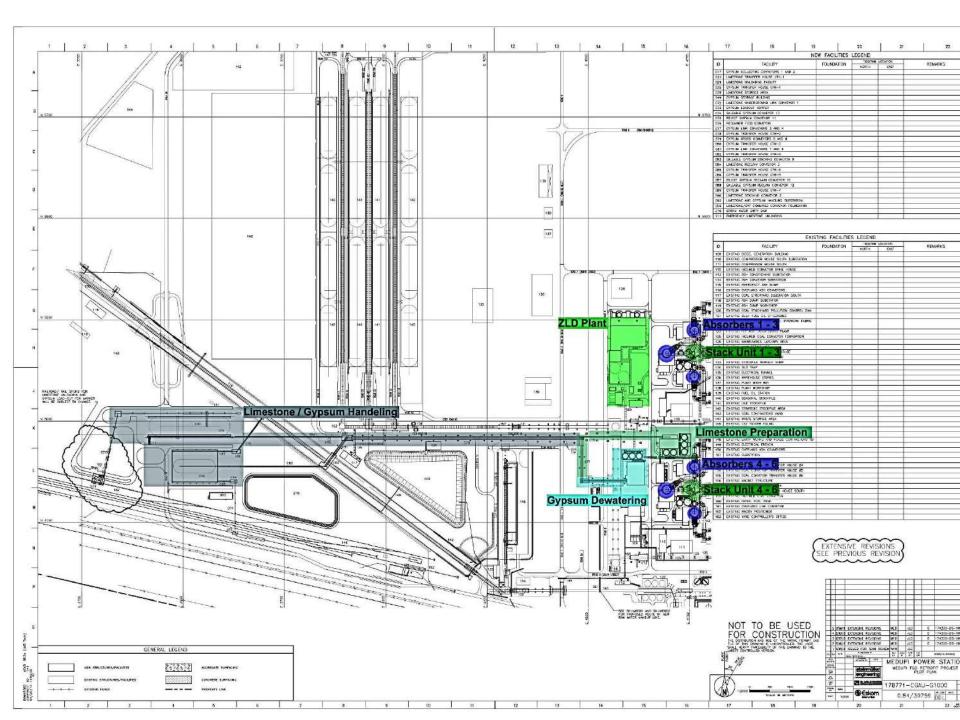
4. FGD Components Diagram





5. Development site







6. Changes in project packaging

Scoping Phase

Integrated EIA/WML & WULA

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Bridging Document, Nov 2016

Integrated EIA/WML 1 & WULA

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Integrated EIA/WML 2

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EIA

FGD, RAIL, LIME (NEMA), INFRAS **GN926**

LIME

(Registration of storage facility prior construction)



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7. Legislative requirements – EIA

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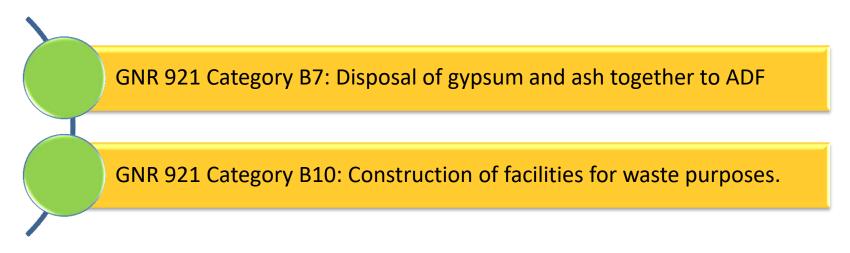
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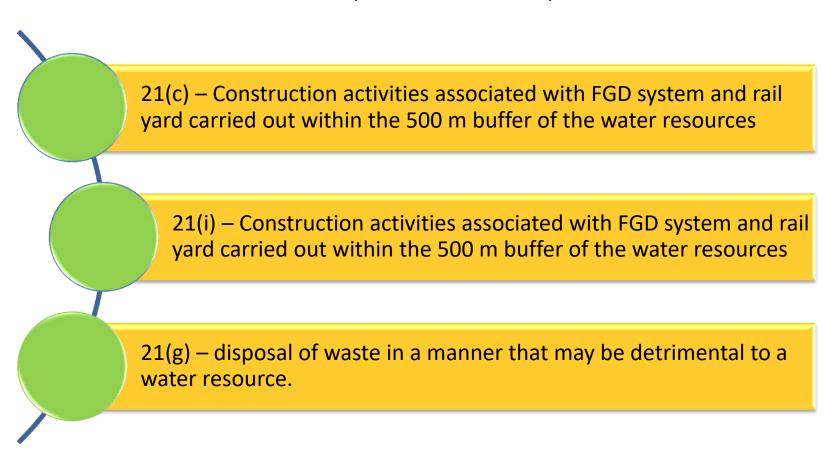


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Environmental Impact Assessment DEA REF: 14/12/16/3/3/3/110

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None – infrastructure to be fitted to footprint predefined by power station layout and infrastructure

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9. Key issues identified



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- Waste handling and disposal
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- Social and economic impacts of FGD
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10. Studies undertaken



Terrestrial ecology (Biodiversity)



Aquatic and wetland ecology



Socio-economic



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Waste classification



Groundwater



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Palaeontology



Traffic



Noise



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Soils and land capability



11. Specialist conclusions

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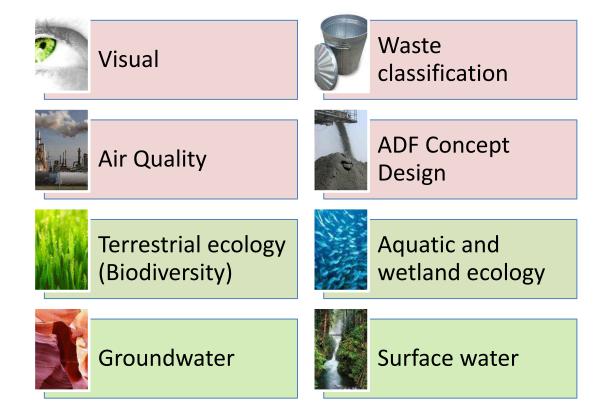
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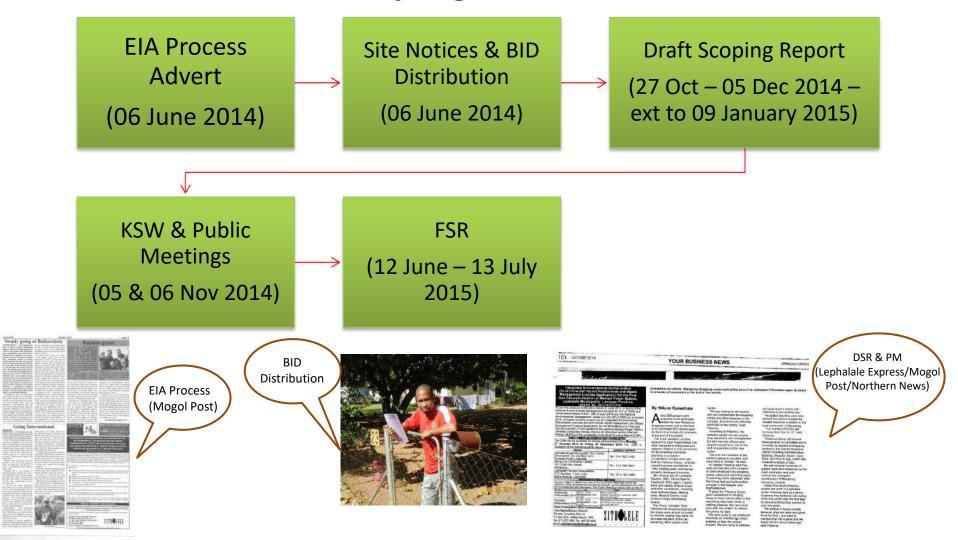
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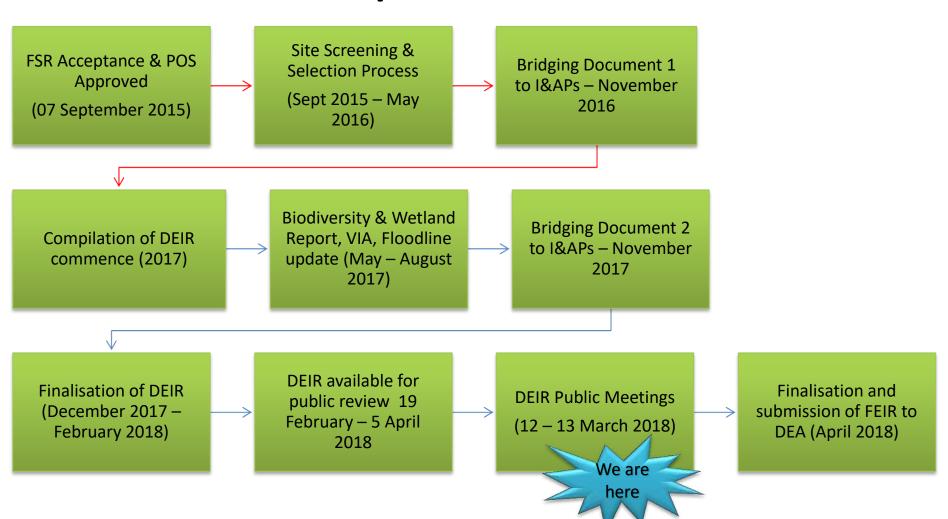
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KEY STAKEHOLDER WORKSHOP

Tuesday, 13 March 2018 @ 14h00 Mogol Golf Club, George Wells St., Onverwacht, Lephalale

AGENDA

Facilitator: Mathys Vosloo, Zitholele Consulting

13:30 – 14:00	Registration for the meeting	
14:00 – 14:10	Welcome, Evacuation Procedures, Introductions	M. Vosloo
14:10 – 14:30	Project Background	T. Blom
14:30 – 15:15	Presentation of application process and findings	M. Vosloo
15:15 – 15:45	Discussion	All
15:45 – 16:00	Closing and Way Forward	M. Vosloo

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Objectives of the Meeting

- Meeting to focus on Medupi FGD Retrofit Project only
- Provide key stakeholders overview of project activities and applications

- Present findings of specialist studies
- Present recommendation of the EAP
- Way forward







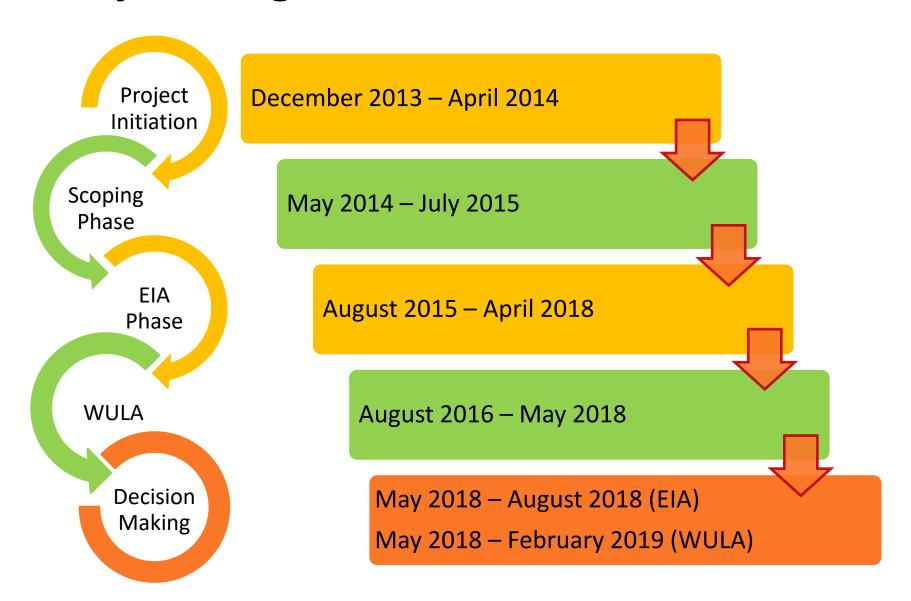
1. Project Motivation

- Medupi PS Air Emissions Licence (AEL) amended in 2015
 - Continue operation of commissioned units
 - Operate and maintain a Flue Gas Desulphurisation (FGD)
 plant for SO₂ control
 - Reduce SO₂ to below 500 mg/Nm² by 1 April 2025
- Funder requirements

Result in need to retrofit a FGD system to the Medupi PS before 2025.

