Appendix J

TRAFFIC STATEMENT

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KOMATI POWER STATION SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC FACILITY, BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEMS AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE, MPUMALANGA PROVINCE

Eskom Holdings SOC (Ltd) (Eskom) are proposing the expansion of the authorised 100 MW Solar Photovoltaics (PV) Energy Facility (SEF); 150 MW Battery Energy Storage System (BESS); and associated infrastructure at the Komati Power Station located in the Mpumalanga Province, South Africa. The Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) was undertaken to meet the requirements of both the World Bank Group (WBG) Environmental and Social Framework (ESF) and the EIA requirements under the National Environmental Management Act (Act 107 of 1998) (NEMA).The Komati Power Station Facility received an environmental authorisation (EA) (DFFE:14/12/16/3/3/2/2456) in 02 February 2024.

The Amendment Process prescribed in GNR 326 promulgated in terms of section 24(5) and 44 of the National Environmental Management Act (No. 107 of 1998) (NEMA) will be undertaken.

Innovative Transport Solutions (ITS) (Pty) Ltd compiled the Traffic Impact Assessment report for the proposed Eskom Komati PV and BESS project. The Traffic Impact Assessment report is dated May 2023. Since then, some amendments to the project have been proposed.

The proposed project amendments will comprise the following key components:

- Solar Energy Facility;
- Site Substation(s);
- BESS; and
- Associated infrastructure.

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The approved project and proposed amendments to the project are shown schematically in **Annexure A**. It was considered whether these amendments would have a significant impact on the following critical items for the Traffic Impact Assessment:

- Site location;
- Proposed accesses;
- Trip generation;
- Trip distribution;
- Model split; and
- Trip assignment.

It was concluded that these proposed amendments would have no impact on the critical items of the May 2023 Traffic Impact Assessment report. The environmental impact of the transportation activities during the construction, operations and decommissioning phases of the proposed Eskom Komati PV and BESS project, with a significance rating of N2, is expected to be remain low.

The proposed amendments would have no impact on the cumulative impact of the project. The two projects within a 30 km radius from the Komati Power Station will have little to no cumulative impact due to their relative locations. Furthermore, each development is located in close proximity to a regional road that easily gives access to national road network and other regional roads. Their traffic impact will not overlap and thus the cumulative impact will be insignificant.

It is recommended that a Transport Management Plan should be compiled for the construction and decommissioning phase of the project. The aim of the Traffic Management Plan would be to improve road safety during these phases for the community as well as to limit the construction and decommissioning phase traffic within the local peak hours. <u>The development can proceed as the traffic impact is expected to be low.</u>

Yours sincerely,

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Figure A1: Currently Approved Project Infrastructure



Figure A2: BESS Area A expansion



Figure A3: Proposed Amended Infrastructure Layout



Komati Power Station Repurposing

Transport Impact Assessment – Report

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1 INTRODUCTION

Eskom generates, transmits and distributes electricity and supplies approximately 95% of the country's electricity. Eskom has a 2035 strategy which illustrates their intent to respond to the changing energy environment and the impact this has towards a sustainable power utility. This includes the shutting down of a number of coal-fired power stations, repurposing and repowering, delivering new clean generation projects, expanding the Transmission grid, and rolling out micro grid solutions.

The proposed solar photovoltaic facility is situated in Komati Power Station, which reached its endof-life in September 2022. Eskom has developed a Just Energy Transition Project (EJETP) to mitigating the negative impacts from shutting down of the plant. The EJETP is also to implement projects for the repowering and repurposing related to the Komati Power Station.

The proposed development consists of Photovoltaic (PV) solar energy facilities (SEF) with ancillary Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS), to generate a total of 150 MW of energy, located on various Eskom-owned land parcels surrounding the existing Komati Power Station in Middelburg, Mpumalanga. Komati Power Station is located approximately 40 km south of Middelburg within the Steve Tshwete Local Municipality, refer to **Annexure A, Figure A1** for the locality map.

In this TIA, the impact of the additional traffic of the proposed developments on the road network will be investigated and mitigation measures will be proposed if required. The transportation activities will include transportation activities during the construction phase, operational phase and the decommissioning phase. This Transport Impact Assessment will form part of the Environmental Impact Study.

