



## environmental affairs

Department:  
Environmental Affairs  
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

### APPLICATION FORM FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION

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Application for authorisation in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998), (the Act) and the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014 the Regulations)

#### PROJECT TITLE

**Eskom Northern KwaZulu-Natal Strengthening (Normandie-Iphiva 400 kV Powerline)**  
DEA REF NO. 14/12/16/3/3/2/1036

#### Kindly note that:

1. This application form is current as of 08 December 2014. It is the responsibility of the applicant 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. Spaces are provided in tabular format and will extend automatically when each space is filled with typing.
3. Where applicable **black out** the boxes that are not applicable in the form.
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5. This application must be handed in at the offices of the relevant competent authority as determined by the Act and Regulations.
6. No faxed or e-mailed applications will be accepted. An electronic copy of the signed application form must be submitted together with two hardcopies (one of which must contain the original signatures).
7. Unless protected by law, all information filled in on this application form will become public information on receipt by the competent authority. Any interested and affected party should and shall be provided with the information contained in this application on request, during any stage of the application process.
8. Should a specialist report or report on a specialised process be submitted at any stage for any part of this application, the terms of reference for such report and declaration of interest of the specialist must also be submitted.
9. Proof of payment must accompany this application. The application will not be processed without proof of payment unless one of the exclusions provided for the Fee Regulations (Fees for

consideration and processing of applications for environmental authorisations and amendments thereto Government Notice No.141, published on 28 February 2014) is applicable AND such information in section 1 of this application form has been confirmed by this Department.

**Departmental Details**

**The application must be addressed to the Chief Directorate: Integrated Environmental Authorisations at:**

**Postal address:**

Department of Environmental Affairs  
Attention: Director: Integrated Environmental Authorisations  
Private Bag X447  
Pretoria  
0001

**Physical address:**

Department of Environmental Affairs  
Attention: Director: Integrated Environmental Authorisations  
Environment House  
473 Steve Biko Road  
Arcadia  
Pretoria

Queries must be addressed to the contact below:

Tel: 012 399 9372

E-mail: [EIAAdmin@environment.gov.za](mailto:EIAAdmin@environment.gov.za)

***Please note that this form must be copied to the relevant provincial environmental department/s.***

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1. **PROOF OF PAYMENT**

Applicants are required to tick the appropriate box below to indicate that either proof of payment is attached or that, in the applicant's view, an exclusion applies. Proof and a motivation for exclusions must be attached to this application form in **Appendix 1**.

Proof of payment attached as **Appendix 1**

Exclusion applies

An applicant is excluded from paying fees if:

The activity is a community based project funded by a government grant; or  
The applicant is an organ of state.

TYPE OF EXCLUSION	Tick where applicable. Proper motivation must be attached to the application
The activity is a community based project funded by a government grant	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
The applicant is an organ of state	X

FEE AMOUNT	Fee
Application for an environmental authorisation for which basic assessment is required in terms of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations	R2 000
Application for an environmental authorisation, for which S&EIR is required in terms of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations	R10 000

Department of Environmental Affairs' details for the payment of application fees:

<p>Payment Enquiries: Tel: 012 399 9119 Email: <a href="mailto:eiafee@environment.gov.za">eiafee@environment.gov.za</a></p> <p>Banking details: ABSA Bank Branch code: 632005 Account number: 1044 2400 72 Current account Reference number : Reference number to be provided in the specific format indicating centre point coordinates of site in decimal degrees to 5 or 6 decimal places: latitude/longitude eg. -33.918861/18.423300</p> <p>Proof of payment must accompany the application form: Indicate reference number below.</p> <p>Tax exemption status: Status: Tax exempted</p> <p>Reference number: .....</p>
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## 2. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Please provide a **detailed** description of the project.

### 2.1 Description of the proposed Normandie-Iphiva 400kV power line

The proposed project consists of a new 400 kV powerline from the existing Normandie Substation to the proposed new Iphiva Substation. The new Iphiva 400/132 kV Substation will be located near the town of Mkuze in KwaZulu-Natal. The existing Normandie Substation is 18 km south east of Piet Retief Town in Mpumalanga and can accommodate the proposed new powerlines.

This application is for a 2 km wide corridor within which a 55 m servitude can be negotiated within which the powerline can be constructed. The approach of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) is to compare the impacts of alternative corridors in order to find a route that has the least possible environmental (bio-physical, social, economic and heritage) impact. Several alternative corridors are therefore being assessed.

Final tower types to be used for the Normandie-Iphiva 400 kV powerline will be determined by Eskom after final survey and profiling of the different alignments. Typical possible tower types include:

- Cross Rope Towers (**Figure 1**),
- Self Supporting Tower (**Figure 2**), or
- Guyed Vee Tower (**Figure 3**).

Each powerline consists of three phases (three conductors). Towers usually support one powerline, but in cases of extreme constraints, double circuit towers that support two powerlines of the same voltage can be used. Two powerlines of different voltages can also be supported on one set of multi-circuit towers.