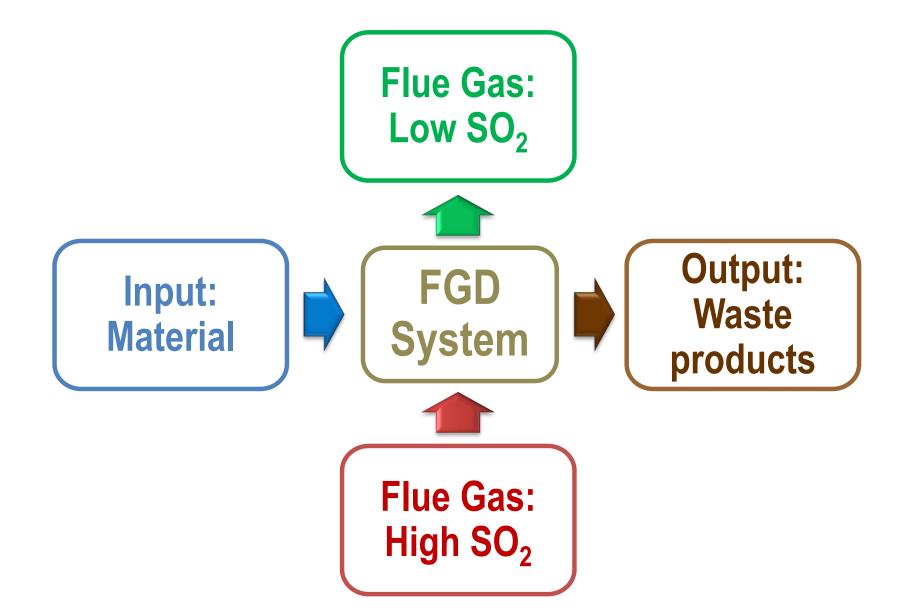


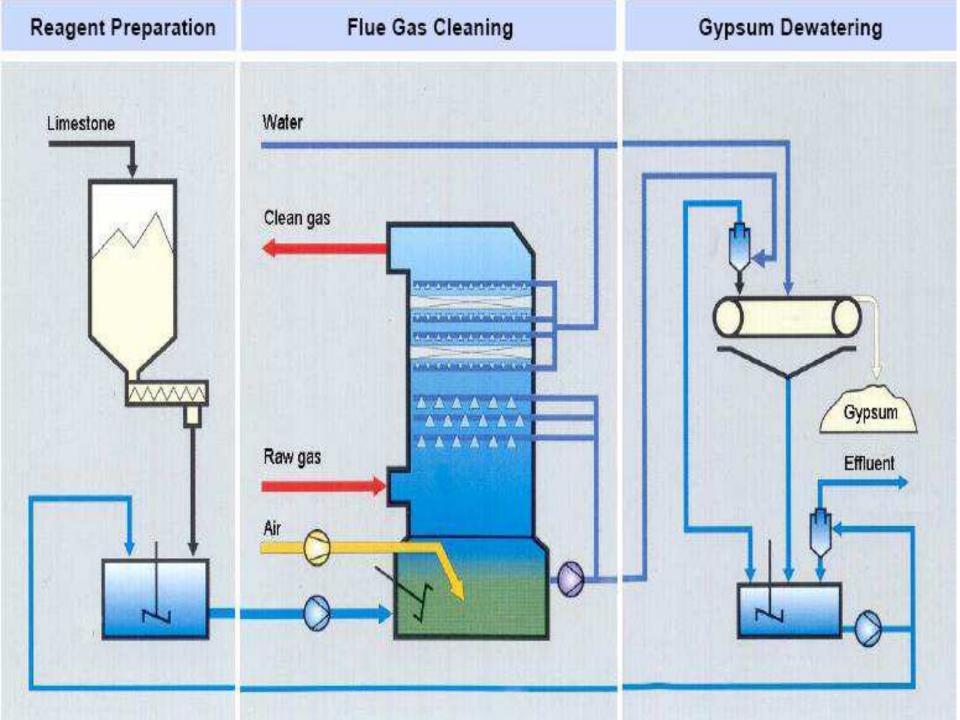
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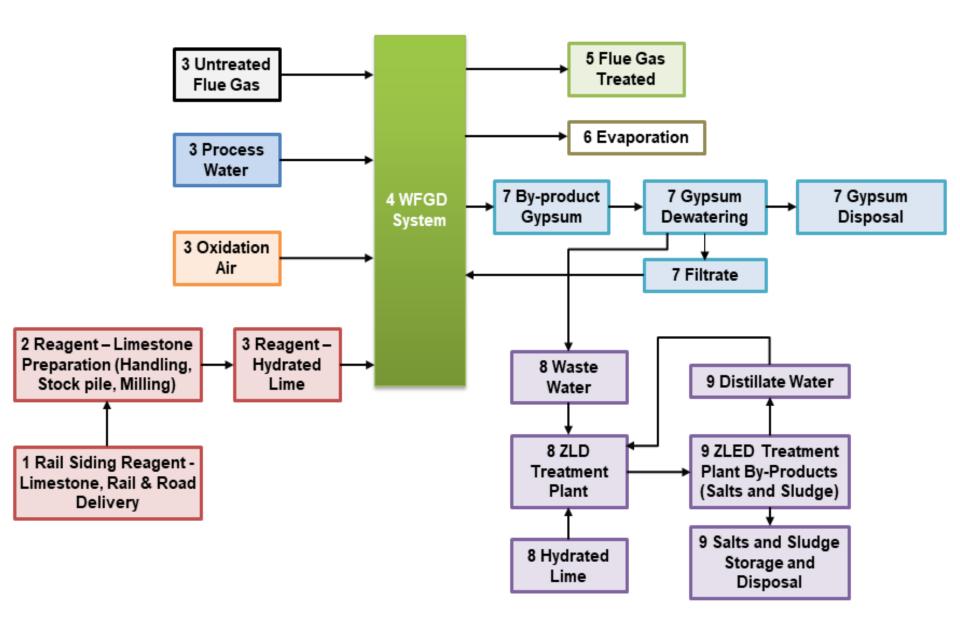
3. FGD Simplified







4. FGD Components Diagram





5. Development site





6. Changes in project packaging

Scoping Phase

Integrated EIA/WML & WULA

FGD, RAIL, LIME, INFRAS, ADF, on-site WDF

Bridging Document, Nov 2016

Integrated EIA/WML 1 & WULA

FGD, RAIL, LIME, INFRAS

Integrated EIA/WML 2

Off-site WDF

WML Variation

ADF

WULA

FGD, RAIL, LIME, INFRAS, ADF

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EIA

FGD, RAIL, LIME (NEMA), INFRAS **GN926**

LIME

(Registration of storage facility prior construction)



WML Variation

ADF

WULA

FGD, RAIL, LIME, INFRAS, ADF

FGD = FGD system, **RAIL** = Rail Yard, **LIME** = Limestone / Gypsum handling & storage, **INFRAS** = Associated Infrastructure, **ADF** = Disposal of ash & gypsum on existing Ash Disposal Facility (4-20 yrs), **WDF** = Disposal of ash, gypsum, salts & sludge on new Waste Disposal Facility (21-50 yrs)



7. Legislative requirements – EIA

EIA - National Environmental Management Act (Act 107 of 1998) as amended

EIA Regulations of 2010 (GNR 543), as amended

GNR 545 activity 3: Storage and handling of diesel within the FGD footprint and rail yard.

GNR 545 activity 11: Construction of railway yard for purposes of transport of products and wastes relating to FGD process.

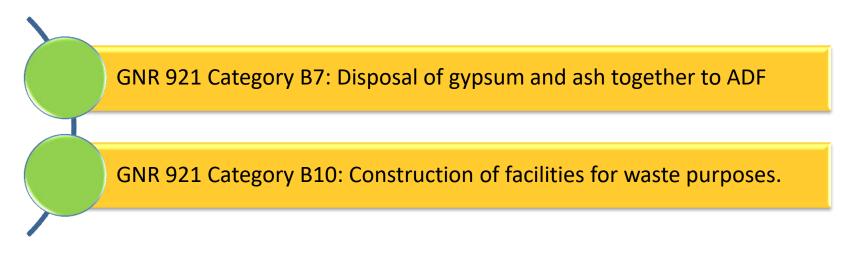
GNR 545 activity 15: Alteration of undeveloped land for the railway yard of more than 20ha.

Activities 9 and 18 of GNR 544 (Basic Assessment), and 14(a)(i) of GNR 546 also triggered



7. Legislative requirements – WML

WML Variation Application – National Environmental Management: Waste Act (Act 59 of 2008) as amended.

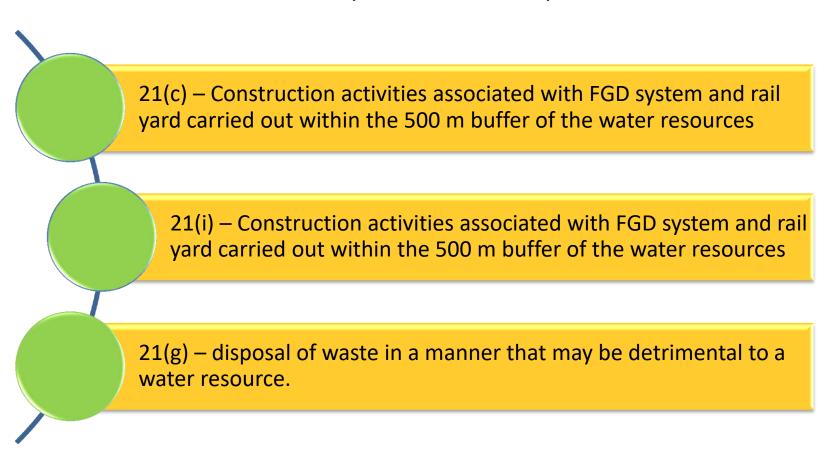


Registration of temporary waste storage facility for storage of salts and sludge i.t.o. Schedule C of GN 921 (list of waste management activities) of the NEM:WA, and GN 926 of 29 November 2013 (Norms and Standards for Storage of Waste).



7. Legislative requirements – WULA

WULA - National Water Act (Act 36 of 1998) as amended.





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FGD Infrastructure (within MPS footprint)
Rail Yard Infrastructure and Buildings
Limestone and Gypsum Handling Facilities
Associated Infrastructure (incl. fuel storage areas)
Waste Water Treatment Plant and Waste Storage Area



8. Alternatives considered (EIA)

1. Location / Layout

None – infrastructure to be fitted to footprint predefined by power station layout and infrastructure

2. Technology

Dry FGD: Slightly lower water consumption that WFGD, cannot fit within existing available space, very high capital and operating costs

Wet FGD: Fit within site space constraints, high efficiency to remove SO₂, uses more water than DFGD

Wet FGD (gas cooler): uses less water than WFGD, layout and space constraints, high maintenance & problematic during operation, reduction in unit power output, high capital and operation cost



8. Alternatives considered (EIA)

3. No-go Option

The no-go option is to continue operation of the Medupi Power Station without the FGD retrofit.

- Medupi PS not be compliant with AEL
- Need to shut down the power station
- Significant impact on economy and stability of electricity supply
- Considered FATALLY FLAWED

9. Key issues identified



- Air Quality
- Waste handling and disposal
- Water allocation and use
- Social and economic impacts of FGD
- Biodiversity and wetland impacts



10. Studies undertaken



Terrestrial ecology (Biodiversity)



Aquatic and wetland ecology



Socio-economic



Air Quality



Waste classification



Groundwater



Surface water



Heritage, Archaeology



Palaeontology



Traffic



Noise



Geotechnical



Soils and land capability



11. Specialist conclusions

Study area	Conclusion	Residual impact / Impact significance
Geology / Geotechnical	Standard footing/ foundations systems.	No significant geotechnical hazards or fatal flaws identified.
Soils and Land capability	Site already disturbed, but loss of soil resources probable.	Residual impact Moderate to Low.
Groundwater	Impact on groundwater quality, volume and flow minor for all phases.	Low significance, groundwater monitoring to be undertaken.
Surface water	No significant changes in surface water runoff or flooding, no expected increases in pollutant loads.	Residual impact Low , implement SWMP and continue surface water monitoring.



