

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

Kindly note that:

1. This application form is current as of 1 July 2006. It is the responsibility of the EAP to ascertain whether subsequent versions of the form have been published or produced by the competent authority.
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.
3. Where applicable black out the boxes that are not applicable in the form.
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.
9. Unless protected by law, all information filled in on this application will become public information on receipt by the competent authority. Any interested and affected party should be provided with the information contained in this application on request, during any stage of the application process.

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.

N	0	G	S	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	1	9	0	0	0	2	8

(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		
Trading name (if any):	Eskom Holdings Limited		
Contact person:	Ms Carol Vosloo		
Physical address:	Megawatt Park, Maxwell Drive, Sunninghill		
Postal address:	PO Box 1091, Johannesburg		
Postal code:	2000	Cell:	083 633 1545
Telephone:	011 800 5411	Fax:	011 800 3917
E-mail:	Carol.vosloo@eskom.co.za		

Project consultant:	ACER (Africa) Environmental Management Consultants		
Contact person:	Dr R-D Heinsohn		
Postal address:	PO Box 503, MTUNZINI		
Postal code:	3867	Cell:	083 626 5772
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E-mail:	dieter.heinsohn@acerafrica.co.za		
Professional affiliation(s) (if any)	SACNASP Professional Natural Scientist Reg. 400442/04		

Landowners:	Eskom Holdings Limited		
Contact person:	Ms Carol Vosloo		
Postal address:	PO Box 1091, Johannesburg		
Postal code:	2000	Cell:	083 633 1545
Telephone:	011 800 5411	Fax:	011 800 3917
E-mail:	voslooc@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:	Umtshezi Local Municipality (KZN 234)		
Contact person:	Mr SJ Gcabashe, Acting Municipal Manager		
Postal address:	PO Box 15, Estcourt		
Postal code:	3310	Cell:	079 369 0623
Telephone:	036 352 3000 ext 102	Fax:	036 352 5829
E-mail:	vusi@mtshezi.co.za		
Project title:	Venus Sub-station expansion and realignment of existing transmission lines to accommodate new turn in power lines(as part of the 765kV Majuba-Venus power line)		

Property description:	Venus Sub-station is located on portion 28 of Paapkuils Fontein 819, north of Estcourt at 28° 56' 18.67" S and 29° 50' 43.66" 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.		
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Town(s) or district(s):	KwaZulu Natal Province – Venus Sub-station: Estcourt		
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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) Bulk infrastructure		
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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.

Is a change of land-use or a consent use application required?	YES	NO
Must a building plan be submitted to the local authority?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Locality map:	<p>A locality map must be attached to the back of this document, as Appendix A. The scale of the locality map must be at least 1:50 000. The scale must be indicated on the map. The map must indicate the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> an accurate indication of the project site position as well as the positions of the alternative sites, if any; road access from all major roads in the area; road names or numbers of all major roads as well as the roads that provide access to the site(s); all roads within a 1km radius of the site or alternative sites; and a north arrow. 		
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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.		
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2. Activities applied for

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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. 386 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 meters long.
No. R. 386 21 April 2006	20	The transformation of an area zoned for use as public open space or 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.

3. Type of application

3.1 Application for Basic Assessment

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

NO

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3.2 Application for Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA)

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

YES	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	NO

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

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

Final Scoping Report = 8 July 2008 Plan of Study for Impact Assessment = 8 July 2008

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

YES	<input type="checkbox"/>
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A consultation with the competent authority is hereby requested:

YES	<input type="checkbox"/>
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4. Declarations

4.1 The independent Environmental Assessment Practitioner

I, Rolf Dieter Heinsohn, 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.



Signature of the environmental practitioner:

ACER (Africa) Environmental Management Consultants

Name of company:

10 March 2008

Date:



Signature of the Commissioner of Oaths:

10/3/08

Date:

Designation:

Official stamp (below)

JACOBUS FREDERICK DU TOIT
Ex-Officio Commissioner of Oaths
Practising Attorney R.S.A
FIRST FLOOR, GOLDEN PENNY CENTRE
26 HELY HUTCHINSON STR, MTUNZINI
TEL: (035) 340 1351

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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:

10 March 2008

Date:

Signature of the Commissioner of Oaths:

Date:

Designation:

Official stamp (below):