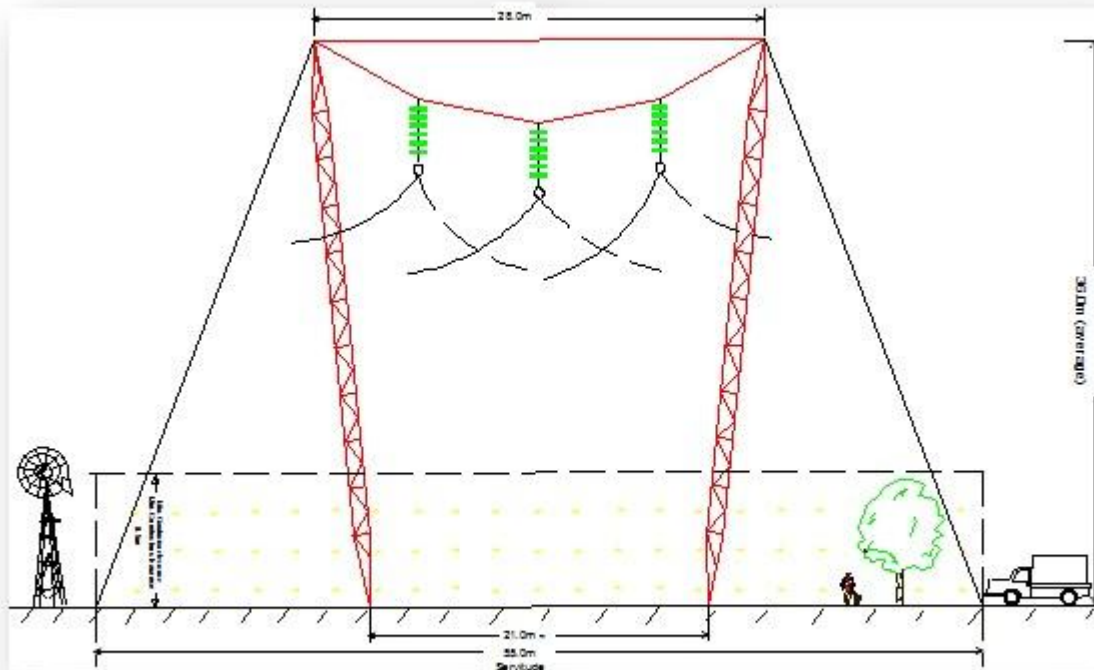
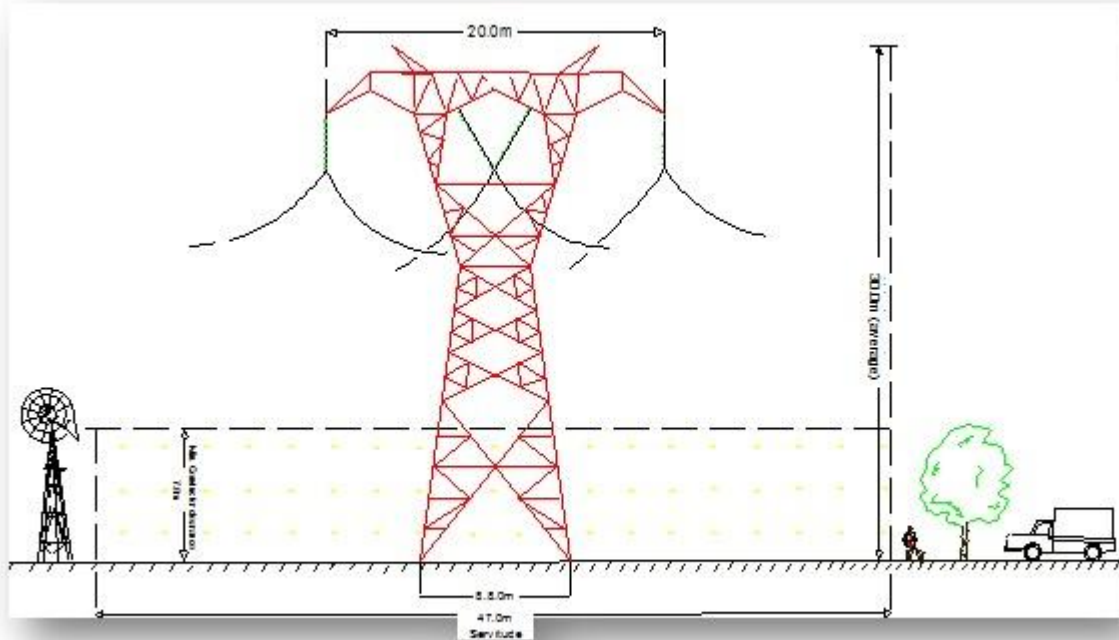
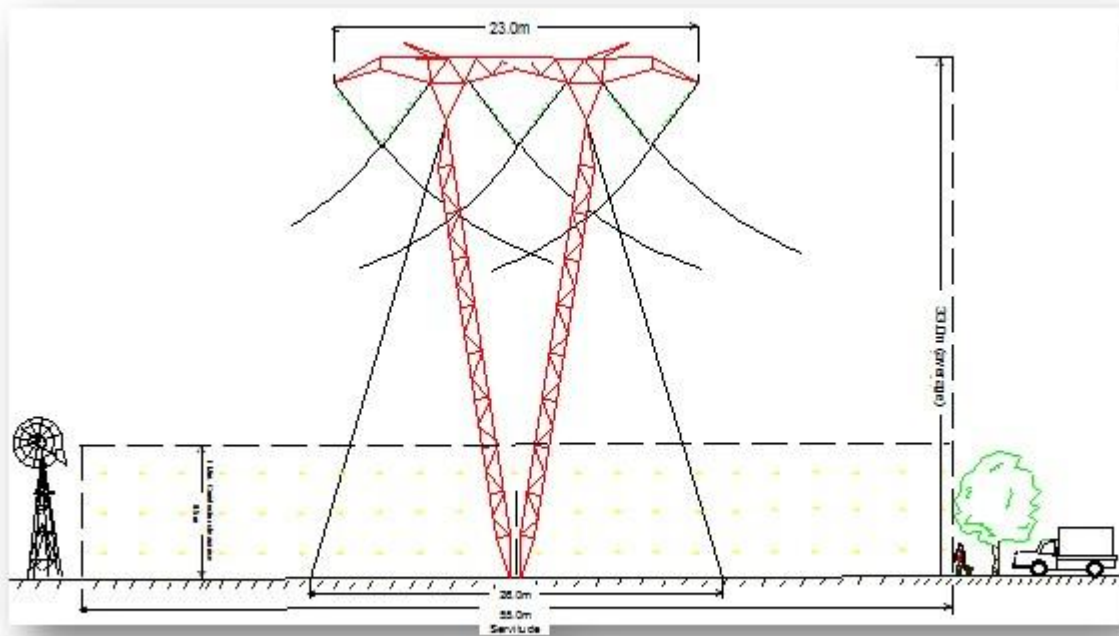


Figure 1: Cross Rope Tower



**Figure 2: Self-Supporting Tower**



**Figure 3: Guyed Vee Tower**

A 55 m servitude (27.5 m on either side of the centre line) is required to accommodate the towers on which the overhead line will be strung. The servitude is required to ensure safe construction, maintenance and operation of the line and Eskom will be entitled to unrestricted access. Where 400 kV powerlines are constructed in parallel, a minimum separation distance of 55 m between centre points is required. Minimum vertical clearance distance between the ground and power line conductors is 8.1 m.

The minimum vertical clearance to any fixed structure that does not form part of the power line is 5.6 m. The minimum distance from a power line running parallel to a proclaimed public road is 90 m from the centreline of the

road servitude. The minimum safe distance required to the edge of a domestic house is 40 m from the centre of the power line (i.e. 27.5 m plus 12.5 m). The maximum crop height within the servitude is 4.3 m. The maximum operation height under the conductors is 2.0 m.

## 2.2 Construction Process

The construction process consists of the following phases:

- Contractor site establishment;
- Survey and pegging of tower positions;
- Access road negotiation and construction;
- Gate installation and vegetation clearing;
- Foundation excavation and installation;
- Tower assembly and erection;
- Conductor stringing and tensioning, and
- Servitude clean-up and rehabilitation.

## 2.3 Operation and Maintenance

Ongoing maintenance of the power lines will be required throughout its lifespan. Line inspections are usually undertaken once or twice per annum. This may be done via the access routes, or by helicopter. The Environmental Management Programme (EMPr) specifies these operational and maintenance requirements.

Does the project form part of any of the Strategic Infrastructure Projects (SIPs) as described in the National Development Plan, 2011?	YES	
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If YES, please indicate which SIPs are applicable in **Appendix 2**. You are also required to provide confirmation of SIP applications from the relevant sector representative which must be attached in **Appendix 2**

Please indicate which sector the project falls under by crossing out the relevant block in the table below:

**Table 1**

Green economy + "Green" and energy-saving industries		Greenfield transformation to urban or industrial form (including mining)	
Infrastructure – electricity (generation, transmission & distribution)	X	Biodiversity or sensitive area related activities	
Oil and gas		Mining value chain	
Biofuels		Potential of metal fabrication capital & transport equipment – arising from large public investments	
Nuclear		Boat building	
Basic services (local government) – electricity and electrification		Manufacturing – automotive products and components, and medium and heavy commercial vehicles	
Basic services (local government) – area lighting		Manufacturing – plastics, pharmaceuticals and chemicals	
Infrastructure – transport (ports, rail and road)		Manufacturing – clothing textiles, footwear and leather	
Basic services (local government access roads)		Forestry, paper, pulp and furniture	

Basic services (local government) – public transport		Business process servicing	
Infrastructure – water (bulk and reticulation)		Advanced materials	
Basic services (local government) – sanitation		Aerospace	
Basic services (local government) – waste management		Basic services (local government) – education	
Basic services (local government) water		Basic services (local government) – health	
Agricultural value chain + agro-processing (linked to food security and food pricing imperatives)		Basic services (local government) - housing	
Infrastructure – information and communication technology		Basic services (local government) security of tenure	
Tourism + strengthening linkages between cultural industries and tourism		Other	
Basic services (local government) – public open spaces and recreational facilities			