11. Specialist conclusions (cont.)

Study area	Conclusion	Residual impact / Impact significance Residual impact Moderate, in some cases High. Avoid / reduce vegetation clearing and impact on Sandloop tributary FEPA, "Search and Rescue", Wetland offset and rehabilitation plan.				
Biodiversity and Wetlands	Loss of vegetation species, habitat, catchment area and fauna mortality identified. Direct loss of pans and wetlands.					
Air quality	Scenarios included baseline air quality, Medupi PS with a/ without FGD. With FGD no exceedances of NAAQS for SO ₂ , NO ₂ , PM ₁₀ and PM _{2.5} at sensitive receptors.	Impact significance found to be Low , i.e. retrofit of FGD positive impact on air quality. Specialist recommended that the FGD Retrofit Project be implemented. Specialist concluded that with noise mitigation, noise levels from the project will be Low . Mitigation include management of traffic and construction site.				
Noise levels	Noise levels in the area during operation representative of suburban districts, but notable yet local during construction and decommissioning.					



11. Specialist conclusions (cont.)

Study area	Conclusion	Residual impact / Impact significance			
Socio-economic environment	Although some negative impacts identified, overall impact of the FGD project is overwhelmingly positive, especially benefits from economic and employment opportunities, local economic development and quality of life.	Specialist concluded that significance of positive social impacts generally exceeds the significance of negative social impacts. Specialist recommend implementation of FGD retrofit.			
Heritage, Archaeology & Palaeontology	No heritage, archaeological or palaeontological resources / sensitivities identified within the development footprint.	No potential / expected impact exist.			
Traffic	Potential traffic delays at major intersections around Medupi PS identified.	Significance of residual impacts regarded as Low , recommended upgrade of identified intersections and traffic calming measures.			



Variation Application for existing Medupi Waste Management Licence WML No: 12/9/11/L50/5/R1

Disposal of gypsum and ash on existing disposal facility
Gypsum Handling Infrastructure
Associated Infrastructure, including Conveyor,
transfer houses, temp. gypsum loading area and Gypsum
Storage Building

Storage of WWTP salts and sludge i.t.o. N&S for Storage of Waste (GN 926) prior construction



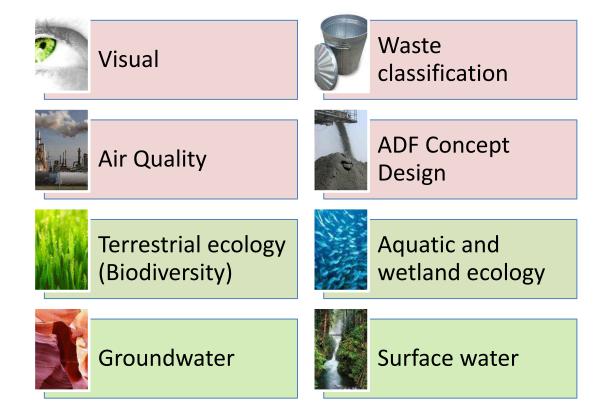
12. WML Variation Application

Variation application included activities:

- Disposal of ash and gypsum together on the existing ADF
- Reduction of ADF footprint, but increase in height from 60m to 72m
- Inclusion of infrastructure associated with the handling and management of gypsum waste, including:
 - Conveyor for transport of gypsum,
 - Transfer houses
 - Temporary gypsum loading area for loading of saleable gypsum onto trucks
 - Gypsum Storage Building for the storage of saleable gypsum via rail



13. Studies undertaken



Impacts associated with construction of infrastructure as per the findings and conclusions of EIA



14. Specialist conclusions

Study area	Conclusion	Residual impact / Impact significance			
Waste Assessment (disposal of ash and gypsum on ADF)	Gypsum is a Type 3 waste, same as Ash. Therefore can be disposed together with ash on disposal facility with Class C barrier system, as is the case for the Medupi ADF.	No additional impact for disposal of ash and gypsum disposed together on Class C barrier system is expected, as apposed to disposal of ash only on the Class C barrier.			
Groundwater (disposal of ash and gypsum on ADF)	A specialist opinion on the impact of disposal of ash and gypsum together on groundwater concluded no significant impact on the groundwater regime expected.	Class C barrier system itself is a management measure to reduce any groundwater impacts. No significant residual impact expected. Surface water management system for existing ADF will continue to manage potential surface water quality and quantity impacts.			
Surface Water (disposal of ash and gypsum on ADF)	No additional impact on surface water runoff or quality has been identified by the surface water specialist				



14. Specialist conclusions

Study area	Conclusion	Residual impact / Impact significance			
Visual (Increase in height of WDF)	Original visual assessment for Medupi PS found impact to be Moderate (45-50m facility). VIA for increased height to 72m also Moderate, i.e. equivalent to existing ADF.	Residual impact rated as Moderate significance, same as original assessment.			
Air quality (Increase in height of WDF)	Disposal of ash and gypsum together expected to create crust when mixed with water, but could contribute to dust nuisance. Simulations found no exceedances of NAAQS for PM ₁₀ and PM _{2.5}	Increase in height will have LOW impact significance.			
Biodiversity and wetlands (Increase in height of WDF)	Gypsum is not likely to a have a major toxicological impact on biodiversity / wetlands. Probability of contamination event expected to be Low .	Residual impact expected to be of Moderate significance. Dust management and control main method in reducing impact potential.			



Water Use Licence Application (WULA)

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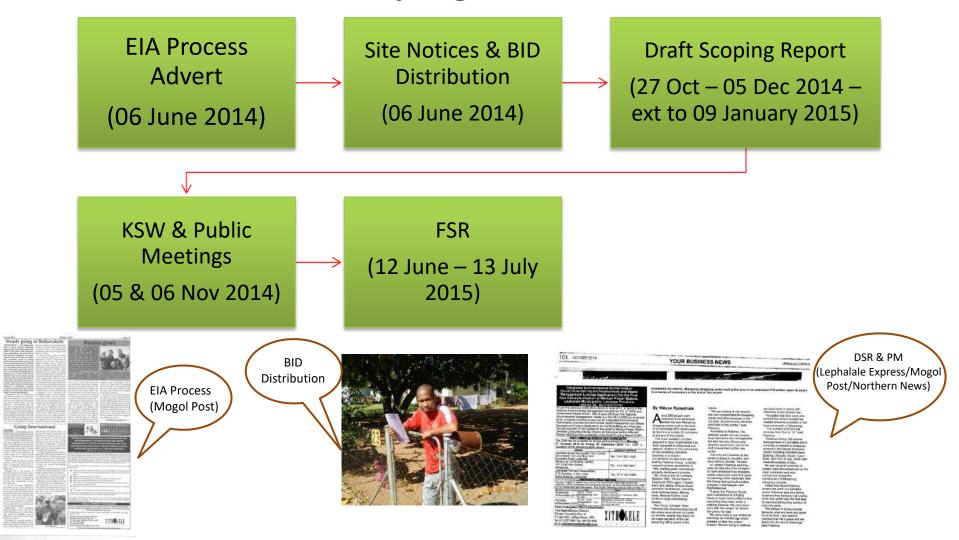
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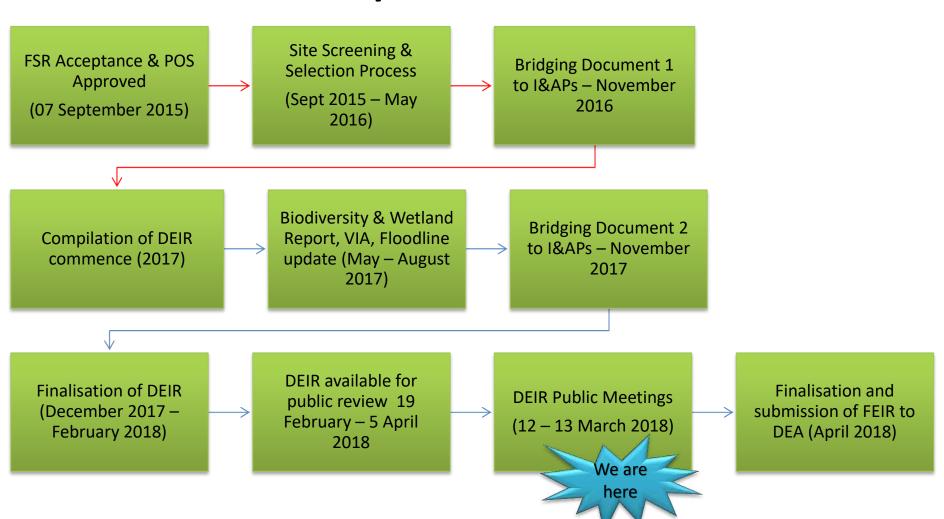
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18. Conclusions

- Air Quality: FGD successfully reduce impact on air quality (+ve)
- Waste handling and disposal:
 - Disposal of gypsum with ash on existing ADF WML Variation Application
 - Storage of Salts & Sludge i.t.o. N&S Storage of Waste (GN926)
- Water allocation and use: Water allocation from MCWAP 1 & 2a
- Social and economic impacts: Residual positive impact
- Biodiversity and wetland impacts: Moderate significance with wetland loss, but residual impact with offset requirements within acceptable limits



18. Recommendation

 EAP recommendation to implement FGD system and authorised Medupi FGD Retrofit Project



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CLIENT: Eskom Holdings SOC Ltd

CONSULTANT: Zitholele Consulting (Pty) Ltd

PROJECT: Medupi FGD Retrofit Project EIA

CONTRACT NO.: DEA REF.: 14/12/16/3/3/2/1060

PROJECT NO. : 12949

DATE : 13 March 2018 **TIME** : 14h00-16h00

VENUE: Mogol Golf Club, George Wells St., Onverwacht, Lephalale.

PRESENT

Please refer to the attendance register

APOLOGIES

None tendered

ITEM	DISCUSSION POINTS						
1	WELCOME AND ATTENDANCE: Dr Mathys Vosloo, Zitholele Consulting, welcomed all present and requested that the team and the delegates introduce themselves, including the department or organisation that they are representing. The Agenda proposed for the workshop, as below, was circulated and accepted by the delegates. The agenda, attendance register and presentations given are provided in Appendix A.						
2	 MEETING OBJECTIVES: Meeting to focus on Medupi FGD Retrofit Project ONLY; any other issues relating to operations of the Power Station will be allowed at the end of the meeting. To present information regarding the proposed development To present the EIA and Public Participation Processes followed to date Provide key stakeholders overview of project activities and applications Present findings of specialist studies Present recommendation of the EAP and Way forward. 						
3	Project Background Dr. Mathys Vosloo presented the project background to the attendees. Mr. Theuns Blom						

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5	DISCUSSIONS	
4	Presentation of application process and findings Dr. Mathys Vosloo presented the EIA process followed, specialist findings, conclusions and recommendations to the attendees.	
	from Eskom presented an update to the FGD process on Eskom's behalf after the presentation given by Dr. Vosloo.	

• Ms Astrid Basson: Will there no temporary waste disposal sites in Lephalale? Mathys Vosloo: The EIA deals only with the existing disposal facility. Gypsum will be disposed with ash on the existing facility, while salts and sludge will be temporarily stored on site within the Medupi Power Station footprint, before being trucked to an existing disposal facility.

<u>Theuns Blom:</u> Eskom is running a project to investigate future disposal facilities for Medupi, which include finding an extension to the existing ash disposal and a new hazardous disposal facility. The intent is to establish a regional hazardous disposal facility or for Eskom to at least be the front runner in providing this solution. This is currently in a pre-feasibility stage and will move towards a feasibility stage by the end of 2018.

<u>Emile Marrel:</u> There is already a shortage of space on existing facilities in Lephalale. Eskom is looking at piloting the regional disposal site to cater for regional waste instead of trucking it all the way to Johannesburg. This initiative will be looking at creating employment opportunities for the broader community.

<u>Tobile Bokwe:</u> The original planning included a proposed space for the remaining 30 years of disposal, but upon investigation this site was not suitable. Therefore, in order to support the implementation of the FGD, investigation of a new site was proposed as a separate process to streamline the FGD authorization process.

• **Ms Astrid Basson:** Are there any plans for using the gypsum in downstream beneficiation to help locals to make use of this opportunity?

<u>Theuns Blom:</u> Considering the quality of coal that the power station is burning and the quality of limestone the FGD process is designed for, Eskom is anticipating that it will end up with a gypsum of a quality usable for agriculture. That said, once we have a stable production of gypsum, it will be re-classified as a resource and only at that point can we understand what the gypsum will be most suitable for.

<u>Sifiso Mazibuko:</u> You need to wait for all the units to be running in order to get a representative sample of the gypsum to be re-classified.

