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1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 PROJECT BACKGROUND

All changes between the draft and final report have been highlighted with underlined text.

The proponent is proposing the development of the Phefumula Emoyeni One electrical grid infrastructure, to tie the proposed Phefumula Emoyeni One Wind Energy Facility (WEF) into the national grid, in Mpumalanga. The facility consists of the following distinct projects referred to as:

- Phefumula Emoyeni One WEF (up to 550MW);
- Phefumula Emoyeni One Electrical Grid Infrastructure comprising the 400kV Grid Connection and Main Transmission Substation (MTS) and Distribution substations with associated 132kV overhead lines.

The focus of this Stakeholder Engagement Report (SER) is the proposed Phefumula Emoyeni One electrical grid infrastructure project (DFFE Ref: 14/12/16/3/3/2/2596).

The proposed project will be applied for under a Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV), and the Project Applicant is therefore Phefumula Emoyeni One (Pty) Ltd. The Phefumula Emoyeni One electrical grid infrastructure is located approximately 16km north-west of Ermelo in the Msukaligwa Local Municipality and Gert Sibande District Municipality, in the Mpumalanga Province of South Africa.

The electrical grid infrastructure will be located over 26 farm portions and will have a project area of approximately 593.88 hectares (ha). Within this project area the extent of the buildable area will be subject to finalization based on technical and environmental requirements.

In order for the proposed project to proceed, it will require an Environmental Authorisation (EA) from the Competent Authority (CA) (i.e., the National Department of Forestry, Fisheries and Environment, (DFFE)).

1.2 TERMS OF REFERENCE AND DETAILS OF THE EAP

WSP Group Africa (Pty) Ltd (WSP) was appointed in the role of Independent Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) to undertake the Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment (S&EIA) processes for the proposed Project. This Stakeholder Engagement Report (SER) was compiled as part of the S&EIA process and must be read in conjunction with the Final EIA Report in support of the environmental authorisation (EA) application. **Table 1-1** details the relevant contact details of the EAP.

Table 1-1 - Details of the EAP

| EAP | WSP Group Africa (Pty) Ltd |
|-------------------|--|
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| Qualifications: | Masters in Environmental Management, University of the Free State B Tech, Nature Conservation, Technikon SA National Diploma in Nature Conservation, Technikon SA |
|-----------------------------|---|
| EAPASA Registration Number: | EAPASA (2019/1005) |

To adequately identify and assess potential environmental impacts, the EAP was supported by a number of specialists, the details of which are provided in the DSR.

1.2.1.1 Statement of Independence

Neither WSP nor any of the authors of this Report have any material present or contingent interest in the outcome of this Report, nor do they have any business, financial, personal or other interest that could be reasonably regarded as being capable of affecting their independence. WSP has no beneficial interest in the outcome of the assessment.

1.3 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Public participation is understood to be a series of inclusive and culturally appropriate interactions aimed at providing stakeholders with opportunities to express their views, so that these can be considered and incorporated into the decision-making process. Effective public participation requires the prior disclosure of relevant and adequate project information to enable stakeholders to understand the risks, impacts, and opportunities of the proposed Project.

Basic reasons why the public are involved in the EIA Process:

- The environment is held in public trust, therefore use of environmental resources is everyone's concern.
- To ensure that projects meet the citizens' needs and are suitable to the affected public.
- The project carries more legitimacy, and less hostility, if interested and affected parties (I&APs) are able to influence the decision-making process.
- The final decision is deemed informed when local knowledge and values are included and when expert knowledge is publicly examined.

1.3.1 OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the public participation process (PPP) can be summarised as follows:

- Identify relevant individuals, organisations and communities who may be interested in or affected by the proposed Project;
- Clearly outline the scope of the proposed Project, including the scale and nature of the existing and proposed activities;
- Identify viable proposed Project alternatives that will assist the relevant authorities in making an informed decision;
- Identify shortcomings and gaps in existing information;

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- Identify key concerns, raised by I&APs that should be addressed in the subsequent specialist studies;
- Highlight the potential for environmental impacts, whether positive or negative; and
- To inform and provide the public with information and an understanding of the proposed Project, issues and solutions.

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1.3.2 WHAT IS AN INTERESTED AN AFFECTED PARTY?

An I&AP is defined as any person, group of persons or organisations interested in or affected by an activity, and any organ of state that may have jurisdiction over any aspect of the activity.

The difference between an I&AP and a registered I&AP:

- An I&AP can be directly or indirectly impacted on by a proposed activity.
- A registered I&AP is a person whose name has been placed on the register of registered I&APs. According to the PPP Guidance document, 2017, only registered I&APs will be notified:
 - Of the availability of reports and other written submissions made to the competent authority (CA) by the Applicant, and be entitled to comment on these reports and submissions; and
 - Of the outcome of the application, the reasons for the decision, and that an appeal may be lodged against a decision.

For this report, registered I&APs will be referred to as Stakeholders.

1.3.2.1 Rights, Roles and Responsibilities of the Stakeholder

- Registered stakeholders have the right to bring to the attention of the CA any issues that they believe may be of significance to the consideration of the application. The rights of stakeholder are qualified by certain obligations, namely:
 - Stakeholders must ensure that their comments are submitted within the timeframes that have been approved by the DFFE, or within any extension of a timeframe agreed by the Proponent, EAP or competent authorities;
 - Serve a copy of the comments submitted directly to the competent authorities, the Proponent or the EAP; and
 - Disclose to the EAP any direct business, financial, personal or other interest that they might have in the approval or refusal of the application.

The roles of stakeholders in a public participation process usually include one or more of the following:

- Assisting in the identification and prioritisation of issues that need to be investigated;
- Making suggestions on alternatives and means of preventing, minimising and managing negative impacts and enhancing proposed Project benefits;
- Assisting in or commenting on the development of mutually acceptable criteria for the evaluation of decision options;
- Contributing information on public needs, values and expectations;
- Contributing local and traditional knowledge; and
- Verifying that their issues have been considered.

In order to participate effectively, stakeholders should:

- Become involved in the process as early as possible;
- Register as a stakeholder;
- Advise the EAP of other stakeholders who should be consulted;
- Contribute towards the design of the public participation process (including timeframes) to ensure that it is acceptable to all stakeholders;
- Follow the process once it has been accepted;

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- Give timeous responses to correspondence;
- Be respectful and courteous towards other stakeholders;
- Refrain from making subjective, unfounded or ill-informed statements; and
- Recognise that the process is confined to issues that are directly relevant to the application.

1.4 APPROACH TO STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

Our approach to stakeholder engagement is based on the following principles:

- Undertake meaningful and timely participation with stakeholders;
- Focus on important issues during the process;
- Undertake due consideration of alternatives:
- Take accountability for information used;
- Encourage co-regulation, shared responsibility and a sense of ownership over the proposed Project lifecycle;
- Apply "due process" particularly with regard to public participation as provided for in the EIA Regulations; and
- Consider the needs, interests and values of stakeholders.

The Public Participation guideline in terms of the NEMA EIA Regulations, drafted by the DEA (now DFFE) in 2017, tabulates the level of Public Participation required for various levels of anticipated project impacts. This table has been used to identify additional Public Participation methods which are required for the Project. Highlighted cells indicate the applicable response to the anticipated impacts. Results of the process are shown in **Table 1-2** below.

Table 1-2 - Level of Public Participation as per Public Participation Guideline (DEA, 2017)

| Scale of anticipated | Recommended Response | | |
|--|--|---|--|
| impacts: | If "yes" | If "No" | |
| Are the impacts of the project likely to extend beyond the boundaries of the local municipality? | Formal Consultation with other affected municipalities should be carried out during the PPP. | No need to have a formal consultation with other municipalities during PPP. Minimum requirements for public participation in accordance to EIA must be met. | |
| Are the impacts of the project likely to extend beyond the boundaries of the province? | Formal Consultation with other affected provinces should be carried out during the PPP. | No need to have a formal consultation with other provinces during PPP. Minimum requirements for public participation in accordance to EIA must be met. | |
| Is the project a greenfields development (a new development in a previously undisturbed area)? | Extensive consultation with Registered Interested and Affected Parties (RI&APs) might be required before a decision is taken on the project to in order to gather more information, and to ensure that there is minimal impact on the environment. | Minimum requirements for public participation in accordance to EIA Regulations must be met. | |
| Does the area already suffer from socio-economic problems (e.g. job losses) | Extensive consultation with RI&APs within the area should be undertaken, to gather more | Minimum requirements for public participation in accordance to EIA Regulations must be met. | |

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| Scale of anticipated | Recommended Response | | |
|---|--|---|--|
| impacts: | If "yes" | If "No" | |
| or environmental problems (e.g. pollution), and is the project likely to exacerbate these? | Information on both the socio- economic and environmental problems. | | |
| Is the project expected to have a wide variety of impacts (e.g. socioeconomic and ecological)? | Thorough consultation needs to be conducted with RI&APs, in order to address variety of impacts. | Minimum requirements for public participation in accordance to EIA Regulations must be met. | |
| Public and environmental s | sensitivity of the project: | | |
| Are there widespread public concerns about the potential negative impacts of the project? | Broader consultation with all RI&APs will need to be undertaken. | Minimum requirements for public participation in accordance to EIA Regulations must be met. | |
| Is there a high degree of conflict among RI&APs? | There might need to be more consultation to ensure that there is consensus reached among RI&APs. | Minimum requirements for public participation in accordance to EIA Regulations must be met. | |
| Will the project impact on private land other than that of the applicant? | Consultation with the private landowner must be done, and all their concerns need to be addressed. | Minimum requirements for public participation in accordance to EIA Regulations must be met. | |
| Does the project have the potential to create unrealistic expectations (e.g. that a new factory would create a large number of jobs)? | Thorough consultation that addresses the perceptions of unrealistic expectations needs to be carried out. | Minimum requirements for public participation in accordance to EIA Regulations must be met. | |
| Potentially affected parties | | | |
| Has very little previous public participation taken place in the area? | More thorough public participation should take place within the area, to ensure that all potential and RI&APs participate. | Minimum requirements for public participation in accordance to EIA Regulations must be met. | |
| Did previous public participation processes in the area result in conflict? | Additional consultation might be needed to ensure that issues of conflict are addressed effectively. | Minimum requirements for public participation in accordance to EIA Regulations must be met. | |
| Are there existing organisational structures (e.g. local forums) that can represent I&APs? | Organizational structures might minimise conflict whilst maximising the participation. | Minimum requirements for public participation in accordance to EIA Regulations must be met. | |
| Is the area characterised by high social diversity (i.t.o. socio-economic status, language or culture) | Proper consultations that address language and cultural diversity should be promoted. | Minimum requirements for public participation in accordance to EIA Regulations must be met. | |
| Were people in the area victims of unfair expropriations or relocation in the past? | PPP should be extensive and address any unfair practices that occurred in the past. | Minimum requirements for public participation in accordance to EIA Regulations must be met. | |

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| Scale of anticipated | Recommended Response | |
|---|---|--|
| impacts: | If "yes" | If "No" |
| Is there a high level of unemployment in the area? | The PPP should ensure that there are no unrealistic expectations created due to the project. The consultation should ensure that any unrealistic expectations are adequately addressed before the project starts. | Minimum requirements for public participation in accordance to EIA Regulations must be met. |
| Do the RI&APs have special needs (e.g. a lack of skills to read or write, disability, etc)? | Consultation should include mechanisms that will ensure full participation by people with special needs. | Minimum requirements for public participation in accordance to EIA Regulations must be met. Minimum requirements for PP in accordance to the Act must be met as well as best practices relating to PP. |

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2 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION TO DATE

2.1 PRE-APPLICATION CONSULTATION

A virtual pre-application meeting was held on **24 October 2023** with the DFFE to discuss the proposed Phefumula Emoyeni One WEF and electrical grid infrastructure projects. The minutes of the meeting (inclusive of the proposed public participation plan) are included in **Appendix C.1.**

The reference number 14/12/16/3/3/2/2596 has been allocated to the project. The Application Form and Draft Scoping Report were submitted to the DFFE on 26 July 2024. Subsequently the scoping report was finalised and submitted to the DFFE on 10 September 2024 for their review and approval. The submission of the final scoping report was within 44 days of receipt of the application by the DFFE as required by GNR 982. The approval of the FSR and the PoS for the EIA was received on 23 October 2024.

A letter requesting an extension in terms of Regulation 3(7) was submitted to the DFFE on 01

November 2024. The extension to the timeframe to submit the final EIA Report was approved by the DFFE on 02 December 2024. The final EIA Report is now due to the DFFE by 19 May 2025.

2.2 IDENTIFICATION OF KEY STAKEHOLDERS

Section 41 of the EIA Regulations (2014, as amended) states that written notices must be given to identified stakeholders as outlined in **Table 2-1**.

Relevant authorities (Organs of State) have been automatically registered as I&APs. In accordance with the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended), all other persons must request in writing to be placed on the register, submit written comments, or attend meetings to be registered as stakeholders, and included in future communication regarding the Project.

Table 2-1 - Interested and Affected Parties Table

| NEMA Requirement | Discussion |
|---|--|
| (i) the owner or person in control of that land if the applicant is not the owner or person in control of the land | The project activity is located on multiple portions of privately owned land. The landowners have been included on the stakeholder database. A total of 10 land portions are associated with the Phefumula Emoyeni One electrical grid infrastructure. |
| (ii) the occupiers of the site where the activity is or is to be undertaken or to any alternative site where the activity is to be undertaken | All landowners have been contacted to confirm whether there are any occupiers on the land portions. Where applicable, occupiers have been included on the database. |
| (iii) owners and occupiers of land adjacent to the site where the activity is or is to be undertaken or to any alternative site where the activity is to be undertaken | Adjacent landowner details were collected and have been included on the stakeholder database. Where applicable, occupiers have been included on the database. |
| (iv) the municipal councillor of the ward in which the site or alternative site is situated and any organisation of ratepayers that represent the community in the area | Ward Councillor of Ward 10 of Msukaligwa Local Municipality have been included on the stakeholder database. |

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| NEMA Requirement | Discussion |
|--|--|
| (v) the municipality which has jurisdiction in the area | The Msukaligwa Local Municipality and Gert Sibande District Municipality (Mpumalanga Province), both Local and District Municipalities have been included on the stakeholder database. |
| (vi) any organ of state having jurisdiction in respect of any aspect of the activity | MDARDLEA has been, and will continue to be, consulted. The DFFE has been included on the stakeholder database. |
| (vii) any other party as required by the competent authority. | All tiers of government, namely, national, provincial, local government and parastatals have been included on the stakeholder database. Inclusive of: Department of Mineral Resources and Energy (DMRE) Mpumalanga Departments of Water and Sanitation (DWS) DFFE Department of Rural Development and Land Reform DFFE: Biodiversity DFFE: Protected Areas Mpumalanga Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, Land and Environmental Affairs (MDARDLEA) Mpumalanga Department of Water and Sanitation: Oliphant's Proto-CMA Mpumalanga Department of Social Development Mpumalanga Department of Public Works, Roads and Transport (DPWR) Mpumalanga Department of Co-Operative Governance and Traditional Affairs Mpumalanga Heritage Resources Authority Department of Defence Force South African Heritage Resource Agency (SAHRA) Transnet Freight Rail Msukaligwa Local Municipality Eskom BirdLife South Africa (BLSA) Endangered Wildlife Trust (EWT) South African National Biodiversity Institute (SANBI) Mpumalanga Tourism and Parks Agency (MTPA) South African Civil Aviation Authority (SACAA) Air Traffic Navigation Services (ATNS) South African National Defense Force (SANDF) Square Kilometer Array (SKA) |

Appendix A provides a list of stakeholders registered on the Project database. The stakeholder database will be updated throughout the EIA process.

2.3 NOTIFICATION PROCEDURES

2.3.1 DIRECT NOTIFICATION

Notification of the proposed Project has been issued to potential Stakeholders, via direct correspondence (i.e. SMSs and e-mail) on **26 July 2024**. The notification letter that was circulated is included in **Appendix B.3** of this report. Proof of e-mail and SMS notification are included in **Appendix B.4**.

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2.3.2 ADVERTISEMENT

Notification of the proposed Project was issued to the general public via an advertisement on **11 April 2024.** The purpose of the advertisement was to notify the general public of the proposed application and provide an opportunity to register on the Project database and provide input into the process. A copy of the advertisements is included as **Appendix B.1.** The advertisement publication details are provided in **Table 2-2.** Proof of publication is included in **Appendix B.1.**

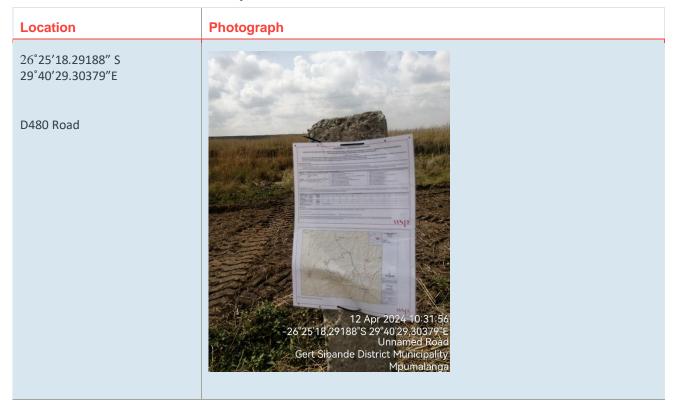
Table 2-2 - Dates on which the advert was published.

| Newspaper | Publication Date | Language |
|----------------------|------------------|-----------------------|
| Highvelder/Hoevelder | 11 April 2024. | Afrikaans and isiZulu |
| The Star | 11 April 2024. | English |

2.3.3 SITE NOTICES

In accordance with GNR 326 Section 41(2)(a-b) site notices were developed (see **Appendix B.2**) and placed at strategic points in close proximity to the proposed site, as well as public places within the Msukaligwa Local and Gert Sibande District Municipalities. The site notices were placed on site on **12 April 2024**. Proof of display in included in **Table 2-3** below along with the coordinates, date, and times.

Table 2-3 – Proof of Site notices placed.



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| Location | Photograph |
|---|---|
| 26°28′16.6375″ S 29°40′28.2354″ E | |
| R38 | 12 Apr 2024 10 36 30 26 25 16 6374 S 29 40 28 2354 E R38 Nkangala District Municipality Mpumalanga |
| 26°17′32.42054″ S 29°44′45.32967″ E D383 Road | 12 Apr 2024 11:00:52 26°17'32,42054"S 29°44'45,32967"E Unnamed Road Gert Sibande District Municipality Mpumalanga |

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Location **Photograph** 26°09'37.12869" S 29°42′58.30857" E 33B Beukes Stree, Hendrina 12 Apr 2024 11:28:15 Nkangala District Municipality 26°27'23.36834" S 29°27′41.58218″E 43 Mark Street, Bethal 12 Apr 2024 09:44:49 -26°27'23,36834"S 29°27'41,58218"E 43 Mark Street Gert Sibande District Municipality Mpumalanga



| Location | Photograph |
|---|--|
| 26°14′50.0313″ S 29°50′06.53453″ E D1266 Road | 12 Apr 2024 11:43:35 -26°14′50,0313″S 29°50′6,53453″E |
| 26°20′02.41855″ S 29°52′09.63463″ E 2 Eufess Street, Hendrina | 12 Apr 2024 12:00:57 -26°20'2,41855"S 29°52'9,63463"E 2 Eufees Street Hendrina Nkangala District Municipality Mpumalanga |



| Location | Photograph |
|---|--|
| 26°22'19.79192" S 29°53'45.63466" E N11 | 12 Apr 2024 12:10:28 -26°22'19,79192''S 29°53'45,63466"E N11 Gert Sibande District Municipality Mpumalanga |
| 26°25′55.87184″ S 29°53′26.39476″ E | |
| D1217 Road | |
| | 12 Apr 2024 12:27:29 -26°25'55,87184'S 29°53'26,39476"E Unnamed Road Gert Sibande District Municipality Mpumalanga |



Location Photograph

26°29′17.7489″ S 29°57′46.63933″ E



26°31′41.16207″ S 29°59′17.46575″ E

Kerk Street, Ermelo





Location

Photograph

26°25′52.98718″ S 29°46′57.07326″ E

D245 Road



26°20′21.51261″ S 29°36′57.3785″ E

Intersection of D703 and D480





2.3.4 AVAILABILITY OF DRAFT SCOPING REPORT

The Draft Scoping Report (DSR) was placed on public review for a period of at least 30 days from **26 July 2024 to 9 September 2024**, at the venues as follows:

- Ermelo Public Library;
- Thusiville Public Library
- Hendrina Public Library
- Bethal Public Library
- WSP website (https://www.wsp.com/en-ZA/services/public-documents).
- Data free website (https://wsp-engage.com/)

The DSR was made available to Commenting Authorities via a One Drive link. Hard copies of the DSR were couriered to MTPA's Mbombela office and MDARDLEA's Ermelo office. Proof of display and availability of the DSR is included in **Appendix B.5**.

2.3.5 AVAILABILITY OF FINAL SCOPING REPORT

The Final Scoping Report (FSR) was submitted to DFFE for acceptance on **10 September 2024**. The acceptance was received on **23 October 2024**.

2.3.6 AVAILABILITY OF DRAFT EIA REPORT

The Draft EIA Report (DEIR) was placed on public review for a period of at least 30 days from 04 March 2025 to 04 April 2025, at the venues as follows:

- Ermelo Public Library;
- Thusiville Public Library
- Hendrina Public Library
- Bethal Public Library
- WSP website (https://www.wsp.com/en-ZA/services/public-documents).
- Data free website (https://wsp-engage.com/)

The DEIR was made available to Commenting Authorities via a One Drive link. Hard copies of the DEIR were couriered to MTPA's Mbombela office and MDARDLEA's Ermelo office. Proof of display and availability of the DEIR has been included in **Appendix B.5**.

2.3.7 AVAILABILITY OF FINAL SCOPING REPORT

The FEIR was submitted to DFFE for their review and decision-making on **15 May 2025**. The FEIR will also be made available for registered I&APs on the WSP website (https://www.wsp.com/en-ZA/services/public-documents) and the Data free website (https://wsp-engage.com/).

2.4 FOCUS GROUP MEETINGS

One focus group meeting has been held with key stakeholders, including, MDARDLEA, MTPA, DFFE and Birdlife Africa.

The focus group meeting was held on 28 March 2025. The minutes of the meeting have been included in **Appendix C2**.

PHEFUMULA EMOYENI ONE ELECTRICAL GRID INFRASTRUCTURE, NEAR ERMELO, MPUMALANGA

CONFIDENTIAL | WSP May 2025

PHÉFUMULA EMOYENI ONE (PTY) LTD

Project No.: 41105236 | Our Ref No.: 14/12/16/3/3/2/2596



2.5 STAKEHOLDER REGISTRATION

All stakeholders that either called in or sent written correspondence, such as emails, fax, or post, to the EAP have been added to the database and their comments and/or queries have been responded to.

2.6 COMMENTS RECEIVED

All concerns, comments, viewpoints, and questions (collectively referred to as 'issues') received during the comment period have been documented and responded to adequately in a Comments and Responses table (**Table 2-4**) and included in **Appendix D**.

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Table 2-4 – Comments and response to date

| Stakeholder Details | Comment | Response | Report Reference |
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| Canyon Coal - Mashala He | ndrina Coal (Pty) | | |
| Eskom John Geeringh 26 July 2024 Email | skom ohn Geeringh 6 July 2024 COMMENTS ON THE PHEFUMULA EMOYENI ONE (PTY) LTD: DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL SCOPING REPORT FOR AN ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION APPLICATION FOR A PROPOSED WIND FACILITY OVER SEVERAL | WSP acknowledges this comment. The Application Form and Draft Scoping Report were submitted to the DFFE on 26 July 2024. The submission was acknowledged in a letter from the DFFE on 29 July 2024 and allocated the following reference number - 14/12/16/3/3/2/2596. The reference number has now been added to Final scoping report as well as this report. The DFFE reference number will now be included on all future correspondence. | Final Scoping Report |
| | Dear Sir/Madam, Mashala Hendrina Coal (Pty) ("MHC") Ltd has been identified as an Interested and Affected Party for the Phefumula Emoyeni One (Pty) Ltd proposed wind facility due to the fact that the aforementioned project overlaps with MHC's Gugulethu Colliery, mining right reference number MP 30/5/1/2/2/365 MR. MHC would like it placed on record that Gugulethu Colliery's mining right was granted in 2014, and the colliery is currently operational. At present, opencast | | |



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| | mining, and associating processing activities, are taking place on site, with future expansion into underground operations in the next five (5) years. Some of the activities are on properties owned by the Group and some are on properties where MHC has the lawful use of the surface rights. | | |
| | As a result of the nature of the opencast activities, co-existence is therefore not possible. The following is in response to the documentation received on 12 April 2024 respectively: | | |
| | 1. Comments on the Draft Scoping Report | | |
| | 1.1 The draft Scoping Report did not provide the Department of Forest, Fisheries and Environment (DFFE) reference number, only internal reference numbers were provided. | | |
| | 2.1 Listed activities that are triggered are required to have their own heading, as per the National Environmental Management Act (NEMA) Regulations GNR 982 (as amended) Section 2 (1) (d) (i), this is not within the report. The listed activities have been included in the policy and legislative context section; the listed activities need to be in their own section. | EAP: The listed activities triggered are required to be included in the Scoping Report, there is no requirement for a separate section. The listed activities are included in the Scoping Report, under Section 4.1 in Table 4-1 of the FSR - National Environmental Legal Framework. | Section 4.1 in Table 4-1 of the FSR |
| | 3.1 Alternatives not assessed appropriately as per the NEMA Regulations GNR 982 (as amended) Section 2 (1) (g) (v). The alternatives have not been assessed in terms of nature, significance, consequence, extent, duration and probability of such identified impacts, including the degree to which | EAP: Section 3.4 of the FSR outlines the various alternatives that pertain to the project. It is noted that there are no site alternatives for the project, Section 3.4 includes the motivation for the site selection. | Section 3-4 of the FSR |



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| | these impacts can be reversed, may cause irreplaceable loss of resources and can be avoided, managed or mitigated. | The No-go option will be assessed as the alternative to which potential impacts will be assessed against. | |
| | managou or mingutou. | The No-go- alternative is included in the FSR. | |
| | 4.1 Positive and negative impacts alternatives will have will have on the environment and on the community that may be affected focusing on the geographical, physical, biological, social, economic, heritage and cultural aspects were not provided in the report, only the overall summary of all impacts were provided in the draft Scoping Report. This is required as per NEMA Regulations GNR 982 (as amended) Section 2 (1) (g) (vii). | EAP: The positive and negative impacts of the proposed development have been outlined in Section 6 of the Scoping Report. Positive and negative impacts focusing on the geographical, physical, biological, social, economic, heritage and cultural aspects have been provided in the report (Section 6). The detailed assessment of all impacts identified during the detailed studies will be included in the EIA | Section 6 of the FSR |
| | 5.1 The draft Scoping Report did not include a no-go option as an alternative, Section 24(4)(b)(i) of NEMA (as amended), provides that an investigation must be undertaken of the potential consequences or impacts of the alternatives to the activity on the environment and assessment of the significance of those potential consequences or impacts, including the option of not implementing the activity. | phase of the project. EAP: The no-go option is included in the FSR in Section 3.4 | Section 3.4 of the FSR |
| | 6.1 The undertaking under oath section within the draft Scoping Report, as per NEMA Regulations GNR 982 (as amended) Section 2 (1) (i) (i-iii), is missing key points: | EAP: The undertaking by the EAP is required as per NEMA Regulations GNR 982 (as amended) Section 2 (1) (j) (i-iii), | Appendix B of the FSR |



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| | the correctness of the information provided in the report; the inclusion of comments and inputs from stakeholders and interested and affected parties; and; any information provided by the EAP to interested and affected parties and any responses by the EAP to comments or inputs made by interested or affected parties. | An undertaking of oath by the EAP was included in the Draft Scoping Report. An additional declaration under oath was also included in Appendix B to cover these points as noted. | |
| | 7.1 NEMA Regulations GNR 982 (as amended) Section 2 (1) (k) and (l) from the draft Scoping Report is not included, even if this section is not applicable it should be included. | EAP: Section 2 (1) (k) requires an undertaking under oath or affirmation by the EAP in relation to the level of agreement between the EAP and interested and affected parties on the plan of study for undertaking the environmental impact assessment, this is included in Appendix B. | Appendix B of the FSR Table 1-5 in Section 1.5 of the FSR |
| | | Section 2 (1) (I) pertains to any specific information required by the competent authority. To date, no specific information has been required by the competent authority. Therefore, this section is still deemed not applicable and is marked as such in Table 1-5 in Section 1.5 of the FSR. | |
| | 8.1 NEMA Regulations GNR 982 (as amended) Section 2 (1) (I) states that "any other matter required in terms of section 24(4)(a) and (b) of the Act"- Section 24(4)(b)(i) of NEMA (as | EAP: Section 3.4 outlines the alternatives that are relevant to this project. The no-go alternative will be utilised as the alternative to which potential impacts will be assessed against. | Section 3.4 of the FSR |



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| | amended), provides that an investigation must be undertaken of the potential consequences or impacts of the alternatives to the activity on the environment and assessment of the significance of those potential consequences or impacts, including the option of not implementing the activity. As mentioned previously, the alternatives were not assessed and the no-go alternative was not assessed. | No-go- alternative is included in the FSR in Section 3.4. A detailed assessment of the alternatives will be included in the Draft EIA Report. | |
| | 9.1 NEMA Regulations GNR 982 (as amended) Section 2 (1) (h) (ix) states "identify suitable measures to avoid, reverse, mitigate or manage identified impacts and to determine the extent of the residual risks that need to be managed and monitored". This was not made clear within the draft Scoping Report. Minimal monitoring was included in Section 6.1 (Potential Impacts) of the draft Scoping Report. It is an Environmental Assessment Practitioner's duty, during the Scoping Phase, to assess which impacts would require managing and monitoring, even on a high level. The monitoring mentioned in the Section 6.1 is insufficient. | EAP: Section 6 of the Scoping report highlights potential mitigation and management measures for each aspect. These will be further investigated during the EIA phase of the project. | Section 6 of the FSR |
| | Based on the aforementioned comments, the Scoping Report needs to be revised to include the necessary sections. MHC reserve the right to comment further on the application should any new information become available to us that we consider to be of importance. | EAP: This comment is acknowledged. | - |



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| | Yours Sincerely | | |
| Eskom SOC Limited (now NTCS | SA) | | |
| Eskom John Geeringh 26 July 2024 Email | Please send me a KMZ file of the proposed development. | Dear John Kindly find the attached KMZ of the proposed development as requested. | Appendix D of the SER |
| South African Civil Aviation Au | thority | | |
| SACAA Nrateng Mashiloane 26 July 2024 Email | Good day, I hope this email finds you well. Kindly note that the SACAA has transferred all obstacle assessments and applications responsibilities to Air TraUic and Navigation Services (ATNS) as published on the SACAA website: www.caa.co.za/industryinformation/obstacles/. A formal application must be lodged with Air TraUic and Navigation Services (ATNS) for a formal obstacles assessment to be conducted. The list and contact details of the approved obstacles assessment services providers can be obtained from the CAA website: www.caa.co.za. Kind regards | Good day Thank you for your comment. WSP can confirm that ATNS is on the project database and they will be sent all communication regarding the Phefumula grid project going forward. Kind regards, | Appendix D of the SER |



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| SACAA | Good day, | Good day | Appendix D of |
| Nrateng Mashiloane | | Thank you for your comment. | the SER |
| 12 September 2024 Email | I hope this email finds you well. Kindly note that the SACAA has transferred all obstacle assessments and applications responsibilities to Air Traffic and Navigation Services (ATNS) as published on the SACAA website: www.caa.co.za/industryinformation/obstacles/. A formal application must be lodged with Air Traffic and Navigation Services (ATNS) for a formal obstacles assessment to be conducted. The list and contact details of the approved obstacles assessment services providers can be obtained from the CAA website: www.caa.co.za. | WSP can confirm that ATNS is on the project database and they will be sent all communication regarding the Phefumula grid project going forward. Kind regards, | |
| | Kind regard | | |
| Mpumalanga Department | of Agriculture, Rural Development, Land & Environmental | Affairs (MDARDLEA) | |
| MDARDLEA | Dear Ashlea, | Hi Robyn | Appendix D of |
| Robin Luyt | Thank you for sharing the document. As a reminder | Thank you for the response. Please be advised that | the SER |
| 26 July 2024 | to my colleagues copied herein I attach the 24C3 agreement that DFFE is the CA for this. | the hard copy was already delivered to Sindi Mbuyane at MDARDLEA on Friday 26th July 2024. | |
| Email | Please do also be reminded that our 30 day | Please see the attached delivery note for proof. | |
| | commenting period will commence ont he date that Ms Mbuyane receives the documents in hard copy, and that MTPA must receive theirs as they require. | Thank you | |
| | Kind Regards | | |



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| MDARDLEA Sindy Mbuyane 1 August 2024 Email | Good morning Ashlea, Thank you for the notification. Please note that the Department's commenting time will start on the date we receive a hard copy document for the above subject. Kind Regards, | MPG Sindy Mbuyane 1 August 2024 Email | Appendix D of the SER |
| MDARDLEA Charity Mthimunye 7 August 2024 Email | Good Afternoon Ashlea You are hereby informed that the above mentioned project belongs to Gert Sibande District and it must be forwarded to the Manager: Ms. Sindisiwe Mbuyane who is copied in. Kind Regards | MPG Charity Mthimunye 7 August 2024 Email | Appendix D of the SER |
| MDARDLEA Clifford Kubheka 12 August 2024 Email | Dear Ashlea, As per our telephone communication, can you please send me a KMZ file of the subject line proposed development. Kind regards, | MPG Clifford Kubheka 12 August 2024 Email | Appendix D of the SER |
| MDARDLEA Robin Luyt 21 August 2024 Email | Dear Sir, DRAFT SCOPING REPORT: ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATED WITH THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE PHEFUMULA EMOYENI ONE ELECTRICAL GRID INFRASTRUCTURE ON PORTIONS 3 AND 23 OF THE FARM KRANSPOORT 248 IS, PORTIONS 2 AND 9 OF THE FARM TWEEFONTEIN 249 IS, PORTION 0 OF THE FARM | EAP: WSP acknowledges this comment. | Appendix D of the SER |



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| | VOORZORG 250 IS, PORTIONS 2 AND 5 OF THE FARM WITBANK 236 IS, PORTION 0 OF THE FARM NOOITGEDACHT 251 IS, PORTION 4 OF THE FARM NOOITGEDACHT 237 IS, PORTION 23 OF THE FARM KRANSPOORT 248 IS, AND PORTION 8 OF THE FARM MIDDELPLAAT 271 IS, ERMELO, MSUKALIGWA LOCAL MUNICIPALITY | | |
| | The draft scoping report dated July 2024 submitted by you in respect of the abovementioned application and received by the Department on on 26 July 2024 refers. After due consideration of the content of the report, the Department has the following comments: | | |
| | (a) One main transmission substation (MTS), with a development footprint of 17.4ha. | | |
| | (b) Three distribution substations (combined development footprint of 17.98ha). | | |
| | (c) Three 132kV overhead lines (OHL). | | |
| | 2. According to the Mpumalanga Biodiversity Sector Plan, the grid infrastructure is located in areas identified as CBA: Irreplaceable, CBA: Optimal, CBA: FEPA Rivers, ESA: Wetlands, ESA: FEPA Subcatchments, NPAES: Priority Focus Areas, and Intact Grassland Patches. | WSP can confirm that the development of the Final layout will endeavour to avoid all areas of high sensitivity such that the layout utilises the least sensitivity areas possible. | Section 5-5 of the FSR Appendix G.4 of the FSR |
| | | It must be noted that in the applicant has been continually refining the layout such that turbines are all been located outside of CBA: Irreplaceable areas and to avoid the high sensitivity zones identified by the various specialists. Furthermore, additional avifauna studies have been commissioned to better | |



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| | | inform the layout. It must also be noted that the overhead powerline has a limited footprint. Please see monitoring efforts and suggested buffers based on modelling for habitat suitability and flight risk for species of conservation concern in the subsequent responses. | |
| | 3. Furthermore, the entire site falls within the Amersfoot-Bethal-Carolina Important Bird Area (IBA). | Avifauna specialist: All efforts will be made to preserve habitat, critical biodiversity areas, and the species that inhabit it. Habitat suitability modelling has been done for several species of conservation concern, and prime areas for these species are being conserved and excluded from the buildable area for the proposed windfarm. Wetlands were buffered to protect species associated with this habitat type, and flight risk models were developed for species at risk of collisions with turbines, and turbines were excluded, or mitigation measures suggested for these. As per communication from BirdLife South Africa (July 2024) it should be noted that IBA's are being replaced by Key Biodiversity Areas (KBA's). A section on the Chrissie Pans KBA has been added to the FSR in Section 5.2.6. The Project Site only marginally overlaps with a KBA, namely the Chrissie Pans KBA (KBA ID 47). | Appendix G.4 of the FSR Section 5.2.6 of the FSR. |
| | 4. The site is also located within 15km north and 30km west from the Rietvlei Private Nature Reserve | EAP: This information is acknowledged. | Section 5-5 of the FSR |



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| | and Chrissiesmeer Protected Environment, respectively. | WSP can confirm that the development of the Final layout will endeavour to avoid all areas of high sensitivity such that the layout utilises the least sensitivity areas possible. | |
| | | It must be noted that in the applicant has been continually refining the layout such that turbines are all been located outside of CBA: Irreplaceable areas and to avoid the high sensitivity zones identified by the various specialists. Furthermore, additional avifauna studies have been commissioned to better inform the layout. It must also be noted that the overhead powerline has a limited footprint. | |
| | 5. The Aquatic Scoping Report verified that the freshwater ecosystems within the site have a very high sensitivity, and reported that the DX1 distribution substation is currently proposed within the upper parts of a delineated seep wetland. | WSP and the Applicant is aware of this. The mitigation measure recommended by the aquatic specialist to protect these freshwater ecosystems have been included in Section 6.1.3 of the FSR. | Section 6.1.3 of the FSR |
| | 6. The Avifaunal Scoping Report confirmed that the entire Project Area of Impact (PAOI) is located in a high sensitivity zone for collision and electrocution. | Avifaunal Specialist: The entire span length of all the 132kV & 400kV power lines should be marked with Bird Flight Diverters according to the applicable Eskom Standard to reduce the risk of collisions. In addition, A vulture-friendly pole design must be used for the 132kV power lines to minimize the electrocution risk. The final pole design must be signed off by an avifaunal specialist. | Section 6.1.3 of the FSR |
| | | final pole design must be signed off by an avifaunal | |



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| | | This mitigation measure has been included in Section 6.1.3 of the FSR. | |
| | 7. DARDLEA is therefore concerned that the proposed location of the Phefumula Emoyeni One Electrical Grid Infrastructure is therefore not compatible with the desired land use. The infrastructure is not a land use, in accordance with the Mpumalanga Biodiversity Sector Plan (MBSP), that will support the inherent biodiversity values of CBAS. | Avifauna specialist: All efforts will be made to preserve habitat, critical biodiversity areas, and the species that inhabit it. Habitat suitability modelling has been done for several species of conservation concern, and prime areas for these species are being conserved and excluded from the buildable area for the proposed windfarm. Wetlands were buffered to protect species associated with this habitat type, and flight risk models were developed for species at risk of collisions with turbines, and turbines were excluded, or mitigation measures suggested for these. | Appendix G.4 of the FSR |
| | 8. Mpumalanga Tourism and Parks Agency (MTPA), Endangered Wildlife Trust (EWT) and BirdLife must be consulted and provided with an opportunity to submit their comments on all reports. | EAP: The Final scoping report (FSR) was submitted to all the relevant authorities for comment. All comments received to date have been captured in Table 2-5 of this SER and are included in Appendix D of this SER | Table 2-5 of this SER Appendix D of the SER |
| | 9. The plan of study for EIA must include and address the following: a. The Species Environmental Assessment Guidelines, relevant BirdLife SA guidelines, relevant protocols for the specialist assessment and minimum | EAP: The Plan of Study for the EIA is included in Section 7.5 of the FSR and addresses comments a-c. | Section 7.5 of the FSR |



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| | report content, and MBSP land-use guidelines must always be consulted and complied with. | | |
| | b. The impact of the loss of CBAs and intact grassland habitat in terms of metapopulation dynamics must be assessed (ie. how the loss of source areas will impact areas of low quality habitat that cannot support a population of species on its own). | | |
| | c. The impact of nocturnal and diurnal avifaunal collisions and electrocutions must be analysed separately. | | |
| | 10. In respect of the Biodiversity Impact Strategy proposed (Paragraph 7.5.9 on Pages 191 to 193) please note DARDLEA's position: A biodiversity offset cannot cater for the loss of Irreplaceable CBAs or intact grasslands, nor can it compensate for the loss of endangered bird or bat species. | WSP and the Developer is aware of this and acknowledges this comment. Avifaunal Specialist: All efforts will be made to preserve habitat, critical biodiversity areas and the species that inhabit it. Habitat suitability modelling has been done for several species of conservation concern, and prime areas for these species are being conserved and excluded from the buildable area for the proposed windfarm. Wetlands were buffered to protect species associated with this habitat type, and flight risk models were developed for species at risk of collisions with turbines, and turbines were excluded, or mitigation measures suggested for these. | Appendix G.4 of the FSR |



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| Mpumalanga Tourism and P | arks Agency (MTPA) | | |
| MTPA Celia de Waal 6 August 2024 Email | Dear Frans Kindly see the email below from Ms. Strong regarding LUA 24/3861(2). Regards | Noted with thanks. | Appendix D of the SER |
| MTPA Celia de Waal 02 September 2024 Email | THE MTPA COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL SCOPING REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF THE PHEFUMULA EMOYENI ONE ELECTRICAL GRID INFRASTRUCTURE FOR 135 WIND TURBINES CONSISTING OF ONE MAIN TRANSMISSION SUBSTATION (MTS), 3 DISTRIBUTION SUBSTATIONS AN INDEPENDENT POWER PRODUCER (IPP) SUBSTATION, AND 3 OVERHEAD LINES (OHL) OF 18.2 KM, GRID LOCATED ON 10 FARM PORTIONS NORTH OF ERMELO, BY PHEFUMULA EMOYENI ONE (PTY) LTD, MSUKALIGWA LOCAL MUNICIPALITY IN MPUMALANGA PROVINCE. Your correspondence with reference: 41105236 WSP ref; 2023-09-0017 of July 2024, refer. The DFFE reference number still to be provided. | WSP acknowledges this comment. The Application Form and Draft Scoping Report were submitted to the DFFE on 26 July 2024. The submission was acknowledged in a letter from the DFFE on 29 July 2024 and allocated the following reference number - 14/12/16/3/3/2/2596. The reference number has now been added to Final scoping report as well as this report. The DFFE reference number will now be included on all future correspondence. | Final Scoping Report |
| | The application was assessed by using the Mpumalanga Biodiversity Sector Plan (MBSP. 2014 as updated 2022) land use guidelines, DFFE webbased sensitivity screening tool, Environmental | EAP: This comment is acknowledged. | - |



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| legislation NEMA and EIA regulations 2014 as amended, Department of Water and Sanitation and Water Research Commission Guidelines on wetlands, South African Heritage Resources Act and knowledge to assess development applications. | | |
| infrastructure activity is proposed was assessed according to the Mpumalanga Biodiversity Sector plan (MBSP; MTPA, 2014). The sensitivity is assessed in terms of terrestrial and freshwater assessments. In the MBSP, sensitivity areas are identified in terms of Critical Biodiversity Areas (CBAs) and Ecological Support Areas (ESAs). CBAs and ESAs are deemed to be necessary to ensure the protection of biodiversity, environmental sustainability, sustainable living and spiritual wellbeing are to remain unaltered. | EAP: The final layout for the Grid is still being refined. The most up to date layout has been included in Section 5-5 together with the relevant sensitivity overlays. WSP can confirm that the applicant has endeavoured to avoid all high sensitivity areas such as CBA irreplaceable and CBA optimal as far as possible. It must also be noted that the overhead powerline has a limited footprint. The Biodiversity Offset Strategy will encompass only those areas that cannot be avoided one the layout has been finalised. The final layout will be included in the Draft EIA Report. The Biodiversity Offset Strategy will be developed together with input from all relevant specialists. Terrestrial Biodiversity Specialist: The MBSP freshwater and terrestrial assessments are key datasets that are used at the project design level to enable the layout of grid and associated infrastructure outside these areas, to the degree possible | Section 5-5 of the FSR Section 7 of the FSR |



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| | | The initial layout was developed based on available desktop sensitivities. However, throughout the EIA process, the layout has been refined based on feedback from the EAP and the specialists. Wetlands, CBA: Irreplaceable and CBA: Optimal areas are being avoided as far as possible. Where there are existing roads through these areas, they will be used rather than creating new roads. The width of the roads will also be reduced as much as practicably possible in these areas. It must also be noted that the overhead powerline has a limited footprint. Based on current feedback from the EAP and specialists, it is highly likely that an offset will be required. Once the extent and nature (i.e., habitat types) of the impacted areas has been quantified, Seriti Green will request a workshop with key conservation and government stakeholders (such as MDARDLEA, BLSA, EWT, MTPA, DFFE) to discuss the way forward in terms of identifying suitable offset areas and the requirements for ongoing management/ rehabilitation. | |
| | Comments: With reference to the assessment of your Draft Scoping Report the MTPA is concerned that the Phefumula Emoyeni One Electrical grid infrastructure proposal will have an extremely negative outcome on sensitive no-go areas. The approval of the Grid infrastructure can only be | EAP: WSP and the Developer is aware of this and acknowledges this comment. Avifaunal Specialist: All efforts will be made to preserve habitat, critical biodiversity areas and the species that inhabit it. Habitat suitability modelling has been done for several species of conservation concern, and prime areas for | Appendix G.4 of the FSR |



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| | considered if the integrated WEF receives a positive Record of Decision. | these species are being conserved and excluded from the buildable area for the proposed windfarm. Wetlands were buffered to protect species associated with this habitat type, and flight risk models were developed for species at risk of collisions with turbines, and turbines were excluded, or mitigation measures suggested for these. | |
| | With reference to our earlier correspondence LUA 24- 3861 with regards to the Wind Energy project proposal our concerns are still the same: During the scoping phase the need and desirability of the project on this site must be motivated. | EAP: The need and desirability is addressed in Section 3.5 of the FSR. | Section 3.5 of the FSR |
| | The MTPA is of the opinion that the site for the Phefumula Emmoyeni WEF and grid connection is not desirable for the following reasons: 1. Large proportions of the development area lie within Critical Biodiversity Areas and Ecological Support Areas. Fig. 3 and Fig. 4. It could not be avoided by the crossover of the Electrical grid infrastructure. | WSP and the Developer is aware of this and acknowledges this comment. Avifaunal Specialist: All efforts will be made to preserve habitat, critical biodiversity areas and the species that inhabit it. Habitat suitability modelling has been done for several species of conservation concern, and prime areas for these species are being conserved and excluded from the buildable area for the proposed windfarm. Wetlands were buffered to protect species associated with this habitat type, and flight risk models were developed for species at risk of collisions with turbines, and turbines were excluded, or mitigation measures suggested for these. | Appendix G.3 and G.4 of the FSR |



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| | 2. The Project Area of Impact (PAOI) lie within the National Protected Area Expansion Strategy (NPAES). | WSP can confirm that the development of the Final layout will endeavour to avoid all areas of high sensitivity such that the layout utilises the least sensitivity areas possible. It must be noted that in the applicant has been continually refining the layout such that infrastructure are all been located outside of sensitive areas (NPAES, CBAs etc.): Irreplaceable areas and to avoid the high sensitivity zones identified by the various specialists. Furthermore, additional avifauna studies have been commissioned to better inform the layout. It must also be noted that the overhead powerline has a limited footprint. Please see monitoring efforts and suggested buffers based on modelling for habitat suitability and flight risk for species of conservation concern in the subsequent responses. | Section 5-5 of the FSR Appendix G.3 of the FSR |
| | 3. Freshwater Ecosystem Priority Area (FEPA), CBA wetland systems. | It must be noted that in the applicant has been continually refining the layout such that infrastructure are all been located outside of CBA: Irreplaceable areas and to avoid the high sensitivity zones identified by the various specialists. Furthermore, additional avifauna studies have been commissioned to better inform the layout. Terrestrial Biodiversity specialist: | Appendix G.3 of the FSR |



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| | | With respects to terrestrial CBA, these areas were flagged during scoping as sensitive, and the proposed Project proponent has updated the layout of wind turbines to avoid both CBA Irreplaceable and CBA Optimal. The layout of the preliminary road network was also been designed to align, as far as possible, with existing district and farm roads/access tracks thereby minimising new footprints and potential impacts on CBA. So within the context of the mitigation hierarchy, there has already been a high-level application of avoidance. | |
| | 4. Entirely within an Important Bird Area- Birdlife SA. | Avifauna specialist: All efforts will be made to preserve habitat, critical biodiversity areas, and the species that inhabit it. Habitat suitability modelling has been done for several species of conservation concern, and prime areas for these species are being conserved and excluded from the buildable area for the proposed windfarm. Wetlands were buffered to protect species associated with this habitat type, and flight risk models were developed for species at risk of collisions with turbines, and turbines were excluded, or mitigation measures suggested for these. As per communication from BirdLife South Africa (July 2024) it should be noted that IBAs are being replaced by Key Biodiversity Areas (KBAs). A section on the Chrissie Pans KBA has been added to the FSR in Section 5.2.6. The Project Site | Appendix G.4 of the FSR Section 5.2.6 of the FSR |



| Stakeholder Details | Comment | Response only marginally overlaps with a KBA, namely the | Report Reference |
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| | 5. The project area is not within the Renewable Energy Zone (REDZ) or Strategic Transmission Corridor. | Chrissie Pans KBA (KBA ID 47). EAP: WSP confirms that the project area is not within the Renewable Energy Zone (REDZ) or Strategic Transmission Corridor. It is noted that the development of renewable energy | - |
| | 6. The cumulative effect or impacts on the flight routes of Species of Conservation Concern by approved Renewable energy projects and new proposals within a 55km radius and proximity to Chrissiesmeer Protected Environment that might close off safe flight routes is remarkably high. | projects and transmission lines is not limited to REDZ or Strategic Corridors. Avifauna specialist: All efforts will be made to preserve habitat, critical biodiversity areas, and the species that inhabit it. Habitat suitability modelling has been done for several species of conservation concern, and prime areas for these species are being conserved and excluded from the buildable area for the proposed windfarm. Wetlands were buffered to protect species associated | Appendix G.4 of the FSR |
| | 7. Consolidated site sensitivities combined by the scoping phase Specialists reports, WSP consolidated site sensitivity map, fig 6. indicates that with any mitigation such as avoidance will not justify the feasibility of the project. | with this habitat type, and flight risk models were developed for species at risk of collisions with turbines, and turbines were excluded, or mitigation measures suggested for these. EAP: It must be noted that in the applicant has been continually refining the layout such that turbines are all been located outside of CBA: Irreplaceable areas | Appendix G.3 of the FSR |



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| | 8. The avoidance of large areas of critical biodiversity terrestrial and freshwater sensitivity areas that are supporting various Species of Conservation Concern, and the preliminary project layout overlain area is a large concern. | and to avoid the high sensitivity zones identified by the various specialists. Furthermore, additional avifauna studies have been commissioned to better inform the layout. It must also be noted that the overhead powerline has a limited footprint. | |
| | large concern. | Terrestrial Biodiversity specialist: | |
| | | With respects to terrestrial CBA, these areas were flagged during scoping as sensitive, and the proposed Project proponent has updated the layout of wind turbines to avoid both CBA Irreplaceable and CBA Optimal. | |
| | | The layout of the preliminary road network was also been designed to align, as far as possible, with existing district and farm roads/access tracks thereby minimising new footprints and potential impacts on CBA. So within the context of the mitigation hierarchy, there has already been a high-level application of avoidance. | |
| | 9. The impact and extent of the connecting road network and associated grid connection and substations on the sensitive zones that are indicated in Figures 5 and 6 allows very little areas left for the development: | - | - |
| | • The project footprint overlaps with a significant amount of Critical Biodiversity Areas (CBA). 38% of the footprint area is identified as a CBA, of which 21% is in a CBA Irreplaceable area. Wind farms and associated electrical grid infrastructure are not appropriate land uses within CBA areas. | EAP: This comment is acknowledged. This information has been sent to the relevant specialists for their consideration during the EIA phase. | Section 5-5 of the FSR |



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| | | WSP can confirm that the development of the Final layout will endeavour to avoid all areas of high sensitivity such that the layout utilises the least sensitivity areas possible. It must be noted that the applicant has been continually refining the layout such that infrastructure is all been located outside of CBA: Irreplaceable areas and to avoid the high sensitivity zones identified by the various specialists. Furthermore, additional avifauna studies have been commissioned to better inform the layout. It must also be noted that the overhead powerline has a limited footprint. A map indicating the infrastructure and all associated infrastructure overlain by the sensitivity map has been added to Section 5.5 of the FSR | |
| | The whole of the proposed Phefumula Emoyeni Electrical grid facility falls within an Important Bird Area (IBA), which underscores the need to consider its implications on metapopulation dynamics and the need to avoid wind farms in "source" areas. | Avifauna specialist: All efforts will be made to preserve habitat, critical biodiversity areas, and the species that inhabit it. Habitat suitability modelling has been done for several species of conservation concern, and prime areas for these species are being conserved and excluded from the buildable area for the proposed windfarm. Wetlands were buffered to protect species associated with this habitat type, and flight risk models were developed for species at risk of collisions with turbines, and turbines were excluded, or mitigation measures suggested for these. | Appendix G.4 of the FSR |
| | Intact grassland patches are areas larger than 100ha, with little or no gaps or edge effects. They were then prioritised according to their connectivity importance. These intact grasslands are "source" | Terrestrial Biodiversity Specialist: WSP would appreciate if the spatial data for intact grassland patches could be shared, to inform design | Appendix G.3 of the FSR |



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| | areas for avifaunal species where birth rates are expected to exceed death rates, and no wind farms should be placed anywhere near these intact grassland patches. | of final layouts and facilitate the avoidance of significant impacts on these areas. | |
| | Avifaunal concerns The same concerns tabled for the Draft Scoping Phefumula Wind Energy Facility is applicable to the Electrical Grid proposal. The presence of 34 priority bird species for wind energy developments were recorded within the footprint area. | EAP: This comment is acknowledged. This information has been sent to the relevant specialists for their consideration during the EIA phase. | Appendix G.4 of the FSR |
| | Of these, 12 were Species of Conservation Concern, of which four were nesting. | EAP: This comment is acknowledged. This information has been sent to the relevant specialists for their consideration during the EIA phase. | Appendix G.4 of the FSR |
| | A Martial Eagle nest (Endangered) occurs within footprint area. These are South Africa's largest eagles and travel over vast areas. They are also suspectable to collision with turbines and wind farms are of serious concern. | Avifauna specialist: The circular buffers proposed during the scoping phase of the project has been replaced with more clearly defined buffers, based on habitats used and flight risk, derived from actual flight data collected on- | Appendix G.4 of the FSR |
| | Three Bald Ibis colonies (Vulnerable) occur within footprint area. | site and known species characteristics. These irregular shaped buffers are based on habitat and | |



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| | A Secretary bird nest (Endangered) was found and assigned a 500 m buffer. Considering that the blade tip height alone may be up to 300 m high, this does not be sufficient as a recommended buffer. | flight behaviour of specific threatened species recorded onsite. Habitat suitability and flight risk models for the following species has been developed to inform turbine exclusion zones and mitigation zones: •Martial Eagle •Southern Bald Ibis •Secretarybird •Black-winged Pratincole In addition to the above buffers, circular infrastructure exclusion buffers to mitigate disturbance, will be maintained around identified nest sites. The 500m buffer around the Secretarybird nest was an infrastructure exclusion buffer, the commenting authority overlooked the 1.5km turbine exclusion buffer and the 2.5km mitigation buffer. Nevertheless, subsequently habitat and flight risk modelling has been done for the Secretarybird, and the circular turbine exclusion buffer and mitigation buffer were replaced with more appropriate exclusion zones according to the flight behaviour of the birds. These buffers and maps will be included in the EIA report. | |
| | Birds are very mobile and with the proposed turbine height and blade lengths, the current proposed buffers seem inadequate. | Avifauna specialist: The flight-risk models that have subsequently been developed address flight-risk envelopes in a more informed manner based on topography, underlying habitat and actual fight data recorded on site. | Appendix G.4 of the FSR |
| | This raises particular concern as these birds may continuously collide with the blades of the wind turbines and the continuous loss of several of | Avifauna specialist: | Section 7 of the FSR |



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| | these long-lived birds every year may have a significant impact on population status. | The collision risk models developed in the EIA phase will inform the estimated number of fatalities of all SCC on an annual basis. | |
| | The MTPA have mapped all the dams in detail across Mpumalanga. There are numerous artificial water bodies and small pans within the footprint area that may be important for flamingos and other water-dependent birds. Buffers of 2km have been recommended for natural pans. | Avifauna specialist: The avifaunal report took note of the aquatic specialist's buffer zones on-site. It is not realistic to expect a 2km buffer around all 344 artificial waterbodies. All waterbodies are included in the wetland habitat modelling and fall under turbine exclusion zones. During the EIA phase additional analysis will be conducted to identify which waterbodies are suitable for flamingos and those buffers will be revised. | Appendix G.4 of the FSR Section 7 of the FSR |
| | The MTPA does have the Birdlife SA species distribution models and can confirm that: Grass Owl (Vulnerable) have a strong probability of occurring on site although there is no indication as to whether any focused surveys were conducted to search for Grass Owls. | Avifauna specialist: African Grass Owl habitat has been modelled as part of the wetland sensitive areas to avoid. The modelled output is based on an extensive dataset of known African Grass Owl nest localities and associated surrounding habitat characteristics. The habitat delineated and avoided as part of the modelling is thus considered an adequate substitute for nocturnal surveys, specifically for this species. | Appendix G.4 of the FSR Section 7 of the FSR |
| | Black Harrier (and confirmed during avifaunal field work) | Avifauna specialist: Three (3) Black Harrier flights (of short duration <5min) were recorded on site during June (non-breeding season), confirming a low risk for the species. | Appendix G.4 of the FSR |



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| | Botha's Lark may be present but not much is mentioned in report as to survey effort or whether any surveys for this species were specifically targeted during its breading season. Blue Crane (confirmed) Grey Crowned Crane (not yet confirmed) Rudd's Lark (although low probability) Southern Bald Ibis (confirmed) Secretary Bird (confirmed) Verreaux Eagle (although low probability) Wattled Crane White-bellied Bustard (confirmed) White-winged Flufftail (low probability) Yellow-breasted Pipit (low probability) | Avifauna specialist: Habitat suitability modelling has been conducted to delineate wetland and grassland habitat based on key wetland and grassland species. The wetland layer is based on suitable aquatic and adjacent habitat as informed by the following Species of Conservation Concern (SCC) namely African Grass Owl, Blue Crane, and Grey Crowned Crane. Wattled Crane and other sensitive wetland species with a Critically Endangered status are similarly addressed in this wetland layer. Similarly, grassland species such as Botha's Lark, Rudd's Lark, and Yellow-breasted Pipit has been included in the habitat suitability modelling and will be presented in EIA report. White-bellied and Denham's Bustard habitats are included in the high-quality grassland habitats, as delineated by the biodiversity specialists. Habitat suitability and flight risk models for the following species has been developed to inform turbine exclusion zones and mitigation zones for Secretarybird and Southern Bald Ibis. There is little to no suitable habitat on site for Verreaux's Eagle and they have not been recorded on surveys to date. | Appendix G.4 of the FSR Section 7 of the FSR |
| | Site Sensitivity Verification | Terrestrial Biodiversity specialist: | Appendix G.3 of the FSR |



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| | The results of the DFFE sensitivity Screening tool, Site Sensitivity Verification confirmed that: The sensitivity for the Terrestrial Biodiversity Theme impact assessment as Very High Sensitivity/High in grassland and wetland habitat; and Low/Medium in secondary grasslands. Aquatic Biodiversity Impact Assessment as Very High Sensitivity Plant Species Assessment as Medium Sensitivity Animal Species Assessment as High Sensitivity in areas of grassland and wetland habitat Bat Assessment as High Sensitivity Avifaunal Assessment as High Sensitivity | The application of the Site Ecological Importance methodology is contingent upon, in part, the completion of the field programme, which had not been conducted at the time the scoping report was compiled. A field programme, including both flora and fauna surveys, was conducted in January 2024. Field data collected during the field programme, will be used to compile descriptions of habitat units identified in the study area, and these, along with an assessment of each unit's Site Ecological Importance (as per the 2022 SANBI guidelines), will be presented in the relevant EIA Specialist Reports. | Section 7 of the FSR |
| | Recommendations The current consolidated site sensitivity map of all 'no-go' areas (Figure 6) indicates little area available that is not in conflict with sensitive areas. With more appropriate buffers, more field work, and all the associated infrastructure (such as roads), we cannot see how it would be possible to establish a wind farm within the footprint area. | EAP: A precautionary approach has been undertaken at scoping level. The project layout is being developed in consideration of all sensitivities identified on site, and has been extensively refined multiple times. Furthermore, this will likely be further refined during the EIA stage. A map indicating the grid and all associated infrastructure has been added to Section 3.5 and Section 5.5 of the FSR. Applicant: | Section 3.5 of the FSR Section 5-5 of the FSR |



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| | | Although there are numerous environmental constraints, there is sufficient area available for the development of a viable wind farm and associates grid infrastructure which still allows for the protection of environmentally sensitive habitats. | |
| | | We agree that the sensitivity map indicates little area left for development of the wind farm, we have taken this into account and have refined the grid layout significantly. Ultimately it is up to the wind farm developer to determine if the project is viable or not. | |
| | Consider alternative locations with less ecological sensitivity, especially considering the numerous renewable energy projects already approved in Mpumalanga | Applicant: The site was selected based on wind data gathered over several years which indicated the suitability of the site for the development of a wind farm. The area was pre-screened for suitability from an environmental and social perspective and an initial layout developed which was provided to the EAP and specialists for assessment. The grid and associated infrastructure will support and tie into the WEF and therefore no alternative locations proposed. The layout has subsequently been refined based on specialist input and will continue to be refined throughout the EIA process. A map indicating the grid and all associated infrastructure has been added to Section 3.5 and Section 5.5 of the FSR. | Section 3.5 of the FSR Section 5-5 of the FSR |
| | Conclusion | EAP: | - |



