

APPLICATION FORM

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Application for authorisation in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998), as amended and the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2006

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2. The application must be typed within the spaces provided in the form. The sizes of the spaces provided are not necessarily indicative of the amount of information to be provided. It is in the form of a table that can extend itself as each space is filled with typing.
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4. Incomplete applications may be returned to the applicant for revision.
5. The use of "not applicable" in the form must be done with circumspection as if it is used in respect of material information that is required by the competent authority for assessing the application, and may result in the rejection of the application as provided for in the regulations.
6. This application must be handed in at the offices of the relevant competent authority as determined by each authority.
7. No faxed or e-mailed applications will be accepted.
8. The application must be completed by an independent environmental practitioner.
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SITE IDENTIFICATION AND LINKAGE

Please indicate all the Surveyor-general 21 digit site (erf/farm/portion) reference numbers for all sites (including portions of sites) that are part of the application.

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(if there are more than 10, please attach a list with the rest of the number)
 (These numbers will be used to link various different applications, authorisations, permits etc. that may be connected to a specific site)

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1. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Project applicant:	Eskom Holdings Limited (Transmission)		
Trading name (if any):	Eskom Holdings Limited		
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Professional affiliation(s) (if any)	SACNASP Professional Natural Scientist Reg. 400442/04		
Landowners:	Eskom Holdings Limited		
Contact person:	Ms Annah Mosima		
Postal address:	PO Box 1091, Johannesburg		
Postal code:	2000	Cell:	082 324 5870
Telephone:	011 800 4057	Fax:	086 602 9207
E-mail:	Annah.mosima@eskom.co.za		
	In instances where there is more than one landowner, please attach a list of landowners with their contact details to this application.		
Local authority in whose jurisdiction the proposed activity will fall:	uMshwathi Local Municipality (KZN221)		
Contact person:	Mr MV Cebekhulu		
Postal address:	P O Box 29, Wartburg		
Postal code:	3233	Cell:	083 604 3888
Telephone:	033 502 0280	Fax:	033 502 0305
E-mail:	cebekhuluv@umshwathi.gov.za		
Project title:	Construction of a new Sub-station within the Albert Falls area. This new Sub-station, to be known as Sigma Sub-station, forms part of the Venus-Sigma-Hector-Ariadne transmission line project.		

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Justification, Need and Project Description:

South Africa has been experiencing growth in excess of 4% per annum over the past seven years, which led to the increase in electricity demand far exceeding the 2.3% per annum which was initially forecast. In 2007 alone, electricity demand grew by 4.9%, and it is forecast to grow even faster as the economy approaches the Government's target of 6% sustainable economic growth by 2014.

According to the ASGISA Electricity Load Forecast for 2008-2017, the KwaZulu-Natal (KZN) demand growth is estimated at 4.4% per annum. Accordingly, the Eskom Transmission Development Plan (TDP) indicates that the power corridor to the Eastern and South Coast Regions needs to be strengthened in order for Eskom Transmission to meet future growth in electricity demand in KZN, to avoid load shedding as a result of limited transmission capacity, and to comply with Grid Code Requirements. This strengthening entails the phased construction of 765 kV and 400 kV transmission lines into the Empangeni and Pinetown Customer Load Networks (CLN).

At present, a 400 kV transmission line runs from the Venus Sub-station, near Estcourt, to the Ariadne Sub-station, near Pietermaritzburg. It is a Grid Code Requirement that the transmission network must be able to withstand loss of one of its lines or transformers, while still maintaining electricity supply. This means that a second transmission lines between these two sub-stations are required.

In order to address the above, the strengthening of the KZN transmission line network is proposed. This means that increased electricity transmission infrastructure is required to transmit increased electricity volumes from the generation centres in Mpumalanga, into KZN. This entails a number of different components, which have been divided into three sections:

- Section 1: A 765 kV line from Venus Sub-station to the proposed Sigma Sub-station, within the Albert Falls area, KZN, over a distance of between 77 km and 84 km (depending on the sub-station alternative site)
- Section 2: Construction of a new 765 kV Sigma Sub-station.
- Section 3: Two 400 kV lines from the proposed Sigma Substation, to the Hector Sub-station, within Georgedale Suburb, KZN, over a distance of between 44 km and 61 km (depending on the sub-station sites). Both 400 kV transmission line will enter the Hector Sub-station via two new feeder bays, and one will be connected to an existing, de-energised 400 kV double circuit transmission line to the Ariadne Sub-station, via a third new feeder bay.