<u>Leon van Wyk</u>: The power station has been designed to allow for future offtake of gypsum. If Eskom comes to a decision to use gypsum then the plant will be ready to implement this future offtake.

• Ms Astrid Basson: How labour intensive is it to construct the FGD units and will locals have employment opportunities based on skills levels required?

<u>Theuns Blom:</u> Eskom is in the process of establishing an execution entity, which will have a set number of Eskom employees and unskilled, semi-skilled and skilled laborers. Eskom is working with the Medupi sustainability department to see how it will manage labour requirements. Eskom is planning to mobilise more than one team during construction of the units which will mean that there will be a shorter construction time but with more labour at peak time, i.e. a group of about 4000 people, which will include un-skilled, semi-skilled and skilled labour.

• **Ms Astrid Basson:** What is plan B if MCWAP Phase 2A does not deliver water in time?

Theuns Blom: Currently the station already has guaranteed water allocation for the

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entire Medupi Power Station and 3 of the FGD units. If you look at timelines it is more than adequate in advance to supply water until MCWAP Phase 2 is operational. Eskom is also having regular engagement with DWS and TCTA regarding the MCWAP delivery, which shows a general support from the government to move the MCWAP project forward.

• **Mr. Love Hlekana:** Why is Eskom not driving the water use license application concurrently with the EIA process?

<u>Mathys Vosloo:</u> The process has been run concurrently, but due to detailed information requirements the WULA has run behind. Late in 2017 a meeting with DWS regarding the sensitive wetland area indicated that a wetland offset would be required. This has filtered into the staggered submission of the WULA.

<u>Felicia Sono:</u> The DWS is now running an online submission system, but a number of activities required by the system is already been undertaken. We will be uploading the existing data in order to move through the different phases of the online submission. One the main application has been completed it will be uploaded into the system in order to meet decision making timeframes. Therefore, Eskom is not looking at the full 300 days from submission of the application as it has uploaded the previous documents as per the requirements of the online submission system.

<u>Tobile Bokwe:</u> From a PPP perspective, once the WULA documentation is completed it will be made available to the public for review. The public meetings include aspects of the WULA well so therefore once the WULA is available another public meeting will not be undertaken as the public is made aware of the WULA at this stage to allow discussion on any aspects.

• **Ms Elana Greyling:** Has a source of the limestone been determined yet, and if so where will it be sourced from?

Theuns Blom: The source of Limestone is going to be from the Northern Cape from where it will be transported via rail to the Vaal Triangle. From the Vaal Triangle it will be trucked to Medupi. Eskom is investigating how best to transport the limestone via rail to the station. Eskom is however, considering using limestone from closer sources in Limpopo, but until such time the business case has been presented and accepted by the Eskom board the primary division cannot approve new suppliers for the limestone. Leon van Wyk: Limestone and lime are very different materials. Lime is a product of limestone once it has been manipulated through calcination. Limestone is available in the area and as a company we go to the worst case in terms of our planning, that is sourcing out of the Northern Cape. Eskom is perusing the option to source the limestone from local sources. It was also quite an effort to redesign the FGD to take lower quality limestone.

- **Ms Elana Greyling:** Is it a complicated process to separate the gypsum from the water, sludge and salts, heavy metals, etc? Is there a plant that does that?

 <u>Leon van Wyk:</u> It is actually very simple to separate the waste. Liquids are separated from the limestone slurry. The fluids go to the hydrocyclones plant which again separate liquids from the solids. The liquids are treated and re-used in the system, while the solids are sent to the disposal facility.
- Ms Elana Greyling: Can we have a monthly record of emissions from the Medupi Power Station? Peak exceedances were presented, so how peak is the peaks and how does that effect the communities?

<u>Emile Marrel</u>: There are two sets of emission standards that are set for emissions. Currently it is the 2015 emission standards. With the spikes a problem that the power station face is varying qualities of coal. The coal in this area has a higher Sulphur content that in the highveld. A specification for the coal is set for the Medupi Power Station and

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if we can keep within this spec which levels out at about 1.8% Sulphur content, then the station can confidently remain within the 2015 standards. With the life of mine plan what we find is that the Sulphur content of the coal steadily increases, therefore when coal is used that has a Sulphur content higher than 1.8% it generally causes these spikes in the Sulphur emissions. At this stage, due the power station being under construction we cant consistently blend the coal to achieve an average Sulphur content below 1.8% to remain within the applicable limits. That is where we have these spikes. It is usually only on hourly periods. The average power station emission is well below 3500mg/Nm³. You are more than welcome to join the EMC where details of the emission profile can be discussed on a quarterly basis. With the commissioning of the FGD the new emission standards will be consistently complied with. Therefore, at this point in time there is very little influence from SO₂ emission on the Lephalale area and surrounding area.

• **Ms Elana Greyling:** If FGD is only using 2% of what the Limpopo River dumps in the sea, why is this area called a water scarce area?

<u>Emile Marrel</u>: As the MCWAP Phase 2 comes online, more water will become available in the area. Eskom also broadly rely on the planning and implementation of programs by the DWS. The MCWAP Phase 2 conceptually shows how water from a high rainfall area is transferred to an area of low rainfall for equitable use of water by all parties. <u>Mathys Vosloo:</u> The MCWAP Phase 2 also caters for water to the region not only for Eskom.

<u>Emile Marrel:</u> MCWAP will also provide water for other industries, mines, municipalities and communities. Eskom is therefore one of the users, it is the largest users but certainly not the only user.

<u>Leon van Wyk:</u> A benefit of the MCWAP Phase2 program is that it will free up better quality water for human consumption due to users such as Eskom rather making use of lower quality water through MCWAP Phase2 as opposed to its current use of good quality water through the MCWAP Phase1.

6 Closure

The meeting was closed after discussions has been concluded.

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PUBLIC MEETING

Tuesday, 13 March 2018 @ 18h00 Mogol Golf Club, George Wells St., Onverwacht, Lephalale

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Public Meeting

DEA REF.: 14/12/16/3/3/2/1060

Minutes

CLIENT : Eskom Holdings SOC Ltd CONSULTANT : Zitholele Consulting (Pty) Ltd **PROJECT** : Medupi FDG Retrofit Project EIA CONTRACT NO. : DEA REF.: 14/12/16/3/3/2/1060

PROJECT NO. : 12949

DATE : 13 March 2018 TIME : 18h00-20h00

VENUE : Mogol Golf Club, George Wells St, Onverwacht, Lephalale

PRESENT

Please refer to the attendance register

APOLOGIES

None tendered

ITEM	DISCUSSION POINTS						
1	Welcome and Attendance: Dr Mathys Vosloo, Zitholele Consulting, welcomed all present and requested that the team and the delegates introduce themselves, including the department or organisation that they are representing. The Agenda proposed for the workshop, as below, was circulated and accepted by the delegates. The agenda, attendance register and presentations given are provided in Appendix A.						
2	 Meeting Objectives: Meeting to focus on Medupi FGD Retrofit Project ONLY; any other issues relating to operations of the Power Station will be allowed at the end of the meeting. To provide I&APs overview of project activities and applications; To present findings of specialist studies; Present recommendations of the EAP; and To advise on the way forward. 						
3	Project Background Dr. Mathys Vosloo presented the project background to the attendees. Mr. Theuns Blom from Eskom presented an update to the FGD process on Eskom's behalf after the presentation given by Dr. Vosloo.						
4	Presentation of application process and findings Dr. Mathys Vosloo presented the EIA process followed, specialist findings, conclusions and recommendations to the attendees.						

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KEY STAKEHOLDER WORKSHOP

Wednesday, 14 March 2018 @ 08h00 Medupi Power Station Visitor Center, Lephalale

AGENDA

Facilitator: Mathys Vosloo, Zitholele Consulting

13:30 – 14:00	Registration for the meeting	
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Key Stakeholder Workshop

Medupi PS Gate 1
Visitor Center
Lephalale
8am – 9am

Zitholele Consulting Mathys Vosloo 14 March 2018





Objectives of the Meeting

- Meeting to focus on Medupi FGD Retrofit Project only
- Provide key stakeholders overview of project activities and applications
- Present findings of specialist studies
- Present recommendation of the EAP
- Way forward









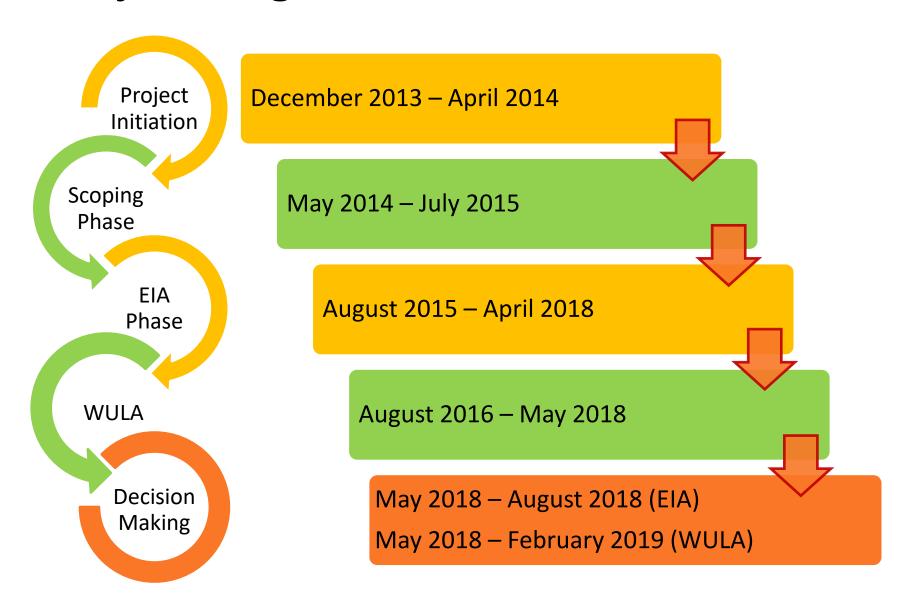
1. Project Motivation

- Medupi PS Air Emissions Licence (AEL) amended in 2015
 - Continue operation of commissioned units
 - Operate and maintain a Flue Gas Desulphurisation (FGD)
 plant for SO₂ control
 - Reduce SO₂ to below 500 mg/Nm² by 1 April 2025
- Funder requirements

Result in need to retrofit a FGD system to the Medupi PS before 2025.