**Table 2**

Does the listed activity/ies applied for form part of a larger project which is not a listed activity itself e.g. a road that is a listed activity that is needed to access a drilling site where the drilling does not constitute a listed activity.		NO
If indicated yes above, please provide a brief description on how the activity/ies relate to the larger project that forms part there of:		

### 3. GENERAL INFORMATION

Applicant name:	Eskom Holdings SOC Ltd		
Registration number (if applicant is a company)	2002/015527/30		
Trading name (if any)	Eskom Holdings SOC Ltd		
Responsible person name (If the applicant is a company):	Archibold Mogokonyane		
Applicant/ Responsible person ID number:	7011045082088		
Responsible position, e.g. Director, CEO, etc.:	Programme Manager: Land Development		
Physical address:	Megawatt Park, Maxwell Drive, Sunninghill, Johannesburg		
Postal address:	P O Box 1091, Johannesburg,		
Postal code:	2000	Cell:	082 466 6022
Telephone:	011 800 3778	Fax:	011 800 3917
E-mail:	MogokoA@eskom.co.za	BBBEE status	State Owned Company
Provincial Authority:	KwaZulu-Natal Department of Economic Development, Tourism and Environmental Affairs.		
Contact person:	Ms Zama Mbanjwa		
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E-mail: 

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Provincial Authority: 

Mpumalanga Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, Land and Environmental Affairs.		
Contact person: Ms. PN Ntuli		
Postal address: Private Bag X11219		
Postal code: 1200	Cell: 082 520 3680	
Telephone: 013 759 4000	Fax: NA	
E-mail: pnntuli@mpg.gov.za		

Local municipality: 

<b>See Appendix 3</b>		
Contact person:		
Postal address:		
Postal code:	Cell:	
Telephone:	Fax:	
E-mail:		

In instances where there is more than one local authority involved, please attach a list of those local authorities with their contact details as **Appendix 3**.

Landowner: 

<b>See Appendix 4</b>		
Contact person:		
Postal address:		
Postal code:	Cell:	
Telephone:	Fax:	
E-mail:		

In instances where there is more than one landowner, please attach a list of those landowners with their contact details as **Appendix 4**. If the applicant is not the owner or person in control of the land, proof of notice to the landowner or person in control of the land on which the activity is to be undertaken must be submitted in **Appendix 4**.

Identified Competent Authority to consider the application: 

Department of Environmental Affairs
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Reason(s) in terms of S 24C of NEMA 1998 as amended: 

The activity is undertaken by a State Owned Company (Eskom Holdings SOC Ltd)
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#### 4. ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT PRACTITIONER (EAP) INFORMATION

EAP: 

Terry Calmeyer		
Professional affiliation/registration: Certified Environmental Assessment Practitioner (Reg 0067/05)		
Contact person (if different from EAP):		
Company: MDT Environmental (Pty) Ltd		
Physical address: 1761 Tezula Estate, Uranium Street, Witkoppen ext 107		
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Postal code: 2191	Cell: 082 455 1157	
Telephone: 011 465 2163	Fax: 086 242 3117	





cubic meters from – (i) a watercourse.	meters from a watercourse.
<b>GN R. 983 (24)</b> as amended by GN R. 327 (24): The development of a road- where no reserve exists where the road is wider than 8 metres.	Access roads for the construction and operation of the towers will be required. These will be within the authorised corridor.
<b>GN R. 983 (28) as amended by GN R. 327 (28)</b> Institutional developments wherever such land was used for agriculture, game farming, equestrian purposes or afforestation after 1 April 1998, outside an urban area where the total land is bigger than 1 ha.	The construction of the power lines will require the use of some land that is currently being used for agriculture, game farming and/or afforestation.
<b>GN R. 983 (56) as amended by GN R. 327 (56):</b> The widening of a road by more than 6 meters, or the lengthening of a road by more than 1 kilometre- (i) where the existing road reserve is 13, 5 meters; or (ii) where no reserve exists, where the existing road is wider than 8 meters.	Upgrading of access roads will require The widening of a road by more than 6 meters, or the lengthening of a road by more than 1 kilometre- where the existing road reserve is 13, 5 meters; or where no reserve exists, where the existing road is wider than 8 meters; outside of urban areas.
<b>GN R 984 (9) as amended by GN R. 325 (9):</b> The development of facilities or infrastructure for the transmission and distribution of electricity with a capacity of 275 kV or more, outside an urban area or industrial complex.	The power lines are infrastructure that is part of the system for the transmission of 400 kV of electricity outside of urban areas and industrial complexes.
<b>GN R. 985 (4) as amended by GN R. 324 (4):</b> Development of a road wider than 4 m with a reserve less than 13, 5 metres. (d) In KwaZulu-Natal (iii) Community Conservation Areas; (v) Biodiversity Stewardship Programme Biodiversity Agreement areas; (vi) A protected area identified in terms of NEMPAA, excluding conservancies; (vii) Sites or areas identified in terms of an International Convention; (viii) Critical Biodiversity areas as identified in systemic biodiversity plans adopted by the competent authority or bioregional plans; (ix) Core areas in Biosphere Reserves; (x) Areas designated for conservation use in Spatial Development Frameworks adopted by competent authority or zoned for conservation purpose; (xi) Sensitive areas as identified in an environmental management framework as contemplated in Chapter 5 of the Act and as adopted by the competent authority; (xii) Outside urban areas (i) Areas within 10 kilometres from national parks or world heritage sites or 5 kilometres from any terrestrial protected area identified in terms of NEMPAA or from the core areas of a biosphere reserve.	Access roads will be constructed or upgraded. This will be located on a site outside of urban areas on a site not previously used for this purpose, and in some cases will be a Community Conservation Area, Biodiversity Stewardship Programme Biodiversity Agreement area, a protected area identified in terms of NEMPAA, a sites or area identified in terms of an International Convention, a Critical Biodiversity areas as identified in systemic biodiversity plans adopted by the competent authority or bioregional plans, a core areas in a Biosphere Reserves, an areas designated for conservation use in a Spatial Development Framework adopted by a competent authority or zoned for conservation purpose, a sensitive area as identified in an environmental management framework as contemplated in Chapter 5 of the Act and as adopted by the competent authority, within 10 kilometres from national parks or world heritage sites or 5 kilometres from any terrestrial protected area identified in terms of NEMPAA or from the core areas of a biosphere reserve. The exact details will be confirmed during the EIA.
<b>GN R. 985 (12) as amended by GN R. 324 (12):</b> Clearance of an area of 300 m <sup>2</sup> or more of indigenous vegetation except where such clearance of indigenous vegetation is required for maintenance purposes undertaken in accordance with a maintenance plan. In (b) KwaZulu-Natal: (ii) community conservation	The tower footprints will be cleared of vegetation. Some of these areas are in KwaZulu-Natal and in community conservation areas; within any critically endangered or endangered ecosystem listed in terms of section 52 of the NEMBA or prior to the publication of such a list, within an areas that has been identified as critically endangered in the

<p>areas; (iv) within any critically endangered or endangered ecosystem listed in terms of section 52 of the NEMBA or prior to the publication of such a list, within an areas that has been identified as critically endangered in the National Spatial Biodiversity Assessment 2004; (v) Critical biodiversity areas as identified is systemic biodiversity plans adopted by the competent authority or in bioregional plans; (vii) On land, where, at the time of the coming into effect of this Notice or thereafter such land was zoned open space, conservation or had an equivalent zoning; (viii) A protected area identified in terms of NEMPAA, excluding conservancies; (xi) Areas designated for conservation use in Spatial Development Frameworks adopted by competent authority or zoned for a conservation purpose; (xii) Sensitive areas as identified in an environmental management framework as contemplated in chapter 5 of the Act and as adopted by the competent authority.</p>	<p>National Spatial Biodiversity Assessment 2004; Critical biodiversity areas as identified is systemic biodiversity plans adopted by the competent authority or in bioregional plans; On land, where, at the time of the coming into effect of this Notice or thereafter such land was zoned open space, conservation or had an equivalent zoning; A protected area identified in terms of NEMPAA, excluding conservancies; Areas designated for conservation use in Spatial Development Frameworks adopted by competent authority or zoned for a conservation purpose; or Sensitive areas as identified in an environmental management framework as contemplated in chapter 5 of the Act and as adopted by the competent authority.</p>
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Please note that any authorisation that may result from this application will only cover activities specifically applied for. Co-ordinate points indicating the location of each listed activity must be provided with the relevant report (i.e. either BAR or EIR).

