

**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT FOR THE PROPOSED 1X400KV TABOR- BOKMAKIRIE (NZHELELE) AND 4X 250MVA 400KV/132KV
NZHELELE MAIN TRANSMISSION STATION (MTS), LIMPOPO PROVINCE**

COMMENT AND RESPONSES REPORT – DRAFT EIA REPORT

SUMMARY OF ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES/CONCERNS AND SUGGESTIONS RAISED BY INTERESTED AND/OR AFFECTED PARTIES

AUGUST 2012 – MARCH 2013

- This Comments and Responses Report (C&RR) is a record of all the contributed issues raised by Stakeholders ranging across all sectors of society.
- Full record of every issue raised is available from Lidwala Consulting.
- The name, affiliation (as at that time) and date of the commentator are also indicated

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ABBREVIATIONS USED IN THIS ISSUES TRAIL:

EAP	Environmental Assessment Practitioner	PM	Public Meeting
FGM	Focus Group Meeting		

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1. EIA Process Related Comments/ Issues		
I require some clarification on a specific area on the map	Al Maytham Landowner PM Louis Trichardt: 12 June 2012	This was discussed and dealt with after the meeting. Ashlea Strong (Lidwala)
Can the landowners assist with the contact details of the farm watch's.	Ashlea Strong Lidwala Consulting (SA) EAP FGM – Landowners: 13 June 2012	Philip Potegieter gave Ashlea the contact numbers for the chairperson. Philip also also stated that the Telkom reception is bad around the mountainous area. Most farmers now make use of two-way radios.
So the EIA that you are doing now, is it for the route of the line?	Barry Fourie Landowner FGM – Landowners: 13 June 2012	The EIA has three alternatives at this stage, however only one alternative through the mountains Ashlea Strong (Lidwala)
I don't understand how you chronically work because I'd think that when you speak to the land owners and they tell you that they don't want the line on their farms, surely you would just stop there with the project.	Orion Theron Land Owner FGM – Landowners: 13 June 2012	Even so we have to continue with the EIA process – and today's minutes once finalised will be sent through to all attendees and the Department of Environmental Affairs Ashlea Strong (Lidwala)
So the purpose of the meeting is to get our comments, to say yes or no.	Ms Potgieter Landowner FGM – Landowners: 13 June 2012	To obtain your comments and concerns Ashlea Strong (Lidwala) I would like to add with regards to comments. When you send through your comments also state your reasons as to why you are opposing the project. Sebenzile Vilakazi (Eskom Group Capital)
On your experience and what you get from this meeting, does the government enforce themselves. You say that you look at alternatives right, so what about going around the mountain and not over it?	Orion Theron Land Owner FGM – Landowners: 13 June 2012	If there weren't two servitudes. If they weren't crossing the mountain. Then it wouldn't have been easy to get another line here. Xander Neethling (Eskom Distribution) If there are any other alternatives that you guys may think off – then by all means you are welcome to forward them to us. Ashlea Strong (Lidwala)
You are looking at the impact; what's the impact that this line is going to have on us in the long run. Have you seen the map of the proposed mines over the mountain. If you look at the map, you will see that there is no positive that will come out of that.	Barry Fourie Landowner FGM – Landowners: 13 June 2012	Please send us that map. We will have a look at it and discuss the positive and negative impacts and include it in our EIA studies. Ashlea Strong (Lidwala)
What is the date / time to finish the project?	Philip Potgieter Landowner FGM – Landowners: 13 June 2012	In terms of the EIA – are program is to submit a final report to the Nation Department by January 2013. Ashlea Strong (Lidwala)