2 PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE

The proposed development is located on Eskom property and is currently zoned for various land uses including mining and an airstrip. Permission for the applicable land use rights will have to be obtained from the relevant authorities through a town planning process. The proposed 150 MW PV facilities are to be spread over two sites known as PV Site A and PV Site B.

The proposed project will comprise the following key components:

- Solar Energy Facility the solar modules will be elevated above the ground and monted either on fixed tilt systems or tracking system;
- Grid Connection (i.e. powerlines) new access roads or tracks may be required to provide access to sections of the powerline route. Access roads will be mostly a two-track gravel road under the OHPL in order to access pylons for construction and maintenance purposes;
- Site Substation and BESS three facilities with capacity of 150 MW, with four hours standby time; and
- Associated infrastructure will include but not limited to access roads, perimeter roads, parking area and roads, etc.



Figure 1: Site Development Plan

3 TRAFFIC VOLUMES

3.1 Background Traffic Volumes 2022

Traffic counts were conducted, at the intersections shown in **Annexure A**, **Figure A2** covering 12 hours on Wednesday, 1 June 2022. The counts conducted were used for the 2022 base year traffic. The background weekday AM and PM peak hour traffic volumes for 2022 are shown in **Annexure B**.

3.2 Future Background Traffic Volumes 2024

A growth rate of 2% per annum was applied to the 2022 background peak hour volumes to estimate the future background volumes for the 2024 horizon year. Analysis of the horizon year 2024 corresponds with the estimated construction period of the development.

3.3 Future Background Traffic Volumes 2027

A growth rate of 2% per annum was applied to the 2022 background peak hour volumes to estimate the future background volumes for the 2027 horizon year. Analysis of the horizon year 2027 corresponds with the estimated period in which the development will be in normal operations.

3.4 Future Background Traffic Volume 2047

A growth rate of 2% per annum was applied to the 2022 background peak hour volumes to estimate the future background volumes for the 2043 horizon year. Analysis of the horizon year 2043 corresponds with the estimated period in which the development will be in decommissioning phase.

4 TRIP GENERATION

The trip generation of the proposed developments is calculated based on the estimated number of person and truck trips during the construction of the different sites. The operational phase of each site will also develop a certain number of person trips as well as the decommissioning phase.

The expected number of person trips based on the employment opportunities for the developments is 1 285 during the construction phase, 150 person trips during the operational phase and 1 285 persons trips during the decommissioning phase.

The estimated number of person trips are converted into vehicle trips for the phases and sites and adjusted for public transport usage. **Table 1** shows a summary of the expected number of trips generated by the proposed development during the AM and PM peak hours. The calculation of the trip generation is included in **Annexure C**. The expected trip distribution of the proposed developments are shown in **Annexure A**, **Figure A3**.

		AM	Peak Hour Trip	Generation			
No	Land Use	Scenario	Split In (%)	Split Out (%)	Trips In	Trips Out	Total Trips
1	Komati PV A	Construction Phase	70%	30%	39	16	55
2	Komati PV B	Construction Phase	70%	30%	20	9	29
	Komati PV	Construction Phase			59	25	84
3	Komati PV A	Operational Phase	70%	30%	23	10	33
4	Komati PV B	Operational Phase	70%	30%	12	5	17
	Komati PV	Operational Phase			35	15	50
5	Komati PV A	Decomissioning Phase	70%	30%	39	16	55
6	Komati PV B	Decomissioning Phase	70%	30%	20	9	29
	Komati PV	Decomissioning Phase			59	25	84
		PM	Peak Hour Trip	Generation			
No	Land Use	Scenario	Split In (%)	Split Out (%)	Trips In	Trips Out	Total Trips
7	Komati PV A	Construction Phase	30%	70%	16	39	55
8	Komati PV B	Construction Phase	30%	70%	9	20	29
	Komati PV	Construction Phase			25	59	84
9	Komati PV A	Operational Phase	30%	70%	10	23	33
10	Komati PV B	Operational Phase	30%	70%	5	12	17
	Komati PV	Operational Phase			15	35	50
11	Komati PV A	Decomissioning Phase	70%	30%	16	39	55
12	Komati PV B	Decomissioning Phase	70%	30%	9	20	29
	Komati PV	Decomissioning Phase			25	59	84

Table 1: Expected Trip Generation

5 EXISTING ROAD NETWORK

The roads in the vicinity of the proposed developments are as follows:

- **R543:** Is a Class 3 provincial road and is located to the south of the proposed PV Site A and the town of Komati. This road serves as an East-West link between the R544 and the R35.
- **R35:** Is a Class 3 provincial road and is located to the northeast of the proposed developments and the town of Komati. This road serves as the link between Middelburg and Bethal.
- Main Road: Is a Class 4 municipal road and borders the proposed developments on the western boundaries of PV Site A and PV Site B.
- **Flamingo Street:** Is a Class 5 municipal road and borders the proposed PV Site A on the northern boundary of the site. Flamingo Street also provides access to the town of Komati.