Please provide a project map indicating any sensitive areas (e.g. critical biodiversity area, World Heritage Site, etc.) overlaid by the study area in **Appendix 6**.

A project schedule, indicating the different phases and timelines of the project, must be attached as **Appendix 7**.

## 7. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Provide details of the public participation process proposed for the application as required by Regulation 41(2) of GN R .982, dated December 2014.

### **I&AP Database**

Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) have been invited to register on a stakeholder database. They have been categorised into sectors and a full record of their participation in the project, including comments submitted, will be recorded. There are currently approximately 1500 I&APs registered on the database. See a list of registered I&APs in **Appendix 10**.

### **Stakeholder Identification**

Taking into account the legal requirements set out in the regulations (39 – 44), the following steps were undertaken to identify, notify and register I&APs:

An effort was made to ensure that individuals and/or organisations were identified from an institutional and geographic point of view. The KZN Department of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs (COGTA) assisted the Public Participation Team in identifying stakeholders within the uMkhanyakude and Zululand

## Districts.

Although local councillors were identified within the study area, it is worth mentioning that the project was announced at the time when the country was approaching the South African Municipal Elections, 2016 (held on 03 August 2016) to elect councils for all districts, metropolitan and local municipalities. By implication, all councillors (including Mayors) originally identified and included on database have been replaced by newly elected officials.

I&APs identified and notified included the following:

- National and Provincial government departments:
  - Department of Water and Sanitation,
  - Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries,
  - Department of Local Government and Traditional Affairs,
  - AMAFA/Heritage KwaZulu-Natal,
  - Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife,
  - Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (DARD),
  - KZN Department of Economic Development, Tourism and Environmental Affairs (DEDTEA),
  - KZN Department of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs (COGTA),
- Organs of state which have jurisdiction in respect of the activity to which the application relates:
  - Eskom Holdings SOC Limited
- District Municipalities:
  - uMkhanyakude District Municipality
  - Zululand District Municipality
  - Gert Sibande District Municipality
- The Local Municipalities:
  - uPhongolo Local Municipality
  - Jozini Local Municipality
  - Nongoma Local Municipality
  - Mkhondo Local Municipality
  - eDumbe Local Municipality
  - Abaqulusi Local Municipality
- Landowners/Land Occupiers.
  - Private Landowners
  - Game Reserves and Tourism Establishment Operators
  - Community Trusts
- Traditional Councils

A GIS map has been developed with all properties shown and shaded in to notify or involve the owners in the process (**Appendix 10**). This will give a visual representation of the extent of landowner consultation.

Placing an advertisement in one local newspaper or Gazette

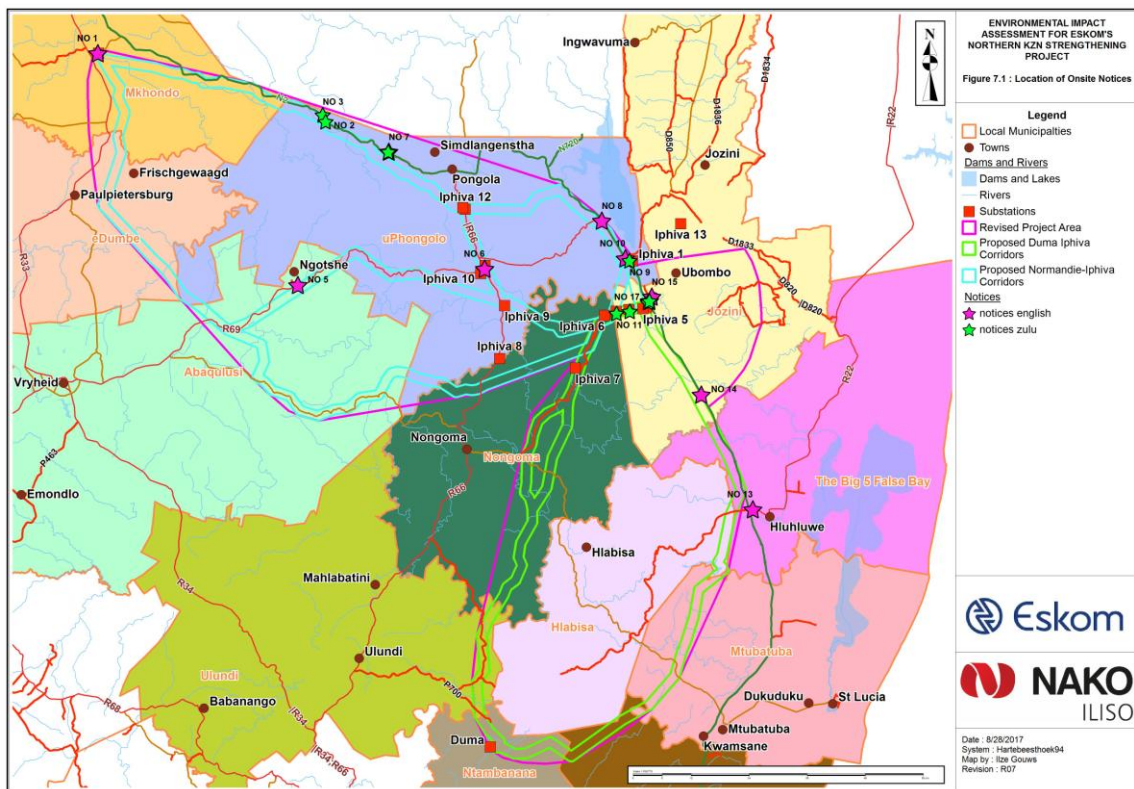
Newspaper advertisements have been drafted, translated into Zulu and placed in the papers listed in **Table 7.1**.

**Table 7.1: Newspapers where advertisements have been published**

Newspaper	Language	Geographic area covered	Date of publication
Mercury Regional newspaper	English	Mkhuze, Pongola, Paulpietersburg, Duma and Vryheid	11 August 2016
Excelsior News	English	Piet Retief	11 August 2016
Isolezwe	Zulu	Mkhuze, Pongola, Paulpietersburg, Duma and Vryheid	11 August 2016

A second round of newspaper advertisements will be place in the same newspapers to announce the availability of the Draft Scoping Report for comment, and to invite I&APs to the second round of Key Stakeholder and Authorities Meetings.

17 onsite notices have been erected, at the locations indicated on **Figure 7.1**. Notices comply with GN 326 Regulation 41 (2), (3) and (4). Additional notices will be erected at Iphiva sites 8 to 13 during the public comment period.