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What's going to be an outcome from all of this? There should be significant outcome. If the line was coming through my farm I would say no and not even give a reason.	Orion Theron Land Owner FGM – Landowners: 13 June 2012	There are many reasons why one can say no to a project. But let there be a valid reason why you say no. If it's just financial reasons – you will be compensated. Xander Neethling (Eskom Distribution)
The truth of the matter is people are going to evaluate these reports and unfortunately people look at things differently. Who has the final say?	Orion Theron Land Owner FGM – Landowners: 13 June 2012	The National Department of Environmental Affairs. Ashlea Strong (Lidwala)
So we actually don't have a say. When we have the follow up meeting. I would like to see proof of the pros and cons of alternatives (environmentally, socially and financially).	Ms Potgieter Landowner FGM – Landowners: 13 June 2012	Yes that is what the next report is going to be about. Ashlea Strong (Lidwala)
We will have our own meeting were we will discuss our reasons as to say we oppose the project and then we will have a follow up meeting.	Philip Potgieter Landowner FGM – Landowners: 13 June 2012	Your comment has been noted. Please forward the outcomes of your meeting to Lidwala.
I thank Lidwala SA that it is going to help the deep villages of Ndzelele. The project is not for now but the coming future. The Makhado municipality must let people to be ready for new project that is able to create jobs and benefits to the municipality.	Wisani Sono Community member PM Louis Trichardt: 12 June 2012	Thank you for your comments.
I am the tenant on the farm Scott, must know the extent of the project.	Gideon Meiring Email: 25 November 2012	Thank you for your comment. Please note that a background information document was sent to you.
2. Visual Related Comments/ Issues		
The existing pylons are already visible from our farm and the larger ones will present much more of an eyesore	Mrs Gail Maytham Email: 11 July 2012	Thank you for your comment. This issue has been covered by the visual and social specialist studies (Appendix O and P).
Pruning and cutting of trees will have an impact on the overall look of the farm and view over the land.	AJ Haasbroek Albert Haasbroek Trust Landowner Email: 16 November 2012	Thank you for your comment. Your concern has been noted. This issue has been covered by the visual specialist study (Appendix O).
Negatiewe impakte op landerye visuele impakte.	Petrus Visagie Landowner FGM: 13 November 2012	Thank you for your comment. It has been noted. This issue has been covered by the visual specialist study (Appendix O).
We are very concerned about the visual impact and the aesthetics of this in our wildlife area. We are and have been a proclaimed nature reserve since 1965, and we host many international visitors, who come to Africa to enjoy the wildlife and the fauna and flora. Such a powerline – cutting right through the middle of our property,	Kenneth Ball and Dennis Ball Shiawela Safaris Landowners Email: 18 January 2013	Thank you for your comments. Your concerns have been noted. This issue has been covered by the visual and social specialist studies (Appendix O and P).

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will create a tremendous eye-sore and ruin the pristine beauty of the area. This will have a detrimental effect on the aesthetics to our business, as well as the value of our land.		
(Visual impact) – Also where exactly the powerline is going to be situated.	Bhaves Desai Landowner FGM – Landowner: 14 November 2012	Thank you for your comment. At this stage the EIA Report deals with a corridor within which the final alignment can be placed. The exact alignment of the line will be identified at a later stage one the final corridor has been surveyed.
3. Tourism Related Comments/ Issues		
My husband and I attended the Public meeting held on the 12th June 2012 in the Showgrounds Hall at Louis Trichardt. We are obviously concerned and interested parties as our farm borders Vlakfontein on which some of the new massive pylons will be built. Our concerns are that the cottages we hire out for tourism will be affected by this 1 x 400kv Tabor-Bokakirie construction. Our guests, both local and international come to our mountain farm largely for peace and tranquillity	Mrs Gail Maytham Email: 11 July 2012	Thank you for your comment. This issue has been covered by the social specialist study (Appendix P).
We are very concerned about the visual impact and the aesthetics of this in our wildlife area. We are and have been a proclaimed nature reserve since 1965, and we host many international visitors, who come to Africa to enjoy the wildlife and the fauna and flora. Such a powerline – cutting right through the middle of our property, will create a tremendous eye-sore and ruin the pristine beauty of the area. This will have a detrimental effect on the aesthetics to our business, as well as the value of our land.	Kenneth Ball and Dennis Ball Shiawela Safaris Landowners Email: 18 January 2013	Thank you for your comments. Your concerns have been noted. This issue has been covered by the visual and social specialist studies (Appendix O and P).
4. Socio-Economic Related Comments / Issues		
I have over 100 people working here. So if you are going to take another 55m of my land, it's going to have financial implications for me as well as the people working here.	Philip Potgieter Landowner FGM – Landowners: 13 June 2012	Thank you for your comment. This issue has been covered by the social specialist study (Appendix P).
Any compensation for lost of land?	Bhaves Desai Landowner FGM – Landowner: 14 November 2012	Compensation is based on negotiated agreement with registered owner of the property. Eskom appoints an independent valuator to do a before and after valuation of the property and this is usually the starting point of negotiations