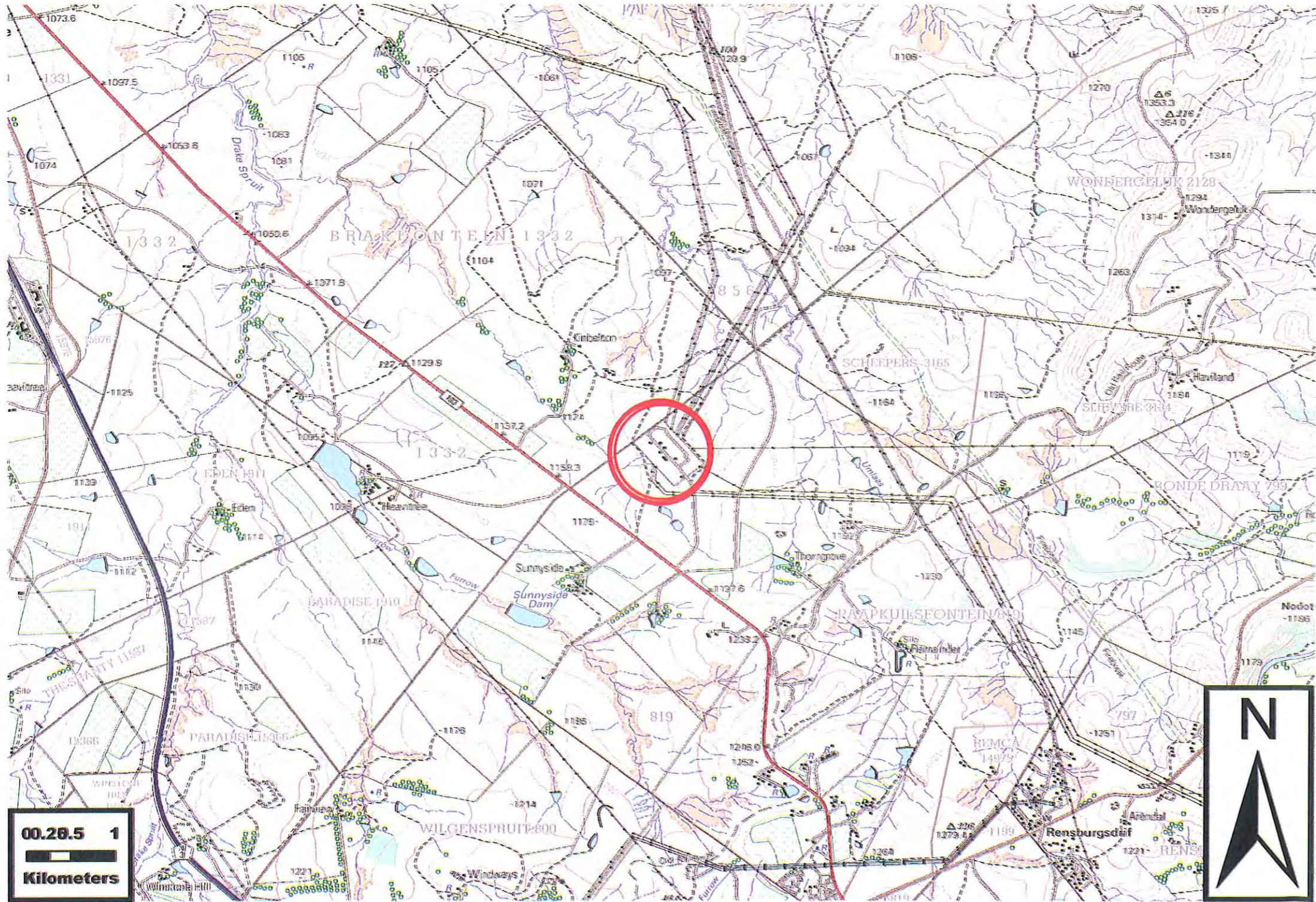
APPENDIX A: LOCALITY MAP



Topographic Map: Venus Sub-station

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SOUTH AFRICAN CHAPTER



KwaZulu-Natal

Proposed Project
Expansion of the
Venus Sub-station

Topographic Sheet
Frere - 2829DD

Site Coordinates

S: -28.9385°
E: 29.8455°

Map View Scale
1: 50 000