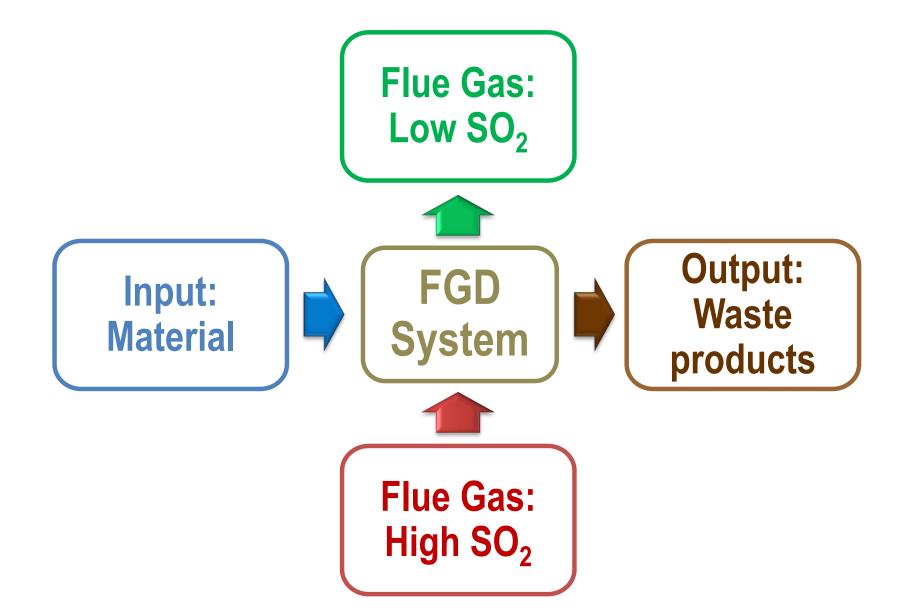


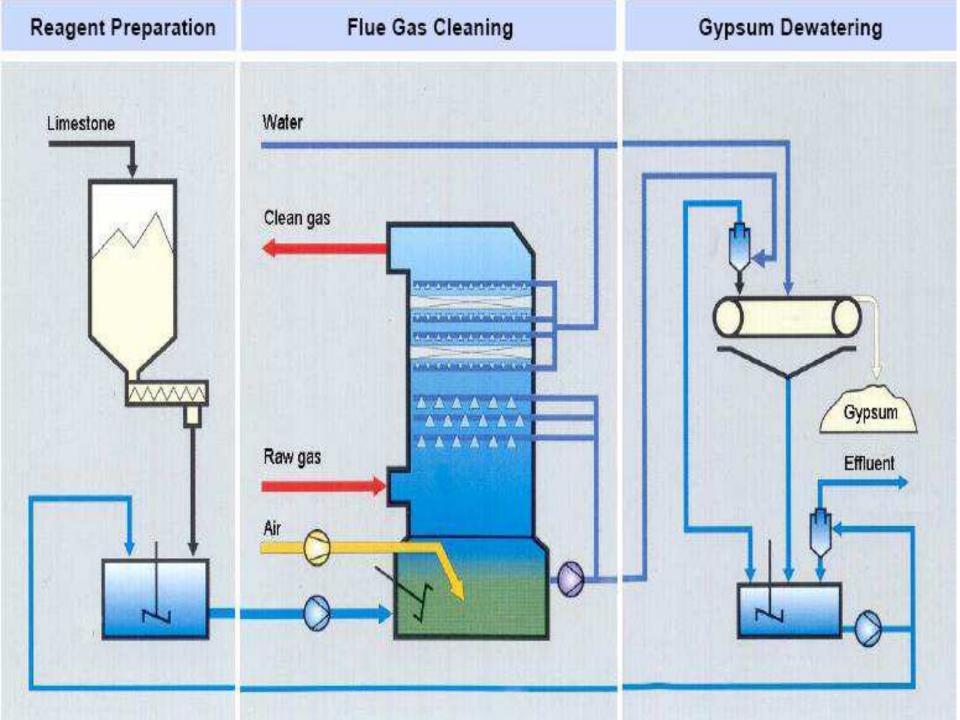
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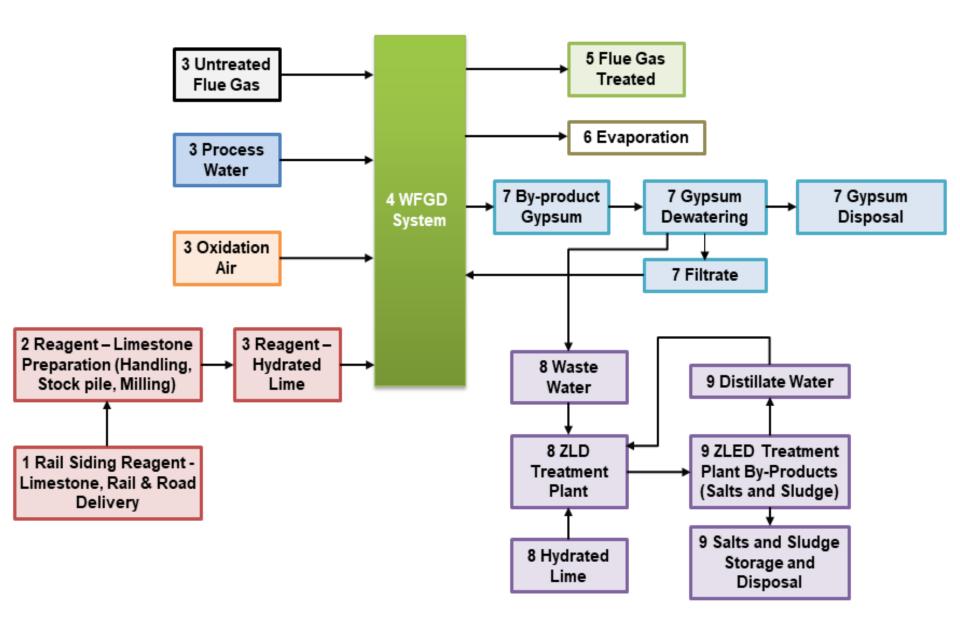
3. FGD Simplified







4. FGD Components Diagram





5. Development site





6. Changes in project packaging

Scoping Phase

Integrated EIA/WML & WULA

FGD, RAIL, LIME, INFRAS, ADF, on-site WDF

Bridging Document, Nov 2016

Integrated EIA/WML 1 & WULA

FGD, RAIL, LIME, INFRAS

Integrated EIA/WML 2

Off-site WDF

WML Variation

ADF

WULA

FGD, RAIL, LIME, INFRAS, ADF

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EIA

FGD, RAIL, LIME (NEMA), INFRAS **GN926**

LIME

(Registration of storage facility prior construction)



WML Variation

ADF

WULA

FGD, RAIL, LIME, INFRAS, ADF

FGD = FGD system, **RAIL** = Rail Yard, **LIME** = Limestone / Gypsum handling & storage, **INFRAS** = Associated Infrastructure, **ADF** = Disposal of ash & gypsum on existing Ash Disposal Facility (4-20 yrs), **WDF** = Disposal of ash, gypsum, salts & sludge on new Waste Disposal Facility (21-50 yrs)



7. Legislative requirements – EIA

EIA - National Environmental Management Act (Act 107 of 1998) as amended

EIA Regulations of 2010 (GNR 543), as amended

GNR 545 activity 3: Storage and handling of diesel within the FGD footprint and rail yard.

GNR 545 activity 11: Construction of railway yard for purposes of transport of products and wastes relating to FGD process.

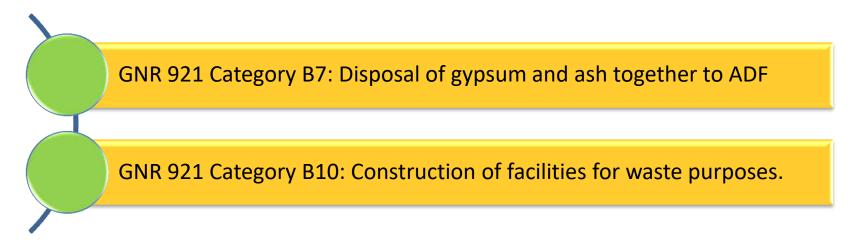
GNR 545 activity 15: Alteration of undeveloped land for the railway yard of more than 20ha.

Activities 9 and 18 of GNR 544 (Basic Assessment), and 14(a)(i) of GNR 546 also triggered



7. Legislative requirements – WML

WML Variation Application – National Environmental Management: Waste Act (Act 59 of 2008) as amended.

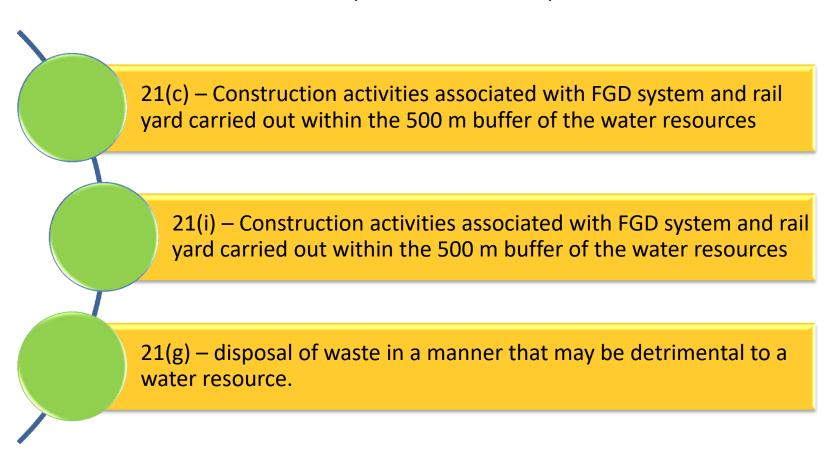


Registration of temporary waste storage facility for storage of salts and sludge i.t.o. Schedule C of GN 921 (list of waste management activities) of the NEM:WA, and GN 926 of 29 November 2013 (Norms and Standards for Storage of Waste).



7. Legislative requirements – WULA

WULA - National Water Act (Act 36 of 1998) as amended.





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FGD Infrastructure (within MPS footprint)
Rail Yard Infrastructure and Buildings
Limestone and Gypsum Handling Facilities
Associated Infrastructure (incl. fuel storage areas)
Waste Water Treatment Plant and Waste Storage Area



8. Alternatives considered (EIA)

1. Location / Layout

None – infrastructure to be fitted to footprint predefined by power station layout and infrastructure

2. Technology

Dry FGD: Slightly lower water consumption that WFGD, cannot fit within existing available space, very high capital and operating costs

Wet FGD: Fit within site space constraints, high efficiency to remove SO₂, uses more water than DFGD

Wet FGD (gas cooler): uses less water than WFGD, layout and space constraints, high maintenance & problematic during operation, reduction in unit power output, high capital and operation cost



8. Alternatives considered (EIA)

3. No-go Option

The no-go option is to continue operation of the Medupi Power Station without the FGD retrofit.

- Medupi PS not be compliant with AEL
- Need to shut down the power station
- Significant impact on economy and stability of electricity supply
- Considered FATALLY FLAWED

9. Key issues identified



- Air Quality
- Waste handling and disposal
- Water allocation and use
- Social and economic impacts of FGD
- Biodiversity and wetland impacts



10. Studies undertaken



Terrestrial ecology (Biodiversity)



Aquatic and wetland ecology



Socio-economic



Air Quality



Waste classification



Groundwater



Surface water



Heritage, Archaeology



Palaeontology



Traffic



Noise



Geotechnical



Soils and land capability



11. Specialist conclusions

Study area	Conclusion	Residual impact / Impact significance
Geology / Geotechnical	Standard footing/ foundations systems.	No significant geotechnical hazards or fatal flaws identified.
Soils and Land capability	Site already disturbed, but loss of soil resources probable.	Residual impact Moderate to Low.
Groundwater	Impact on groundwater quality, volume and flow minor for all phases.	Low significance, groundwater monitoring to be undertaken.
Surface water	No significant changes in surface water runoff or flooding, no expected increases in pollutant loads.	Residual impact Low , implement SWMP and continue surface water monitoring.



11. Specialist conclusions (cont.)

Study area	Conclusion	Residual impact / Impact significance
Biodiversity and Wetlands	Loss of vegetation species, habitat, catchment area and fauna mortality identified. Direct loss of pans and wetlands.	Residual impact Moderate , in some cases High . Avoid / reduce vegetation clearing and impact on Sandloop tributary FEPA, "Search and Rescue", Wetland offset and rehabilitation plan.
Air quality	Scenarios included baseline air quality, Medupi PS with a/ without FGD. With FGD no exceedances of NAAQS for SO ₂ , NO ₂ , PM ₁₀ and PM _{2.5} at sensitive receptors.	Impact significance found to be Low , i.e. retrofit of FGD positive impact on air quality. Specialist recommended that the FGD Retrofit Project be implemented.
Noise levels	Noise levels in the area during operation representative of suburban districts, but notable yet local during construction and decommissioning.	Specialist concluded that with noise mitigation, noise levels from the project will be Low . Mitigation include management of traffic and construction site.



11. Specialist conclusions (cont.)

Study area	Conclusion	Residual impact / Impact significance
Socio-economic environment	Although some negative impacts identified, overall impact of the FGD project is overwhelmingly positive, especially benefits from economic and employment opportunities, local economic development and quality of life.	Specialist concluded that significance of positive social impacts generally exceeds the significance of negative social impacts. Specialist recommend implementation of FGD retrofit.
Heritage, Archaeology & Palaeontology	No heritage, archaeological or palaeontological resources / sensitivities identified within the development footprint.	No potential / expected impact exist.
Traffic	Potential traffic delays at major intersections around Medupi PS identified.	Significance of residual impacts regarded as Low , recommended upgrade of identified intersections and traffic calming measures.