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We are concerned about the health risks, not only to us and our workers but also to our livestock, both domestic and wild life. Our farming enterprise is reliant on healthy populations of animals, and the dangerous levels of radiation emitted from such a line, would pose a tremendous health risk to all living here. The fertility of our game and our live stock could be adversely affected by this proposed line.	Kenneth Ball and Dennis Ball Shiawela Safaris Landowners Email: 18 January 2013	The risk associated with EMFs (electric and magnetic fields) is considered to be low (by international studies), especially where animals and people have free range. Therefore, as a precautionary measure, Eskom requires that all dwellings for people and animal housing (and feedlots) should not be placed in the servitude of the power line. Either the power line must be moved, or the housing must be moved.
What benefit do I as farmer have with the construction of this power line?	AJ Haasbroek Albert Haasbroek Trust Landowner Email: 16 November 2012	The Polokwane Customer Load Network (CLN), including the Tabor and Spencer power corridor, remains susceptible to voltage instability and is the weakest part of the Northern Grid network due to being operated beyond its reliability power transfer limit. The proposed network solutions meet the 10 year Distribution load requirements in the Tabor and Spencer network area and it is also informed by the 20 year Transmission and Distribution load forecast in meeting the Transmission 20 year plan.
I would like to request Eskom to supply power to Driekloof as well, as we never had power in this area.		Thank you for your comment. Your request has been noted.
Ons is goed gesind aan die projek. Omdat dit sal beteken dat daar meer krag beskikbaar sal wees.	Paul Otto FGM:16 November 2012	Thank you for your comment. It has been noted.
Littering	Phillip Potgieter Landowner	Thank you for your comments. These issue has been covered by the social and agricultural specialist studies as well as the Environmental Management Plan (Appendix P, K and E).
Long term impact on volume production, workers;	FGM – Landowner: 14 November 2012	
Impact on farming on land;		
Impact on income for farming;		
Impact on workers income;		
Heavy vehicles on private road damages water pipes and infrastructures. Sub-contractors route to drive to stay underneath the line.		
5. Biodiversity Related Comments / Issues		
Why get someone who is not from this area to come do specialist studies here? <i>Response: I will check that. Yes but his no longer in this area and things have changed in the environment.</i>	Barry Fourie Landowner FGM – Landowners: 13 June 2012	Our fauna specialist – Clayton Cooke knows this area very well. He did most of his studies in this area. His also very much involved with the university. All the specialists identified for this project have an intimate working knowledge of the area within their relevant

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		specialist field of expertise. One thing that I may also say is that we may not publish the location of the red data plant species that are on your farm. Specialists should and will make arrangements with you should they want some info on your farm or for a site visit. Ashlea Strong (Lidwala)
Tydens die konstruksieproses word plantegroei in en om die serwituut totaal en al vernietig en neem dit jare om te herstel. Bome is ontwortel en afgekap, plat getrap en daar is ook gevalle waar plantegroei ver buite die serwituut beskadig is deur konstruksiespanne. Enige verdere transmissielyste gaan ook beskermde bome, soos kremetartbome, beïnvloed en ek is gekant teen die verskuiwing van die bome aangesien dit bydra tot die karakter van die plaas.	Mr Johan Fourie Hakuna Matata Wildsplaas E-mail: 06 August 2012	Thank you for your comment. This issue has been dealt with in the flora specialist study (Appendix L).
Wildplase wat eko vriendelik wil wees gaan affekteer word.	Soutpansberg Distriks Landbou Unie FGM: 16 November 2012	Thank you for your comment. This issue has been dealt with in the flora, fauna and social specialist studies (Appendix L, J and P).
N Verdere hoogspannings lyn sal n impak he op die, reeds onder druk weidings potensiaal van hierdie unieke gebied.	Freddie Stegmann FGM: 15 November 2012	This issue has been dealt with in the agricultural and social specialist studies.
6. Avifauna Related Comments / Issues		
I have red data species on my farm (eagles).	Barry Fourie Landowner FGM – Landowners: 13 June 2012	Thank you for your comment. This issue has been dealt with in the avifauna specialist study (Appendix M)
Blouberg nature reserve has the one of the biggest vulture breeding colonies in the area.	Barry Fourie Landowner FGM – Landowners: 13 June 2012	Thank you for your comment. This issue has been dealt with in the avifauna specialist study (Appendix M)
Dit is duidelik dat die huidige kraglyne alreeds 'n risiko vir voellewe in die area het en ek het al male sonder tal vere onder die drade gevind van voels (soos gompoue en sekretarisvoels) wat in die drade vasgevlieg het. Dit is ook opvallend dat roofvoelgetalle aansienlik afgeneem het sedert die nuwe transmissielyn opgerig is,	Mr Johan Fourie Hakuna Matata Wildsplaas E-mail: 06 August 2012	Thank you for your comment. This issue has been dealt with in the avifauna specialist study (Appendix M)
7. Construction and Maintenance Related Comments/ Issues		
During the construction phase our cottages will be affected because of noise and increased traffic and presence of workers	Mrs Gail Maytham Email: 11 July 2012	Thank you for your comment. This issue has been dealt with in the social specialist study (Appendix P)

