

Your role in the Environmental Authorisation Amendment Process

Your involvement will enhance the applicability and completeness of the Environmental Authorisation (EA) Amendment process.

Your involvement in the process is fourfold:

1. To ensure that your interests/concerns in the proposed activity are recorded and/addressed, you need to register with Nsovo as an Interested & Affected Party (I&AP).
2. To raise public awareness of activities taking place within your surroundings and to ensure inclusion of any issues, suggestions or comments you may be aware of regarding proposed activities.
3. To provide participants with the information they need to participate in a meaningful way.
4. To utilise opportunities provided to raise issues and provide comments throughout the process.

How to become Involved and Register as an I&AP?

Your participation in this process is valuable and is encouraged, therefore you are invited to register as an I&AP and contribute by written submissions by fax, post, email or telephone through any one of the contact details on the overleaf.



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NOTICE OF AMENDMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION FOR THE PROPOSED ±130KM ESKOM FOSKOR – MERENSKY POWERLINE FROM 275KV TO 400KV AND ASSOCIATED SUBSTATION WORKS WITHIN THE MOPANI AND SEKHUKHUNE DISTRICT MUNICIPALITIES IN THE LIMPOPO PROVINCE

BACKGROUND INFORMATION DOCUMENT

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PURPOSE OF THIS DOCUMENT

The aim of this document is to provide an overview of the proposed project and study area; to provide information of the Environmental Authorisation (EA) Amendment process to be followed prior to the development of the proposed ± 130 KM Foskor – Merensky 275kV powerline and associated substation works as per the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act 107 of 1998); and indicate how you, as an Interested and Affected Party (I&AP), can become involved in the EA Amendment process.

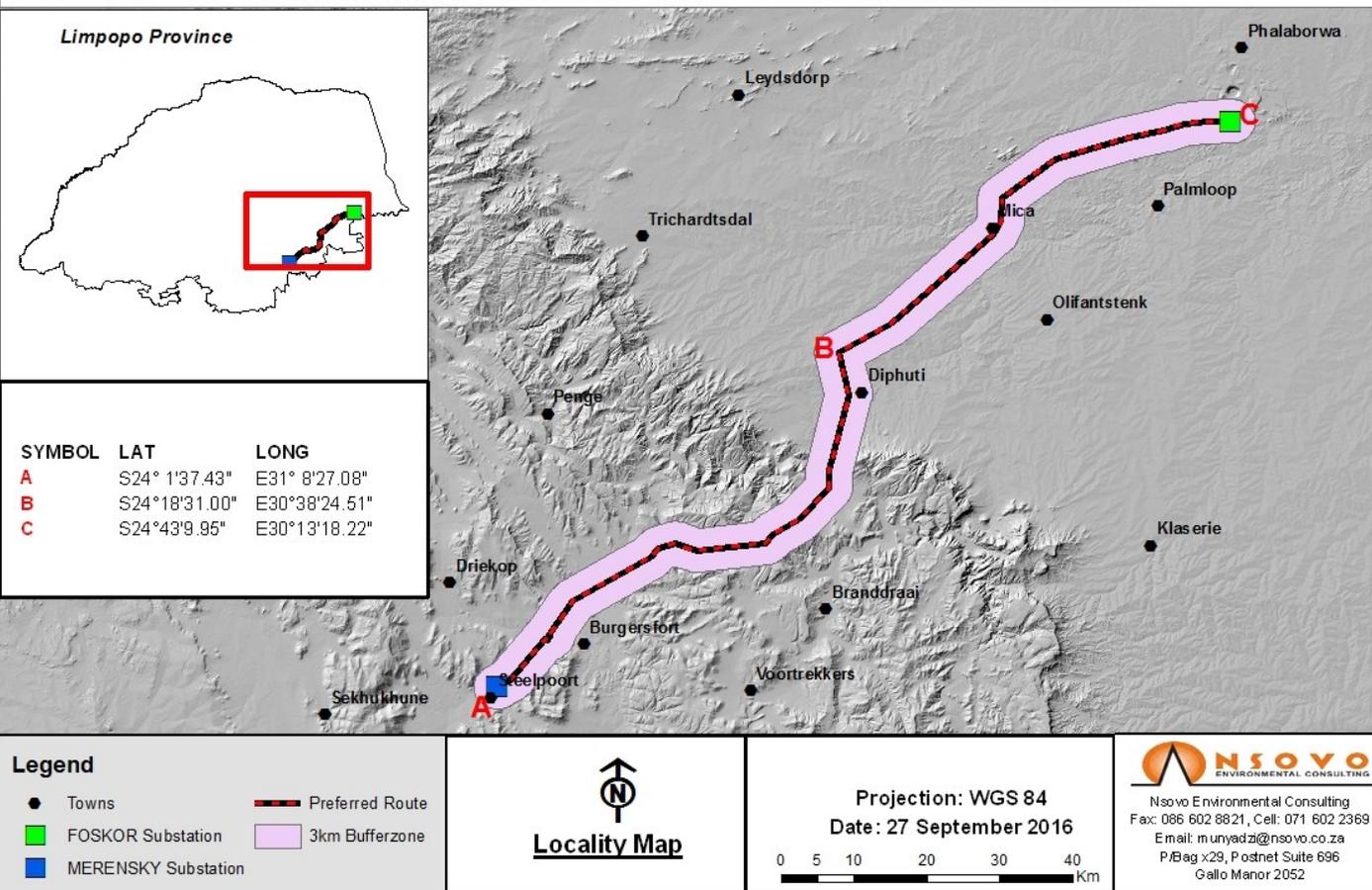
PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS (PPP)

Public Participation Process (PPP) is any process that involves the public in problem solving or decision-making and forms an integral part of the Amendment process. The PPP provides Interested and Affected Parties (I&AP) with an opportunity to comment and/or make suggestions on the proposed project. The PPP will be undertaken in terms of Chapter 6 of the EIA Regulations of December 2014.

PROPOSED PROJECT

The Department of Environmental Affairs issued Eskom Holdings SOC Limited (Eskom) with an Environmental Authorisation (EA) for construction of ± 130 KM Foskor – Merensky 275kV powerline and associated substation works on 18 June 2013 with reference number 12/12/20/2411. Subsequently Eskom proposes to amend the EA in order to increase the powerline capacity from 275kV to 400kV. The proposed powerline will be built at 400kV specification and operated at 275kV.

The proposed amendment of Environmental Authorisation for approximately 130km Foskor – Merensky powerline from 275kV to 400kV and associated substation works within the jurisdiction of Mopani District Municipality, wards 3, 5, 6 & 10 and Sekhukhune District Municipality, wards 1, 13, 20, 23, 24, 25, 26,30 & 31.



NEED AND DESIRABILITY

In order to align with future projects and to phase out the dependency on 275kV network in Limpopo Province, the EA for the 2nd Merensky-Foskor line needs to be amended from 275kV to 400kV.

LEGAL REQUIREMENTS FOR BASIC ASSESSMENT

The proposed development will follow the amendment process stipulated under Chapter 5, Part 2 of the EIA Regulations of December 2014.

In accordance with the requirements of the NEMA, Eskom Holdings SOC Limited requires approval from the Competent Authority i.e. Department of Environmental Affairs in order to undertake the proposed project.

LOCALITY

The proposed project will traverse various farms within the Mopani and Sekhukhune District Municipalities in the Limpopo Province as indicated in the map above.