Variation Application for existing Medupi Waste Management Licence WML No: 12/9/11/L50/5/R1

Disposal of gypsum and ash on existing disposal facility
Gypsum Handling Infrastructure
Associated Infrastructure, including Conveyor,
transfer houses, temp. gypsum loading area and Gypsum
Storage Building

Storage of WWTP salts and sludge i.t.o. N&S for Storage of Waste (GN 926) prior construction



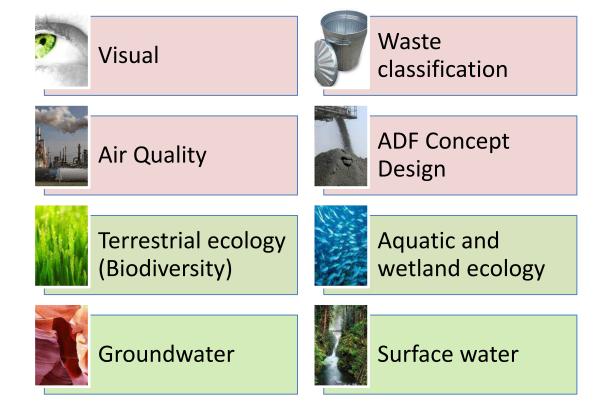
12. WML Variation Application

Variation application included activities:

- Disposal of ash and gypsum together on the existing ADF
- Reduction of ADF footprint, but increase in height from 60m to 72m
- Inclusion of infrastructure associated with the handling and management of gypsum waste, including:
 - Conveyor for transport of gypsum,
 - Transfer houses
 - Temporary gypsum loading area for loading of saleable gypsum onto trucks
 - Gypsum Storage Building for the storage of saleable gypsum via rail



13. Studies undertaken



Impacts associated with construction of infrastructure as per the findings and conclusions of EIA



14. Specialist conclusions

Study area	Conclusion	Residual impact / Impact significance
Waste Assessment (disposal of ash and gypsum on ADF)	Gypsum is a Type 3 waste, same as Ash. Therefore can be disposed together with ash on disposal facility with Class C barrier system, as is the case for the Medupi ADF.	No additional impact for disposal of ash and gypsum disposed together on Class C barrier system is expected, as apposed to disposal of ash only on the Class C barrier.
Groundwater (disposal of ash and gypsum on ADF)	A specialist opinion on the impact of disposal of ash and gypsum together on groundwater concluded no significant impact on the groundwater regime expected.	Class C barrier system itself is a management measure to reduce any groundwater impacts. No significant residual impact expected.
Surface Water (disposal of ash and gypsum on ADF)	No additional impact on surface water runoff or quality has been identified by the surface water specialist	Surface water management system for existing ADF will continue to manage potential surface water quality and quantity impacts.



14. Specialist conclusions

Study area	Conclusion	Residual impact / Impact significance
Visual (Increase in height of WDF)	Original visual assessment for Medupi PS found impact to be Moderate (45-50m facility). VIA for increased height to 72m also Moderate, i.e. equivalent to existing ADF.	Residual impact rated as Moderate significance, same as original assessment.
Air quality (Increase in height of WDF)	Disposal of ash and gypsum together expected to create crust when mixed with water, but could contribute to dust nuisance. Simulations found no exceedances of NAAQS for PM ₁₀ and PM _{2.5}	Increase in height will have LOW impact significance.
Biodiversity and wetlands (Increase in height of WDF)	Gypsum is not likely to a have a major toxicological impact on biodiversity / wetlands. Probability of contamination event expected to be Low .	Residual impact expected to be of Moderate significance. Dust management and control main method in reducing impact potential.



Water Use Licence Application (WULA)

FGD Infrastructure (within MPS footprint)
Rail Yard Infrastructure and Buildings
Limestone and Gypsum Handling Facilities
Associated Infrastructure (incl. fuel storage areas)
Waste Water Treatment Plant and Temporary Waste Storage Area
Existing Ash Disposal Facility



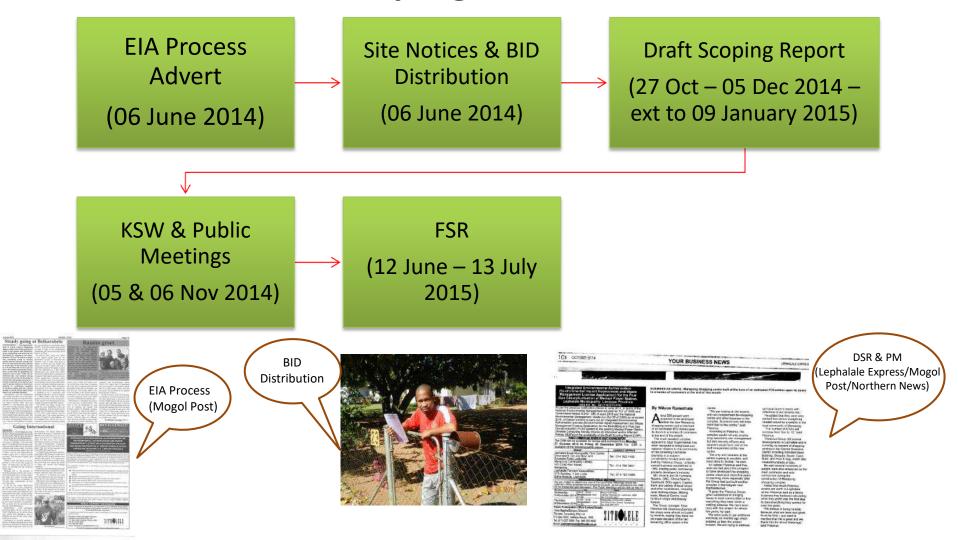
15. WULA

Water Use	Infrastructure to be licenced
Section 21 (c) - Impeding or diverting the flow of water in a watercourse	Existing waste disposal facility, including the associated PCDs, and Medupi FGD footprint
Section 21 (i) - Altering the bed, banks, course or characteristics of a watercourse	Existing waste disposal facility and Medupi FGD footprint
Section 21 (g) - disposing of waste in a manner which may detrimentally impact on a water resource;	 Gypsum Transfer Houses Gypsum Storage Building and temporary storage area Limestone Storage Area Limestone unloading facility at rail yard Emergency Limestone unloading area Pollution Control Dams (also 21(h)) Existing Disposal Facility footprint Sludge and Salts handing and storage areas Dust suppression of disposal facility during construction, operation and rehabilitation



16. Stakeholder Engagement

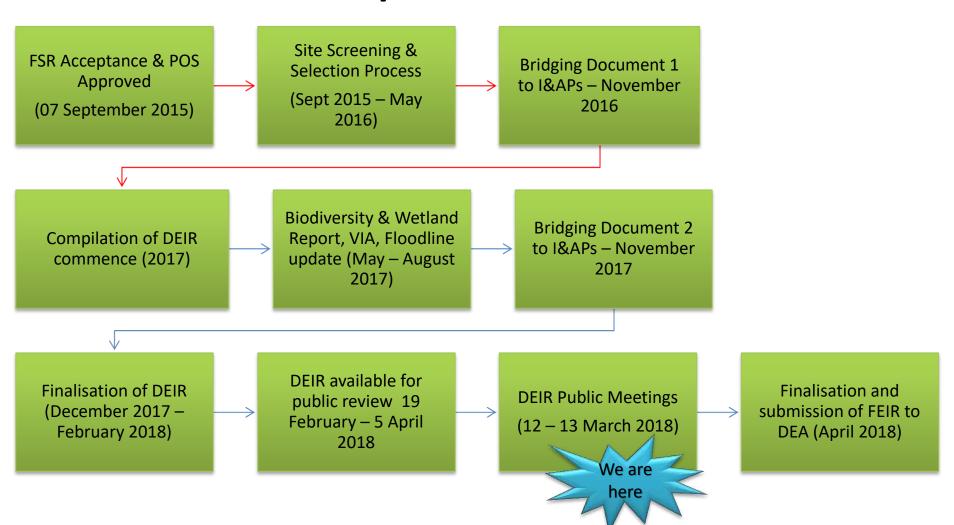
Scoping Phase





16. Stakeholder Engagement

Impact Phase





17. Authority engagement

08 July 2014

- DEA
- Intro project
- Post application meeting

11 Nov 2014

- DEA Waste Directorate
- Project info
- Waste disposal methods

02 July 2015

- DEA and DWS
- Gypsum disposal method

01 Oct 2015

- DEA
- Dynamic info post Scoping Phase

23 February 2016

- DEA and DWS
- CBA and NFEPA on site

30 November 2017

- DWS
- NFEPA on site, wetland offset requirements and rehabilitation plan



18. Conclusions

- Air Quality: FGD successfully reduce impact on air quality (+ve)
- Waste handling and disposal:
 - Disposal of gypsum with ash on existing ADF WML Variation Application
 - Storage of Salts & Sludge i.t.o. N&S Storage of Waste (GN926)
- Water allocation and use: Water allocation from MCWAP 1 & 2a
- Social and economic impacts: Residual positive impact
- Biodiversity and wetland impacts: Moderate significance with wetland loss, but residual impact with offset requirements within acceptable limits



18. Recommendation

 EAP recommendation to implement FGD system and authorised Medupi FGD Retrofit Project



19. Discussion

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Public Meetings Medupi Flue Gas Desulphurisation Project

Project Update and Status



Strategic Context and Justification



STRATEGIC CONTEXT

• This project is to retrofit Flue Gas Desulphurisation (FGD) to each of the 6 Medupi units

6 years after each unit was put into commercial operation

 Eskom as a responsible Corporate Citizen have a socio-economic responsibility towards the people living and working in the immediate vicinity of the Medupi Power Station

The project is linked to the Eskom Air Quality
 Strategy with the reference ESG 32-1143 of 2011
 and Minimum Emission Standard application and
 World Bank Loan Agreement Conditions
 (Condition 2), the African Development Bank Loan
 Agreement (Article IV).

JUSTIFICATION

- Socio-Economic impact responsibility
- The project is needed to ensure compliance to:
 - i.) the National Air Quality Act 39 of 2004 and the Minimum Emission Standards for SO₂ and,
 - ii.) the conditions of the loan granted to Eskom by the World Bank and African Development Bank for the construction of Medupi Power Station.

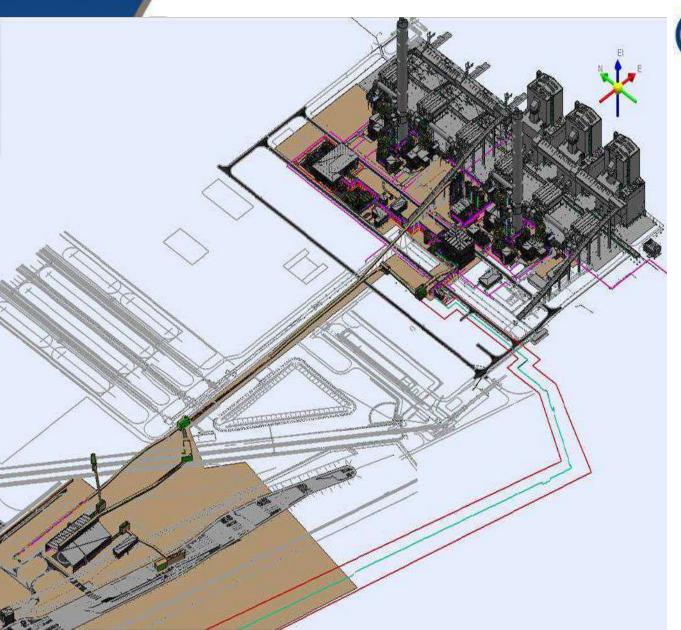


Medupi Flue Gas Desulphurisation (FGD)



Summary of statements and conclusion

- Schedule optimisation: Eskom actively pursuing schedule acceleration to meet committed
 dates for retrofit of four FGD units with the potential for the remaining two units under review;
 normal schedule indicate significant project delays. Not able to align retrofit of FGD with
 commercial operation of last generation units
- <u>Technology selection:</u> Eskom to continuing with the retrofit installation of wet flue gas desulphurisation technology at Medupi Power Station
- <u>Direct Sorbent Injection:</u> Eskom will not continue with the investigation into direct sorbent injection as a possible interim abatement technology
- Water Reduction Technology: Eskom will not add a flue gas cooler to the Medupi FGD retrofit project – spatial allowance will be made for future considerations





Project Schedule

Schedule Delay



The draft schedule dates for completion of each FGD unit outlined in Table below

Milestone Objective	Committed dates (6yrs after Unit CO)	Project schedule dates - Jan 2018 (14 mths float	
Commercial Operation U6 FGD	August 2021	December 2027	
Commercial Operation U5 FGD	April 2023	November 2026	
Commercial Operation U4 FGD	November 2023	October 2025	
Commercial Operation U3 FGD	August 2024	May 2026	
Commercial Operation U2 FGD	January 2025	June 2027	
Commercial Operation U1 FGD	June 2025	July 2028	

Project Key Milestones





Schedule Delay



The draft schedule dates for completion of each FGD unit outlined in Table below

Milestone Objective	Committed dates (6yrs after Unit CO)	Project schedule dates - Jan 2018 (14 mths float	Project recovery schedule delivery dates - Jan 2018 (0 mths float)
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Commercial Operation U4 FGD	November 2023	October 2025	July 2023
Commercial Operation U3 FGD	August 2024	May 2026	November 2023
Commercial Operation U2 FGD	January 2025	June 2027	May 2024
Commercial Operation U1 FGD	June 2025	July 2028	May 2025

^{***} The recovery schedule does not include PPPFA exemption or the revised Constructability schedule. Including them will result in a 9 month delay

Eskom will not retrofit the WFGD technology in alignment with the commercial operation of the last generation units .