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It is not clear to us whether clearing will need to be done on our property, in our gum plantation, for the servitude for the powerline if it extends onto our property. Any clearing will obviously be noisy and disrupt the peace for some time		
After receipt of the environmental authorisation, how long before construction begins?	Gail Maytham Landowner PM Louis Trichardt: 12 June 2012	Eskom need the powerline and substation to be commissioned by 2017 -2019. Thamsanqa Ngcobo (Eskom Transmission) That will depend on Eskom and the authorities because after the environmental authorisation has been granted there is still some work that Eskom needs to do. Ashlea Strong (Lidwala)
Is the full corridor cleared of vegetation?		No, the corridor (500 m either side of the centre line) is what is assessed during the EIA, the final servitude will only be between 55 and 60 m wide, this is the area that is cleared of vegetation. Ashlea Strong (Lidwala)
We would like to understand the process, because people come to our farm for some peace and quiet. So if we are going to have people working and helicopters on our farm; it is a cause for concern.		It is for just this reason that it is so important for people to come to these meetings so that they can understand the process. Ashlea Strong (Lidwala) The construction process would not be undertaken on the farm for the full duration of the construction period due to the fact that it is a linear installation the construction teams move through the farms fairly quickly. Transmission does however, utilise helicopters to conduct maintenance and inspections but this is only on an as required basis. Xander Neethling (Eskom Distribution) Because access posed a great challenge during construction of the Louis Trichardt – De Beers – Venetia 132 kV line, a Helicopter was used to carry equipment & material to the summit of the mountain
How long will the construction take for the whole line to be completed?		Construction should take place from 2015 to 2018. Thamsanqa Ngcobo (Eskom Transmission)
The road is not maintained. Trees are thrown on the road after been cut off; they don't clear the road when there has been an accident. People get stuck in the rainy season because of the state of the road. I now even charge a fee when people ask me to come	Philip Potgieter Landowner FGM – Landowners: 13 June 2012	A follow up shall be with Eskom Distribution as it is their servitude which is currently in the area and feedback given in the EIA phase of this project. Xander Neethling (Eskom Distribution)

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tow them.		The situation will be addressed by Dx – it occurred during construction of the Louis Trichardt – De Beers – Venetia 132 kV line,
How and where it's going to be constructed. There maybe NO-GO areas on the farm.	Bhavesh Desai Landowner FGM – Landowner: 14 November 2012	Thank you for your comments. They have been noted. At this stage the EIA Report deals with a corridor within which the final alignment can be placed. The exact alignment of the line will be identified at a later stage once the final corridor has been surveyed. As part of the EIA's recommendations a full specialist walk down must be undertaken of the final alignment in order to check each proposed tower position in order to ensure that the final tower positions do not affect sensitive or no-go areas (Appendix E and Chapter 10).
8. Access Road Related Comments/ Issues		
There is to be an access road built right on our border. It is not clear whether it will be on our farm (Middlefontein 809 Portion 4) or Philip Potgieter's (Vlakfontein) and whether any clearing will be done on our farm. (See Page 10 Chapter 11 of the DESR)	Mrs Gail Maytham Email: 11 July 2012	A map of the access road was made available in the DSR. Xander Neethling (Eskom Distribution) The access road will most likely be constructed on Mr Potgieter's property. Final alignment will be established after specialist Engineering studies
So there still needs to be an access road there (referring to the section of the line traversing Clydesdale and Vlakfontein)?	Gail Maytham Landowner PM Louis Trichardt: 12 June 2012	The access road in the area is as a result of a request from the relevant landowners and the road has therefore been included in the EIA's scope of work. Ashlea Strong (Lidwala)
New access road to farms needs to be developed because it is disturbing to have people driving over the farm to other farms without any respect or appointment/ arrangement.	Phillip Potgieter Landowner FGM – Landowner: 14 November 2012	An access road over farms Clydesdale and Vlakfontein has been included in the EIA (Chapter 4).
9. Technical Related Comments/ Issues		
Are you doubling the supply?	Al Maytham Landowner PM Louis Trichardt: 12 June 2012	The supply in the area will be increased to meet demand; it is however, not simply a doubling up of the current supply Thamsanqa Ngcobo (Eskom Transmission)
Where is Tabor?	Gail Maytham Landowner PM Louis Trichardt: 12 June 2012	It is the large transmission substation one can see at the Capricorn toll gate. Ashlea Strong (Lidwala)

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What about the designs, will there be a new substation?		<p>The Bokmakirie substation already has an authorisation for the distribution side of the substation. This EIA looks at the extension of the Bokmakirie substation to include the transmission requirements.</p> <p>Ashlea Strong (Lidwala)</p>
How tall are the towers?		<p>Between 30 – 40m high, depending on which tower design is utilised.</p> <p>Ashlea Strong (Lidwala)</p>
Does this have anything to do with the electricity shortage?		<p>The current situation as it stands is that the electricity supply in the northern areas of Limpopo is under a lot of pressure and with both current and future proposed developments Eskom need to plan for these eventualities.</p> <p>Xander Neethling (Eskom Distribution)</p> <p>The new line is also to provide stability of supply to ensure that there is supply for the bigger users and the smaller users so that the smaller users don't suffer as a result of the larger user.</p> <p>Ashlea Strong (Lidwala)</p> <p>To add for interest – we see this corridor as a strategic corridor in the future as it could be used to evacuate power from Zimbabwe should they decide to increase their power generation.</p> <p>Thamsanqa Ngcobo (Eskom Transmission)</p>
Does the Tabor substation supply Louis Trichardt?	<p>Al Maytham Landowner PM Louis Trichardt: 12 June 2012</p>	<p>Yes.</p> <p>Ashlea Strong (Lidwala)</p>
10. Route Alterantive Related Comments/ Issues		
Why this route?	<p>Ms Potgieter Landowner FGM – Landowners: 13 June 2012</p>	<p>The alternatives presented at the FGM with the landowners were those identified as technically feasible alternatives by the Eskom Planning department. During the meeting it was agreed that the EIA would identify and investigate the possilbitly of any alterantive routes over the Soutpansberg Mountains and to include these in the EIA phase for further investigation by all specialists. More detail on the alternatives can be found in Chapter 4 of the Draft EIR.</p>