**Figure 7.1: Onsite Notices**

**Background Information Document**

A 6 page x A4 Background Information Document has been compiled and translated into Zulu and distributed with the notification letters. A total of 1500 copies were printed of which 1200 was Zulu and 300 were English. Additional copies were made available at the first round of key stakeholder and authorities' meetings and focus group meetings (See **Appendix 10**).

**Key Stakeholder and Authorities Meetings**

The first round of Key Stakeholder and Authorities' meetings took place in September 2016 (**Table 7.2**).

**Table 7.2: Venues for Key Stakeholder Meetings**

AREA	DATE	VENUES	TIME	ATTENDEES
Piet Retief	05 Sept 2016	Piet Retief Country Club West End Street, Piet Retief	10h00 – 12h30	9
Pongola	06 Sept 2016	Pongola Country Lodge 14 Jan Mielie Street Pongola	10h00 – 12h30	13
Mkhuze	07 Sept 2016	Ghost Mountain Inn Fish Eagle Road, Mkhuze	10h00 – 12h30	14
Hluhluwe	08 Sept 2016	Protea Hotel 104 Main Road, Hluhluwe	10h00 – 12h30	9

**Focus Group Meetings**

A meeting with Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife took place in Pietermaritzburg on 9 September 2016. Minutes have been compiled and distributed.

**Meetings with Traditional Councils**

31 Traditional Councils within the uMkhanyakude and Zululand Districts that could be affected by the project have been identified. The meetings that have taken place are presented in **Table 7.3**.

**Table 7.3 : Focus Group Meetings with Traditional Councils that have taken place**

No	DATE	TRADITIONAL COUNCIL	VENUE
1	12 Sept 2016	Qwabe/Makhasa	Tribal Court (Hluhluwe)
2	13 Sept 2016	Nibela	Tribal Court (Hluhluwe)
3	14 Sept 2016	Abakwa Hlabisa	Tribal Court (Hlabisa)
4	14 Sept 2016	Mdletshe	Tribal Court (Hlabisa)
5	15 Sept 2016	Mpembeni	Tribal Court (Hlabisa)
6	20 Sept 2016	Myeni/Ntsinde	Tribal Court (Obonjeni)
7	20 Sept 2016	Myeni/Ngwenya	Tribal Court (Mkhuze)
8	21 Sept 2016	Ndlangamandla	Tribal Court (Pongola)
9	22 Sept 2016	Sibiya	Tribal Court (Pongola)
10	23 Sept 2016	Msibi	Tribal Court (Emgulatshani)
11	26 Sept 2016	Simelane	Tribal Court (Pongola)
12	26 Sept 2016	Buyelekhaya Community Trust	Tribal Court (Pongola)
13	27 Sept 2016	Gumbi	Tribal Court (Pongola)
14	28 Sept 2016	Emgazini	Tribal Court (Pongola)
15	28 Sept 2016	Klwana	Tribal Court (Louwsburg)
16	29 Sept 2016	Ntshangase	Tribal Court (Pongola)
17	03 Oct 2016	Mavuso	Tribal Court (Piet Retief)
18	04 Oct 2016	Msiyane	Tribal Court (Langkraans)
19	05 Oct 2016	Empangisweni	Tribal Court (Gluckstadt)
20	06 Oct 2016	Khambi	Tribal Court (Vryheid)
21	07 Oct 2016	Emathongeni	Tribal Court (Swart Umfolozi)
22	10 Oct 2016	Hlahlindlela	Tribal Court (Nquthu)

23	11 Oct 2016	Othaka	Tribal Court (Emondlo)
24	12 Oct 2016	Usuthu	Tribal Court (Nongoma)
25	13 Oct 2016	Mandlakazi	Tribal Court (Nongoma)
26	14 Oct 2016	Matheni	Tribal Court (Nongoma)
27	17 Oct 2016	Bhovungane	Tribal Court (Paulpietersburg)
28	18 Oct 2016	Ndlela	Tribal Court (Paulpietersburg)
29	19 Oct 2016	Dlamini	Tribal Court (Paulpietersburg)
30	20 Oct 2016	Mthethwa	Tribal Court (Paulpietersburg)
31	21 Oct 2016	Mpukunyoni/Mkhwanazi	Tribal Court (Mtubatuba)

These meetings were conducted in Zulu.

### Comments and Responses Report

The issues raised in meetings, telephone calls or emails have been recorded in a Comments and Responses Report (CRR) that will be updated as the project progresses. A copy of the Comments and Responses Report will be sent to stakeholders that submit comments during the public comment periods for the draft reports in order for them to confirm that their issues have been accurately captured and understood (See **Appendix 10**).

### Draft Report Comment Periods

The 2014 EIA Regulations require a 30 day comment period for all draft reports prior to submission to the competent authority. The first comment period is for the draft Scoping Report. Registered I&APs will be notified by e-mail (or fax, post or phone if they do not have an e-mail address), of the availability of the draft documents for comment. The notification letter will include comments sheets for I&APs to complete to facilitate the efficient collation of comments. Text messages will be sent by Short Service Message (SMS) to all registered I&APs to alert them to the comment period.

Hard copies of the draft documents will be left at four public places in the study area, as indicated in **Table 7.4**. Pdf versions of the documents will be uploaded to the NAKO ILISO and/or Eskom websites. Provision has been made to cut 20 CDs of each of the sets of draft reports. These will be available at key stakeholder and authorities and focus group meetings, or posted to I&APs on request.

**Table 7.4: Venues where copies of draft documents will be left**

Area	Venue	Address	Contact Details
Piet Retief	Piet Retief Public Library	Piet Retief, 2380	Tel: 017 826 8153
Pongola	Pongola Public Library	61 Martin St, Pongola, 3170	Tel: 034 413 1540
Mkhuze	Ghost Mountain Inn	Fish Eagle Street, Mkuze	Tel: 035 573 1025
Hluhluwe	Hluhluwe Public Library	163 Zebra Street, Hluhluwe	Tel: 035 562 0040

All comments received during the Draft Scoping Report Comment Period will be added to Version 2 of the CRR for inclusion in the Final Scoping Report.

NAKO ILISO will provide feedback to stakeholders throughout the process. I&APs and the public will be informed of the availability of the draft EIA report (through written notification to registered stakeholders), as well as of the authorities' decision and the appeal process in respect of the various applications (through newspaper

advertisement and written notification to all registered stakeholders).

#### 8. OTHER AUTHORISATIONS REQUIRED

LEGISLATION	AUTHORISATION REQUIRED		APPLICATION SUBMITTED	
<b>SEMs</b>				
National Environmental Management: Air Quality Act	■	NO	■	NO
National Environmental Management: Biodiversity Act		NO		NO
National Environmental Management: Integrated Coastal Management Act	■	NO	■	NO
National Environmental Management: Protected Areas Act	■	NO	■	NO
National Environmental Management: Waste Act	■	NO	■	NO



<b>National legislation</b>				
Mineral Petroleum Development Resources Act		NO		NO
National Water Act	YES			NO
National Heritage Resources Act	YES			NO
Others: Please specify		NO		NO

Authorisations in terms of the NWA and NHRA are required. Neither has been submitted yet.

If authorisation is necessary in terms of the National Environmental Management: Waste Act, please contact the Department for guidance on the **Integrated Permitting System**.