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| | The proposed Phefumula Emoyeni One Electrical Grid Facility poses a significant threat to a Critical Biodiversity Areas, intact grassland patches, Important Bird areas, and the habitat of numerous threatened bird species. If we need to rely on the information presented to date, and the desktop assessments, then it is in our opinion that this project is fatally flawed. The anticipated impacts on biodiversity, particularly the avifauna, is too great to support this project. A more thorough ecological assessment and exploration of alternative locations are crucial before proceeding with this project. | It is premature to label this site as fatally flawed. The EIA phase will use additional field surveys and on-site data to inform conclusions. Significant work has been done by specialists (avifauna and biodiversity) to inform the EIA layout and it can be shown that the EIA turbine layout is significantly reduced in scale and capacity. Less than 1 percent of the site is required for the WEF infrastructure, the grid and all other infrastructure is located in low sensitivity areas, CBAs have been avoided where possible. | |
| MTPA Celia de Waal 11 September 2024 Email | Dear Ms. Strong Kindly send us, the MTPA, a hard copy of the Final Scoping Report of the Proposed Phefumula Emoyeni One Electrical Grid Infrastructure, for our Scientists to comment on, to the following physical address in Lydenburg: To: Cecilia de Waal (MTPA EIA Data Capturer) MTPA Office Building (Lydenburg) End of Morgan Street 1120 Lydenburg | In an effort to reduce the amount of printed copies we circulate – we typically only circulate final reports in an electronic format. WSP will courier a flash drive with the Final report to MTPA. Kind regards Ashlea | Appendix 4 of SER |
| | Contact details: 013 065 0062 or 082 841 7163 Kind regards | | |



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| | Thank you very much I will notify you once the flash drive is delivered. Have a nice day Regards Celia | This comment is acknowledged. | Appendix 4 of SER |
| MTPA Mervyn Lotter 12 September 2024 Email | Could I kindly request a kml file of the infrastructure (line and substations)? We are just trying to ensure we stay on top of all the developments and map them. Best wishes | Good Afternoon Mervyn Please find the kmz for the Phefumula Emoyeni Grid as requested Kind regards | Appendix 4 of SER |
| | Mervyn | | |
| MTPA Frans Krige 12 September 2024 Email | Dear Ashlea Please take note that the buffer for large birds such as the Martial Eagle nest site is a 5km radius, refer to EWT recommendations. We continuously receive your response that our sensitivity avoidance mitigation strategy would be adhered to, so we expect that an amended layout | This comment is acknowledged. The layout map has been amended and has been included in the draft EIR that has been circulated to all I&APs for comment. | Section 11.3 of the DEIR |



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| | plan is send to all the IAP timeously to verify your statements. | | |
| | Kind Regards | | |
| | Frans Krige | | |
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| MTPA | Dear Ms. Strong | This comment is acknowledged. | - |
| Celia de Waal | | | |
| 16 September 2024 Email | The MTPA acknowledge the receipt of your hardcopies for a Final Environmental Scoping report and a Draft EIA report. | | |
| | It is 4 x hard documents and 2 x memory sticks. | | |
| | Our reference numbers is LUA 24/38961(3) and LUA 24/3861(4) | | |
| | The commenting scientist is Mr. Frans Krige, who is copied in this e-mail. | | |
| | Kind regards | | |
| | Celia | | |
| MTPA | Dear Ms. Strong | This comment is acknowledged. | _ |
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| 07 October 2024 | Kindly receive the attached comments for your Final Scoping report for the proposed Development of the | | |



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| Email | Phefumula Emoyeni One Electrical Grid Infrastructure for 135 Wind Turbines. | | |
| | Your reference number: Project: 41105236 (DFFE: 14/12/16/3/3/2/2596) | | |
| | Our EIA reference is LUA 24/3861(3) | | |
| | Kind regards | | |
| | Dear Ms, Strong SUBJECT: THE MTPA COMMENTS ON THE FINAL SCOPING REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF THE PHEFUMULA EMOYENI ONE ELECRTICAL GRID INFRASTRUCTURE FOR 135 WIND TURBINES CONSISTING OF ONE MAIN TRANSMISSION SUBSTATION (MTS), THREE DISTRIBUTION SUBSTATIONS AN INDEPENDENT POWER PRODUCER (IPP) SUBSTATION AND THREE OVERHEAD LINES (OHL) OF 18.2 KM LENGTH, GRID LOCATED OVER 10 FARM PORTIONS NORTH OF ERMELO, BY PHEFUMULA EMOYENI ONE (PTY) LTD, MSUKALIGWA LOCAL MUNICIPALITY IN MPUMALANGA PROVINCE. DFFE REFERENCE NUMBER: 14/12/16/3/3/2/2596 | This comment is acknowledged. | - |



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| | Your correspondence with project reference 41105236 WSP of 13 September 2024, refer. | | |
| | The application was assessed by using the Mpumalanga Biodiversity Sector Plan (MBSP, 2014 as updated 2022) land use guidelines, DFFE webbased sensitivity screening tool, Environmental legislation NEMA and EIA regulations 2014 as amended, Department of Water and Sanitation and Water Research Commission Guidelines on wetlands, South African Heritage Resources Act and knowledge to assess Development Applications. | This comment is acknowledged. | - |
| | The sensitivity of the proposed Grid infrastructure activity area was assessed according to the MBSP. This sensitivity is assessed in terms of terrestrial and freshwater assessments. In the MBSP, sensitive areas are identified in terms of Critical Biodiversity Areas (CBAs) and Ecological Support Areas (ESAs). CBAs and ESAs are necessary to ensure the protection of biodiversity, environmental sustainability, sustainable living and spiritual wellbeing are to remain unaltered. | This comment is acknowledged. | - |
| | The MBSP terrestrial assessment, figure 1, indicates the area that will be crossed by the proposed Overhead Lines and Associated Infrastructure. The MBSP freshwater assessment map indicates the watercourses and wetlands in the area. | EAP Habitat suitability modelling has been conducted to delineate wetland and grassland habitat based on key wetland and grassland species. | |



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| | | The wetland layer is based on suitable aquatic and adjacent habitat as informed by relevant Species of Conservation Concern. | |
| | Recommendations With reference to the assessment of your Final Scoping Report the MTPA is concerned that the Phefumula Emoyeni One Electrical grid infrastructure proposal for the Just Energy Transition project has basic flaws. | This comment is acknowledged. EAP: The EAP confirm that the Grid Layout has been revisited and optimised to avoid sensitive areas as far as possible. The optimised layout is included in Section 5.2 of the DEIR. Avoidance strategies where implemented to exclude infrastructure from core habitats and sensitive ecological zones. The optimized layout alternative significantly reduced these impacts by: Relocating MTS, DX1, DX2, and DX3 to avoid CBA1 and CBA2 areas Adjusting the OHL corridor to minimize crossings through wetlands, CBAs, CCC zones, and intact grasslands Refining the infrastructure placement to align with the mitigation hierarchy, prioritizing avoidance first, followed by mitigation and offsets where necessary | Section 5.2 of the DEIR |
| | Motivation: The layout of the Overhead Powerline and associated one grid connection and main substations with their individual footprints are placed within ecological sensitive habitats that were highlighted | EAP All efforts have been made to preserve habitat, critical biodiversity areas and the species that inhabit it. Habitat suitability modelling has been done for several species of conservation concern, and prime areas for | Appendix G.4 of the DEIR |



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| | during the draft scoping phase and verified by several Specialist reports: | these species are being conserved and excluded from the buildable area for the proposed windfarm. Wetlands were buffered to protect species associated with this habitat type, and flight risk models were developed for species at risk of collisions with turbines, and turbines were excluded, or mitigation measures suggested for these | |
| | It was discussed and commented on by yourself during the consultation report. The understanding was that the layout would be amended to avoid the CBA irreplaceable areas and avifauna sensitive areas. There is no proof that this was done. The MBSP terrestrial assessment map, figure 1, highlights the route of the grid connection and OHP. The facilities are clearly largely within the no go areas. | EAP The layout map has been amended and has been included in the draft EIR that has been circulated to all I&APs for comment. | Section 11 of the DEIR |
| | Furthermore, the Project Area of Impact (PAOI) lie within the National Protected Area Expansion Strategy (NPAES 2018), Priority 2 area. Adjacent to the Chrissiesmeer Protected Environment, Birdlife SA, Key Biodiversity Area. | Avifauna Specialist As per communication from BirdLife South Africa (July 2024) it should be noted that IBA's are being replaced by Key Biodiversity Areas (KBA's). A section on the Chrissie Pans KBA has been added to the FSR in Section 5.2.6. The Project Site only marginally overlaps with a KBA, namely the Chrissie Pans KBA (KBA ID 47). | Appendix G.4 of the DEIR |
| | The risk assessment to identify additional environmental issues and the important severity rating of the themes that were identified has overly sensitive status was verified by the specialists. | EAP All efforts have been made to preserve habitat, critical biodiversity areas and the species that inhabit it. | Appendix G.4 of the DEIR |



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| | Several themes were assessed to be overly sensitive. | Habitat suitability modelling has been done for several species of conservation concern, and prime areas for these species are being conserved and excluded from the buildable area for the proposed windfarm. Wetlands were buffered to protect species associated with this habitat type, and flight risk models were developed for species at risk of collisions with turbines, and turbines were excluded, or mitigation measures suggested for these | |
| | If the project goes ahead, it is not clear whether the significant negative impacts will be reversable or successfully mitigated. If the mortalities for instance of large, endangered bird species are at unacceptable elevated levels, how will that be reversed or mitigated? The list of Species of Conservation Concern (Birds) was already provided and captured in the scoping phase. | EAP: The Avifauna specialist study has identified the collision of EGI sensitive species with the OHPLs as an impact. The significance of the impact was assessed as moderate with the implementation of the following mitigation measures: Bird flight diverters should be installed on all the 132kV and 400kV overhead lines for the full span length of the earth wires (according to Eskom guidelines - 15 metres apart). Light and dark colour devices must be alternated to provide contrast against both dark and light backgrounds, respectively. These devices must be installed as soon as the conductors are strung. LED equipped Bird Flight Diverters to be installed on all the overhead line sections of the 132kV and/or 400kV network that cross over the identified sensitive wetland habitat. | Section 9.3.2 of the DEIR |
| | Furthermore, the CBA irreplaceable areas that will be impacted on cannot be offset by the proposed | EAP | Appendix G.4 of the DEIR |



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| | Biodiversity offset strategies, this is not feasible. The only viable option that remains is the avoidance of the CBA areas with the implication that the Electrical Grid connection must be removed. | All efforts have been made to preserve habitat, critical biodiversity areas, and the species that inhabit it. Habitat suitability modelling has been done for several species of conservation concern, and prime areas for these species are being conserved and excluded from the buildable area for the proposed windfarm. Wetlands were buffered to protect species associated with this habitat type, and flight risk models were developed for species at risk of collisions with turbines, and turbines were excluded, or mitigation measures suggested for these. An updated Biodiversity offset Report has been included in the DEIR in Appendix K. | Appendix G.3 of the DEIR Appendix K of the DEIR |
| | The Appendix 1, to this document verifies the Scientific facts as derived from the WSP report and highlights the highly sensitivity of this proposed WEF. | EAP All efforts have been made to preserve habitat, critical biodiversity areas, and the species that inhabit it. Habitat suitability modelling has been done for several species of conservation concern, and prime areas for these species are being conserved and excluded from the buildable area for the proposed windfarm. Wetlands were buffered to protect species associated with this habitat type, and flight risk models were developed for species at risk of collisions with turbines, and turbines were excluded, or mitigation measures suggested for these. | Appendix G.4 of the DEIR |
| | The avoidance of large areas of critical biodiversity terrestrial and freshwater sensitivity areas that are supporting various Species of Conservation Concern, | EAP All efforts have been made to preserve habitat, critical biodiversity areas, and the species that inhabit it. | Appendix G.4 of the DEIR |



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| | and the preliminary project layout overlain area is a large concern. | Habitat suitability modelling has been done for several species of conservation concern, and prime areas for these species are being conserved and excluded from the buildable area for the proposed windfarm. Wetlands were buffered to protect species associated with this habitat type, and flight risk models were developed for species at risk of collisions with turbines, and turbines were excluded, or mitigation measures suggested for these. | Appendix G.3 of the DEIR |
| | Consider alternative locations with less ecological sensitivity, especially considering the numerous renewable energy projects already approved in Mpumalanga. The existing Coal fired power stations and Eskom Grid, OHL already crisscrossing the Mpumalanga Highveld and active coal mines, that will still be in operation for at least another twenty years, compounds the threats to biodiversity and threatened large birds. | This comment is acknowledged. EAP: The EAP confirm that the Grid Layout has been revisited and optimised to avoid sensitive areas as far as possible. The optimised layout is included in Section 5.2 of the DEIR. Avoidance strategies where implemented to exclude infrastructure from core habitats and sensitive ecological zones. The optimized layout alternative significantly reduced these impacts by: Relocating MTS, DX1, DX2, and DX3 to avoid CBA1 and CBA2 areas Adjusting the OHL corridor to minimize crossings through wetlands, CBAs, CCC zones, and intact grasslands Refining the infrastructure placement to align with the mitigation hierarchy, prioritizing avoidance first, followed by mitigation and offsets where necessary | Section 5.2 of the DEIR |



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| | The proposed Phefumula Emoyeni One Electrical Grid Facility poses a significant threat to a Critical Biodiversity Areas, intact grassland patches, an Important Bird area, and the habitat of numerous threatened SCC bird species. If we need to rely on the information presented to date, and the desktop assessments, then it is in our opinion that this project is fatally flawed. | This comment is acknowledged. | - |
| MTPA Celia de Waal 04 March 2025 Email | Dear Mr. Krige Can you open this folder of Phefumula Emoyeni 400kV, or do your need a hard copy? Kind regards Good morning Thank you so much. I will notify you once it is delivered. Kind regards | EAP: Good day Celia, A hardcopy is on its way to MTPA. Kind regards, | Appendix D of the SER |
| MTPA Mervyn Lotter 05 March 2025 Email | Hi there Please can you provide us with a KML file of the proposed grid infrastructure? Regards Mervyn Dear Tumelo | EAP: Good day Mervyn Kindly find the kmzs attached. I have copied your MTPA email address as well. Kind regards, | Appendix D of the SER |



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| | Yesterday I wrote to you, requesting KML files for the proposed Phefumula Emoyeni grid infrastructure. Our work email server is down. Can you please send the files to this email address, as I would not have received your email. Thank you. Best wishes Mervyn | | |
| MTPA Celia de Waal 04 April 2025 Email and Formal Letter | Dear Ms. Strong Kindly receive the attached comments from the MTPA on a Draft ElAr for the proposed development of the Phefumula Emoyeni One Electrical Grid Infrastructure. The project reference number is: 41105236 of March 2025 Our ElA/LUA reference number is: LUA 25/4128. Kind regards | EAP: This email is acknowledged. Response to the PDF attachment received are provide below. | Appendix D of the SER |
| | Dear Ms. Strong SUBJECT: MTPA COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF THE PHEFUMULA EMOYENI ONE ELECTRICAL GRID INFRASTRUCTURE ON PORTIONS OF THE FARMS GROBLESHOEK 191 IS, ISRAEL 207 IS, BOSMANSKRANS 217 IS, | = | = |



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| | VAALBANK 233 IS, KUILFONTEIN 234 IS, BOSMANSHOEK 235 IS, WITBANK 236 IS, NOOITGEDACHT 237 IS, ORPENSKRAAL 238 IS, GELIKSDRAAI 240 IS, KRANSPOORT 248 IS, TWEEFONTEIN 249 IS, NOOITGEDACHT 251 IS, SPION KOP 252 IS, DRIEHOEK 273 IS, SPITSKOP 276 IS, UITZIGT 450 IS AND KRANSPOORT 827 IS, ERMELO, MSUKALIGWA LOCAL MUNICIPALITY; DFFE REFERENCE NUMBER: 14/12/16/3/3/2/2596 With reference to your correspondence regarding project no: 41105236 of March 2025, here are the MTPA comments. | | |
| | The MTPA previously provided comments on this wind energy grid connection and associated facilities and road network. The MTPA initially objected to the grid connection due to the sensitivity of the receiving environment and the failure to avoid Critical Biodiversity Areas (CBAs). Subsequently, the placement of the proposed infrastructure was amended to avoid some of the CBA areas. However, after reviewing this application, the MTPA still has concerns. | EAP: This statement is acknowledged. | Appendix D of the SER |
| | High Avifaunal Sensitivity The proposed Phefumula Emoyeni One Grid Infrastructure project is located in an Important Bird Area (IBA), the sensitivity of which has been confirmed in the avifaunal specialist assessment. A total of 224 species have been recorded here, including 80 Egi birds, of which 71 have a medium | EAP: This statement is acknowledged and is noted as correct with reference to the Avifauna Study. | Appendix G.4 of the FEIR |



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| | likelihood of occurrence on site. Of these, 67 were actually recorded during the field surveys, and 18 are bird species of conservation concern. | | |
| | The avifaunal specialist report confirms the status of High Sensitivity for avifauna. This high sensitivity applies to the entire project area of interest from both collision impact and electrocution perspectives. With mitigation, the sensitivity is expected to be reduced from High to Medium during the operational phase. However, a medium impact is still significant given all the birds of conservation concern in this area. | | |
| | Inadequate Nesting Buffers The proposed nest buffers are intuitively small and smaller than those proposed in other wind farm developments. A 2km buffer is used in the Zephyr Wind Energy Facility (WEF) and a 1km buffer for the Hendrina North WEF. It is also concerning that buffer sizes have been reduced as infrastructure must be removed to avoid other sensitive areas. This has resulted in the reduction of buffers between the Phefumula Emoyeni One Scoping and Draft EIA assessments. Between these two studies, the buffers have been reduced from 1km for Secretary birds to 500m; for Black Sparrowhawk, it was reduced from 750m to 250m; and for Southern Bald Ibis, it was reduced from 2.5km to 1km. Given the very high avifaunal sensitivity of this area, buffers should be larger to account for significant impacts on bird populations, particular juveniles. Larger circular exclusion buffers should be placed | Avifauna Specialist: The buffer sizes for nest sites vary depending on whether the impact is due to wind turbine avoidance or overhead powerline impacts. It seems that this comment is pertinent to the impacts of wind turbines. While both infrastructure types can impact birds, their mechanisms are significantly different. Buffer sizes were not reduced arbitrarily but are based on the specific nature of the impact. The disturbance and collision risks associated with the construction and 'operation' of overhead powerlines are proportionately less than those for wind turbines. In addition to the required avoidance buffers around nests, overhead powerlines will be marked with bird flight diverters to enhance visibility and reduce potential collision impacts. It has been specified that the entire OHL be marked with BFDs and that quarterly inspection of the OHL be | Appendix G.4 of the FEIR |

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| | around breeding sites. Our experience with Blue Cranes shows that young fledglings are the most vulnerable to collisions with fences and powerlines. This is the same for other large bird species as well. Many fledglings get killed by powerlines far from where they were hatched. | conducted to ensure that BFDs are still intact and functioning. | |
| | Cape Vultures The avian specialist acknowledges that Phefumala Emoyeni One lies just to the west of a large vulture flyway corridor. The Phefumula Emoyeni One site has a low occurrence of Cape Vultures. However, they still do occur on site, confirmed by VulPro flight data, an care must be taken to avoid any collisions and electrocutions. | Avilture-friendly pole design will be used, and the pole design must be approved by the avifaunal specialist. Single Circuit Configuration: Construct the power line using an Eskom approved vulture friendly pole/tower design in accordance with the Distribution Technical Bulletin or with a minimum clearance of 1.8m between the jumpers and/or insulators and the horizontal earthed component on the lattice structure. Double Circuit Configuration: Construct the power line with a minimum clearance of 1.8m between the jumpers and/or insulators and the horizontal earthed component on the lattice structure. Additional mitigation in the form of insulating sleeves on jumpers present on strain towers and terminal towers is also recommended (if suitable insulation material is readily available), alternatively all jumpers must be suspended below the crossarms. | Appendix G.4 of the FEIR |

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| | | The entire length of the OHL must be marked with Bird Flight Diverters and that quarterly inspection of the OHL be conducted to ensure that BFDs are still intact and functioning. Furthermore, all pylons to be fitted with bird anti-perching devices to reduce the risk of electrocutions due to streamers. | |
| | Intact grasslands Studies have shown the presence of at least six pairs of Secretarybird home ranges that overlap with the proposed Phefumula Emoyeni One Grid Connection project area. Avifaunal specialists recommend that any development in remaining intact grasslands be limited, as this is habitat for potential breeding, roosting, and foraging habitats for several species of conservation concern. | Avifauna Specialist: The specialist acknowledges this statement and agrees with the content. | Appendix G.4 of the FEIR |
| | Flamingos The seasonal migration of Larger and Lesser Flamingo species from Chrissiesmeer and other suitable habitats to the Northern Cape and Botswana, Makgadikgadi pans is not fully understood. However, it is clear that large flocks of birds migrate to the Mpumalanga Highveld pans when conditions are favourable. During some seasons, thousands of birds will congregate on several of the larger endorheic pans in and around Chrissiesmeer after a sudden increase in food sources (like crustaceans). During other times of the year, these pans may be avoided. Although the Mpumalanga Flyways project is starting to gather | Avifauna Specialist: It is acknowledged that a shorter grid connection route alignment would reduce the potential collision impact. However, the reason for the current OHL alignment is due to the location of WTG 79 of the associated WEF. The avifaunal wetland species sensitivity layer prevents WTG 79 to be moved to accommodate the OHL move. It is advised that LED Bird Flight Diverters be installed in locations where the route alignment intersects drainage lines or is near wetland areas in order to make the line more visible at night to minimise potential impacts on night flying Flamingos. | Appendix G.4 of the FEIR Figure 11-1 of the Final EIR |

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| | data to better understand their flight and foraging patterns, these can only be understood over long and extensive periods of monitoring. This requires that the precautionary principle should be applied when trying to interpret data and mitigate impacts. From the limited data gathered from the collaring of four Greater Flamingos (Near Threatened species), a preliminary analysis shows that Greater Flamingos fly at night 62% of the time, at an average altitude of 33m. This puts them at real collision risk with powerlines. Figure 1 is an extract from an old Eskom publication which mentions the collision risk of Greater Flamingo. From our Greater Flamingo tracking data over six months, one of the four flamingos spent several days at an artificial dam within the Phefumula Emoyeni One project area and right next to the proposed powerline. From the data we have, we can only assume that this dam is an important resource and may be utilized again by the flamingos. Table 4-2 of the Draft EIA report includes a map and coordinates for the Grid Infrastructure OPHL routes. The route, also as indicated in Figure 2 below, does not always follow a straight line and the extended route passes by the waterbody frequented by the Greater Flamingo. It also passes through more CBA areas than a shorter straight line would. The proposed grid connection between points 28 and 32 needs to be straightened. The straighter line is about 1.9km long, whereas the current proposed line is 2.7km long. | EAP: The EAP can confirm that the realignment of the OHL has been considered by the applicant. However, the current OHL alignment is due to the location of WTG 79 of the associated WEF, which is situated in such a manner as to avoid a number of sensitive areas including an avifaunal wetland species sensitivity layer. Therefore, the sensitivities at this location prevents WTG 79 from being moved to accommodate the realignment of the OHL. The final alignment therefore remains unchanged and is illustrated in Figure 11-1 of the Final EIR. | |

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| | Freshwater priority areas The DX3-1 OHL route crosses an MBSP freshwater assessment CBA River. The DX2-MTS OHL route also crosses a CBA Wetland. The MTPA is concerned about the possible impacts of the powerline with associated pylons on the Channelled Valley Bottom wetland (MBSP ESA wetland) in the southeastern section of the grid connection as indicated by the SAS map in Figure 3 below. An area of particular concern is where the buffered OHL traverses a Channelled Valley bottom wetland (CVB 5) and other inflowing wetlands for approximately two kilometers. It is not clear how the wetlands will be avoided by the pylons and their concrete anchor structures, or what the effect during the construction phase (roads and construction materials) will be. This requires micro-siting. In the Avifauna study, a Heronry and a Black Sparrowhawk nest were found in the top part of this same CVB 5 wetland. | Aquatic Specialist: SAS as the freshwater specialists on the project recognised the potential for the proposed power line to adversely affect the valley bottom wetland, as the alignment of the proposed corridor in relation to the wetland's orientation raised the potential that the power line may be unable to span the wetland, thus necessitating the placement of one or more towers (pylons) within the wetland. However, specialists on the project were not provided with a proposed alignment and proposed tower locations to assess, rather a corridor to allow micrositing to occur. In this context, one of the key recommendations of the Phefumula Grid freshwater assessment was the undertaking of a walkdown by a freshwater specialist once the alignment of the proposed power line and tower positions were determined, to assess if the proposed tower positions would be acceptable from a freshwater perspective - i.e. to ensure that these were not located within freshwater ecosystem boundaries or within the associated non-development buffer zone. In SAS's professional opinion the freshwater-related impacts of the proposed power line can be reduced to acceptable levels provided that all wetlands and their associated buffer zones can be spanned, thus obviating the potential for the creation of direct impacts on the receiving freshwater environment. EAP: | Appendix G.: of the FEIR Figure 11-1 of the Final EIR |



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| | | The EAP can confirm that the realignment of the OHL has been considered by the applicant. However, the current OHL alignment is due to the location of WTG 79 of the associated WEF, which is situated in such a manner as to avoid a number of sensitive areas including an avifaunal wetland species sensitivity layer. Therefore, the sensitivities at this location prevents WTG 79 from being moved to accommodate the realignment of the OHL. The final alignment therefore remains unchanged and is illustrated in Figure 11-1 of the Final EIR. | |
| | Recommendation The MTPA is very concerned about the potential environmental impacts of the proposed powerline and associated infrastructure. However, the MTPA can support the proposed grid connection provided that the following are adhered to: | = | |
| | 1. Rerouting the proposed powerline between points 28 and 33 (see Figure 2 and Table 4-2 in the DEIA report) to avoid the Greater Flamingo waterbody and limit impact on CBAs. | EAP: The EAP can confirm that the realignment of the OHL has been considered by the applicant. However, the current OHL alignment is due to the location of WTG 79 of the associated WEF, which is situated in such a manner as to avoid a number of sensitive areas including an avifaunal wetland species sensitivity layer. Therefore, the sensitivities at this location prevents WTG 79 from being moved to accommodate the realignment of the OHL. | Figure 11-1 of the Final EIR |



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| | | The final alignment therefore remains unchanged and is illustrated in Figure 11-1 of the Final EIR. | |
| | 2. Installing LED-equipped Bird Flight Diverters on all the overhead line sections of the 132kV and/or 400kV network that cross over the identified sensitive wetland habitat. | Avifauna Specialist: This is recommended in the Avifaunal Report EAP: This recommendation is already included in the EMPr in Table 7-13 | Appendix G.4 of the FEIR Table 7-13 of the EMPr Section 9.3 of the FEIR |
| | 3. Given the high avian sensitivity across the entire project area, Bird Flight Diverters must be applied to the entire span length of the OHLs. | Avifauna Specialist: This is recommended in the Avifaunal Report EAP: This recommendation is already included in the EMPr in Table 7-13 | Appendix G.4 of the FEIR Table 7-13 of the EMPr Section 9.3 of the FEIR |
| | 4. Using a vulture-friendly pole design for the 132kV power lines to minimize the electrocution risk. The final pole design must be signed off by an avifaunal specialist. | Avifauna Specialist: This is recommended in the Avifaunal Report EAP: This recommendation is already included in the EMPr in Table 7-13 | Appendix G.4 of the FEIR Table 7-13 of the EMPr Section 9.3 of the FEIR |
| | 5. Ensuring the annual monitoring and maintenance of the LED and Bird Flight Diverters to ensure they remain effective. | Avifauna Specialist: This recommendation has been added to the Avifaunal Report | Appendix G.4 of the FEIR Table 7-13 of the EMPr |



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| | | EAP: This recommendation has been added to the EMPr in Table 7-13 | Section 9.3 of the FEIR |
| | 6. Implementing and maintaining All-Infrastructure Exclusion Zones around sensitive nest sites and colonies. | Avifauna Specialist: This is recommended in the Avifaunal Report EAP: This recommendation is already included in the EMPr in Table 7-13 | Appendix G.4 of the FEIR Table 7-13 of the EMPr Section 9.3 of the FEIR |
| | 7. Minimizing impacts to wetlands and ensuring powerline structures avoid wetlands. | Avifauna Specialist: This is recommended in the Avifaunal Report EAP: This recommendation is already included in the EMPr in Table 7-13 | Appendix G.4 of the FEIR Table 7-13 of the EMPr Section 9.3 of the FEIR |
| | 8. Restricting construction to the immediate infrastructural footprint and strictly controlling access to other areas. | Avifauna Specialist: This is recommended in the Avifaunal Report EAP: This recommendation is already included in the EMPr in Table 7-13 | Appendix G.4 of the FEIR Table 7-13 of the EMPr Section 9.3 of the FEIR |
| | 9. Minimizing the removal of natural vegetation and rehabilitating disturbed areas post-construction. | Avifauna Specialist: This is recommended in the Avifaunal Report | Appendix G.4 of the FEIR |



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| | | EAP: This recommendation is already included in the EMPr in Table 7-13 | Table 7-13 of the EMPr Section 9.3 of the FEIR |
| | 10. Monitoring electrocution mortality in the substations and applying mitigation measures if necessary. | Avifauna Specialist: This is recommended in the Avifaunal Report EAP: This recommendation is already included in the EMPr in Table 7-13 | Appendix G.4 of the FEIR Table 7-13 of the EMPr Section 9.3 of the FEIR |
| | 11. Implementing recommendations from the ecological and botanical specialist studies regarding the limitation of the activity footprint. | Avifauna Specialist: This is recommended in the Avifaunal Report EAP: This recommendation is already included in the EMPr | Appendix G.4 of the FEIR Appendix L of the EMPr |
| | Please do not hesitate to contact this office if there are any enquiries. Regards, | = | = |
| Department of Forestry Fisheric | es and the Environment (DFFE) - Biodiversity Mainst | reaming and EIA | |
| DFFE Tebego Kgaphola 29 July 2024 | Dear Sir/Madam DFFE Directorate: Biodiversity Conservation hereby acknowledge receipt of the invitation to review and comment on the project mentioned on the subject | EAP: WSP acknowledges this comment and confirms that protocol outlined Department will be followed. | - |



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| Email | line. Kindly note that the project has been allocated to Mrs P Makitla and Ms Tebego Kgaphola (Copied on this email). In addition, kindly share the shapefiles of the development footprints/application site with the Case Officers. | | |
| | Please note: All Public Participation Process documents related to Biodiversity EIA review and any other Biodiversity EIA queries must be submitted to the Directorate: Biodiversity Conservation at Email: BCAdmin@dffe.gov.za for attention of Mr Seoka Lekota | | |
| DFFE | Dear Ashlea | EAP: | - |
| Tebego Kgaphola 21 August 2024 Email | COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT SCOPING REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED PHEFUMULA EMOYENI ONE ELECTRICAL GRID INFRASTRUCTURE, MPUMALANGA PROVINCE | WSP acknowledges this comment and confirms that the protocol outlined by this Department will be followed. | |
| | The Directorate: Biodiversity Conservation has reviewed and evaluated the reports and does not have any objection to the draft Scoping Reports and the Plan of Study for EIA. Kindly note that the EIA report must comply with the procedures for the assessment and minimum criteria for reporting on identified environmental themes in terms of sections 24(5) (A) and (H) and 44 of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998. The Environmental Impact Assessment report must comply with all the requirements as outlined in the | | |
| | comply with all the requirements as outlined in the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) guideline for renewable energy projects and the Best Practice | | |



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| | Guideline for Birds & Powerline for assessing and monitoring the impact of powerline facilities on birds in Southern Africa. | | |
| | In conclusion, all Public Participation Process documents related to Biodiversity EIA for review and queries should be submitted to the Directorate: Biodiversity Conservation at Email; BCAdmin@environment.gov.za for the attention of Mr. Seoka Lekota. | | |
| DFFE Lindiwe Victoria Dlamini 25 March 2025 Email | Dear Sir/Madam DFFE Directorate: Biodiversity Conservation hereby acknowledge receipt of the invitation on the 04 March 2025 to review and comment on the project mentioned on the subject line. Kindly note that the project has been allocated to Mrs P Makitla and Ms Nompumelelo Lekalakala (Copied on this email). In addition, kindly share the shapefiles of the development footprints/application site with the Case officers. Please note: All Public Participation Process documents related to Biodiversity EIA review and any other Biodiversity EIA queries must be submitted to the Directorate: Biodiversity Conservation at Email: BCAdmin@dU'e.gov.za for attention of Mr Seoka Lekota | Good day Lindiwe, Thank you for the update. Please see the project kmzs attached as requested. Kind regards | Appendix D of the SER |
| DFFE Nompumelelo Lekalakala | Good day, Can I please have a link or a PDF format of the proposed project. | Good day Nompumelelo | |



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| 27 March 2025 Email | | The reports can be found her: https://www.wsp.com/en-za/services/public-documents or here: https://wsp-engage.com/Kind regards, | |
| DFFE Mr. Seoka Lekota 01 April 2025 Formal Letter | COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED PHEFUMULA EMOYENI ELECTRICAL GRID INFRASTRUCTURE, ERMELO IN THE MSUKALIGWA LOCAL MUNICIPALITY AND GERT SIBANDE DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY, MPUMALANGA PROVINCE The Directorate: Biodiversity Conservation reviewed and evaluated the report. | Ξ | = |
| | According to the information provided in the report, the study area falls within the Eastern Highveld Grassland and Soweto Highveld Grassland vegetation types, both of which are classified as threatened under NEMBA (2021)—Endangered and Vulnerable, respectively. However, some of the study areas have been modified by active and historic crop farming (i.e, Cultivated fields and Old Lands) and severely encroached by AIS (i.e., Alien Tree Plantations). Expanding urban centers (e.g, Ermelo, Bethal, Breyten, and Hendrina) may contribute to further habitat transformation. | EAP: WSP acknowledges this comment and confirms that the information outlined is correct. | Appendix D of the SER |
| | Terrestrial Biodiversity Theme is rated 'Very High' sensitivity due to the presence of the Critical | EAP: | Appendix D of the SER |



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| | Biodiversity Area (CBA) 1; Critical Biodiversity Area 2; Ecological Support Areas (ESA): Landscape corridor; Ecological Support Areas (ESA): Local corridor; Freshwater Ecosystem priority Area (FEPA) Sub-catchment; National Protected Area Expansion Strategy (NPAES); Important Bird Areas (IBA). The FEPA also extends along the eastern boundary of the study area. No flora species listed as threatened or Near Threatened on the national Red List were recorded in the study area during the field survey. However, Kniphofia ensifolia subsp. ensifolia, which is listed as Near Threatened on the Mpumalanga Red List was recorded in the study area. | WSP acknowledges this comment and confirms that the information outlined is correct. | |
| | Mpumalanga Biodiversity Sector Plan (MBSP) defines CBAs (irreplaceable and optimal) as areas that are required to meet biodiversity targets (for biodiversity pattern and ecological process features). The management approach is that they should remain in a natural state. CBAs are areas of high biodiversity value which are usually at risk of being lost and usually identified as important in meeting biodiversity targets, except for Critically Endangered Ecosystems or Critical Linkages. | EAP: WSP acknowledges this comment and confirms that the information outlined is correct. | Appendix D of the SER |
| | The proposed project will impact local habitat connectivity through habitat loss and fragmentation, and this may affect various ecological processes. Please comply with the Species Environmental Impact Assessments Guideline, 2020). This guideline provides details for implementing relevant species protocols and is available for use to plant and animal | Biodiversity Specialist: A dedicated biodiversity offset report has been completed specifically for the Grid connection and is included as Appendix K of the FEIR. | Appendix K of the FEIR |



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| | specialists. In terms of the Species Impact Assessment Protocols (2020, as amended), residual impacts on threatened biodiversity which remain MODERATE or HIGH, must investigate offset mitigation. | | |
| | Avifauna SCCs were recorded in the study area and the Project Site is located within the Amersfoort-Bethal-Carolina IBA (SA018) and 18km west of the Chrissie Pans I BA (SA019). Chrissiesmeer Protected Environment is another important conservation area that was noted in the surrounding landscape. You are required to include the Chrissiesmeer Protected Environment Landowners Association on the list of I&AP and obtain comments from the association. | WSP acknowledges this comment and confirms that the project area is located within the Amersfoort-Bethal-Carolina IBA (SA018) and 18km west of the Chrissie Pans I BA (SA019). The EAP can confirm that numerous attempts were made to identify contact information for the Chrissiesmeer Protected Environment Landowners Association, however, no such Landowner Association was found to exist. The EAP has endeavoured to include all neighbouring landowners as well as Birdlife South Africa on the I&AP database. All registered I&APs were provided with the opportunity to provide comments on the DEIR. | Appendix A of the SER |
| | Twenty-two (22) bird SCC are known to occur in the region in which the study area is located, including vultures. These include 20 species listed as threatened/Near Threatened on the regional Red List (Taylor, et al, 2015), 10 species listed on the NEMBA TOPS list (2007), and 22 species listed as either threatened or protected at a provincial level. Most of these bird species have a potential to be negatively impacted through powerlines collision and electrocution. Vultures plays a crucial role in | Avifauna Specialist: In the objectives and actions of the Multi-species Biodiversity Management Plan for Vultures (2024), Table 5, Objective 6.1 pertains to reducing vulture mortalities regarding new and existing energy infrastructure. The management plan indicates that power lines within a 2.5 km radius of breeding, roosting, or foraging sites must be designed using bird-friendly structures and/ or mitigated appropriately. Furthermore, transmission lines should also be fitted | Appendix G.4 of the FEIR |



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| | maintaining a healthy environment. The EIA report must align with the National Vulture Multi-Species Biodiversity Management Plan (BMP), 2024. An avifauna monitoring program to determine the actual impacts on the birds SCC for a minimum of three years must be developed and implemented. This must be done according to the latest SABAAP's guidelines. The results of the monitoring programme must be used to inform the studies to be undertaken for the proposed powerline. The monitoring programme must be designed in accordance with the latest version of the "Best practice guidelines for avian monitoring and impact. | with visible bird flight diverter devices. Additionally, the study is to be conducted by a SCANASP registered scientist with demonstrable experience related to power lines and vultures. The avifaunal impact assessment report addresses these deliverables as follows: 1. A vulture-friendly pole design is recommended throughout. 2. Bird Flight Diverters must be fitted to the entire span length of the OHLs. 3. The SACNASP credentials of the specialists are listed under 4.2. and Appendix A. The requirement to determine impacts on birds for a minimum of three years according to SABAAP guidelines is not applicable, these guidelines pertain to bats as compiled by the South African Bat Assessment Advisory Panel (SABAAP). However, we confirm that we have followed preconstruction monitoring according to the best practice guidelines for avian monitoring and impact mitigation at proposed wind energy development sites in southern Africa as was produced by the Wildlife & Energy Programme of the Endangered Wildlife Trust & BirdLife South Africa. Quarterly monitoring for bird carcasses under the route alignment will be conducted as part of the Post Construction Fatality Monitoring avifaunal programme and will be reported on as part of the avifaunal findings reports. | |



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| | It was noted that the study area has been mapped as Priority Focus Areas (Priority 2 and Priority 3) in the Mpumalanga Protected Area Expansion - 20 Year Plan. Ms Mashudu Mudau from DFFE Directorates: Protected Areas Planning and Management Effectiveness (M Mudau: mamudau(q)dffe.gov.za). | EAP: WSP acknowledges this comment and confirms that the information outlined is correct. The EAP confirms that the DFFE Directorates: Protected Areas Planning and Management Effectiveness are included on the I&AP database and were provided with an opportunity to comment on the DEIR however, no comments were forthcoming. The DFFE Directorates: Protected Areas Planning and Management Effectiveness did however, provide comment during the scoping phase of the project. | Appendix A of the SER Appendix D of the SER |
| | In conclusion, all Public Participation Process documents related to Biodiversity EIA for review and queries should be submitted to the Directorate: Biodiversity Conservation at Email; BCAdmin(a)environment.qov.za for the attention of Mr. Seoka Lekota. Yours faithfully | WSP can confirm that all Public Participation Process documents related to Biodiversity EIA were submitted to the Directorate: Biodiversity Conservation at Email; BCAdmin(a)environment.qov.za for the attention of Mr. Seoka Lekota for review and comment. | Appendix A of the SER Appendix D of the SER |
| Department of Forestry Fisheric | es and the Environment (DFFE) | | 1 |
| DFFE Lydia Kutu 29 July 2024 Email | Dear Sir/Madam ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT OF THE NEW APPLICATION FORM AND DRAFT SCOPING REPORT FOR THE PHEFUMULA EMOYENI ONE ELECTRICAL GRID INFRASTRUCTURE LOCATED IN THE MSUKALIGWA LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, WHICH FALLS UNDER THE | EAP: WSP acknowledges this comment and confirms that the protocol outlined by this Department will be followed. | - |



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| | GERT SIBANDE DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY, IN THE MPUMALANGA PROVINCE. | | |
| | The Department confirms having received the Application Form and Draft Scoping Report for Environmental Authorisation for the abovementioned project on 26 July 2024. You have submitted these documents to comply with the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2014, as amended. | | |
| | Kindly note that your application for Environmental Authorisation falls within the ambit of an application applied for in terms of Part 3 of Chapter 4 of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended. You are therefore referred to Regulation 21 of the EIA Regulations, 2014 as amended. | | |
| | Please take note of Regulation 40(3) of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended, which states that potential Interested & Affected Parties, including the Competent Authority, may be provided with an opportunity to comment on reports and plans contemplated in Regulation 40(1) of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended, prior to the submission of an application but must be provided an opportunity to comment on such reports once an application has been submitted to the Competent Authority. | | |
| | Note that in terms of Regulation 45 of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended, this application will lapse if the applicant fails to meet any of the time-frames prescribed in terms of these Regulations, unless an extension has been granted by the | | |



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| | Department in terms of Regulation 3(7) of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended. | | |
| | You are hereby reminded of Section 24F of the National Environmental Management Act, Act No. 107 of 1998, as amended, that no activity may commence prior to an Environmental Authorisation being granted by the Department. | | |
| | Kind Regards, | | |
| DFFE Mmamohale Kabasa 22 August 2024 Email | COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT SCOPING REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED 400kV PHEFUMULA EMOYENI ONE ELECTRICAL GRID INFRASTRUCTURE NEAR ERMELO WITHIN THE MSUKALIGWA LOCAL MUNICIPALITY IN THE MPUMALANGA PROVINCE The Application for Environmental Authorisation and the draft Scoping Report (SR) dated July 2024 and received by the Department on 26 July 2024, refer. The Department has noted that the entire development study area is located within the Amersfoort-Bethal-Carolina Important Bird Area (SA018). You are advised in terms of Regulation 8(b) of the EIA Regulations 2014 as amended, that the location of the wind energy development within a high avifaunal sensitivity area may prejudice the success if this application. | WSP acknowledges this comment. As per communication from BirdLife South Africa (July 2024) it should be noted that IBA's are being replaced by Key Biodiversity Areas (KBA's). A section on the Chrissie Pans KBA has been added to the FSR in Section 5.2.6. The Project Site only marginally overlaps with a KBA, namely the Chrissie Pans KBA (KBA ID 47). | Section 5.2.6 of the FSR |
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| | (ii) It is evident that large tracts of natural habitat in the study area, particularly in the south, are delineated as CBA Irreplaceable (CBA 1). These areas are required to meet biodiversity targets for biodiversity pattern (species and ecosystems) and ecological processes. Particularly, part of the development area is affected by intact grassland patches that are considered "source" areas for avifaunal species. These areas should remain in a | Avifaunal Specialist: This is correct, please see monitoring efforts and suggested buffers based on modelling for habitat suitability and flight risk for species of conservation concern in the subsequent responses. All efforts have been made to preserve habitat, critical biodiversity areas, and the species that inhabit it. Habitat suitability modelling has been done for several | Appendix G.4 of the FSR |



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| | (iii) Further investigation into a possible offset agreement with the provincial competent authority required to reduce the ecological impacts of the development must be submitted with the draft EIAr. The agreement must also be submitted to this Department's Biodiversity Section for comments. | EAP: A biodiversity offset strategy will be compiled during the EIA phase and will be included in the Draft EIR for public review. Comments on the draft Biodiversity Offset Strategy will form part of ongoing discussions with the provincial authority and the potential for an offset agreement. | - |
| | (iv) The development area is located within areas with a high prominence of wetlands (including natural pans) and with very high aquatic/freshwater biodiversity significance that may be important for flamingos and other water-dependent birds. | Avifaunal Specialist: Wetlands were buffered to protect species associated with this habitat type, and flight risk models were developed for species at risk of collisions with turbines, and turbines were excluded, or mitigation measures suggested for these. During the EIA phase, additional analysis will be conducted, with respect to identifying suitable wetland and grassland habitat. Habitat suitability modelling will be conducted to delineate wetland and grassland habitat based on key wetland and grassland species. The wetland layer is based on suitable aquatic and | Appendix G.4 of the FSR |



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| | | adjacent habitat and will be informed by the following Species of Conservation Concern (SCC) namely African Grass Owl, Blue Crane, African Marsh Harrier, and Grey Crowned Crane. | |
| | (v) It is further noted that there may be competing mining rights within the development area. The EIA must exclude these areas from the development footprint. | EAP: The EAP and developer is aware that there may be competing mining right areas that exist within the development area. In addition, the developer is aware that a Section 53 consent will be required. | - |
| | (vi) Overall, this Department urges the EAP and the applicant to evaluate whether the proposed development is suitable for this area considering the significant threat to Critical Biodiversity Areas, intact grassland patches, Important Bird Areas and the habitat of numerous threatened bird species. | Avifaunal Specialist: All efforts have been made to preserve habitat, critical biodiversity areas, and the species that inhabit it. Habitat suitability modelling has been done for several species of conservation concern, and prime areas for these species are being conserved and excluded from the buildable area for the proposed windfarm. Wetlands were buffered to protect species associated with this habitat type, and flight risk models were developed for species at risk of collisions with turbines, and turbines were excluded, or mitigation measures suggested for these. | Appendix G.4 of the FSR |
| | (vii) Please ensure that a site sensitivity verification report that complies with Part A of the protocols is submitted with the final SR and addresses the following:a) A verification using desktop analysis and details of the site inspection; | EAP: A site sensitivity verification report that complies with Part A of the protocols is included in Appendix H of the FSR. | Appendix H of the FSR |



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| | b) Site sensitivity for each theme/study listed, as well as compliance statements for assessments not needed to be conducted based on your site sensitivity verification. | | |
| | c) The outcomes of the verification which clearly confirms or disputes the current use of the land and environmental sensitivity as identified by the screening tool; and, | | |
| | d) Contains motivation and evidence of the either verified or different use of the land and environmental sensitivity. | | |
| | (viii) Please note further that the protocols, if applicable, require certain specialists' to be SACNASP registered. Please ensure that the relevant specialist certificates are attached to the relevant reports. | EAP: All specialists, were applicable, are registered with SACNASP, and the certificates are attached in Appendix C of the FSR. | Appendix C of the FSR |
| | (ix) With regards to the specialist studies to be undertaken, kindly note that the protocols only require studies to be undertaken where the verification confirms that the sensitivity is either high or very high. Should the sensitivity be confirmed to be low or medium, then a compliance statement is required. | EAP: WSP acknowledges this comment and confirms that all required studies have been undertaken and is included in Appendix G of the FSR. | Appendix G of the FSR |
| | (b) Listed Activities(i) Please ensure that all relevant listed activities are applied for, are specific and can be linked to the | EAP: All listed activities triggered have been linked to the development activity in the Table 4.1 in Section 4 of the FSR. | Section 4 of the FSR |



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| | development activity or infrastructure as described in the project description. | | |
| | (ii) If the activities applied for in the application form differ from those mentioned in the final SR, an amended application form must be submitted. | EAP: WSP acknowledges this comment and confirms that an amended application will not need to be submitted for the project. | - |
| | (iii) Please note that the Department's application form template has been amended and can be downloaded from the following link https://www.dffe.gov.za/documents/forms. | EAP: WSP acknowledges this comment and confirms that the Department's application form template was utilised for the submission. | - |
| | (c) Layout & Sensitivity Maps (i) The final SR must provide coordinate points for the proposed development site (note that if the site has numerous bend points, at each bend point coordinates must be provided) as well as the start, middle and end point of all linear activities. (ii) Please provide a layout map which indicates the following: a) Power lines; b) Access roads; c) All supporting onsite infrastructure such as laydown area, guard house and control room etc. (existing and proposed); d) Substations, transformers, switching stations and inverters; | EAP: A map indicating the grid layout and all associated infrastructure is included in Section 5.5 of the FSR. However, it must be noted that the grid layout and associated infrastructure locations are subject to change based on specialist feedback in the EIA phase. | Section 5-5 of the FSR |



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| | e) All existing infrastructure on the site, especially railway lines and roads; and | | |
| | f) Buildings. | | |
| | (iii) Please provide an environmental sensitivity map which indicates the following: | | |
| | a) The location of sensitive environmental features identified on site, e.g. CBAs, IBAs, protected areas, heritage sites, wetlands, drainage lines, nesting and roosting sites etc. that will be affected by the facility and its associated infrastructure; | | |
| | b) Buffer areas; and | | |
| | c) All "no-go" areas. | | |
| | (iv) The above layout map must be superimposed (overlain) with the sensitivity map and a cumulative map which shows neighbouring and existing infrastructure. | | |
| | (v) Google maps will not be accepted. | | |
| | (d) Alternatives | EAP: | Section 3.4 of |
| | (i) Please provide a description of any identified alternatives for the proposed activity that are feasible and reasonable, including the advantages and disadvantages that the proposed activity or alternatives will have on the environment and on the community that may be affected by the activity as per Appendix 2 of GN R.982 of 2014 (as amended). | Section 3.4 of the DSR and FSR included a section on explanations of the alternatives for the site and developments. | the FSR |



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| | (ii) Alternatively, you should submit written proof of an investigation and motivation if no reasonable or feasible alternatives exist in terms of Appendix 2. | | |
| | (e) Public Participation Process (i) Comments from this Department's Protected Area Planning and Management Effectiveness Directorate must be obtained. Find below the contact details for personnel at this Department's Protected Areas Directorate: a) Name: Mr Thivhulawi Nethononda Telephone no.: (012) 399 9553 Email: TNethononda@dffe.gov.za; and b) Name: Ms Mashudu Mudau Telephone no.: (012) 399 9945 Email: MMudau@dffe.gov.za. | EAP: The Draft scoping report was submitted to the DFFE Protected Areas Department. The responses to the comment received are inlcuded in Section 2.5 of this SER and included in Appendix D of this SER | Appendix A of this SER Section 2.5 of the SER Appendix D of the SER |
| | (ii) Please ensure that comments from all relevant stakeholders are submitted to the Department with the final SR. This includes but is not limited to the Mpumalanga Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, Land and Environmental Affairs (MDARDLEA), the Mpumalanga Tourism and Parks Agency, the Msukaligwa Local Municipality, the Gert Sibande District Municipality, the Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS), the South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA), BirdLife SA, the Department of Mineral Resources and Energy, | EAP: The Draft scoping report was submitted to all the relevant authorities for comment. All comments received to date have been captured on this CRR in Table 2-5 of this report. | Section 2.5 (Table 2-5) of SER |



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| | and the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment: Directorate Biodiversity and Conservation | | |
| | (iii) Please ensure that all issues raised and comments received during the circulation of the draft SR from registered I&APs and organs of state which have jurisdiction. | EAP: All comments and issues raised by I&APs and organs of state have been addressed in in Table 2-5 of this report. Where necessary the relevant updates have been made to the Final Scoping Report | Section 2.5 (Table 2-5) of SER |
| | (iv) Proof of correspondence with the various stakeholders must be included in the final SR. Should you be unable to obtain comments, proof should be submitted to the Department of the attempts that were made to obtain comments. | EAP: The Draft scoping report was submitted to all the I&APs for comment. All comments received to date have been captured on this SER. Proof of the correspondence is included in Appendix B. | Appendix B of this SER |
| | v) The Public Participation Process must be conducted in terms of Regulation 39, 40 41, 42, 43 and 44 of the EIA Regulations 2014, as amended. | EAP: WSP can confirm that the PPP was conducted in terms of Regulation 39, 40 41, 42, 43 and 44 of the EIA Regulations 2014, as amended. | Section 2 of this SER |
| | (vi) All issues raised and comments received during the circulation of the draft SR from I&APs and organs of state, including comments from this Department must be incorporated into a Comments and Response Report (CRR). The CRR report must be a separate document from the main report and the format must be in the table format as indicated in Annexure 1 of this comments letter. Please refrain | EAP: All comments and issues raised from the DSR public review, have been captured verbatim in this SER (Table 2-5). All the original comments are included in Appendix D of this report. | Section 2.5 (Table 2-5) of this SER Appendix D of the SER |



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| | from summarising comments made by I&APs. All comments from I&APs must be copied verbatim and responded to clearly. Please note that a response such as "Noted" is not regarded as an adequate response to I&AP's comments. | | |
| | (vii) Minutes and attendance registers (where applicable) of any physical/virtual meetings held by the Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) with Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) and other role players must be included in the final SR. | EAP: The pre-application meeting minutes are attached as Appendix E of the FSR. | Appendix E of the FSR |
| | (viii) The final SR must provide evidence that all identified and relevant competent authorities have been given an opportunity to comment on the proposed development | EAP: The Draft scoping report was submitted to all the I&APs for comment. All comments received to date have been captured on this SER. Proof of the correspondence is included in Appendix B. | Appendix B of the SER |
| | (f) Specialist Assessments (i) All Specialist Declaration of Interest forms must be signed by the relevant specialists and attached to the final SR. The forms are available on Department's website (please use the Department's template). | EAP: All specialists appointed for the project have completed the DFFE specialist declaration, these are attached as Appendix C of the FSR. | Appendix C of the FSR |
| | (ii) The EAP must ensure that the terms of reference for all the identified specialist studies include the following:a) A detailed description of the study's methodology; indication of the locations and descriptions of the | EAP: All the specialists' studies undertaken include study's methodology; indication of the locations and descriptions of the development footprint, turbine positions and all other associated infrastructures that | Appendix G of the FSR |



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| | development footprint, turbine positions and all other associated infrastructures that they have assessed and are recommending for authorisation. | they have assessed and are recommending for authorisation. | |
| | b) Provide a detailed description of all limitations to the studies. All specialist studies must be conducted in the right season and providing that as a limitation will not be allowed. | EAP: Section 2.7 of the FSR includes all the assumptions and limitations of the specialists' studies undertaken. | Section 2.7 of the FSR |
| | c) Please note that the Department considers a 'no- go' area, as an area where no development of any infrastructure is allowed; therefore, no development of associated infrastructure including access roads is allowed in the 'no-go' areas. | EAP: WSP acknowledges this comment. The No-go areas identified by specialists have been avoided and no infrastructure has been placed there. | Section 5.5 of the FSR |
| | d) Should the specialist definition of 'no-go' area differ from the Department's definition; this must be clearly indicated. The specialist must also indicate the 'no-go' area's buffer if applicable. | EAP: WSP acknowledges this comment. The specialist's definitions of no-go do not differ. | - |
| | e) All specialist studies must be final, and provide detailed/practical mitigation measures for the preferred alternative and recommendations, and must not recommend further studies to be completed post EA. | EAP: The specialists' studies undertaken are final for the scoping phase. | Appendix G of the FSR |
| | f) Bird and Bat specialist studies must have support from Birdlife South Africa and SABAA. | EAP: Birdlife South Africa and SABAA have been provided with an opportunity to comment on the bird specialist study conducted thus far as included in the Draft Scoping Report. | Appendix G.4 of the FSR Table 2-5 of the SER |



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| | | WSP can confirm that Birdlife and SABAA will be provided with further opportunities to comments on the studies during the EIA phase. | |
| | g) Should a specialist recommend specific mitigation measures, these must be clearly indicated. | EAP: Specialist mitigation measures will be further developed and described in the Draft EIA report. | Section 6 of the FSR |
| | (iii) Should the appointed specialists specify contradicting recommendations, the EAP must clearly indicate the most reasonable recommendation and substantiate this with defendable reasons; and were necessary, include further expertise advice. | EAP: This comment is acknowledged. There are currently no contradicting recommendations prescribed by specialists. | - |
| | (iv) Please ensure that all mitigation recommendations are in line with applicable and most recent guidelines. | EAP: This comment is acknowledged. Specialist mitigation measures will be further developed and described in the Draft EIA report. | Section 7 of the FSR |
| | (v) It is further brought to your attention that Procedures for the Assessment and Minimum Criteria for Reporting on identified Environmental Themes in terms of Sections 24(5)(a) and (h) and 44 of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998, when applying for Environmental Authorisation, which were promulgated in Government Notice No. 320 of 20 March 2020 (i.e. "the Protocols"), and in Government Notice No. 1150 of 30 October 2020 (i.e. protocols for terrestrial plant | EAP: This comment is acknowledged. All specialist studies have been conducted according to the Protocols. | Appendix G of the FSR Appendix J of the FSR |



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| | and animal species), have come into effect. Please note that specialist assessments must be conducted in accordance with these protocols. | | |
| | (vi) The specialist reports must comply with Appendix 6 of the EIA Regulations, 2014, specifically, the specialist reports must include documentation to show expertise of the specialist to compile a specialist report including a curriculum vitae. | EAP: All specialist reports include expertise of the specialist to compile a specialist report including a curriculum vitae. | Appendix G of the FSR |
| | (vii) As such, the Specialist Declaration of Interest forms must also indicate the scientific organisation registration/member number and status of registration/membership for each specialist. | EAP: All specialist declarations have been included in Appendix C of the FSR and include the scientific organisation registration/member number and status of registration/membership for each specialist. | Appendix C of the FSR |
| | (viii) Please also ensure that the final SR includes the Site Verification Report as required by the relevant environmental themes and assessments. | EAP: The SSVR is included in Appendix H of the FSR | Appendix H of the FSR |
| | (ix) Please note further that the protocols, if applicable, require certain specialists' to be SACNASP registered. Please ensure that the relevant specialist certificates are attached to the relevant reports. | EAP: All specialists, were applicable, are registered with SACNASP, and the certificates are attached in Appendix C of the FSR | Appendix C of the FSR |
| | (g) Cumulative Assessment(i) Should there be any other similar projects within a 30km radius of the proposed development site, the cumulative impact assessment for all identified and | EAP: A 55km radius was used to identify cumulative impacts of surrounding projects. | Section 6.2 of the FSR |



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| | assessed impacts must be refined to indicate the following: a) Identified cumulative impacts must be clearly defined, and where possible the size of the identified impact must be quantified and indicated, i.e. hectares of cumulatively transformed land. | A map of the similar projects within 55km has been included in Section 6-2. | |
| | b) Detailed process flow and proof must be provided, to indicate how the specialist's recommendations, mitigation measures and conclusions from the various similar developments in the area were taken into consideration in the assessment of cumulative impacts and when the conclusion and mitigation measures were drafted for this project. | EAP: This comment is acknowledged. WSP can confirm that the specialists appointed to undertake the studies will provide reports inclusive of this for the EIA phase. | Section 6.2 of the FSR |
| | c) The cumulative impacts significance rating must also inform the need and desirability of the proposed development. | EAP: At this stage, all identified cumulative impacts have been outlined in Section 6.2 of the FSR. These have been used inform the need and desirability of the project in Section 3.6 of the FSR. | Section 6.2 of the FSR Section 3.6 of the FSR |
| | d) A cumulative impact environmental statement on whether the proposed development must proceed. | EAP: This information will be included in the EIA Report to be compiled in the EIA Phase, along with the related impact and cumulative assessments, and concluding remarks. | Section 6.2 of the FSR |
| | (h) General | EAP: | - |

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| | You are further reminded to comply with Regulation 21(1) of the NEMA EIA Regulations 2014, as amended, which states that: | WSP confirms that the FSR will be submitted to the DFFE within 44 days of the receipt of the application, in line with the regulated timeframes. | |
| | "If S&EIR must be applied to an application, the applicant must, within 44 days of receipt of the application by the competent authority, submit to the competent authority a scoping report which has been subjected to a public participation process of at least 30 days and which reflects the incorporation of comments received, including any comments of the competent authority" | | |
| | You are further reminded that the final SR to be submitted to this Department must comply with all the requirements in terms of the scope of assessment and content of Scoping reports in accordance with Appendix 2 and Regulation 21(1) of the EIA Regulations 2014, as amended. | WSP confirms that the FSR will be submitted to the DFFE in line with the requirements in terms of the scope of assessment and content of Scoping reports in accordance with Appendix 2 and Regulation 21(1) of the EIA Regulations 2014, as amended. | - |
| | Further note that in terms of Regulation 45 of the EIA Regulations 2014, as amended, this application will lapse if the applicant fails to meet any of the timeframes prescribed in terms of these Regulations, unless an extension has been granted in terms of Regulation 3(7). | EAP: WSP notes that the application will lapse if the applicant fails to meet any of the timeframes prescribed in terms of these Regulations. | - |
| | You are hereby reminded of Section 24F of the National Environmental Management Act, Act No. 107 of 1998, as amended, that no activity may | EAP: WSP acknowledges this comment. The applicant is fully aware that that no activity may commence prior | - |