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If you are going to take another 55m from Phillip's farm it means that his whole farm is going to be a servitude for Eskom.	Barry Fourie Landowner FGM – Landowners: 13 June 2012	Thank you for your comment. We will take this into consideration during the EIA phase.
Looking at the maps, why don't they build the substation on the mine ground north (Coal of Africa's) ground where the environment is going to destroy the ground in any case.	Howard Knott Landowner Email: 26 November 2012	The site for the substation was predetermined due to the fact that it has already been approved by the National Department of Environmental Affairs for the Bokmakierie Distribution Substation. This EIA has evaluated the expansion of this existing site.
Dit blyk asof die Waterpoort route. Die minsie inpak op boerdery aktiwiteit hoofsaaklik wildboerdery sal he aangesien dit. Die spoorlyn volg wat reeds n versteuring is.	Soutpansberg Distriks Landbou Unie FGM: 16 November 2012	The preferred alternative is discussed in Chapter 4
Is it not possible to link into this existing line at Rondebosch 286 portion 3 as it shows on the aerial photograph that there will be a link into this line. Will this not be cost effective and environmental friendly?	Andre Olwage Landowner Email: 18 December 2012	Thank you for your comment. It has been forwarded to Eskom for their response. This response will be added to the Final EIR.
11. Historical (existing line) Comments/ Issues		
The current line is also not yet completely finished and currently the line is not being maintained on my farm.	Louis Jordaan Land Owner FGM – Landowners: 13 June 2012	This issue was discussed with the landowners during a follow up meeting with Eskom Distribution. Xander Neethling (Eskom Distribution) OPGW stringing not complete on Louis Trichardt – Venetia 132 kV line on Vlakfontein & Clydsdakle due to access challenges
Before we can start thinking about talking about new developments. We have to sort out the current problem. The current powerline is not maintained properly.	Orion Theron Land Owner FGM – Landowners: 13 June 2012	This issue was discussed with the landowners during a follow up meeting with Eskom Distribution. Xander Neethling (Eskom Distribution) The land owners request a dedicated access road to be used by Eskom. To be addressed with current Access Road EIA
Just to add, I don't think that we have been unreasonable with the other projects. It's just that things were not done properly as they should have.	Phillip Potgieter Land Owner FGM – Landowners: 13 June 2012	Let's list all the issues from the current project. Let's solve all the historical issues. Issues listed include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Historical issues: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Farm visit Protocol not adhered to during construction of Louis Trichardt – Venetia 132 kV line ○ Private road was severely damaged by Eskom during construction of Louis Trichardt – Messina 132 kV line in

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		<p>1995</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roads <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Private road was severely damaged by Eskom during construction of Louis Trichardt – Messina 132 kV line in 1995. ○ The land owners request a dedicated access road to be used by Eskom. To be addressed with current Access Road EIA • Material left behind by contractors <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stay rods were left, A grass slasher gearbox and blade was damaged by hidden stay rod <p>Xander Neethling (Eskom Distribution)</p>
<p>This line is not going through my farm but because of historical issues and farmers saying no. I don't want this line on my farm. How do you address this / how does it work?</p>	<p>Orion Theron Land Owner FGM – Landowners: 13 June 2012</p>	<p>Gave clarification on the EIA process. Ashlea Strong (Lidwala)</p>
<p>Ek wil ten sterkte beswaar aanteken teen die beoogde transmissielyn wat deur die plaas Rissik Ged 1 gaan loop. My besware is gegrond op die volgende:</p>	<p>Mr Johan Fourie Hakuna Matata Wildsplaas E-mail: 06 August 2012</p>	<p>Thank you for your comment. It has been noted.</p>
<p>Soos u weet is al die plase noord van die Soutpansberg wildsplase wat 'n bestaan uit die jag- en toerismebedryf maak. Daar loop alreeds 2 transmissielyne deur ons grond en enige addisionele lyne gaan die estiese waarde van die plaas so aantas dat dit onmoontlik gaan wees om die grond verder vir toerisme en jagdoeleindes te gebruik! Jagters en toeriste wat die afgelope seisoen op die plaas was het alreeds negatiewe kommentaar gehad oor die nuwe kraglyn wat in 2010/2011 op die plaas opgerig is. Die oprigting van nog 'n kraglyn gaan ook die waarde van die grond negatief affekteer aangesien daar min belangstelling is in grond wat deurkruis is met onooglike kraglyne.</p>	<p>Mr Johan Fourie Hakuna Matata Wildsplaas E-mail: 06 August 2012</p>	<p>Thank you for your comment. We have forwarded your comment to our social specialist who will deal with your comment in his EIA Report ((Appendix P).</p>
<p>Dit is onduidelik uit die kort voorlegging of die huidige kragpale</p>	<p>Mr Johan Fourie</p>	<p>An additional servitude will have to be registered to</p>