The locations of these roads relative to the proposed development are shown in Annexure A, Figure A4.

6 ACCESS

The project area and surrounding areas are already easily accessible due to existing access roads. New access roads or tracks may be required to provide access to sections of the powerline route.

Access to the proposed developments is proposed from Flamingo Street for PV Site A and from the current road that borders the airfield to the north, for PV Site B respectively.

Access roads will be mostly a two-track gravel road under the OHPL in order to access pylons for construction and maintenance purposes. The width of the access roads will be determined during the design phase.

7 CAPACITY ANALYSIS

PTV Vistro software was used to conduct the capacity analysis for the intersections included in the study area. The intersections that were included in the analysis are:

- Int 1 Main Road / Koornfontein Mine Access
- Int 2 R542 / Main Road
- Int 3 R35 / R542 to Emalahleni
- Int 4 R35 / R542 to Hendrina
- Int 5 R35 / Komati Power Station
- Int 6 Main Road / Flamingo St

The scenarios that were analysed for the peak hours are summarised in Table 2.

Table 2: Scenarios Analysed for the Proposed Komati PV Developments

No	Scenario No	Scenario
1	Scenario 1	2022 AM and PM Weekday Peak Hour Background Traffic with Existing Geometry.
2	Scenario 2	2024 AM and PM Weekday Peak Hour Background Traffic with Existing Geometry.
3	Scenario 3	2027 AM and PM Weekday Peak Hour Background Traffic with Existing Geometry.
4	Scenario 4	2047 AM and PM Weekday Peak Hour Background Traffic with Existing Geometry.
5	Scenario 5	2024 AM and PM Weekday Peak Hour Development (Construction) Traffic with Existing Geometry.
6	Scenario 6	2027 AM and PM Weekday Peak Hour Development (Operational) Traffic with Existing Geometry.
7	Scenario 7	2047 AM and PM Weekday Peak Hour Development (Deccomission) Traffic with Existing Geometry.

The capacity analysis results for the intersections included in the study area are summarised in **Table 3** and **Table 4.** Refer to **Annexure B** for the PTV Vistro output.

Table 3: Capacity Analysis Results for the Weekday AM Peak Hour

Scenario	Intersection	INT 1	INT 2	INT 3	INT 4	INT 5	INT 6	PV A ACCESS	PV B ACCESS
Scenario 1: 2022 AM Peak Hour	LOS	Α	А	А	Α	В	А	-	-
Traffic with Existing Geometry	Del	9,02	9,22	9,91	9,96	10,81	8,94	-	-
	v/c	0,03	0,02	0,05	0,08	0,04	0,02	-	-
Scenario 2: 2024 AM Peak Hour	LOS	А	А	Α	В	В	А	-	-
Background Traffic with Existing	Del	9,04	9,25	9,97	10,04	10,93	8,96	-	-
Geometry	v/c	0,03	0,03	0,05	0,08	0,04	0,02	-	-
Scenario 3: 2027 AM Peak Hour	LOS	А	А	В	В	В	А	-	-
Background Traffic with Existing	Del	9,08	9,31	10,09	10,14	11,09	8,99	-	-
Geometry	v/c	0,03	0,03	0,05	0,09	0,04	0,03	-	-
Scenario 4: 2047 AM Peak Hour	LOS	А	А	В	В	В	А	-	-
Background Traffic with Existing	Del	9,40	9,76	11,18	11,38	13,00	9,25	-	-
Geometry	v/c	0,04	0,04	0,09	0,15	0,08	0,04	-	-
Scenario 5: 2024 AM Peak Hour	LOS	А	А	В	В	В	А	А	А
with Construction Traffic	Del	9,39	9,89	10,01	10,64	11,25	9,7	8,37	8,35
	v/c	0,03	0,04	0,05	0,09	0,04	0,03	0,02	0,01
Scenario 6: 2027 AM Peak Hour	LOS	А	А	В	В	В	А	А	А
with Operational Traffic	Del	9,31	10,04	10,74	11,03	11,27	9,4	8,35	8,33
	v/c	0,03	0,04	0,06	0,1	0,04	0,03	0,01	0,01
Scenario 7: 2047 AM Peak Hour	LOS	А	В	В	В	В	В	А	А
with Decommission Traffic	Del	9,80	10,50	11,24	12,21	11,25	13,46	8,37	8,35
	v/c	0,05	0,06	0,10	0,17	0,04	0,08	0,02	0,01