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| | commence prior to an Environmental Authorisation being granted by the Department. | to an Environmental Authorisation being granted by the Department. | |
| DFFE | Dear Sir/Madam | This comment has been acknowledged. | - |
| Lydia Kutu 11 September 2024 Email | ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT OF THE FINAL SCOPING REPORT FOR THE PHEFUMULA EMOYENI ONE ELECTRICAL GRID INFRASTRUCTURE LOCATED IN THE MSUKALIGWA LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, WHICH FALLS UNDER THE GERT SIBANDE DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY, IN THE MPUMALANGA PROVINCE. | | |
| | The Department confirms having received the Final Scoping Report for the abovementioned project on 09 September 2024. You have submitted these documents to comply with the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) and the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2014, as amended. | | |
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| DFFE Dr Sabelo Malaza 23 October 2024 Formal letter (pdf) | ACCEPTANCE OF THE FINAL SCOPING REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED 400kV PHEFUMULA EMOYENI ONE ELECTRICAL GRID INFRASTRUCTURE NEAR ERMELO WITHIN THE MSUKALIGWA LOCAL MUNICIPALITY IN THE MPUMALANGA PROVINCE The Application for Environmental Authorisation and the final Scoping Report (FSR) received by the Department on 09 September 2024, refer. This letter serves to inform you that the following information must be included in the final EIAr: | This comment has been acknowledged. | - |
| | (a) Specific comments (i) The Amersfoort-Bethal-Carolina IBA hosts globally and regionally threatened species that are not found in similar abundance in other provinces. Several species are at risk of becoming extinct, some of which have be found at the proposed site (e.g., regionally threatened African Marsh Harrier (Endangered), Blue Crane (Near Threatened), Denham's Bustard (Vulnerable) and Cape Vulture (Endangered)). The threat of the proposed development to the IBA and the current status of globally threatened bird species such as the Botha's lark is of a concern. The Department urges the EAP and the applicant to evaluate whether the proposed development is suitable for this area considering the high avifaunal sensitivity. | Avifaunal Specialist: The Project Site and immediate environment is classified as Medium Sensitivity for vultures according to the Vulture Species Theme in the Screening tool. (The Medium sensitivity is due the Project Site possibly affecting an area with between 5%–10% of the vulture population). During the pre-construction monitoring (885 hours of vantage point observations) only four (4) Cape Vultures were observed, during the April survey. In total, only 16 minutes of Cape Vulture flights were recorded at medium height (i.e. within rotor-swept height). The passage rate for Cape Vultures after 885 hours of monitoring was 0.004 birds per hour which amounts to about 1 Cape Vulture every 17 days. According to the Cervantes Population Utilization Distribution outputs the Phefumula | Appendix G.4 of the DEIR Section 5.2.6 of the FSR |



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| | | Emoyeni One WEF Project Site is rated low sensitivity (Cervantes et al 2023). | |
| | | During the EIA phase, additional analysis that has been conducted, has been presented with respect to identifying suitable wetland and grassland habitat. Habitat suitability modelling has been conducted to delineate wetland and grassland habitat based on key wetland and grassland species. The wetland layer is based on suitable aquatic and adjacent habitat as informed by the following Species of Conservation Concern (SCC) namely African Grass Owl, Blue Crane, African Marsh Harrier, and Grey Crowned Crane. | |
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| | | As per communication from BirdLife South Africa (July 2024) it should be noted that IBAs are being replaced by Key Biodiversity Areas (KBAs). | |



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| | | A section on the Chrissie Pans KBA has been added to the FSR in Section 5.2.6. The Project Site only marginally overlaps with a KBA, namely the Chrissie Pans KBA (KBA ID 47). | |
| | (ii) It is evident that large tracts of natural habitat in the study area, particularly in the south, are delineated as CBA Irreplaceable (CBA 1). These areas are required to meet biodiversity targets for biodiversity pattern (species and ecosystems) and ecological processes. Particularly, part of the development area is affected by intact grassland patches that are considered "source" areas for avifaunal species. These areas should remain in a natural state that is maintained in good ecological condition and therefore must be excluded from the development footprint. | Avifaunal Specialist: This is correct, please see monitoring efforts and suggested buffers based on modelling for habitat suitability and flight risk for species of conservation concern in the subsequent responses. All efforts have been made to preserve habitat, critical biodiversity areas, and the species that inhabit it. Habitat suitability modelling has been done for several species of conservation concern, and prime areas for these species are being conserved and excluded from the buildable area for the proposed windfarm. Wetlands were buffered to protect species associated with this habitat type, and flight risk models were developed for species at risk of collisions with turbines, and turbines were excluded, or mitigation measures suggested for these. | Appendix G.4 of the DEIR |
| | (iii) The development area is located within areas with a high prominence of wetlands (including natural pans) and with very high aquatic/freshwater biodiversity significance that may be important for flamingos and other water-dependent birds. | Avifaunal Specialist: Wetlands were buffered to protect species associated with this habitat type, and flight risk models were developed for species at risk of collisions with turbines, and turbines were excluded, or mitigation measures suggested for these. | Appendix G.4 of the DEIR |



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| | | During the EIA phase, additional analysis will be conducted, with respect to identifying suitable wetland and grassland habitat. Habitat suitability modelling will be conducted to delineate wetland and grassland habitat based on key wetland and grassland species. The wetland layer is based on suitable aquatic and adjacent habitat and will be informed by the following Species of Conservation Concern (SCC) namely African Grass Owl, Blue Crane, African Marsh Harrier, and Grey Crowned Crane. | |
| | (iv) It is further noted that there may be competing mining rights within the development area. The EIA must exclude these areas from the development footprint. | EAP: The EAP and developer is aware that there may be competing mining right areas that exist within the development area. In addition, it must be noted that certain surface rights consent has been obtained by Seriti Resources, the majority shareholder of Sereti Green. The remainder of the surface right consents are in process. | - |
| | (v) Overall, this Department urges the EAP and the applicant to evaluate whether the proposed development is suitable for this area considering the significant threat to Critical Biodiversity Areas, intact grassland patches, Important Bird Areas and the habitat of numerous threatened bird species. The anticipated impacts on biodiversity, particularly the avifauna, is too great to support this project. A more thorough ecological assessment and exploration of alternative locations are crucial before proceeding with this project. | Avifaunal Specialist: All efforts have been made to preserve habitat, critical biodiversity areas, and the species that inhabit it. Habitat suitability modelling has been done for several species of conservation concern, and prime areas for these species are being conserved and excluded from the buildable area for the proposed windfarm. Wetlands were buffered to protect species associated with this habitat type, and flight risk models were developed for species at risk of collisions with | Appendix G.4 of the DEIR |



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| | | turbines, and turbines were excluded, or mitigation measures suggested for these. | |
| | (b) Listed Activities(i) The EIAr must provide an assessment of the impacts and mitigation measures for each of the listed activities applied for. | EAP The DEIR has assessed the listed activities associated with the proposed development. All identified impacts are listed in the DEIR together with their mitigations. | Section 6.1 of the DEIR Section 8 of the DEIR Section 9 of the DEIR |
| | (ii) The listed activities represented in the EIAr and the application form must be the same and correct. | EAP The EAP can confirm that the listed activities in the application are the same as those in the DEIR. | - |
| | (iii) The EIAr must assess the correct sub-listed activity for each listed activity applied for. | EAP The DEIR has assessed the listed activities associated with the proposed development. All identified impacts are listed in the DEIR together with their mitigations. | Section 6.1 of the DEIR Section 8 of the DEIR Section 9 of the DEIR |
| | (c) Public Participation (i) Please ensure the language used to inform potential I&APs in the newspaper advertisement is not only communicated in the language English but should also utilise other dominant languages spoken in the study area. The EAP must ensure that the | WSP confirms that all I&AP all the newspaper advertisements and site notices were communicated in English, Afrikaans and isiZulu which are the dominant languages spoken in the study area. | Section 2.3 of the SER |



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| | newspaper medium adequately caters for all potential I&APs in the study area. This should also apply to any site notification boards as well. | | |
| | (ii) Please ensure that comments from all relevant stakeholders are submitted to the Department with the EIAr. This includes but is not limited to the Mpumalanga Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, Land and Environmental Affairs (DARDLEA), the Mpumalanga Tourism & Parks Agency, the Msukaligwa Local Municipality, the Gert Sibande District Municipality, the Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS), the South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA), the Endangered Wildlife Trust (EWT), BirdLife SA, the Department of Mineral Resources, the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment: Directorate Biodiversity and Conservation, and the Directorate Protected Areas. | EAP Comments from all key stakeholders including DARDLEA and MTPA have been captured and responded to in this CRR. | Section 2.5 of the SER |
| | (iii) Please ensure that all issues raised and comments received during the circulation of the draft SR and draft EIAr from registered I&APs and organs of state which have jurisdiction in respect of the proposed activity are adequately addressed in the final EIAr. Proof of correspondence with the various stakeholders must be included in the final EIAr. Should you be unable to obtain comments, proof should be submitted to the Department of the attempts that were made to obtain comments. | EAP Comments from all key stakeholders including DARDLEA and MTPA have been captured and responded to in this CRR. | Section 2.5 of the SER |

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| | (iv) A Comments and Response trail report (C&R) must be submitted with the final EIAr. The C&R report must incorporate all comments for this development. The C&R report must be a separate document from the main report and the format must be in the table format as indicated in Appendix 1 of this comments letter. Please refrain from summarising comments made by I&APs. All comments from I&APs must be copied verbatim and responded to clearly. Please note that a response such as "noted" is not regarded as an adequate response to I&AP's comments. | EAP Comments from all key stakeholders including DARDLEA and MTPA have been captured and responded to in this CRR. | Section 2.5 of the SER |
| | (v) Comments from I&APs must not be split and arranged into categories. Comments from each submission must be responded to individually. | EAP This comment has been acknowledged. WSP can confirm that comments from I&APs must not be split and arranged into categories. Comments from each submission must be responded to individually. | Section 2.5 of the SER |
| | (vi) The Public Participation Process must be conducted in terms of Regulation 39, 40, 41, 42, 43 and 44 of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended. | EAP PP was conducted in terms of Regulation 39, 40, 41, 42, 43 and 44 of the EIA Regulations, 2014, | SER |
| | (vii) Minutes and attendance registers (where applicable) of any physical/virtual meetings held by the Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) with Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) and other role players must be included in the final EIAr. | EAP The minutes and attendance register of the meetings that have been held to date are included in Appendix C of the SER. | Appendix C of the SER |



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| | (d) Layout & Sensitivity Maps (i) The EIAr must provide coordinate points for the proposed development site and all proposed infrastructure (note that if the site has numerous bend points, at each bend point coordinates must be provided) as well as the start, middle and end point of all linear activities. | EAP: All coordinate points of the proposed development site is included in Section 4.1, Table 4.2 of the DEIR. Furthermore, maps including the coordinates of all the associated infrastructure for the proposed project have been included in Appendix M of the DEIR. | Section 4.2, Table 4.2 of the DEIR Appendix M of the DEIR |
| | (ii) The ElAr must provide a copy of the final preferred layout map. All available biodiversity information must be used in the finalisation of the layout map. Existing infrastructure must be used as far as possible e.g., roads. The layout map must indicate the following: a) Powerlines; b) Internal roads; c) All supporting onsite infrastructure such as laydown area, guard house and control room etc.; d) Substations, transformers, switching stations and inverters; e) The location of sensitive environmental features on site e.g. CBAs, heritage sites, wetlands, drainage lines, nesting and roosting sites, etc. that will be affected by the facilities and its associated infrastructure; f) All existing infrastructure on the site, especially railway lines and roads; and | EAP: All coordinate points of the proposed development site is included in Section 4.1, Table 4.2 of the DEIR. Furthermore, maps including the coordinates of all the associated infrastructure for the proposed project have been included in Appendix M of the DEIR. | Section 4.2, Table 4.2 of the DEIR Appendix M of the DEIR |



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| | g) Buildings, including accommodation. | | |
| | (iii) Please provide an environmental sensitivity map which indicates the following: a) The location of sensitive environmental features identified on site, e.g. CBAs, protected areas, IBAs, heritage sites, wetlands, drainage lines, nest and roosting sites, etc. that will be affected by the facility and its associated infrastructure; | EAP A consolidated environmental sensitivity map has been provided in Section8.2 of the DEIR. | Section8.2 of the DEIR |
| | b) Buffer areas; and | | |
| | c) All "no-go" areas. | | |
| | (iv) The above layout map must be superimposed (overlain) with the sensitivity map and a cumulative map which shows neighbouring and existing infrastructure. | EAP A consolidated environmental sensitivity map has been provided in Section 8.2 of the DEIR. A cumulative map has been provided in Section 10 of the DEIR. | Section8.2 of the DEIR Section 10 of the DEIR. |
| | (v) Google maps will not be accepted. | EAP This comment has been noted. WSP can confirm that no google maps have been included in the DEIR. | - |
| | (e) Specialist assessments (i) The EAP must ensure that the terms of reference for all the identified specialist studies must include the following: a) A detailed description of the study's methodology; indication of the locations and descriptions of the | EAP: All the specialists' studies undertaken include study's methodology; indication of the locations and descriptions of the development footprint, turbine positions and all other associated infrastructures that | Appendix G of the DEIR |



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| | infrastructures that they have assessed and are recommending for authorisation. | authorisation. | |
| | b) Provide a detailed description of all limitations to the studies. All specialist studies must be conducted in the right season and providing that as a limitation will not be allowed. | EAP: Section 3.6 of the DEIR includes all the assumptions and limitations of the specialists' studies undertaken. Each individual specialist study also includes an | Section 3.6 of the DEIR Appendix G of the DEIR |
| | c) Please note that the Department considers a 'no-go' area, as an area where no development of any infrastructure is allowed; therefore, no development of associated infrastructure including access roads is allowed in the 'no-go' areas. | outline of the relevant assumptions and limitations. EAP: WSP acknowledges this comment. The No-go areas identified by specialists have been avoided and no infrastructure has been placed there. | Section 8.10 of the DEIR |
| | d) Should the specialist definition of 'no-go' area differ from the Department's definition; this must be clearly indicated. The specialist must also indicate the 'no-go' area's buffer if applicable. | EAP: WSP acknowledges this comment. The specialist's definitions of no-go do not differ. | - |
| | e) All specialist studies must be final, and provide detailed/practical mitigation measures for the preferred alternative and recommendations, and must not recommend further studies to be completed post EA. | EAP: The specialists' studies undertaken are final for the Draft EIA phase. | Appendix G of the DEIR |
| | f) Avifauna specialist studies must have comments from Birdlife South Africa and EWT. | EAP | Appendix A of the SER |



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| | | WSP can confirm that Birdlife South Africa and EWT are included on the I&AP database and will be invited to review and comment on the DEIR. Comments received will be included in the comment an response report to be included in the FEIR. | |
| | g) Should a specialist recommend specific mitigation measures, these must be clearly indicated. | EAP All mitigations recommended by specialists have been highlighted in the EMPr | Appendix L of the DEIR |
| | (ii) Should the appointed specialists specify contradicting recommendations, the EAP must clearly indicate the most reasonable recommendation and substantiate this with defendable reasons; and were necessary, include further expertise advice. | EAP This comment is acknowledged. There are currently no contradicting recommendations prescribed by specialists. All specialist recommendations have been captured and highlighted in Section 11.5 of the DEIR. | Section 11.5 of the DEIR. |
| | (iii) It is further brought to your attention that Procedures for the Assessment and Minimum Criteria for Reporting in identified Environmental Themes in terms of Sections 24(5)(a) and (h) and 44 of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998, when applying for Environmental Authorisation, which were promulgated in Government Notice No. 320 of 20 March 2020 (i.e. "the Protocols") and in Government Notice No. 1150 of 30 October 2020 (i.e. protocols for terrestrial plant and animal species), have come into effect. Please note that specialist assessments must be conducted in accordance with these protocols. | EAP: This comment is acknowledged. All specialist studies have been conducted according to the Protocols. | Appendix G of the DEIR. |



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| | (iv) Please also ensure that the EIAr includes the Site Verification Report and Compliance Statements (where applicable) as required by the relevant themes. | EAP: The SSVR is included in Appendix J of the DEIR. | Appendix J of the DEIR. |
| | (v) Please note further that the protocols, if applicable, require certain specialists' to be SACNASP registered in the field of expertise of the specialist study being undertaken e.g. An aquatic assessment must be prepared by a specialist registered with SACNASP, with expertise in the field of aquatics sciences. Please ensure that the relevant specialist certificates are attached to the relevant reports. | EAP: All specialists, were applicable, are registered with SACNASP, and the certificates are attached in Appendix C of the DEIR. | Appendix C of the DEIR. |
| | (vi) As such, the Specialist Declaration of Interest forms must also indicate the scientific organisation registration/member number and status of registration/membership for each specialist. | EAP: All specialist declarations have been included in Appendix C of the DEIR and include the scientific organisation registration/member number and status of registration/membership for each specialist. | Appendix C of the DEIR |
| | (vii) Please ensure that each specialist study has the correct and same project description and layout/alignment to assess. | WSP confirms that each specialist study is correct and has the same project description and layout for the assessment. | Appendix G of the DEIR. |
| | (viii) Please include a table that shows the proposed studies and the relevant specialists carrying out the study. In addition, a summary should be included of the specialist's recommendations in terms of the | EAP: A list of specialists and the proposed studies is included in Section 1.3.5 of the DEIR. | Section 1.3.5 of the DEIR |



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| | alternatives that are preferred based on the findings of their study. | The recommended table is included in Section 8, Table 8.1 of the DEIR; and a table of the site alternatives is included in Section 11.3, Table 11.2 of the DEIR. | Section 8, Table 8.1 of the DEIR Section 11.3, Table 11.2 of the DEIR |
| | (f) Cumulative Assessment (i) A cumulative impact assessment for all identified and assessed impacts must be conducted to indicate the following: a) Identified cumulative impacts must be clearly defined, and where possible the size of the identified impact must be quantified and indicated, i.e., hectares of cumulatively transformed land. | EAP: All the identified cumulative impacts have been outlined in Section 10 of the DEIR | Section 10 of the DEIR |
| | b) Detailed process flow and proof must be provided, to indicate how the specialist's recommendations, mitigation measures and conclusions from the various similar developments in the area were taken into consideration in the assessment of cumulative impacts and when the conclusion and mitigation measures were drafted for this project. | EAP: This comment is acknowledged. WSP can confirm that the specialists appointed to undertake the studies will provide reports inclusive of this for the EIA phase. | Section 10 of the DEIR |
| | c) The cumulative impacts significance rating must also inform the need and desirability of the proposed development. | EAP: All the identified cumulative impacts together with their significance rating have been outlined in Section 10 of the DEIR. | Section 10 of the DEIR Section 3,3 of the DEIR |



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| | | These have been used inform the need and desirability of the project in Section 4.5 of the DEIR. Significance rating methodology is outlined in Section 3.3. | Section 4.5 of the DEIR |
| | d) A cumulative impact environmental statement on whether the proposed development must proceed. | EAP: All the identified cumulative impacts have been outlined in Section 10 of the DEIR. | Section 10 of the DEIR |
| | (g) Environmental Management Programme (i) It is drawn to your attention that for substation and overhead electricity transmission and distribution infrastructure, when such facilities trigger activity 11 or 47 of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations Listing Notice 1 of 2014, as amended, and any other listed and specified activities necessary for the realisation of such facilities, the generic Environmental Management Programme, contemplated in the Regulations must be used and submitted with the final report over and above the EMPr for the facility. | EAP This comment is noted. The generic EMPr for the substation and transmission line have been included in Appendix D and Appendix E of the EMPr. | Appendix D and Appendix E of the EMPr – Appendix L of the DEIR. |
| | (ii) Ensure that signed versions of the generic EMPr for the substation and the powerline are submitted with the final EIAr | EAP This comment is noted. The generic EMPr for the substation and transmission line have been included in Appendix D and Appendix E of the EMPr. | Appendix D and Appendix E of the DEIR. |



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| | (h) General (i) The EIAr must provide the technical details for the proposed facility in a table format as well as their description and/or dimensions. A sample for the minimum information required is listed under Annexure 2 below. | EAP: The technical details for the proposed project including the project description and dimensions are included under the heading "General Site Information" in the DEIR. | General Site Information in the DEIR |
| | The applicant is hereby reminded to comply with the requirements of Regulation 45 of GN R982 of 04 December 2014, as amendment, with regard to the time period allowed for complying with the requirements of the Regulations. | EAP: WSP confirms that the landowner consent for all farm portions is included in Appendix 3 of the Application Form. | Appendix 3 of the Application Form |
| | You are hereby reminded of Section 24F of the National Environmental Management Act, Act No. 107 of 1998, as amended, that no activity may commence prior to an environmental authorisation being granted by the Department. Yours sincerely | EAP: WSP acknowledges this comment. The applicant is fully aware that that no activity may commence prior to an Environmental Authorisation being granted by the Department. | - |
| DFFE Dr Sabelo Malaza 31 March 2025 Formal letter (pdf) | COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED 400kV PHEFUMULA EMOYENI ONE ELECTRICAL GRID INFRASTRUCTURE NEAR ERMELO WITHIN THE MSUKALIGWA LOCAL MUNICIPALITY IN THE MPUMALANGA PROVINCE The Application for Environmental Authorisation and the Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAr) received by the Department on 26 July 2024 and 03 March 2025, respectively, refer. | = | Ξ |



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| | (a) Offset Agreement: (i) We note that a draft offset agreement required to reduce the ecological impacts of the development has been included in the Draft EIAr. Proof that the offset agreement has been finalised and agreed to with the provincial authority must be submitted with the Final EIAr. | EAP: A Biodiversity Offset Strategy was included in the DEIR as Appendix K. In terms of the National Biodiversity Offset Guidelines, an Environmental Authorisation (EA) can, and in the case of Offsets, contain conditions that relate to the future offset requirements. These conditions should stipulate the offset requirement in detail. The conditions will also stipulate that the EA holder must enter into a Biodiversity Offset Implementation Agreement with an implementing party. Thus, showing that an agreement may not always be required before an EA is issued, and will be a binding condition. Therefore, an offset agreement has not yet been finalised and signed. WSP can confirm that the offset agreement has been reviewed by the MDARDLEA and the MTPA through the public review process. | Appendix K of the FEIR Section 9 of the Biodiversity Offset Strategy. |
| | (ii) Proof that the offset plan has been submitted to this Department's Biodiversity Section for comments. | EAP: The Draft Biodiversity Strategy was included as Appendix K of the DEIR. The DEIR was subject to a review by all registered IA&Ps and commenting authorities. Proof of notification of the review period is included in Appendix B4 of the SER. WSP confirm that the Department's Biodiversity Section is included on the I&AP database as included | Appendix K of the FEIR Appendix A of the SER Appendix B.4 of the SER Appendix D of the SER |



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| | | in Appendix A of the SER. The Biodiversity Section did provided comments which are responded to in this table and included in Appendix D of the SER. | |
| | (iii) From DFFE's perspective, greening and revegetation initiatives targeting areas infested with alien invasive floral species are regarded as mitigation measures rather than ecological offsets and should not be classified as such. | EAP: This comment is acknowledged. Greening and revegetation initiatives targeting areas infested with alien invasive floral species have been included in the strategy, they have been included as biodiversity enhancement measures and are not included as ecological offsets. | Appendix K of the FEIR |
| | (iv) The identified offset area must be located outside Negotiated NPAES Areas as per the National Protected Area Expansion Strategy, 2018 in alignment with the Mpumalanga Protected Area Expansion Strategy (20 Year Plan). | EAP: The identified offset area is confirmed to be located outside Negotiated NPAES Areas as per the National Protected Area Expansion Strategy, 2018 in alignment with the Mpumalanga Protected Area Expansion Strategy (20 Year Plan). The proposed offset area forms part of Seriti Resources owned land which is outlined in Section 8 of the Biodiversity Offset Strategy included as Appendix K of the FEIR. | Appendix K of the FEIR |
| | (v) The offset agreement must explicitly define the duration of the agreement and the long-term management commitments associated with it. | EAP: Section 9 of the Biodiversity Offset Strategy explicitly defines the duration of the agreement and the long-term management commitments associated with it. | Appendix K of the FEIR |



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| | | The duration of the liability period for is at least 30 years or as long as the duration of the authorised activity, whichever is longer. | |
| | (b) Specialist Assessments (i) We note that the screening tool indicates that twelve specialist studies need to be undertaken or conducted. We note that the Final SR does not include twelve specialist reports. Please kindly peruse the protocols and provide in the SR site sensitivity reports for each theme/study listed, as well as compliance statements for assessments not needed to be conducted based on your site sensitivity verification. | EAP: It is assumed that reference to the Final SR is in error. The Screening tool included in Appendix I of the FEIR lists the following studies to be undertaken: Agricultural Impact Assessment Landscape/Visual Impact Assessment Archaeological and Cultural Heritage Impact Assessment Palaeontology Impact Assessment Terrestrial Biodiversity Impact Assessment Aquatic Biodiversity Impact Assessment Avifauna Impact Assessment Civil Aviation Assessment RFI Assessment Geotechnical Assessment Plant Species Assessment Plant Species Assessment The Site Sensitivity Verification Report (included as Appendix J of the FEIR) noted that the RFI, Defence and Civil Aviation Assessments were confirmed low sensitivity and therefore not required. Discussions to this effect are included in Section 3.4 of the SSVR (Appendix J of the FEIR). The studies undertaken as part of the EIA phase therefore included the following: | Appendix G of the FEIR Appendix I of the FEIR Appendix J of the FEIR Section 3.4 of the SSVR (Appendix J of the FEIR) |



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| | | Agricultural Impact Assessment Landscape/Visual Impact Assessment Archaeological and Cultural Heritage Impact Assessment Palaeontology Impact Assessment Terrestrial Biodiversity Impact Assessment Aquatic Biodiversity Impact Assessment Avifauna Impact Assessment Geotechnical Assessment Plant Species Assessment Animal Species Assessment Social Impact Assessment | |
| | (ii) With regards to the specialist studies to be undertaken, kindly note that the protocols only require studies to be undertaken where the verification confirms that the sensitivity is either high or very high. Should the sensitivity be confirmed to be low or medium, then a compliance statement is required. | EAP: Due to the nature of the project and study area, specialist studies were undertaken for all of the following themes: Agricultural Impact Assessment Landscape/Visual Impact Assessment Archaeological and Cultural Heritage Impact Assessment Palaeontology Impact Assessment Terrestrial Biodiversity Impact Assessment Aquatic Biodiversity Impact Assessment Avifauna Impact Assessment Geotechnical Assessment Plant Species Assessment Animal Species Assessment Social Impact Assessment | Appendix G of the FEIR Appendix I of the FEIR Appendix J of the FEIR |



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| | (iii) All specialist studies must be final, and provide detailed/practical mitigation measures for the preferred alternative and recommendations, and must not recommend further studies to be completed post -EA. | EAP: The specialists' studies undertaken are final for the EIA phase. | Appendix G of the FEIR |
| | (iv) Should the appointed specialists specify contradicting recommendations, the EAP must clearly indicate the most reasonable recommendation and substantiate this with defendable reasons; and where necessary, include further expertise advice. | EAP: This comment is acknowledged. There are currently no contradicting recommendations prescribed by specialists. | = |
| | (c) Public Participation Process (i) The Public Participation Process must be conducted in terms of Regulation 39, 40, 41, 42, 43 and 44 of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended. | EAP: PP was conducted in terms of Regulation 39, 40, 41, 42, 43 and 44 of the EIA Regulations, 2014, | Appendix F of the FEIR (SER) |
| | (ii) Comments must be obtained from this Department's Biodiversity Conservation Directorate at BCAdmin@dffe.gov.za. | EAP: The DEIR was subject to a review by all registered IA&Ps and commenting authorities. Proof of notification of the review period is included in Appendix B4 of the SER. WSP confirm that the Department's Biodiversity Section is included on the I&AP database as included in Appendix A of the SER. The Biodiversity Section did provided comments which are responded to in this table and included in Appendix D of the SER. | Appendix A of the SER Appendix B.4 of the SER Appendix D of the SER (Appendix F of the FEIR) |



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| | (iii) Please ensure that comments from all relevant stakeholders are submitted to the Department with the EIAr. This includes but is not limited to the Mpumalanga Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, Land and Environmental Affairs (DARDLEA), the Mpumalanga Tourism & Parks Agency, the Msukaligwa Local Municipality, the Gert Sibande District Municipality, the Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS), the South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA), the Endangered Wildlife Trust (EWT), BirdLife SA, the Department of Mineral Resources, the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment: Directorate Biodiversity and Conservation, and the Directorate Protected Areas. | EAP: The DEIR was subject to a review by all registered IA&Ps and commenting authorities. Proof of notification of the review period is included in Appendix B4 of the SER. Comments received from key stakeholders including DARDLEA, Gert Sibande District Municipality, SAHRA, Department's Biodiversity Conservation Directorate and MTPA have been captured and responded to in this CRR. | Section 2.5 of the SER Appendix D of the SER (Appendix F of the FEIR) |
| | (iv) Please ensure that all issues raised and comments received during the circulation of the draft SR and draft EIAr from registered Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) and organs of state (including this Department's Biodiversity and Protected Area Sections), as listed in your I&APs Database, and others that have jurisdiction in respect of the proposed activity are adequately addressed and included in the final EIAr and are incorporated into a Comments and Response Report (CRR). | EAP: The EAP can confirm that all issues raised and comments received during the circulation of the draft SR and draft EIAr from registered I&APs and organs of state (including this Department's Biodiversity and Protected Area Sections), as listed in your I&APs Database, and others that have jurisdiction in respect of the proposed activity have been addressed and included in the final EIAr and are incorporated into a Comments and Response Report (CRR). | Section 2.5 of the SER Appendix D of the SER (Appendix F of the FEIR) |
| | (v) Copies of original comments received from I&APs and organs of state, which have jurisdiction in respect of the proposed activity are submitted to the Department with the final EIAr. | EAP: The EAP confirms that copies of original comments received from I&APs and organs of state, which have jurisdiction in respect of the proposed activity have | Appendix D of the SER (Appendix F of the FEIR) |

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| | | been included in the FEIR (Appendix D of the SER) and submitted to the Department. | |
| | (vi) Proof of correspondence with the various stakeholders must be included in the final EIAr. Should you be unable to obtain comments, proof should be submitted to the Department of the attempts that were made to obtain comments. In terms of Regulation 41(2)(b) of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended, please provide proof of written notice for the availability of the EIAr for comment. | EAP: The EPA can confirm that proof of correspondence with the various stakeholders has been included in the final EIAr. (Appendix B.3, B.4 and D of the SER) In terms of Regulation 41(2)(b) of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended, proof of written notice for the availability of the EIAr for comment is included in Appendix B.3 and Appendix B.5 of the SER | Appendix B.3 of the SER Appendix B.4 of the SER Appendix B.5 of the SER Section 2.5 of the SER Appendix D of the SER (Appendix F of the FEIR) |
| | (vii) The CRR report must be a separate document from the main report and the format must be in the table format as indicated in Annexure 1 of this comments letter. | EAP: A Stakeholder Engagement Report (SER) has been compiled to outline the entire Public Participation Process for the project. The report is included as Appendix F of the FEIR, and has been submitted as a separate report on the DFFE portal. Furthermore, the CRR is included in Section 2.5 of the SER in the format required. | Appendix F of the FEIR Section 2.5 of the SER |
| | (viii) Please refrain from summarising comments made by I&APs. All comments from I&APs must be copied verbatim and responded to clearly. Please | EAP: The EAP can confirm that comments were not summarised. All comment received from I&APs were | Appendix F of the FEIR |



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| | note that a response such as "noted" is not regarded as an adequate response to I&APs' comments. | copied verbatim and responded to in the CRR (Section 2.5 of the SER). Furthermore, the response "noted" as not been utilised. | Section 2.5 of the SER Appendix D of the SER |
| | (ix) Minutes and attendance registers (where applicable) of any physical/virtual meetings held by the Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) with Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) and other role players must be included in the final EIAr. | EAP The minutes and attendance register of the meetings that have been held to date are included in Appendix C of the SER. | Appendix C of the SER |
| | (d) Layout & Sensitivity Maps (i) The final EIAr must provide coordinate points for the proposed development site (note that if the site has numerous bend points, at each bend point coordinates must be provided) as well as the start, middle and end point of all linear activities. | EAP: All coordinate points of the proposed development site is included in Section 4.1, Table 4.2 of the FEIR. Furthermore, maps including the coordinates of all the associated infrastructure for the proposed project have been included in Appendix M of the FEIR. | Section 4.2, Table 4.2 of the FEIR Appendix M of the FEIR |
| | (iii) The EIAr must provide a copy of the final preferred layout map. All available biodiversity information must be used in the finalisation of the layout map. Existing infrastructure must be used as far as possible e.g., roads. The layout map must indicate the following: a) A clear indication of the envisioned area for the proposed power line and associated infrastructure; b) Internal roads; | EAP: The EAP can confirm that the final preferred layout map is included Section 11-1. All available biodiversity information was used to finalise the layout map. The layout map includes all required information as requested. All coordinate points of the proposed development site is included in Section 4.1, Table 4.2 of the FEIR. | Section 4.2, Table 4.2 of the FEIR Appendix M of the FEIR |



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| | c) All supporting onsite infrastructure such as laydown area, guard house and control room etc.; d) Substations, transformers, switching stations and inverters; e) All existing infrastructure on the site, especially railway lines and roads; and f) Buildings, including accommodation. | Furthermore, maps including the coordinates of all the associated infrastructure for the proposed project have been included in Appendix M of the FEIR. | |
| | (iii) Please provide an environmental sensitivity map which indicates the following: a) The location of sensitive environmental features identified on site, e.g. CBAs, protected areas, heritage sites, wetlands, drainage lines, nest and roost sites etc. that will be affected by the facility and its associated infrastructure; b) Buffer areas; and c) All "no-go" areas. | A consolidated environmental sensitivity map has been provided in Section 8.2 of the FEIR. The consolidated environmental sensitivity map includes as requested information. | Section8.2 of the FEIR |
| | (iv) The above layout map must be superimposed (overlain) with the sensitivity map and a cumulative map which shows neighbouring and existing infrastructure. | EAP The consolidated environmental sensitivity provided in Section 8.2 of the FEIR map has been overlain with the final layout. A cumulative map showing neighbouring and existing infrastructure is included in Figure 10.1 in Section 10 of the FEIR. | Section8.2 of the FEIR Section 10 of the FEIR |
| | (v) Google maps will not be accepted. | EAP | = |



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| | | WSP can confirm that no google maps have been included in the FEIR. | |
| | (e) Environmental Management Programme (i) The EMPr must include the following: a) All recommendations and mitigation measures recorded in the EIAr and the specialist studies conducted. b) An environmental sensitivity map indicating environmental sensitive areas and features identified during the assessment process. | EAP: The EAP confirms that the EMPr includes all recommendations and mitigation measures recorded in the EIAr and the specialist studies conducted. Furthermore, an environmental sensitivity map indicating environmental sensitive areas and features identified during the assessment process is also included in Figure 3.1 and Figure 3.2 of the EMPr (Appendix L of the FEIR) | Appendix L of the FEIR |
| | (ii) In addition to the above, the EMPr must comply with Appendix 4 of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended. | EAP: It can be confirmed that the EMPr complies with Appendix 4 of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended. Table 1.3 of the EMPr (Appendix L of the FEIR) cross-references the sections of the EMPr with the requirements of Appendix 4 to evidence compliance. | Section 1.4 of the EMPr Appendix L of the FEIR |
| | (iii) It is drawn to your attention that for substation and overhead electricity transmission and distribution infrastructure, when such facilities trigger activity 11 or 47 of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations Listing Notice 1 of 2014, as amended, and any other listed and specified activities necessary for the realisation of such facilities, the generic Environmental Management Programme, contemplated in the Regulations must be used and | EAP: The Generic EMPr for the Development and Expansion of Substation Infrastructure for the Transmission and Distribution of Electricity is attached as Appendix D of the EMPr. The Generic EMPr for the Development and Expansion for Overhead Electricity Transmission and | Appendix D of the EMPr Appendix E of the EMPr Appendix L of the FEIR |



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| | submitted with the final report over and above the EMPr for the facility. | Distribution Infrastructure is attached as Appendix E of the EMPr. | |
| | (iv) Please ensure that all the sections of the generic Environmental Management Programme (EMPr), contemplated in Regulations 19(4) are adequately completed, is signed and dated on submission of the final report over and above the EMPr for the facility. | EAP: It is confirmed that the Generic EMPrs are adequately completed and signed | Appendix D of the EMPr Appendix E of the EMPr Appendix L of the FEIR |
| | (f) Environmental Impact Statement (i) An environmental impact statement must form part of the final EIAr and contain the following – a) a summary of the key findings of the environmental impact assessment; | EAP: The Environmental Impact Statement is included as Section 11 of the FEIR. A summary of key findings of the EIA is included in this section with a summary of the impacts included in Section 11.1. Key specialist conclusions are included in Section 11.2. | Section 11 of the FEIR |
| | b) a map at an appropriate scale which superimposes the proposed activity and its associated structures and infrastructure on the environmental sensitivities of the preferred site indicating any areas that should be avoided, including buffers; and | EAP: A map which superimposes the proposed activity and its associated structures and infrastructure on the environmental sensitivities of the preferred alignment is included in Section 11.3 | Section 11.3 of the FEIR |
| | c) a summary of the positive and negative impacts and risks of the proposed activity and identified alternatives. | EAP: A summary of key findings of the EIA is included in this section with a summary of the impacts included in Section 11.1. | Section 11.1 of the FEIR |



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| | General The EIAr must provide the technical details for the proposed facility in a table format as well as their description and/or dimensions (Annexure 2). | EAP: The FEIR does include the technical details for the proposed facility in a table format as well as their description and/or dimensions. The table is included upfront in the FEIR, under the heading "General Site Information" as well as in Section 4.2, Table 4-7. | "General Site Information" of the FEIR Section 4.2, Table 4-7 of the FEIR |
| | Please also ensure that the final EIAr includes the period for which the Environmental Authorisation is required and the date on which the activity will be concluded as per Appendix 3 of the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended. | EAP: The period for which the Environmental Authorisation is required and the date on which the activity will be concluded as per Appendix 3 of the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended is included in the FEIR in Section 11.6. | Section 11.6 of the FEIR. |
| | You are further reminded to comply with Regulation 23(1)(a) of the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended, which states that: "The applicant must within 106 days of the acceptance of the scoping report submit to the competent authority - (a) an environmental impact assessment report inclusive of any specialist reports, an EMPr, a closure plan in the case of a closure activity and where the application is a mining application, the plans, report and calculations contemplated in the Financial Provisioning Regulations, which must have been subjected to a public participation process of at least 30 days and which reflects the incorporation of comments received, including any comments of the competent authority." | WSP acknowledges the timelines stipulated in Regulation 23 of the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended. In terms of the extension granted by the DFFE on 02 December 2024 the FEIR must be submitted by latest 19 May 2025. The EAP can confirm that the Draft EIR, all specialist studies and the EMPr were subjected to a public participation process of at least 30 days (04 March 2025 to 05 April 2025). All comments received during the public review period have been incorporated into this SER. | Section 2.1 of the FEIR Appendix N of the FEIR Appendix D of the SER Section 2.5 of the SER |



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| | Should there be significant changes or new information that has been added to the EIAr or EMPr which changes or information was not contained in the reports or plans consulted on during the initial public participation process, you are required to comply with Regulation 23(1)(b) of the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended, which states: "The applicant must within 106 days of the acceptance of the scoping report submit to the competent authority – (b) a notification in writing that the documents contemplated in subregulation 1(a) will be submitted within 156 days of acceptance of the scoping report by the competent authority or where regulation 21(2) applies, within 156 days of receipt of the application by the competent authority, as significant changes have been made or significant new information has been added to the documents, which changes or information was not contained in the original documents consulted on during the initial public participation process contemplated in subregulation (1)(a), and that the revised documents contemplated in subregulation 1(a) will be subjected to another public participation process of at least 30 days". | EAP: This comment is acknowledged. WSP can confirm that there has been no significant changes or new information added to the EIAr or EMPr subsequent to the public review period (04 March 2025 to 05 April 2025). Any changes to the FEIR and EMPr are considered minor and are highlighted in underlined text. | FEIR Appendix L of the FEIR (EMPr) |
| | Should you fail to meet any of the timeframes stipulated in Regulation 23 of the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended, your application will lapse. | WSP acknowledges the timelines stipulated in Regulation 23 of the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended. In terms of the extension granted by the DFFE on 02 December 2024 the FEIR must be submitted by latest 19 May 2025. | Section 2.1 of the FEIR Appendix N of the FEIR |

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| | You are hereby reminded of Section 24F of the National Environmental Management Act, Act No. 107 of 1998, as amended, that no activity may commence prior to an Environmental Authorisation being granted by the Department. Yours sincerely | WSP acknowledges this comment. The applicant is fully aware that that no activity may commence prior to an Environmental Authorisation being granted by the Department. | - |
| Department of Forestry Fis | heries and the Environment (DFFE) - Protected Areas Pla | anning and Management Effectiveness | L |
| DFFE Mashudu Mudau 27 August 2024 Email | Good day Ashlea The Directorate: Protected Areas Planning and Management Effectiveness would like to thank you for the opportunity to review the Draft Scoping report for the proposed development of the Phefumula Emoyeni One Electrical Grid Infrastructure, located approximately 16km north-west of Ermelo in the Msukaligwa Local Municipality and Gert Sibande District Municipality, in the Mpumalanga Province. | EAP: WSP acknowledges this comment, and the specific responses is provided further in the table. | - |
| | After conducting the review of the submitted documents, we have noted that the proposed developments will not take place within any protected area in terms of Section 9 of the National Environmental Management: Protected Areas Act (NEMPAA), Act No. 57 of 2003 nor within the 5km(nature reserve) and 10km(national park) identified in terms of NEMPAA. The closest protected area is the Rietvlei Private Nature Reserve is 12.6km away from the proposed development (see attached). However, the proposed development is | WSP can confirm that the development of the Final layout will endeavour to avoid all areas of high sensitivity such that the layout utilises the least sensitivity areas possible. It must be noted that in the applicant has been continually refining the layout such that turbines are all been located outside of sensitive areas (NPAES, CBAs etc.): Irreplaceable areas and to avoid the high sensitivity zones identified by the various specialists. | Section 5-5 of the FSR |



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| | within the National Protected Area Expansion Strategic areas. | Furthermore, additional avifauna studies have been commissioned to better inform the layout. It must also be noted that the overhead powerline has a limited footprint. | |
| | The following concerns have been noted in the report: • The proposed development is located within the Amersfoort-Bethal-Carolina IBA (SA018) and 18km west of the Chrissie Pans IBA, with sensitive species such as the threatened Botha's Lark, globally threatened species such as the Blue Crane, Southern Bald Ibis, Black Harrier, Blue Korhaan, Black-winged Pratincole, Secretary bird, Martial Eagle and Denham's Bustard and regionally threatened species such as the African Grass Owl, White-bellied Bustard and Lanner Falcon. This IBA was confirmed to be of high sensitivity for Avifauna. | Avifaunal Specialist: The Project Site and immediate environment is classified as Medium Sensitivity for vultures according to the Vulture Species Theme in the Screening tool. (The Medium sensitivity is due the Project Site possibly affecting an area with between 5%–10% of the vulture population). During the pre-construction monitoring (885 hours of vantage point observations) only four (4) Cape Vultures were observed, during the April survey. In total, only 16 minutes of Cape Vulture flights were recorded at medium height (i.e. within rotor-swept height). The passage rate for Cape Vultures after 885 hours of monitoring was 0.004 birds per hour which amounts to about 1 Cape Vulture every 17 days. According to the Cervantes Population Utilization Distribution outputs the Phefumula Emoyeni One WEF Project Site is rated low sensitivity (Cervantes et al 2023). During the EIA phase, additional analysis that has been conducted, has been presented with respect to identifying suitable wetland and grassland habitat. Habitat suitability modelling has been conducted to delineate wetland and grassland habitat based on key wetland and grassland species. The wetland layer is based on suitable aquatic and adjacent habitat as informed by the following Species of Conservation | Appendix G.4 of the FSR Section 5.2.6 of the FSR Appendix G.4 of the DEIR |



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| | | Concern (SCC) namely African Grass Owl, Blue Crane, African Marsh Harrier, and Grey Crowned Crane. | |
| | | Rudd's Lark, Botha's Lark and Yellow-breasted Pipit informed a habitat suitability model to identify high quality grassland patches specifically preferred by these threatened species. At the proposed project site, suitable habitat was largely driven by Yellow-breasted Pipit, while no suitable habitat for either Rudd's Lark or Botha's lark were flagged by the fine scale habitat suitability model. In addition to the above species-specific habitat suitability model, the high-quality grassland areas (CBAs etc.) identified and avoided by the biodiversity and vegetation specialists, provides additional protection for other grassland specialists such as Denham's Bustard and Secretarybird. | |
| | | As per communication from BirdLife South Africa (July 2024) it should be noted that IBA's are being replaced by Key Biodiversity Areas (KBA's). | |
| | | A section on the Chrissie Pans KBA has been added to the FSR in Section 5.2.6. The Project Site only marginally overlaps with a KBA, namely the Chrissie Pans KBA (KBA ID 47). | |
| | A significant part of the Project Area falls within CBAs (Irreplaceable and Optimal). Furthermore, a biodiversity offset plan will be part of the EIA phase. | EAP: The final layout for the Grid is still being developed. The most up to date layout has been included in Section 5-5 together with the relevant sensitivity overlays. WSP can confirm that the applicant has | Section 5-5 of the FSR Section 7 of the FSR |



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| | | endeavoured to avoid all high sensitivity areas such as CBA irreplaceable and CBA optimal as far as possible. It must also be noted that the overhead powerline has a limited footprint. | |
| | | The Biodiversity Offset Strategy will encompass only those areas that cannot be avoided one the layout has been finalised. The final layout will be included in the Draft EIA Report. | |
| | | The Biodiversity Offset Strategy will be developed together with input from all relevant specialists. | |
| | | Applicant: | |
| | | The initial layout was developed based on available desktop sensitivities. However, throughout the EIA process, the layout has been refined based on feedback from the EAP and the specialists. Wetlands, CBA: Irreplaceable and CBA: Optimal areas are being avoided as far as possible. Where there are existing roads through these areas, they will be used rather than creating new roads. The width of the roads will also be reduced as much as practicably possible in these areas. It must also be noted that the overhead powerline has a limited footprint. | |
| | | Based on current feedback from the EAP and specialists, it is highly likely that an offset will be required. Once the extent and nature (i.e., habitat types) of the impacted areas has been quantified, Seriti Green will request a workshop with key conservation and government stakeholders (such as MDARDLEA, BLSA, EWT, MTPA, DFFE) to discuss the way forward in terms of identifying suitable offset | |



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| | | areas and the requirements for ongoing management/rehabilitation. | |
| | The continued integrity and protection of these CBAs is required to meet biodiversity targets for biodiversity pattern (species and ecosystems) and ecological processes. The presence of CBA Irreplaceable and CBA Optimal land in the study area is therefore a concern with respects to terrestrial biodiversity management. As per the MBSP, development in CBA areas must be avoided. It is therefore recommended that the proposed location of the wind turbines and associated infrastructure must avoid areas designated CBA Irreplaceable, CBA Optimal, FEPA and an IBA. It is this Directorates view that this proposed project will have a very high impact to avifauna as this IBA sole purpose is to serves as their main habitat and for their protection. | EAP: All efforts have been made to preserve habitat, critical biodiversity areas and the species that inhabit it. Habitat suitability modelling has been done for several species of conservation concern, and prime areas for these species are being conserved and excluded from the buildable area for the proposed windfarm. Wetlands were buffered to protect species associated with this habitat type, and flight risk models were developed for species at risk of collisions with the grid infrastructure. | Appendix G.4 of the FSR Appendix G.4 of the DEIR |
| SOLA Group | | | |
| SOLA Reuben Maroga 6 August 2024 Email | Good Day Ashlea, Thanks for the notification. Are you able to share the KMZ of the proposed grid infrastructure? Best Regards | EAP: Dear Reuben Thanks for your email. We will need permission from the Applicant to share this information. Please provide me with a motivation as to why this information would be required so that I can send it through to the applicant for their consideration. Kind regards | |



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| Department of Defence | | | |
| Department of Defence Lieutenant Colonel Francois P Strydom 03 September 2024 Email | Good Day Although I am not the Entry point for Applications and only an Internal Stakeholder, the following. -There is no Application Document -There is No .KML / .KMZ file attached in your mail as to have the Minimum info to evaluate and respond via our Official channels | EAP: Good morning Francois Thank you for your email – WSP is responsible purely for the Environmental Impact Assessment. In terms of your email below – please could you provide me with more detail as to what application document the client should be submitting together with the kmz. If you could provide me with this information I will forward it on to the client. Thanking you in advance for your assistance. Kind regards | Appendix D of the SER |
| Simone Evered Simon Evered | Dear Ashlea Strong, | EAP: | Appendix A of |
| 26 July 2024 Email | Please be advised that I am no longer Chairman of the Lowvled Region of the Wildlife and Environment Society of SA. The existing Chairman is Llew Taylor at Ilewtaylorsa@gmail.com. Please address all correspondence to him. | WSP acknowledges this comment, and the stakeholder database has been updated accordingly. | the SER |
| SML Projects | Regards | | |



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| Tshitso Mofokeng Meeting Request | Meeting request received on 7 August 2024 to discuss wayleave application. | EAP: Dear Tshitso Thank you for your email. Please note that WSP has been appointed to undertake the Environmental Impact Assessment application and associated processes for the Phefumula Wind Energy Facility and its associated Grid connection. There are no wayleave applications currently underway for the proposed project. We will be declining your meeting request as there is nothing to present at this time. Kind regards | Appendix D of the SER |
| South African Heritage Resource | e Agency | | |
| SAHRA Natasha Higgitt 11 September 2024 Email | Good day Thank you for the notification. Please upload the documents using the "Make an additional submission to the existing SAHRIS case" in the application selector wizard https://sahris.org.za/form/application-selector | EAP The Heritage Impact Assessment Report has been uploaded on the SAHRIS website. | |
| | Interim Comment In terms of Section 38(3) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999) Ashlea Strong | EAP: This comment has been noted. | - |



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| | WSP Group Africa Building 1, Maxwell Office Park, Magwa Cres, Midrand, 1685 | | |
| | WSP Group Africa (Pty) Ltd (WSP) has been appointed in the role of Independent Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) to undertake the S&EIR processes for the proposed Phefumula Emoyeni One Electrica IGrid Infrastructure, located approximately 16km north-west of Ermelo in the Msukaligwa Local Municipality and Gert Sibande District Municipality, in the Mpumalanga Province of South Africa | | |
| | A Final Scoping Report (FSR) was submitted in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, Act 107 of 1998 (NEMA) and the NEMA EIA Regulations (As amended). The project consists of the following infrastructure referred to as: One Main Transmission Substation (MTS) = this will tie into the existing 400kVline via loop in loop out (LILO) set-up with approximately 17.4Ha footprint; Three DX = Distribution substations (one per each phase). The independent power producer (IPP) substation will be constructed adjacent to theDx substations; and Three overhead lines (OHL) = 132kV overhead power line from each Dx sub to the MTS (total length approx.18.2km). | | |



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| | Van der Walt, J. 2024. HERITAGE SCOPING REPORT For the proposed Phefumula Emoyeni One Electrical Grid Infrastructure, Mpumalanga Province. | | |
| | The author undertook a desktop assessment and noted that the study area includes heritage sensitive areas that specifically relate to historical occupation of the Project area and associated burial sites. Archaeological sites in the form of LIA stone walled settlements are also considered to be sensitive. Known sites close to the area consist of Shelters with Rock Art sites and LIA stone walled settlements. During a field survey numerous heritage sites were recorded. It is recommended that the final footprint should be subjected to a HIA. | | |
| | Interim comments SAHRA requests that an assessment of the impacts to heritage resources that complies with section 38(3) of the NHRA as required by section 38(8) of the NHRA and section 24(4)b(iii) of NEMA be conducted as part of the EA process. | EAP: The Heritage Impact Assessment and Palaeontological Impact assessment were conducted according to section 38(8) of the NHRA and section 24(4)b(iii) of NEMA. | Appendix G.8 of the DEIR. |
| | The assessment must include an assessment of the impact to archaeological and palaeontological resources. The field-based assessment of archaeological resources must be conducted by a qualified archaeologist and the report comply with the SAHRA 2007 Minimum Standards: Archaeological and Palaeontological Components of Impact | EAP: The Palaeontological Impact assessment was including an assessment of the impact to archaeological and palaeontological resources | Appendix G.8 of the DEIR. |



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| | Assessment Reports (see www.asapa.co.za or www.aphp.org.za for a list of qualified archaeologists). The assessment must include the track logs of the area to be surveyed. | | |
| | The proposed development is located within an area of insignificant and very high Palaeontological Sensitivity as per the SAHRIS PalaeoSensitivity map. As such, a field assessment and protocol for finds is required. | EAP: This comment has been noted. Efforts were made to avoid areas of significant palaeontological sensitivity. | Appendix G.8 of the DEIR. |
| | The assessment must be undertaken by a qualified palaeontologist. (See https://www.palaeosa.org/heritage-practitioners.html for a list of qualified palaeontologists). The report must comply with the 2012 Minimum Standards: Palaeontological Components of Heritage Impact Assessments. | EAP: The Palaeontological Impact assessment was conducted by a qualified palaeontologist. | Appendix G.8 of the DEIR. |
| | Any other heritage resources as defined in section 3 of the NHRA that may be impacted, such as built structures over 60 years old, sites of cultural significance associated with oral histories, burial grounds and graves, graves of victims of conflict, and cultural landscapes or viewscapes must also be assessed. | EAP All potential areas and heritage resources that could potentially be impacted by the proposed development were assessed. The findings of the assessment are in the Heritage Impact Assessment report and the Palaeontology Impact Assessment report. | Appendix G of the DEIR |
| | The DEIA and its appendices in support of EA application must be submitted to the case. | EAP: This comment has been noted. The full DEIR has been submitted to SAHRA | - |



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| | The applicant is advised to extend the EA process in terms of section 19(1)b of the NEMA EIA regulations in order to address this comment. Further comments will be issued upon receipt of the above requested reports | EAP: A request for extension for the submission of the EIR was submitted to DFFE on 1 November 2024 to address all the issued and concerns identified during the Scoping phase. | - |
| | Should you have any further queries, please contact the designated official using the case number quoted above in the case header | EAP: This comment is noted. | |
| SAHRA Natasha Higgitt 1 November 2024 Email | Interim Comment In terms of Section 38(3) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999) Ashlea Strong WSP Africa Pty Ltd Building 1, Maxwell Office Park, Magwa Crescent West, Waterfall City, Midrand 1685 South Africa Building 1, Maxwell Office Park, Magwa Crescent West, Waterfall City, Midrand 1685 South Africa Midrand 1685 WSP Group Africa (Pty) Ltd has been appointed by Phefumula Emoyeni One (Pty) Ltd to conduct an Environmental Authorisation (EA) Application for the proposed Phefumula Emoyeni One Electrical Grid | EAP: This comment is noted. | |



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| | Infrastructure, near Ermelo, Mpumalanga Province (DFFE Reference Number: 14/12/16/3/3/2/2596). | | |
| | A Final Scoping Report (FSR) has been submitted in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (NEMA) and the 2017 NEMA Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations. The proposed development will include the construction of a 400kv transmission line, a 132kv transmission line with concrete foundations (80m2 and up to 3.5 deep), a working area of 100m x 100m is needed for each proposed structure to be constructed, a Main Transmission Substation (36 ha), three distribution substations, construction compound at MTS, three construction compounds for distributions substations, batch plant and portable ablutions to be used along powerline routes. | | |
| | Beyond Heritage has been appointed to provide heritage specialist input into the EA process in terms of section 24(4)b(iii) of NEMA and section 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act, Act 25 of 1999 (NHRA). | | |
| | Van der Walt, J. 2024. Heritage Scoping Report for the proposed Phefumula Emoyeni One Electrical Grid Infrastructure, Mpumalanga Province | | |
| | Heritage resources such as structures and ruins older than 60 years, burial sites and Iron Age stone walled settlements are located within the | EAP | Appendix G.8of the DEIR |



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| | development footprint. Additionally, the development is located in an area of high and very high palaeontological sensitivity. | All potential areas and heritage resources that could potentially be impacted by the proposed development were assessed. The findings of the assessment are in the Heritage Impact Assessment report and the Palaeontology Impact Assessment report. | |
| | It is recommended that a field-based Heritage Impact Assessment and a Palaeontological Impact Assessment be conducted. | EAP: Field assessments Heritage Impact Assessment and a Palaeontological Impact Assessment were conducted in January 2025. The findings of the assessment are recorder in the Heritage Impact Assessment report and Palaeontological Impact Assessment report. | Appendix G.8 of the DEIR |
| | The SAHRA Development Applications Unit (DAU) notes the submitted heritage report. | EAP: This comment is noted. | - |
| | The archaeological component of the field-based HIA must be conducted by a qualified archaeologist and must comply with the SAHRA 2007 Minimum Standards: Archaeological and Palaeontological Components of Impact Assessment Reports (see www.asapa.co.za or www.aphp.org.za for a list of qualified archaeologists). | EAP: The Heritage Impact Assessment and Palaeontological Impact assessment were conducted according to section 38(8) of the NHRA and section 24(4)b(iii) of NEMA. By qualified professionals. | Appendix G.8 of the DEIR |
| | The proposed development is located within an area of high and very high Palaeontological Sensitivity as per the SAHRIS PalaeoSensitivity map. As such, a field-based Palaeontological Impact Assessment (PIA) must be undertaken by a qualified | EAP: This comment has been noted. Efforts were made to avoid areas of significant palaeontological sensitivity. | Appendix G.8 of the DEIR |



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| | palaeontologist. (See https://www.palaeosa.org/heritage-practitioners.html for a listof qualified palaeontologists). The report must comply with the 2012 Minimum Standards: Palaeontological Components of Heritage Impact Assessments. | | |
| | Any other heritage resources as defined in section 3 of the NHRA that may be impacted, such as built structures over 60 years old, sites of cultural significance associated with oral histories, burial grounds and graves, graves of victims of conflict, and cultural landscapes or viewscapes must also be assessed. | EAP: This comment has been noted. | Appendix G.8 of the DEIR |
| | Further comments will be issued upon receipt of the pending heritage assessments and the DEIA inclusive of appendices. | EAP: This comment has been noted. | - |
| | Should you have any further queries, please contact the designated official using the case number quoted above in the case header. | | |
| | Yours faithfully | | |
| Gert Sibande District Municipal | ity (GSDM) | | |
| GSDM | Good day, | Good day Lindokuhle | Appendix D of |
| Lindokuhle Magagula 28 March 2025 | Please find attached comments for the abovementioned project. | Thank you, the District's comments have been received. | the SER |
| Email | | Kind regards, | |



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| GSDM Ms T Mogakabe 28 March 2025 Formal Letter | Dear Sir/ Madam. DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT REPORT FOR COMMENT FOR THE PROPOSED PHEFUMULA EMOYENI ELECTRICAL GRID INFRASTRUCTURE, ERMELO, MSUKALIGWA LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, GERT SIBANDE DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY. The above-mentioned report dated March 2025 was received by the official on the 04 March 2025. The comments to follow are in relation to the following legislations and policy directives: National Environmental Management Act (Act 107 of 1998) National Environmental Management: Biodiversity Act (Act 10 of 2004) Air Quality Management (Act 39 of 2004) Waste Management Act (Act 59 of 2008) Gert Sibande District Municipality By - laws (No.2300 of 2014) National Health Act (Act 61 of 2003) National Water Act (Act 36 of 1998) as amended | EAP: The comment from GSDM is acknowledged and responded to below. | Appendix D of the SER |
| | The following are comments from Gert Sibande District Municipality for consideration of the application: | = | = |



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| | The applicant must ensure that the requirements of the National Environmental Management Act (Act 107 of 1998), its Specific Environmental Management Acts and the Gert Sibande District Municipality By-Laws (No.2300 of 2014) are adhered to. | EAP: It can be confirmed that the Applicant is aware that the requirements of the National Environmental Management Act (Act 107 of 1998), its Specific Environmental Management Acts and the Gert Sibande District Municipality By-Laws (No.2300 of 2014) are adhered to. | = |
| | Duty of care principle as per the National Environmental Management Act (107 of 1998) as amended, must be taken into account throughout the proposed project during all operations and close up. | EAP: Section 5.4.4 of the EMPr notes the requirement for the Applicant to comply with the Duty of Care Principles. | Section 5.4.4 of the EMPr Appendix L of the FEIR |
| | In reference to page 59 of the Terrestrial Biodiversity Assessment (Including the animal and plant species) specialist report which states that Collectively, these projects will cause direct habitat loss, disturbance and fragmentation through vegetation clearing that is much greater in extent than that of a single constituent project, and this is a cumulative impact of concern with respect to fauna SCC and the proposed Project. Please note that no development should be made in any CBA areas and that the proposed project should ensure that requirements of the National Environmental Management Biodiversity Act (Act 10 of 2004) are adhered to. | EAP: Section 5.2 outlines the development of the layout for the Phefumula Emoyeni 400kV powerline and associated infrastructure. The final layout ensures that: The MTS, DX1, DX2, and DX3 would avoid CBA1 and CBA2 areas The OHL corridor minimized crossings through wetlands, CBAs, CCC zones, and intact grasslands The infrastructure placement aligns with the mitigation hierarchy, prioritizing avoidance first, followed by mitigation and offsets where necessary Recommendations received from the MTPA with regards to the alignment were taken into account. | Section 5.2 of the FEIR |



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| | | The applicant is aware of the requirements of the National Environmental Management Biodiversity Act (Act 10 of 2004) that need to be adhered to. | |
| | In reference to page 23 of the Biodiversity Offset specialist report which states that The LSA is dominated by mixed grassland and agricultural cultivation, with hillslope seeps and valley bottom wetlands occurring throughout and page 24 which states that given the sensitive nature of much of the LSA, a number of environmental mitigation measures were incorporated into the Project design to avoid and minimise potential effects to biodiversity. Please note that the district does not support any development within a 50 m buffer of wetlands or waterbodies and the rechannelling of any waterbodies. | EAP: It is confirmed that the final layout ensures that no development will occur within a 50 m buffer of wetlands or waterbodies. Furthermore, it is confirmed that the development will not require the rechannelling of any waterbodies | Section 5.2 of the FEIR |
| | There must be no unnecessary destruction or removal of natural vegetation and only indigenous vegetation should be used for re-vegetation were needed. | EAP: Mitigation measures to this effect are included in Table 7.10 of the EMPr. | Table 7.10 of the EMPr Appendix L of the FEIR |
| | The applicant must put in place preventative and control measures for incidents as part of the Environmental Management Programme Plan in order to control and limit the negative impact of industrial activities and products on both human, plants and animals and the environment, rehabilitation plans and procedures must be in place | EAP: Section 5.4 of the EMPr outlines the control measures with regards to non-conformance and corrective actions. Furthermore, Section 5.5 outlines the documentation that must be kept onsite in order to record compliance with the EMPr and conditions of the environmental | Section 5 of the EMPr Appendix L of the FEIR |