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gebruik gaan word en of nuwe pale opgerig gaan word. Die serwituut is volgens my transportakte te klein vir die oprigting van 'n kraglyn met sy eie pale en ek weier dat die huidige serwituut op my grond vergroot word vir die oprigting van die addisionele lyn (selfs al word ek vergoed daarvoor).	Hakuna Matata Wildsplaas E-mail: 06 August 2012	accommodate a 400 kV line. Xander Neethling (Eskom Distribution)
Met die oprigting van die vorige transmissielyn het ek oneindige probleme met Eskom en hul konstruksiespanne gehad:	Mr Johan Fourie Hakuna Matata Wildsplaas E-mail: 06 August 2012	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eskom het eerstens die versekering gegee dat konstruksie buite die jagseisoen sal plaasvind en afgehandel sal wees. Dit het nie gebeur nie en konstruksie het gedurende die 2010 jagseisoen voortgeduur en tot groot ongerief vir my en my jaggroep geleidelik, 		Construction to be scheduled properly Xander Neethling (Eskom Distribution)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Op meer as een geleentheid is werk nie voltooi nie en het pale en kragrade die hele plaas vol gele en kon ek geensins voortgaan met my normale bestuursaktiwiteite op die plaas nie aangesien roetes na sekere dele van die plaas totaal en al afgesny is. Dit het ook wesenlike gevare ingehou vir mense en wild wat rondbeweeg op die plaas. 		Construction to be managed properly Xander Neethling (Eskom Distribution)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Toerusting is gereeld op die plaas agtergelaat en moes toesighouers self op die plaas oorslaap om die toerusting op te pas. Dit is vir my totaal en al onaanvaarbaar aangesien ek geen beheer het oor wie op ons grond is en wat hulle doen nie, 		Construction to be managed properly Xander Neethling (Eskom Distribution)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tydens die konstruksiefase het ek meer as 20 draadstrikke in die serwituutstrook gekry en het ek meer as R10 000 se wild verloor wat in draadstrikke gevang is. Alhoewel ek die probleem gerapporteer het en daar ondersoek ingestel is, kon daar nie bewys word dat die konstruksiespanne daarby betrokke is nie. Dit is egter baie opvallend dat die probleem slegs voorgekom het tydens die konstruksie periode (nooit voor dit of ooit weer daarna nie). Ek is dus nie weer bereid om finansiële verliese te ly a.g.v. onwettige "poaching" nie, 		This problem was investigated by the ECO and the construction contractor for the Venetia 132kV powerline and no evidence could be found that the construction team was responsible for putting up snares on the farm.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eskom personeel en konstruksiespanne het ook die plaasprotokol wat toegang op plaasgrond reguleer gereeld verbreek. Op verskeie geleenthede is ek nie vooraf ingelig 	Farm Visit Protocol to be managed properly Xander Neethling (Eskom Distribution)	

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<p>dat op my plaas gewerk gaan word of dat my grod betree gaan word nie. Dit het daartoe gelei dat ek konstruksiepersoneel en Eskom personeel van my grond moes afsit en selfs moes uitsluit. Die feit dat ek verskeie kere met die probleem gesukkel het, is 'n indikatie dat Eskom en hul konstruksiespanne geen respek vir die reëls en regulasies van die plaasprotokol het nie en dus 'n wesenlike gevaar vir my, my arbeiders en my eiendom inhou. Ek is nie bereid om weer deur dieselfde trauma te gaan nie en om die veiligheidsrisiko te loop nie,</p>		
<p>Uit bogenoemde is dit dus duidelik dat ek heeltemal gekant is teen die konstruksie van enige addisionele transmissie- en kraglyne op die plaas Rissik Ged 1 en dit ten alle koste sal teenstaan en probeer verhoed.</p>	<p>Mr Johan Fourie Hakuna Matata Wildsplaas E-mail: 06 August 2012</p>	<p>Thank you for you comment. Your concerns have been noted.</p>
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<p>Ja, Ek wil graag as 'n belandstellende end geaffekteerde party registreer.</p>	<p>Mr Johan Fourie Hakuna Matata Wildsplaas E-mail: 06 August 2012</p>	<p>You have been registered as an Interested and Affected on the projects database.</p>
<p>I am not sure how to register as a concerned person. The Pdf files can not be filled in as it seems that they are protected. I herby request that you make sure that I am a registerd person so that I can receive all information applicable to me. I did receive a cd with information on the draft EIA, but would like to be updated on proceedings for comment in the future.</p>	<p>Mr Barry Fourie Land owner E-mail: 18 July 2012</p>	<p>Comments noted. You have been registered as an Interested and Affected on the projects database. A CD of the report was posted via registered post.</p>
<p>Can you please register the Soutpansberg District agricultural union as affected party.</p>	<p>Soutpansberg District agricultural Union (SDLU) Email: 06 July 2012</p>	<p>You have been registered as an Interested and Affected on the projects database.</p>
<p>I will not allow the line to be constructed because I k now where the Iine is going (i.e. mining projects). I am an affected party in so many ways. I represents not only myself as landowner but also;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bird life SA • Wildlife and Environment Society of SA • Blouberg conservancy 	<p>Barry Fourie Landowner FGM – Landowners: 13 June 2012</p>	<p>Your comment has been noted.</p>