## 9. LIST OF APPENDICES

		<b>SUBMITTED</b>	
Appendix 1	Proof of Payment/Motivation of Exclusion	YES	
Appendix 2	Strategic Infrastructure Projects	YES	
Appendix 3	List of Local Municipalities (with contact details)	YES	
Appendix 4	List of land owners (with contact details) and proof of notification of land owners.	YES	
Appendix 5	Farms, Wards and List of SG IDs	YES	
Appendix 6	Project map with environmental sensitive areas	YES	
Appendix 7	Project schedule	YES	
Appendix 8	Declaration of Applicant	YES	
Appendix 9	Declaration of EAP and CV	YES	
Appendix 10	Public Participation Process	YES	

## **APPENDIX 1**

### **PROOF OF PAYMENT/ MOTIVATION FOR EXCLUSION**

The applicant is Eskom Holdings SOC Ltd (Eskom). Eskom is a state owned entity and is therefore exempt from paying application fees.

**APPENDIX 2  
STRATEGIC INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS**

<p><b>SIP 1: Unlocking the northern mineral belt with Waterberg as the catalyst</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Unlock mineral resources</li> <li>• Rail, water pipelines, energy generation and transmission infrastructure</li> <li>• Thousands of direct jobs across the areas unlocked</li> <li>• Urban development in Waterberg - first major post-apartheid new urban centre will be a “green” development project</li> <li>• Rail capacity to Mpumalanga and Richards Bay</li> <li>• Shift from road to rail in Mpumalanga</li> <li>• Logistics corridor to connect Mpumalanga and Gauteng.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>SIP 2: Durban-Free State-Gauteng logistics and industrial corridor</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strengthen the logistics and transport corridor between SA's main industrial hubs</li> <li>• Improve access to Durban's export and import facilities</li> <li>• Integrate Free State Industrial Strategy activities into the corridor</li> <li>• New port in Durban</li> <li>• Aerotropolis around OR Tambo International Airport.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>SIP 3: South-Eastern node &amp; corridor development</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New dam at Mzimvubu with irrigation systems</li> <li>• N2-Wild Coast Highway which improves access into KwaZulu-Natal and national supply chains</li> <li>• Strengthen economic development in Port Elizabeth through a manganese rail capacity from Northern Cape</li> <li>• A manganese sinter (Northern Cape) and smelter (Eastern Cape)</li> <li>• Possible Mthombo refinery (Coega) and transshipment hub at Ngqura and port and rail upgrades to improve industrial capacity and performance of the automotive sector.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>SIP 4: Unlocking the economic opportunities in North West Province</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Acceleration of investments in road, rail, bulk water, water treatment and transmission infrastructure</li> <li>• Enabling reliable supply and basic service delivery</li> <li>• Facilitate development of mining, agricultural activities and tourism opportunities</li> <li>• Open up beneficiation opportunities in North West Province.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>SIP 5: Saldanha-Northern Cape development corridor</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Integrated rail and port expansion</li> <li>• Back-of-port industrial capacity (including an IDZ)</li> <li>• Strengthening maritime support capacity for oil and gas along African West Coast</li> <li>• Expansion of iron ore mining production and beneficiation.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>SIP 6: Integrated municipal infrastructure project</b> Develop national capacity to assist the 23 least resourced districts (19 million people) to address all the maintenance backlogs and upgrades required in water, electricity and sanitation bulk infrastructure. The road maintenance programme will enhance service delivery capacity thereby impacting positively on the population.</p>	
<p><b>SIP 7: Integrated urban space and public transport programme</b> Coordinate planning and implementation of public transport, human settlement, economic and social infrastructure and location decisions into sustainable urban settlements connected by densified transport corridors. This will focus on the 12 largest urban centres of the country, including all the metros in South Africa. Significant work is underway on urban transport integration.</p>	

<p><b>SIP 8: Green energy in support of the South African economy</b> Support sustainable green energy initiatives on a national scale through a diverse range of clean energy options as envisaged in the Integrated Resource Plan (IRP2010) and support bio-fuel production facilities.</p> <p><i>Indicate capacity in MW:</i></p>	
<p><b>SIP 9: Electricity generation to support socioeconomic development</b> Accelerate the construction of new electricity generation capacity in accordance with the IRP2010 to meet the needs of the economy and address historical imbalances. Monitor implementation of major projects such as new power stations: Medupi, Kusile and Ingula.</p> <p><i>Indicate capacity in MW:</i></p>	
<p><b>SIP 10: Electricity transmission and distribution for all</b> Expand the transmission and distribution network to address historical imbalances, provide access to electricity for all and support economic development. Align the 10-year transmission plan, the services backlog, the national broadband roll-out and the freight rail line development to leverage off regulatory approvals, supply chain and project development capacity.</p>	<b>X</b>
<p><b>SIP 11: Agri-logistics and rural infrastructure</b> Improve investment in agricultural and rural infrastructure that supports expansion of production and employment, small-scale farming and rural development, including facilities for storage (silos, fresh-produce facilities, packing houses); transport links to main networks (rural roads, branch train-line, ports), fencing of farms, irrigation schemes to poor areas, improved R&amp;D on rural issues (including expansion of agricultural colleges), processing facilities (abattoirs, dairy infrastructure), aquaculture incubation schemes and rural tourism infrastructure.</p>	
<p><b>SIP 12: Revitalisation of public hospitals and other health facilities</b> Build and refurbish hospitals, other public health facilities and revamp 122 nursing colleges. Extensive capital expenditure to prepare the public healthcare system to meet the requirements of the National Health Insurance (NHI) system. The SIP contains major builds for 6 hospitals.</p>	
<p><b>SIP 13: National school build programme</b> A national school build programme driven by uniformity in planning, procurement, contract management and provision of basic services. Replace inappropriate school structures and address basic service backlog and provision of basic services under the Accelerated School Infrastructure Delivery Initiative (ASIDI). In addition, address national backlogs in classrooms, libraries, computer labs and admin buildings. Improving the learning environment will strengthen outcomes especially in rural schools, as well as reduce overcrowding.</p>	
<p><b>SIP 14: Higher education infrastructure</b> Infrastructure development for higher education, focusing on lecture rooms, student accommodation, libraries and laboratories, as well as ICT connectivity. Development of university towns with a combination of facilities from residence, retail to recreation and transport. Potential to ensure shared infrastructure such as libraries by universities, FETs and other educational institutions. Two new universities will be built - in Northern Cape and Mpumalanga.</p>	
<p><b>SIP 15: Expanding access to communication technology</b> Provide for broadband coverage to all households by 2020 by establishing core Points of Presence (POPs) in district municipalities, extend new Infracore fibre networks across provinces linking districts, establish POPs and fibre connectivity at local level, and further penetrate the network into deep rural areas. While the private sector will invest in ICT infrastructure for urban and corporate networks, government will co-invest for township and rural access, as well as for e-government, school and health connectivity.</p>	

<p>The school roll-out focus is initially on the 125 Dinaledi (science and maths-focussed) schools and 1525 district schools. Part of digital access to all South Africans includes TV migration nationally from analogue to digital broadcasting.</p>	
<p><b>SIP 16: SKA &amp; Meerkat</b>  SKA is a global mega-science project, building an advanced radio-telescope facility linked to research infrastructure and high-speed ICT capacity and provides an opportunity for Africa and South Africa to contribute towards global advanced science projects.</p>	
<p><b>SIP 17: Regional integration for African cooperation and development</b>  Participate in mutually beneficial infrastructure projects to unlock long-term socio-economic benefits by partnering with fast growing African economies with projected growth ranging between 3% and 10%.  The projects involving transport, water and energy also provide competitively-priced, diversified, short and medium to long-term options for the South African economy where, for example, electricity transmission in Mozambique (Cesul) could assist in providing cheap, clean power in the short-term whilst Grand Inga in the DRC is long-term.  All these projects complement the Free Trade Area (FTA) discussions to create a market of 600 million people in South, Central and East Africa.</p>	
<p><b>SIP 18: Water and sanitation infrastructure</b>  A 10-year plan to address the estimated backlog of adequate water to supply 1.4m households and 2.1m households to basic sanitation.  The project will involve provision of sustainable supply of water to meet social needs and support economic growth. Projects will provide for new infrastructure, rehabilitation and upgrading of existing infrastructure, as well as improve management of water infrastructure.</p>	