Scenario	Intersection	INT 1	INT 2	INT 3	INT 4	INT 5	INT 6	PV A ACCESS	PV B ACCESS
Scenario 1: 2022 PM Peak Hour	LOS	А	В	В	В	В	А	-	-
Traffic with Existing Geometry	Del	9,53	10	11,81	10,99	10,86	9,24	-	-
	v/c	0	0,02	0,11	0,12	0,02	0,01	-	-
Scenario 2: 2024 PM Peak Hour	LOS	А	В	В	В	В	А	-	-
Background Traffic with Existing	Del	9,54	10,07	11,98	11,1	10,97	9,27	-	-
Geometry	v/c	0	0,02	0,12	0,12	0,03	0,01	-	-
Scenario 3: 2027 PM Peak Hour	LOS	А	В	В	В	А	А	-	-
Background Traffic with Existing	Del	9,57	10,16	12,28	11,32	11,15	9,32	-	-
Geometry	v/c	0	0,03	0,13	0,13	0,03	0,01	-	-
Scenario 4: 2047 PM Peak Hour	LOS	А	А	С	В	В	А	-	-
Background Traffic with Existing	Del	9,73	10,98	15,73	13,51	13,03	9,79	-	-
Geometry	v/c	0,00	0,04	0,24	0,23	0,05	0,02	-	-
Scenario 5: 2024 PM Peak Hour	LOS	А	В	В	В	В	В	А	А
with Construction Traffic	Del	9,75	10,22	11,02	11	11,23	10,07	8,37	8,35
	v/c	0,01	0,04	0,11	0,12	0,03	0,015	0,02	0,01
Scenario 6: 2027 PM Peak Hour	LOS	А	В	В	В	В	А	А	А
with Operational Traffic	Del	9,67	10,41	12,14	11,51	11,27	9,77	8,35	8,33
	v/c	0,01	0,04	0,13	0,14	0,03	0,02	0,01	0,01
Scenario 7: 2047 PM Peak Hour	LOS	В	В	В	В	В	В	А	А
with Decommission Traffic	Del	10,02	11,09	13,75	13,18	13,37	10,70	8,37	8,35
	v/c	0,00	0,06	0,21	0,23	0,05	0,03	0,02	0,01

Table 4: Capacity Analysis Results for the Weekday PM Peak Hour

The existing road network is operating at acceptable levels of service with the existing geometry. The future traffic scenarios are also expected to operate at acceptable levels of service with the existing geometry. The existing geometry of the road network is shown schematically in **Annexure A**, **Figure A3.** No road upgrades are expected to be required to accommodate the additional traffic generated by the proposed developments.

8 CUMULATIVE IMPACT ASSESSMENT

Cumulative impact can result when the effects of an action are added to or interact with other effects in a particular place and within a particular time. There are several renewable energy developments in the surrounding areas of the development, refer to **Figure 2**. Only two of these are within a 30 km radius of the Komai Power Station. One of these developments has been approved and the other is in process as shown in **Table 5**.

The two projects within a 30 km radius from the Komati Power Station will have little to no cumulative impact due to their relative locations. Furthermore, each development is located in close proximity to a regional road that easily gives access to national road network and other regional roads. Their traffic impact will not overlap and thus the cumulative impact will be insignificant.

Table 5: Renewable Energy Projects within 30 km radius of Komati Power Station

Renewable Energy Project	DFFE Rference	Status
Proposed installation of a Solar photovoltaic power plant at ESKOM Duvha power station	14/12/16/3/3/2/759	Approved
Proposed Forzando North Coal Mine photovoltaic solar facility in Emalahleni Local Municipality, Mpumalanga Province	12/12/16/3/3/1/451	In Process



Figure 2: Renewable Projects Surrounding the Komati Power Station

9 PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Due to the locality of the proposed developments, no formal public transport facilities are located in close approximation to the proposed development. It is not expected that public transport facilities will be required.