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Mr Peter Knott stopped the railway project on his own and he will stop this one as well	Louis Jordaan Land Owner FGM – Landowners: 13 June 2012	Your comment has been noted.
I would like to go back to a time where I use a cannel, pump water with a windmill. That’s why I went to the mountain to avoid electricity. Prove to us that what has happened with the previous development will not happen here.	Louis Jordaan Land Owner FGM – Landowners: 13 June 2012	Your comment has been noted.
Please register me as an Interested party.	Hendrik du Toit E-mail: 21 August 2012	You have been registered as an Interested and Affected on the projects database.
Thank you for the notification of intended Eskom – Tabor – Bokmakirie 400 KV power line project. With reference to the aerial photograph it appears that this new line will be cutting across my property Rondebosch 287 portion 84.	Andre Olwage Landowner Email: 18 December 2012	Thank you for your confirmation.
I am not in favour of this development threw my property as there is already a 400KV line route running a few 100m south of my property.		Thank you for your comment. Your comment has been noted.
Rondebosch 287/33 and 287/34 belong to me and they fall within the Makhado Spatial Development Framework. We have permission to subdivide these properties into smaller units. Seeing that these properties will later become high density housing units, we will not allow any further servitudes as far as powerlines are concerned.	Louis Joubert Landowner Email: 26 November 2012	Thank you for your comments. Your comments have been noted.
<p>Volgens kaart 7 van die voorgestelde kraglyn, gaan n gedeelte van die lyn oor my plaas, Waterpan 401 LS, gebou word.</p> <p>Ek teken ten sterkste beswaar aan teen die voorgestelde roete oor Waterpan vir die volgende redes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Die lyn gaan oor 2 (twee) van my veesuiplings en werkskrale. 2. Die lyn gaan teenaan my huis verby!! 3. Die lyn gaan oor my toegangspad. 4. Verder gaan die lyn ook oor n geskiedkundige terrain met 2 monumente waar daar maandeliks begeleide toere plaasvind. 	Gerrit Hendriks Landowner Fax:29 November 2012	At this stage the EIA Report deals with a corridor within which the final alignment can be placed. The exact alignment of the line will be identified at a later stage one the final corridor has been surveyed. As part of the EIA’s recommendations a full specialist walk down must be undertaken of the final alignment in order to check each proposed tower position in order to ensure that the final tower positions do not affect sensitive or no-go areas.

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<p>5. Ek het my huis hier gebou spesifiek vir die natuurskoon en uitsig. Alles sal geskend word deur hierdie infrastruktuur. Angesiens die lyn feitlik reg oor my huis gaan, hou dit gesondheidsgevaar in vir my, my gesien en diere en dit is ononderhandel.</p> <p>6. Daar is n baie makliker alternatief. Volk die bestaande kraglyn tot op die hoek van Waterpan (teen die Elimpad) en volg die voorgestelde roete. Hoekom deur die klou kom met hom?</p>		
<p>Negatief teenoor projek. Wiltsplaas soek nie mense in en uit plaas wat bome sny en stilde stel ens nie.</p>	<p>Wietz Lourens Botes Landowner FGM: 14 November 2012</p>	<p>Thank you for your comments.</p>
<p>Negatief teenoor ontwikkeling waarde van grond/eiendomme neem af.</p> <p>Beskadiging van eiedomme.</p>	<p>Petrus Visagie Landowner FGM:13 November 2012</p>	<p>Thank you for your comments.</p>
<p>Positief met voorwaardes.</p>	<p>GPB van der Merwe Landowner FGM: 14 November 2012</p>	<p>Thank you for your comment. It has been noted.</p>
<p>We are not in favour of it.</p>	<p>Kenneth Ball and Dennis Ball Shiawela Safaris Landowners Email:18 January 2013</p>	<p>Thank you for your comment in has been noted.</p>
<p>Herewith I would like to express my strongest objection to the abovementioned project. My objection is based on the following:</p> <p>The reasons provided in the background information document is very sketchy and do not state the real reason for the proposed project. It is common knowledge in the area that the main reason for the proposed project is to service the envisaged mining developments within the Limpopo Valley region. The proposed mining development is however strongly contested by the majority of residents within the Limpopo Valley to the extent that only one mining license (Vele Colliery) has been granted up to now. License applications for all other proposed mines</p>	<p>Johan Fourie Landowner E-mail: 29 November 2012</p>	<p>Please refer to Chapter 3 of the DEIR for a more detailed explanation of the need and justification.</p> <p>The Polokwane Customer Load Network (CLN), including the Tabor and Spencer power corridor, remains susceptible to voltage instability and is the weakest part of the Northern Grid network due to being operated beyond its reliability power transfer limit. The proposed network solutions meet the 10 year Distribution load requirements in the Tabor and Spencer network area and it is also informed by the 20 year Transmission and Distribution load forecast in meeting the Transmission 20 year plan.</p>