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| | for any incident's response and immediate rehabilitation. | authorisation which includes a Record of complaints; and a Record of emergencies and incidents. | |
| | In reference to section 8.2 of the Heritage specialist report which states that Heritage observations within the study area included multiple burial sites, farmsteads, ruins, and circular stone enclosures and were recorded as waypoints. These sites should be barricaded during construction, and should significant cultural material be exposed during the development and construction of the proposed activity all activities must be suspended pending further archaeological investigations by a qualified archaeologist and the South African Heritage Resources Agency be notified immediately. | EAP: Heritage mitigation measures are outlined in Table 7- 14 of the EMPr. Furthermore, a Heritage Management Plan is included in Section 8.12 of the EMPr. | Table 7.14 of the EMPr Section 8.12 of the EMPr Appendix L of the FEIR |
| | In reference to page 9 of the Avifaunal specialist report which states that A total of 224 bird species could potentially occur within the Broader Area where the Project Site is located (see Appendix E). Of these, 80 are classified as priority species for electrical grid infrastructure (EGI) developments (i.e. EGI sensitive avifauna). Of the 80 EGI sensitive avifauna, 71 have a medium to high likelihood of occurring regularly in the Project Area of Influence (PAOI). Of the 80 EGI sensitive avifauna, 67 (84%) were recorded during the on-site field surveys. Mitigation measures must form part of the Environmental Management Programme report and be applied during construction and operation of the proposed activity. | EAP: Robust avifaunal mitigation measures are included in Table 7.13 of the EMPr. | Table 7.13 of the EMPr Appendix L of the FEIR |



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| | There should be strict adherence to national road traffic Act prescriptions including District Noise By - laws. | EAP: The applicant acknowledges the requirement to ensure compliance to the National Road Traffic Act prescriptions including District Noise By - laws. | Ξ |
| | The processes must avoid all sources of dust or particulate matter generation and immediate mitigation plans be implemented in consultation with the District Air Quality Officers including on all unpaved roads. | EAP: Mitigation measures relating to air quality and dust management are included in Table 7.7 of the EMPr. | Table 7.7 of the EMPr Appendix L of the FEIR |
| | Any complaints received from the public during the proposed activity phases must be documented and reported to the district municipality and attended to within three working days after such reporting to the satisfaction of all parties engaged. | Section 5.5 outlines the documentation that must be kept onsite in order to record compliance with the EMPr and conditions of the environmental authorisation which includes a Record of complaints; and a Record of emergencies and incidents. | Section 5 of the EMPr Appendix L of the FEIR |
| | All incidents or complaints should be reported to Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment, Gert Sibande District Municipality and Msukaligwa Local Municipality. | EAP: During the construction phase, incidents and complaints will be recorded in the monthly ECO monitoring reports which will be submitted to the DFFE, Gert Sibande District Municipality and the Msukaligwa Local Municipality. | Section 5 of the EMPr Appendix L of the FEIR |
| | The EMPr must include detailed but not be limited to the following: Environmental Pollution Prevention Plan Incident Emergency Plan | EAP: Section 8 of the EMPr includes a number of management plans that are to be implemented during | Section 8 of the EMPr Appendix F of the EMPr |



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| | Site Environmental Management Operational Plan Site specific Storm Water Management Plan (SWMP) | the construction and operational phases of the project. The Waste Management and Hazardous Substances Management Plans cover the all the requirements required in the requested Environmental Pollution Prevention Plan. A Site Health Safety and Environmental (HSE) Incident Report Procedure has been included as Appendix F of the EMPr. This procedure is a Seriti Green specific procedure that is implemented on all their construction sites. The EMPr covers the mitigation and management requirements for both the construction and operational phases of the project. Therefore, the EMPr as a whole is considered to be the Site Environmental Management Operational Plan. Section 8.8 of the EMPr includes a high-level SWMP. The high-level SWMP will be updated as detailed design is finalised. A full SWMP will be in place before construction commences. | Appendix L of the FEIR |
| | The applicant should ensure that all supervisors and management on site are fully conversant with the content and requirements of the EMPr attached as part of the Environmental Assessment report including made available to the project manager and any other person(s) or organization(s) working on the site. | EAP: It can be confirmed that the Applicant will ensure that all supervisors and management on site are fully conversant with the content and requirements of the EMPr. Section 5 of the EMPr outlines the Management Procedures and Administration requirements of the | Section 5 of the EMPr Appendix L of the FEIR |



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| | | EMPr, including the organisation structure, responsibilities and environmental awareness plan. | |
| | The applicant must ensure that a health, safety and environmental officer is present at all times during operations on site in order to ensure compliance to EMPr and related environmental & health management matters and any specific specialist recommendations made. | EAP: Section 5.1 of the EMPr outlines the organisation structure and responsibilities. | Section 5.1 of the EMPr Appendix L of the FEIR |
| | Monthly reports on the implementation of the EMP must be sent to the relevant authorities. | EAP: Section 5.1 of the EMPr outlines the organisation structure and responsibilities. During the construction phase, incidents and complaints will be recorded in the monthly ECO monitoring reports which will be submitted to the DFFE, Gert Sibande District Municipality and the Msukaligwa Local Municipality. | Section 5.1 of the EMPr Appendix L of the FEIR |
| | Should you have any queries, please contact LF Magagula on 017 801 7233. Yours Faithfully | = | = |
| <u>VulPro</u> | | | |
| VulPro Meagan Bromfield | COMMENT: DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EIA) FOR THE PHEFUMULA EMOYENI ELECTRICAL GRID INFRASTRUCTURE (DFFE Reference No:14/12/16/3/3/2/2596) | = | = |



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| 01 April 2025 Formal Letter | Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) for the Phefumula Emoyeni Electrical Grid Infrastructure (EGI), associated with the Phefumula Emoyeni One Wind Energy Facilities (WEF), located north of Ermelo in the Msukaligwa Local Municipality and Gert Sibande District Municipality, Mpumalanga Province, South Africa. VulPro has also submitted comments on the Phefumula Emoyeni One WEFs project, indicating that downplaying of vulture risk in this area is unacceptable, and all precautions should be taken to prevent vulture mortalities. | EAP: The receipt of this comment is acknowledged and responded to below. | Appendix D of the SER |
| | As highlighted in our comments on the WEF project, VulPro's vulture tracking data confirms the specialists' findings regarding the presence of Cape Vultures (Gyps coprotheres), with White-backed Vultures (Gyps africanus) also present in the greater area. | EAP: This statement is acknowledged and noted as correct. | = |
| | VulPro supports the proposed avifaunal mitigation recommendations for both collision and electrocution. However, we emphasise that all power line infrastructure if not underground must be designed to deter perching, and all lines should be marked with bird flight diverters, at a minimum, following Eskom's Bird Collision Prevention Guidelines and Bird Perch Guidelines. | EAP: The entire length of the OHL must be marked with Bird Flight Diverters according to the applicable Eskom Standard – 15 m apart. Furthermore, all pylons are to be fitted with bird antiperching devices to avoid birds perching in high-risk areas which will reduce the risk of electrocutions due to streamers | Appendix L of the FEIR Appendix G.4 of the FEIR |



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| | In addition, VulPro strongly recommends the following: | = | = |
| | Mitigation monitoring and maintenance Schedule: Proposed power line mitigation measures must include a comprehensive monitoring and maintenance schedule, as these measures are vulnerable to wear and tear, including weathering, corrosion, and technical failure. VulPro has observed failures of mitigation measures installed on Eskom lines due to inadequate maintenance. If not properly addressed, these failures could pose significant risks. The mitigation recommendations must explicitly include this maintenance schedule, even if the lines are to be transferred to Eskom. This schedule should include regular monitoring to assess the effectiveness of the mitigation measures and ensure their continued functionality. | Avifauna Specialist: Quarterly monitoring of the BFDs on the OHL to ensure they are still intact, and functioning has been recommended and added to the EMPr. | Appendix L of the FEIR Appendix G.4 of the FEIR |
| | Enhanced Line Visibility in Power Line Corridors: Any power lines installed within the same corridor as existing lines must be highly visible. Although grouping power lines on a common servitude is often believed to reduce risk, VulPro's observational data from Cookhouse, Eastern Cape, indicate that vultures frequently collide with the less visible, smaller kV lines when attempting to avoid or land on the larger kV lines in the same corridor. These lines must be properly spaced and marked to mitigate this issue. | Avifauna Specialist: The entire length of the OHL must be marked with Bird Flight Diverters according to the applicable Eskom Standard – 15 m apart. Furthermore, all pylons are to be fitted with bird antiperching devices to avoid birds perching in high-risk areas which will reduce the risk of electrocutions due to streamers | Appendix L of the FEIR Appendix G.4 of the FEIR |



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| | Water Sources: Water sources such as concrete reservoirs and animal water troughs located directly under or very close to the proposed lines should be relocated. Alternatively, the power line route should be adjusted to avoid these water sources. Additionally, all concrete reservoirs within the project area of influence (PAOI) should be covered to discourage bird visitation. | Avifauna Specialist: Water sources underneath or immediately adjacent (i.e. within 200m) of the route alignment will be relocated. Concrete reservoirs will be covered to reduce their attractiveness to vultures | Appendix L of the FEIR Appendix G.4 of the FEIR |
| | Incident Notification: VulPro must be immediately notified of any incidents involving vulture mortality or injury due to electrocution or collision. | Avifauna Specialist: The recommendation for VulPro to be notified of any incidents involving vulture mortality or injury due to electrocution or collision has been added to Avifauna report | Appendix L of the FEIR Appendix G.4 of the FEIR |
| | Electrocution and collisions with power lines are among the leading causes of vulture mortality in South Africa. Given the extensive existing electrical infrastructure, numerous proposed renewable projects, and vulture activity in the area—including their use of power lines as roosting sites—these risks must be addressed through robust avifaunal mitigation measures. | EAP: This comment is acknowledged. Robust avifaunal mitigation measures are included in Table 7.13 of the EMPr. | Appendix L of the FEIR |
| | We appreciate your attention to these concerns and remain available to provide further input or clarification if needed. Yours sincerely. | = | = |
| I&AP Registration | | | |



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| Sphokazi Mbatha 13 September 2024 Email | Good morning, I hope you are well. Could you kindly register me as an I&AP for the Phefumula Emoyeni One Electrical Grid Infrastructure (DFFE Ref: 14/12/16/3/3/2/2596) project. | EAP: WSP acknowledges this comment, and the stakeholder database has been updated accordingly. | Appendix A of the SER |
| Landowner – M Erasmus | | | |
| Michael Erasmus Email 05 March 2025 | Good day , please send this link to my other email address Thank a lot Michael Erasmus | EAP: Good day Michael, The folder has been shared. Please see the link below for ease of reference: 41105236 - Phefumula Emoyeni 400kV Draft EIR_14.12.16.3.3.2.2596 Kind regards, | Appendix D of the SER |
| Sirius Power | | | |
| Sirius Power David Blundell 10 March 2025 Email | Dear Ashlea, I see that the electrical grid infrastructure for Phefumula Emoyeni WEF is out for public participation. | EAP: Dear David Yes the Draft EIA Report for the Phefumula Emoyeni GRID was release for public review last week Tuesday 04 March 2025. | Appendix D of the SER |



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| | Does this mean that the generation project is back on track? Can you please elaborate on the status of the Wind Farm? Thanks and regards, David | The project is back on track and you will be notified as required when the draft EIA Report for the WEF is released for public review. Kind regards | |
| Menar | | | |
| Menar Sarah Wanless 05 March 2025 Email | Good morning. Please can you provide either a shapefile or .kml for the proposed infrastructure. In addition, please can you send the infrastructure/turbine locations, as per the attached mail Kind Regards, | EAP: Good day Sarah, Please see the project kml files attached. Kindly note that the WEF layout will be released when the Draft EIA is re-released for public comment. Kind regards, | Appendix D of the SER |

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Appendix A

STAKEHOLDER DATABASE



| PROJECT NAME | TITLE | FIRST NAME | LAST NAME | CATEGORY | INSTITUTION | POSITION |
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| | Developer Business - Renewable | Red-cap Innovative Energy | Assistant Project Manager | |
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| ı | Developer Business - Renewable | G7 Renewable Energies (Pty) Ltd | Environmental Project Developer | |
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| | Business - Renewable Developer | Mulilo Renewable Project Developments | Project Engineer | |
| | Business | Private Contractor | | |
| | Business - Renewable Developer | Sereti Green | Development Director | |
| | Business | Vodacom | Regional Manager | |
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| | James Mgomezulu Family Trust (Madliwa James | |
| Lesee | National Government of the Republic of South Africa: Mahlaza Mhlaba Agricultural Primary Co-operative Limited | |
| Lesee | National Government of the Republic of South Africa: Mana-Umsoco Foods cc | |
| Lesee | National Government of the Republic of South Africa: Paul Buckley - Also 237 / 6 | |
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| Local Municipality | Msukaligwa Local Municipality | Manager: Local Economic Development (LED) |
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| Mining Right Holders | Bulemin Resources | Director. |
| Mining Right Holders | Exxaro Coal Mpumalanga | Legal Asset and Property Management |
| Mining Right Holders | Hoyohoyo Mining (Pty) Ltd | Consultant |
| Mining Right Holders | Kangra Coal | Legal Adviser for Canyon Coal |
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| Mining Right Holders | Kangra Coal | Environmental Manager for Canyon Coal |
| Mining Right Holders | Langcarel (Pty) Ltd (Mooiplaats Colliery) MC Mining | CEO Mooiplaats Colliery |
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| Mining Right Holders | Cennergi Holdings (Pty) Ltd subsidiary of Exxaro | Analyst |
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| National Authorities | Department of Forestry, Fisheries and Environment (DFFE) | Climate Change & Air Quality Management |
| National Authorities | Department of Forestry, Fisheries and Environment (DFFE) | |
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| National Authorities | Department of Public Works, Roads and Transport | Chief Director: Office of the DG |
| | (DPWR) (National) | |
| National Authorities | Department of Water & Sanitation (DWS) | Chief Director: Water User Licence Management |
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| National Authorities | Department of Water & Sanitation (DWS) | Director: Water Allocation |
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| NGO | Endangered Wildlife Trust | Conservation Programme Manager | | |
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| NGO | Olifants River Forum | Olifants River Forum Coordinator | | |
| NGO | South African National Biodiversity Institute (SANBI) | Chairperson | | |
| NGO | Transvaal Landbou Unie | | | |
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| Provincial Authorities | Mpumalanga Departments of Water and Sanitation (DW: | S) Control Officer | | |
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| Provincial Authorities | Mpumalanga Heritage Resources Authority | Sectional Head Heritage and Museum Services | | |
| Provincial Authorities | Mpumalanga Heritage Resources Authority | Heritage Officer | | |
| Provincial Authorities | Mpumalanga Land Claims Commission | Mpumalanga Chief Director | | |
| Provincial Authorities | Mpumalanga Tourism and Parks Agency | Development Assessment Officer | | |
| Provincial Authorities | Mpumalanga Tourism and Parks Agency | | | |
| Provincial Authorities | Mpumalanga Tourism and Parks Agency | Control Scientist for Biodiversity Planning | | |
| Provincial Authorities | Mpumalanga Tourism and Parks Agency | EIA Coordinator | | |
| Provincial Authorities | Department of Defence Mpumalanga | Officer Commanding | | |
| Provincial Authorities | Department of Defence Mpumalanga | Director Facilities: Logistics Division | | |
| Provincial Authorities | Department of Forestry, Fisheries and Environment (DFFE) | Mpumalanga Regional Office: Biodiversity Officer | | |
| Provincial Authorities | Department of Forestry, Fisheries and Environment (DFFE) | Mpumalanga Regional Office: Wetland Rehabilitation Specialist | | |
| Provincial Authorities | Department of Forestry, Fisheries and Environment (DFFE) | Mpumalanga Regional Office: Biodiversity and Conservation Management | | |
| Tribal Authorities | Gert Sibande Local House of Traditional Leaders | Secretary | | |
| Tribal Authorities | Mpumalanga Provincial House of Traditional Leaders | Acting Chief Director | | |
| Ward Councillor | Msukaligwa Local Municipality | Ward 10 Councillor | | |
| Ward Councillor | Msukaligwa Local Municipality | Ward 13 Councillor | | |
| Ward Councillor | Msukaligwa Local Municipality | Ward 9 Councillor | | |
| Weather | SA Weather Service (SAWS) | Head of Technical Services | | |
| | Ebenhaezer Famalie Trust | | | |
| I&AP | Eco Thunder | Administrator | | |
| Business - Renewable Developer | Mulilo Renewable Project Developments | | | |
| I&AP | | | | |
| Business | ST Crane Hire | Business Development Manager | | |
| Business - Renewable Developer | G7 Renewable Energies (Pty) Ltd | Project Developer | | |
| Business - Renewable Developer | G7 Renewable Energies (Pty) Ltd | Environmental Project Developer | | |
| Business | SIVEST | EAP | | |
| Business - Renewable Developer | Enertrag SA Pty Ltd | Senior project Developer | | |
| Business - Renewable Developer | Enertrag SA Pty Ltd | Project Development Team Lead | | |
| Business - Renewable Developer | Enertrag SA Pty Ltd | Junior Project Developer | | |
| Business - Renewable Developer | ENGIE | Environmental Manager | | |
| Business - Renewable | ABO Energy South Africa | Team Leader Project Development | | |
| Developer | ABO Energy South Africa | | | |
| Adjacent Landowner | Portion 4 of the farm Knapdaar 221 IS | owner | | |
| SENIOR PROJECT | Red-cap Innovative Energy | Project Assistant | | |
| MANAGER NGO | BirdLife South Africa | Wetland Conservation Project Manager | | |
| | Flexible Energy Developments | CEO | | |
| NGO | EWT – Wildlife and Energy Programme | | | |
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Appendix B

NOTIFICATIONS



Appendix B.1

ADVERTISEMENT



ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION PROCESSES

NOTICE OF THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF THE PHEFUMULA EMOYENI ONE WIND ENERGY FACILITY, COMPRISING VARIOUS ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION PROCESSES. NEAR ERMELO. MPUMALANGA PROVINCE

Notice is given in terms of:

- Regulation 41(2) of GNR 982 (as amended) published under section 24 and 24D of the National Environmental Management Act (No. 107 of 1998) (NEMA) (as amended) for submission of various applications for environmental authorisations (EAs) in respect of activities identified in terms of GNR 983, GNR 984 and GNR 985 (as amended)
- Section 39 or 41(4) of the National Water Act (36 of 1998) (NWA), for the submission of a General Authorisation or Water Use Licence (WUL) Application (as applicable)

DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION: Phefumula Emoyeni One (Pty) Ltd proposes to establish a renewable energy facility near Ermelo and Bethal, Mpumalanga, known as the Phefumula Emoyeni One Wind Energy facility (WEF), which requires various applications for environmental authorisation. The proposed project consists of the following subprojects:

- Phefumula Emoyeni One WEF (up to 837MW), located in the Msukaligwa Local Municipality, which falls under the Gert Sibande District Municipality, in the Mpumalanga Province
- Phefumula Emoyeni One Electrical Grid Infrastructure (EGI) up to 400kV Grid Connection and Main Transmission Substation (MTS) located in the Msukaligwa Local Municipality, which falls under the Gert Sibande District Municipality, in the Mpumalanga Province.

The WEF will also include a Battery Energy Storage System (BESS). The BESS will be used to store excess energy generated by the WEF. The BESS will have a storage capacity of up to 200MW/800MWh. Allowing for up to 6-8 hours of storage.

| Proponent | Project | Technology | Process | Affected Farm Portions | |
|---|---|--|---------|--|---|
| Phefumula Emoyeni One (Pty) Ltd | Up to 837MW WEF, including associated infrastructure including BESS | Wind and BESS | S&EIR | Portion 0 of farm ISRAEL 207 IS Portion 0, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9 of farm BOSMANSKRANS 217 IS Portion 6 of farm VAALBANK 233 IS Portion 1, 2, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 14, 15, 16, 17, 21, 22, 23 of farm KUILFONTEIN No. 234 IS Portion 3 of farm BOSMANSHOEK NO. 235 IS Portion 2, 4, 5, 7, 10, 11, 13 of WITBANK NO. 236 IS Portion 0, 2, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 of farm NOOITGEDACHT 237 IS Portion 0, 2 of farm ORPENSKRAAL 238 IS Portion 1, 2 of farm GELUKSDRAAI No. 240 IS Portion 1 of the Farm EERSTE GELUK 258 IS | Portion 2, 3, 4, 5, 8 of the Farm MIDDELPLAAT 271 IS Portion 0, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 18, 19, 21,22, 23 of farm KRANSPOORT 248 IS Portion 2, 8, 9 of farm TWEEFONTEIN 249 IS Portion 0 of farm VOORZORG 250 IS Portion 0, 2, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11 of farm |
| Phefumula Emoyeni One (Pty) Ltd) | Up to 400kV Powerline, EGI up to 400kV Grid Connection and MTS | Transmission Line and Substation | S&EIR | | NOOITGEDACHT 251 IS Portion 1, 2 of farm SPION KOP 252 IS Portion 0, 2, 7 of farm DRIEHOEK No. 273 IS Portion 4, 15 of farm UITZICHT 266 IS Portion 0 of farm KRANSPOORT 827 IS Remaining Extent of Portion 7 of the Farm DAVELFONTEIN 267 IS Portion 0 of the Farm ELIM 247 IS Portion 4 of the Farm TAFELKOP 270 IS |

ENVIRONMENTAL APPLICATIONS: The proposed projects trigger several listed activities contained in the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations Listing Notice 1 (GNR 983), Listing Notice 2 (GNR 984) and Listing Notice 3 (GNR985), as amended, and therefore, authorisation to undertake the listed activities must be sought via respective Scoping and Environmental Impact Reporting (S&EIR) processes. The anticipated listed activity numbers associated with the proposed projects are reflected in the table below. Should you wish to obtain a complete copy of these listed activities, please contact the Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP), details provided below.

| Project Name | Listing Notice | Applicable triggers | | | | | | | | |
|--|-------------------|---------------------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| Phefumula Emoyeni One (Pty) Ltd - | GNR 983 | 11 | 12 | 14 | 19 | 24 | 28 | 30 | 48 | 56 |
| Up to 837MW Wind Energy Facility (WEF), including associated | GNR 984 | 1 | 9 | | 15 | | | | | |
| infrastructure including BESS | GNR 985 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 12 | 14 | 18 | 23 | | |
| Phefumula Emoyeni One (Pty) Ltd | GNR 983 | 12 | 1 | 9 | 27 | 28 | | | | |
| Up to 400kV Powerline, EGI up to 400kV Grid Connection and MTS | GNR 984 | 9 | 1 | 5 | | | | | | |
| | GNR 985 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 14 | | | | | |
| General Authorisation / Water Use Licence (as applicable) | Section 21 | 21 (a), 21 (c) and 21 (i) | | | | | | | | |

REGISTRATION: WSP Group Africa (Pty) Ltd (WSP) has been appointed as the independent EAP by the Proponent, to manage the S&EIR processes. Parties wishing to formally register as stakeholders in order to offer their comment on the proposed projects are requested to forward their full contact details to the EAP at the details provided below. Registered stakeholders will be forwarded all future correspondence and notified individually of additional opportunities to participate in the process.

The contact details of the EAP are: • Name: Ashlea Strong • Tel: 031 240 8804 • Fax: 011 361 1381 • E-mail: ashlea.strong@wsp.com • Address: Building 1, Maxwell Office Park, Magwa Crescent

Protection of Personal Information: WSP will be processing certain personal information about you as an interested and affected party (I&AP) for purposes of enabling your registration as an I&AP and storing of your details on our database, if you consent for us to do so. WSP will use these details to contact you about other relevant projects in the future. WSP will always process your personal information in accordance with the Protection of Personal Information Act 4 of 2013. You are entitled to exercise your rights as a data subject and let us know if you wish to be deregistered as an I & AP or if you no longer want your contact details to be included on our database.

OMGEWINGS MAGTIGINGS PROSESSE

KENNISGEWING VAN DIE VOORGESTELDE ONTWIKKELING VAN DIE PHEFUMULA EMOYENI ONE WINDENERGIE FASILITEIT, WAT BESTAAN UIT VERSKEIE OMGEWINGSMAGTIGINGSPROSESSE. NABY ERMELO. MPUMALANGA PROVINSIE

Kennis word gegee in terme van:

- Regulasie 41(2) van GNR 982 (soos gewysig) gepubliseer ingevolge artikel 24 en 24D van die Wet op Nasionale Omgewingsbestuur (No. 107 van 1998) (NEMA) (soos gewysig) vir die indiening van verskeie aansoeke om omgewingsmagtigings (EA's) ten opsigte van aktiwiteite geïdentifiseer ingevolge GNR 983, GNR 984 en GNR 985 (soos gewysig)
- Artikel 39 of 41(4) van die Nasionale Waterwet (36 van 1998) (NWA), vir die indiening van 'n Algemene Magtiging vir Watergebruik of Watergebruiklisensie (WUL) Aansoek (soos van toepassing)

BESKRYWING EN LIGGING: Phefumula Emoyeni One (Edms) Bpk. stel voor om 'n hernubare-energie-fasiliteit naby Ermelo en Bethal, Mpumalanga Provinsie, bekend as die Phefumula Emoyeni One Windenergie Fasiliteit (WEF) te vestig, wat verskeie aansoeke vir omgewingsmagtiging vereis. Die voorgestelde projek bestaan uit die volgende subprojekte:

- Phefumula Emoyeni One WEF (tot 837MW), geleë in die Msukaligwa Plaaslike Munisipaliteit, wat onder die Gert Sibande Distriksmunisipaliteit val, in die Mpumalanga Provinsie
- Phefumula Émoyeni One Electrical Grid Infrastructure (EGI) tot 400kV Grid Connection and Main Transmission Substasie (MTS) geleë in die Msukaligwa Plaaslike Munisipaliteit, wat onder die Gert Sibande Distriksmunisipaliteit val, in die Mpumalanga Provinsie.

Die WEF sal ook 'n Battery Energie Stoor Sisteem (BESS) insluit. Die BESS sal gebruik word om oortollige energie wat deur die WEF gegenereer word, te berg. Die BESS sal 'n bergingskapasiteit van tot 200MW/800MWh hê. Dit sal 6-8 uur se berging toelaat.

| Voorstander | Projek | Tegnologie | Proses | Geaffekteerde plaasgedeeltes | |
|--|--|-------------------------------------|--------|--|---|
| Phefumula Emoyeni One (Edms) Bpk | Tot 837MW WEF, insluitend geassosieerde infrastruktuur insluitend BESS | Wind en BESS | S&OIV | Gedeelte 0 van Plaas ISRAEL 207 IS Gedeelte 0, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9 van Plaas BOSMANSKRANS 217 IS Gedeelte 6 van Plaas VAALBANK 233 IS Gedeelte 1, 2, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 14, 15, 16, 17, 21, 22, 23 van Plaas KUILFONTEIN Nr 234 IS | Gedeelte 0, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 18, 19, 21,22, 23 van Plaas KRANSPOORT 248 IS Gedeelte 2, 8, 9 van Plaas TWEEFONTEIN 249 IS Gedeelte 0 van plaas VOORZORG 250 IS Gedeelte 0, 2, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11 van |
| Phefumula Emoyeni One (Edms) Bpk | Tot 400kV Powerline, EGI tot 400kV Netverbinding en MTS | Transmissie- lyn en substasie | S&OIV | Gedeelte 3 van Plaas BOSMANSHOEK NO. 235 IS Gedeelte 2, 4, 5, 7, 10, 11, 13 van WITBANK NO. 236 IS Gedeelte 0, 2, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 van Plaas NOOITGEDACHT 237 IS Gedeelte 0, 2 van Plaas ORPENSKRAAL 238 IS Gedeelte 1, 2 van Plaas GELUKSDRAAI No. 240 IS Gedeelte 1 van die Plaas EERSTE GELUK 258 IS Gedeelte 2, 3, 4, 5, 8 van die Plaas MIDDELPLAAT 271 IS | |

OMGEWINGSTOEPASSINGS: Die voorgestelde projekte sal lei tot 'n verskeidenheid van gelyste aktiwiteite, vervat in die Omgewingsimpakbepaling (OIE) Regulasies Lyskennisgewing 1 (GNR 983), Noteringskennisgewing 2 (GNR 984) en Noteringskennisgewing 3 (GNR985), soos gewysig, magtiging om die gelyste aktiwiteite te onderneem, moet verkry word deur middel van onderskeie Bestekopname en Omgewingsimpakverslagdoening (S&OIV) prosesse. Die verwagte gelyste aktiwiteitsgetalle wat met die voorgestelde projekte geassosieer word, word in die tabel hieronder weerspieël. Indien u 'n volledige kopie van hierdie aktiwiteite op die lys wil bekom, kontak asseblief die Omgewingsevalueringspraktisyn (WHP), besonderhede hieronder verskaf.

| Projek Naam | Noterings kennisgewing | Toepaslike Gelyste Aktiwiteite | | | | | | | | |
|---|---------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------|--------|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| Phefumula Emoyeni One (Edms) Bpk | GNR 983 | 11 | 12 | 14 | 19 | 24 | 28 | 30 | 48 | 56 |
| - Tot 837MW windenergie-fasiliteit (WEF), insluitend geassosieerde | GNR 984 | 1 | é | 9 | 15 | | | | | |
| infrastruktuur insluitend BESS | GNR 985 | 4 | 10 | | 12 | 14 | 18 | 23 | | |
| Phefumula Emoyeni One (Edms) Bpk | GNR 983 | 12 | 19 | | 27 | 28 | | | | |
| Tot 400kV kraglyn, EGI tot 400kV netwerkverbinding en MTS | GNR 984 | 9 | 15 | | | | | | | |
| | GNR 985 | 4 | 12 | | 14 | | | | | |
| Algemene magtigin / watergebruik- lisensie (soos van toepassing) | Artikel 21 | 21 (a), 21 | (c) and 2 | 21 (i) | | | | | | |

REGISTRASIE: WSP Group Africa (Pty) Ltd (WSP) is deur die Proponent aangestel as die onafhanklike WHP om die S&OIV-prosesse te bestuur. Partye wat formeel as belanghebbendes wil registreer om hul kommentaar oor die voorgestelde projekte te lewer, word versoek om hul volledige kontakbesonderhede aan die WHP te stuur by die besonderhede hieronder verskaf. Toekomstige korrespondensie sal aan alle geregistreerde belanghebbendes gestuur word en geregistreerde belanghebbendes sal individueel in kennis gestel word van bykomende geleenthede om aan die proses deel te neem.

Die kontakbesonderhede van die WHP is: • Naam: Ashlea Strong • Tel: 031 240 8804 • Faks: 011 361 1381

• E-pos: ashlea.strong@wsp.com • Adres: Building 1, Maxwell Office Park, Magwa Crescent

Beskerming van persoonlike inligting: WSP sal sekere persoonlike inligting oor jou as 'n belanghebbende en geaffekteerde party (B&GP) verwerk vir doeleindes om jou registrasie as 'n B&GP moontlik te maak en om jou besonderhede op ons databasis te stoor, indien jy daartoe instem. WSP sal hierdie besonderhede gebruik om jou in die toekoms oor ander relevante projekte te kontak. WSP sal tyd jou persoonlike inligting verwerk in ooreenstemming met die Wet op die Beskerming van Persoonlike Inligting 4 van 2013. Jy is geregtje om jou regte as 'n datasubjek uit te oefen en ons te laat weet of jy as 'n B & GP gederegistreer wil word of as jy nie langer wil hê dat u kontakbesonderhede op ons databasis ingesluit moet word.

IZINQUBO ZOKUGUNYAZWA KWEZEMVELO

ISAZISO NGENTUTHUKO EHLONGOZWAYO YE-PHEFUMULA EMOYENI ONE WIND ENERGY FACILITION, EHLANGANISA IZINQUBO EZAHLUKENE ZOKUGUNYAZWA KWENDAWO, ESEDUZE NENDAWO YASE ERMELO, ISIFUNDAZWENI SASEMPUMALANGA

Isaziso sinikezwa ngokwemibandela ye:

- Umthetho-sisekelo 41(2) we-GNR 982 (njengoba ushintshiwe) oshicilelwe ngaphansi kwesigaba 24 no-24D soMthetho Wokuphathwa Kwemvelo Kazwelonke (No. 107 ka-1998) (NEMA) (njengoba ushintshiwe) ukuze kuthunyelwe izicelo ezihlukahlukene zokugunyazwa kwezemvelo (EAs) mayelana nemisebenzi ehlonzwe ngokwe-GNR 983, GNR 984 kanye ne-GNR 985 (njengoba ichitshiyelwe)
- Isigaba sama-39 noma sama-41(4) soMthetho Wamanzi Kazwelonke (36 ka-1998) (NWA), ukuze kuthunyelwe ukuGunyazwa Okuiwayelekile noma Isicelo Selavisensi Yokusebenzisa Amanzi (WUL) (niengoba ushintshiwe)

INCAZELO KANYE NENDAWO: I-Phefumula Emoyeni One (Pty) Ltd ihlongoza ukusungula indawo yamandla avuselelekayo eduze kwase-Ermelo nase-Bethal, kanyeneMpumalanga, eyaziwa ngokuthi i-Phefumula Emoyeni One Wind Energy facility (WEF), edinga izicelo ezihlukahlukene zokugunyazwa kwemvelo. Iphrojekthi ehlongozwayo igukethe ama-subprojects alandelayo:

- Phefumula Emoyeni IWEF eyodwa (efinyelela ku-837MW), etholakala kuMasipala Wendawo yaseMsukaligwa, ongaphansi kukaMasipala wesiFunda i-Gert Sibande, esifundazweni saseMpumalanga.
- Phefumula Emoyeni One Electrical Grid Infrastructure (EGI) kufika ku-400kV Grid Connection and Main Transmission Substation (MTS) etholakala kuMasipala Wendawo yaseMsukaligwa, ongaphansi kukaMasipala Wesifunda sase-Gert Sibande, esiFundazweni saseMpumalanga. I-WEF izophinde ihlanganise ne-Battery Energy Storage System (BESS). I-BESS izosetshenziselwa ukugcina amandla engeziwe akhiqizwa yi-WEF. I-BESS izoba namandla okugcina afinyelela ku-200MW/800MWh. Evumela kuze kufike kumahora angu-6-8 wokulondoloza

| Umsekeli | Iphrojekthi | Ubuch- wepheshe | Inqubo | Izingxenye Zepulazi Ezithintekile | |
|---|--|---|--------|--|--|
| Phefumula Emoyeni One (Pty) Ltd | Kufika ku 837MW WEF, zihlanganisa ingqalasizinda ehlobene ehlanganisa ne-BESS | Umoya kanye ne BESS | S&EIR | Portion 0 of farm ISRAEL 207 IS Portion 0, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9 of farm BOSMANSKRANS 217 IS Portion 6 of farm VAALBANK 233 IS Portion 1, 2, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 14, 15, 16, 17, 21, 22, 23 of farm KUILFONTEIN No. 234 IS Portion 3 of farm BOSMANSHOEK | Portion 2, 3, 4, 5, 8 of the Farm MIDDELPLAAT 271 IS Portion 0, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 18, 19, 21,22, 23 of farm KRANSPOORT 248 IS Portion 2, 8, 9 of farm TWEEFONTEIN 249 IS Portion 0 of farm VOORZORG 250 IS |
| Phefumula Emoyeni One (Pty) Ltd) | Kufika ku 400kV Powerline, EGI kufike ku 400kV Grid Connection kanye ne MTS | Wokudlulisa kanye Nesiteshi Esingaphansi | S&EIR | NO. 235 IS Portion 2, 4, 5, 7, 10, 11, 13 of WITBANK NO. 236 IS Portion 0, 2, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 of farm NOOITGEDACHT 237 IS Portion 0, 2 of farm ORPENSKRAAL 238 IS Portion 1, 2 of farm GELUKSDRAAI No. 240 IS Portion 1 of the Farm EERSTE GELUK 258 IS | Portion 0, 2, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11 of farm NOOITGEDACHT 251 IS Portion 1, 2 of farm SPION KOP 252 IS Portion 0, 2, 7 of farm DRIEHOEK No. 273 IS Portion 0 of farm KRANSPOORT 827 IS Remaining Extent of Portion 7 of the Farm DAVELFONTEIN 267 IS Portion 0 of the Farm ELIM 247 IS Portion 4 of the Farm TAFELKOP 270 IS |

IZICELO ZEMVELO: Amaphrojekthi ahlongozwayo azoqala imisebenzi eminingana esohlwini equkethwe ku-Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations Listing Notice 1 (GNR 983), Listing Notice 2 (GNR 984) kanye ne-Listing Notice 3 (GNR985), njengoba ushintshiwe, ngakho-ke, ukugunyazwa kokwenza lesi saziso. imisebenzi esohlwini kufanele ifunwe ngezinqubo ezifanele ze-Scoping kanye ne-Environmental Impact Reporting (S&EIR). izinombolo zomsebenzi ezifakwe ohlwini ezilindelekile ezihambisana namaphrojekthi ahlongozwayo zibonakala kuthebula elingezansi. Uma ufisa ukuthola ikhophi ephelele yale misebenzi esohlwini, sicela uthinte Umsebenzi Wokuhlola Imvelo (EAP), imininingwane enikezwe ngezansi.

| Igama lephrojekthi | Isaziso Sohlu | Izibangeli ezisebenzayo | | | | | | | | |
|---|---------------|-------------------------|-----------|--------|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| Phefumula Emoyeni One (Pty) Ltd - | GNR 983 | 11 | 12 | 14 | 19 | 24 | 28 | 30 | 48 | 56 |
| Kufika ku-837MW WEF, zihlanaga- nisa inggalasizinda ehlobene | GNR 984 | 1 | 9 | | 15 | | | | | |
| ehlanganisa ne BESS | GNR 985 | 4 | 10 | | 12 | 14 | 18 | 23 | | |
| Phefumula Emoyeni One (Pty) Ltd | GNR 983 | 12 | 1 | 9 | 27 | 28 | | | | |
| Kufika ku-400kV Powerline, EGI kufika ku-400kV Grid Connection | GNR 984 | 9 | 15 | | | | | | | |
| kanye ne-MTS | GNR 985 | 4 | 1 12 | | 14 | | | | | |
| Ukugunyazwa Okujwayelekile / Ilayisensi Yokusebenzisa Amanzi (njengoba kusebenza) | Artikel 21 | 21 (a), 21 | (c) and 2 | !1 (i) | | | | | | |

UKUBHALISA: I-WSP Group Africa (Pty) Ltd (WSP) iqokwe njenge-EAP ezimele nguMsekeli, ukuphatha izinqubo ze-S&EIR. Amaqembu afisa ukubhalisa ngokusemthethweni njengababambe iqhaza ukuze abeke imibono yawo ngamaphrojekthi ahlongozwayo ayacelwa ukuba athumele imininingwane yawo egcwele ku-EAP kule mininingwane enikezwe ngezansi. Ababambiqhaza ababhalisiwe bazothunyelwa zonke izincwadi zesikhathi esizayo futhi baziswe ngabanye ngamathuba engeziwe okubamba iqhaza kulolu hlelo.

Imininingwane yokuxhumana ye-EAP yile: • Igama: Ashlea Strong • Ucingo: 031 240 8804 • Ifeksi: 011 361 1381 I-imeyili: ashlea.strong@wsp.com • Ikheli: Building 1, Maxwell Office Park, Magwa Crecent

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Rural Development
Building, 600 Lilian Ngoyi
Street, Pretoria Central,
Pretoria within two weeks

Street, Pretoria Centra Pretoria within two week from the date of publicatio of this notice

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DATED at RANDPARI
RIDGE on 8 APRIL 2024

RANDOLF INVESTMENT PROPRIETARY LIMITED C/O ABRAHAN CHRISJAN MULDER Christo Mulder Attorneys

Inc.
15 Dale Lace Avenue,
Randpark Ridge
christo@cmatt.co.za
Tel: 011 794 7909

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Please forward your application to:

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The Secretary General

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Closing Date: 25 April 2024

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Notice in respect of a

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This notice serves nform parties that may

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The purpose of the application is for the applicant to be granted a license to undertake petroleum wholesale activities as detailed in the

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If you have not heard from us within 3 months of the closing date, please accept that your application had been unsuccessful Please take note that no applications received after the closing date of the said advertisement will be considered

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ALETTA GIATRAS,
IDENTITY NUMBER:

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MEASURING 1154 (ONE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY FOUR) Square Metres which has been lost o destroyed. A previous application was made for a lost deed and a copy issued under VA numbe VA4406/2006, which copy has also been lost o destroyed.

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MARTHA ALETTA

entity Number: 0625 0115 082

538 Nebraska Street Faerie Glen, Pretoria

P O Box 218 Faerie Glen, 0043 E-mail Address:

lauren@fyshe.co.za Contact Number:

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Any objections to the issuing of a license in respect of this application, which must clearly quote the application number above, must be lodged with the Controller of Petroleum Products within a period of twenty (20) working days from the date of publication of this notice. Such objection must be Any objections to the issuing of a license in respect of this application, which must clearly quote the application number above, must be lodged with the Controller of Petroleum Products within a period of twenty (20) working days from the date of publication of this notice. Such objection must be lodged at the following physical or postal address:

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Notice is hereby given in terms of Regulation 68 of the Deeds Registries Act,1937, of the intention to apply for the issue of a certified copy of DEED OF TRANSFER NUMBER ST11231/2017, passed by the REGISTRAR OF DEEDS at PRETORA, in favour of TERRENCE GOVINDASAMY PILLAY, Identity Number: 500701 5163 081, Married out of community of property, in respect of A Unit consisting of - (a) Section No. 75 as shown and more fully

shown and more fu described on Section Plan No. SS1030/2005 Plan No. SS1030/2005 in the scheme known as ERAND GARDENS in respect of the land and building or buildings situated at ERAND GARDENS EXTENSION 30 TOWNSHIP, LOCAL AUTHORITY: CITY OF JOHANNESBURG METROPOLITAN MUNICIPALITY, of which section the floor area, according to the said sectional plan is 101 (One Hundred and One) square metres in extent; and (b) An undivided share in the common property in

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Pretoria Central, Pretoria 0002, within two (2) weeks from the date of the publication of this notice. pplicant: ERRENCE OVINDASAMY PILLAY c/o Fyshe Inc. Attornevs Address:
38 Nebraska Street
538 Nebraska Street
5aerie Glen, Pretoria
Postal Address:
O Box 218
5aerie Glen, 0043
5auren@fyshe co za

National Environmental Management Act 107 1998 (as amended). Project Description:
Portion 174 was cleared of vegetation to establish warehouses. Commenced: 2017 Location: Portion 174 of Doornkloof 391- JR, Gauteng.

25°54'19.46"S; 28°15'4.69"E

Date of Notice: April 2024

Legislation Contravened
 NEMA

Activity under NEMA GNR324, Activity 6: The clearance of an area of 300 square metres or more

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Contact Person:
Arno van den Berg
Parties wishing to formally
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In respect of certain
A Unit consisting of
(a) Section No. 33 as
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the scheme known as MIRACLE PARK in respect of the land and building or buildings situated at ROOIHUISKRAAL NOORD EXTENSION NOORD EXTENSION 27 TOWNSHIP, LOCAL AUTHORITY: CITY OF

AUTHORITY: CITY OF TSHWANE METROPOLITAN MUNICIPALITY, of which section the floor area, according to the said sectional plan is 1480 (One Thousand Four Hundred and Eighty) square metres in extent and (b) An undivided share in the common property in the scheme apportioned to the said section in

accordance with the participation quota as endorsed on the said sectional plan. HELD BY Deed Transfer Number 38817/2018 which has been lost or estroyed. Il interested persons having objection to the issue of such copy are hereby required to lodge same in writing with the Registrar of Deeds at PRETORIA, situated at National Department of Registrar of Deeds a PRETORIA, situated a National Department of Agriculture, Land Reform ural Developmen uilding, 600 Lilian Ngoy treet, Pretoria Central

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT AND ATMOSPHERIC EMISSIONS LICENSE APPLICATION FOR A PAINT MANUFACTURING FACILITY FOR BULLDOG ABRASIVES SOUTHERN AFRICA (PTY) LTD.

GDARD REFERENCE: GAUT 002/23-24/E3924

Bulldog Abrasives Southern Africa (Ptv) Ltd. The development and operation of a paint manufacturing facility and associated infrastructure 852 16th Road, Randjespark, Midrand, South Africa Latitude: 25° 57' 57.77" S; Longitude: 28° 8' 11.31" E **GPS Coordinates:**

Legislation: The proposed paint manufacturing operation is a listed activity in terms of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2014 promulgated under the National Environmental Management Act (Act 107 of 1998) as amended, and section 21(1)(b) of the National Environmental Management: Air Quality Act

(Act 39 of 2004) as amended. Listed Activity in terms of EIA D

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| 2 | 6 | The development of facilities or infrastructure for any process or activity which requires a permit or licence or an amended permit or |

Listed Activity in terms of NEM: Air Quality Act (Act 39 of 2004)

Category Description

The production, or use in production, of organic chemicals not specified elsewhere including acetylene, acetic, maleic, or phthalic anhydride or their acids, carbon disulphide, pyridine, formaldehyde, acetaldehyde, acrolein and its derivatives, acrylonitrile, amines, and synthetic rubber.

licence in terms of National or Provincial legislation governing the

generation or release of emissions, pollution, or effluent.

the required Environmental Assessment and Public Participation Processes for the project. The Background ation Document (BID) is available from the Environmental Assessment Practition The public is given an opportunity to comment on the project and/or register as an Interested and Affected Party (I&AP) for the project. Written representations on the project must be submitted to the Environmental Assessment Practitioner within 30 days of publication of this notice at the contact details below. All registered I&APs will be kept informed of the application during the environmental assessment process. The Scoping

Report will be made available to I&APs as of Friday, 12 April 2024. Link to register as an Interested and Affected Party: https://arcg.is/1Gbmez0.

Public Participation Officer: Amantle Modiadii 113 Elizabeth Road Midridge Park, Midrand, 1685

011 238 6300 074 360 5286

Email: amantle@4degrees.co.za AND projects@4degrees.co.za DATE OF ADVERT: CLOSING DATE FOR REGISTRATION: 14 May 2024

TENDERS





The North-West University invites all specialist contractors with the relevant skills, experience, and resources to submit tenders for the following project on the Mahikeng Campus:

NWUTR 033 / 2024 MC: PV PLANT, MAHIKENG CAMPUS

Work entails: The installation of 1 000 kW solar PV plant across campus CIDB GRADING: No grading applicable

Tenderers can access tender documents by visiting: www.nwu.ac.za/nwu-tenders

Access to the tender documents link closes: 15 APRIL 2024 at 12:00 Closing date and time for tender submissions: 29 APRIL 2024 at 12:00

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The North-West University invites all specialist contractors with the relevant skills, experience, and resources to submit tenders for the following project on the Potchefstroom Campus:

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NWUTR 039/2024 PC: CONSTRUCTION, REFURBISHMENT AND UPGRADE FOR STRATEGIC MANAGEMENT INFORMATION AND STUDENT SYSTEMS, BUILDING E10, POTCHEFSTROOM CAMPUS

Work entails: Refurbishment of existing offices including replacing of ceilings, refurbishment of floors, replacement of existing doors with new aluminium doors, upgrading of ablution facilities, upgrading of electrical and mechanical CIDB GRADING: 4GB or Higher

Tenderers can access tender documents by visiting: www.nwu.ac.za/nwu-tenders

Access to the tender documents link closes: 02 MAY 2024 at 12:00 Microsoft Teams non-Compulsory briefing 03 MAY 2024 at 10:00 (meeting details on the tender document)

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The North-West University invites all specialist contractors with the relevant skills, experience, and resources to submit tenders for the following project on the Potchefstroom Campus:

AND UPGRADE FOR PROTECTION SERVICES DEPARTMENT, **BUILDING F16F, POTCHEFSTROOM CAMPUS**

Work entails: alterations and internal upgrade to accommodate new offices. including the following: new floor covering, new floor and wall tiles, plumbing and sanitary work, carpentry and joinery, paintwork, new suspended ceilings. External work entails waterproofing to roof covering, paintwork, minor excavations and masonry work, and a new security fence and carport.

Tenderers can access tender documents by visiting:

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ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION PROCESSES NOTICE OF THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF THE PHEFUMULA EMOYENI ONE

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WIND ENERGY FACILITY. COMPRISING VARIOUS ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION PROCESSES. NEAR ERMELO. MPUMALANGA PROVINCE Notice is given in terms of: Regulation 41(2) of GNR 982 (as amended) published under section 24 and 24D of the National Environmental Management Act

(No. 107 of 1998) (NEMA) (as amended) for submission of various applications for environmental authorisations (EAs) in respect of activities identified in terms of GNR 983, GNR 984 and GNR 985 (as amended) • Section 39 or 41(4) of the National Water Act (36 of 1998) (NWA), for the submission of a General Authorisation or Water Use Licence (WUL) Application (as applicable)

DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION: Phefumula Emoyeni One (Pty) Ltd proposes to establish a renewable energy facility near Ermelo and Bethal, Mpumalanga, known as the Phefumula Emoyeni One Wind Energy facility (WEF), which requires various applications for environmental authorisation. The proposed project consists of the following subprojects: Phefumula Emoyeni One WEF (up to 837MW), located in the Msukaligwa Local Municipality, which falls under the Gert Sibande District

Municipality, in the Mpumalanga Province Phefumula Emoyeni One Electrical Grid Infrastructure (EGI) up to 400kV Grid Connection and Main Transmission Substation (MTS) located in the Msukaligwa Local Municipality, which falls under the Gert Sibande District Municipality, in the Mpumalanga Province.

The WEF will also include a Battery Energy Storage System (BESS). The BESS will be used to store excess energy generated by the WEF. The BESS will have a storage capacity of up to 200MW/800MWh. Allowing for up to 6-8 hours of storage. Technology Process Affected Farm Portions Proponent Project Phefumula Wind and S&EIR Up to • Portion 2, 3, 4, 5, 8 of the Farm

| One (Pty) Ltd | associated infrastructure including BESS | | |
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| Phefumula Emoyeni One (Pty) Ltd) | Up to 400kV Powerline, EGI up to 400kV Grid Connection and MTS | Transmission Line and Substation | S&EIR |

837MW WEF, BESS

Emoyeni

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17, 21, 22, 23 of farm KUILFONTEIN No. 234 IS Portion 3 of farm BOSMANSHOEK NO. 235 IS Portion 2, 4, 5, 7, 10, 11, 13 of WITBANK NO. 236 IS

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• Portion 0 of farm VOORZORG 250 IS • Portion 0, 2, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11 of farm NOOITGEDACHT 251 IS Portion 1. 2 of farm SPION KOP 252 IS • Portion 0, 2, 7 of farm DRIEHOEK

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ENVIRONMENTAL APPLICATIONS: The proposed projects trigger several listed activities contained in the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations Listing Notice 1 (GNR 983), Listing Notice 2 (GNR 984) and Listing Notice 3 (GNR985), as amended, and therefore, authorisation to undertake the listed activities must be sought via respective Scoping and Environmental Impact Reporting (S&EIR) processes. The anticipated listed activity numbers associated with the proposed projects are reflected in the table below. Should you wish to obtain a complete copy of these listed activities, please contact the Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP), details provided below.

| Project Name | Listing Notice | Applicable | Applicable triggers | | | | | | | | |
|--|-------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|--|
| Phefumula Emoyeni One (Pty) Ltd - | GNR 983 | 11 | 12 | 14 | 19 | 24 | 28 | 30 | 48 | 56 | |
| Up to 837MW Wind Energy Facility (WEF), including associated infrastructure including BESS | GNR 984 | 1 | 9 |) | 15 | | | | | | |
| | GNR 985 | 4 | 10 | | 12 | 14 | 18 | 23 | | | |
| Phefumula Emoyeni One (Pty) Ltd | GNR 983 | 12 | 1 | 9 | 27 | 28 | | | | | |
| Up to 400kV Powerline, EGI up to 400kV Grid Connection and MTS | GNR 984 | 9 | 15 | | | | | | | | |
| | GNR 985 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 14 | | | | | | |
| General Authorisation / Water Use | Section 21 | 21 (a), 21 (c) and 21 (i) | | | | | | | | | |

REGISTRATION: WSP Group Africa (Pty) Ltd (WSP) has been appointed as the independent EAP by the Proponent, to manage the S&EIR processes. Parties wishing to formally register as stakeholders in order to offer their comment on the proposed projects are requested to forward their full contact details to the EAP at the details provided below. Registered stakeholders will be forwarded all future correspondence and notified individually of additional opportunities to participate in the process.

The contact details of the EAP are: • Name: Ashlea Strong • Tel: 031 240 8804 • Fax: 011 361 1381 • E-mail: ashlea.strong@wsp.com Address: Building 1, Maxwell Office Park, Magwa Crescent

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DA calls for rural safety units after another farm murder

Wayne van der Walt

BETHAL - The DA has written to the provincial police commissioner, Lieutenant General Semakaleng Manamela, yet again, urging the establishment of a rural safety unit after another farm murder had been reported here.

Joseph Jan Shabangu, a 49-year-old farmer, appeared in the Bethal Magistrate's Court this week facing a murder charge. He was arrested for allegedly shooting and killing a 35-year-old man who was suspected of poaching on his farm. The victim and a friend were allegedly hunting on the farm when some shots were fired. The friend escaped unharmed. When the Bethal police arrived at the farm, they found the victim's body. The medical personnel certified the man dead on the scene.

The officers found the farmer in possession of the firearm suspected to have been used in the shooting. They also found three empty cartridges on the scene. The police took the firearm for ballistic tests.

"Rural communities in this province, including farmers as well as farm workers, are at a high risk of being attacked on isolated farms, and the SAPS has failed dismally to protect them as it does not have dedicated rural safety units that can be deployed in farming communities," Trudie Grové-Morgan, the DA is spokesperson for

co-operative governance and traditional affairs, said.

According to her, the DA has been asking the national and provincial governments to establish dedicated rural safety units after they noticed that isolated plots and farming areas are becoming easy targets for criminals who want to commit house robberies, which eventually lead to farm murders and farm attacks.

The DA also submitted its own proposed rural safety plan in 2019, but to no avail. "The only positive thing the government has done was to hold a Rural Safety Summit in June 2022. This summit was intended to produce strategies that would ensure greater safety for food-producing farming communities. But to date, little to no progress has been made towards the implementation of the strategy or using the summit findings to improve its effectiveness," Grové-Morgan said.

She further stated that the safety situation in South Africa's rural areas is intolerable and cannot be allowed to continue unencumbered. "A lot of promises have been made in the wake of the recent farm murders. It is now time that they are implemented, and that farmers and farm workers are protected and not left at the mercy of criminals."

The DA also called on the private sector, NGOs and farm watches to pledge their

support to farming communities by banding together and demanding the immediate and effective implementation of a rural safety plan. "The DA will continue the

fight to ensure that all South Africans are afforded equal protection and safety by government and SAPS, as determined in our Constitution," Grové-Morgan concluded.



Trudie Grové-Morgan, the DA's spokesperson on co-operative governance and traditional affairs. **Photo | Supplied**





NOTICE

IDP REPRESENTATIVE FORUM MEETING

Notice is hereby given that Msukaligwa Municipal Council is on a consultative programme and inviting interested members of the community to attend the IDP Representative Forum meeting where programmes in respect of the IDP for Msukaligwa Municipality will be considered. The IDP Representative Forum should be attended by the following stakeholders:

- Members of the Mayoral Committee
- Councillors (including Councillors who are members of the District Council and relevan portfolio Councilors)
- Traditional Leaders / Traditional Healers
- Ward Committees
- Heads of Departments / Senior Officials
- Representatives of Organized Groups
- Resourced Persons
- Interested members of public

The Meeting is scheduled as follows:

Date: 11 April 2024 Venue: Virtual Time: 10H00

Mr. M. Kunene Municipal Manager

IZINQUBO ZOKUGUNYAZWA KWEZEMVELO

ISAZISO NGENTUTHUKO EHLONGOZWAYO YE-PHEFUMULA EMOYENI ONE WIND ENERGY FACILITION, EHLANGANISA IZINQUBO EZAHLUKENE ZOKUGUNYAZWA KWENDAWO, ESEDUZE NENDAWO YASE ERMELO, ISIFUNDAZWENI SASEMPUMALANGA

Isaziso sinikezwa ngokwemibandela ye:

- Umthetho-sisekelo 41(2) we-GNR 982 (njengoba ushintshiwe) oshicilelwe ngaphansi kwesigaba 24 no-24D soMthetho
 Wokuphathwa Kwemvelo Kazwelonke (No. 107 ka-1998) (NEMA) (njengoba ushintshiwe) ukuze kuthunyelwe izicelo
 ezihlukahlukene zokugunyazwa kwezemvelo (EAs) mayelana nemisebenzi ehlonzwe ngokwe-GNR 983, GNR 984 kanye ne-GNR
 985 (njengoba ichitshiyelwe)
- Isigaba sama-39 noma sama-41(4) soMthetho Wamanzi Kazwelonke (36 ka-1998) (NWA), ukuze kuthunyelwe ukuGunyazwa Okujwayelekile noma Isicelo Selayisensi Yokusebenzisa Amanzi (WUL) (njengoba ushintshiwe)

INCAZELO KANYE NENDAWO: I-Phefumula Emoyeni One (Pty) Ltd ihlongoza ukusungula indawo yamandla avuselelekayo eduze kwase-Ermelo nase-Bethal, kanyeneMpumalanga, eyaziwa ngokuthi i-Phefumula Emoyeni One Wind Energy facility (WEF), edinga izicelo ezihlukahlukene zokugunyazwa kwemyelo. Introjekthi eblongozwayo igukethe ama-subprojects alandelayo:

- zokugunyazwa kwemvelo. Iphrojekthi ehlongozwayo iqukethe ama-subprojects alandelayo:

 Phefumula Emoyeni IWEF eyodwa (efinyelela ku-837MW), etholakala kuMasipala Wendawo yaseMsukaligwa, ongaphansi kukaMasipala wesiFunda i-Gert Sibande, esifundazweni saseMpumalanga.
- Phefumula Emoyeni One Electrical Grid Infrastructure (EGI) kufika ku-400kV Grid Connection and Main Transmission Substation (MTS) etholakala kuMasipala Wendawo yaseMsukaligwa, ongaphansi kukaMasipala Wesifunda sase-Gert Sibande, esiFundazweni saseMpumalanga.

 I-WEF izophinde ihlanganise ne-Battery Energy Storage System (BESS). I-BESS izosetshenziselwa ukugcina amandla engeziwe akhiqizwa yi-WEF. I-BESS izoba namandla okugcina afinyelela ku-200MW/800MWh. Evumela kuze kufike kumahora angu-6-8 wokulondoloza

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| Phefumula Emoyeni One (Pty) Ltd | Kufika ku 837MW WEF, zihlanganisa ingqalasizinda ehlobene ehlanganisa ne-BESS | Umoya kanye ne BESS | S&EIR | Portion 0 of farm ISRAEL 207 IS Portion 0, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9 of farm BOSMANSKRANS 217 IS Portion 6 of farm VAALBANK 233 IS Portion 1, 2, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 14, 15, 16, 17, 21, 22, 23 of farm KUILFONTEIN No. 234 IS Portion 3 of farm BOSMANSHOEK | Portion 2, 3, 4, 5, 8 of the Farm MIDDELPLAAT 271 IS Portion 0, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 18, 19, 21, 22, 23 of farm KRANSPOORT 248 IS Portion 2, 8, 9 of farm TWEEFONTEIN 249 IS Portion 0 of farm VOORZORG 250 IS |
| Phefumula Emoyeni One (Pty) Ltd) | Kufika ku 400kV Powerline, EGI kufike ku 400kV Grid Connection kanye ne MTS | Wokudlulisa kanye Nesiteshi Esingaphansi | S&EIR | NO. 235 IS Portion 2, 4, 5, 7, 10, 11, 13 of WITBANK NO. 236 IS Portion 0, 2, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 of farm NOOITGEDACHT 237 IS Portion 0, 2 of farm ORPENSKRAAL 238 IS Portion 1, 2 of farm GELUKSDRAAI No. 240 IS Portion 1 of the Farm EERSTE GELUK 258 IS | Portion 0, 2, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11 of farm NOOITGEDACHT 251 IS Portion 1, 2 of farm SPION KOP 252 IS Portion 0, 2, 7 of farm DRIEHOEK No. 273 IS Portion 4, 15 of farm UITZICHT 266 IS Portion 0 of farm KRANSPOORT 827 IS Remaining Extent of Portion 7 of the Farm DAVELFONTEIN 267 IS Portion 0 of the Farm ELIM 247 IS Portion 4 of the Farm TAFELKOP 270 IS |

IZICELO ZEMVELO: Amaphrojekthi ahlongozwayo azoqala imisebenzi eminingana esohlwini equkethwe ku-Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations Listing Notice 1 (GNR 983), Listing Notice 2 (GNR 984) kanye ne-Listing Notice 3 (GNR985), njengoba ushintshiwe, ngakhoke, ukugunyazwa kokwenza lesi saziso. imisebenzi esohlwini kufanele ifunwe ngezinqubo ezifanele ze-Scoping kanye ne-Environmental Impact Reporting (S&EIR). izinombolo zomsebenzi ezifakwe ohlwini ezilindelekile ezihambisana namaphrojekthi ahlongozwayo zibonakala kuthebula elingezansi. Uma ufisa ukuthola ikhophi ephelele yale misebenzi esohlwini, sicela uthinte Umsebenzi Wokuhlola Imvelo (EAP), imininingwane enikezwe ngezansi.

| Igama lephrojekthi | Isaziso Sohlu | Izibangeli ezisebenzayo | | | | | | | | |
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| Phefumula Emoyeni One (Pty) Ltd - | GNR 983 | 11 | 12 | 14 | 19 | 24 | 28 | 30 | 48 | 56 |
| Kufika ku-837MW WEF, zihlanaga- nisa inggalasizinda ehlobene | GNR 984 | 1 | 9 | | 15 | | | | | |
| ehlanganisa ne BESS | GNR 985 | 4 | 10 | | 12 | 14 | 18 | 23 | | |
| Phefumula Emoyeni One (Pty) Ltd | GNR 983 | 12 | 19 | | 27 | 28 | | | | |
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| kanye ne-MTS | GNR 985 | 4 | 12 | | 14 | | | | | |
| Ukugunyazwa Okujwayelekile / Ilayisensi Yokusebenzisa Amanzi (njengoba kusebenza) | Isigaba 21 | 21 (a), 21 (c) and 21 (i) | | | | | | | | |

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Imininingwane yokuxhumana ye-EAP yile: • Igama: Ashlea Strong • Ucingo: 031 240 8804 • Ifeksi: 011 361 1381 I-imeyili: ashlea.strong@wsp.com • Ikheli: Building 1, Maxwell Office Park, Magwa Crecent

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ADVERTORIAL

VF Plus-leier besoek Ermelo



Dr. Pieter Groenewald van die VF Plus. Foto | Verskaf/Wikimedia Commons

Die leier van die VF Plus, dr. Pieter Groenewald, sal op 13 April die dorp vir 'n toespreekgeleentheid besoek.

