

Application for Amendment of Environmental Authorisation



environmental affairs

Department:
Environmental Affairs
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

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

Kindly note that:

1. This form must be used to apply for the amendment of an environmental authorisation. An amendment includes:
 - a) adding, substituting, removing or changing a condition or requirement of an environmental authorisation, or
 - b) updating or changing any details or correcting a technical error.
2. This form is current as of 08 December 2014. It is the responsibility of the Applicant / EAP to ascertain whether subsequent versions of the form have been published or produced by the competent authority.
3. The required information must be typed within the spaces provided in the form. The sizes of the spaces provided are not necessarily indicative of the amount of information to be provided. It is in the form of a table that can extend itself as each space is filled with typing.
4. Incomplete applications may be rejected or returned to the applicant for amendment.
5. The use of "not applicable" in the form must be done with circumspection. Where it is used in respect of material information that is required by the competent authority for assessing the application, this may result in the rejection of the application as provided for in the regulations.
6. **No faxed or e-mailed applications will be accepted.**
7. Unless protected by law, all information contained in and attached to this application, will become public information on receipt by the competent authority. Upon request during any stage of the application process, the applicant / EAP must provide any registered interested and affected party with the information contained in and attached to this application.
8. This form must be submitted to the Department at the postal address given below or by delivery thereof to the Registry Office of the Department. Should the application form and attached reports not be submitted to the addresses given below it will be rejected.
9. Proof of payment of the prescribed fee of R2000 must accompany the submission of this form, unless an exclusion applies (see section 1 below). The application will not be processed without proof of payment unless one of the exclusions provided for in the fee Regulations is applicable AND such information in the exclusion section of this application form has been confirmed by this Department.

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DEPARTMENTAL DETAILS

Postal address:

Department of Environmental Affairs
Attention: Director: Integrated Environmental Authorisations

Private Bag X447
Pretoria
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Physical address:

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

Queries must be directed to the Directorate: Integrated Environmental Authorisations at:
Tel: (012) 399-9372 Email: EIAAdmin@environment.gov.za

Please note that this form must be copied to the relevant provincial environmental department(s)
View the Department's website at <http://www.environment.gov.za> for the latest version of the documents.

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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 as **Appendix 1** of this application form.

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	
The applicant is an organ of state	√

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

<p>Payment Enquiries: Tel: 012 399 9119 Email: eiafee@environment.gov.za</p> <p>Banking details: ABSA Bank Branch code: 632005 Account number: 1044 2400 72 Current account Reference number :(application reference number to be used)</p> <p>Proof of payment must accompany the application form:</p> <p>Tax exemption status: Status: Tax exempted</p>

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2. APPLICATION DETAILS

Name of person to whom the environmental authorisation was issued:	ESKOM HOLDINGS SOC LIMITED		
Contact person:	Martina Phiri		
Postal address:	P O Box 1091		
	Johannesburg		
	Postal code:	2001	
Telephone:	011 800 3550	Cell:	082 468 2137
E-mail:	PhiriM@eskom.co.za	Fax:	011 800 3917
Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP):	GIBB (Pty) Ltd		
Contact person:	Natalie Ritsch		
Postal address:	P O Box 3965		
	Cape Town		
	Postal code:	8000	
Telephone:	021 469 9159	Cell:	084 623 1554
E-mail:	nritsch@gibb.co.za	Fax:	021 424 5571
EAP Qualifications:	Bcomm Hons (BA); MSc, BSC Hons		
EAP Registrations/Associations:	SACNASP (Reg 400130/05)		
Name of landowner if the person to whom the environmental authorisation has been issued is not the owner:	Part of this proposal includes a linear activity. The approved substation, as well as the proposed powerline route and linkages are included in Appendix 3 .		
Contact person:			
Postal address:			
	Postal code:		
Telephone:		Cell:	
E-mail:		Fax:	
	In instances where there is more than one landowner, please attach a list of landowners with their contact details to the back of this page, together with copies of the notices given to these landowners about the amendment application. Refer to proof of notification in Appendix 4 .		
Project Description:			
Farm name, Erf No., portion etc:	Proposed Narina (Blanco) 400/132kV Main Transmission Substation (MTS) and the Droerivier Proteus loop-in loop-out powerline project, George, Western Cape		
Physical address where authorised activity is taking or will take place:	Blanco, George Refer to Appendix 3 for the property details.		
Magisterial District or Town:	Eden District - George		

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Departmental reference number of the previous environmental authorisation in respect of which an amendment is applied for:	14/12/16/3/3/2/424
Date of issue of environmental authorisation:	1 September 2016
Activity/ies for which authorisation was granted:	GNR 544: 10, 13, 18, 22, 23, 26, 47 GNR 545: 8 GNR 546: 4, 10, 13, 16, 19
Please Note: A certified copy of the environmental authorisation must be attached to this application as Appendix 2.	