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<p>(including the Makhado Colliery) have not even been submitted yet and should it be, will be objected to at the highest level. The proposed powerline by Eskom is therefore totally premature.</p>		
<p>From the information provided it is not clear at all how the existing powerlines along the Eskom servitude as well as the proposed 400Kv Tabor – Bokmakierie transmission line (Lidwala Engineers) will be linked to this project. Will existing powerlines for example stay in place or will it be removed, will existing pylons be utilized or will new pylons have to be put up, or will it be an additional line to the existing two lines?</p>		<p>At this stage the proposed new line will require all new infrastructure and will be an additional line, over and above the existing lines.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The majority of farms in the area north of the Soutpansberg affected by this project are game farms which make a living from the hunting and tourism industry and attract a large number of foreign and local clients on an annual basis. The proposed project will totally destroy the natural beauty and aesthetic value of the area and will visually scar the area even further. To this effect the project cannot be described in other terms than a project creating severe land- and industrial pollution. 		<p>Thank you for your comment. This has been identified and assessed by the social specialist study (Appendix P).</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Eskom servitude is only registered for a limited number of meters and it is doubtful whether the construction of any additional powerline or construction work can be accommodated in the existing servitude. Extending this servitude by buying out additional land is in my case totally unacceptable since it will reduce the size of my farm to such an extent that game farming, hunting and tourist activities will no longer be able to take place, robbing me of an income and way of life. I am therefore not willing to extend Eskom’s servitude for this project in exchange for any amount of money. 		<p>The proposed line (final alignment) will most likely require the expansion of the existing servitude. At this stage the EIA Report deals with a corridor within which the final alignment can be placed. The exact alignment of the line will be identified at a later stage once the final corridor has been surveyed. As part of the EIA’s recommendations a full specialist walk down must be undertaken of the final alignment in order to check each proposed tower position in order to ensure that the final tower positions do not affect sensitive or no-go areas (Appendix E and Chapter 10).</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Previous experience with Eskom and their appointed contractors doing work within the servitude has proven time and time again that workers are totally insensitive to the natural habitat (trees, plants, animals, birdlife, 		<p>Thank you for your comment – it has been noted. Detailed flora, fauna and avifauna studies are included in the DEIR (Appendix L, J and M).</p>

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<p>etc) as well as farmers staying on these farms. Despite requests by myself that as little disturbance as possible should take place, this is not adhered to at all resulting in the fact that construction teams had to be chased from my farm and locked out at times. I also experienced poaching activity on the farm during the construction phases resulting in a financial loss of more than R15 000 and then not even mentioning the suffering of the affected animals in the process (See comments to Lidwala in this regard). Various protected trees, birds and animals occur on my farm and within Eskom's servitude and will be destroyed or driven away by this project. It is a known fact that vegetation clearing and development of electrical transmission and distribution lines have a negative effect on raptors and migratory birds – something which I have experiences on my own farm.</p>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> With the previous Eskom project (Makhado-Paradise Tee-Venetia Transmission line) I clearly stated that NO CONSTRUCTION should take place during the hunting season since it will severely disrupt hunting bookings and activities on the farm. Needless to say that this instruction was totally ignored and construction started and continued right through the hunting season. This resulted in a loss of income due to the cancellation of bookings as well as driving away future clients. I would therefore like to make it very clear – NO CONSTRUCTION WORK WILL BE ALLOWED ON MY FARM DURING THE HUNTING SEASON (End of April to end of September)! 		<p>Thank for your comment – it has been noted. Please also see other mitigation measures included in the Environmental Management Programme (Appendix E)</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Despite numerous complaints and meetings, Eskom and their construction teams have also shown no respect for AgriSA's farm protocol for farm visits and have entered and commenced work on my property without informing me and without proper consultation. This poses a huge 		<p>Thank for your comment – it has been noted. Please also see other mitigation measures included in the Environmental Management Programme (Appendix E)</p>

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<p>risk for the security of people, animals and property on my farm. Should ANY work proceed on my farm I INSIST that a LEGALLY BINDING CONTRACT be drawn up between myself and Eskom to GUIDE THE PROCESS, PROCEDURE AND WORK related to the project.</p>		
<p>Lastly, I do not believe that the project holds any benefit for the local community and residents in the area and the environment. Based on this and the abovementioned comments I object to and reject the proposed powerline project.</p>		<p>Thank you for comment – it has been noted.</p>