Die plaaslike gemeenskap word uitgenooi om die geleentheid om 10:00 by die Ermelo Inn by te woon.

Groenewald se toespraak sal verskeie kritiese aspekte van die huidige politieke landskap van Suid-Afrika aanspreek. Daarbenewens sal hy die positiewe rol van die VF Plus in hierdie konteks belig, sowel as die noodsaaklikheid en moontlikheid van koalisievorming ná die nasionale verkiesing.

Hierdie geleentheid bied 'n kans vir individue om hul vrae direk aan Groenewald te rig. Die nasionale verkiesing vind op 29 Mei plaas, wanneer die kiesers hulle stemme sal laat hoor. Deur hierdie geleentheid by te woon, kan inwoners 'n duideliker beeld kry van die VF Plus se standpunte en planne vir die toekoms van die land. Diegene wat die toespreekgeleentheid graag wil bywoon, kan 'n WhatsApp-boodskap aan Shobie Arnoldi, die plaaslike raadslid van die VF Plus, by 082 801 4114 stuur.

"Die gemeenskap word aangemoedig om van hierdie geleentheid gebruik te maak om 'n beter begrip van die politieke landskap te verkry en om hul deelname aan die demokratiese proses te versterk," het Arnoldi gesê.

Hierdie promosieartikel is betaal deur die betrokke politieke party en verteenwoordig die siening van die kliënt, en nie dié van die publikasie waarin dit verskyn nie.

Fire hydrant badly damaged



The vandalised fire hydrant at the intersection of Generaal Botha and Theron streets. Photo | Supplied

René Joubert

ERMELO - After the vandalism of a fire hydrant in town, the municipality warned residents of the devastating implications this can have.

Chantal Boonstra, an administrator on a community WhatsApp group, reported to the municipality on March 28 that a fire hydrant at the intersection of Generaal Botha and Theron streets was damaged.

After several hours had passed, she posted another photo of the fire hydrant, now completely destroyed.

The fire hydrant was later repaired.

Higvelder sent media enquiries to Mandla Zwane, spokesperson of the municipality, regarding this particular hydrant, and awaits his response.



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MUNICIPAL MANAGER: MR M KUNENE

CLOSING DATE 15 APRIL 2024

OMGEWINGS MAGTIGINGS PROSESSE

KENNISGEWING VAN DIE VOORGESTELDE ONTWIKKELING VAN DIE PHEFUMULA **EMOYENI ONE WINDENERGIE FASILITEIT, WAT BESTAAN UIT VERSKEIE** OMGEWINGSMAGTIGINGSPROSESSE, NABY ERMELO, MPUMALANGA PROVINSIE

Kennis word gegee in terme van:

Regulasie 41(2) van GNR 982 (soos gewysig) gepubliseer ingevolge artikel 24 en 24D van die Wet op Nasionale Omgewingsbestuur (No. 107 van 1998) (NEMA) (soos gewysig) vir die indiening van verskeie aansoeke om omgewings-

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BESKRYWING EN LIGGING: Phefumula Emoyeni One (Edms) Bpk. stel voor om 'n hernubare-energie-fasiliteit naby Ermelo en Bethal, Mpumalanga Provinsie, bekend as die Phefumula Emoyeni One Windenergie Fasiliteit (WEF) te vestig, wat verskeie aansoeke vir omgewingsmagtiging vereis. Die voorgestelde projek bestaan uit die volgende subprojekte:

 Phefumula Emoyeni One WEF (tot 837MW), geleë in die Msukaligwa Plaaslike Munisipaliteit, wat onder die Gert Sibande Distriksmunisipaliteit val, in die Mpumalanga Provinsie

Phefumula Emoyeni One Electrical Grid Infrastructure (EGI) tot 400kV Grid Connection and Main Transmission Substasie (MTS) geleë in die

Msukaligwa Plaaslike Munisipaliteit, wat onder die Gert Sibande Distriksmunisipaliteit val, in die Mpumalanga Provinsie Die WEF sal ook 'n Battery Energie Stoor Sisteem (BESS) insluit. Die BESS sal gebruik word om oortollige energie wat deur die WEF gegenereer word, te berg. Die BESS sal 'n bergingskapasiteit van tot 200MW/800MWh hê. Dit sal 6-8 uur se berging toelaat.

| Voorstander | Projek | Tegnologie | Proses | Geaffekteerde plaasgedeeltes | |
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| Phefumula Emoyeni One (Edms) Bpk | Tot 837MW WEF, insluitend geassosieerde infrastruktuur insluitend BESS | Wind en BESS | S&OIV | Gedeelte 0 van Plaas ISRAEL 207 IS Gedeelte 0, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9 van Plaas BOSMANSKRANS 217 IS Gedeelte 6 van Plaas VAALBANK 233 IS Gedeelte 1, 2, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 14, 15, 16, 17, 21, 22, 23 van Plaas KUILFONTEIN Nr 234 IS | Gedeelte 0, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 18, 19, 21, 22, 23 van Plaas KRANSPOORT 248 IS Gedeelte 2, 8, 9 van Plaas TWEEFONTEIN 249 IS Gedeelte 0 van plaas VOORZORG 250 IS Gedeelte 0, 2, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11 van |
| Phefumula Emoyeni One (Edms) Bpk | Tot 400kV Powerline, EGI tot 400kV Netverbinding en MTS | Transmissie- lyn en substasie | S&OIV | Gedeelte 3 van Plaas BOSMANSHOEK NO. 235 IS Gedeelte 2, 4, 5, 7, 10, 11, 13 van WITBANK NO. 236 IS Gedeelte 0, 2, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 van Plaas NOOITGEDACHT 237 IS Gedeelte 0, 2 van Plaas ORPENSKRAAL 238 IS Gedeelte 1, 2 van Plaas GELUKSDRAAI No. 240 IS Gedeelte 1 van die Plaas EERSTE GELUK 258 IS Gedeelte 2, 3, 4, 5, 8 van die Plaas MIDDELPLAAT 271 IS | |

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| Projek Naam | Noterings kennisgewing | Toepaslike Gelyste Aktiwiteite | | | | | | | | |
|--|---------------------------|--------------------------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| Phefumula Emoyeni One (Edms) Bpk | GNR 983 | 11 | 12 | 14 | 19 | 24 | 28 | 30 | 48 | 56 |
| - Tot 837MW windenergie-fasiliteit (WEF), insluitend geassosieerde | GNR 984 | 1 | 9 |) | 15 | | | | | |
| infrastruktuur insluitend BESS | GNR 985 | 4 | 10 | | 12 | 14 | 18 | 23 | | |
| Phefumula Emoyeni One (Edms) Bpk | GNR 983 | 12 | 19 | | 27 | 28 | | | | |
| Tot 400kV kraglyn, EGI tot 400kV netwerkverbinding en MTS | GNR 984 | 9 | 15 | | | | | | | |
| GNR 985 4 12 14 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Algemene magtiging / watergebruik- lisensie (soos van toepassing) | Artikel 21 | 21 (a), 21 (c) en 21 (i) | | | | | | | | |

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Appendix B.2

SITE NOTICE



ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION PROCESSES

NOTICE OF THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF THE PHEFUMULA EMOYENI ONE WIND ENERGY FACILITY, COMPRISING VARIOUS ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION PROCESSES, NEAR ERMELO, MPUMALANGA PROVINCE

Notice is given in terms of:

- Regulation 41(2) of GNR 982 (as amended) published under section 24 and 24D of the National Environmental Management Act (No. 107 of 1998) (NEMA) (as amended) for submission of various applications for environmental authorisations (EAs) in respect of activities identified in terms of GNR 983, GNR 984 and GNR 985 (as amended)
- Section 39 or 41(4) of the National Water Act (36 of 1998) (NWA), for the submission of a General Authorisation or Water Use Licence (WUL) Application (as applicable)

DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION

Phefumula Emoyeni One (Pty) Ltd proposes to establish a renewable energy facility near Ermelo and Bethal, Mpumalanga, known as the Phefumula Emoyeni One Wind Energy facility (WEF), which requires various applications for environmental authorisation. The proposed project consists of the following subprojects:

- Phefumula Emoyeni One WEF (up to 837MW), located in the Msukaligwa Local Municipality, which falls under the Gert Sibande District Municipality, in the Mpumalanga Province
- Phefumula Emoyeni One Electrical Grid Infrastructure (EGI) up to 400kV Grid Connection (LILO) and Main Transmission Substation (MTS) located in the Msukaligwa Local Municipality, which falls under the Gert Sibande District Municipality, in the Mpumalanga Province. The WEF will also include a Battery Energy Storage System (BESS). The BESS will be used to store excess energy generated by the wind facility. The BESS will have a storage capacity of up to 200MW/800MWh. Allowing for up to 6-8 hours of storage.

| Proponent | Project | Technology | Process | Affected Farm Portions | | |
|-------------------|--------------------------|---------------|---------|---|---|---|
| Phefumula | Up to 837MW WEF, | Wind and BESS | S&EIR | Portion 0 of farm ISRAEL 207 IS | • | Portion 0, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 18, 19, 21,22, 23 of farm KRANSPOORT 248 IS |
| Emoyeni One (Pty) | including associated | | | Portion 0, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9 of farm BOSMANSKRANS 217 IS | • | Portion 2, 8, 9 of farm TWEEFONTEIN 249 IS |
| Ltd | infrastructure including | | | Portion 6 of farm VAALBANK 233 IS | • | Portion 0 of farm VOORZORG 250 IS |
| | BESS | | | • Portion 1, 2, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 14, 15, 16, 17, 21, 22, 23 of farm KUILFONTEIN No. 234 IS | • | Portion 0, 2, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11 of farm NOOITGEDACHT 251 IS |
| | | | | Portion 3 of farm BOSMANSHOEK NO.235 IS | • | Portion 1, 2 of farm SPION KOP 252 IS |
| Phefumula | Up to 400kV Powerline, | Transmission | S&EIR | Portion 2, 4, 5, 7, 10, 11, 13 of WITBANK NO. 236 IS | • | Portion 0, 2, 7 of farm DRIEHOEK No. 273 IS |
| Emoyeni One (Pty) | EGI up to 400kV Grid | Line and | | Portion 0, 2, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 of farm NOOITGEDACHT 237 IS | • | Portion 4, 15 of farm UITZICHT 266 IS |
| Ltd) | Connection and MTS | Substation | | Portion 0, 2 of farm ORPENSKRAAL 238 IS | • | Portion 0 of farm KRANSPOORT 827 IS |
| | | | | Portion 1, 2 of farm GELUKSDRAAI No. 240 IS | • | Remaining Extent of Portion 7 of the Farm DAVELFONTEIN 267 IS |
| | | | | Portion 1 of the Farm EERSTE GELUK 258 IS | • | Portion 0 of the Farm ELIM 247 IS |
| | | | | Portion 2, 3, 4, 5, 8 of the Farm MIDDELPLAAT 271 IS | • | Portion 4 of the Farm TAFELKOP 270 IS |

ENVIRONMENTAL APPLICATIONS

The proposed projects trigger several listed activities contained in the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations Listing Notice 1 (GNR 983), Listing Notice 2 (GNR 984) and Listing Notice 3 (GNR985), as amended, and therefore, authorisation to undertake the listed activities must be sought via respective Scoping and Environmental Impact Reporting (S&EIR) and/or Basic Assessment (BA) processes. The anticipated listed activity numbers associated with the proposed projects are reflected in the table below. Should you wish to obtain a complete copy of these listed activities, please contact the Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP), details provided below.

| Project Name | Listing Notice | Applicable triggers | | | | | | | |
|---|----------------|---------------------------|-------|----|----|----|----|-------|--|
| Phefumula Emoyeni One (Pty) | | 11 | 12 14 | 19 | 24 | 28 | 30 | 48 56 | |
| Ltd- Up to 837MW Wind Energy | GNR 984 | 1 | 9 | 15 | | | | | |
| Facility (WEF), including | GNR 985 | 4 | 10 | 12 | 14 | 18 | 23 | | |
| associated infrastructure including BESS | | | | | | | | | |
| Phefumula Emoyeni One (Pty) | | 12 | 19 | 27 | | | | | |
| Ltd Up to 400kV Powerline, EGI | GNR 984 | 9 | 15 | | | | | | |
| up to 400kV Grid Connection and MTS | GNR 985 | 4 | 12 | 14 | | | | | |
| General Authorisation / Water Use Licence (as applicable) | Section 21 | 21 (a), 21 (c) and 21 (i) | | | | | | | |

REGISTRATION

WSP Group Africa (Pty) Ltd (WSP) has been appointed as the EAP by Mulilo, to manage the S&EIR processes. Parties wishing to formally register as stakeholders in order to offer their comment on the proposed projects are requested to forward their full contact details to the EAP at the details provided below. Registered stakeholders will be forwarded all future correspondence and notified individually of additional opportunities to participate in the process.

The contact details of the EAP are:

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Protection of Personal Information: WSP will be processing certain personal information about you as an interested and affected party (I&AP) for purposes of enabling your registration as an I&AP and storing of your details on our database, if you consent for us to do so. WSP will use these details to contact you about other relevant projects in the future. WSP will always process your personal information in accordance with the Protection of Personal Information Act 4 of 2013. You are entitled to exercise your rights as a data subject and let us know if you wish to be deregistered as an I & AP or if you no longer want your contact details to be included on our database.



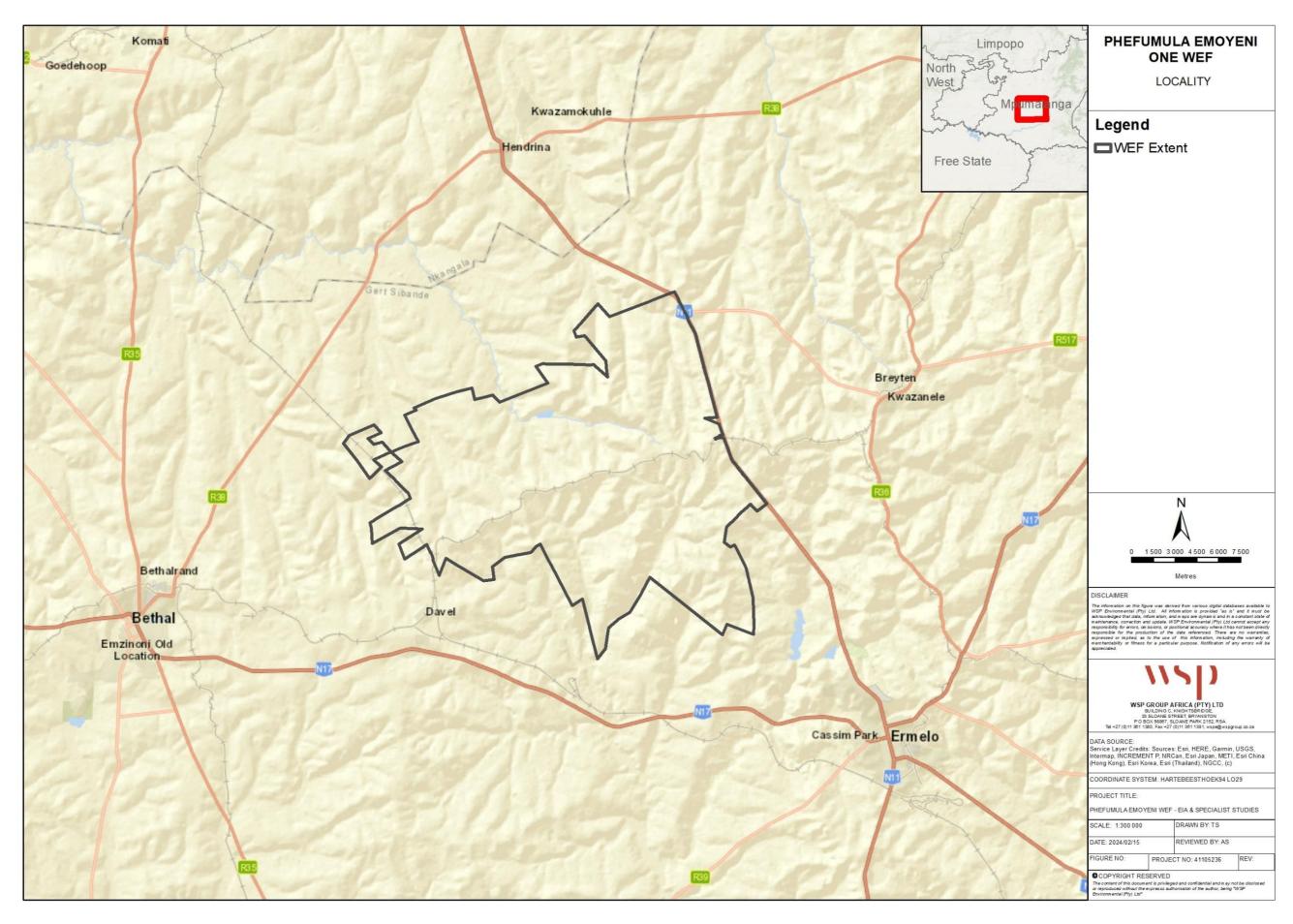


Figure 1: Proposed Phefumula Emoyeni One WEF Locality

OMGEWINGS MAGTIGINGS PROSESSE

KENNISGEWING VAN DIE VOORGESTELDE ONTWIKKELING VAN DIE PHEFUMULA EMOYENI ONE WINDENERGIE FASILITEIT, WAT BESTAAN UIT VERSKEIE OMGEWINGSMAGTIGINGSPROSESSE, NABY ERMELO, MPUMALANGA PROVINSIE

Kennis word gegee in terme van:

- Regulasie 41(2) van GNR 982 (soos gewysig) gepubliseer ingevolge artikel 24 en 24D van die Wet op Nasionale Omgewingsbestuur (No. 107 van 1998) (NEMA) (soos gewysig) vir die indiening van verskeie aansoeke om omgewingsmagtigings (EA's) ten opsigte van aktiwiteite geïdentifiseer ingevolge GNR 983, GNR 984 en GNR 985 (soos gewysig)
- Artikel 39 of 41(4) van die Nasionale Waterwet (36 van 1998) (NWA), vir die indiening van 'n Algemene Magtiging vir Watergebruik of Watergebruiklisensie (WUL) Aansoek (soos van toepassing)

BESKRYWING EN LIGGING

Phefumula Emoyeni One (Edms) Bpk. stel voor om 'n hernubare-energie-fasiliteit naby Ermelo en Bethal, Mpumalanga Provinsie, bekend as die Phefumula Emoyeni One Windenergie Fasiliteit (WEF) te vestig, wat verskeie aansoeke vir omgewingsmagtiging vereis. Die voorgestelde projek bestaan uit die volgende subprojekte:

- Phefumula Emoyeni One WEF (tot 837MW), geleë in die Msukaligwa Plaaslike Munisipaliteit, wat onder die Gert Sibande Distriksmunisipaliteit val, in die Mpumalanga Provinsie
- Phefumula Emoyeni One Electrical Grid Infrastructure (EGI) tot 400kV Grid Connection and Main Transmission Substasie (MTS) geleë in die Msukaligwa Plaaslike Munisipaliteit, wat onder die Gert Sibande Distriksmunisipaliteit val, in die Mpumalanga Provinsie. Die WEF sal ook 'n Battery Energie Stoor Sisteem (BESS) insluit. Die BESS sal gebruik word om oortollige energie wat deur die WEF gegenereer word, te berg. Die BESS sal 'n bergingskapasiteit van tot 200MW/800MWh hê. Dit sal 6-8 uur se berging toelaat.

| Voorstander | Projek | Tegnologie | Proses | Geaffekteerde plaasgedeeltes | |
|-------------|----------------------|-------------------|--------|---|--|
| Phefumula | Tot 837MW WEF, | Wind en BESS | S&OIV | Gedeelte 0 van Plaas ISRAEL 207 IS | Gedeelte 0, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 18, 19, 21,22, 23 van Plaas KRANSPOORT 248 IS |
| Emoyeni One | insluitend | | | • Gedeelte 0, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9 van Plaas BOSMANSKRANS 217 IS | Gedeelte 2, 8, 9 van Pplaas TWEEFONTEIN 249 IS |
| (Edms) Bpk | geassosieerde | | | Gedeelte 6 van Plaas VAALBANK 233 IS | Gedeelte 0 van plaas VOORZORG 250 IS |
| | infrastruktuur | | | • Gedeelte 1, 2, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 14, 15, 16, 17, 21, 22, 23 van Plaas KUILFONTEIN Nr 234 | Gedeelte 0, 2, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11 van Plaas NOOITGEDACHT 251 IS |
| | insluitend BESS | | | IS | Gedeelte 1, 2 van Plaas SPION KOP 252 IS |
| | | | | Gedeelte 3 van Plaas BOSMANSHOEK NO.235 IS | Gedeelte 0, 2, 7 van Plaas DRIEHOEK No. 273 IS |
| | | | | • Gedeelte 2, 4, 5, 7, 10, 11, 13 van WITBANK NO. 236 IS | Gedeelte 4, 15 van Plaas UITZICHT 266 IS |
| Phefumula | Tot 400kV Powerline, | Transmissielyn en | S&OIV | Gedeelte 0, 2, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 van Plaas NOOITGEDACHT 237 IS | Gedeelte 0 van Plaas KRANSPOORT 827 IS |
| Emoyeni One | EGI tot 400kV | substasie | | Gedeelte 0, 2 van Plaas ORPENSKRAAL 238 IS | Resterende Gedeelte van Gedeelte 7 van die Plaas DAVELFONTEIN 267 IS |
| (Edms) Bpk | Netverbinding en | | | Gedeelte 1, 2 van Plaas GELUKSDRAAI No. 240 IS | Gedeelte 0 van die Plaas ELIM 247 IS |
| | MTS | | | Gedeelte 1 van die Plaas EERSTE GELUK 258 IS | Gedeelte 4 van die Plaas TAFELKOP 270 IS |
| | | | | Gedeelte 2 3 4 5 8 van die Plaas MIDDELPI AAT 271 IS | |

OMGEWINGSTOEPASSINGS

Die voorgestelde projekte sal lei tot 'n verskeidenheid van gelyste aktiwiteite, vervat in die Omgewingsimpakbepaling (OIE) Regulasies Lyskennisgewing 2 (GNR 984) en Noteringskennisgewing 3 (GNR985), soos gewysig, magtiging om die gelyste aktiwiteite te onderneem, moet verkry word deur middel van onderskeie Bestekopname en Omgewingsimpakverslagdoening (S&OIV) prosesse. Die verwagte gelyste aktiwiteitsgetalle wat met die voorgestelde projekte geassosieer word, word in die tabel hieronder weerspieël. Indien u 'n volledige kopie van hierdie aktiwiteite op die lys wil bekom, kontak asseblief die Omgewingsevalueringspraktisyn (WHP), besonderhede hieronder verskaf.

| Projek Naam | Noterings kennisgewing | Toepaslike Gelyste Aktiwiteite | | | | | | | |
|---|---------------------------|--------------------------------|-------|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| Phefumula Emoyeni One (Edms) | GNR 983 | 11 | 12 14 | 19 | 24 | 28 | 30 | 48 | 56 |
| Bpk- Tot 837MW | GNR 984 | 1 | 9 | 15 | | | | ' | |
| windenergiefasiliteit (WEF), | GNR 985 | 4 | 10 | 12 | 14 | 18 | 23 | | |
| insluitend geassosieerde infrastruktuur insluitend BESS | | | | | | | | | |
| Phefumula Emoyeni One (Edms) | GNR 983 | 12 | 19 | 27 | 28 | | | | |
| Bpk Tot 400kV kraglyn, EGI tot | GNR 984 | 9 | 15 | | | | | | |
| 400kV netwerkverbinding en MTS | GNR 985 | 4 | 12 | 14 | | | | | |
| Algemene magtiging / | Artikel 21 | 21 (a), 21 (c) en 21 (i) | | | | | | | |
| watergebruiklisensie (soos van toepassing) | | | | | | | | | |

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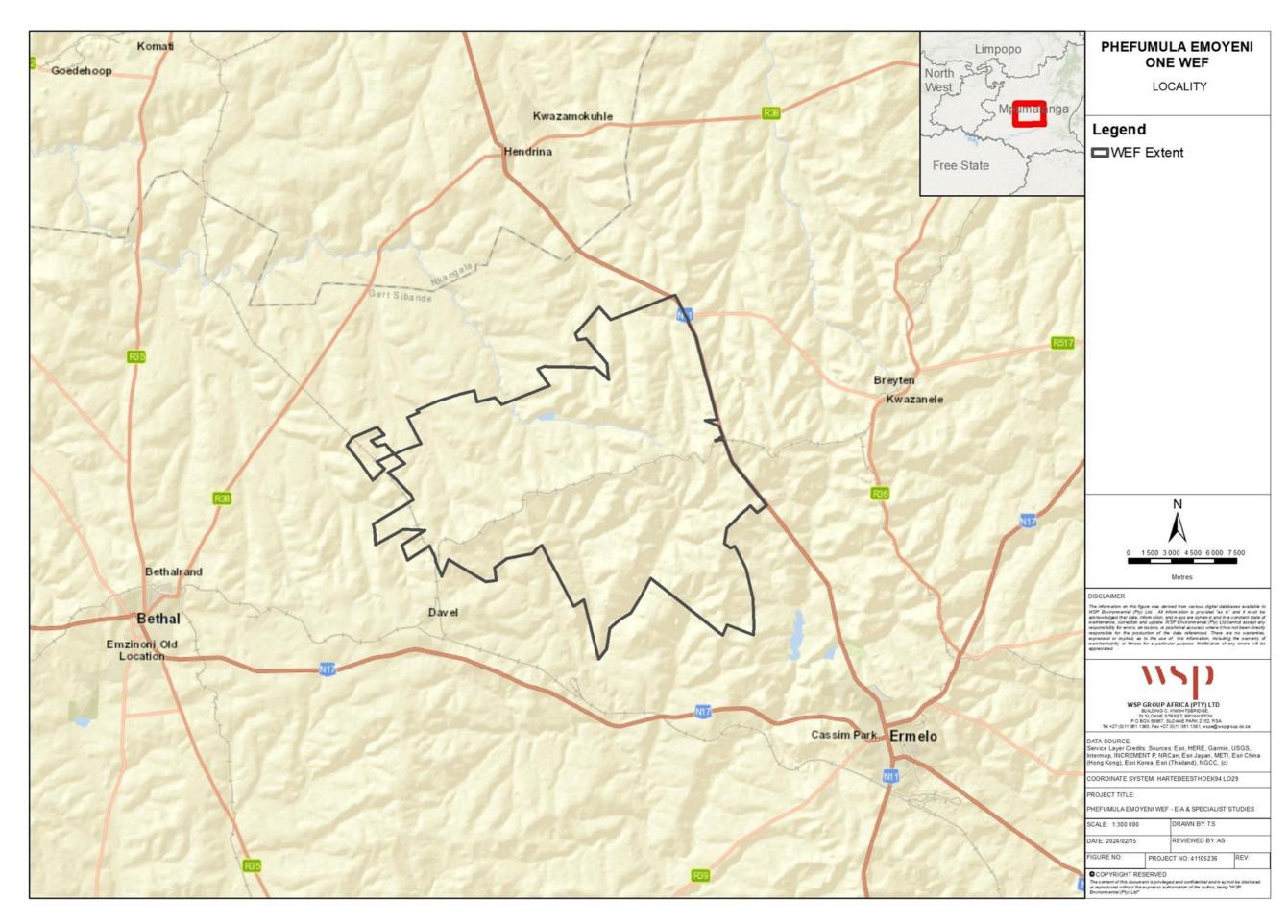
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Figuur 1: Voorgestelde Phefumula Emoyeni One WEF Locality

IZINQUBO ZOKUGUNYAZWA KWEZEMVELO

ISAZISO NGENTUTHUKO EHLONGOZWAYO YE-PHEFUMULA EMOYENI ONE WIND ENERGY FACILITION, EHLANGANISA IZINQUBO EZAHLUKENE ZOKUGUNYAZWA KWENDAWO, ESEDUZE NENDAWO YASE ERMELO, ISIFUNDAZWENI SASEMPUMALANGA.

Isaziso sinikezwa ngokwemibandela ye:

- Umthetho-sisekelo 41(2) we-GNR 982 (njengoba ushintshiwe) oshicilelwe ngaphansi kwesigaba 24 no-24D soMthetho Wokuphathwa Kwemvelo Kazwelonke (No. 107 ka-1998) (NEMA) (njengoba ushintshiwe) ukuze kuthunyelwe izicelo ezihlukahlukene zokugunyazwa kwezemvelo (EAs) mayelana nemisebenzi ehlonzwe ngokwe-GNR 983, GNR 984 kanye ne-GNR 985 (njengoba ichitshiyelwe)
- Isigaba sama-39 noma sama-41(4) soMthetho Wamanzi Kazwelonke (36 ka-1998) (NWA), ukuze kuthunyelwe ukuGunyazwa Okujwayelekile noma Isicelo Selayisensi Yokusebenzisa Amanzi (WUL) (njengoba ushintshiwe)

INCAZELO KANYE NENDAWO

I-Phefumula Emoyeni One (Pty) Ltd ihlongoza ukusungula indawo yamandla avuselelekayo eduze kwase-Ermelo nase-Bethal, kanyeneMpumalanga, eyaziwa ngokuthi i-Phefumula Emoyeni One Wind Energy facility (WEF), edinga izicelo ezihlukahlukene zokugunyazwa kwemvelo. Iphrojekthi ehlongozwayo iqukethe ama-subprojects alandelayo:

- Phefumula Emoyeni IWEF eyodwa (efinyelela ku-837MW), etholakala kuMasipala Wendawo yaseMsukaligwa, ongaphansi kukaMasipala wesiFunda i-Gert Sibande, esifundazweni saseMpumalanga.
- Phefumula Emoyeni One Electrical Grid Infrastructure (EGI) kufika ku-400kV Grid Connection and Main Transmission Substation (MTS) etholakala kuMasipala Wendawo yaseMsukaligwa, ongaphansi kukaMasipala Wesifunda sase-Gert Sibande, esiFundazweni saseMnumalanga

I-WEF izophinde ihlanganise ne-Battery Energy Storage System (BESS). I-BESS izosetshenziselwa ukugcina amandla engeziwe akhiqizwa yi-WEF. I-BESS izoba namandla okugcina afinyelela ku-200MW/800MWh. Evumela kuze kufike kumahora angu-6-8 wokulondoloza

| Umsekeli | Iphrojekthi | Ubuchwepheshe | Inqubo | Izingxenye Zepulazi Ezithintekile | |
|-------------|-----------------------|---------------------|--------|--|---|
| Phefumula | Kufika ku-837MW | Umoya kanye ne- | S&EIR | Portion 0 of farm ISRAEL 207 IS | Portion 0, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 18, 19, 21,22, 23 of farm KRANSPOORT 248 IS |
| Emoyeni One | WEF, zihlanganisa | BESS | | Portion 0, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9 of farm BOSMANSKRANS 217 IS | Portion 2, 8, 9 of farm TWEEFONTEIN 249 IS |
| (Pty) Ltd | ingqalasizinda | | | Portion 6 of farm VAALBANK 233 IS | Portion 0 of farm VOORZORG 250 IS |
| | ehlobene | | | • Portion 1, 2, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 14, 15, 16, 17, 21, 22, 23 of farm KUILFONTEIN No. 234 IS | Portion 0, 2, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11 of farm NOOITGEDACHT 251 IS |
| | ehlanganisa ne- | | | Portion 3 of farm BOSMANSHOEK NO.235 IS | Portion 1, 2 of farm SPION KOP 252 IS |
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| Phefumula | Kufika ku-400kV | Ulayini Wokudlulisa | S&EIR | Portion 0, 2 of farm ORPENSKRAAL 238 IS | Portion 0 of farm KRANSPOORT 827 IS |
| Emoyeni One | Powerline, EGI kufike | kanye Nesiteshi | | Portion 1, 2 of farm GELUKSDRAAI No. 240 IS | Remaining Extent of Portion 7 of the Farm DAVELFONTEIN 267 IS |
| (Pty) Ltd) | ku-400kV Grid | Esingaphansi | | Portion 1 of the Farm EERSTE GELUK 258 IS | Portion 0 of the Farm ELIM 247 IS |
| | Connection kanye ne- | | | Portion 2, 3, 4, 5, 8 of the Farm MIDDELPLAAT 271 IS | Portion 4 of the Farm TAFELKOP 270 IS |
| | MTS | | | | |

IZICELO ZEMVELO

Amaphrojekthi ahlongozwayo azoqala imisebenzi eminingana esohlwini equkethwe ku-Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations Listing Notice 2 (GNR 984) kanye ne-Listing Notice 3 (GNR985), njengoba ushintshiwe, ngakho-ke, ukugunyazwa kokwenza lesi saziso. imisebenzi esohlwini kufanele ifunwe ngezinqubo ezifanele ze-Scoping kanye ne-Environmental Impact Reporting (S&EIR). izinombolo zomsebenzi ezifakwe ohlwini ezilindelekile ezihambisana namaphrojekthi ahlongozwayo zibonakala kuthebula elingezansi. Uma ufisa ukuthola ikhophi ephelele yale misebenzi esohlwini, sicela uthinte Umsebenzi Wokuhlola Imvelo (EAP), imininingwane enikezwe ngezansi.

| Igama lephrojekthi | Isaziso Sohlu | Izibangeli ezisebenzayo | | | | | | | | |
|--|---------------|---------------------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| Phefumula Emoyeni One (Pty) | GNR 983 | 11 | 12 | 14 | 19 | 24 | 28 | 30 | 48 | 56 |
| Ltd- Kufika ku-837MW WEF, | GNR 984 | 1 | Ç | 9 | 15 | | | | | |
| zihlanaganisa ingqalasizinda | GNR 985 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 12 | 14 | 18 | 23 | | |
| ehlobene ehlanganisa ne-BESS | | | | | | | | | | |
| Phefumula Emoyeni One (Pty) | GNR 983 | 12 | 1 | 9 | 27 | 28 | | | | |
| Ltd Kufika ku-400kV Powerline, | GNR 984 | 9 | 1 | 5 | | | | | | |
| EGI kufika ku-400kV Grid Connection kanye ne-MTS | GNR 985 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 14 | | | | | |
| Ukugunyazwa Okujwayelekile / | Isigaba 21 | 21 (a), 21 (c) and 21 (i) | | | | | | | | |
| Ilayisensi Yokusebenzisa | | | | | | | | | | |
| Amanzi (njengoba kusebenza) | | | | | | | | | | |

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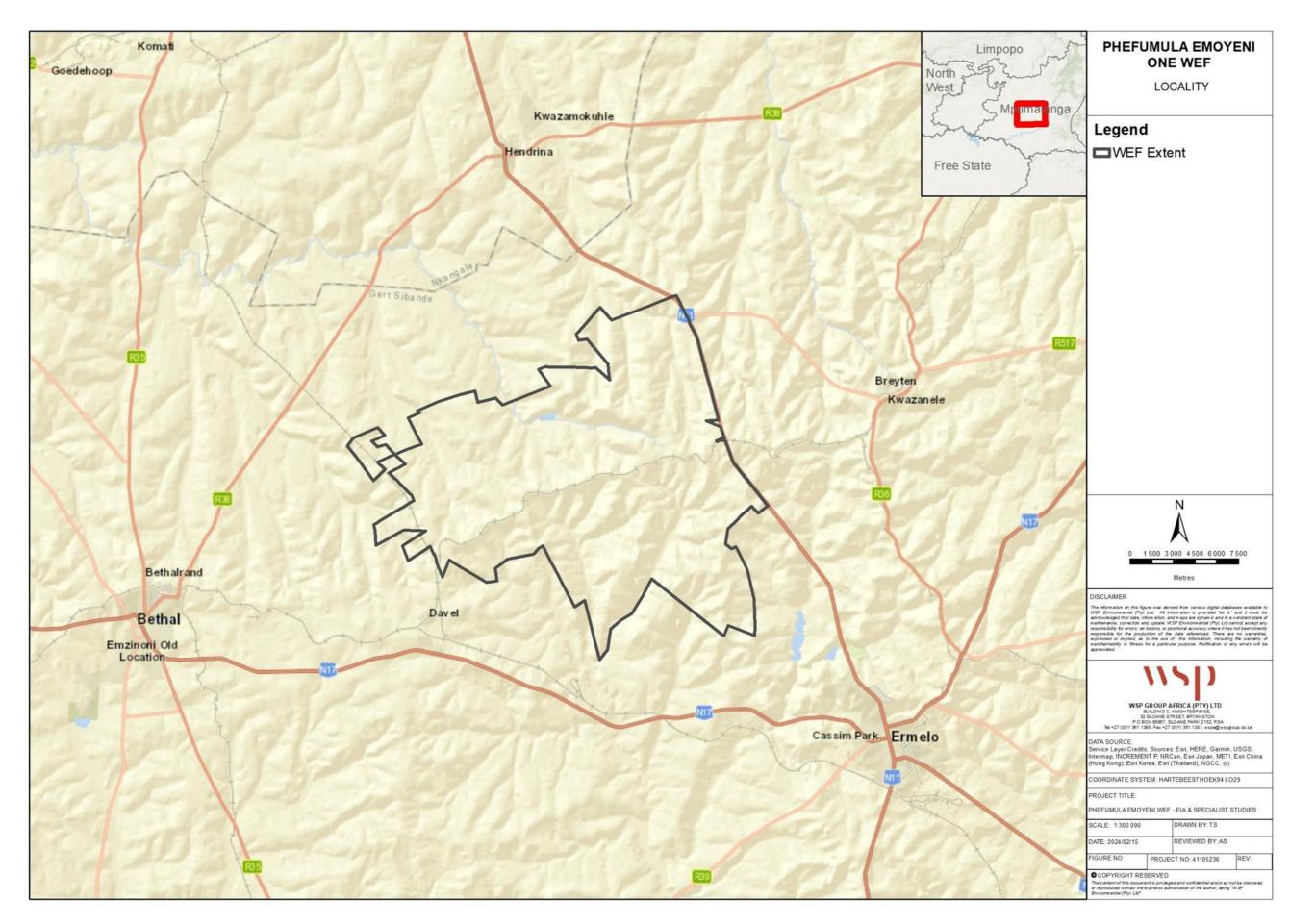
I-WSP Group Africa (Pty) Ltd (WSP) iqokwe njenge-EAP ezimele nguMsekeli, ukuphatha izinqubo ze-S&EIR. Amaqembu afisa ukubhalisa ngokusemthethweni njengababambe iqhaza ukuze abeke imibono yawo ngamaphrojekthi ahlongozwayo ayacelwa ukuba athumele imininingwane yawo egcwele ku-EAP kule mininingwane enikezwe ngezansi. Ababambiqhaza ababhalisiwe bazothunyelwa zonke izincwadi zesikhathi esizayo futhi baziswe ngabanye ngamathuba engeziwe okubamba iqhaza kulolu hlelo.

Imininingwane yokuxhumana ye-EAP yile:

Igama: Ashlea Strong Ucingo: 031 240 8804 Ifeksi: 011 361 1381 I-imeyili: ashlea.strong@wsp.com Ikheli: Building 1, Maxwell Office Park, Magwa Crecent

Ukuvikelwa Kolwazi Lomuntu Siqu: I-WSP izocubungula ulwazi oluthile lomuntu siqu olumayelana nawe njengomuntu onentshisekelo noma othintekayo (I&AP) ngezinjongo zokwenza ukubhalisa kwakho njenge-I&AP nokugcina imininingwane yakho kusizindalwazi sethu, uma uvuma ukuba senze kanjalo. I-WSP izosebenzisa le mininingwane ukuze ixhumane nawe mayelana namanye amaphrojekthi abalulekile esikhathini esizayo. I-WSP izohlala icubungula ulwazi lwakho lomuntu siqu ngokuhambisana noMthetho Wokuvikela Ulwazi Lomuntu Siqu 4 ka-2013. Unelungelo lokusebenzisa amalungelo akho njengesihloko sedatha futhi usazise uma ufisa ukukhishwa ukubhaliswa njenge-I & AP noma uma cha. usefuna imininingwane yakho yokuxhumana ifakwe kusizindalwazi sethu.





Umfanekiso 1: Okuhlongozwayo kwePhefumula Emoyeni One WEF Locality

Appendix B.3

NOTIFICATION LETTER





WSP ref.: 41105236

DFFE Ref: 2023-09-0017

26 July 2024

Dear Stakeholder,

Subject: NOTICE OF THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF THE PHEFUMULA EMOYENI ONE ELETRICAL GRID INFRASTRUCTURE, MPUMALANGA PROVINCE

Notice is given in terms of Regulation 41(2) of GNR 982 (as amended) published under section 24 and 24D of the National Environmental Management Act (No. 107 of 1998) (NEMA) for submission of applications for environmental authorisations (EAs) in respect of activities identified in terms of GNR 983, GNR 984 and GNR 985 (as amended).

DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION

Phefumula Emoyeni One (Pty) Ltd proposes to establish a renewable energy facility near Ermelo, Mpumalanga, known as the Phefumula Emoyeni One Wind Energy facility (WEF), which requires various applications for environmental authorisation. The proposed project consists of the following subprojects:

- Phefumula Emoyeni One WEF (up to 837MW), located in the Msukaligwa Local Municipality, which falls under the Gert Sibande District Municipality, in the Mpumalanga Province
- Phefumula Emoyeni One Electrical Grid Infrastructure (EGI) up to 400kV Grid Connection (LILO) and Main Transmission Substation (MTS) located in the Msukaligwa Local Municipality, which falls under the Gert Sibande District Municipality, in the Mpumalanga Province.

The WEF will also include a Battery Energy Storage System (BESS). The BESS will be used to store excess energy generated by the wind facility. The BESS will have a storage capacity of up to 200MW/800MWh. Allowing for up to 6-8 hours of storage.

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ENVIRONMENTAL APPLICATIONS

A Scoping and Environmental Impact Reporting (S&EIR) Process is required for the project. The listed activity numbers associated with the Proposed Projects are reflected below. Should you wish to obtain a complete copy of these listed activities, please contact the Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP), details provided below.

Phefumula Emoyeni One (Pty) Ltd- Up to 837MW Wind Energy Facility (WEF), including associated infrastructure including BESS.

- GNR 983-11, 12, 14, 19, 24, 28, 30, 48 & 56
- GNR 984- 1. 9 & 15
- GNR 985- 4, 10, 12, 14, 18 & 23

Phefumula Emoyeni One (Pty) Ltd Up to 400kV Powerline, EGI up to 400kV Grid Connection and MTS

- GNR 983 12, 19 & 27
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- GNR 985 4, 12 & 14

REGISTRATION

WSP Group Africa (Pty) Ltd (WSP) has been appointed as the independent and suitably qualified EAP by Seriti Green (Pty) Ltd, to manage and undertake the S&EIR Process. Parties wishing to formally register as interested and affected parties in order to receive more information and/ or raise their comment(s) on the proposed project, are requested to forward their full contact details to the EAP and disclose their direct business, financial, personal or other interest in the project. Any comments on the proposed project may be submitted to the EAP via the details provided below. Registered interested and affected parties will be forwarded all future project related correspondence and notified individually of additional opportunities to participate in the process.

DRAFT SCOPING REPORT REVIEW PERIOD

The Draft Scoping Report will be made available at the venues below for review and comment for 30 days from **26 July 2024** to **9 September 2024**:

- Ermelo Public Library;
- Thusiville Public Library
- Hendrina Public Library
- Bethal Public Library
- Datafree Website (<u>https://wsp-engage.com/</u>)
- WSP Website https://www.wsp.com/en-ZA/services/public-documents

Kindly ensure that all comments on the proposed project or requests to be registered as an Interested and Affected Party are submitted to the contact details provided herewith, by to **9 September 2024**. Should you have any queries/comments, please do not hesitate to contact WSP.



Contact details:

Ashlea Strong

Tel: + 27 11 254-4802

E-mail: ashea.strong@wsp.com

Address: Building 1, Maxwell Office Park, Magwa Crescent West, Waterfall City, Midrand

WSP will be processing certain personal information about you as an interested and affected party (I & AP) for purposes of enabling your registration as an I & AP and for purposes of storing your details on our database, if you consent for us to do so. WSP uses these details to contact you about other projects in the future. WSP will always process your personal information in accordance with the Protection of Personal Information Act 4 of 2013. You are entitled to exercise your rights as a data subject and let us know if you wish to be deregistered as an I & AP or if you no longer want your contact details to be included on our database.

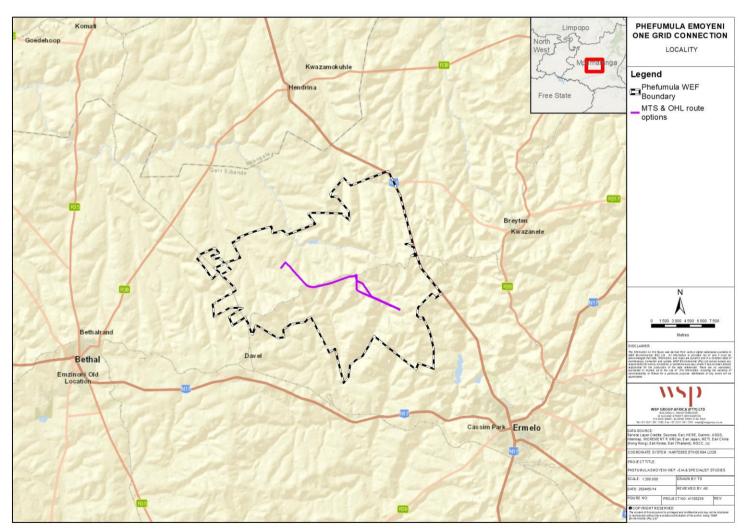


Figure 1: Proposed Phefumula Emoyeni One Electrical Grid infrastructure



WSP ref.: 41105236

DFFE Ref: 2023-09-0017

26 July 2024

Liewe grondeienaar

Subject: KENNISGEWING VAN DIE VOORGESTELDE ONTWIKKELING VAN DIE

PHEFUMULA EMOYENI ELECTRICAL GRID INFRASTRUCTURE,

WAT BESTAAN UIT VERSKEIE

OMGEWINGSMAGTIGINGSPROSESSE, NABY ERMELO,

MPUMALANGA PROVINSIE

Kennis word gegee in terme van:

Regulasie 41(2) van GNR 982 (soos gewysig) gepubliseer ingevolge artikel 24 en 24D van die Wet op Nasionale Omgewingsbestuur (No. 107 van 1998) (NEMA) (soos gewysig) vir die indiening van verskeie aansoeke om omgewingsmagtigings (EA's) ten opsigte van aktiwiteite geïdentifiseer ingevolge GNR 983, GNR 984 en GNR 985 (soos gewysig)

Artikel 39 of 41(4) van die Nasionale Waterwet (36 van 1998) (NWA), vir die indiening van 'n Algemene Magtiging vir Watergebruik of Watergebruiklisensie (WUL) Aansoek (soos van toepassing)

BESKRYWING EN LIGGING

Phefumula Emoyeni One (Edms) Bpk. stel voor om 'n hernubare-energie-fasiliteit naby Ermelo en Bethal, Mpumalanga Provinsie, bekend as die Phefumula Emoyeni One Windenergie Fasiliteit (WEF) te vestig, wat verskeie aansoeke vir omgewingsmagtiging vereis. Die voorgestelde projek bestaan uit die volgende subprojekte:

- Phefumula Emoyeni One WEF (tot 837MW), geleë in die Msukaligwa Plaaslike Munisipaliteit, wat onder die Gert Sibande Distriksmunisipaliteit val, in die Mpumalanga Provinsie
- Phefumula Emoyeni One Electrical Grid Infrastructure (EGI) tot 400kV Grid Connection and Main Transmission Substasie (MTS) geleë in die Msukaligwa Plaaslike Munisipaliteit, wat onder die Gert Sibande Distriksmunisipaliteit val, in die Mpumalanga Provinsie.

Die WEF sal ook 'n Battery Energie Stoor Sisteem (BESS) insluit. Die BESS sal gebruik word om oortollige energie wat deur die WEF gegenereer word, te berg. Die BESS sal 'n bergingskapasiteit van tot 200MW/800MWh hê. Dit sal 6-8 uur se berging toelaat.

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OMGEWINGSTOEPASSINGS

Die voorgestelde projekte sal lei tot 'n verskeidenheid van gelyste aktiwiteite, vervat in die Omgewingsimpakbepaling (OIE) Regulasies Lyskennisgewing 1 (GNR 983), Noteringskennisgewing 2 (GNR 984) en Noteringskennisgewing 3 (GNR985), soos gewysig, magtiging om die gelyste aktiwiteite te onderneem, moet verkry word deur middel van onderskeie Bestekopname en Omgewingsimpakverslagdoening (S&OIV) prosesse. Die verwagte gelyste aktiwiteitsgetalle wat met die voorgestelde projekte geassosieer word, word in die tabel hieronder weerspieël. Indien u 'n volledige kopie van hierdie aktiwiteite op die lys wil bekom, kontak asseblief die Omgewingsevalueringspraktisyn (WHP), besonderhede hieronder verskaf.

Phefumula Emoyeni One (Pty) Ltd- Up to 837MW Wind Energy Facility (WEF), including associated infrastructure including BESS.

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REGISTRASIE

WSP Group Africa (Pty) Ltd (WSP) is deur die Proponent aangestel as die onafhanklike WHP om die S&OIV-prosesse te bestuur. Partye wat formeel as belanghebbendes wil registreer om hul kommentaar oor die voorgestelde projekte te lewer, word versoek om hul volledige kontakbesonderhede aan die WHP te stuur by die besonderhede hieronder verskaf. Toekomstige korrespondensie sal aan alle geregistreerde belanghebbendes gestuur word en geregistreerde belanghebbendes sal individueel in kennis gestel word van bykomende geleenthede om aan die proses deel te neem.



KONSEP OMFANGVERSLAG OORSIGTYDPERK

Die Konsep Omvangbepalingsverslag sal vir 30 dae vanaf **26 Julie 2024 tot 9 September 2024** by die lokale hieronder beskikbaar gestel word vir hersiening en kommentaar:

- Ermelo Publiek biblioteek
- Thusiville Publiek biblioteek
- Hendrina Publiek biblioteek
- Bethal Publiek biblioteek
- Datafree Webwerf (<u>https://wsp-engage.com/</u>)
- WSP Webwerf https://www.wsp.com/en-ZA/services/public-documents

Maak asseblief seker dat alle kommentaar oor die voorgestelde projek of versoeke om as 'n Belanghebbende en Geaffekteerde Party geregistreer te word ingedien word by die kontakbesonderhede wat hiermee verskaf word, teen **9 September 2024**. Indien u enige navrae/opmerkings het, moet asseblief nie huiwer om WSP te kontak nie.

Kontakbesonderhede:

Ashea Strong

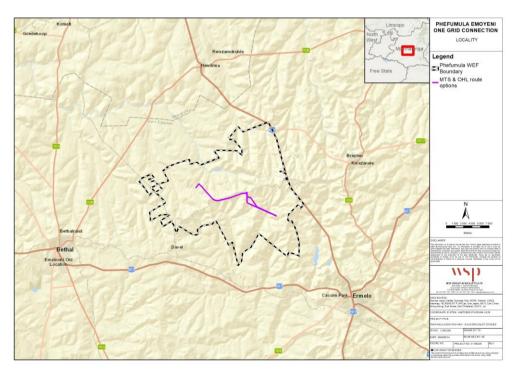
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Midrand

Beskerming van persoonlike inligting: WSP sal sekere persoonlike inligting oor jou as 'n belanghebbende en geaffekteerde party (B&GP) verwerk vir doeleindes om jou registrasie as 'n B&GP moontlik te maak en om jou besonderhede op ons databasis te stoor, indien jy daartoe instem. WSP sal hierdie besonderhede gebruik om jou in die toekoms oor ander relevante projekte te kontak. WSP sal altyd jou persoonlike inligting verwerk in ooreenstemming met die Wet op die Beskerming van Persoonlike Inligting 4 van 2013. Jy is geregtig om jou regte as 'n datasubjek uit te oefen en ons te laat weet of jy as 'n B & GP gederegistreer wil word of as jy nie langer wil hê dat u kontakbesonderhede op ons databasis ingesluit moet word.



Figuur 1: Voorgestelde Phefumula Emoyeni One Electrical Grid infrastructure



WSP ref.: 41105236

DFFE Ref: 2023-09-0017

26 July 2024

umnikazi womhlaba othandekayo

Subject: ISAZISO NGENTUTHUKO EHLONGOZWAYO YE-PHEFUMULA

EMOYENI ONE ELETRICAL GRID INFRASTRUCTURE,

EHLANGANISA IZINQUBO EZAHLUKENE ZOKUGUNYAZWA

KWENDAWO, ESEDUZE

NENDAWO YASE ERMELO, ISIFUNDAZWENI SASEMPUMALANGA.

Isaziso sinikezwa ngokwemibandela ye:

- Umthetho-sisekelo 41(2) we-GNR 982 (njengoba ushintshiwe) oshicilelwe ngaphansi kwesigaba 24 no-24D soMthetho Wokuphathwa Kwemvelo Kazwelonke (No. 107 ka-1998) (NEMA) (njengoba ushintshiwe) ukuze kuthunyelwe izicelo ezihlukahlukene zokugunyazwa kwezemvelo (EAs) mayelana nemisebenzi ehlonzwe ngokwe-GNR 983, GNR 984 kanye ne-GNR 985 (njengoba ichitshiyelwe)
- Isigaba sama-39 noma sama-41(4) soMthetho Wamanzi Kazwelonke (36 ka-1998) (NWA), ukuze kuthunyelwe ukuGunyazwa Okujwayelekile noma Isicelo Selayisensi Yokusebenzisa Amanzi (WUL) (njengoba ushintshiwe)

INCAZELO KANYE NENDAWO

I-Phefumula Emoyeni One (Pty) Ltd ihlongoza ukusungula indawo yamandla avuselelekayo eduze kwase-Ermelo nase-Bethal, kanyeneMpumalanga, eyaziwa ngokuthi i-Phefumula Emoyeni One Wind Energy facility (WEF), edinga izicelo ezihlukahlukene zokugunyazwa kwemvelo. Iphrojekthi ehlongozwayo iqukethe ama-subprojects alandelayo:

- Phefumula Emoyeni IWEF eyodwa (efinyelela ku-837MW), etholakala kuMasipala Wendawo yaseMsukaligwa, ongaphansi kukaMasipala wesiFunda i-Gert Sibande, esifundazweni saseMpumalanga.
- Phefumula Emoyeni One Electrical Grid Infrastructure (EGI) kufika ku-400kV Grid Connection and Main Transmission Substation (MTS) etholakala kuMasipala Wendawo yaseMsukaligwa, ongaphansi kukaMasipala Wesifunda sase-Gert Sibande, esiFundazweni saseMpumalanga.

I-WEF izophinde ihlanganise ne-Battery Energy Storage System (BESS). I-BESS izosetshenziselwa ukugcina amandla engeziwe akhiqizwa yi-WEF. I-BESS izoba namandla okugcina afinyelela ku-200MW/800MWh. Evumela kuze kufike kumahora angu-6-8 wokulondoloza

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IZICELO ZEMVELO

Amaphrojekthi ahlongozwayo azoqala imisebenzi eminingana esohlwini equkethwe ku-Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations Listing Notice 1 (GNR 983), Listing Notice 2 (GNR 984) kanye ne-Listing Notice 3 (GNR985), njengoba ushintshiwe, ngakho-ke, ukugunyazwa kokwenza lesi saziso. imisebenzi esohlwini kufanele ifunwe ngezinqubo ezifanele ze-Scoping kanye ne-Environmental Impact Reporting (S&EIR). izinombolo zomsebenzi ezifakwe ohlwini ezilindelekile ezihambisana namaphrojekthi ahlongozwayo zibonakala kuthebula elingezansi.

Uma ufisa ukuthola ikhophi ephelele yale misebenzi esohlwini, sicela uthinte Umsebenzi Wokuhlola Imvelo (EAP), imininingwane enikezwe ngezansi..

Phefumula Emoyeni One (Pty) Ltd- Kufika ku-837MW WEF, zihlanaganisa ingqalasizinda ehlobene ehlanganisa ne-BESS.

- GNR 983-11, 12, 14, 19, 24, 28, 30, 48 & 56
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UKUBHALISA

I-WSP Group Africa (Pty) Ltd (WSP) iqokwe njenge-EAP ezimele nguMsekeli, ukuphatha izinqubo ze-S&EIR. Amaqembu afisa ukubhalisa ngokusemthethweni njengababambe iqhaza ukuze abeke imibono yawo ngamaphrojekthi ahlongozwayo ayacelwa ukuba athumele imininingwane yawo egcwele ku-EAP kule mininingwane enikezwe ngezansi. Ababambiqhaza ababhalisiwe bazothunyelwa zonke izincwadi zesikhathi esizayo futhi baziswe ngabanye ngamathuba engeziwe okubamba iqhaza kulolu hlelo.

ISIKHATHI SOKUBUYEKEZA UMBIKO OSAHLULEKAYO

Umbiko Osalungiswa Wokuhlela uzotholakala kulezi zindawo ezingezansi ukuze ubuyekezwe futhi kuphawulwe ngazo izinsuku ezingama-30 kusukela mhla ziyi-26 July 2024 kuya ku-9 September 2024:

- Ermelo Ilabhulali Yomphakathi
- Thusiville Ilabhulali Yomphakathi
- Hendrina Ilabhulali Yomphakathi
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Sicela uqinisekise ukuthi konke ukuphawula ngephrojekthi ehlongozwayo noma izicelo zokubhaliswa njengeQembu Elithakaselayo nelithintekayo zithunyelwa emininingwaneni yokuxhumana ehlinzekwe lapha, zingama-9 September 2024:. Uma unemibuzo/ukuphawula, sicela ungangabazi ukuthintana ne-WSP.

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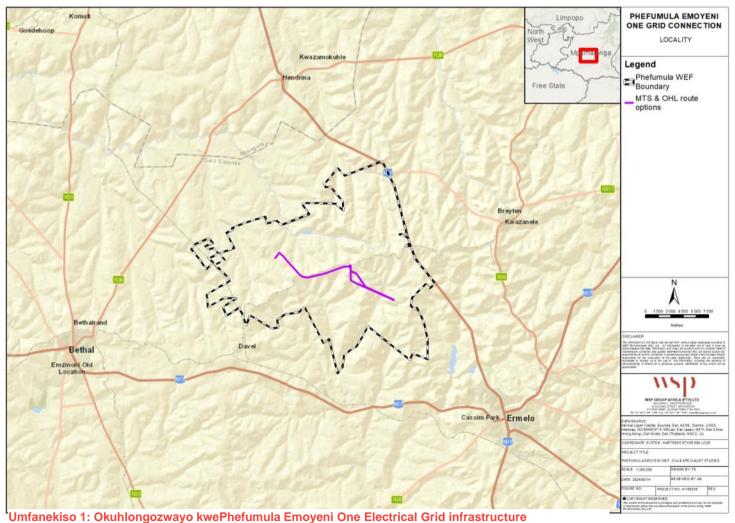
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Ukuvikelwa Kolwazi Lomuntu Siqu: I-WSP izocubungula ulwazi oluthile lomuntu siqu olumayelana nawe njengomuntu onentshisekelo noma othintekayo (I&AP) ngezinjongo zokwenza ukubhalisa kwakho njenge-I&AP nokugcina imininingwane yakho kusizindalwazi sethu, uma uvuma ukuba senze kanjalo. I-WSP izosebenzisa le mininingwane ukuze ixhumane nawe mayelana namanye amaphrojekthi abalulekile esikhathini esizayo. I-WSP izohlala icubungula ulwazi lwakho lomuntu siqu ngokuhambisana noMthetho Wokuvikela Ulwazi Lomuntu Siqu 4 ka-2013. Unelungelo lokusebenzisa amalungelo akho njengesihloko sedatha futhi usazise uma ufisa ukukhishwa ukubhaliswa njenge-I & AP noma uma cha. usefuna imininingwane yakho yokuxhumana ifakwe kusizindalwazi sethu.