Project Schedule



- The construction of the Medupi FGD plant from start to completion of the first unit is likely to be forty-two (42) months, as benchmarked against international construction norms and experience.
- However, as per previous experiences in Kusile, Medupi and Ingula, Eskom has encountered that the rate of progress of Construction is lower than the International Standards.
- The following limiting factors, potential risks and cost drivers which should be considered specifically for the Medupi FGD Project and have not been allowed for in these programmes. Hence, it is of the opinion that the actual completion period would be approximately fifty (50) months due to the following factors:
 - Main vendor not yet identified Country, technology, shipping, language and cultural influences
 - Localisation of labour and manufacturing availability of skills and location of suitable manufacturing facilities
 - Local productivity factors weather, labour agreements, unions, etc.
 - Particular Conditions of Contract Legal, Guarantees, Payment terms, SD&L, SHEQ, etc.
 - Variations and claims during the construction process

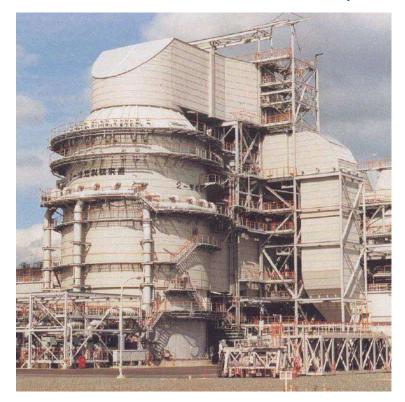
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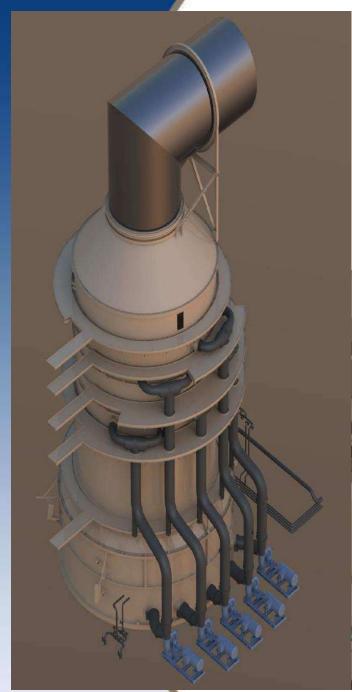


 Since the FGD project is of utmost importance, it is critical that the Project should be completed within thirty-six (36) months. This would imply that the schedule would be expedited. There will be additional cost to achieve a thirty-six (36) months programme linked to an increase in construction resources and this impact needs to be quantified.

The undertaking from Eskom is to drive the construction period to a maximum of thirty-

six (36) months



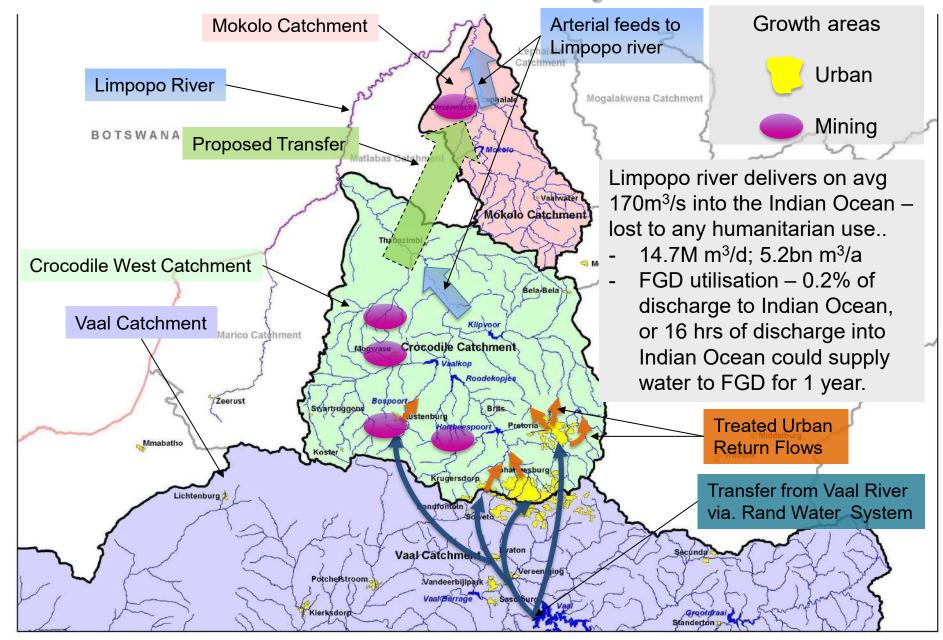




Technology discussion



Water Resource Systems



Medupi Flue Gas Desulphurisation (FGD) Technology selection



- Eskom did a comparable evaluation of available technologies based on performance, operational requirements, and station impact during retrofit
- The application of dry or semi-dry FGD at Medupi poses a number of challenges:
 - Extended outage durations
 - Additional and replacement infrastructure, e.g. new FFP plant
 - A larger footprint than available within the design constraints of the as-built station
 - An increased capital outlay
 - Approximately 3-4 times higher operating expenses due to sorbent cost and transportation
 - Negative environmental impacts of lime as reagent
 - Possibility of more stringent disposal conditions and changes to the waste facility liner
 - Inability to recover saleable gypsum from the waste stream
 - Require significant re-work, should atmospheric emission limits increase
- The evaluation and subsequent reviews confirmed WFGD as the preferred technology. Based on the original technology assessment Medupi has been designed and constructed to be Wet FGD ready.
- Significant plant modifications would be required to accommodate any other technology or any interim abatement solution

Interim Mitigation Proposal – sorbent injection



- The World Bank has requested Eskom to investigate direct in-line sorbent injection as: i.) a SO₂ peak management solution, and ii.) an interim solution to the implementation of the FGD technology under development for retrofit at Medupi.
- Group Technology has draft various documents in response to the request to investigate direct sorbent injection
- IEA Clean Coal Centre highlight the benefits of direct injection as:
 - Consume no water or a minimal amount if the sorbent needs hydrating or the flue
 - gas is humidified to improve performance
 - Lower SO₂ removal efficiency (~40%)
 - Higher SO₃ removal efficiency (80-98%)
 - Lower parasitic power consumption
 - Smaller footprint, easier to retrofit
 - Lower capital cost, but higher operating costs
 - CO₂ emissions (carbonate-based sorbents)



Interim Mitigation Proposal – sorbent injection



- The retrofit of direct sorbent injection will be managed as a new project; new designs, new environmental impact assessment required, amendment of waste management license as the constituents of the waste stream collectively referred to as ash would change. The time to implement a direct sorbent injection solution at Medupi would take an estimated 4-5 years.
- Pertinent points that has been mentioned include
 - Impact on plant performance and guarantees
 - Impact on bulk material handling system requirements
 - availability of space for the implementation of two SO2 reduction projects
 - Increase in erosion rates and fouling due to solid deposits leading to blockages/plugging
 - high cost of lime (as a sorbent)
 - water to be used in the case sorbent needs to be hydrated
 - EIA impacts unknown impact on the waste from the generation process; additional time needed for new EIA process (12-18 mths)
 - Low capital cost; extremely high operations cost for limited SO2 reduction

Interim Mitigation Proposal – sorbent injection

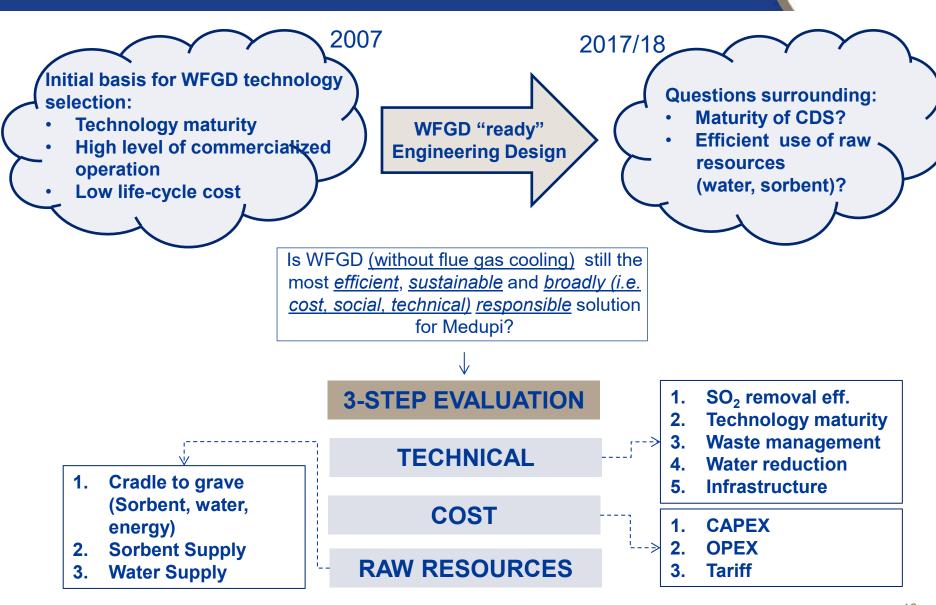


- The implementation of **sorbent injection** at Medupi Power Station is seen as **questionable due to the technical concerns** relating to the boiler and air preheater. The environmental concerns and timelines need to be addressed as well as the sorbent reactivity and achievable reduction efficiency proven. Furthermore, the technical capability of the current installed plant (i.e. the air heater, FFP, DHP and road infrastructure) needs to be confirmed during a conceptual engineering phase as part of a business case development process an in-depth engineering study and pilot project would need to be conducted.
- The availability of the specialised sorbent needed is a challenge need to be engineered. In addition there are logistical challenges to source and bring the sorbent to Medupi site. A significant amount of sorbent will be required for a limited reduction of SO₂. An estimate of 20 30 truckloads of sorbent per unit per day is estimated to be required.
- The cost of the specialised sorbent is prohibitively high.
- The construction time of the sorbent injection solution has not been quantified. The execution of the wet FGD retrofit at Medupi is planned to commence in 2018. **Sorbent injection solution improbable to be implemented before the operation of the wet FGD solution**

Eskom continue with its plan to not implement any interim abatement technologies at Medupi Power Station.

Water Reduction Technology – flue gas cooling





Water Reduction Technology – 3-step Evaluation



Step 1: Technical

TECHNOLOGY MATURITY					
FGD technology	SO ₂ removal efficiency achievable (%)	Worldwide installed capacity (%)	Water req. (I/kWh)		
WFGD	98	80	0.21		
SDA/CFB	90-95	10 2	0.14 Negligible		
DSI	30-60				

By-product Quantities Generated Wet FGD Dry FGD

Gypsum (tonnes/tonne of SO ₂)	5.62	
By-product + Ash (tonnes / tonne of SO ₂)		7.43
Crystallizer Salts (tonnes / tonne of SO ₂)	0.48	0
Pre-treatment Solids (tonnes / tonne of SO ₂)	0.92	0

WFGD salts & sludge- hazardous waste facility

- Gypsum is marketable.
- & by-product is not marketable & by-product-ash mix must be stored in a lined facility- cannot be isolated from the ash.

WATER REDUCTION

- Medupi is ZLED and dry cooled (Energy Penalty-1.75% eff_{therm}).
- WFGD + Drying cooling- 0.35 l/kW
- Conventional Wet Cooling- 2 l/kW
- Water can only be reduced on WFGD
- Option 1: Regenerative Type H-EX
 - Large footprint req.
 - Cannot construct at Medupi.
- Option 2: Shell-&-tube cross flow H-EX
 - Acid corrosion- operation under sulphur dew point. Ash does not have a neutralisation effect.
 - Wear corrosion due to abrasive ash.
 Plugging of tubes due to dust fall out.
 Ash contamination.
 - Expensive materials (PFA, SS alloys)
 - Maintenance intensive, problematic operation, plant downtime.