10 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT OF THE TRANSPORT ACTIVITIES

The environmental impact of the transport activities for the PV developments will be assessed and quantified according to the prescribed impact tables as provided. The assessment based on available data is shown below.

The impact of the transport activities for the construction phase, operational phase and decomissioning phase of the project will be assessed based on the following parameters and scoring as provided in the impact tables:

- Impact Magnitude (M)
- Impact Extent (A)
- Impact Reversibility (R)
- Impact Duration (D)
- Probability of Occurrence (P)
- Significance Rating [S = (E + D + R + M) x P]

Refer to Table 6.

The impact significance without mitigation measures will be assessed with the design controls in place. The mitigation measures chosen are based on the mitigation hierarchy, shown in **Figure 3**, which allows for consideration of five (5) different levels, which include:

- Avoid/prevent,
- Minimise,
- Rehabilitate/restore,
- Offset, and
- No-go in that order.

The assessment of the transportation activities for the proposed developments are shown in **Table 7** to **Table 9**. The traffic impact and environmental impact shows that the proposed development will not have any negative impact on the existing road network as well as the environment. It is however, recommended that a Transport Management Plan be done for the construction and decommissioning phase of the project. This is to improve road safety during these phases for the community as well as to limit the construction and decommissioning phase traffic within the local peak hours.

Table 6: Impact Assessment Criteria and Scoring System

CRITERIA	SCORE 1	SCORE 2	SCORE 3	SCORE 4	SCORE 5
Impact Magnitude (M) The degree of alteration of the affected environmental receptor Impact Extent (E) The geographical extent of the impact on a given	Very low: No impact on processes Site: Site only	Low: Slight impact on processes Local: Inside activity area	Medium: Processes continue but in a modified way Regional: Outside activity	High: Processes temporarily cease National: National	Very High: Permanent cessation of processes International: Across borders or
environmental receptor Impact Reversibility (R) The ability of the environmental receptor to rehabilitate or restore after the activity has caused environmental change	Reversible: Recovery without rehabilitation		area Recoverable: Recovery with rehabilitation	scope or level	boundaries Irreversible: Not possible despite action
Impact Duration (D) The length of permanence of the impact on the environmental receptor	Immediate: On impact	Short term: 0-5 years	Medium term: 5-15 years	Long term: Project life	Permanent: Indefinite
Probability of Occurrence (P) The likelihood of an impact occurring in the absence of pertinent environmental management measures or mitigation	Improbable	Low Probability	Probable	Highly Probability	Definite
Significance (S) is determined by combining the above criteria in the following formula:	[S = (E + D + Significance =	R + M) × P] = (Extent + I × Probabil	Duration + Rever ity	rsibility + Mag	gnitude)
	IMPACT S	SIGNIFICANCE	RATING		
Total Score	4 to 15	16 to 30	31 to 60	61 to 80	81 to 100
Environmental Significance Rating (Negative (-))	Very low	Low	Moderate	High	Very High
Environmental Significance Rating (Positive (+))	Very low	Low	Moderate	High	Very High

Avoidance / Prev	Refers to considering options in project location, nature, scale, layout, technology and phasing to <u>avoid</u> environmental and social impacts. Although this is the best option, it will not always be feasible, and then the next steps become critical.
Mitigation / Red	Refers to considering alternatives in the project location, scale, layout, technology and phasing that would <u>minimise</u> environmental and social impacts. Every effort should be made to minimise impacts where there are environmental and social constraints.
Rehabilitation / Restoration	Refers to the <u>restoration or rehabilitation</u> of areas where impacts were unavoidable and measure are taken to return impacted areas to an agreed land use after the activity / project. Restoration, or even rehabilitation, might not be achievable, or the risk of achieving it might be very high. Additionally it might fall short of replicating the diversity and complexity of the natural system. Residual negative impacts will invariably still need to be compensated or offset.
Compensation / Offset	Refers to measures over and above restoration to remedy the residual (remaining and unavoidable) negative environmental and social impacts. When every effort has been made to avoid, minimise, and rehabilitate remaining impacts to a degree of no net loss, compensation / offsets provide a mechanism to remedy significant negative impacts.
No-Go Refer abilit	s to 'fatal flaw' in the proposed project, or specifically a proposed project in and area that cannot be t, because the development will impact on strategically important ecosystem services, or jeopardise the y to meet biodiversity targets. This is a fatal flaw and should result in the project being rejected.

