NOTICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EIA) FOR THE PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF A 400KV TRANSMISSION LINE FROM INVUBU SUBSTATION TO THE PROPOSED NEW THETA SUBSTATION (DEAT REF: 12/12/20/1552) KWA ZULU NATAL PROVINCE

Notice is hereby given of the public participation process being undertaken in terms of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations made under the NEMA and published in GNR 385, 386 and 387 in Government Gazette 28753 on 21st April 2006. In accordance with these regulations the project will be subject to Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment.

PROJECT LOCATION

The proposed 400kV Transmission line will be constructed between the existing Invubu Substation situated to the north-east of Richards Bay and at the proposed new Theta substation to the north west of Empangeni. The proposed alignment is along three possible corridors, with the first corridor running almost parallel to the existing Invubu-Umfolozi Transmission power line, the second and third corridors being parallel to the existing Athene-Umfolozi and Athene-Invubu Transmission lines, with the second running on the north of the Enseleni Nature Reserve and the third on the south of the Enseleni Nature Reserve.

PROPOSED ACTIVITY

Construction of the proposed 400kV Transmission line from the existing Invubu Substation to the new proposed Theta Substation, as well as an extension of the 400kV GIS Busbar for the installation of a 400kV Feeder Bay at the Invubu Substation.

PROPONENT

Eskom Holdings Ltd, Transmission Division

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT PRACTITIONER

Bembani Sustainability Training (Pty) Ltd

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Interested and Affected Parties are invited to participate in the process by registering, obtaining further information and / or raising issues by contacting the persons listed below within 30 days of publication of this advertisement:

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Further information may also be obtained and comments may be submitted by post, fax or email using the contact details listed above. **This assessment is conducted on behalf of Eskom Holdings Limited**