Appendix B.4

PROOF OF NOTIFICATION



Maharaj, Jashmika

From: Strong, Ashlea

Sent: Friday, 26 July 2024 12:27

To:Strong, AshleaCc:Mamashela, Tshepho

Subject: AVAILABILITY OF THE DRAFT SCOPING REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED PHEFUMULA

EMOYENI ONE ELECTRICAL GRID INFRASTRUCTURE

Attachments: 41105236_Phefumula_WEF_DSR_I&AP_Notification Letter_Afrikaans.pdf; 41105236

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DRAFT SCOPING REPORT REVIEW PERIOD

The Draft scoping Report for the Phefumula Emoyeni One Electrical Grid Infrastructure will be made available at the venues below for review and comment from **26 July 2024** to **9 September 2024**.

| Area | Venue | Street Address |
|----------------------|--|--|
| Ermelo | Ermelo Public Library; | Wedgewood Avenue, 2351 Ermelo |
| | Thusiville Public Library | 346 or Tambo St, Wesselton Ext 2, Ermelo, 2351 |
| Hendrina | Hendrina Public Library | 44 Kerk St, Hendrina, 1095 |
| Bethal | Bethal Public Library | Danie Nortje Street, Bethal, 2310 |
| WSP Web site | https://www.wsp.co ZA/services/public-c | |
| Datafree Web site | https://wsp-engage. | com/ |

The report has also been made available at the link below easy access:

| One Drive | Phefumula Emoyeni Public Review | |
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| One Drive | Please note that you will receive a separate email with the link | |
| Instruction | to the one drive. This link will then request a verification number which will automatically be sent to your email address | |

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| M/SD conto | ct details are: |
| Name: | Ashlea Strong |
| Tel: | +27 11 361-1392 |
| Fax: | 011 361 1301 |
| E-mail: | ashlea.strong@wsp.com |
| | P.O. Box 6001, Halfway House, 1685 |
| We look for | ward to your participation is this process. |
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1 Customs Clearance

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2 Unacceptable Shipments

A Shipment is deemed unacceptable if:

- no customs declaration is made when required by applicable customs regulations, · it contains counterfeit goods, animals, bullion, currency, gem stones; weapons, explosives and ammunition; human remains; illegal items, such as ivory and narcotics. · it is classified as hazardous material, dangerous goods, prohibited or restricted articles by IATA (International Air Transport Association), ICAO (International Civil
- Aviation Organization), ADR (European Road Transport Regulation on dangerous goods) or other relevant organization ("Dangerous Goods"). · its address is incorrect or not properly marked or its packaging is defective or
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3 Deliveries and Undeliverables

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DHL has the right to open and inspect a Shipment without notice for safety, security, customs or other regulatory reasons.

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6.1 DHL's liability in respect of any one Shipment transported by air (including ancillary road transport or stops en route) is limited by the Montreal Convention or the Warsaw Convention as applicable, or in the absence of such Convention, to the lower of (i) the current market or declared value, or (ii) 22 Special Drawing Rights per kilogram (approximately USD 30.00 per kilogram). Such limits shall also apply to all other forms of transportation, except where Shipments are carried only by road, when the limits below apply

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All claims must be submitted in writing to DHL within thirty (30) days from the date that DHL accepted the Shipment, failing which DHL shall have no liability whatsoever. Claims are limited to one claim per Shipment, settlement of which will be full and final settlement for all loss or damage in connection therewith.

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PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF THE PHEFUMULA EMOYENI ONE

ELECTRICAL GRID INFRASTRUCTURE, MPUMALANGA

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WSP Group Africa (Pty) Ltd (WSP) has been appointed by Phefumula Emoyeni One (Pty) Ltd to undertake the required Scoping and Environmental Impact Reporting (S&EIR) process for the above-mentioned project.

Please find enclosed one hard copies of the Draft Scoping Report for your review and comment:

The Draft Scoping Report will be made available for review and comment for 30 days from 26 July 2024 to 9 September 2024:

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Yours sincerely,

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Appendix B.5

PROOF OF PUBLIC REVIEW





WHO WE ARE WHAT WE DO INSIGHTS CAREERS

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Public Review Period: 26 July 2024 - 30 August 2024

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- Appendix G6Social
- Appendix G7Agricultural Assessment
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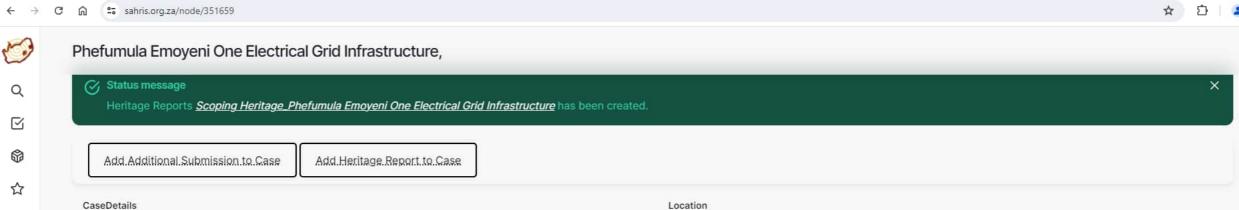
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Summary

Case ID: 23143

Case Status: SUBMITTED Heritage Authority(s): SAHRA

Proposal Description

The proponent is proposing the development of the Phefumula Emoyeni One Electrical Grid Infrastructure in Mpumalanga. The project consists of the following infrastructure referred to as:

- One Main Transmission Substation (MTS) = this will tie into the existing 400kV line via loop in loop out (LILO) set-up with approximately 17.4Ha footprint;
- Three DX = Distribution substations (one per each phase). The independent power producer (IPP) substation will be constructed adjacent to the Dx substations; and
- Three overhead lines (OHL) = 132kV overhead power line from each Dx sub to the MTS (total) length approx.18.2km)

Province(s): Mpumalanga Author: Ashlea, Strong

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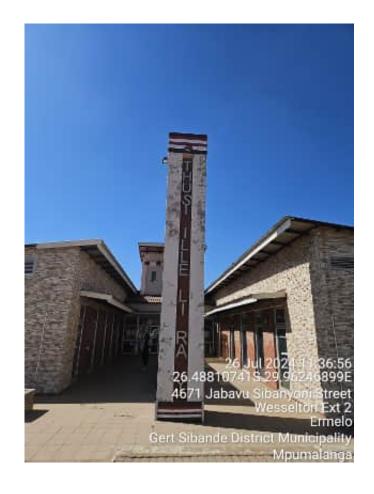


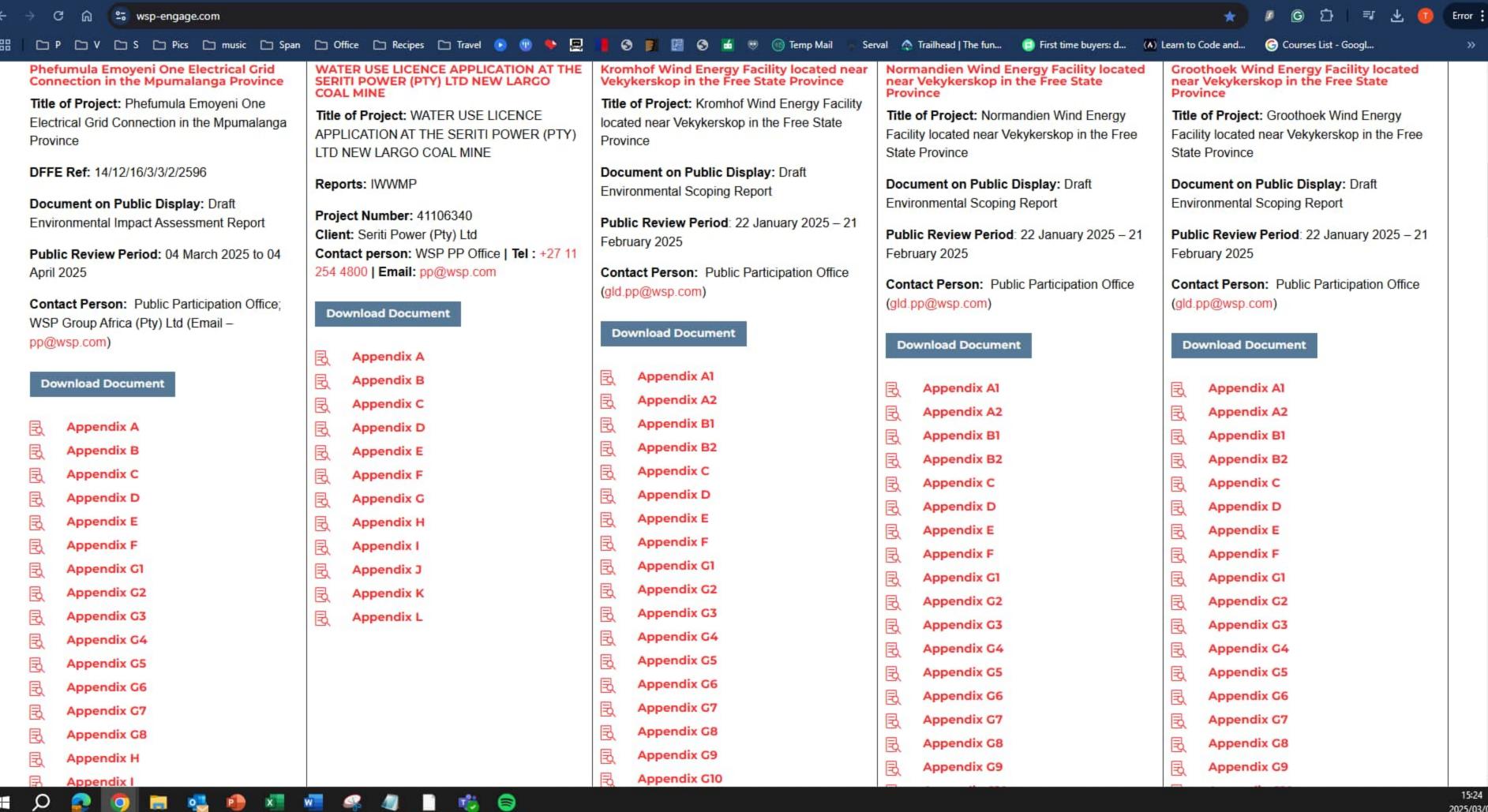


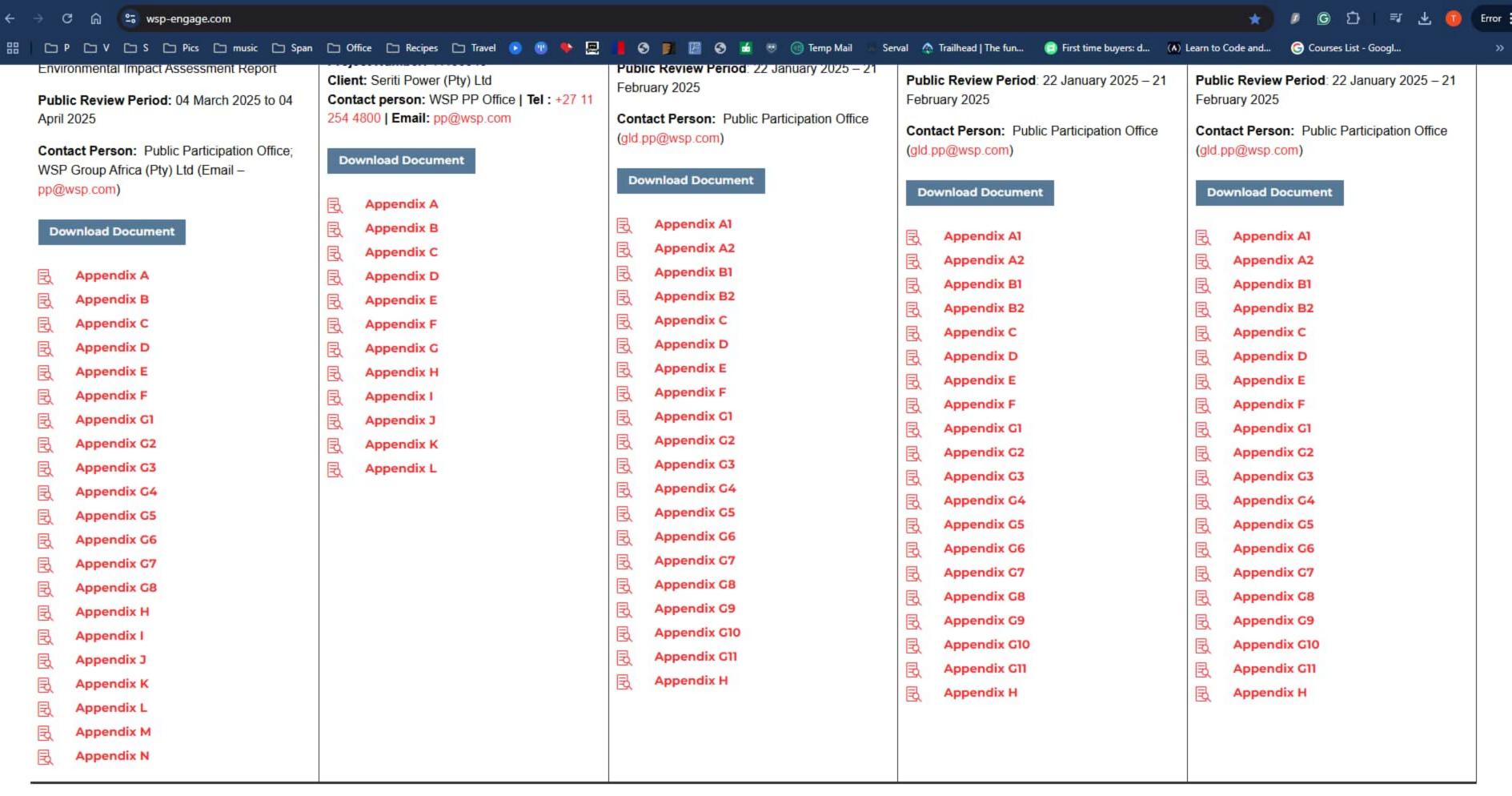








































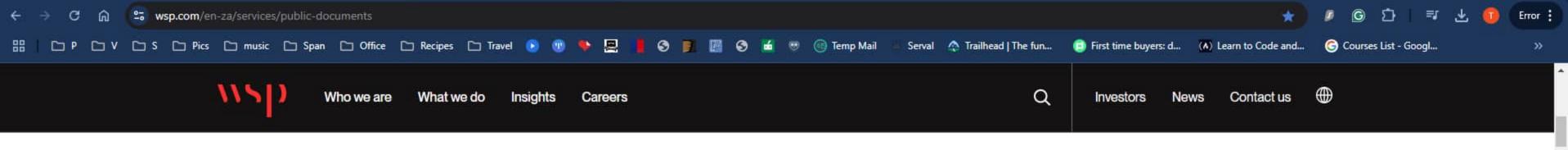












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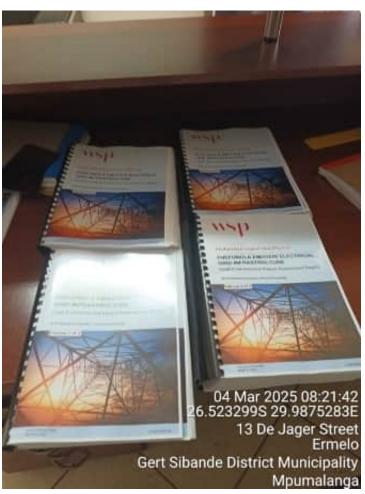


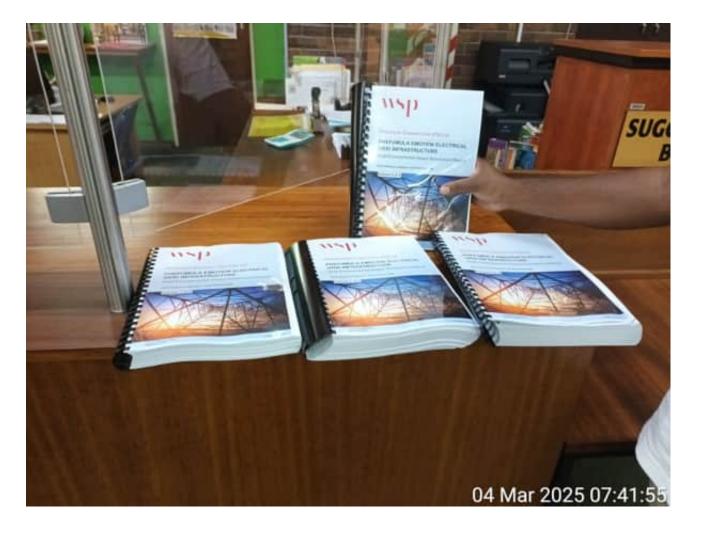












Appendix C

MEETINGS



Appendix C.1

DFFE PRE-APPLICATION MEETING





MEETING NOTES

| PROJECT NUMBER | 41105236 | MEETING DATE | 24 October 2023 |
|-----------------|--|--------------|-------------------------|
| PROJECT NAME | Phefumula Emoyeni One Wind Energy Facility (WEF) and Phefumula Emoyeni One Electrical Grid Infrastructure (EGI) | VENUE | Online MS Teams meeting |
| CLIENT | Seriti Green Development SA (Pty) Ltd | RECORDED BY | KE |
| MEETING SUBJECT | Pre-Application meeting for the Phefumula Emoyeni One WEF (2023-09-0017) | | |
| PRESENT | Seriti Green Development SA (Pty) Ltd (Developer) Debbie Weldon (Project Manager) (DW), Theresa Ferguson (TF), Mukondeleli Makoya (MM) WSP Group Africa (Pty) Ltd (EAP) Ashlea Strong (AS) (Project Manager), Thirushan Nadar (TN) (Consultant), Kelly England (KE) (scribe) Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE) Muhammad Essop (ME), Coenrad Agenbach (CA) Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, Land and Environmental Affairs (MDARDLEA) Robyn Luyt (RL), Sindisiwe Mbuyane (SM) (Ermelo office), Gavin Cowden (GC), Wandile Shabangu (WS) | | |
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| ITEM | SUBJECT | ACTION |
|------|---|--------|
| 1 | Introduction | - |
| | All welcomed and introduced. | |
| | Overview of the Project was presented by WSP slideshow (See presentation attached in Appendix A). | |
| 2 | Key Considerations | |
| | Critical Biodiversity Areas (CBAs) (Irreplaceable and Optimal) & Ecological Support Areas (ESAs) on site | |
| | Project within National Protected Area Expansion Strategy (NPAES) | |
| | Freshwater Ecosystem Protected Area (FEPA) sub-catchment on site | |

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| | Not within Renewable Energy Development Zone (REDZ) or Strategic Transmission Corridor | |
| 3 | Permitting Processes overview and confirmation | |
| | Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment (S&EIA) Process: | |
| | Phefumula Emoyeni WEF (up to 550MW) – (Phefumula Emoyeni One (Pty) Ltd) | |
| | Phefumula Emoyeni EGI up to 400kV Grid Connection and MTS (Phefumula Emoyeni One (Pty) Ltd) | |
| | Water Use Licence and/or General Authorisations will be applied for as required. | |
| | DFFE comments: | |
| | WSP noted delay with EGI as there is no layout at this stage and during scoping phase the specialists are currently looking at sensitive areas. Sensitivity Map will be agreed such that infrastructure can be placed in the least sensitive areas as possible. | WSP & Seriti Green |
| | DFFE does not support the approach proposed. It is recommended that a preliminary layout is identified before lodging the EIA process. The approach proposed will cause problems in the process and possible extension requests. | |
| | The Draft Scoping must reflect preliminary layout of where infrastructure will be proposed. | |
| | Seriti Green noted the above and stated as application is not lodged there would be time to go through specialist reports and come up with a prelim layout. | |
| 4 | Listed activities (Notice 1, 2 and 3) explained. | |
| | DFFE requested explanation of Listing Notice 1, Activity 14 rationale (The Facility will require storage and handling of goods). | |
| | WSP stated will take into consideration vanadium redox flow technology if this is the preferred technology for the Battery Energy Storage System (BESS), as well as the storage of any dangerous goods for the construction process that may exceed 80m² at construction camp. If preferred, vanadium redox flow would have to remain under 500 cubes in terms of handling dangerous goods required for that technology. That part of the dangerous goods would fall away if lithium-ion batteries implemented. | |
| | MDARDLEA requested further explanation for Listing Notice 1, Activity 30 in terms of clearance of Eastern Highland Grassland currently confirmed as listed in the National List of ecosystems that are threatened and in need of protection. The Department stated that they are not aware of process or activity that is listed in terms of NEM:BA published to date. | |
| | WSP confirmed that the activity is a restricted activity from NEM:BA. Link and information submitted by Department of Protected Areas of DFFE. WSP will | WSP |

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| | confirm referencing and ensure that this is clearly explained in the documentation. | |
| 5 | Specialist Assessments as identified by DFFE Screening | |
| | DFFE Screening Tool identified sensitivities and specialists for all themes | - |
| | Site Sensitivity Verification Studies will be included in Scoping Report. | |
| | Socio-Economic study recommended for wind facility; however, WSP will do studies for WEF and EGI. | |
| | Additional study in terms of Safety, Health and Environment (SHE) Risk Assessment specific to BESS. | |
| 6 | Specialist studies | |
| | Appointed specialists' studies commissioned. No compliance is required for Department of Defence, they will remain on database and be included in stakeholder comment process. | - |
| 7 | Competent Authority | |
| | DFFE confirmed that MDARDLEA will be the competent authority for the EGI. | |
| | MDARDLEA requested confirmation of below: | |
| | o if WSP are submitting two separate applications | |
| | Highlands judgement and what the implications of this are. Aware that appeal process has not concluded; however, recommend that this should be considered in how this is applied for. | |
| | WSP proposal is to submit two applications for WEF and for EGI, to allow for the transfer of the EGI to Eskom at a later stage. | |
| | WSP would like to hear ME's thoughts on Highlands judgement and if process is still valid. | |
| | ME suggested MDARDLEA enter into 24C(3) agreement for the EGI. | |
| | MDARDLEA would not object to this as long as the department is fully consulted throughout the process including MTPA. | |
| | DFFE recommends WSP writes a motivation letter to the MDARDLEA requesting them to enter into 24C(3) agreement with the DFFE. This would allow the DFFE to be the competent authority for both components of the application. | WSP / MDARDLEA / DFFE |
| | MDARDLEA would like to add another condition that their head office (Nelspruit) and Gert Sibande office as well as MTPA be consulted along the way for all steps of the project. Application to only be lodged once prelim layout available, as applicant to consider impacts cumulatively of the line and energy facility. | |
| | DFFE would raise concern over a lack of preliminary layout in Scoping report. If the application did agree to take a step back and figure out locations before lodging applications, this would give DFFE time to resolve competency issues as the administration aspects take time. | |

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| | WSP agreed and confirmed that all departments and MTPA would be included in all commenting reviews as the commenting authorities. | |
| | Seriti Green is in agreement for this way forward. | |
| | DFFE does not have an issue with submitting dual application as ultimately both would be running Scoping EIA process based on their understanding. Application can be run concurrently provided that each report assesses cumulative impacts of the other facility. | |
| | DFFE understands that a transfer of rights to Eskom may be required at a later stage. | |
| | When completing application, the reason for DFFE as competent authority is written at the top of the WSP slide. The reason why DFFE would then be the competent authority for the powerline application is because they entered into 24C(3) agreement and the letter that will eventually be signed off by DFFE will be the motivation that WSP will then attach to application form. | |
| 8 | Public Participation | |
| | High level consolidated approach for both the Public Participation (PP) and S&EIA process with public significant notices distributed. | - |
| | Public or focused group meetings will be looked at were appropriate. | |
| 9 | Timeframes | |
| | Application process kick off originally scheduled for end November but timeframes will be shifted out due to request for prelim layout and for 24C(3) agreement to be finalised. | |
| | Extended public review over the December period, not counting December closure period. | |
| | EIA reports submission in July. | |
| | WSP would like DFFE confirmation on comment heard in workshops where the Minister announced that any decision period for a renewable energy facility will be 57 days regardless of whether it's in a REDZ or not. For planning purposes, we would like confirmation if we must use 57 days or default 107 days. | |
| | DFFE commented on WSP key milestones. The DFFE noted that the November submission of the Application and Scoping Report would be pushed back due to the need to develop a preliminary layout and to finalise the 24C(3) agreement. The DFFE suggested that the PP process is not undertaken over the December closure and recommended that is only being in January once the regulations allow the EIA process to open again. | |
| | DFFE legislative 107 days. Minister did make a commitment that we need to expedite energy related applications as we are in an energy crisis, so that applies both to generation and the grid infrastructure. DFFE will try to expedite from their side, however for planning purposes WSP must allow for what legislation specifies. | |
| 10 | Questions or Queries | |

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| | Slide 8: Potential CBAs identified: | |
| | Seriti Green required clarity where CBA optimal and if specialist confirms area is transformed, do they then need to look at offsets. What is the opinion in terms of those CBA areas. | |
| | MDARDLEA stated they would prefer MTPA to provide input/comments. MDARDLEA sector plan is accurate, and the land use cover is the most recent available. For areas in highveld that are determined to be transformed on site, MDARDLEA recommends that the ecologist has in-depth consultation with MTPA as there seems to be a misunderstanding in the past why certain areas were regarded as offset even though they're irreplaceable when they appear to have been transformed. There is a very good reason why the areas are irreplaceable and that is because of the intact grasslands that cover that area. There are limited intact grasslands left. Please advise specialist to consult very closely with Mervin Lotter. | |
| | DFFE in agreement with above. The specialists will have to prove why they find a difference between sector plan/ CBA mapping and what they find during their field work and to engage with MTPA in that regard. Stating the site is transformed without providing the relevant evidence to substantiate may be problematic. | |
| | WSP to be aware that if offsetting becomes a requirement for the project, the offsets will have to be reviewed and finalised before DFFE can make a decision. | |
| | WSP are aware and already looking at this potential requirement. Good to get input form DFFE and MDARDLEA in this issue. | |
| | CA (DFFE): The EIAr must provide a copy of the final preferred site layout map for the WEF, BESS, and associated infrastructure, as determined by the detailed engineering phase and micro-siting, and all mitigation measures. | |
| | CA (DFFE): The cumulative impacts of all intended activities must be assessed together, which include the facility and its supporting infrastructure (including the grid connection infrastructure e.g. the power line and substations even if separate applications have been lodged for these). | |
| | DFFE stated WSP must ensure that there is a site sensitivity verification report in the Scoping Report, which means that from all the teams that are listed on the screening tool presented earlier, those themes are verified and confirmed or disputed, whether or not the risk is high, very high, medium or low and then that will then affect the plan of study for EIA. That will decide what specialist studies will be done in the EIA phase. | |
| | Also noted that some project some EAPs deciding to put fully fleshed specialist studies in the report or doing special studies, even though they confirmed that the site is low risk. Please take note of that and don't overcomplicate projects. | |
| | DFFE want a final EMPR and a final layout plan to be submitted with the final EIR for both the power line and the wind energy facility. Ensure that when the EIA phase is running its course, it's running its course and going to be assessed and presented in the way that should when we decide to grant authorisation, we then grant authorisation to the final input and layout plan. | |

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| | If considering the offsets DFFE want the final in principal agreement to the offset which is, then done in terms of the biodiversity offset guidelines to also be included in the EIR for decision making. | |
| | WSP to consider for planning and timelines that DFFE need to have all the information before WSP can apply for environmental authorisation. Once scoping report is accepted, we have 106 days to provide the final EIR which includes a 30-day PPP. All of this needs to be considered into the decision-making process and applying for a Regulation 37 for need to finalise an offset. | |
| 11 | Closing | |
| | No further comments raised. | |
| | All present thanked for input and interactive and productive meeting. | |
| | WSP to write email requesting access to the recording of the meeting. | |
| | WSP will attach meeting presentation to the minutes. | TN |

NEXT MEETING

An invitation will be issued if an additional meeting is required.

APPENDIX A - PRESENTATION

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DFFE Pre-Application Meeting

Phefumula Emoyeni Wind Energy Facility



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Introductions

Developer

Seriti Green Development SA (Pty) Ltd (Seriti Green)

Debbie Weldon (Project Manager) Theresa Furguson Mukondeleli Makoya

EAP

WSP Group Africa (Pty) Ltd Ashlea Strong (Project Manager)

Thirushan Nadar (Consultant)

Authority

Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE)

Muhammad Essop Mmamohale Kabasa Coenrad Agenbach



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Agenda



Overview & Confirmation of Permitting Processes Listed Activities Specialist Assessments as identified by DFFE Screening Tool

Specialist Studies commissioned
Specialist Studies not commissioned
Competent Authority

3 Public Participation Process

4 Timeframes

Discussion
Clarification
Questions
Way Forward

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Overview of the Project

Background

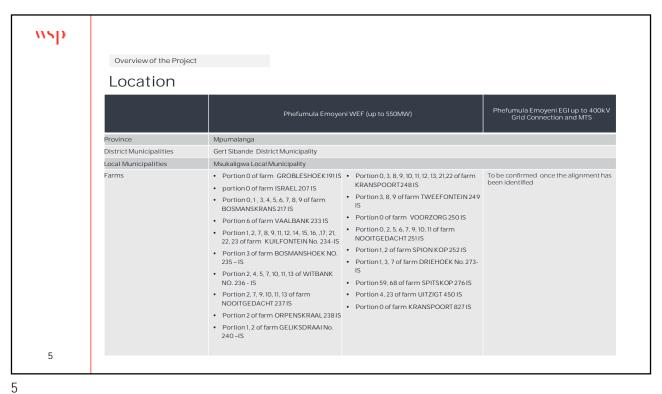
Seriti Green proposes to establish a renewable energy facility near Ermelo and Bethal, Mpumalanga, known as the Phefumula Emoyeni Wind Energy facility (WEF), which requires various applications for environmental authorisation.

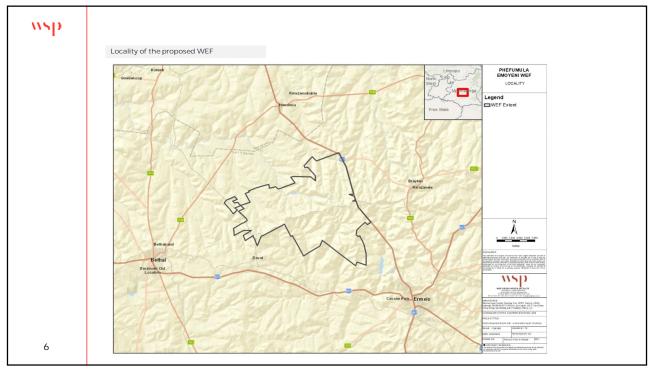
The proposed project consists of the subprojects:

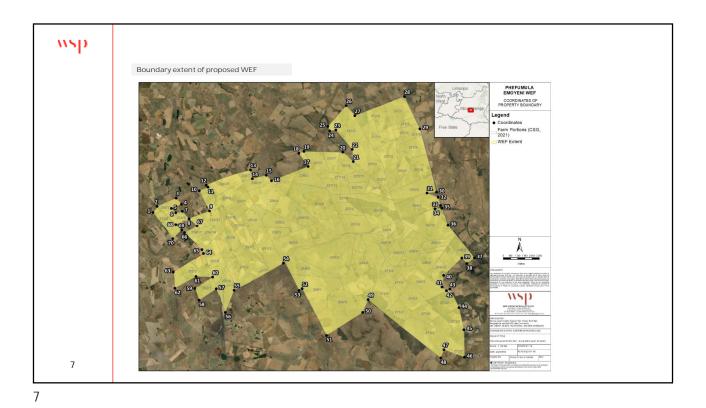
- o Phefumula Emoyeni WEF (up to 550MW), located in the Msukaligwa Local Municipality, which falls under the Gert Sibande District Municipality, in the Mpumalanga Province
- Phefumula Emoyeni Electrical Grid Infrastructure (EGI) up to 400kV Grid Connection (LILO) and Main Transmission Substation (MTS) located in the Msukaligwa Local Municipality, which falls under the Gert Sibande District Municipality, in the Mpumalanga Province. The length will be approximately 1km - 2km (depending on final MTS location selected)

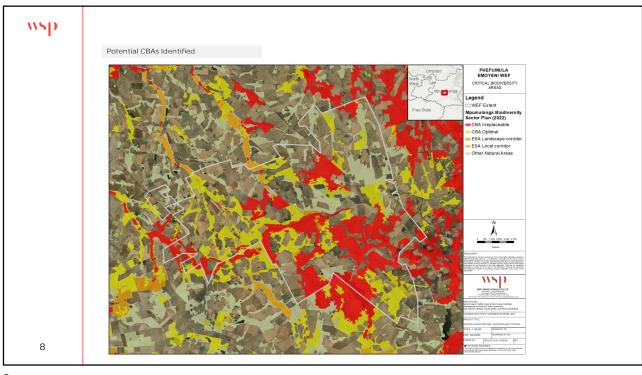
The WEF will include a Battery Energy Storage System (BESS). The BESS will be used to store excess energy generated by the wind facility. The BESS will have a storage capacity of up to 200MW/800MWh. Allowing for up to 6-8 hours of storage.

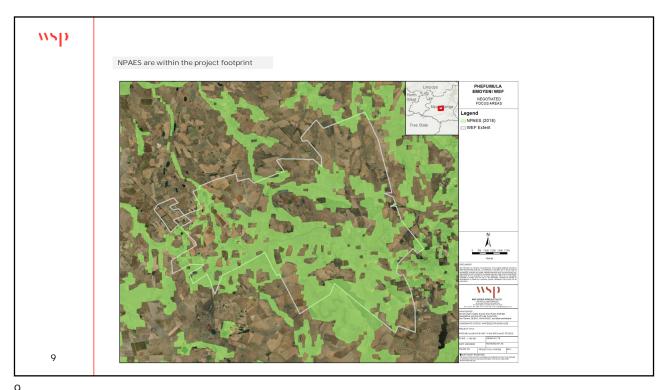
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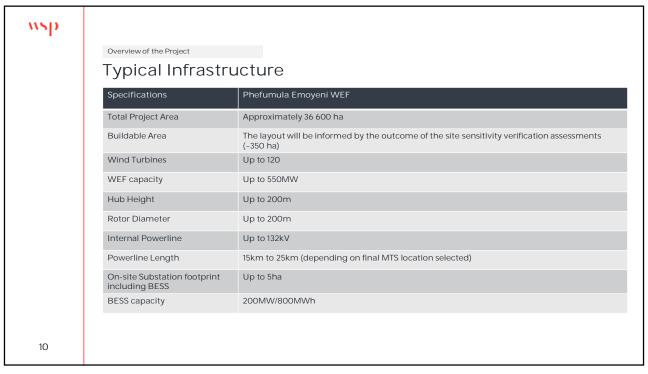














Overview of the Project

Typical Infrastructure

| Specifications | Up to 400kVA Grid Infrastructure |
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| Total Project Area | The Powerline Alignment will be informed by the outcome of the site sensitivity verification assessments and selection of the preferred MTS location (-3 000 ha) |
| 400kV LILO Powerline | 400kV Loop In Loop Out (LILO) line linking MTS to existing 400kVA line |
| 400kV LILO Powerline Length | The Powerline length will be informed by the MTS site selection, but will be 1-2km |
| Internal Powerline(s) | Up to 132kV (from collector substations to MTS) |
| Internal Powerline length | 15km to 25km (depending on final MTS location selected) |
| Eskom substation footprint | MTS: 400kV / 132kV, area of 600m x 600m required 3 x 33kV/132kV onsite collector substation (Eskom and IPP portions), each being 5ha. Internal OHLs: 31m corridor (15.5m from centre line) Eskom will require a 2 x 55m = 110m servitude for 400kV line connecting MTS to grid |

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Overview of the Project

Key Considerations

- The general project area falls within Critical Biodiversity Areas (CBA) and Ecological Support Areas (ESA). The CBA and ESA include both terrestrial and aquatic themes among other themes.
- The project are also falls within National Protected Area Expansion Strategy (NPAES) Focus Areas.
- The ecosystem of the project area is considered endangered and vulnerable, and is located within a Freshwater Ecosystem Priority Area (FEPA) sub-catchment.
- The Project Area does not fall within any Strategic Transmission Corridors or Renewable Energy Development Zones.

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Permitting Processes

Environmental Authorisation Process

The below will be applied for under a Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV), allowing each its own Environmental Authorisation

- Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment (S&EIA) Processes:
 - Phefumula Emoyeni WEF (up to 550MW)- (Phefumula Emoyeni One (Pty) Ltd)
 - Phefumula Emoyeni EGI up to 400kV Grid Connection and MTS (Phefumula Emoyeni One (Pty) Ltd)
- Water Use Licence
 - Water use Licences and/or General Authorisations will be applied for as required

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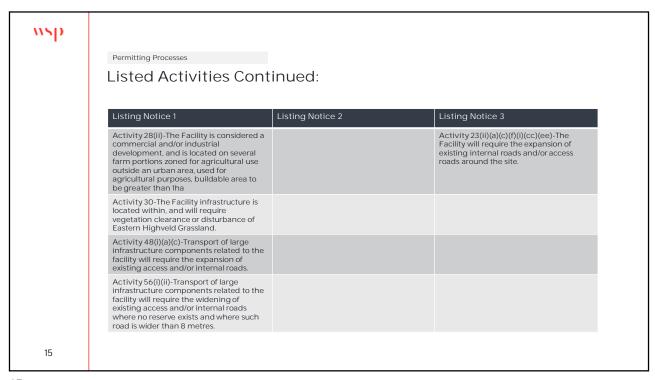
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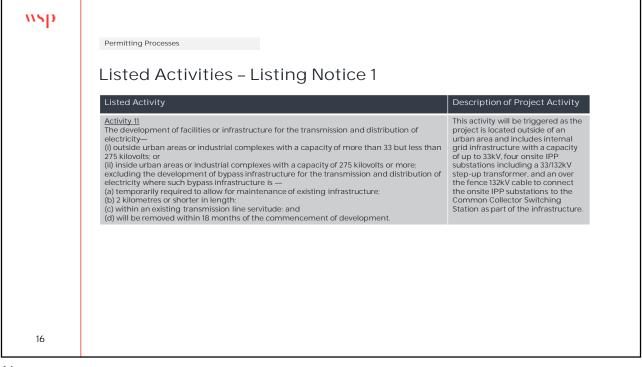
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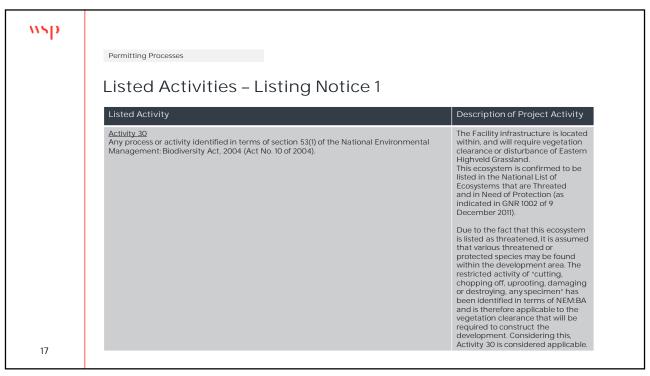
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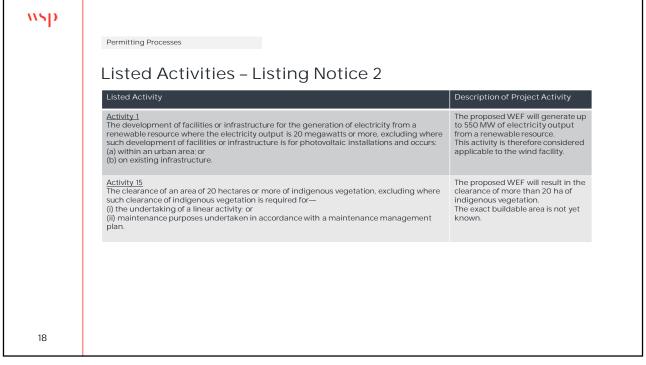
| Listing Notice 1 | Listing Notice 2 | Listing Notice 3 |
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| Activity 11(i)-Overhead Powerlines (up to 132kV) | Activity 1-The proposed energy generation technology (i.e. Wind) will generate more than 20MW of electricity output from a renewable resource | Activity 4(f)(i)(cc)(ee)-Internal access roads required 12-13m wide roads with 12m radius turning circles, gravel surface. |
| Activity 12(ii)(a)(c)-The Facility will require the development of internal roads and/or access roads and electrical cabling (both above and underground) around the site. | Activity 9- Grid connection will require a powerline with a distribution capacity of 400kV as well as a Main Transmission Substation (MTS). | Activity 10(f)(i)(cc)(ee))(hh)-The Facility will require storage and handling of dangerous goods, including fuel, cement, and chemical storage onsite, that will be greater than 30m3 but not exceeding 80m3 within the spe |
| Activity 14-The Facility will require storage and handling of dangerous goods. | Activity 15-Facilities will result in the clearance of at least 20 hectares or more of indigenous vegetation. | Activity 12(f)(i)(ii)-The clearance of indigenous vegetation will be required for the facility exceeding 300m2 |
| Activity 19-Internal access roads and stormwater control infrastructure, will collectively require the excavation, infilling or removal of soil exceeding 10m3 from delineated watercourses on site | | $\label{eq:activity14(ii)(a)(c)(f)(i)(dd)(ff)-The Facility} \\ \text{will require the development of internal roads and/or access roads around the site.} \\$ |
| Activity 24(ii)-The Facility will require the development of internal roads and/or access roads around the site wider than 13m | | Activity 18(f)(i)(cc) (ee)-Transport of large infrastructure components related to the facility will require the widening of existing access and/or internal roads by more than 4 metres or the lengthening of existing access and/or internal roads by more than lkm within the Mpumalanga Province. |

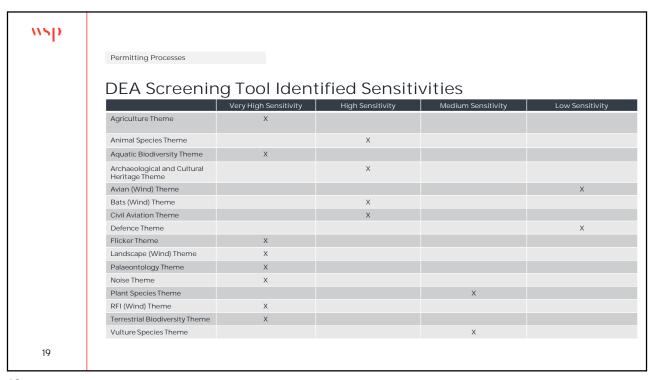
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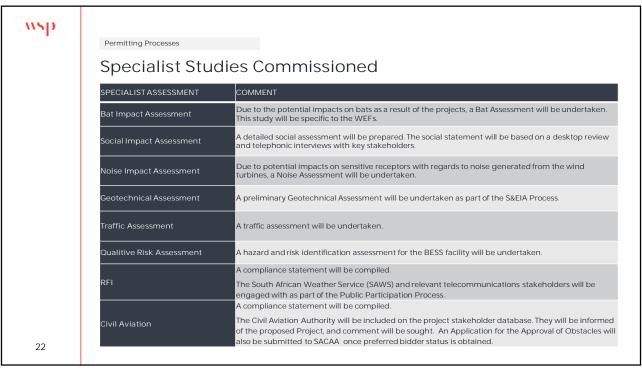




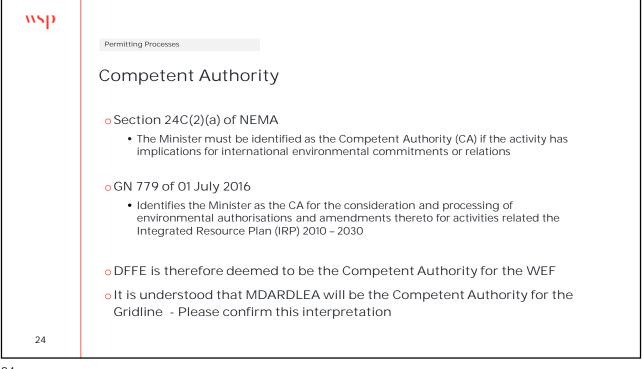


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| | Permitting Processes | | | |
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| DEA Screening Tool Specialist Assessments | | | | |
| | Specialist Study | Phefumula Emoyeni WEF | Up to 400kVA grid connection line and MTS substation | |
| | Agricultural | X | X | |
| | Landscape / Visual | X | × | |
| | Archaeological and Cultural heritage | X | X | |
| | Palaeontological | X | × | |
| | Terrestrial Biodiversity | X | X | |
| | Aquatic Biodiversity | X | × | |
| | Avian Impact | X | X | |
| | Civil Aviation | X | | |
| | Defence | X | | |
| | RFI | X | | |
| | Noise | X | | |
| | Flicker | X | | |
| | Traffic | X | X | |
| | Geotechnical | X | X | |
| | Socio-Economic | X | | |
| | Plant Species | X | X | |
| 20 | Animal Species | X | X | |









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Public Participation Process

Public Participation Plan

- o A consolidated approach to the Public Participation (PP) Process for both the S&EIA processes respectively
- Site notices
 - English, Afrikaans and isiZulu
 - · Onsite and in the surrounding areas
- o Compilation and management of I&AP Database
- Written notification
 - Owners and occupiers on or adjacent to the proposed project site
 - Municipality Ward Councillor
 - District Municipality
 - Relevant State Departments
- o Advertisement (English, Afrikaans and isiZulu in local newspaper)
- o Draft Report Review for 30 days
 - WSP on request
 - · Online on the WSP website
 - WSP will confirm with local Public Libraries as to whether they are open and able to accept documents for public review

o Public or focus group meetings will be held as required.

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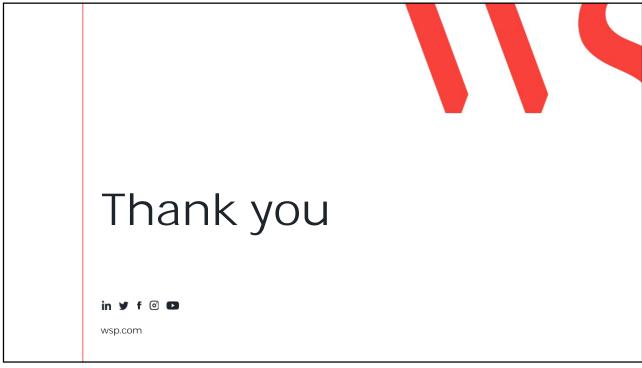
Timeframes

Timeframes

- Authority Timeframes
 - Does not fall within a Strategic Transmission Corridor (GN 113)
 - Does not fall within a REDZ (GN 114)
 - We require clarity regarding the Authority decision making timeframes as a result of Ms Creecy's statement in May 2023
 - 107 days vs 57 days
 - Is this applicable to only the Renewable Energy Facility or does it include the Grid Infrastructure
- o Key Milestones:
 - Submission of Application Forms 22 November 2023
 - Draft Scoping Report Public Review 22 November 2023 to 11 January 2024
 - Submission of Final Scoping Reports –24 January 2024
 - Submission of Final EIA Reports 26 July 2024

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Appendix C.2

FOCUS GROUP MEETING - MARCH 2025





AGENDA & MEETING NOTES

| PROJECT NUMBER | 41105236 | MEETING DATE | 28 March 2025 |
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| PROJECT NAME | Phefumula Emoyeni WEF EIA Report Focus Group Meeting | VENUE | Virtual Meetings: MS Teams |
| CLIENT | Seriti Green (Pty) Ltd / Phefumula Emoyeni One (Pty) Ltd | RECORDED BY | WSP |
| MEETING SUBJECT | Phefumula Emoyeni WEF EIA Report Focus Gro | up Meeting | |

| PRESENT | WSP |
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| | Ashlea Strong (AS) |
| | Tshepho Mamashela (TM) |
| | Rudolph Greffrath (RG) |
| | Seriti Green |
| | Ben Brimble (BB) |
| | Marlien Burger (MB) |
| | Debbie Weldon (DW) |
| | Afri Avian |
| | Albert Froneman (AF) |
| | Robin Colyn (RC) |
| | MDARDLEA |
| | Robyn Luyt (RL) |
| | Gavin Cowden (GC) |
| | Sindisiwe Mbuyane (SM) |
| | Okwethu Fakude (OF) |
| | MTPA |
| | Mervyn Lotter (ML) |
| | Frans Krige (FK) |
| | Bird Life |
| | Samantha Raiston (SR) |
| APOLOGIES | SAS |
| | Paul de Cruz |
| | DFFE |
| | Coenrad Agenbach |
| | Mmamohale Kabasa |
| DISTRIBUTION | As above. |

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| ITEM | SUBJECT | Response. |
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| The follo | owing minutes are considered a summary of the meeting held. | |
| The pre | sentation presented during the meeting is included in Appendix A . | |
| The full | transcript of the meeting has been attached in Appendix B for further reference. | |
| 1 | Project background | |
| 1.1 | AS presented the project background: WSP Group Africa (Pty) Ltd (WSP) has been appointed by Phefumula Emoyeni One (Pty) Ltd (a private special purpose company to be incorporated), to undertake an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) to meet the requirements under the National Environmental Management Act (Act 107 of 1998) (NEMA), for the proposed Phefumula Emoyeni One Wind Energy Facility (WEF) and its associated infrastructure, located approximately 16km north of Ermelo in the Msukaligwa Local Municipality and Gert Sibande District Municipality, in the Mpumalanga Province of South Africa. | N/A |
| | The project includes two EIA processes one for the Wind Energy Facility and one for the Electrical Grid Connection. | |
| | The proposed WEF underwent scoping phase, and a draft EIR was submitted to DFFE for commenting. Upon receipt of comments it was noted that additional studies are required. As such, the application was left to lapse to allow further investigations to take place. These additional investigations took place between January and March 2025. | |
| | The DEIR will therefore be resubmitted in April 2025. | |
| | The proposed Grid Connection also underwent the scoping phase, during which comments were received also requesting additional studies. A Regulation 3(7) extension request was approved on December 2025. | |
| | The DEIR is currently out for public review (Public review ends on 04 April 2025). | |
| 2 | Site Selection | |
| 2.1 | MB present the site selection process: The proposed Phefumula Emoyeni One WEF will have a project area of approximately 33 660 hectares (ha) (original Area of Influence – AOI). Within this project area the extent of the buildable area was subject to optimisation based on technical and environmental requirements. | N/A |
| | Prospecting - Identify potential sites based on: | N/A |
| | Wind energy resource analysis; | |
| | Grid connection availability and feasibility; | |
| | ■ Competition in the area; and | |
| | Environmental sensitivity. | |
| | Land securement entails securing a critical mass of land to make the project commercially viable through option to lease agreements (1-2 years). | |
| | ■ Preliminary Assessment and Validation: | |

- Validation of wind models via ground up monitoring protocols (usually Met masts and SODARs) (1-2 years).
- Commencement of baseline bird and bat monitoring for a 1 year period.

■ Bankable Feasibility Assessment:

Permitting: EIA, WULA, etc.

Additional studies pertaining to confirmation of bankable feasibility

Wind Resource in Mpumalanga

The wind farm site was selected based on grid and wind capacity. In addition to this there is a process to get land approval from landowners which takes some time.

- Notwithstanding other requirements, wind farms require a strong wind resource.
- Mpumalanga does not have a uniform wind resource across the province.
- This resource is found at higher hub heights (150m plus)
- The SA energy supply market remains dominated by coal, but the energy crisis coupled with the country's "Just Energy Transition" plans; solar and wind energy have become valuable alternative sources of energy.
- Potential power station decommissioning in the near to medium-term.

3 Layout Optimisation

3.1 AS presented a summary of layout optimisation process

N/A

- The preliminary layout identified up to 135 turbine positions and associated main WEF components
- The Revised layout identified up to 88 turbine positions and associated main WEF components This is layout that was previously assessed by specialists and was subsequently submitted during the initial EIA phase.
- During the course of the EIA phase, the revised layout was optimised and finalised based on specialist inputs. These inputs included the following recommendations:

■ Terrestrial Biodiversity:

 Turbines were shifted outside CBA irreplaceable and optimal areas and intact grasslands as far as practically possible.

Avifauna

- WTG 85 and 86 are located within a recommended turbine exclusion (including rotor-swept area) buffer, these turbines need to microsited out of the exclusion zones.
- These two turbines were removed
- Aquatic biodiversity assessment
 - It is strongly recommended that Turbine 42 be relocated to the north or east so that no part of its footprint is located within the delineated wetland boundary or associated 15m buffer. This turbine was shifted as requested.
 - Furthermore a number of access roads are proposed to be relocated. Road layout to be updated in line with this request.

Bats:

- Turbine 11, T12, T13, T27, T44, T47, T48, T49, T53, T56, T63, T68, T81, T82, and T88 have rotor sweep areas that encroach on High sensitivity buffers.
- These turbines were shifted where required to avoid high sensitivity bat areas

Heritage:

- The ruins and semi-circular stone enclosures at PF006 impacted by WTG55. Turbine was shifted to avoid heritage site.
- Burial sites which will be impacted by access roads (PF007, PF008, PF009) should preferably be avoided with a 30m buffer zone with access provided to family members.

Noise

- The closest wind turbine to these receptors (WTG88) be located slightly northwards, away from the receptors, so that noise levels remain below the 40 dB(A) threshold.
- This turbine was removed.

Social:

 The developers should liaise with the owners of the property to identify an alternative location for the substation and BESS. The owners have proposed an area on the northernmost site property.

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RL commented that the 15m buffer for wet area applies to aquatic health versus the objective that would be applicable to birds and bats. Therefore, it is advisable to have these buffers consolidated in order to understand the objectives that are being met. The 15m buffer might not be applicable to the avifauna objectives. **AS** welcomed the comment. **AF** stated that avifauna specialists often struggle with what aquatic specialist look for. Hence in the Phefumula instance bird habitats from an aquatic poine of view were considered independent of the aquatic specialist. This was then used as delineation.

FK stated the concern with regards to the grid connection, especially the DS route because it goes parallel with the valley bottom wetland for at least 2km. It is important to therefore ensure that the powerline does not fall within the wetland. **AS** stated that the aquatic specialist has assessed a and guesstimation of 300m wide corridor for authorisation. This concern will be directed to the aquatic specialist for a more appropriate response.

7 Intact Grasslands Patches/MBSP and Climate Change corridor

7.1 RG presented the Intact Grasslands Patches/MBSP and Climate Change corridor section.

During the initial submission of the EIA, one of the main things that was noted from a biodiversity perspective, is the intact grassland patches and, of course, the climate change corridors. There were 10 wind turbines that intersect and those that are found close to the boundary layer of the intact grasslands, and that could be affected by the size of the footprint that we used for mapping. And there were six that intersect with the climate change corridors.

All comments were taken into consideration to optimise the layout. With the current layout, there are no turbines within the intact grassland Patches or the climate change corridor.

RL asked if any turbines number were changed during the optimisation process and further asked for current layout shapefile. **AS** confirmed that the turbine numbers remain the same and that as soon all changes to the layout are final, a shapefile will be shared with MDARDLEA.

Actual CBA Intercepts

Before optimisation of the layout the following was the area extents that intercept CBAs:

- CBA Irreplaceable
 - 1.877ha
 - (WTG 10, 55, 57, 66 and 70)
- CBA Optimal
 - 15.89ha
 - (WTG 2,3,12,33,76,70,66,64,58,55,50,46,36,26,20,8)
- Intact Grassland Patches
 - 7.99ha
 - (WTG 10 20 26 32 34 38 51 52 55 70 76)

Post Optimisation of the layout the following stands:

- CBA Irreplaceable
 - 0 ha
 - 0 WTG
- CBA Optimal
 - 7.7 ha
 - (WTG 2, 8, 12, 20, 26, 33, 64, 66)
- Intact Grassland Patches
 - 0 ha
 - 0 WTG

Previous Turbines within NPAES (23):

1, 2, 3, 6,10,12,14,20,26,31,32,33,34,46, 50,51,55,57,58,64,66,70,76

Latest Turbines within NPAES (16):

1,2,3,6,10,12,14,20,26,31, 33, 46,50,57,64,66

ML acknowledged the changes that led to the optimised layout that avoids the sensitive area. This addresses a lot of but not all concerns that were held previously. **AS** welcomed the comment.

8 Avifauna

8.1 AF presented the avifauna section.

IBA vs KBA

IBA boundaries have historically not been seen as avoidance areas or No-Go areas. There are approved WEFs in IBAs. As per communication from BirdLife South Africa

(July 2024) it should be noted that IBA's are being replaced by Key Biodiversity Areas (KBA's). Having said, the number of species of concern have been taken into consideration and furthermore, mitigation hierarchies, particularly avoidance, has been noted.

Mitigation

- Nests active vs. inactive
 - Avoidance Buffers
- Biodiversity Management Plan
- Adaptive management programme (monitoring & evaluation)
- Blade Patterning
- Shut Down on Demand (SDoD)
 - Observer SDoD vs. Auto SDoD
 - Radar SDoD
 - Effectiveness of SDoD measures
- Implementation through a skilled professional on site overseeing the day-today management of the programme

RL stated that in Mpumalanga blade patterning is a requirement. However, Umbila, another Seriti WEF project that is being constructed will not have patterning. Given the proximity of Umbila to Phefumula, how feasible will it be use it as a control. AF stated that a collaboration between the Umbila and Phefumula will need to occur to ensure that the implementation of Phefumula is more effective based off the data collected from Umbila.

RL asked if adaptive management is interpreted the same as MDARDLEA and MPTA does. This is because in Mpumalanga, it is advocated that SDoD technology in combination with RADAR for nighttime flight would need to be applied for all turbines that are approved. Adaptive management will then be implemented based on the data that is collected once the win farm is operational. Therefore the interpretation is that turbines cannot operate without any form of SDoD technology. AF confirmed that the definition of adaptive management is interpreted the same way.

GC stated that there is concern with flamingos that fly between turbine 29 and turbine 79 at night. Therefore this raises concerns with SDoD. Using mitigation hierarchy, it is advised that these area be avoided. If avoidance is not an option, then the correct mitigations must be put in place. **AF** welcomed the comment and stated that precautionary principle will be applied.

ML mentioned that SDoD is costly, and it has been noted that it is implemented only when needed. Given that there are 16 species of concern, which is higher than average.

ML stated KBA and KBI are areas that have been demarcated as landscapes were congregation of birds exists and have the right forage for them. Wind farms will

therefore cause collision. Therefore, to look at the footprint of the turbine instead of the regional area is inaccurate. **AF** welcomed the comment.

SR agrees with ML that it is imperative to consider the landscape level in getting a commitment to operation phase migration. A strong commitment upfront to mitigation must be taken. **AF** agreed.

GC asked how many of the secretary birds nest sites are active. AF stated that there are a lot of consideration that could determine the actual active nests. It could be accurate or inaccurate. This the reason there is a need for adaptive management.

8.2 Species 23 Assessment

RC presented the species 23 results

- Methods
 - Habitat suitability model
 - In situ wetland assessment
- Findings
 - No suitable habitat (>0.25) within project area and surrounds thus low risk
 - 20 wetlands assessed
 - Most wetlands were dominated by graminoid riparian and channelled valley-bottom habitats, but extensive degradation (e.g., overgrazing, trampling by livestock) reduced suitability for Species 23
 - Due to unsuitability of habitat no acoustic surveys conducted.

Implications & Sensitivity Rating

- The combination of modelling and field assessments confirms that Species
 23 is unlikely to be affected by the proposed WEF development.
- The probability of species occurrence and associated risk is considered low.

SR where closest habit is situated and what are the likelihood of it moving through the landscape. **RC** stated that there are a lot of unknowns. What informed the low status of occurrence was that distributionally the species will occur 25 – 30km east of the side were there are marshes, was the field survey in conjunction with the model data.

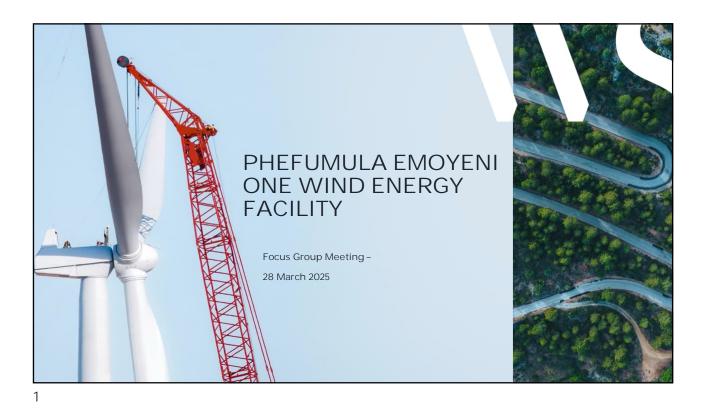
8.3 AF presented Vulture risk (Cape Vulture)

- Low passage rate only 4 vultures recorded
- Screening tool vulture theme medium *
- Cervantes (2023) utilisation distribution Low ✓
- Tracking data analysis tier 1 ✓
 - Low use flight paths and/or areas with very stochastic and/or low local use.

ML stated that the biodiversity report referred to two vulture roost However in the avifauna report that was submitted, no reference to vulture roost was made.

| 9.1 | AS thanked everyone who joined and adjourned the meeting. | |
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| | Closure | |
| | GC commented that WEFs are usually in sensitive areas. It is imperatives for developers to explore alternative technologies to eradicate some of the conflicts that exist between receiving environment the proposed development. | |
| | SR mentioned the SDoD approach is different for different species and asked if there are details with such information in the avifauna report. AF confirmed that different mitigations for different species will be addressed. | |
| | RL further mentioned the Ludwig's bastards is not responsive to diverts and although those aren't recorded on site, the have been recorded and with the bird Lasser data. What mitigation measure have been considered for this. AF stated that the only option is staggering the placement of pylons to make it more visible in the landscape. | |
| | RL asked if MDARDLEA tacking data was included for modelling the flamingos. And since the grid traverse the pan where turbines 29 and 79 are located what is the appropriate flamingo buffer. AF confirmed that it was considered. | |
| | ML what will the applicant agree to and to what extent will the recommended mitigation be applied. AF stated that it is difficult to speak for the Seriti team. | |
| | ML stated compared to past wind farm application the buffer is small. This makes the risk of collision higher. This can be offset by a system such as SDoD. AF welcomed the comment and emphasised the need for mitigation. | |
| | ML stated that the previously submitted avifauna report refers to black sparrow hawks foraging within 2-5km from a nest. A buffer of 750m was considered for the Scoping report and a 250m for the EIA. No explanation was given for this reduction. AF stated that changing nature of species in the landscape was considered for species of less concern, and to try and standardize for smaller species in the landscape birds of prey the reduce buffer zone was applied. | |
| | Therefore, confirmation of whether the roosts exist or not is important. RG confirmed that was a mistake that was not supposed to be in the biodiversity offset report. | |

APPENDIX A: PRESENTATION



Introduction

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Agenda

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- · Layout Optimisation
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 - Aquatic
 - Avifauna
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Phefumula Emoyeni One (Pty) Ltd

WSP Group Africa (Pty) Ltd (WSP) has been appointed by Phefumula Emoyeni One (Pty) Ltd (a private special purpose company to be incorporated), to undertake an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) to meet the requirements under the National Environmental Management Act (Act 107 of 1998) (NEMA), for the proposed Phefumula Emoyeni One Wind Energy Facility (WEF) and its associated infrastructure, located approximately 16km north of Ermelo in the Msukaligwa Local Municipality and Gert Sibande District Municipality, in the Mpumalanga Province of South Africa .