Figure 3: Mitigation Hierarchy

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Table 7: Environmental Impact Assessment for Construction Phase

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Impact 1:	Transportation	Impact of construction vehicles on roads and access roads	Construction	Negative	Moderate	1	1	3	2	4	28	N2	-	+	3	N	4 2	8	N2
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Table 8: Environmental Impact Assessment for Operational Phase

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Description		Transportation activities during operations	
Receptor		Transportation	
Impact number		Impact 1:	

Table 9: Environmental Impact Assessment for Construction Phase

DECOMMISSION

Post-Mitigation	Rating	N2		
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Ease of Mitigation		Moderate	ignificance	
Character		Negative	S	
Stage		Decommissi on		
Description		Impact of construction vehicles on roads and access roads		
Aspect		Transportation		
Impact number		Impact 1:		

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11 CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

11.1 Conclusions

The following conclusions were made:

- Photovoltaic (PV) solar energy facilities (SEF) with ancillary Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS), to generate a total of 150 MW of energy, are planned on Eskom-owned land parcels surrounding the existing Komati Power Station in Middelburg.
- In this TIA, the impact of the transportation activities of the proposed Komati SEF developments on the road network was investigated. The transportation activities include transportation activities during the construction phase, operational phase and the decommissioning phase of the project.
- The proposed developments are located on Eskom properties which are currently zoned for various land uses including mining and an airstrip. Permission for the applicable land use rights will have to be obtained from the relevant authorities through a town planning process. The proposed 150 MW PV facilities are to be spread over two sites known as PV Site A and PV Site B.
- Traffic counts were conducted, at the intersections shown in **Annexure A, Figure A2** covering 12 hours on Wednesday, 1 June 2022.
- A growth rate of 2% per annum was applied to the 2022 background peak hour taffic volumes to estimate the future background volumes for the 2024, 2027 and 2047 horizon years.
- The expected number of person trips based on the employment opportunities for the developments are 1 285 during the construction and decomissioning phase as well as 150 person trips during the operational phase.
- Access to the proposed developments is proposed from Flamingo Street for PV Site A and from the current road that borders the airfield to the north, for PV Site B respectively.
- PTV Vistro software was used to conduct the capacity analysis for the intersections included in the study area.
- The existing road network is operating at acceptable levels of service with the existing geometry. The future traffic scenarios are also expected to operate at acceptable levels of service with the existing geometry.
- Other renewable energy projects within a 30 km radius of the Komati Power Station will have no significant cumulative impact because their traffic impact will not overlap.
- Due to the locality of the proposed developments, no formal public transport facilities are located in close approximation to the proposed development. It is not expected that public transport facilities will be required.
- The environmental impact of the transportation activities during the construction, operaions and decommissioning phases of the proposed development, with a significance rating of N2, is expected to be low.

11.2 Recommendations

The following recommendations are made:

- A Transport Management Plan should be compiled for the construction and decommissioning phase of the project. The aim of the Traffic Management Plan would be to improve road safety during these phases for the community as well as to limit the construction and decommissioning phase traffic within the local peak hours.
- The proposed development should be considered favourably from a traffic engineering point of view by Steve Tshwete Local Municipality.

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Annexure A

Figures









Annexure B

PTV Vistro Output

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Traffic Volume - Base Volume







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Traffic Volume - Future Total Volume







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Annexure C

Trip Generation

Land Use	Extent (nr of	Total	Estimated	split (%)	Nr of Person spli	trips with t	Capacity ut	ilised (%)	Est	imated Public Transport mode split (%)	Estim	ated ve AM Pea	hicle trips in k Hour	Inbound vehicle trips	Outbound vehicle trips	Total
	employees)	person trips	Public	Private	Public	Private	Public	Private	Bus	Тахі	Pu Tran	blic sport	Private Mode	(70%)	(30%)	vehicle trips
			Transport	iniouc	riansport	ivioue	mansport	ivioue			Bus	Тахі	Car	70%	30%	
PV A	855	855	90	10	770	86	0,9	0,9	70	30	5	9	40	37,8	16,2	54
PV B	430	430	90	10	387	43	0,9	0,9	70	30	3	5	20	20	8	28
Total :	1285	1285								Capacity per vehicle:	65	16	1,2	57,4	24,6	82