**APPENDIX 3 (IF APPLICABLE)  
LIST OF LOCAL MUNICIPALITIES**

Local municipality	Abaqulusi Local Municipality		
Contact person:	Acting Municipal Manager: Mr A B Mnikazi		
Postal address:			
Postal code:		Cell:	
Telephone:	034 982 2133	Fax:	
E-mail:	Municipalmanager@abaqulusi.gov.za		
Local municipality	eDumbe Local Municipality		
Contact person:	Municipal Manager: Mr TV Mkhize		
Postal address:			
Postal code:		Cell:	
Telephone:	034 995 1650	Fax:	
E-mail:	mposuz@edumbe.gov.za		
Local municipality	Jozini Local Municipality		
Contact person:			
Postal address:	Private Bag X 028, Jozini		
Postal code:	3969	Cell:	
Telephone:	035 572 1292	Fax:	035 572 1266
E-mail:	info@jozini.gov.za		
Local municipality	Mkhondo Local Municipality		
Contact person:	Municipal Manager: Mr Madubula J.S Mabuza		
Postal address:	PO Box 23, Piet Retief		
Postal code:	2380	Cell:	
Telephone:	017 826 8100	Fax:	
E-mail:			
Local municipality	Nongoma Local Municipality		
Contact person:	Municipal Manager: Mr BE Ntanzi		
Postal address:			
Postal code:	035 831 7543	Cell:	
Telephone:		Fax:	
E-mail:	ntanzib@nongoma.org.za		
Local municipality	uPhongolo Local Municipality		
Contact person:	Municipal Manager: Mr LN Mabaso		
Postal address:	PO Box 191, Pongola		
Postal code:	3170	Cell:	
Telephone:	034 413 1223	Fax:	
E-mail:	mm@uphongolo.org.za		

**APPENDIX 4  
LIST OF LAND OWNERS  
PROOF OF NOTIFICATION OF LAND OWNERS**

Landowner:	Ingonyama Trust Board		
Contact person:	Thandeka Ngema		
Postal address:	PO Box 601, Pietermaritzburg		
Postal code:	3200	Cell:	
Telephone:	033 846 9900	Fax:	
E-mail:	pa2ceo@ingonyamatrust.org.za		

Landowner:	Mondi Pty Ltd		
Contact person:	Phillip Laubscher		
Postal address:	Postnet Suite #444, Private Bag X1, Melrose Arch		
Postal code:	2076	Cell:	
Telephone:	011 994 5400	Fax:	
E-mail:	philliplaubscher@mondigroup.com		

Landowner:	Charl Senekal Suiker Trust		
Contact person:	Mr Charl Senekal		
Postal address:			
Postal code:		Cell:	082 555 1961
Telephone:		Fax:	
E-mail:	sensugar@vodamail.co.za		

Landowner:	Cussania Boedery Pty Ltd		
Contact person:			
Postal address:	PO Box 350, Piet Retief		
Postal code:	2380	Cell:	
Telephone:	017 821 0000	Fax:	
E-mail:			

Landowner:	Wagendrift Safaris Pty Ltd		
Contact person:	Martin		
Postal address:	PO Box 463, Piet Retief		
Postal code:	2380	Cell:	
Telephone:		Fax:	
E-mail:	info@wagendrift.co.za		

Landowner:	Kommetjie Boedery CC		
Contact person:			
Postal address:	Alfagebou 10, Retiefstraat 11B, Piet Retief		
Postal code:	2380	Cell:	
Telephone:		Fax:	
E-mail:			

Landowner:	Haakdoornbult Landgoed CC		
Contact person:			
Postal address:	PO Box 1685, Piet Retief		
Postal code:	2380	Cell:	

Telephone: 

	Fax:	
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 E-mail: 

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Landowner: Alliance church in South Africa  
 Contact person:  
 Postal address: 76 West Street, Middleburg  
 Postal code: 

	Cell:	
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 Telephone: 013 282 7867 

Fax:	
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 E-mail:

Landowner: Mvutshini Estates Pty Ltd  
 Contact person:  
 Postal address: 1 Harloo Farm, 68 Pongola River (720) Rd, Golela, KZN  
 Postal code: 3990 

	Cell:	
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 Telephone: 034 413 1015/034 435 1023 

Fax:	
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 E-mail:

Landowner: BC Boerdery CC  
 Contact person:  
 Postal address: Farm mayershoek, Pongola  
 Postal code: 3170 

	Cell:	
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 Telephone: 034 414 1072 

Fax:	
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 E-mail:

Landowner: Die Terblanche Familie Trust  
 Contact person:  
 Postal address: Plot 104, Pongola  
 Postal code: 3170 

	Cell:	
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 Telephone: 034 413 1813 

Fax:	
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 E-mail:

Landowner: Brencher Boedery CC  
 Contact person: Barend Christoffel Brencher  
 Postal address:  
 Postal code: 

	Cell:	
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 Telephone: 034 413 1884 

Fax:	
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 E-mail:

Landowner: Kamel Landman Trust  
 Contact person: Karel Landman  
 Postal address: PO Box 767 , Pongola  
 Postal code: 3170 

	Cell:	083 265 0937
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 Telephone: 034 435 1123 

Fax:	
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 E-mail: karel@pongolagamereserve.co.za

Landowner: Tandweni Farm Propriety Limited  
 Contact person:  
 Postal address: PO Box 347, Springs  
 Postal code: 1560 

	Cell:	083 626 6001
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 Telephone: 

Fax:	
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 E-mail:



Landowner:	Zamokuhle Trust		
Contact person:			
Postal address:			
Postal code:		Cell:	
Telephone:	035 787 0883	Fax:	
E-mail:			