The project includes two EIA processes one for the Wind Energy Facility and one for the Electrical Grid Connection.

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The DEIR will therefore be resubmitted in April 2025.

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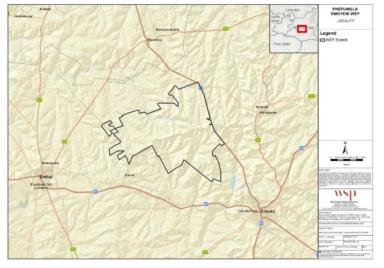
The DEIR is currently out for public review (Public review ends on 04 April 2025).

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Project Background

The proposed Phefumula Emoyeni One WEF will have a project area of approximately 33 660 hectares (ha) (original Area of Influence – AOI). Within this project area the extent of the buildable area was subject to optimisation based on technical and environmental requirements.





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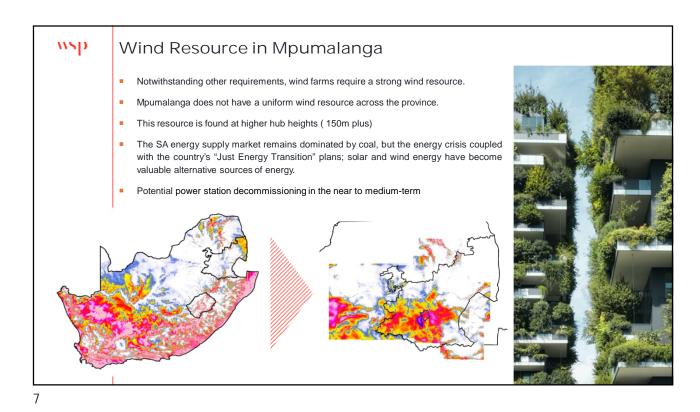
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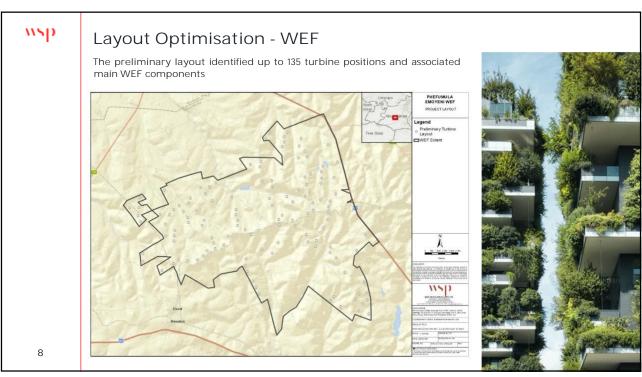
Wind energy resource analysis;

- Grid connection availability and feasibility;
- Competition in the area; and
- Environmental sensitivity.
- Land securement entails securing a critical mass of land to make the project commercially viable through option to lease agreements (1-2 years).
- Preliminary Assessment and Validation:
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 - Commencement of baseline bird and bat monitoring for a 1 year period.
- Bankable Feasibility Assessment:
 - Permitting: EIA, WULA, etc.
 - Additional studies pertaining to confirmation of bankable feasibility.



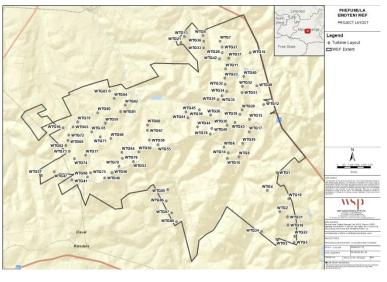
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During the course of the EIA phase, the revised layout was optimised and finalised based on specialist inputs. These inputs included the following recommendations:

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- Avifauna
 - WTG 85 and 86 are located within a recommended turbine exclusion (including rotor-swept area) buffer, these turbines need to micro-sited out of the exclusion zones.
 - These two turbines were removed
- Aquatic biodiversity assessment
 - It is strongly recommended that Turbine 42 be relocated to the north or east so that no part of its
 footprint is located within the delineated wetland boundary or associated 15m buffer. This turbine was
 shifted as requested.
 - Furthermore a number of access roads are proposed to be relocated. Road layout to be updated in line with this request.
- Bats
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 - These turbines were shifted where required to avoid high sensitivity bat areas.

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- - The ruins and semi-circular stone enclosures at PF006 impacted by WTG55. Turbine was shifted to avoid heritage site.
 - Burial sites which will be impacted by access roads (PF007, PF008, PF009) should preferably be avoided with a 30m buffer zone with access provided to family members.
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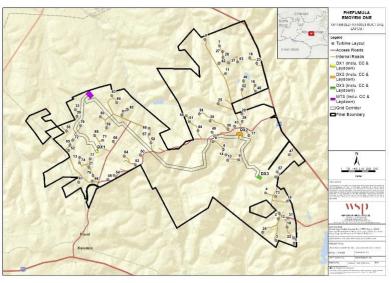
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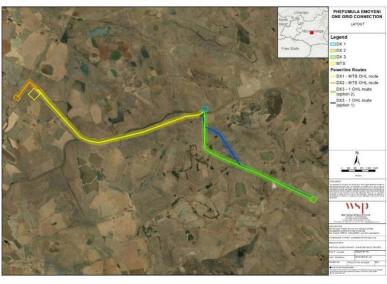




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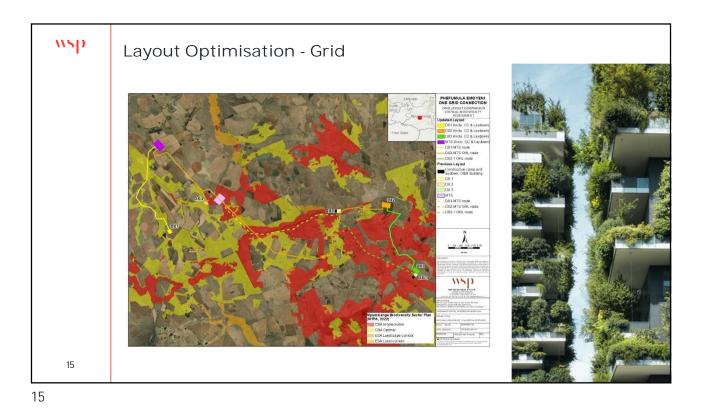
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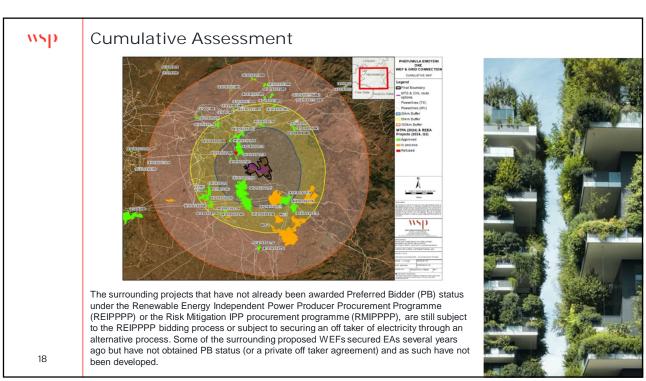


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Watercourses and Wetlands - WEF

- A recommendation has been made that these two wind turbines (WTG 5 and 42) be relocated outside of the wetlands and their associated buffer.
- In addition, a road realignment recommendation has been made to avoid the unnecessary impacting of another seep wetland.
- As the current layout does not indicate the position of proposed underground cabling, and other construction and operation infrastructure such as Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) infrastructure, the finalised position of this infrastructure as well as of turbine locations and proposed roads must be assessed as part of a walkdown assessment of this infrastructure by a freshwater specialist.
- Provided these recommendations, and the outcomes of the walkdown assessment are actioned, the WEF development can be authorised.



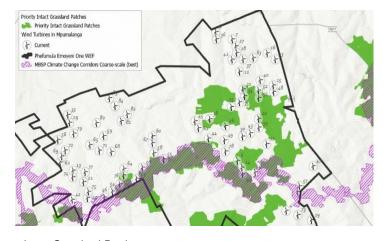
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Intact Grassland Patches/MBSP Climate Change Corridors

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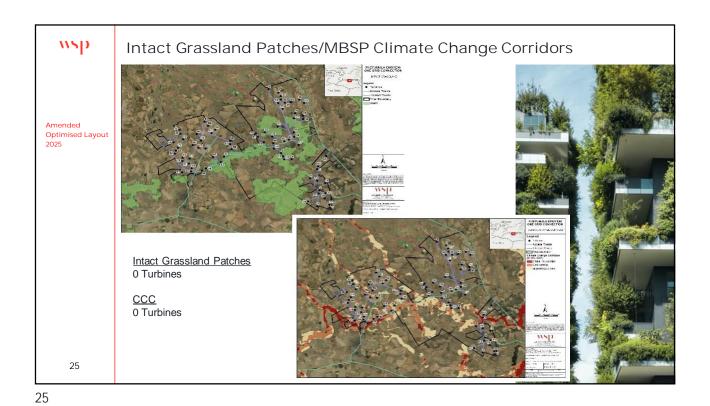
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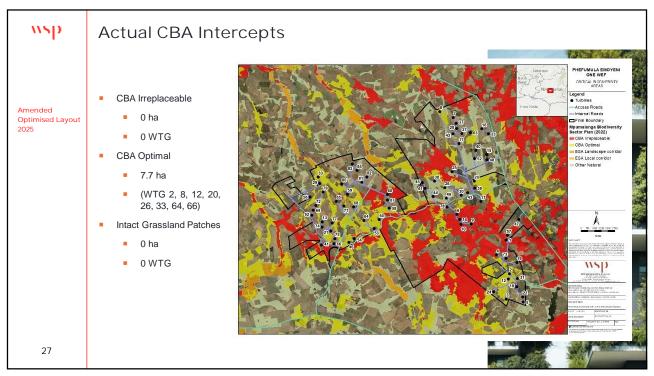
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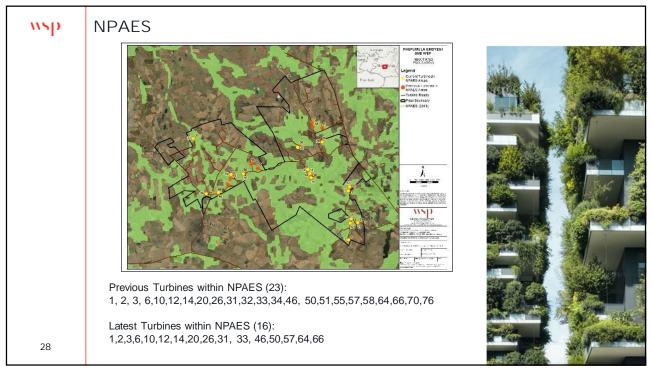


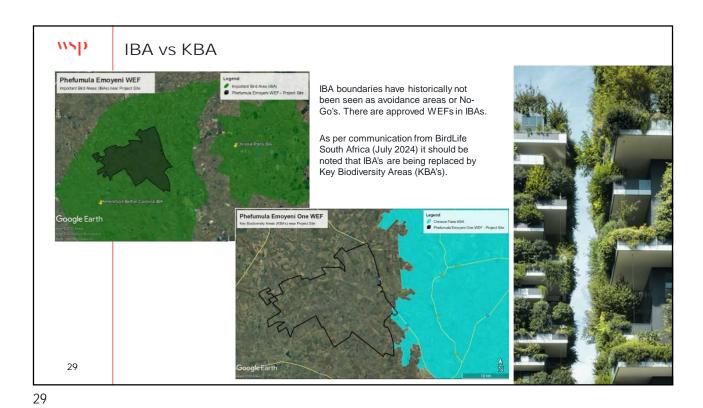
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CBA Optimal 1.877ha ESA Landscape corridor ESA Local corridor (WTG 10, 55, 57, 66 and 70) **CBA** Optimal 15.89ha (WTG 2,3,12,33,76,70,66 ,64,58,55,50,46,36 ,26,20,8) Intact Grassland Patches 7.99ha (WTG 10 20 26 32 34 38 51 52 55 70 76) 26







Avifauna Mitigation

- Nests active vs. inactive
 - Avoidance Buffers
- Biodiversity Management Plan
- Adaptive management programme (monitoring & evaluation)
- Blade Patterning
- Shut Down on Demand (SDoD)
 - Observer SDoD vs. Auto SDoD
 - Radar SDoD
 - Effectiveness of SDoD measures
- Implementation through a skilled professional on site overseeing the day-to-day management of the programme

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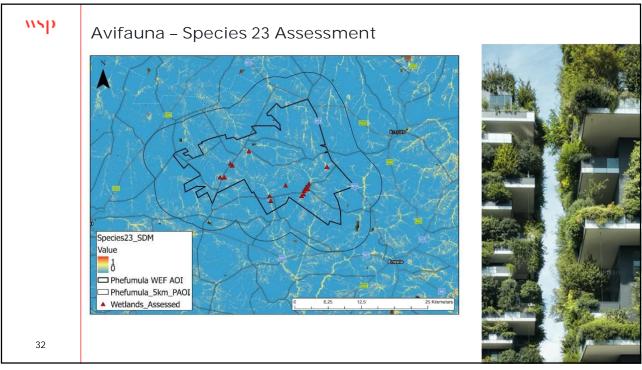
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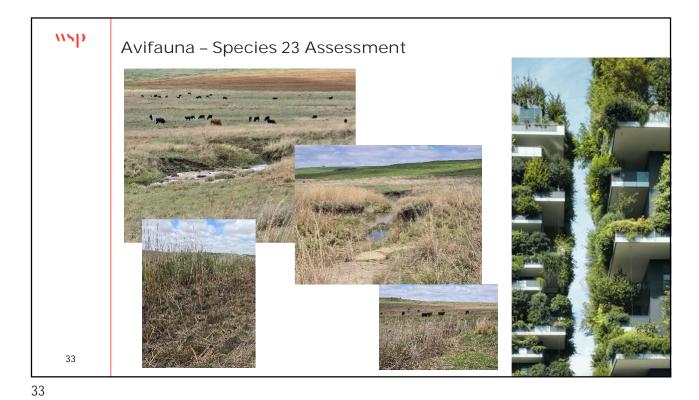
- Methods
 - Habitat suitability model
 - In situ wetland assessment
- Findings
 - No suitable habitat (>0.25) within project area and surrounds – thus low risk
 - 20 wetlands assessed
 - Most wetlands were dominated by graminoid riparian and channelled valley-bottom habitats, but extensive degradation (e.g., overgrazing, trampling by livestock) reduced suitability for Species 23
 - Due to unsuitability of habitat no acoustic surveys conducted.



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Avifauna – Species 23 Assessment

Implications & Sensitivity Rating

- The combination of modelling and field assessments confirms that Species 23 is unlikely to be affected by the proposed WEF development.
- The probability of species occurrence and associated risk is considered low.



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Avifauna – Vulture risk (Cape Vulture)

- Low passage rate only 4 vultures recorded
- Screening tool vulture theme medium ×
- Cervantes (2023) utilisation distribution Low ✓
- Tracking data analysis tier 1 ✓
 - Low use flight paths and/or areas with very stochastic and/or low local use.



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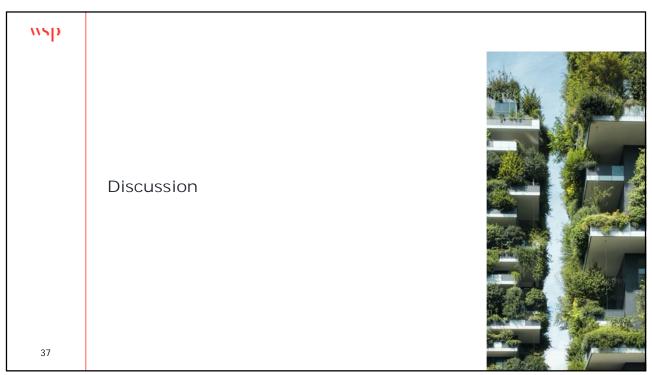
Avifauna – Vulture risk (Cape Vulture)

Tracking data analysis – tier 1





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APPENDIX B: MEETING TRANSCRIPT

Phefumula Emoyeni WEF - Biodiversity Offset and EIA Report Focus Group Meeting Fri. 18 Oct 2024

2:23 - Conference Room (Strong, Ashlea) - Speaker 1

Morning, Gavin. Morning, Okwethu. Can you hear us?

2:31 - Conference Room (Strong, Ashlea) - Speaker 3

Sorry, couldn't find the mute button.

2:35 - Conference Room (Strong, Ashlea) - Speaker 1

Hi. Hi. All right, someone has to say morning. Good morning, everyone. Morning, Okwethu. Are you on your own or are you with Sindi and Clifford. And Robyn, can you hear us fine? Good morning, yes, thank you. Yes, Sindi, we're just waiting for people. Morning Sindi.

3:16 - Sindisiwe Mbuyane

Morning, morning everyone.

3:17 - Conference Room (Strong, Ashlea) - Speaker 1

Good, good. Are you in the same room with Okwethu?

3:25 - Sindisiwe Mbuyane

We were in the same room but my gadget has allowed me to join so she'll be in her office and I'll be with Clifford. No, that's fine.

3:35 - Unidentified Speaker

Yes, thank you.

3:36 - Conference Room (Strong, Ashlea) - Speaker 1

Okay, we'll just wait a few minutes for the rest. We're still waiting for Gareth from EWT, we're waiting for the guys from MTPA, and we are waiting for, I believe, Mmamohale from DFFE, she did accept the meeting, so we're just waiting to see if she'll join. So let's just give them a couple of minutes.

4:30 - Mervyn Lotter

Good morning, Mervyn.

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4:32 - Conference Room (Strong, Ashlea) - Speaker 7

Good morning, Ashley. Hi, everyone.

4:36 - Mervyn Lotter

Morning, Mervyn. Mervyn, I know France originally said he wouldn't attend the meeting when it was still going to be in Ermelo, but do you know if he's joining today, or is it just you yourself? No, he is on holiday leave, but my colleague, Kumbelo Malele should be joining us soon. Oh, right. Did you forward on the invite to him?

5:06 - Conference Room (Strong, Ashlea) - Speaker 7

Only about five minutes ago. She's not going to go through the system. We spoke about it, but I'd forgotten to send her the link.

5:16 - Mervyn Lotter

No, that's fine. I just want to make sure that I wait for everybody who's still waiting for Gareth and also for Okay, let me just quickly check with her.

5:27 - Conference Room (Strong, Ashlea) - Speaker 7

She's in the next office.

5:29 - Mervyn Lotter

Alright. Thanks so much.

7:01 - Conference Room (Strong, Ashlea) - Speaker 1

Okay, we'll give everyone one minute. We'll start at 9.35. I know that everybody's busy and we don't want to waste anybody's time. So we'll just keep an eye.

7:32 - Conference Room (Strong, Ashlea) - Speaker 2

Ashley, are DFFE joining us?

7:35 - Conference Room (Strong, Ashlea) - Speaker 1

Coenrad has just joined. Mmamohale was going to join but I don't see her yet. Still admitting him.

7:47 - Gavin Cowden

Can I just, I was going to ask this at the end of the meeting, since we've got 30 seconds, can I quickly ask, can we maybe at the end just have a quick chat about Ummbila I know it's a different team, maybe just Seriti and ourselves.

8:02 - Conference Room (Strong, Ashlea) - Speaker 1

I would rather not, because the EAP for that project isn't here. So I think it would be better to set up a separate meeting with the developer, with Seriti and yourselves, if possible.

8:19 - Gavin Cowden

No, that's fine, I understand. Because obviously we went to Windlab, I don't know who there in the room was at that session on Mpumalanga. And your CEO said that we need to talk about that. And obviously with all your EMPRs coming online for phase two to phase four, but I specifically want to talk about phase one, if that's possible. So, but can I ask you a quick question, seeing as I've got 10 seconds left. Ummbila Emoyeni, do you know what the height of the hub is? The hub height and the road, basically, how high is the turbine tip from the ground?

8:49 - Conference Room (Strong, Ashlea) - Speaker 5

So hub height is 130 meters, tip height is 221. Blade length is 91 meters.

8:53 - Gavin Cowden

Okay, so the hub height is 171?

8:57 - Unidentified Speaker

130, height. 130, okay, yeah.

9:02 - Conference Room (Strong, Ashlea) - Speaker 8

Top height, 221.

9:05 - Mervyn Lotter

Yeah. One? 221.

9:06 - Gavin Cowden

221, yeah, and rotor and blades are 91 meters wide and length.

9:13 - Unidentified Speaker

Yeah.

9:13 - Conference Room (Strong, Ashlea) - Speaker 3

Okay, cool, thank you.

9:15 - Conference Room (Strong, Ashlea) - Speaker 1

Right, so yeah, I think it would be most appropriate to just set up a separate meeting for that. No, no, that's fine.

9:23 - Unidentified Speaker

I've just got some information. I'm trying to figure things out. So, yeah, we'll talk about that later. Thank you.

9:27 - Conference Room (Strong, Ashlea) - Speaker 1

Awesome. I'm going to be chucked out the boardroom at half past 12.

9:32 - Conference Room (Strong, Ashlea) - Speaker 5

Gavin, I'll give you a call after the meeting.

9:35 - Conference Room (Strong, Ashlea) - Speaker 1

Okay. We're just battling to admit Coenrad. So, I'm really trying to admit him here and it's just not working.

9:41 - Conference Room (Strong, Ashlea) - Speaker 2

Yeah, I'm trying as well. Just keep saying admitting and it just spins on that.

9:48 - Conference Room (Strong, Ashlea) - Speaker 1

I think they do have issues with their connectivity there. Although I've never had this much problem with his connection.

10:00 - Unidentified Speaker

Sure.

10:04 - Conference Room (Strong, Ashlea) - Speaker 1

Action failed. Let me try again.

10:09 - Conference Room (Strong, Ashlea) - Speaker 1

Let me try and see if...

10:21 - Robyn Luyt

I'm going to message him and tell him to reconnect. Maybe that will help.

10:28 - Conference Room (Strong, Ashlea) - Speaker 1

Yeah. And also just sometimes when you've tried to join and you're not in, you can still see meeting chat in your team so I've also just letting Oh, I see down here now.

11:08 - Conference Room (Strong, Ashlea) - Speaker 1

Let me just share my screen to you. Can you confirm that it's sharing?

11:18 - Conference Room (Strong, Ashlea) - Speaker 2

It is sharing. Thank you.

11:21 - Conference Room (Strong, Ashlea) - Speaker 1

Just so that you know, I have shared my screen so long, just so if everybody can just give me a thumbs up if you can see it.

11:33 - Conference Room (Strong, Ashlea) - Speaker 1

Great. Thank you, Sindi. Thanks. Thanks. Thanks, Gavin. And Coenrad's still not coming in.

11:41 - Conference Room (Strong, Ashlea) - Speaker 2

I just failed again, and I just tried admitting now, too, but not having joy.

11:51 - Conference Room (Strong, Ashlea) - Speaker 1

OK. Well, let's start off in the meantime while we're trying to figure out Coenrad's issues. We can always let him introduce himself when he's finally online. We just don't know how long it's going to take to get him in. So, yes, thank you, everybody, for joining. We are keen to engage with you this morning about the Phefumula Emoyeni One wind energy facility. We have – just want to get everybody's permission and thumbs up that you're happy that I record the meeting.

12:37 - Conference Room (Strong, Ashlea) - Speaker 1

Everybody good? Thanks, Mervyn. I will stop that now. It will really literally just be four minute purposes. All right. We also have, oh, we're trying again. With Coenrad?

12:56 - Conference Room (Strong, Ashlea) - Speaker 1

All right, okay. All right, so I have Albert on our side who's also joined the meeting, but he will be checking out for hands raised as we go. We really want this to be an engaging session, one where you can just Just

engage freely. If you have something that you want to ask, stop us. Let's chat. Let's discuss. We'll pull that into a template or whatever in terms of the minutes. We'll pull it all together into sections. But let's rather just, if you have something to say, just put up your hand. Albert will be helping me with that, checking with four hands, et cetera. We're recording meeting so we will circulate a set of minutes.

13:49 - Conference Room (Strong, Ashlea) - Speaker 2

Robyn has her hand up.

13:51 - Conference Room (Strong, Ashlea) - Speaker 1

Yes, Robyn.

13:51 - Conference Room (Strong, Ashlea) - Speaker 2

So my process works, Robyn.

13:56 - 1Robyn Luyt

Sorry, I've just got a message from Coenrad and he says they're trying to connect but Teams isn't allowing them in. Oh, they are trying to do it. Yeah, I've explained that.

14:08 - Conference Room (Strong, Ashlea) - Speaker 1

Okay. And send him a new link. Let me just forward him the meeting request again. Just let him know that I'm going to send him the meeting request directly again.

14:30 - Conference Room (Strong, Ashlea) - Speaker 2

I've also just put it on WhatsApp for you, Robyn, if you want to maybe forward that to him like that.

14:38 - Conference Room (Strong, Ashlea) - Speaker 1

try the WhatsApp link, he can also try the new meeting request.

14:56 - Conference Room (Strong, Ashlea) - Speaker 1

Okay. All right. Let's see how we go there.

15:09 - Conference Room (Strong, Ashlea) - Speaker 1

Have you had any feedback from him there, Robyn?

15:12 - Robyn Luyt

I'm just, they're trying. I guess we're going to have to proceed until they can get online.

15:21 - Conference Room (Strong, Ashlea) - Speaker 1

All right. Thank you. Thank you. We'll keep us up to date with how they're progressing there, but we have sent them to, we've sent you a and I've sent him the meeting request again. Right, so we're going to just start off some introductions. I apologize if I've missed anybody. I know I see I've already missed Coenrad here because I didn't have his acceptance of the meeting. But we'll just go around the room on this side quickly and just give our introductions. I know most of us know most people, but just to see who's here. And then also for the minutes. So obviously my name is Ashley Strong from WSP and then we're going to go down to Rudolf.

16:04 - Conference Room (Strong, Ashlea) - Speaker 3

Yes, Rudolpf Greffrath, WSP, responsible for the terrestrial biodiversity section.

16:11 - Conference Room (Strong, Ashlea) - Speaker 1

Tshepho Mamashela, , WSP, and I'm helping Ashley with the report writing. And Debbie.

16:19 - Conference Room (Strong, Ashlea) - Speaker 5

Debbie Weldon, Seriti Green, project manager for Ummbila and part-time support for Phefumula. Marlien Burger, with Seriti Green, I'm the project manager for Phefumula.

16:33 - Conference Room (Strong, Ashlea) - Speaker 2

Albert Froneman, AfriAvian Environmental, the Avifauna specialist for the project.

16:40 - Conference Room (Strong, Ashlea) - Speaker 1

Okay, Robyn, do you want to start off on the MDARDLEA side?

16:47 - Robyn Luyt

Thank you, Robyn Luyt, Director Environmental Impact Management for MDRADLEA.

16:52 - Conference Room (Strong, Ashlea) - Speaker 1

And Gavin.

16:55 - Gavin Cowden

Morning all, Gavin Cowden, I'm the Service Guide Leader in the Environmental Policy Planning and Coordination section.

17:00 - Sindisiwe Mbuyane

Wonderful. Sindi, your regional office, if you want to start with yourself. Morning everyone, Sindisiwe Mbuyane, Impact Management Gert Sibande. Morning everyone, Clifford Kubheka, Environmental Impact Management Gert Sibande.

17:18 - Okwethu Fakude

Great, Okwethu. Thank you. Good morning, everyone Okwethu Fakude impact management.

17:26 - Conference Room (Strong, Ashlea) - Speaker 8

Thank you.

17:27 - Mervyn Lotter

Great. Thank you. And Mervyn. Good morning, everyone. Mervyn lots of diversity planning for the Mpumalanga Tourism and Parks Agency. Good morning, everyone. Khumbelo Malele Land Use Advisor, MTPA. Wonderful. Thank you so much. And then Coenrad, glad that Finally got you in the meeting. Happy to have you here. Can you hear us clearly?

17:56 - Gavin Cowden

Yes, I can. Thank you. Apologies. There's some issues with the link. Mmamohale is still trying to get in.

18:04 - Unidentified Speaker

Yeah.

18:09 - Conference Room (Strong, Ashlea) - Speaker 4

I'm actually just want to apologize. I'm quite restricted in terms of time. I've got a couple of things due today, So I'll see how long I can join the meeting. Thank you.

18:19 - Conference Room (Strong, Ashlea) - Speaker 3

100%.

18:20 - Conference Room (Strong, Ashlea) - Speaker 1

But just the fact that you've joined us is wonderful. Kunod, do you want me to send Mama Harley the meeting request again? Did it help you?

18:31 - Conference Room (Strong, Ashlea) - Speaker 4

Yes, I got into the email you've sent me just now. So I think just send that one also to her, and she can try to use that link get in. Thank you.

18:44 - Conference Room (Strong, Ashlea) - Speaker 1

Let me just see how, I just need where is she, MK. There she is. I'm going to just resend it to her. If you can just maybe let her know for me, please.

18:59 - Conference Room (Strong, Ashlea) - Speaker 4

Yeah, she's sitting right next to me in the office next to me. So yeah, she's waiting. I'm trying to invite her, but I also can't invite there. I don't know what's wrong.

19:12 - Conference Room (Strong, Ashlea) - Speaker 1

Oh, that's weird. You know what, Teams is, yeah, it has its moments. I've re-sent it to her. She should get it shortly.

19:20 - Conference Room (Strong, Ashlea) - Speaker 4

Okay, thank you.

19:22 - Conference Room (Strong, Ashlea) - Speaker 1

All right. Okay. All right. And then I know we did get an acceptance to join from EWT, but I see Gareth hasn't joined yet. So we'll just pop his, oh wait, that might be somebody. Is that Mmamohale? There's Mmamohale. Then we can let her have her action failed.

19:44 - Conference Room (Strong, Ashlea) - Speaker 2

I'm trying admit her. Action failed.

19:52 - Conference Room (Strong, Ashlea) - Speaker 1

Yeah, she's also battling to get in, Shame.

19:59 - Conference Room (Strong, Ashlea) - Speaker 1

Okay, well, let's proceed. Albert is keeping on trying to admit her. As soon as she's in, he'll let me know and we'll let her introduce herself. All right, so just in terms of the agenda, the main part of the agenda is just a discussion on the comments received to date where we've sort of pulled through the comments that we've received so far and we've pulled out the main key points and we've got some initial responses to those and and we can have a discussion and engage on those. But just to get us to that point, we've got a little bit of project background just to pull everybody onto the same page and to go through the layout optimization that has happened to date, just to bring everybody in the same place. So this first portion of the presentation, we'll just run through it until we get to the comments. And then we can look at our – start the discussion. So, just to remind that WSP was appointed by Phefumula Emoyeni One, a special purpose vehicle that will be looking at developing the Phefumula Emoyeni One Wind Energy facility. We've been running through the EIA process. The project is located 16 kilometers north of in the Mpumalanga province.

21:34 - Conference Room (Strong, Ashlea) - Speaker 1

Just a reminder of what the project area looks like, This is the original area of influence. I think you would know that from the draft EIA reports that this area of influence has changed. There's been a few portions of land that have been removed. So this is what we started with at the time. And this is the area that was assessed by all the specialists from the beginning of the project. Is Mmamohale in yet? Not yet? Okay, we're still trying. The preliminary layout was... She's in. She's in now. Okay, Mmamohale, you've managed to get in.

22:19 - Conference Room (Strong, Ashlea) - Speaker 1

Can you hear us?

22:22 - Conference Room (Strong, Ashlea) - Speaker 6

Yes, good morning everyone. You can continue with your presentation.

22:25 - Unidentified Speaker

Brilliant.

22:26 - Conference Room (Strong, Ashlea) - Speaker 1

We just want you to introduce yourself for the meeting.

22:34 - Mervyn Lotter

Mmamohale?

22:37 - Conference Room (Strong, Ashlea) - Speaker 6

Morning. I'm Mmamohale. I'm the case officer on the project. Thank you.

22:40 - Conference Room (Strong, Ashlea) - Speaker 1

Thank you so much. Okay. Then we'll carry on. All right. So this was the preliminary layout. It had 135 turbine positions. And the associated wave components. You can see they were dotted around all over. And then we moved from this one through, that was where the specialist started in the scoping phase. By the end of the scoping phase, the revised layout had been looked at, where the number of turbines was significantly dropped to 88.

23:17 - Conference Room (Strong, Ashlea) - Speaker 1

And this was what went through for assessment during the EIA phase. During the EIA phase, a number of the specialists came back with requests, specifically on Turbine 4 to move it out of the wetland area and the National Protected Area Expansion Strategy area. That was shifted out. The turbines were shifted out of all

possible CBA irreplaceable areas and optimal areas as far as possible. Then 85 86 were located inside turbine exclusion areas, no-go areas from an avifauna perspective, and they were then removed from the layout. The aquatic guys were looking at Turbine 52. That was too close to a wetland boundary in terms of the 50-meter buffer. And this turbine was also shifted out. And then obviously the road layout, they had identified a number of roads that needed to be shifted, and that was then sent to those. All of those proposals and the recommendations were sent through to the engineers so that they could work on that to update the final layout. Further to that, the Bats also had some of them that were in high sensitivity areas where there was still some blade sweep, and those were moved out. Heritage, there was one heritage feature where there was a a turbine that was encroaching on the buffer. And then there were some burial sites where buffers were suggested, but didn't affect the movement of the turbines at all. Noise, there was one that was close to some receptors. This turbine was also removed. And then there was just a general recommendation about liaising with owners to identify potential different locations for the substation. And the best. And that will also feed into the grid study when we get to that. So that was an overall one. And then we had the optimized layout that was at the end. And it was, I mean, there is a high likelihood that even though this is what's presented for final at the moment, there's potential that this could also change in the future. But because this is what we're presenting for approval, any changes to this would need a Part 2 amendment going forward. But it is likely that further optimisation would need to happen. Yeah, so that's just a flow of what we've had. And this then optimised layout shows the new area of influence with this section here in the middle. There's a section in the middle that you can see has been hacked out. There's now a piece of Italy that is no longer inside the area of influence that has been removed. That's where we're sitting at the end of the EIA phase. Moving on to a summary of the comments that we have received to date. Mainly based on comments that we have received from MDARDLEA and MTPA, biodiversity from DFFE and protected areas from DFFE. I know, Mmamohale, we're still waiting for your comments, so yours obviously aren't in here yet, but at least you'll see what the others have been saying in the meantime. As I said, this is a high-level summary of the main points that have been received to date into sections. Site alternatives was a big one. Turbines in intact grassland patches and CBAs. Construction and lay down camps in CBAs. Lay down areas inside the water that need to be outside the 100 metre buffer. Looking at the water crossings that weren't analysed sufficiently. 15 metre non-development buffers from wetlands. Cumulative in terms of both 30 DFFE often requesting 30 kilometers hours was 55 and the number of projects that were identified within that radius. Then we have a number of biodiversity comments mostly on the offset issues in terms of the offsets not being able to cater for the loss of CBAs and grass and species specifically. The strategy itself and how the hectare is, et cetera, were worked out. The fact that there's project 48% area in the NEPEAS, the new road network not being available, and then the offset conservation outcome aims of the strategy, and then the duration of the strategy, and then moving on to to more avifauna issues, the IBA, mitigation in terms of the effectiveness of avifauna mitigation, zones, you know, mitigation zones or for the whole facility and detail around that, significance rating of the avifauna, cumulative impact on the avifauna in terms of risk, collision risks, mitigation of collisions at night flying birds, movement corridors, avifauna buffers, risk and nests active versus intact. So that is the sort of summary.

29:05 - Conference Room (Strong, Ashlea) - Speaker 6

Actually, sorry to interject. I'm trying to raise my hand. There's something wrong with this. We did send you comments on the 10th of October.

29:14 - Mervyn Lotter

We also got them.

29:17 - Conference Room (Strong, Ashlea) - Speaker 6

That's not possible because your email is there. Let me just check, double check, but we did send them through.

29:24 - Conference Room (Strong, Ashlea) - Speaker 1

Please resend them because I've been keeping an eye out for them and I haven't received them.

29:32 - Conference Room (Strong, Ashlea) - Speaker 6

Okay, great.

29:34 - Conference Room (Strong, Ashlea) - Speaker 1

Thank you, Mmamohale.

29:39 - 1Mervyn Lotter

Sorry, just to... Ladies first. Okay. So, in the beginning, when you summarised the main issues of concern, Let's just say if we don't actually agree with those issues being summarized, I just don't want our, let's say, our quietness or failure to respond to all the issues raised, not to be seen as like we agreeing to anything. So it's more like, just a bit more cautious as to the purpose. And if we don't actually agree, we're not complicit, if we're silent on the issues. This is just your summary, which is perfectly fine, but I've only stated for the record keeping.

30:25 - Mervyn Lotter

No, that's 100%. I mean, we've basically identified sort of areas of the comments, so we don't want to go through, we know that people in this meeting, we only have a couple of hours together, so we can't go through every single comment and give you a response in this meeting, so we've tried to just summarise it up. If we've missed a particular issue, then you're welcome to raise but this was sort of just going through it and the sort of the main themes that were coming up for us. So that's what we've done in terms of the summary. But absolutely 100%. There will be more detailed responses obviously coming through where we respond to every single line item. But this is just a summary for now.

31:06 - Unidentified Speaker

Okay.

31:09 - Mervyn Lotter

Can I give you that one that is, I suppose, missing, I believe, from this, and that would just be that there's an exceptional high number of threatened species recorded on site and the mitigation is uncertain. It's just that high level of threatened species not coming through. Thanks.

31:27 - Unidentified Speaker

Okay.

31:29 - Conference Room (Strong, Ashlea) - Speaker 1

I'm going to just write it in the chat.

31:35 - Conference Room (Strong, Ashlea) - Speaker 1

With uncertain mitigation. You're welcome to change my wording slightly if you need to. I'm just popping it in the chat so that we have it for the minutes. All right. Robyn?

31:53 - 1Robyn Luyt

Just for Mmamohale, the comments from DFFE were sent to you on the 10th of October at 11.33 a.m. Addressed to you, Ashley, and copied to me and some of the other stakeholders.

32:07 - Conference Room (Strong, Ashlea) - Speaker 1

Yeah, that is so strange because I literally, we haven't received those comments. We received comments from Biodiversity, I'll double check my emails, maybe it's gone into a junk mail.

32:35 - Conference Room (Strong, Ashlea) - Speaker 1

Okay, if you could maybe just forward them to me, Robyn, wonderful if you don't mind.

32:40 - Unidentified Speaker

I'll do that.

32:43 - Conference Room (Strong, Ashlea) - Speaker 1

Thank you.

32:51 - Conference Room (Strong, Ashlea) - Speaker 1

Thank you so much. And then we'll obviously be responding to them as well. So that's not a problem. So that'll be great. Thank you so much. And I just know that we've got in hand.

33:09 - Mervyn Lotter

Thank you so much.

33:10 - Conference Room (Strong, Ashlea) - Speaker 4

Sorry, Ashley, since my buttons are also not working. Are there any other wind facilities close by, proposed or approved? Approved?

33:25 - Conference Room (Strong, Ashlea) - Speaker 1

I do actually have a... Wait, let me... Let me go through to my slideshow. We've got a bunch of slides available, but what I can do, I just want to see all my slides quickly, and then I can show you what the cumulative assessment looks like,

33:46 - Conference Room (Strong, Ashlea) - Speaker 4

No, I don't want to see that. I'm asking, are there other facilities close by? Because I want to discuss a particular point. If they are.

33:58 - Conference Room (Strong, Ashlea) - Speaker 1

If you have a look at the maps on the screen, you can see Ummbila is there. There's also...

34:06 - Conference Room (Strong, Ashlea) - Speaker 4

How far are they from this facility?

34:10 - Conference Room (Strong, Ashlea) - Speaker 1

Offhand, probably, this is a 55 kilometre radius around Phefumula, so it would be maybe halfway. It covers quite a large area. Let me see if I can get, it's this one, Ummbila is this one here.

34:33 - 1Mervyn Lotter

Okay, that's 10 kilometers.

34:37 - Conference Room (Strong, Ashlea) - Speaker 1

Yeah, and then this is Camden 1 and 2 down at the bottom, and Mukondeleli WEF over here near Secunda, but that's sort of on the 40 kilometer side of things. I can't remember what this one to the north this.

34:52 - Conference Room (Strong, Ashlea) - Speaker 4

Ashley, are you in discussions for those facilities in terms of wake effect?

35:01 - Conference Room (Strong, Ashlea) - Speaker 1

Wake effect, yes. Ummbila is the closest one and it's also a Seriti project. The wake effect won't affect the others because they are too far away.

35:13 - Conference Room (Strong, Ashlea) - Speaker 4

Okay, just make sure, so just make sure that you take that into consideration. Thank you.

35:23 - Conference Room (Strong, Ashlea) - Speaker 1

Yeah, Seriti are aware of it. Okay, Gavin, who's first? Gavin is first. Gavin?

35:39 - 1Gavin Cowden

Sorry Debbie, yeah, just for Coenrad's benefit, I'm not sure which one you were asking about north. You've got Hendrina south, you've got Hendrina north, both of those are approved. I saw in your EIA as well, you actually included, I think it was the Forzando North. Let me just check on my map here, see what the status is.

36:00 - Conference Room (Strong, Ashlea) - Speaker 1

Now that you remind me, Hendrika, North and South, is that other long green to the North there?

36:08 - 1Gavin Cowden

There's another one which I can't mention, but there's another one North of that, and there is one here which you included in your EIA, which actually has been, I think, withdrawn or declined or refused. Let me just see my notes here. I did make a note of it. Let me just quickly see if I can find it. No, I've deleted it, sorry, when I made my comments. But there is one, one of the ones here. I think it might be Halfgevorden. solar facility, you include it in your EIA, it's actually been refused, as far as we know.

36:39 - Conference Room (Strong, Ashlea) - Speaker 1

Okay, yeah, there is there's a couple of issues. So if you look on map that's on your screen, the red dots are the refused EAs.

36:54 - Conference Room (Strong, Ashlea) - Speaker 1

The green are the approved and the orange are in process that we are aware of We are aware, we are in the projects around close enough to be affected by wake effect are aware of the project, yes. OK. OK. And then that was Gavin. And then Mervyn, for a second.

37:23 - Unidentified Speaker

Yes.

37:23 - 1Mervyn Lotter

Thanks. But if you say those in process, you need to include the three Ummbila ones. They're missing on your map. They have been submitted the scoping reports for comment. So they are in process.

37:36 - Mervyn Lotter

OK. Because they're not reflecting on the real data ACS and we've we we managed to download actually that was one of the comments that was said that um uh one of one of the main comments that came out was that there was um I know MDARDLEA has said they had 50 projects that were in our 55 kilometer radius um we are aware that the map in the report is from the 2023 we then managed to download 2024 for quarter two, literally the day that the reports went out for review. So we will be updating that map with this 2024 quarter two, but at that point, which is the latest database that's available at the moment. So maybe those Mulilo projects are on a quarter three or a quarter four map potentially, but we will then get in touch with them and get their boundaries, their WEF boundaries. We also have just today became aware of another new one from, which has been done by the EAPS Sivset. I'm not sure, Zephyr, I believe, which is also not on our map. So we're going to engage with Sivest to get their one as well. That one's been out for a while, and we remapped it several months ago.

39:00 - Conference Room (Strong, Ashlea) - Speaker 1

You might know about it, but we don't know about it yet.

39:05 - Mervyn Lotter

So where they've already entered the public domain for comment, I mean, we also have a data set that you can always double check against the DFFU one. We're also trying to map those which are in the preapplication phase, those we can't share because that's still in discussions where we're just sharing information about sensitivity and the likes and concerns. But my question was about the wake effect that Coenrad raised. What is that distance? Where you may have that wake effect becomes something to consider of concern?

39:41 - Conference Room (Strong, Ashlea) - Speaker 1

I know we've specifically had wake effect issues where the projects have been immediately neighbouring. When it's a good sort of 5, 10 kilometres, it doesn't seem to be an issue. But I can double check that figure, not highly Immediately neighbouring is an issue, definitely an issue. And we've had those before in the Western Cape, where immediately neighbouring where your property boundaries are literally the same. 20 kilometres has a minimum. Yeah, there we go. So 20 kilometres is a minimal effect. So anything less than that would be where the issue would be. And it would also need to be immediately north or whatever in the prevailing wind direction, you would need to have a look.

40:31 - Conference Room (Strong, Ashlea) - Speaker 5

And the loss would equate to half a percent of the gigawatt hours.

40:36 - Mervyn Lotter

Okay, so it's quite a lot.

40:38 - Conference Room (Strong, Ashlea) - Speaker 7

We didn't get that last comment. Sorry, could you just – I didn't hear that clearly. That other person made a comment there.

40:45 - Conference Room (Strong, Ashlea) - Speaker 5

Yes, so the effect would be at 20 kilometres, half a percent of the gigawatt hours. At 10 kilometres or less, maybe one to three percent on the gigawatt hours. So not significant, not significant impacts.

41:03 - 1Mervyn Lotter

Okay, because you've got...

41:04 - Conference Room (Strong, Ashlea) - Speaker 5

In Ummbila's case, Ummbila is the closest. The closest. So we all have an internal arrangement on that.

41:13 - Mervyn Lotter

So yeah, Ummbila is 6 kilometres. Hendrina is just on 10, and Ummbila is I think 9, and Zephyr is about 10 as well. So anyway, It may be a few to consider, but that's fine. Thank you.

41:26 - Conference Room (Strong, Ashlea) - Speaker 1

Okay, there's 11. Then Gavin, your hand was next.

41:32 - 1Gavin Cowden

Thanks, Ashley. There's a lot I can say about this, but let me try and summarise it. Okay, it's just for interest, I just had a look quickly on our map. Zephyr's exactly 11.4 kilometres from your southern boundary. Okay, so Zephyr's one, and there's another one that you haven't also included, Ujekamanzi. It's in public domain as well. Yeah, so my point that we're really concerned. And I think this is something that we need to take up probably with you Coenrad and DFFE, but obviously the cumulative impacts. And that's why we've concentrated a lot on this, because a lot of these developments are in the same area, very sensitive areas. We've even gone to the stage of working out the CBAs, the footprint, which you saw in our comments. Yeah, I just think that I wanted to raise that this is a real concern. But if you do need to know, we can't obviously divulge all of them. I mean, there's actually a neighbour pretty close to you, I think within a couple of kilometres, but it's proposed. It hasn't gone online yet and it hasn't submitted, but we know about it. And yeah, I think the best is obviously, if you're not sure, talk to us and then we can maybe assist you and guide you. But I think from a strategic point of view, we need to, maybe Coenrad with DFFV, we need to talk offline and address this, because we're really concerned about, and we really applaud you for taking 55, kilometre buffer, a radius. But yeah, it's still, it's insufficient. We're actually taking a more strategic approach to this now. Okay, that's, I think, all I wanted to say. Thank you.

43:00 - Conference Room (Strong, Ashlea) - Speaker 1

Thank you, Gavin. And we will definitely, actually, one of my requests at the end of the presentation is, could you send us the information that we're missing that you're allowed to? Because I'm aware anything

that hasn't actually been in the public domain cannot be on our map. Because it's, yeah, that's just, it's not in the public domain. So if that is a request that we have from our side is it is difficult to find these if you're not, if it's not on the databases and not, if other developers or EAPS don't come to you, you don't know about the other projects. So if you could think through what you can, that would be lovely.

43:45 - 1Gavin Cowden

Thank you. I told you about those other ones now that we know that in the public domain, as Mervyn said, Zephyr is already at the EIA stage. I think it's due for public comments, I think, next week. But actually, the real point I wanted to make is that the real concern, and we also need to take this offline, is that in our experience, that Renewal Energy's database of DFFE, I remember waiting, I think, for quarter two, because we realized there were a whole lot of applications that we knew about. And I was literally waiting with anticipation. I think it was quarter two or quarter three. I think it came out at 11 o'clock, because I waited the whole day. I was like, where's this report? Where's this report? And when it came out, it didn't have all the ones that we knew of, and it wasn't updated. So you made a comment earlier saying that you'll see on the next one. But to me, don't hold your breath, because it's not going to be the accurate. It's not going to be the reality on the ground. So you rather talk to us about that, but that's a concern I have, and I don't know how we're going to overcome that. But from our point of view, from the province point of view, we're looking at it from the data we've got. Because that's what the purpose of cumulative impact. Okay, so we'll talk more about that, thanks.

44:48 - Conference Room (Strong, Ashlea) - Speaker 1

Thank you, that's great. So yeah, so the cumulative issue was a big issue that we saw come through. And I mean, if we can ask you guys for assistance on that, that'll be wonderful. We actually do request if you can send that information through what you can, not what you can't. Yes, I'd be very grateful for your assistance there. I mean, I know that the, the issues with the database. We've had one of our projects that were as authorized that took two years to come up onto the database, so you're quite right. Okay, Robyn.

45:25 - 1Robyn Luyt

Thanks, I just want to echo everything Gavin has just said, but if we can just request, Ashley, that you send a formal email asking for the information to myself, Gavin, and Copy Me and just make it a standard operating procedure for all of your wind farm applications.

45:46 - Conference Room (Strong, Ashlea) - Speaker 1

We can do that, 100%. We will do that. Thank you so much.

45:52 - Mervyn Lotter

Sorry, I want to just jump in. No, just what we can offer. Like if you're giving that data set, we also as the MTPA, and I think I may have stressed this to Debbie before, we receive all these applications to comment on. Mapping them for the last 24 years. We just make a shape file and we say it's by Afro Energy and it's for prospecting coal or whatever, but we have a database at Spatial and we don't often know when they approve, but we know who's applying. And if you need to try and find out who's got a mining right or whatever on any of the properties you're looking, that's something we can share because the data has in effect entered the public domain, so we can give you fall with the details.

46:36 - Conference Room (Strong, Ashlea) - Speaker 1

That's lovely because that would then be not just renewable energy, it would be other authorizations that would be absolutely fantastic. Yes, thank you so much for that offer, that sounds fantastic. Wonderful, thank you for that. All right, okay, so there we've sort of covered the cumulative one there. I think I'm going to have over. The first one that comes up a lot, if we just jump onto a new comment, is the site alternative issues. I think I'm going to just jump to our slides here and just ask Seriti to just go through how they select the wind farm locations. We've got just two Either way, I'm happy to do it too.

47:35 - Conference Room (Strong, Ashlea) - Speaker 8

So the wind farm was selected based on grid capacity or grid availability, as well as the wind resource. And Mpumalanga doesn't have a uniform wind resource as per the wind tiles that you can see there. If you look at the second wind tile, what's it? Right. To the right. You'll see that the higher wind speed is specifically where the Phefumula Emoyeni area is. So the site was selected based on wind resource and grid capacity or grid availability in the province.

48:19 - Conference Room (Strong, Ashlea) - Speaker 1

And it takes a good few years to get to the point to sort of finally settle on a project, a site to move into EIA, right?

48:30 - Conference Room (Strong, Ashlea) - Speaker 5

Yeah, so following on Oxley, the wind resource, we do a high-level assessment in terms of sensitivities, and then Oxley has a case of securing the landowners. So that in itself takes a couple of years to get them on board, and that's why the wind farm is situated where it is, because those are the landowners who've signed up. Obviously, there's a fee involved in terms of access to their land, so that restricts us, and that's why we don't necessarily have a whole lot all over the place, but it's very specific for each waterfall.

49:04 - Conference Room (Strong, Ashlea) - Speaker 1

And that's why Mbele is a separate project, and Phefumula Emoyeni is a separate project. So, they're not site alternatives, they're separate projects. So, where you can get landowners to sign up, that would be your project. And the alternatives then is not a location alternative but a development footprint alternative in terms of how the would layout look, where would the development be, how would we fit it into the landscape and that's the alternatives that we would then look at. In terms of the regulations as well that requires the discussion of development footprint alternative and not necessarily actual physical location. Which is what we've done in terms of the layouts. So it takes a good sort of, before we get involved as EAPS, it's probably a five-year process.

50:01 - Conference Room (Strong, Ashlea) - Speaker 8

We also have wind data, wind monitoring data. Two years, I think. Yes, for one to two years after land securement has taken place to secure or to get an area of influence.

50:16 - Conference Room (Strong, Ashlea) - Speaker 1

So that's the sort of the reasoning behind a no site alternative and why there's so much importance and so much emphasis placed on the layouts and the development footprint alternatives that go into a wind facility. Because it's very difficult, every developer would have, as you see, it's a different project in terms of a location, yeah.

50:46 - Conference Room (Strong, Ashlea) - Speaker 1

Okay. I think what we're going to do then is we're going to jump. So, that was just the one comment that we've had. Yes? I see Gavin's hand. Oh, Gavin?

50:55 - 1Gavin Cowden

Thanks, Albert. I was going to jump in anyway. Okay, just on that, alternatives. I think it's really, I understand where you're coming from It's where the wind is. But if you look at it strategically and from a sustainability point of view, and it comes back to the cumulatives, it's a that, you know, there's no alternative sites because there's a conflict in land use here. And then this seems to be the case for most of these wind energy facilities in the province, because obviously they're going where the wind is. But unfortunately, that's also where there's areas of high sensitivity. So I just wanted to raise that. But my question is, is that I don't think I picked it. I know I commented quite a lot, and I looked a lot at the alternatives in the report. What about technology alternatives? Because, okay, let's say you can't look at alternative sites. What about alternative technology? And I've done a bit of homework, and you guys probably know this better than I do, but there's now a vortex bladeless turbine. What is the possibility? What have you guys considered in areas that are high sensitivity for birds and bird collisions and bats, putting these alternative technology or using alternative technology in those areas? And I think one of those vortex bladeless ones, and I think they're building them up to 180 meters now, the biggest one, which generates, I think, one megawatt. So you'll probably need six of them for about the same as one of your normal wind turbines. So putting six of those in an area where we put normally one traditional vertical axis wind turbine. So I just wanted to ask that question. And I know I did talk about it in the report, but it's not raised here. But I just wanted to raise it because I really do think that if you guys are looking for a positive authorization or wind facilities in these areas. I think we really need to start thinking about that because... Sorry, who was that?

52:49 - Unidentified Speaker

Coenrad, I think.

52:50 - Conference Room (Strong, Ashlea) - Speaker 1

Coenrad, was that you?

52:55 - Conference Room (Strong, Ashlea) - Speaker 4

Sorry, no, you can continue.

52:56 - Mervyn Lotter

Oh, OK. Sorry, we thought...

52:59 - Gavin Cowden

No, I'm done. I thought you were chasing me, Coenrad. But I think I'm going to... I was just on another line. Okay, that's right. So sorry, while I've still got the floor, Ashley, so that's my point. I just wanted to ask, have you guys considered that? To what extent have you considered that? And I think if wind facilities are gonna occur in these areas, I think developers are gonna have to look at it more seriously because there's a big conflict in terms of the sensitivities. And then just quickly while, I can ask this later, but I just wanted to ask you, like with the Ummbila one, what is your actual hub height probably going to be because we've got new data now just recently in about flight paths for birds. And hub height and the height above the ground is possibly going to be a big issue. So in reality, do you know what the hub height is going to be and the rotor height is going to be for the Phefumula? Is it going to be the same as on Bila or is it going to be different? Thanks.

53:54 - Conference Room (Strong, Ashlea) - Speaker 5

It's likely to be higher. Possibly up high, with a similar blade length, because we're looking at either concrete or hybrid towers for their removal.

54:09 - Conference Room (Strong, Ashlea) - Speaker 1

I know that what we've outlined in the end of the report, we've said what's gone into the authorisation is metre high, 200 metre rotor diameter. However, in the BASM, not authorisation, I'm sorry, application, sorry, you're quite right. What's in the application form is 200, 200, but in the back of, in the final, in the conclusion of the report, it does talk about a 90, 85 meter, it's a, it's like a, it's a, yes, a 182 height, not hub height, 182 diameter, which is a much smaller blade. Which is the most likely turbine that's going to happen. The only reason why we add the slightly larger amount into the application is should the technology change and there is a better turbine that they could use and drop the turbine field by half, then the 200-200 gives them that option to consider different turbine, but it is likely going to be a lot smaller than what the application is requesting.

55:30 - 1Gavin Cowden

Gavin? Yeah, sorry, thanks. Can you hear me? Yes. Okay. Sorry, I don't know if I unmuted. Yeah, that's great, but I think that also came through strongly in our comments, is that it's really difficult to assess the impact if we're not sure what the technology is going to be or what the specs are going to be. So yeah, I just think that obviously, yeah, and I also saw that with other EMPRs, you know, one that's coming online now, that it still says in the EIA up to, so there's no definite, so it's difficult to measure the impacts or even mitigate or manage the impact. So I just think that obviously, where possible, I think you guys, if you could put in there, I mean, you're telling us now, it's definitely helping, because now I've got a pretty much good idea of answering my question. But yeah, okay, thanks for that. And then the technology alternatives, I'm putting it out if you can answer it, that'll be great. If you can't, that's also fine. But I really do, I think I made my point. Thanks.

56:24 - Conference Room (Strong, Ashlea) - Speaker 1

I've seen a lot of note-taking.

56:25 - Conference Room (Strong, Ashlea) - Speaker 8

Yes, I've noted the alternative technology. Thank you.

56:30 - Conference Room (Strong, Ashlea) - Speaker 1

Brilliant. Thank you, Gavin, for your input there. All right, let's see, where are we going to go now? Oh, goodness. Sorry, I'm jumping around the slides all over the place as the conversation continues. I think what I'm going to do is I'm going to, I think we've had a good discussion on the cumulatives. We've had a good discussion on alternatives. I think I'm going to go leave the CBAs and that for, and then I can hand over to Rudolf just now for the biodiversity stuff. Just in between that, I'm going to just present some responses that we got from the aquatic specialists on the water course issues. And that also covers, So basically what they've said is, and these will be in detail included in the comment and response report, the road network is a difficult thing and it's usually the last thing to come through. So yes, they absolutely, they say yes, they didn't get to look at all the relative crossings because they've changed as the layout has changed. So when they've done the initial assessment for the EIA work. It was during March, which is the best time for them to go in terms of a good summer survey and making sure they can see where all the wetlands are. They did do a very detailed desktop.

57:58 - Unidentified Speaker

Oh dear.

57:58 - Conference Room (Strong, Ashlea) - Speaker 1

Okay. Can you hear me now? Can you hear me? Oh, you could hear me the whole time. Okay. No, that's fine. As long as someone could hear me. So they did do a in the growing season, and yes, the road networks have changed. So over time, and every time the layout changes, the road network is the last thing to then be updated. And it takes the engineers. So as soon as the layout changes, it gets sent through to the engineers, and the engineers can take up to a month to actually work through the road networks to make them make sense, to sort of arrange the shortest possible things. So yeah, there are some crossings that they haven't looked at. What is the comforting there is that there is another catch in terms of assessments for crossings, in terms of the water use license application, which will still need to be done. This is typically done post EIA, once the roads and everything is actually finalized approved because then they know exactly where all those crossings. And then there's another level of detailed work that gets done on all the crossings to determine the PES and the EIS and all the coordinates are done for the water use license application. And that also needs to be put out for public review. So typically what they have done already is adequate for EIA authorization purposes and is adequate for a decision at an EIA level. And then just these ones here are talking about the fact that the water use license application still needs to be done, where there's a whole other level of detail that is done on the aquatic wetlands, the watercourses, et cetera. They've also just responded to say that the 15 meter buffer was generated through the DWS approved buffer tool. And that there was only one turbine, which was turbine 42, that was located within that buffer. And that turbine was moved by the developer's engineer outside of that buffer. So that was just some of the responses. These detailed responses will be in the comment and response report to commenting on the wetland. Watercourse comments. I am not and don't have a watercourse expert in the room, and I'm definitely not a watercourse expert, so if there are any further comments on that front, please don't hesitate to just send us an email or pop some comments in the chat, and I will forward it through to our specialists.

Unfortunately, they were unable to make it today, so I can always forward other and comments through to them should you need any extra information on that front. All right, so then moving on to the biodiversity side. I think let's, oh sorry is there a hand? Sorry Albert disappeared.

1:01:17 - Mervyn Lotter

Robert, I can see you. Yes, it's me Ashley.

1:01:19 - 1Robyn Luyt

Yes. Thanks. I just My concern with that response, Ashley, is that we're now talking about a water use license. You referred to it as catching those impacts. But the concern is that buffers for watercourses relate directly to bat impacts and bird impacts also. And that is not going to be considered in the water use license application. Also, Road impacts don't just impact watercourse crossings, they traverse through areas of inside grassland patches and CBAs, so that's also a concern. I don't believe that it has necessarily been assessed adequately for EIA purposes because watercourse crossings affect, the roads affect more than the aquatic impacts?

1:02:21 - Conference Room (Strong, Ashlea) - Speaker 1

Yes. No. Agreed. 100%. I think in terms of the water use license, I think they were specifically talking about crossings. What has already the buffers that are in there, they are, the buffers have been taken into account in terms of aquatic recommendations as well as the BAT recommendations. Those buffers have been put on all the watercourses and wetlands and even farm dams in terms of their layers, in terms of the sensitivity maps. So they were taken into account in terms of the impact assessment.

1:03:02 - Conference Room (Strong, Ashlea) - Speaker 1

So there is a level of impact, not necessarily impact assessment that comes through the WULA, but there is some level of additional, should I say, study that goes into it and specifically the crossings. But I do agree with you the rest of the impact of the roads themselves, yes, there is that. And that's why the final road layout hasn't been done yet because what happened was the aquatic guys and also the biodiversity guys recommended certain roads to be moved and then the layout changed. So now that road layout has to, and it literally takes about three weeks to redo a layout. And they have been sent all those recommendations from the specialists so that they can try and move those roads to the best possible site. And as I said earlier, these things are always adaptive and emerging, and there's always changes. So if those roads do change in the future again, which is potentially likely, they would be subject to a part two amendment.

1:04:17 - 1Robyn Luyt

Sorry, just to follow up from that, if you can just clarify this turbine 42, because it seems to be in conflict with the 100 meter radius versus the 15 meter radius.

1:04:31 - Conference Room (Strong, Ashlea) - Speaker 1

So it's definitely outside of the 15 meter. It was moved outside but it may still be within the 100m. So we'll double check that.