Flue gas cooling benchmarking exercise (3 power stations in Europe and 2 in China)





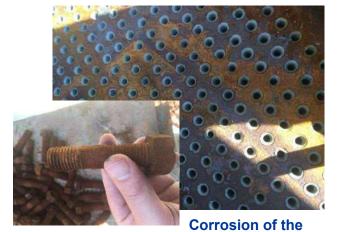
Side view of a tubular flue gas cooler.



Corrosion of a carbon steel tube.



Wear damage of system cracking carbon steel tube. due to corrosion.



stainless steel

tube sheet.

Corrosion of carbon steel bolt.



Discolouration of the PFA tubes due to fly ash contamination.



Fly Ash build-up retrieved from the tubes during maintenance.

All three power stations in Europe advised against the installation of the system. Flue gas cooling is not a responsible solution for Medupi-not considered further.

Water Reduction Technology – 3-step Evaluation



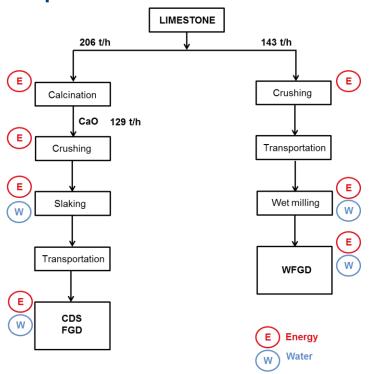
Step 2: Cost Implications

Refer to Appendix A of 474-10175 Medupi FGD Technology Study Report Rev 3.0)

Description	Option 1 Wet FGD	Option 2 Wet FGD + Gas Cooler #	Option 3 Dry FGD
Total Capital Requirements	17,677,732	18,122,432	19,277,632
Total Operating Costs	1,213,335,037	1,170,979,109	1,887,352,330

The incremental difference in terms of the "tariff increase" between the wet and CFB-FGD technologies is expected to be approximately <u>0.45%.</u>

Step 3: Utilisation of Raw Resources



	WFGD	WFGD (with Cooler 100°C)	CFB-FGD
Total Water (m³/annum)	6 498 402	4 638 100	3 707 546
Total Power (MW/annum)	247 642	254 533	1 015 367
Power to Water (m³/annum)	49 450	50 826	202 752
Total Water (m³/annum)	<u>6 547 852</u>	<u>4 688 927</u>	<u>3 910 298</u>
% of Base Case	100%	72%	60%

SORBENT SUPPLY

WFGD can utilise lower quality limestone available closer to the power station. CDS requires the calcination of high quality limestone that can only be sourced from the Northern Cape.

WFGD has the potential to contribute to the broader local socio-economic development- will not be possible with CDS!

WATER SUPPLY

Water for the WFGD will be provided from Phase 2A of the Mokolo and Crocodile Water Augmentation Project which is being developed to bring additional water to the Lephalale from the area Crocodile River Catchment

Technology Discussion

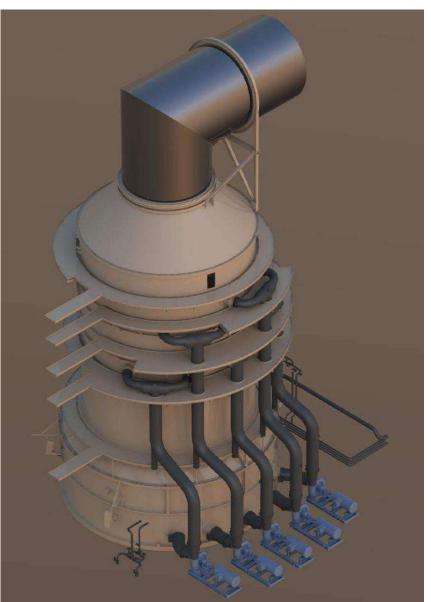


- The Medupi FGD Retrofit Project will not be fitted with any flue gas cooler technology.
- The Eskom detail design of the scrubber island will include elements to enable flue gas cooler readiness for future incorporation once: i.) the technology has matured to a level acceptable by Eskom, ii.) the operational philosophy of the flue gas cooler aligns to Eskom prescripts, and iii.) the maintenance philosophy aligns with that of Medupi Power Station. iv) the business case for such a retrofit can be developed.

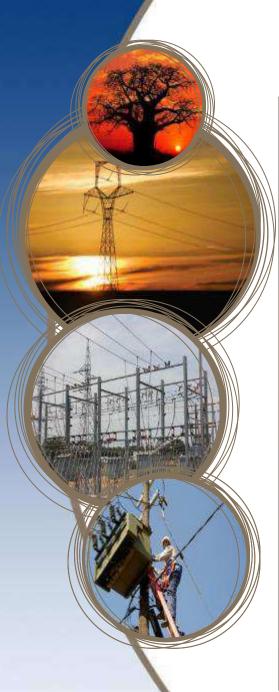


Eskom continue with its plan to construct the WFGD technology without the inclusion of a flue gas cooler at Medupi.





CONCLUSION



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ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT FOR THE PROPOSED RETROFITTING OF A FLUE GAS DESULPHURISATION (FGD) SYSTEM AT MEDUPI POWER STATION, LEPHALALE, LIMPOPO PROVINCE

Key Stakeholder Workshop (KSW)

DEA Ref.: 14/12/16/3/3/2/1060

Draft Minutes

CLIENT: Eskom Holdings SOC Ltd

CONSULTANT: Zitholele Consulting (Pty) Ltd

PROJECT: Medupi FGD Retrofit Project EIA

CONTRACT NO.: DEA REF.: 14/12/16/3/3/2/1060

PROJECT NO. : 12949

DATE : 14 March 2018 **TIME** : 08h00-10h00

VENUE: Medupi Power Station Visitor Center, Lephalale

PRESENT

Please refer to the attendance register

APOLOGIES

None tendered

ITEM	DISCUSSION POINTS			
1	WELCOME AND ATTENDANCE: Dr Mathys Vosloo, Zitholele Consulting, welcomed all present and requested that the team and the delegates introduce themselves, including the department or organisation that they are representing. The Agenda proposed for the workshop, as below, was circulated and accepted by the delegates. The agenda, attendance register and presentations given are provided in Appendix A.			
2	 MEETING OBJECTIVES: Meeting to focus on Medupi FGD Retrofit Project ONLY; any other issues relating to operations of the Power Station will be allowed at the end of the meeting. To present information regarding the proposed development To present the EIA and Public Participation Processes followed to date Provide key stakeholders overview of project activities and applications Present findings of specialist studies Present recommendation of the EAP and Way forward. 			
3	Project Background Dr. Mathys Vosloo presented the project background to the attendees.			

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4 Presentation of application process and findings

Dr. Mathys Vosloo presented the EIA process followed, specialist findings, conclusions and recommendations to the attendees.

5 DISCUSSIONS

 Mr Jim Hlabiwa Letwaka: Issue raised with regards to the pollution control for thegypsum, salt and sludge. What is the plan for after the 5 years of trucking the waste to the disposal site has ended.

Mathys Vosloo: Gypsum is generated and taken to the disposal facility via the conveyor or. The normal pollution control procedure will be followed for the handling and management of the wastes. Disposal will also conform to the waste control procedure of the existing waste facility at the Medupi Power Station. The temporary storage of the salts and sludge will take place for a period of 5 years. During this time constructed of a new waste disposal facility should be commissioned. Sludge and salt will be transported together to the waste disposal facility. Control measures such as washing the wheels of the trucks will be implemented at the storage facility to avoid pollution, while the service provider's control measures will be implemented once the waste is loaded onto truck and transported to the appropriate waste disposal facility.

<u>Emile Marrel:</u> Eskom is investigating the development of a regional waste facility together with local roleplayers. Eskom has scheduled a workshop with roleplayers to discuss the potential for the development of such a regional waste disposal facility. Space constraints seem to affect the proposed disposal facility and space options for access for future recovery of the sludge are being investigate which includes the constructing a regional landfill facility locally for disposal and recycling. Benefits from such a facility include environmental and socio-economic opportunities such as recycling opportunities.

• **Mr Jim Hlabiwa Letwaka:** What will the timeframe for construction of the FGD be? Emile Marrel: Construction timelines are benchmarked against international time frames on similar projects. Eskom has internally relooked how they can accelerate the construction program even by employing more people on the construction teams. The planning guys are looking at how to change the sequence of construction to and optimize the construction schedule to fast track and optimize the process. It will take approximately 52-months for construction of each unit, while if we put in multiple teams Eskom should be able to complete a unit in 36 months instead of 52 months.

Mathys Vosloo: So, we are looking at a construction period from about 2019 to 2025 for construction of the FGD units.

<u>Emile Marrel:</u> The appeal process can also have a huge knock-on effect on timelines if the authorisation is appealed. Emile also explained the water system around the catchment areas from a SA perspective and how it links into the project through the MCWAP Phase 2A project, and how this link with the project is important for compliance reasons.

• **Ms Lucy Make:** Eskom has not started with the FGD installment? How long will the authorization take?

<u>Mathys Vosloo:</u> No, the commissioning of the FGD units has not commenced yet. In order to start the authorization process currently underway must be completed only then can the construction begin. This process is on a critical pathway and Eskom is already behind on its schedule for implementation.

<u>Emile Marrel</u>: In order to start the Department of Environmental Affairs need to give permission for construction to start. We are currently in that process of providing the documentation to the authorities to make a decision for the FGD project to commence. Only once the authorization has been granted can Eskom commence with construction.

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<u>Mathys Vosloo:</u> The decision-making process will take to about August 2018 to make a decision. Once a decision is made an appeal period must run its course, with construction likely to start a month or two after the appeal period has expired.

- **Ms Lucy Make:** Do you already know where the infrastructure will be placed? Mathys Vosloo: Yes, Eskom knows exactly where they want to place the infrastructure.
- Ms Lucy Make: What is the difference between the existing water in the catchment and MCWAP Phase 2 water?

<u>Emile Marrel:</u> Phase 1 of MCWAP is now complete and unblocks bottlenecks for the supply of water to users. The water from MCWAP Phase 2 is not as pristine as the water in the Mokolo catchment, as it comes from Johannesburg to supply poor quality water for industrial uses. This will free up more water for agricultural use and human consumption.

• **Ms Lucy Make:** How many storage areas will there be for the gypsum and limestone? Will it be stored separately?

<u>Mathys Vosloo:</u> there is only 1 limestone storage area within the railway yard. For Gypsum there is a temporary storage area near the gypsum dewatering plant. If the gypsum is suitable for offtake, gypsum will be stored at 1 storage area within the railway yard. They gypsum and limestone will be stored together, but if gypsum is disposed it will be disposed together with ash on the Ash Disposal Facility.

Ms Lucy Make: The FGD reduces only SO₂?

Mathys Vosloo: Yes, the FGD infrastructure only reduce the SO2 emissions.

<u>Emile Marrel:</u> Other already installed infrastructure, such as fabric filter press, reduce the concentrations of the other gasses and particulates.

• **Ms Lucy Make:** What is the difference between the different technologies? <u>Mathys Vosloo:</u> The FDG with the gas cooler requires more space and far more expensive as opposed to the wet FDG system which can be modified to be fitted into to the existing infrastructure.

<u>Sifiso Mazibuko:</u> Gas cooler has no long-term technical benefit at this stage to the power station and long-term viability is limited as the wear and tear on the system is a major limiting factor.

 Ms Lucy Make: What will Eskom do after 20 years if the existing disposal facility is closed?

<u>Emile Marrel:</u> A separate process will be undertaken to find an additional facility for disposal of ash and gypsum after 20 years. Other options of minimizing disposal of ash and gypsum is also being investigated by Eskom. Disposal of ash in existing mine pits is being investigated for future use, while ash can also be used to form part of other environmental process like treating acid mine drainage.

Mr Jim Hlabiwa Letwaka: I just want to advise on communication with communities
in this area. The proper delivery of the message is important and proper structures
and channels should be used to engage with the community more meaningfully and
for the communities to become more involved. Consultations should be structured
to maintain integrity and reduce the chances of appeals. It is advised that community
liaison people should be appointed and the ease of language for better interpretation
and communication.

<u>Emile Marrel:</u> It is a very important point that you are raising. It is something that we are all struggling with and we are learning from it.

Mathys Vosloo: It is something that we will focus on more specifically. We did put up posters and send out notifications and smsed. The point is taken, thank you for your

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6		Closure The meeting was closed after discussions has been concluded.				
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