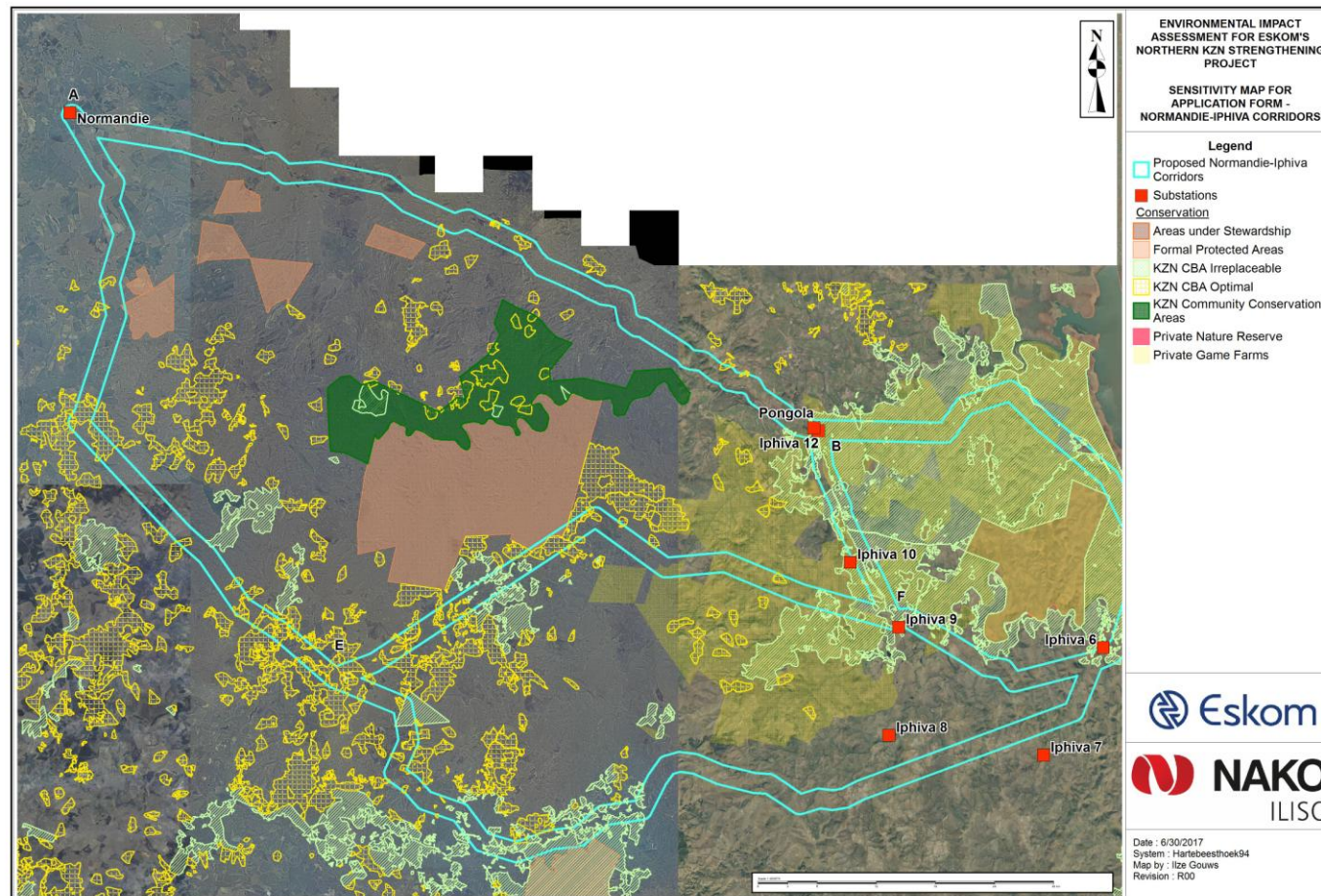
Landowner:	Anglo Operations Pty Ltd		
Contact person:	Elizna Viljoen		
Postal address:	PO Box 863, Vryheid		
Postal code:	3100	Cell:	
Telephone:	011 638 3425	Fax:	
E-mail:	Elizna.viljoen@angloamerican.com		

Landowner:	Shoba Boerdery BK		
Contact person:			
Postal address:	PO Box 863, Vryheid		
Postal code:	3100	Cell:	
Telephone:		Fax:	
E-mail:			

Landowner:	Pretorius Familie Trust		
Contact person:			
Postal address:			
Postal code:		Cell:	
Telephone:	013 751 2024	Fax:	
E-mail:			

**APPENDIX 5 (IF APPLICABLE)  
LIST OF SGIDS**

## APPENDIX 6 PROJECT MAP



**APPENDIX 7  
PROJECT SCHEDULE**

<b>Phase</b>	<b>Timeframe</b>
Environmental Impact Assessment	Current to 18 June 2017
Pre-construction planning (detail designs)	January 2019 to September 2021
Construction	November 2021 to October 2024
Operation	October 2024 for approximately 50 years
De-commissioning	Approximately 2071

## APPENDIX 8 DECLARATION OF THE APPLICANT

I, \_\_\_\_\_ declare that I -

- am, or represent<sup>1</sup>, the applicant in this application;
- have appointed / will appoint (delete that which is not applicable) an environmental assessment practitioner to act as the independent environmental assessment practitioner for this application / will obtain exemption from the requirement to obtain an environmental assessment practitioner<sup>2</sup>;
- 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 Regulations, 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 the Regulations and will take reasonable steps to verify that the EAP
  - know the Act and the regulations, and how they apply to the proposed development
  - know any applicable guidelines
  - perform the work objectively, even if the findings do not favour the applicant
  - disclose all information which is important to the application and the proposed development
  - have expertise in conducting environmental impact assessments
  - complies with the Regulations
- will inform all registered interested and affected parties of any suspension of the application as well as of any decisions taken by the competent authority in this regard;
- 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 which the applicant or environmental assessment practitioner is responsible for in terms of these Regulations;
- will not hold the competent authority responsible for any costs that may be incurred by the applicant in proceeding with an activity prior to obtaining an environmental authorisation or prior to an appeal being decided in terms of these Regulations;
- will perform all other obligations as expected from an applicant in terms of the Regulations;
- all the particulars furnished by me in this form are true and correct; and
- I realise that a false declaration is an offence in terms of regulation 48 and is punishable in terms of section 24F of the Act.

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<sup>1</sup> If this is signed on behalf of the applicant, proof of such authority from the applicant must be attached.

<sup>2</sup> If exemption is obtained from appointing an EAP, the responsibilities of an EAP will automatically apply to the person conducting the environmental impact assessment in terms of the Regulations.

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Signature<sup>3</sup> of the applicant<sup>4</sup>/ Signature on behalf of the applicant:

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Name of company (if applicable):

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Date:

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<sup>3</sup> Only original signatures will be accepted. No scanned, copied or faxed signatures will be accepted.

<sup>4</sup> If the applicant is a juristic person, a signature on behalf of the applicant is required as well as proof of such authority. An EAP may not sign on behalf of an applicant.

**APPENDIX 9  
DECLARATION OF THE EAP**

I, **Terry Calmeyer** declare that –

General declaration:

- I act as the independent environmental practitioner in this application
- I will perform the work relating to the application in an objective manner, even if this results in views and findings that are not favourable to the applicant
- I declare that there are no circumstances that may compromise my objectivity in performing such work;
- I have expertise in conducting environmental impact assessments, including knowledge of the Act, Regulations and any guidelines that have relevance to the proposed activity;
- I will comply with the Act, Regulations and all other applicable legislation;
- I will take into account, to the extent possible, the matters listed in regulation 8 of the Regulations when preparing the application and any report relating to the application;
- I have no, and will not engage in, conflicting interests in the undertaking of the activity;
- I undertake to disclose to the applicant and the competent authority all material information in my possession that reasonably has or may have the potential of influencing - any decision to be taken with respect to the application by the competent authority; and - the objectivity of any report, plan or document to be prepared by myself for submission to the competent authority;
- I 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;
- I 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;
- I will keep a register of all interested and affected parties that participated in a public participation process; and
- I 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
- all the particulars furnished by me in this form are true and correct;
- will perform all other obligations as expected from an environmental assessment practitioner in terms of the Regulations; and
- I realise that a false declaration is an offence in terms of regulation 48 of the Regulations and is punishable in terms of section 24F of the Act.

**Disclosure of Vested Interest (delete whichever is not applicable)**

- I do not have and will not have any vested interest (either business, financial, personal or other) in the proposed activity proceeding other than remuneration for work performed in terms of the Regulations;
- ~~I have a vested interest in the proposed activity proceeding, such vested interest being:~~

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Signature of the environmental assessment practitioner:

MDT Environmental (Pty) Ltd

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Name of company:

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Date:



**APPENDIX 10:  
PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

- 1. Public Participation Map**
- 2. I&AP Database**
- 3. Newspaper Advertisements**
- 4. Notifications and Invitation Letters**
- 5. Background Information Document and I &AP Registration Form**
- 6. Minutes of Key Stakeholder and Authorities Meetings**
- 7. Focus Group Meetings**
- 8. Traditional Council Meetings**
- 9. Comments and Responses Report**