Property description:

Sigma Sub-Station Alternative Locations:
Proposed site 1 located on Portion 47 of Farm 1320 at 29° 24' 21" S and 30° 31' 23" E.
Proposed site 2 located on Farm 391 at 29° 19' 50" S and 30° 29' 37" E.
Proposed site 3 located on Portion 2 of Farm 961 at 29° 17' 22" S and 30° 31' 19" E.
Proposed site 4 located on Farm 16853 29° 14' 35" S and 30° 33' 20" E.
Proposed site 5 located on Portion 424 of Farm 907 at 29° 15' 55" S and 30° 29' 54" E.
(Farm name, portion etc.) Where a large number of properties are involved (e.g. linear activities), please attach a full list to this application.

Town(s) or district(s):

KwaZulu-Natal Province:
Proposed site 1: Mpolweni, Umgungundlovu District Municipality
Proposed site 2 to 5: York, Umgungundlovu District Municipality

In instances where there is more than one town or district involved, please attach a list of towns or districts to this application.

Current land-use zoning:

Agricultural (livestock farming, grazing, forestry)

In instances where there is more than one current land-use zoning, please attach a list of current land use zonings that also indicate which portions each use pertains to, to this application.

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Is a change of land-use or a consent use application required?

YES

Must a building plan be submitted to the local authority?

NO

Locality map:

See Appendix A.

Owners consent:

In line with the requirements of the EIA regulations, letters of consent of all landowners or a detailed explanation by the applicant explaining why consent is not possible must be attached to the back of this document as Appendix B.

2. Activities applied for

An application may be made for more than one listed or specified activity that, together, make up one development proposal. All the listed activities that make up this application must be listed.

Indicate the number and date of the relevant notice: Activity No (s) (In terms of the relevant or notice) : Describe each listed activity:

No. R. 387 21 April 2006	1(c)	The above ground storage of dangerous goods, including petrol, diesel, liquid petroleum gas or paraffin, in containers with a combined capacity of more than 1,000 m ³ at any one location or site, including the storage of one or more dangerous goods, in a tank farm.
No. R. 387 21 April 2006	1(l)	The construction of facilities or infrastructure, including associated structures or infrastructure for the transmission and distribution of above ground electricity with a capacity of 120 kilovolts or more.
No. R. 387 21 April 2006	2	Any development activity, including associated structures or infrastructure, where the total area is, or intended to be, 20 hectares or more.
No. R. 387 21 April 2006	1(m)	The construction of facilities or infrastructure for any purpose in the one in ten year flood line of a river or stream, or within 32 m from the bank of a river or stream where the flood line is unknown, excluding purposes associated with existing residential use, but including canals, channels, bridges, dams and weirs.
No. R. 386 21 April 2006	12	The transformation or removal of indigenous vegetation of 3 hectares or more or of any size where the transformation or removal would occur within a critically endangered or an endangered ecosystem listed in terms of section 52 of the National Environmental Management: Biodiversity Act, 2004 (Act No. 10 of 2004).
No. R. 386 21 April 2006	14	The construction of masts of any material or type and of any height, including those used for telecommunication broadcasting and radio transmission.
No. R. 386 21 April 2006	15	The construction of a road that is wider than 4 meters or that has a reserve wider than 6 meters, excluding roads that fall within the ambit of another listed activity or which are access roads less than 30 metres long.
No. R. 386 21 April 2006	20	The transformation of an area zoned for use as public open space for a conservation purpose to another use.

Please note that any authorisation that may result out of this application will only cover activities applied for. Omissions may render any authorisation that is based on incomplete information to be nil and void.

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3. Type of application

3.1 Application for Basic Assessment

Is this an application for conducting a basic assessment (as defined in the regulations)?

YES NO

3.2 Application for Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA)

Is this an application for Scoping and EIA (as defined in the regulations)?

YES NO

If, YES, is a Scoping Report and Plan of Study for EIA attached?

YES NO

If, NO, please indicate when the Scoping Report and Plan of Study for EIA will be submitted:

Draft Scoping Report = Second quarter 2009
Final Scoping Report = Third quarter 2009
Plan of Study for Impact Assessment = Third quarter 2009

The scoping report and/or the plan of study for EIA will be submitted after consultation with the competent authority:

YES NO

A consultation with the competent authority is hereby requested:

YES NO

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4. Declarations

4.1 The independent Environmental Assessment Practitioner

I, Rolf Dieter Heinsohn I declare under oath that I –

- act as the independent environmental practitioner in this application ;
- do not have and will not have any financial interest in the undertaking of the activity, other than remuneration for work performed in terms of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2005;
- have and will not have no vested interest in the proposed activity proceeding;
- have no, and will not engage in, conflicting interests in the undertaking of the activity;
- undertake to disclose, to the competent authority, any material information that have or may have the potential to influence the decision of the competent authority or the objectivity of any report, plan or document required in terms of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2005;
- will ensure that information containing all relevant facts in respect of the application is distributed or made available to interested and affected parties and the public and that participation by interested and affected parties is facilitated in such a manner that all interested and affected parties will be provided with a reasonable opportunity to participate and to provide comments on documents that are produced to support the application;
- will ensure that the comments of all interested and affected parties are considered and recorded in reports that are submitted to the competent authority in respect of the application, provided that comments that are made by interested and affected parties in respect of a final report that will be submitted to the competent authority may be attached to the report without further amendment to the report;
- will keep a register of all interested and affected parties that participated in a public participation process; and
- will provide the competent authority with access to all information at my disposal regarding the application, whether such information is favourable to the applicant or not.

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Signature of the environmental practitioner:

ACER (Africa) Environmental Management Consultants

Name of company:

Date:

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Signature of the Commissioner of Oaths:

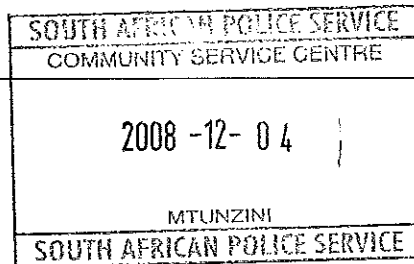
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Date:

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Designation:

Official stamp (below)



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4.2 The Applicant

I, Mmamoloko Seabe declare under oath that I -

- Am, or represent, the applicant in this application;
- appointed the environmental assessment practitioner as indicated under point 4.1 above to act as the independent environmental assessment practitioner for this application;
- will provide the environmental assessment practitioner and the competent authority with access to all information at my disposal that is relevant to the application;
- will be responsible for the costs incurred in complying with the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2005, including but not limited to –
 - costs incurred in connection with the appointment of the environmental assessment practitioner or any person contracted by the environmental assessment practitioner;
 - costs incurred in respect of the undertaking of any process required in terms of the regulations;
 - costs in respect of any fee prescribed by the Minister or MEC in respect of the regulations;
 - costs in respect of specialist reviews, if the competent authority decides to recover costs; and
 - the provision of security to ensure compliance with conditions attached to an environmental authorisation, should it be required by the competent authority;
- will ensure that the environmental assessment practitioner is competent to comply with the requirements of these regulations;
- am responsible for complying with the conditions of any environmental authorisation issued by the competent authority;
- hereby indemnify, the government of the Republic, the competent authority and all its officers, agents and employees, from any liability arising out of the content of any report, any procedure or any action for which the applicant or environmental assessment practitioner is responsible in terms of these regulations; and
- will not hold the competent authority responsible for any costs that may be incurred by the applicant in proceeding with an activity prior to an appeal being decided in terms of these regulations.

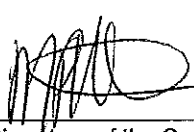


Signature of the applicant:

Eskom Holdings Ltd Reg. No 2002/15527/06

Name of company:

Date: 03 DEC 2008

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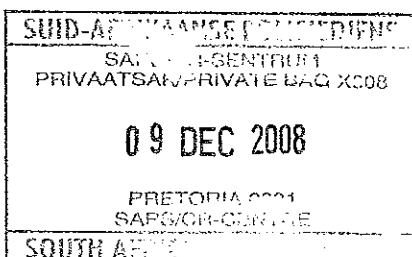
Signature of the Commissioner of Oaths:

2008-12-09

Date: INSPECTOR

Designation:

Official stamp (below):



The Director Impact and Evaluation
Department of Environmental Affairs and Tourism
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Date 05 December 2008
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Dear Sir/Madam

**RE: REQUEST TO SUBMIT APPLICATION FORM WITHOUT LANDOWNER'S
CONSENT FORMS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE SIGMA SUBSTATION AND
ASSOCIATED SECONDARY INFRASTRUCTURE**

The above matter has reference: according to the Environmental Impact Regulations (Govt. Notice R.385 of April 2006), if an applicant of an activity is not the owner of the land on which the activity is to be undertaken, the applicant must before applying for an environmental authorization obtain the written consent of the landowner to undertake the proposed activity.

Eskom is in the process of negotiating with landowners for permission to conduct the Environmental Impact Assessment in various farms as indicated on the application form. In the meantime the Environmental Assessment Practitioner, on behalf of Eskom, would like to submit the application form without the consent letters from the landowners. Once the consent letters have been obtained, they will be attached to the Scoping Report to be submitted to your Department.

Yours Sincerely



Mmamoloko Seabe
Transmission: Land and Rights Manager