

NOTICE OF THE AVAILABILITY OF THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT REPORT AND THE DRAFT SPECIALIST REPORTS FOR COMMENT

APPLICATION FOR AN INTEGRATED ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION AND WASTE MANAGEMENT LICENCE IN TERMS OF THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT ACT, 1998 (ACT 107 OF 1998) AS AMENDED AND THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT REGULATIONS 2012 AND NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT: WASTE ACT, 2008 (ACT 59 OF 2008) FOR THE CO-DISPOSAL OF GYPSUM AND ASH AT THE KUSILE POWER STATION ASH DISPOSAL FACILITY IN THE WITBANK AREA. MPUMALANGA PROVINCE

DEA REF: 14/12/16/3/3/3/51; NEAS REF: DEA/EIA/0001413/2012

Notice is hereby given that the Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report (DEIR) and the draft specialist reports for the integrated Environmental Authorisation and Waste Management Licence Application (IWMLA) for the co-disposal of ash and gypsum at the Kusile Power Station are now available for comment. The IWMLA was submitted to the Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA) on 17 August 2012 (DEA Ref: 14/12/16/3/3/3/51 and NEAS Ref: DEA/EIA/0001413/2012). In response to this application, the DEA requested that an EIA be conducted, taking into account all the applicable Departmental Guidelines throughout the application process. The Scoping Phase of the application was conducted, and the public participation process was initiated. The DEA formally accepted the Final Scoping Report on 14 November 2013, allowing the process to continue into the Impact Assessment Phase. This phase entailed conducting specialist studies and drafting an EIR.

The Draft EIR and specialist reports can be obtained from the Sebata Institute and Eskom Websites (www.sebatainstitute.com and www.eskom.co.za). Hard copies of the reports are also available at the Kusile Power Station security offices and the Bronkhorstspruit Community Library. Alternatively electronic copies of the reports can be obtained from Ms Ndomupe Dhemba at the contact details below.

If you have any comments on the draft reports and/or objections to the application please forward your contact information and/or comments (with reasons) to Sebata Institute at the details below no later than **12 September 2014**. If you require any additional information regarding the application, please contact

Ms Dhemba for more details: **Ndomupe Dhemba, Sebata Institute, Tel: 012 685 0900, Fax: 012 665 1886, Email: ndomupei@iliso.com; PO Box 68735, Highveld 0169.**

All comments received will be collated into an Issues and Responses Report (IRR) which will form an Appendix to the final EIR that will be submitted to the DEA.