AM Trip Generation (calculated per person trips) - Construction and Decommissioning Phase

AM Trip Generation (calculated truck trips) - Construction and Decommissioning Phase

Land Use	Extent (nr of trucks)	Total truck trips	Estimated portion of total trucks in AM Peak (%)	Inbound vehicle trips	Outbound vehicle trips	Total vehicle trips	
				70%	30%		
PV A	10	10	10%	1	0	1	
PV B	10	10	10%	1	0	1	

AM Trip Generation (total calculated trips) - Construction and Decommissioning Phase

Land Use	Inbound vehicle trips	Outbound vehicle trips	Total vehicle trips
PV A	39	17	55
PV B	20	9	29
Total:	59	25	84

Land	Extent (pr of	Total	Estimated split (%)		Nr of Person trips with split		Capacity utilised (%)		Estimated Public Transport mode split (%)		Estimated vehicle trips in PM Peak Hour			Inbound vehicle trips	Outbound vehicle trips	Total
Use	employees)	person trips	Public	Private	Public	Private	Public	Private	Bus	Bus Taxi		blic sport	Private Mode	(70%)	(30%)	vehicle trips
			Transport	wode	Transport	wode	Transport	woue			Bus	Тахі	Car	30%	70%	
PV A	855	855	90	10	770	86	0,9	0,9	70	30	5	9	40	16,2	37,8	54
PV B	430	430	90	10	387	43	0,9	0,9	70	30	3	5	20	8	20	28
Total :	1285	1285								Capacity per vehicle:	65	16	1,2	24,6	57,4	82

PM Trip Generation (calculated per person trips) - Construction and Decommissioning Phase

PM Trip Generation (calculated truck trips) - Construction and Decommissioning Phase

Land Use	Extent (nr of trucks)	Total truck trips	Estimated portion of total trucks in	Inbound vehicle trips	Outbound vehicle trips	Total vehicle trips							
		-	(%)	30%	70%								
PV A	10	10	10%	0	1	1							
PV B	10	10	10%	0	1	1							

PM Trip Generation (total calculated trips) - Construction and Decommissioning Phase

Land Use	Inbound vehicle trips	Outbound vehicle trips	Total vehicle trips		
PV A	17	39	55		
PV B	9	20	29		
Total:	25	59	84		

AM Trip Generation (calculated per person trips) - Operational Phase

Land	Extent (nr of	Total	Estimated split (%)		Nr of Person trips with split		Capacity utilised (%)		Estimated Public Transport mode split (%)		Estimated vehicle trips in AM Peak Hour		nicle trips in k Hour	Inbound vehicle trips	Outbound vehicle trips	Total
Use	employees)	person trips	Public	Private	Public	Private	Public	Private	Bus	Тахі	Pu Tran	blic sport	Private Mode	(70%)	(30%)	vehicle trips
			mansport	INIOUE	Transport	woue	Transport	widue			Bus	Тахі	Car	70%	30%	
PV A	100	100	70	30	70	30	0,9	0,9	0	100	0	5	28	23,1	9,9	33
PV B	50	50	70	30	35	15	0,9	0,9	0	100	0	3	14	12	5	17
Total :	150	150								Capacity per vehicle:	65	16	1,2	35,0	15	50

PM Trip Generation (calculated per person trips) - Operational Phase

Land	Extent (pr of	Total	Estimated split (%)		Nr of Person trips with split		Capacity utilised (%)		Estimated Public Transport mode split (%)		Estimated vehicle trips in PM Peak Hour		hicle trips in k Hour	Inbound vehicle trips	Outbound vehicle trips	Total
Use	employees)	person trips	Public	Private	Public	Private	Public	Private	Bus	Тахі	Pu Tran	blic sport	Private Mode	(70%)	(30%)	vehicle trips
			Transport	wode	Transport	wode	mansport	Ivioue			Bus	Тахі	Car	30%	70%	
PV A	100	100	70	30	70	30	0,9	0,9	0	100	0	5	28	9,9	23,1	33
PV B	50	50	70	30	35	15	1,9	0,9	0	100	0	2	14	5	11	16
Total :	150	150								Capacity per vehicle:	65	16	1,2	15,0	35	49