3. DETAILS OF IMPLEMENTATION OF PREVIOUS ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION

Was the activity commenced with during the validity period of the environmental authorisation? If yes, please describe the implementation of the previous environmental authorisation to date:	YES	NO
No construction has commenced for the project as yet.		

4. AMENDMENTS APPLIED FOR AND RELATED INFORMATION

Please indicate which of the following is relevant:

4.1. The holder of an environmental authorisation may at any time apply to the relevant competent authority for the amendment of the authorisation if:

(a) there is a material change in the circumstances which existed at the time of the granting of the environmental authorisation;	YES	NO
(b) there has been a change of ownership in the property and transfer of rights and obligations must be provided for; or	YES	NO
(c) any detail contained in the environmental authorisation must be amended, added, substituted, corrected, removed or updated.	YES	NO

4.2. Describe the amendments that are being applied for:

The Environmental Authorisation (EA) was issued for a period of 3 years only, as per Condition 6. Eskom have confirmed that this is not sufficient for implementation purposes.

4.3. Please provide the reasons and/or a motivation for the application for amendment:

A 3-year period is not sufficient for the implantation/commencement of this project. Eskom needs to negotiate with affected landowners, and finalize the construction Environmental Management Programme with input from the specialists once the final walk down of the approved powerline route is undertaken. This will take time in terms of appointments, compilation, and implementation, and therefore additional time is required. The additional time is also required to ensure that all relevant permits are in place in order for construction to commence.

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4.4. Should the amendment being requested result due to 4.1 (b) above, you are requested to furnish the Department with a written undertaking that the new holder of the environmental authorisation is willing and able to assume responsibility of the environmental authorisation issued. Provide a short motivation and explanation below:

This is not applicable to this amendment application

5. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS

5.1. Describe any negative environmental impacts that may occur if the application for amendment is granted, amongst others information on any increases in air emissions, waste generation, discharges to water and impacts of the natural or cultural environment must be included.

No additional environmental impacts will result due to the granting of the amendment. The Impacts were fully assessed as part of the EIA process.

5.2. Describe any negative environmental impacts that may occur if the application for amendment is **not** granted.

No additional negative environmental impacts will result if the amendment is not granted. However Eskom will not have sufficient time to ensure successful implementation within the current authorisation period.

5.3. Describe any positive environmental impacts that may occur if the application for amendment is granted, amongst others information on any reduction in the ecological footprint, air emissions, waste generation and discharges to water must be included.

No additional positive environmental impacts will result, as the scope of the project or approval has not changed.

6. AUTHORISATION FROM OTHER GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS

6.1. Are any permission, licenses or other authorisations required from any other departments before the requested amendments can be effected?

YES

NO

If yes, please complete the table below.

Name of department and contact person	Authorisation required	Authorisation applied for (Yes/ No)

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7. RIGHTS OR INTERESTS OF OTHER PARTIES

In your opinion, will this proposed amendment adversely affect the rights and interests of other parties?	YES	NO
Please provide a detailed motivation of your opinion. The proposal has been authorised by the Department of Environmental Affairs. The application for the EA amendment is to correct an error in the timeframe allocated for the implementation of the project (normally 5 years), and the requirement for Eskom to commence within 3 years.		

NOTE: The Department is entitled to request further information if it believes it is necessary for the consideration of the application. If the application is for a substantive amendment or if the rights or interests of other parties are likely to be adversely affected, the Department will instruct the applicant to conduct a public participation process and to conduct any investigations and assessments that it deems necessary.

8. DECLARATION:

I, **Martina Phiri**, declare that I will comply with all my legal obligations in terms of this application and provide accurate information to everyone concerned in respect to this application.



Signature of the applicant:

Name of company or organisation: **ESKOM HOLDINGS SOC LIMITED**

6/6/2017
Date:

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**APPENDIX 1
PROOF OF PAYMENT/ MOTIVATION FOR EXCLUSION**

The Applicant is **ESKOM HOLDINGS SOC LIMITED** (a parastatal) and therefore are exempt from paying Application fees

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**APPENDIX 2
CERTIFIED COPY OF ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION**

APPENDIX 3

LANDOWNERS AFFECTED BY APPROVAL ALTERNATIVE 5

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APPENDIX 4

PROOF OF LANDOWNER NOTIFICATION, OF AMENDMENT APPLICATION