1:04:46 - Robyn Luyt

And then just to confirm that we've seen with other applications that meters is not sufficient to mitigate for bat and bird impacts.

1:04:58 - Conference Room (Strong, Ashlea) - Speaker 1

Okay, noted. Thank you, Robyn. Right, I think we're going to move on to Rudolph's portion. He's going to go through intact grasslands, CBAs, infield assessments and the biodiversity offset. I think we'll just skip over the cumulative slide because I think we've already discussed that. Just let me know when you need me to move the slide over. Do you want to just...

1:05:33 - Conference Room (Strong, Ashlea) - Speaker 3

Did I?

1:05:34 - Unidentified Speaker

Yeah.

1:05:35 - Conference Room (Strong, Ashlea) - Speaker 1

All right.

1:05:36 - Conference Room (Strong, Ashlea) - Speaker 3

Hi, everybody. Thank you. Thanks for your time. So one of the main things that we did pick up from a biodiversity perspective, terrestrial, is the intact grassland patches and, of course, the climate change corridors. So here you see the layout and how many of the turbines intersect. There's a couple that, I suppose, are pretty much on the boundary layer of the intact grasslands, and that could be affected by the size of the footprint that we used for our mapping. Of course, I nicked this map, I think, from your work, so I do excuse. It shows the climate change corridors quite nicely, so I thought that would be great. So there's 10 turbines that intersect the intact grassland Some of them are, I suppose, close to the edge. We just need to, I suppose, be more specific on the size of the base and, of course, the buffer we put around each of them. That might change a bit. And then there's six that intersect with the climate change corridors. So there's absolutely no argument as to the value of intact grasslands or the climate change corridors, absolutely no argument with that. And with the current layout, I think there's been quite a few of the turbines that's been moved away or out of these sensitive areas. What we do see is that the road network, we can't exactly comment on that at the moment because we don't have a final layout for the roads. That might change the perspective a little bit, but at the moment, this is where we're sitting. And of course, as you can see from our mitigation measures, it's always been the point to move as many of the turbines as possible out of these highly sensitive areas. Next slide. So this is the intercepts. So this is very much MTPA data. So it's from a, suppose a desktop perspective from our side. Um, it's not fine tune where we had anybody in field. And from that, the, you know, the CPA replaceable that that seems to be, uh, intersected is hectares. Optimal is 15.4.8. And the intake grasslands is almost eight hectares. Um, again, those numbers could change once the road networks are included. Um, but again, there is no argument about the sensitivity of these areas. So this is where you see our infield assessment. The high ecological importance areas, those

are the CBAs irreplaceable and optimal altogether. You'll see that the climate change corridors are not indicated there. This is very much something I think we can start adding, but for this specific map you've seen here, was the result of our terrestrial ecologist going out to the field, field testing, and making sure that everything that is indicated from a desktop level is tested, and we can in that way refine on those. The low or the very low areas are either transformed completely or it's the an invasive plant, patches or trees or cultivated areas. Then for the next one, you'll see now I just want to start just quickly touching on the offsets. So without having a final layout in terms of the amount of hectares that might be impacted by the road network and the it's very hard to start talking about the offset. So the offset report that was produced was very much a, um, I suppose a starting point and a worst case because it's we actually went and, um, added our own roads on onto the offset report. Um, to kind of just look at the worst case scenario. So the could be guite different from what we have here. Again, we know that the project infrastructure does cross the terrestrial and aquatic CBAs. I mean, we've spoken about that quite extensively. And then we look at the CBA replaceable areas, exactly which of the turbines cover those, which of the turbines cover optimal. Then we try to, and of course, the intact grass and patches. And then we've got the data that was supplied to us, to the terrestrial biodiversity specialist, the reasoning behind the CBA replaceable or the CBA in general, you know, the designation, why those designations were put in place in terms of what exactly is present. So, you know, from our side, there's no argument about the high value of these areas. Then you'll see the hectares impacted. So the only reason I'm putting that in there is to show that the amount that is there Um, and it could change very likely a bit more, um, to show how many the specific suppose of of concern would be the high value. Um that you see this at the moment. Well, we look at about 24 hectares, but I think it's changed already. Um and then something that I just wanted to note was if you look at the entire people, Moolah, um, project boundary, the amount of very low, in other words, old lands, cultivation, alien trees, vegetation types that are present is about 14,000 hectares, with high value about 16, almost 17,000 hectares. And the only reason I want to highlight that is the possibility for some extensive, I suppose, conservation action in terms of the high value areas that are possible. And once an offset strategy or offset report it's got more details in terms of what is going on on the ground, and we can be more accurate in terms of our calculations. Then it's, you know, we're looking at inside the actual boundaries of the formula. There are many options that we can start looking at. I know there was a, I think there was a guery about how we got to our calculations for our first version of the And that was all based on the offset guidelines. And I'm happy to share all of those calculations to whoever might be interested. But yeah, I mean, this is where we are at the moment. I don't think I've got another slide, but yeah. If there's any questions, I'll be very happy to address.

1:12:55 - Mervyn Lotter

Robert?

1:12:58 - 1Robyn Luyt

Thank you. I don't think the question around the calculations was more around the fact that in the EIA itself, there was no reference to what infrastructure was placed in CBAs other than the turbines, which we surmised on our own mapping techniques. There was no reference to the roads or any infrastructure in irreplaceable areas. So my point is the calculations were not made clear because the sizes for irreplaceable areas only first appeared in the offset strategy. I wasn't questioning how you got to your calculations based on like for like, etc.

1:13:43 - Conference Room (Strong, Ashlea) - Speaker 3

Yes, I understand. I mean, I think what I'm trying to bring across is that, you know, there's some more supporting documentation that might be needed. So just to show where what is, for instance, the roads, I think that could be a that could change the calculations a little bit and could make it more interesting. But I'd like that point. Thank you very much, Robyn.

1:14:04 - Mervyn Lotter

Mervyn?

1:14:07 - 1Mervyn Lotter

Thanks. Yeah, I must say, I thought it was a good report. And I suppose the question that I had was in terms of the roads, which are being discussed now, and then also the timeframe. Often with these offset agreements, there is a commitment to manage the property for a number of years, because there's management plans, fire breaks have to be burnt, alien plant control. Just that part was mapping. There just needs to be a commitment in terms of the term and for how many years the management will be supported.

1:14:39 - Unidentified Speaker

Thanks.

1:14:40 - Conference Room (Strong, Ashlea) - Speaker 3

Thank you, Mervyn. I think I should also, in the report, I should just maybe make it a little more upfront that the guidelines for offsets were explicitly followed. So by implication, I would have means that something like a 30-year doing perpetuity would definitely be part of it. But that type of nitty-gritty, I'll definitely include that to make it more accessible. But thank you for that. I appreciate it.

1:15:09 - Conference Room (Strong, Ashlea) - Speaker 1

Great. Any further questions on this section of the discussion? I'd like to propose that we take a five or 10-minute comfort break. I'm sure people or drinking coffee. Is everybody happy with a five-minute comfort break? Robyn, another question before we do?

1:15:33 - 1Robyn Luyt

I think just for minute purposes to reiterate again the position on what can and can't be offset and that this offset strategy should really first consider whether the EIA has successfully mitigated in terms of, well, avoided and mitigated before we even get to offsets. I just think as good as the offset report is, it hasn't necessarily, it's not really placed sufficiently given that avoidance hasn't been achieved effectively.

1:16:14 - Conference Room (Strong, Ashlea) - Speaker 3

Thank you Robyn. I think what has become clear with the different iterations of layout is that our avoidance, we're almost on that first step of the mitigation hierarchy is being revisited a couple of times. So taking that into consideration, I mean, I'll definitely make it clearer as to at what step we are and what the would be. But thank you, I appreciate that moment.

1:16:42 - Conference Room (Strong, Ashlea) - Speaker 4

Thank you. Actually, just before we break, just from my side, yeah, I think what Robyn said, I just want to emphasize it's of critical importance that you demonstrate that you followed properly the whole mitigation hierarchy and how you arrived to the biodiversity offset and also as part of your final EIR, there must be a biodiversity offset plan linked to that. But I'm getting a little bit concerned. You're also indicating at the bottom or somewhere in the slide that it seems that you're still waiting for engineers to do some of the roads, et cetera, et cetera. We're sitting now with the final EIR phase, and it seems that there will be still iterations on the layout plans, et cetera, et cetera. I'm getting concerned. Actually, this should have been done much earlier in the process. I don't know if you're going to meet your timeframes, or you're going to submit something, and it's not actually finalized. And we issue a decision, and then two months after that, the applicant starts coming up with amendments, really. And that creates more problems in the end of the day. So I just want to explain. My concern about the things that are still hanging, that should have been pulled in already and considered properly, like the roads. That is a concern of me, especially in terms of the timeframes. Thank you.

1:18:22 - Conference Room (Strong, Ashlea) - Speaker 1

Thank you, Coenrad, for your input. Good to know. All right. I think let's just do a five-minute comfort break. Back here at five minutes or 10 minutes. Anybody got a preference? How long does it take to make a cup of coffee?

1:18:47 - Conference Room (Strong, Ashlea) - Speaker 2

Let's make it 10 minutes.

1:18:48 - Conference Room (Strong, Ashlea) - Speaker 1

Let's make it 10 minutes and back here at 5 to 11. So 10.50.

1:18:54 - Gavin Cowden

All right? Thanks, Gavin. Great. Thanks, guys.

1:18:59 - 1Gavin Cowden

Thanks, Albert. You did a great job.

1:19:00 - Mervyn Lotter

Thank you.

1:28:00 - Conference Room (Strong, Ashlea) - Speaker 1

And I hope everybody is comfortable. We're going to move on to the avifauna portion of our discussion. Albert, where would you like to start? Or mitigation?

1:28:22 - Conference Room (Strong, Ashlea) - Speaker 2

Actually, I think maybe if you want to go back just to the queries and stuff here, just to briefly touch on those.

1:28:35 - Conference Room (Strong, Ashlea) - Speaker 1

Let me just check that everyone can hear us. Everybody can hear us? Okay, everybody's there. Thanks, guys. Okay.

1:28:50 - Conference Room (Strong, Ashlea) - Speaker 2

All right. So I think, yeah, there's obviously the IBA, KBA issue of the you know, in my opinion, don't really read those boundaries, but we're obviously very cognizant of the importance of why IDAs were identified. defined, and their key trigger species, species of conservation concern, and then linked to that the key biodiversity areas. So, kind of wearing a bit a broader perspective on it and taking everything into account. And Mervyn, your earlier comment of, you know, the number of species of conservation concern, priority species that, you know, we have on site is not something we're not aware of, very well noted, and also dearly concerned about and wanting to try as best we can to take those into consideration with regard to. Coenrad, to link to your point earlier of making sure the necessary steps in the mitigation hierarchy are followed both from an avoidance point of view and then from a mitigation point of view. So maybe just to initially touch a little bit on the avoidance aspect and Again, I don't want to get bogged down into nitty gritty detail, but we can chat about it. Are things like the definition of modelled buffers versus radial or circular buffers? I think our perspective with using more of a modelled buffer that is based on the underlying landscape features, whether those are, for example, from a wetland point of view. Do we just stock standard, take the wetland specialist delineations and buffer those further? We could, but I think birds, as I've just said, use the landscape quite differently. So we try and then say where are the areas that the birds are going to be using more based on the underlying habitat. And so in some areas there will be larger buffers based on the underlying habitat and surrounding moist grassland as an example. And then where that does not prevail, we will revert to what the aquatic specialists have said. Obviously, I mean, it's common knowledge and I don't want to belabour the point, but we know that the birds don't fly according to our buffers or to any buffer for that matter, whether it is modelled or a circular buffer. So that brings us to the need for mitigation. But Ashley, we'll move to the mitigation slide just a little bit later. I think maybe just to touch on some of the other aspects of significance ratings, not bringing it all the way back down to low, which I agree, even given everything we do put in place, the sensitivity is still there and which underscores the need for mitigation. That certainly the commitment to do mitigation and to have an adaptive management strategy in place to look at that mitigation is definitely there, and we will unpack the mitigation a little bit more. And Gavin, your points earlier around the cumulative impacts of these facilities, I think that is a much and higher level discussion that is always difficult to deal with on a project basis. And I really think we do need a higher view. And Gareth, it's great to see you here around the work that the EWT are doing in conjunction with the NTPA and how potentially that information, I think, can feed into that process of us better understanding these risks at a landscape scale. And, you know, then drawing boundaries like 30 or 55 100 kilometres are all a little bit arbitrary. But, you know, we do need to get to grips with how the birds use the landscape. And that speaks to things like movement corridors. And I think it's worth just touching on the in the dark, the birds that fly at night, definitely a valid concern and, you know, something that when we speak about mitigation around aspects to consider like radar, which I think is not necessarily a saving grace, but can go a long way to assist us in identifying night flying movements. It's maybe not

going to see small passerine birds moving through the landscape unless they come in dense bands, as we are seeing, you know, the effectiveness of these kind of mitigation measures in the northern hemisphere during migration events, where there's a lot of birds moving together. But I think if we look at birds like flamingos, where they would typically move in flocks at night and even recognizing that they have a very characteristic flight pattern. It's not impossible for radar to be able to pick up on those sort of things and that however does leave us with the the level of uncertainty around the effectiveness of something like that but we still, you know, rely on what we are seeing internationally and I think the commitment of the responsible developers. So we are going to do this and we are going to actually be committed to make this work and I'm going to touch on that a little bit more in the mitigation slide. So I've spoken about the movement corridors at a regional level of the buffers, radial versus modelled. There were some aspects about vulture risk assessment coming from Vulpro. And Gareth, that's perhaps an aspect with regard to the work you are doing at a regional and a provincial level that we need to touch on to bring that information to the fore, especially in terms of movement of birds in the Mpumalanga landscape, I think, is a critical aspect. The other challenge we are dealing with is the differentiation between active and inactive nests. Of the larger birds of prey, I think it's very obvious and easy where partial eagles, et cetera, you know, a nest is often reused. They may not use it for few years and then come back, we have had instances in the landscape where Marshall Eagle nests actually a large blue gum tree, the branch breaks off. However, the birds usually typically have alternate nest sites in those territories. And again, in terms of delineating a circular buffer is, in my opinion, risky from that point of view. Having a more habitat-based buffer, plus which should be defined as an exclusion buffer for a collision risk perspective, and then a smaller disturbance buffer around where a nest actually is located, and then a much larger mitigation level buffer, because we know for a fact that the birds actually move than five or six kilometres from their nests, and therefore we need a very tight and robust mitigation strategy in place. Still just on the aspect of nests that are active and inactive, one of the greatest challenges that we have through all the monitoring work we have done in the province, in Mpumalanga and the Free State, as a matter of fact, centre, around secretary birds, where these birds seem to be under a lot of pressure from various levels of disturbance, habitat transformation, and they are desperate to breed. We see them building a lot of, starting a lot of nest structures, and before they even get to a point where I can say, well, there's really something happening here, The Egyptian geese take over the nest they abandon Or they start building a nest and there's some level of disturbance They build nests very close to roads very close to infrastructure, so it leaves us with a great challenge to Put generous buffers around each of those nests which is What I would like to do, but I would wipe out the entire area landscape because of how often the birds either roost or start building nests on trees. And we've not seen successful breeding, which is very, very, very concerning for me. And most of the failed attempts we have had in the landscape in the last year has largely been as a result of Egyptian geese just pushing the birds off their nests. I know it's a bit of an aside, but it makes it very, difficult to put in hard and fast, generous buffers around a nest that has been taken over by geese, because Marlene next to me here is going to say, Albert, but that's a, you know, a goose nest. It's not a secretary bird nest. And the birds never come back because they are harassed to the extent where they don't actually read on those nests and they go and build a new nest. So that circles me to the effectiveness of mitigation. Ashley, and maybe if we can jump to the mitigation slide. And I'm sure everyone has got a ton of questions. I can actually hear Mervyn jotting them down. But when we talk about mitigation, I think I've got the same point up there. The avoidance buffers. But I think what I'd like to see, and it does leave a door open for uncertainty, I'm not going to argue that. There is the aspect of what we are putting in place at a lot of the operational facilities where we are working in the rest of the country, is a very tightly managed biodiversity management plan. That governs the process around adaptive management with mitigations that are already in place. Now, those mitigations that could already be in place are aspects like shutdown on demand. We obviously, I mean, let's just briefly touch on the blade patterning. That's a no brainer for me. In my humble opinion, in the highly sensitive areas, as we are, and I think the blade patterning guidance that is being developed by

SAWEA is definitely speaking to this around, let's not take an experimental approach here. Let's paint all the blades. Let's get that in place and done and buttoned down. Then where we have the adaptive management program, we look at the implementation of either shutdown on demand across the entire facility, because we know the number of species of conservation concern that we are dealing with in the landscape are not few and far between. And when we stack all these species together, they are going to use the site. I mean, we heard earlier around the amount of available habitat there is. And, Read, you made a very important point I think, around the fact that there's opportunity for conservation strategies of that landscape on the site. Now, then immediately I go, but the birds are going to use it. The birds are, in any case, going to use it until that landscape is completely degraded by the likes of agriculture, pollution into the wetlands, cattle grazing into the wetlands, alien infestation, et cetera. I mean, these are the things we know that is happening. Having a robust mitigation strategy in place around observer-led shutdown on demand, is that going to be feasible? I question it because of the fact that the birds don't behave like us that struggle to get up in the morning. They literally do catch the early worm because they are out there early early on in the day, which pushes us towards automated mitigation strategies. That becomes difficult, I know, because are we going to shut down for every second Adida compared to southern bald ibis? That looks very similar. And the effectiveness, therefore, is uncertain, and hence why the impact post-mitigation is not low. Why it is medium, and why we are saying this is not something we can just say, well, checkbox, we do it, we leave it, it's there. It's a process of continuous monitoring and evaluation. And benchmarking that against critical values of what can the population sustain. And Mervyn, I think it was in your comments or in yours where. you know, the projected number of fatalities that we are dealing with. Definitely from an industry perspective, from a specialist perspective, and from bird life, for example, I know that is very high on the agenda to try and define those values. I think it's very difficult and I don't want to say unreasonably realistic, but on a per project basis to do this and come up with national thresholds or provincial thresholds. I think that needs to come in from a more strategic point of view, that we all are towing the same line, because the way I would perhaps be looking at it compared to how other specialists would be looking at it could create a lot of Um, so there needs to be commonality in that regard. And I know with third life and somewhere there's a lot of initiatives going on in the background that I'm sure you guys are also aware of to try and get to those. You know, to draw some lines in the concrete, not even in the sand, and that would lead us to be able to Evaluate the impact we could potentially have here or would be having and through the management strategies say, well, automated is only so effective, therefore, I mean, we've looked at some other facilities where there are initiatives of predictive curtailment, knowing that in this particular area, there are cranes roosting at a wetland during the crepuscular zone, those turbines will be proactively shut down when we know the birds are going to be moving through the landscape. There are always, I think, more things we can try and do. And I think these initiatives are also improving all the time. Technology is getting better. So I would also caution around buttoning it down to the nth degree now, because this facility may only be built in five years, six years. I mean, Marlene and Debbie would be far better placed to tell me, oh, but this could happen in so many years or it could not happen at all. But let's not go down that road. When it happens, there may be much better technologies available on the table. So I do always want to leave that door open, that we can implement something that may be much better at the time. But at the same time, I don't think we should skirt away from committing to having mitigation measures in place. And then last but not least, I think, you know, this is something that's coming through for us very strongly and also looking at what works on the ground nationally. Having a committed individual on site that actually manages the process, that is skilled, that is qualified, that has that passion and commitment to evaluate on the ground. Unfortunately, they are not enough of us that sit around the table here that really are passionate about our birds and about the environment. And we need a champion at each facility. We've seen how successful that has been, for example, at Engie's Excelsior wind farm. And they have had fatalities, as sad as it is, but they are committed to making it work They've got an individual that manages the process very, very tightly. Their system was designed for Cape vultures. They've not killed one Cape vulture. That's a big plus for me. And

it shows me that it can work as long as you have someone on site managing it. We've got other facilities, and I'll own up to it, that we don't have a committed individual that manages on site, and that's where my concern lies and persistently working towards encouraging those developers to do more post-operation. And I think where I'm coming from here is we've got the opportunity to pre-authorization and say we need this level of commitment to do specific things for the birds that when and if we get to a point of going into operation, it's been planned for from a financial point of view. Anyway, I'm rambling perhaps, maybe there are some specific questions that people want to wing my way.

1:49:19 - Mervyn Lotter

Robert.

1:49:23 - 1Robyn Luyt

Thank you, Albert. I just want to ask, when you say adaptive management programme, In this specific instance for this project, what is it that you mean? Because we, my understanding is that blade painting will, Mpumalanga's position anyway, is that blade painting will be compulsory across any wind farm in the province. Shutdown on demand, you've already advanced in your report, should be compulsory across the site, although that wasn't actually taken up into the EIA and I didn't understand why. With those two measures already in place, what is left in terms of adaptive management? And it's a question I asked in my comments. And why can't those adaptive management measures be outlined specifically in the EIA?

1:50:14 - Conference Room (Strong, Ashlea) - Speaker 2

Thanks, Robyn. Valid concern. And, you know, there are only so many tools currently at our disposal that we could consider. But I think it is worth mentioning that, you know, when we look at it from an adaptive point of view, there are numerous types of shutdown on demand available. So, yes, we could, for argument's sake, say, start with observer shutdown on demand. Noted what I said earlier, it may not be effective, but remember, unfortunately, there is always a financial consideration. Linden Debbie here has to wear that hat. We've seen that in other projects where if we look at an automated shutdown on demand type of systems, there are various tiers that are presently available to industry to implement. So you might start off with tier one that is not very effective at identifying individual species. So that is a concern I would have, but from an affordability point of view, we may start off with that. If that does not work, and that comes back to the continuous monitoring and evaluation for me, we need to have the option of changing and adapting to that very rapidly. And what is very rapidly, very valid concern and point that clients at Avifaunal Specialists also, you know, would like to say, you know, at least within three or six months, we've got to look at making changes to the system. I mentioned earlier the issue of predictive curtailment and the work that is currently being done around understanding how and when birds fly in the landscape and under which environmental conditions those high-risk flights are taking place is key for me. And as much as Debbie and Marlene does not want to hear this, if mortalities or impacts are exceeding those values we so desperately need, of if we have killed two southern bald ibis at this project, we have exceeded our threshold for that year, or if it is zero, once we have killed one, do we currently have that information? To say when the wind speed is seven meters per second and it is 18.5 degrees and the barometric pressure is this, then we know that the Ibises are going to fly at this height through the landscape. We need that information. Can we wait for that information to be on the table? Ideally, we'd want to. However, there's a much greater pressure on us, everyone in the room, from government's point of view of a just energy transition that needs to happen. Are we busy collecting that information? I think we are. And when we get to that point, we will be able to say, Marlene, you've got to switch off your turbine number 44 to 48 between

six and seven in the morning, because that's when the high risk is there. She's going to screw squeal, but it is what it is, because we need to mitigate this. Sorry, it's a long-winded answer, Robyn, but we need to look at alternatives at the time, and that's where, you know, the monitoring evaluation, someone that manages out on site, not expecting Albert to wing pass there once every year to do this, that's not going to cut it.

1:54:08 - Conference Room (Strong, Ashlea) - Speaker 1 And moving.

1:54:12 - 1Mervyn Lotter

Thanks so yeah, but in your example, you're just giving Robyn. I mean, it does assume we have data on the collision, the heart, the preferences of these birds and whether it is predictable or not, because I think a lot of their movement could be random based on the prevailing wind speed that day or a fire or food source somewhere outside of even the footprint area. But it kind of brings me to my And the more I think about these modelled or shape buffers is that it's, um, there is a level of, it sounds good in practice. I mean, the theory, as I said in my comments, the theory makes sense to me, but the practice, the practical application of isn't. So if we think about, um, we, the shape of there's two things, one being we don't have enough information to be able to accurately predict, um, those movements, the, and some of these species, like a secretary bird, they don't favour a wetland or a rocky outcrop, and a relatively flat terrain, they can move anywhere. So it's impossible to say this is the area they're going to be moving on when we don't have the data to support that. And so we're making proposals based on, let's say, data quality, and that's what gets me nervous. And particularly that the implications of it would be maybe fatalities because of collision and then you put yourself in our shoes. Now we need to evaluate this application and now we know if we get an application where there's a one kilometre buffer around a nest site, we can look and measure and assess. Are we getting, we're not getting that, we get maybe there's a shape buffer but we don't know how big that buffer is. We can't see it on the map because it's merged with other sensitivities and wetlands and stuff so you can't actually see what does the shaped buffer look like, So we going on the word of the proposer, being now yourself or your team who developed these models. So how do we actually know that in this shape buffer of yours that there is a minimum at least that it will never be narrower than, let's say, 75% more commonly used size buffer. So we need those kind of like incorporated, those requirements, those thresholds into the model that we know it will never be smaller than a certain amount. And your halving, for example, the Marshall is a bit more drastic. A 2.5 kilometre buffer is not sufficient when the buffer should be around 5.3 kilometres. So it kind of makes it difficult for us to evaluate this. And maybe what is needed then is a separate document, maybe an appendix which says this is how the shape buffers were calculated. This is uncertainty, you have a layer if you want to download it, or this is what it looks like, because it leaves us with no information to assess. I feel I don't have confidence applying it because I can't even see that buffer on the map. So from a review point of view, it makes it very difficult for us. And then also from the application point of view, there's a lot of uncertainty. In theory, I like it, but it mustn't be a form of like smoke and mirrors where it sounds great, but people can't really see it and use it on an apply it to the landscape. So yeah, I just want to leave that with you then. Could you comment on the Black Sparrowhawk? It had a 750 meter buffer in the scoping report and then in the EIA it's now got a 250 buffer. And then also looking at the offset report of Read's that spoke about two roosting sites for Cape Vultures, but they are in every phone or report. Can you maybe just comment as to maybe they were considered and we it wasn't particularly articulated. Could you just give us some background on those? Thank you.

1:58:02 - Conference Room (Strong, Ashlea) - Speaker 2

Okay, thanks. I hear your point, and I think with regard to the, um, shaped buffers versus radial buffers. I think it's a very valid thing because, um, you see What we need are separate maps indicating those buffers. And typically, what we try and do with regard to a shaped no turbine buffer, to use the Marshall Eagle, which I think is an excellent example, that shaped buffer, the surface area of the shaped buffer will largely be equivalent to what a five kilometre radial buffer will be. Therefore, the area protected for the birds is defined by the habitat they would use. If I think openly around, let's say, are the marshal eagles going to use an agricultural field? Maybe they are, because there could be guineafowl in there, which they But they may be more prone to natural vegetation. So the shaped buffer would then be influenced by where there is better habitat for them to hunt in. And that will influence that shape. So I think to demonstrate that, separate maps that speak to those aspects would address that concern. And sharing the actual Facial layers because they there I mean, it's not trust me. I'm not a doctor, but Robyn is almost a doctor we Do that obviously, but you know point well take we need a separate map that shows that Then there's still a no disturbance buff And I think that's maybe where some of the confusion around the two and a half kilometre and then the five kilometre is The 2.5km speaks to all infrastructure exclusions, apart from maybe upgrading an existing road, because there are existing roads in that 2.5km buffer. So we're trying to avoid disturbance with a 2.5km buffer, which we feel is sufficient from a disturbance point of view, and obviously there won't be turbines in there. But then the shaped buffer that covers a similar area compared to the five kilometre area is then a no turbine area, and outside of that is a mitigation zone. That mitigation zone then speaks to where mitigation measures that we had the whole discussion about should be implemented. Further protect the birds. That speaks on the buffer sizes. You asked about the Black Sparrowhawk, the 250 versus 750 meters. I think there we're dealing with a species of least concern, Black Sparrowhawk, that from extensive work in the landscape, these birds move their nests guite around in the landscape. So again, I would rather look at the implementation of mitigation measures for these birds when priority species than having very large, generous buffers and knowing these birds regularly change their nest sites in the landscape. So I think in part that is the reason for the contraction of that buffer. A point well noted, it was not clearly articulated between the scoping and the EIA report for that quite drastic retraction of that buffer area, but obviously still open for further discussion on that. Then to move on to your point about the vulture colonies. Read and I have had a discussion and I think, Read, you want to maybe just chip in there?

2:02:35 - Conference Room (Strong, Ashlea) - Speaker 3

Yeah, I just have to double check that because it doesn't sound right. Yeah, I just, I'm an apologist for that. I'll have to just check what went on there, but it doesn't sound as it was supposed to be.

2:02:47 - Conference Room (Strong, Ashlea) - Speaker 2

Yeah, from the information we have and through our interrogation of vulture tracking data and vulture information, in the landscape, we are certainly not aware of definite roost sites. There have been observations of birds roosting on power lines in the Carolina area, and we've seen a few birds roost on power lines to the southeast of the Camden power station, but not to the extent where I would term it a permanent, regularly used roost site. Through all the information, and I'm open for correction here, is, you know, if we, you know, we're not aware of permanent roosts in that area. The birds are moving through, and we've substantiated this with quite extensive additional monitoring in the landscape. Typically in the summer months when it's hot, the birds do move through, but it's midday movements and it's largely birds moving through the landscape. So it's not continuous active on-site presence of foraging, scouting around, wafting around, looking for food. It's birds moving through, often at high altitude, but definitely there has been birds in road to swept areas. Again, I circle back to my earlier comment of effectiveness of shut down

on demand measures against large conspicuous birds like vultures. I think we can do pretty well in that regard.

2:04:37 - Conference Room (Strong, Ashlea) - Speaker 6

Okay, can I just please, sorry, I'm struggling to put up my hand, it's Mmamahole. We have, yes, with regards to the vultures, there is a roost on transmission and distribution lines near the Chrissiesmere area and south of the Camden substation.

2:05:04 - Conference Room (Strong, Ashlea) - Speaker 2

Excellent, thank you. I would really appreciate more information on that. As I say, the one near Chrissiesmere may be the one that we are aware of, but if you can provide us, with more information on that. We definitely welcome that.

2:05:24 - Conference Room (Strong, Ashlea) - Speaker 6

I'd like to suggest that you get in touch with Vulpro. I'm not sure if there's somebody from Vulpro in the meeting. They have the most recent information on the vultures activities in the area. And they have actually provided comments to actually on the 10th of October, so you should have gotten them. Yes, OK, great.

2:05:50 - Mervyn Lotter

Thank you for that. And just want to add that it was from Read's report that I saw reference to the two vulture colonies. So it was, you know, the vulture roost, not colony, but a vulture roost. And then we raised it. So Read, if you could please just get back and confirm. But my last comment would be, it's not actually one that we picked up one, but it's something bird life. We were copied on BirdLife's comments, and that's about the white-winged flufftail, and that their monitoring shows several suitable sites throughout the Phefumula Emoyeni project area. So, have you seen that while we got the floor? Do you want to comment on the white-winged flufftail models?

2:06:30 - Conference Room (Strong, Ashlea) - Speaker 2

Thanks, Mervyn. Yes, I can comment on that. Obviously, as you know, my colleague Robyn in Canada has done a lot of work on the on the flap tails, and it definitely is on the table for us to investigate further and to take that information that has been shared by BirdLife into consideration. I think when looking at that is the suitability of those areas are not as good as what there are other areas further to the east where the suitability increases greatly, but we are looking at it into more detail and also in discussion with Marlene and Debbie around potentially doing some further on-site verification in that regard, but it is definitely well noted and being further interrogated. Thanks.

2:07:30 - Conference Room (Strong, Ashlea) - Speaker 7

Okay, just a timing issue because the comments, this has to be wrapped up now. We don't have that.

2:07:36 - Conference Room (Strong, Ashlea) - Speaker 2

We don't. I'm well aware of that.

2:07:39 - Unidentified Speaker

Thanks.

2:07:41 - Conference Room (Strong, Ashlea) - Speaker 1

Gavin. Oh, sorry. I'm not sure now what happened.

2:07:49 - Conference Room (Strong, Ashlea) - Speaker 2

Ladies first.

2:07:53 - 1Robyn Luyt

Gavin, your hand up was at first, so thank you. I'm just going to jump in because it's based on what Mervyn has just said. And going back to your models, Albert. My understanding is that these BirdLife models were updated just three weeks ago and it's difficult based on Mervyn's point, or going back to Mervyn's point, for us to confirm whether your models or your modelling includes BirdLife's most up-to-date models.

2:08:24 - Conference Room (Strong, Ashlea) - Speaker 2

With regard to white-winged flufftail, or should I rather say species 23, Um, we, um, I think the update of their model is actually as a result of additional information that we as AfriAvian collected in the landscape. Um, in conjunction with information they have been collecting in the wider landscape further to the north. Um, that has How can I put this? Um, increased the threshold or the lower or lowered the threshold for the suitability of the species in the landscape based on localities where it has in more recent times been confirmed to be present. So this is hot off the press kind of information that based on where in the last season birds have been reported that increased the potential suitability, and hence puts the onus on us to say, well, how does the habitat look on Phefumula? And Mervyn, well noted your comment around the timing issue. Can one pull that rabbit out of a hat in a few days? Not an easy one to do.

2:09:52 - 1Gavin Cowden

Thanks. Gavin? Sure, OK. Sorry, I wanted to go last because I wanted to have a more bird's eye view again. So I am from the strategic side. So OK, so first of all, just quickly in terms of what Albert said about the commonality of the fatality thresholds, I couldn't agree more. Hopefully we'll, well, I'm hopefully doing a presentation at the Birds in Real Energy Forum, and I will probably put that in. And what comes to mind is that I know it's public domain. I'm just looking at the draft scoping reports out now. And I mean, the avian fauna specialist looked at basically using flight heights. You have to look at the report, but the point is, is they use somewhat different method. And those figures, Albert, were based on the mortality, the monitoring data from bird life. And I just plugged them in quickly to get an idea, just to look at cumulative impact. So as I said, I'm coming from a birds eye view, so everything's more strategic with me. So, yeah, I've got a question as well, but let me quickly go to your comment about the ghosts in the night. Okay, and shut down radar, shut down on demand. And it's true, we don't really know what the impacts are going to be. And we got to assess it. And it's really difficult when you're getting an application. And you got to look at the impacts and try and measure them and predict what the impacts are going to be. And it's really difficult because

there's so many variables. But, so yeah, our standard has been, as Robyn said, obviously blade painting, and obviously we're concerned about the flamingos, and the radar shut down on the mark. But, sorry, I can't contain my enthusiasm here. So yeah, they're not really ghosts in the night. As people know, I think a lot of you in the room might know that we've started a study to track birds, and unfortunately, we've only managed to put collars on four greater flamingos. But really, we've just sort of started getting some data trickling in. And that's why I asked earlier about the hub height and the blade height, because it seems like, and as Mervyn said quite rightly, it could be the environmental conditions, because it seems that the winds come a little bit later this year, and it's normally August, September. Winds seem to be heavier now in October. But it seems like they're flying at lower heights than the lesser flamingo. That's just my interpretation. My colleagues can correct me if I'm wrong. Is that we're starting to get some data in. This data is going to be absolutely invaluable. I mean, looking at the one chart that I saw, it looks like you might even be able to do shutdown on demand on a Monday and a Tuesday between this time and that time, and then you could be good to go. So that is absolutely invaluable. So I just had to share that with you. And obviously, you know, it comes onto my last point. It's about blade painting with flamingos. Is it effective, Albert, blade painting? I know that a lot of the studies that have been done in like in Hopefield and stuff, they're no flamingos, but is it effective? Would it possibly, if the birds are flying during the day, and we're finding from our data that the birds are flying quite a lot at night, and yeah, would blood painting then be effective if they're flying during the day? Yeah, I think that is all my comments, I think for now, yeah. Oh yes, and sorry, about two minutes, I just quickly started extracting information talking for you guys. We're talking about the 55km radius. Hence my point about the sensitivity of the area, and unfortunately, a lot of these wind farms are coming in this area where the wind is. Basically, with Phefumula, 695, the 55km radius, 695 turbines of the 708 turbines in the whole province are in 55km of Phefumula. That highlights the point about the sensitivity of this area and that basically, yeah. Okay, thank you.

2:13:46 - Conference Room (Strong, Ashlea) - Speaker 2

Thanks, Gavin. I think your question around pattern blades, do they work in this landscape? Short answer is we don't know, because one, we don't have any turbines and we don't have proof that given our suite of species we are dealing with. I mean, most of the evaluation and testing on blade patterning in the northern hemisphere. Right. So that is well known that it seems to be quite effective. But more research is needed. And in all the presentations, I know you guys were in the IFC work workshop in person and then the webinar recently where Rob Simmons, Dr. Rob Simmons, presented on this. It seems promising, but there's no guarantees yet. So, therefore, is blade patterning a mitigation measure that we know is going to work at this stage? No, it isn't. Therefore, we need to do more. I certainly would want to see the results from work being done in the provincial level and at a national level around other species. We really, you know, have just bought our tickets around blade patterning and we're starting to move into the departure lounge around understanding this. So we still have a long way to go to really say it is effective or not, but we need pattern blades in the landscape and very robust monitoring and evaluation because that's the only way we're going to find out whether this actually works and your birds with tracking devices on them are going to be key to understanding how these birds use that landscape and regular fixes from those tracking devices when they move into areas is where there are turbines is really going to unpack that for us. How do they use that spatial area in close proximity to turbines? Is it working? Isn't it working? So there's a lot of potential there. So the more birds we can have with tracking devices on them, the better, because that's going to tell us how the birds use that land. Scope. Robert.

2:16:30 - 1Robyn Luyt

Thank you, Albert. I think for going back to how we deal with your answers in our EIA world, it kind of, and

you've basically said what we all know, honestly. So that brings into question the impact analysis in the EIA. And how can we then say that the impact, the mitigation measures that have been proposed could justifiably bring down those high level, higher significance ratings to moderate when we don't even know that they work?

2:17:10 - Unidentified Speaker

Yeah.

2:17:13 - Conference Room (Strong, Ashlea) - Speaker 2

Yeah, it is a challenge, Robyn, and we are often constrained by the impact rating system, and in many instances, yes, impacts will still be there. How high they are going to be is always debatable, and, you know, is it justifiable to just say they are moderate? We do have to obviously, on two sides of the fence, there's the precautionary principle, which if we apply that strictly we would most probably remain at high or do we have some confidence in some of these measures like what I articulated earlier around the successes that has been achieved in conjunction with our mitigation hierarchy that we are following because if we assume at the high level we have not avoided but we have avoided So in that sense, yes, is that avoidance sufficient? We are providing some safe space for the birds so that in its own right I think does help to bring down the risk and then we are putting in all these additional measures. So is that then justifiable to say no, it's having no effect? I don't think so. It is having but yeah is it kind of high moderate or moderate or low moderate is the elephant in the room I suppose.

2:18:59 - Conference Room (Strong, Ashlea) - Speaker 1

I think we're at the end of our presentation.

2:19:14 - Conference Room (Strong, Ashlea) - Speaker 1

Are there any last comments before we move to close?

2:19:21 - Unidentified Speaker

Mervyn?

2:19:25 - 1Mervyn Lotter

Thanks. It's just something which when Albert finished off now with his moderate, like we can bring it down. I mean, the mitigation measures will have a positive impact. It will reduce the risk.

2:19:38 - 1Mervyn Lotter

And that's acknowledged. It's just because you have these 10 threatened species on site, bringing it down from a high to a moderate could still have a significant impact. And that's, I think, ultimately the crux of our concern. And I just want to make a statement that, for monitoring purposes, that we still stand by our comments that were submitted. Thank you.

2:19:58 - Conference Room (Strong, Ashlea) - Speaker 1

Thanks, Mervyn.

2:20:00 - Conference Room (Strong, Ashlea) - Speaker 2

Thanks, Mervyn.

2:20:02 - Conference Room (Strong, Ashlea) - Speaker 1

Robyn?

2:20:05 - 1Robyn Luyt

Thank you. I just want to understand, Coenrad raised it at the beginning of the meeting. You've got 15 days to submit your final EIA. Like Mervyn said, we stand by our comments. I don't believe that we are in a position to support the activity, unfortunately. There is a lot of outstanding information still required, which I don't think can just be addressed in a comments and response report and package into a final EIA. For example, there are requirements that were requests that were made in our comments about analysing the impact of collisions on night flying species. And that's just one of the eight pages of comments that we made. So obviously any substantive changes that are made to an EIA report have to go out for a 30 day comment period. So, is it the intention for you to package a response now, submit to final EIA to DFFE for a decision?

2:21:13 - Conference Room (Strong, Ashlea) - Speaker 1

That is something that's currently in discussion and we will let you know what the decision is once it's been made. Okay. We will be providing detailed responses to all the comments. As I said, this was a high level. I mean, we can't go through each one individually in this setting. We will be providing individual responses to each and every comment that everybody has made and forwarded it to you in individual letters. It will also be included in the comment and response report. Should the decision be made to submit the package and submit a final EIR, you will We obviously also have the opportunity to provide additional comments directly to the DFFE, and cc the developer and the EAP, but we will let you know that that decision hasn't been made yet. But yes, I'd like to really thank everybody for their time today. It has been a very useful and productive session, I think. I've personally found it very good. Thank you for all your input. It has been a pleasure to engage with you all today. And we will formalize our request for that cumulative impact, cumulative details.

2:22:39 - Mervyn Lotter

We will definitely ask for that. And I think there was something you might want from your side, Albert, that we could include in there. We'll formalize that request as well. So I just want to say thank to everybody for joining us today and I hope you have a wonderful weekend and really thank you for your time.

2:23:02 - 1Mervyn Lotter

Thanks Ashley, thanks everybody.

Appendix D

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Dear Sir/Madam

Mamashela, Tshepho

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT OF THE NEW APPLICATION FORM AND DRAFT SCOPING REPORT FOR THE PHEFUMULA EMOYENI ONE ELECTRICAL GRID INFRASTRUCTURE LOCATED IN THE MSUKALIGWA LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, WHICH FALLS UNDER THE GERT SIBANDE DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY, IN THE MPUMALANGA PROVINCE.

The Department confirms having received the Application Form and Draft Scoping Report for Environmental Authorisation for the abovementioned project on 26 July 2024. You have submitted these documents to comply with the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2014, as amended.

Kindly note that your application for Environmental Authorisation falls within the ambit of an application applied for in terms of Part 3 of Chapter 4 of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended. You are therefore referred to Regulation 21 of the EIA Regulations, 2014 as amended.

Please take note of Regulation 40(3) of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended, which states that potential Interested & Affected Parties, including the Competent Authority, may be provided with an opportunity to comment on reports and plans contemplated in Regulation 40(1) of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended, prior to the submission of an application but **must** be provided an opportunity to comment on such reports once an application has been submitted to the Competent Authority.

Note that in terms of Regulation 45 of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended, this application will lapse if the applicant fails to meet any of the time-frames prescribed in terms of these Regulations, unless an extension has been granted by the Department in terms of Regulation 3(7) of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended.

You are hereby reminded of Section 24F of the National Environmental Management Act, Act No. 107 of 1998, as amended, that no activity may commence prior to an Environmental Authorisation being granted by the Department.

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Dear Ms Strong

COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT SCOPING REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED 400kV PHEFUMULA EMOYENI ONE ELECTRICAL GRID INFRASTRUCTURE NEAR ERMELO WITHIN THE MSUKALIGWA LOCAL MUNICIPALITY IN THE MPUMALANGA PROVINCE

The Application for Environmental Authorisation and the draft Scoping Report (SR) dated July 2024 and received by the Department on 26 July 2024, refer.

The Department has noted that the entire development study area is located within the Amersfoort-Bethal-Carolina Important Bird Area (SA018). You are advised in terms of Regulation 8(b) of the EIA Regulations 2014 as amended, that the location of the wind energy development within a high avifaunal sensitivity area may prejudice the success if this application.

This letter serves to inform you that the following information must be included to the final SR:

(a) Specific comments

- (i) The Amersfoort-Bethal-Carolina IBA hosts globally and regionally threatened species that are not found in similar abundance in other provinces. Several species are at risk of becoming extinct, some of which have be found at the proposed site (e.g., regionally threatened African Marsh Harrier (Endangered), Blue Crane (Near Threatened), Denham's Bustard (Vulnerable) and Cape Vulture (Endangered)). The threat of the proposed development to the IBA and the current status of globally threatened bird species such as the Botha's lark is of a concern. The Department urges the EAP and the applicant to evaluate whether the proposed development is suitable for this area considering the high avifaunal sensitivity.
- (ii) It is evident that large tracts of natural habitat in the study area, particularly in the south, are delineated as CBA Irreplaceable (CBA 1). These areas are required to meet biodiversity targets for biodiversity pattern (species and ecosystems) and ecological processes. Particularly, part of the development area is affected by intact grassland patches that are considered "source" areas for avifaunal species. These areas should remain in a natural state that is maintained in good ecological condition and therefore must be excluded from the development footprint.

- (iii) Further investigation into a possible offset agreement with the provincial competent authority required to reduce the ecological impacts of the development must be submitted with the draft EIAr. The agreement must also be submitted to this Department's Biodiversity Section for comments.
- (iv) The development area is located within areas with a high prominence of wetlands (including natural pans) and with very high aquatic/freshwater biodiversity significance that may be important for flamingos and other water-dependent birds.
- (v) It is further noted that there may be competing mining rights within the development area. The EIA must exclude these areas from the development footprint.
- (vi) Overall, this Department urges the EAP and the applicant to evaluate whether the proposed development is suitable for this area considering the significant threat to Critical Biodiversity Areas, intact grassland patches, Important Bird Areas and the habitat of numerous threatened bird species.
- (vii) Please ensure that a site sensitivity verification report that complies with Part A of the protocols is submitted with the final SR and addresses the following:
 - a) A verification using desktop analysis and details of the site inspection;
 - b) Site sensitivity for each theme/study listed, as well as compliance statements for assessments not needed to be conducted based on your site sensitivity verification.
 - c) The outcomes of the verification which clearly confirms or disputes the current use of the land and environmental sensitivity as identified by the screening tool; and,
 - d) Contains motivation and evidence of the either verified or different use of the land and environmental sensitivity.
- (viii) Please note further that the protocols, if applicable, require certain specialists' to be SACNASP registered. Please ensure that the relevant specialist certificates are attached to the relevant reports.
- (ix) With regards to the specialist studies to be undertaken, kindly note that the protocols only require studies to be undertaken where the verification confirms that the sensitivity is either high or very high. Should the sensitivity be confirmed to be low or medium, then a compliance statement is required.

(b) Listed Activities

- (i) Please ensure that all relevant listed activities are applied for, are specific and can be linked to the development activity or infrastructure as described in the project description.
- (ii) If the activities applied for in the application form differ from those mentioned in the final SR, an amended application form must be submitted.
- (iii) Please note that the Department's application form template has been amended and can be downloaded from the following link https://www.dffe.gov.za/documents/forms.

(c) Layout & Sensitivity Maps

- (i) The final SR must provide coordinate points for the proposed development site (note that if the site has numerous bend points, at each bend point coordinates must be provided) as well as the start, middle and end point of all linear activities.
- (ii) Please provide a layout map which indicates the following:
 - a) Power lines;
 - b) Access roads:
 - c) All supporting onsite infrastructure such as laydown area, guard house and control room etc. (existing and proposed);
 - d) Substations, transformers, switching stations and inverters:
 - e) All existing infrastructure on the site, especially railway lines and roads; and
 - f) Buildings.

- (iii) Please provide an environmental sensitivity map which indicates the following:
 - a) The location of sensitive environmental features identified on site, e.g. CBAs, IBAs, protected areas, heritage sites, wetlands, drainage lines, nesting and roosting sites etc. that will be affected by the facility and its associated infrastructure;
 - b) Buffer areas; and
 - c) All "no-go" areas.
- (iv) The above layout map must be superimposed (overlain) with the sensitivity map and a cumulative map which shows neighbouring and existing infrastructure.
- (v) Google maps will not be accepted.

(d) Alternatives

- (i) Please provide a description of any identified alternatives for the proposed activity that are feasible and reasonable, including the advantages and disadvantages that the proposed activity or alternatives will have on the environment and on the community that may be affected by the activity as per Appendix 2 of GN R.982 of 2014 (as amended).
- (ii) Alternatively, you should submit written proof of an investigation and motivation if no reasonable or feasible alternatives exist in terms of Appendix 2.

(e) Public Participation Process

- (i) Comments from this Department's Protected Area Planning and Management Effectiveness Directorate must be obtained. Find below the contact details for personnel at this Department's Protected Areas Directorate:
 - a) Name: Mr Thivhulawi Nethononda Telephone no.: (012) 399 9553

Email: TNethononda@dffe.gov.za; and

b) Name: Ms Mashudu Mudau Telephone no.: (012) 399 9945 Email: MMudau@dffe.gov.za.

- (ii) Please ensure that comments from all relevant stakeholders are submitted to the Department with the final SR. This includes but is not limited to the Mpumalanga Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, Land and Environmental Affairs (MDARDLEA), the Mpumalanga Tourism and Parks Agency, the Msukaligwa Local Municipality, the Gert Sibande District Municipality, the Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS), the South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA), BirdLife SA, the Department of Mineral Resources and Energy, and the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment: Directorate Biodiversity and Conservation
- (iii) Please ensure that all issues raised and comments received during the circulation of the draft SR from registered I&APs and organs of state which have jurisdiction.
- (iv) Proof of correspondence with the various stakeholders must be included in the final SR. Should you be unable to obtain comments, proof should be submitted to the Department of the attempts that were made to obtain comments.
- (v) The Public Participation Process must be conducted in terms of Regulation 39, 40 41, 42, 43 and 44 of the EIA Regulations 2014, as amended.
- (vi) All issues raised and comments received during the circulation of the draft SR from I&APs and organs of state, including comments from this Department must be incorporated into a Comments and Response Report (CRR). The CRR report must be a separate document from the main report and the format must be in the table format as indicated in Annexure 1 of this comments letter. Please refrain from summarising comments made by I&APs. All comments from I&APs must be copied verbatim and responded to clearly. Please note that a response such as "Noted" is not regarded as an adequate response to I&AP's comments.

- (vii) Minutes and attendance registers (where applicable) of any physical/virtual meetings held by the Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) with Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) and other role players must be included in the final SR.
- (viii) The final SR must provide evidence that all identified and relevant competent authorities have been given an opportunity to comment on the proposed development.

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- (i) All Specialist Declaration of Interest forms must be signed by the relevant specialists and attached to the final SR. The forms are available on Department's website (please use the Department's template).
- (ii) The EAP must ensure that the terms of reference for all the identified specialist studies include the following:
 - a) A detailed description of the study's methodology; indication of the locations and descriptions of the development footprint, turbine positions and all other associated infrastructures that they have assessed and are recommending for authorisation.
 - b) Provide a detailed description of all limitations to the studies. All specialist studies must be conducted in the right season and providing that as a limitation will not be allowed.
 - c) Please note that the Department considers a 'no-go' area, as an area where no development of any infrastructure is allowed; therefore, no development of associated infrastructure including access roads is allowed in the 'no-go' areas.
 - d) Should the specialist definition of 'no-go' area differ from the Department's definition; this must be clearly indicated. The specialist must also indicate the 'no-go' area's buffer if applicable.
 - e) All specialist studies must be final, and provide detailed/practical mitigation measures for the preferred alternative and recommendations, and must not recommend further studies to be completed post EA.
 - f) Bird and Bat specialist studies must have support from Birdlife South Africa and SABAA.
 - g) Should a specialist recommend specific mitigation measures, these must be clearly indicated.
- (iii) Should the appointed specialists specify contradicting recommendations, the EAP must clearly indicate the most reasonable recommendation and substantiate this with defendable reasons; and were necessary, include further expertise advice.
- (iv) Please ensure that all mitigation recommendations are in line with applicable and most recent guidelines.
- (v) It is further brought to your attention that Procedures for the Assessment and Minimum Criteria for Reporting on identified Environmental Themes in terms of Sections 24(5)(a) and (h) and 44 of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998, when applying for Environmental Authorisation, which were promulgated in Government Notice No. 320 of 20 March 2020 (i.e. "the Protocols"), and in Government Notice No. 1150 of 30 October 2020 (i.e. protocols for terrestrial plant and animal species), have come into effect. Please note that specialist assessments must be conducted in accordance with these protocols.
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- (vii) As such, the Specialist Declaration of Interest forms must also indicate the scientific organisation registration/member number and status of registration/membership for each specialist.
- (viii) Please also ensure that the final SR includes the Site Verification Report as required by the relevant environmental themes and assessments.
- (ix) Please note further that the protocols, if applicable, require certain specialists' to be SACNASP registered. Please ensure that the relevant specialist certificates are attached to the relevant reports.

(g) Cumulative Assessment

(i) Should there be any other similar projects within a 30km radius of the proposed development site, the cumulative impact assessment for all identified and assessed impacts must be refined to indicate the following:

- a) Identified cumulative impacts must be clearly defined, and where possible the size of the identified impact must be quantified and indicated, i.e. hectares of cumulatively transformed land.
- b) Detailed process flow and proof must be provided, to indicate how the specialist's recommendations, mitigation measures and conclusions from the various similar developments in the area were taken into consideration in the assessment of cumulative impacts and when the conclusion and mitigation measures were drafted for this project.
- The cumulative impacts significance rating must also inform the need and desirability of the proposed development.
- d) A cumulative impact environmental statement on whether the proposed development must proceed.

(h) General

Yours sincerely

You are further reminded to comply with Regulation 21(1) of the NEMA EIA Regulations 2014, as amended, which states that:

"If S&EIR must be applied to an application, the applicant must, within 44 days of receipt of the application by the competent authority, submit to the competent authority a scoping report which has been subjected to a public participation process of at least 30 days and which reflects the incorporation of comments received, including any comments of the competent authority"

You are further reminded that the final SR to be submitted to this Department must comply with all the requirements in terms of the scope of assessment and content of Scoping reports in accordance with Appendix 2 and Regulation 21(1) of the EIA Regulations 2014, as amended.

Further note that in terms of Regulation 45 of the EIA Regulations 2014, as amended, this application will lapse if the applicant fails to meet any of the timeframes prescribed in terms of these Regulations, unless an extension has been granted in terms of Regulation 3(7).

You are hereby reminded of Section 24F of the National Environmental Management Act, Act No. 107 of 1998, as amended, that no activity may commence prior to an Environmental Authorisation being granted by the Department.

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Annexure 1: Format for Comments and Response Report

| Date of comment, format of comment name of organisation/I&AP, | Comment | Response from EAP/Applicant/Specialist |
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| 27/03/2021 Email Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment: Prioritised | Please record C&R trail report in this format. | EAP: (Noted)The C&R trail report has been updated into the desired format, see Appendix K. |
| Infrastructure Projects (Joe Soap) | • | EAP: Details of provincial authority have been updated, see page 16 of the Application form. |

From:Strong, AshleaSent:Tuesday, 03 September 2024 12:43

To: Mamashela, Tshepho

Cc: Mathulwe, Tumelo; Maharaj, Jashmika

Subject: FW: 14/12/16/3/3/2/2596 **Attachments:** 14-12-16-3-3-2-2596.pdf

Please check that these comments are included in the SER and saved on the server.. thanks



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I hope you find all in order.

Thank you.

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Dear Sir/Madam

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We look forward to your participation is this process.

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Subject: FW: AVAILABILITY OF THE DRAFT SCOPING REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED

PHEFUMULA EMOYENI ONE ELECTRICAL GRID INFRASTRUCTURE - Corrected

Review Period

Attachments: Distance to Rietvlei.JPG

HI there

Herewith comment from DFFE Protected areas for the Phefumula Grid – please save on the server and add to the CRR

Thanks



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ELECTRICAL GRID INFRASTRUCTURE - Corrected Review Period

Good day Ashlea

The Directorate: Protected Areas Planning and Management Effectiveness would like to thank you for the opportunity to review the Draft Scoping report for the proposed development of the Phefumula Emoyeni One Electrical Grid Infrastructure, located approximately 16km north-west of Ermelo in the Msukaligwa Local Municipality and Gert Sibande District Municipality, in the Mpumalanga Province.

After conducting the review of the submitted documents, we have noted that the proposed developments will not take place within any protected area in terms of Section 9 of the National Environmental Management: Protected Areas Act (NEMPAA), Act No. 57 of 2003 nor within the 5km(nature reserve) and 10km(national park) identified in terms of NEMPAA. The closest protected area is the Rietvlei Private Nature Reserve is 12.6km away from the proposed development (see attached). However, the proposed development is within the National Protected Area Expansion Strategic areas.

The following concerns have been noted in the report:

- The proposed development is located within the Amersfoort-Bethal-Carolina IBA (SA018) and 18km west of the Chrissie Pans IBA, with sensitive species such as the threatened Botha's Lark, globally threatened species such as the Blue Crane, Southern Bald Ibis, Black Harrier, Blue Korhaan, Blackwinged Pratincole, Secretary bird, Martial Eagle and Denham's Bustard and regionally threatened species such as the African Grass Owl, White-bellied Bustard and Lanner Falcon. This IBA was confirmed to be of high sensitivity for Avifauna.
- A significant part of the Project Area falls within CBAs (Irreplaceable and Optimal). Furthermore, a biodiversity offset plan will be part of the EIA phase.

The continued integrity and protection of these CBAs is required to meet biodiversity targets for biodiversity pattern (species and ecosystems) and ecological processes. The presence of CBA Irreplaceable and CBA Optimal land in the study area is therefore a concern with respects to terrestrial biodiversity management. As per the MBSP, development in CBA areas must be avoided. It is therefore recommended that the proposed location of the wind turbines and associated infrastructure must avoid areas designated CBA Irreplaceable, CBA Optimal, FEPA and an IBA. It is this Directorates view that this proposed project will have a very high impact to avifauna as this IBA sole purpose is to serves as their main habitat and for their protection.



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Cc: Mamashela, Tshepho <Tshepho.Mamashela@wsp.com>

Subject: RE: AVAILABILITY OF THE DRAFT SCOPING REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED PHEFUMULA EMOYENI ONE

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Kind regards



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From: Strong, Ashlea

Sent: Thursday, 15 August 2024 09:45

To: Clifford Kubheka

Subject: RE: Phefumula Emoyeni One Electrical Grid Infrastructure

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Dear Clifford

Please find attached the KMZ as requested.

Kind regards



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Dear Ashlea,

As per our telephone communication, can you please send me a KMZ file of the subject line proposed development.

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Cc: Sindy Mbuyane

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Good morning Charity

Thank you for you email.

I can confirm that the Ermelo office was sent a hard copy of the Draft Scoping Report and are fully aware of the project.

Kind regards



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Good Afternoon Ashlea

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Kind Regards

Charity

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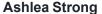
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We look forward to your participation is this process.





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Good morning Ashlea,

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DFFE ref.:

2023-09-0017

WSP ref.:

41105236

26 July 2024



MTPA Main Office Building Lydenburg Fisheries End of Morgan street Lydenburg 1120

Dear Celia de Waal,

Subject: SUBMISSION OF THE DRAFT SCOPING REPORT FOR THE

PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF THE PHEFUMULA EMOYENI ONE

ELECTRICAL GRID INFRASTRUCTURE, MPUMALANGA

PROVINCE

Notice is given in terms of Regulation 41(2) of GNR 326 (2014, as amended) published under section 24 and 24D of the National Environmental Management Act (No. 107 of 1998) (NEMA) for submission of an application for Environmental Authorisation (EA) in respect of activities identified in terms of GNR 983, GNR 984 and GNR 985 (2014, as amended)

WSP Group Africa (Pty) Ltd (WSP) has been appointed by Phefumula Emoyeni One (Pty) Ltd to undertake the required Scoping and Environmental Impact Reporting (S&EIR) process for the above-mentioned project.

Please find enclosed one hard copies of the Draft Scoping Report for your review and comment:

The Draft Scoping Report will be made available for review and comment for 30 days from 26 July 2024 to 9 September 2024:

Please contact us should you require any additional information or if you wish to discuss the matter in any further detail.

Yours sincerely,

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Dear Ms., Strong

SUBJECT: THE MTPA COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL SCOPING REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF THE PHEFUMULA EMOYENI ONE ELECTRICAL GRID INFRASTRUCTURE FOR 135 WIND TURBINES CONSISTING OF ONE MAIN TRANSMISSION SUBSTATION (MTS), 3 DISTRIBUTION SUBSTATIONS AN INDEPENDENT POWER PRODUCER (IPP) SUBSTATION, AND 3 OVERHEAD LINES (OHL) OF 18.2 KM, GRID LOCATED ON 10 FARM PORTIONS NORTH OF ERMELO, BY PHEFUMULA EMOYENI ONE (PTY) LTD, MSUKALIGWA LOCAL MUNICIPALITY IN MPUMALANGA PROVINCE.

Your correspondence with reference: 41105236 WSP ref; 2023-09-0017 of July 2024, refer. The DFFE reference number still to be provided.

The application was assessed by using the Mpumalanga Biodiversity Sector Plan (MBSP. 2014 as updated 2022) land use guidelines, DFFE web-based sensitivity screening tool, Environmental legislation NEMA and EIA regulations 2014 as amended, Department of Water and Sanitation and Water Research Commission Guidelines on wetlands, South African Heritage Resources Act and knowledge to assess development applications.

The sensitivity of the area in which the Grid infrastructure activity is proposed was assessed according to the Mpumalanga Biodiversity Sector plan (MBSP; MTPA, 2014). The sensitivity is assessed in terms of terrestrial and freshwater assessments. In the MBSP, sensitivity areas are identified in terms of *Critical Biodiversity Areas* (CBAs) and *Ecological Support Areas* (ESAs). CBAs and ESAs are deemed to be necessary to ensure the protection of biodiversity, environmental sustainability, sustainable living and spiritual wellbeing are to remain unaltered.







Comments

- With reference to the assessment of your Draft Scoping Report the MTPA is concerned that the Phefumula Emoyeni One Electrical grid infrastructure proposal will have an extremely negative outcome on sensitive no go areas. The approval of the Grid infrastructure can only be considered if the integrated WEF receives a positive Record of Decision.
- With reference to our earlier correspondence LUA 24- 3861 with regards to the Wind Energy project
 proposal our concerns are still the same: During the scoping phase the need and desirability of the
 project on this site must be motivated.

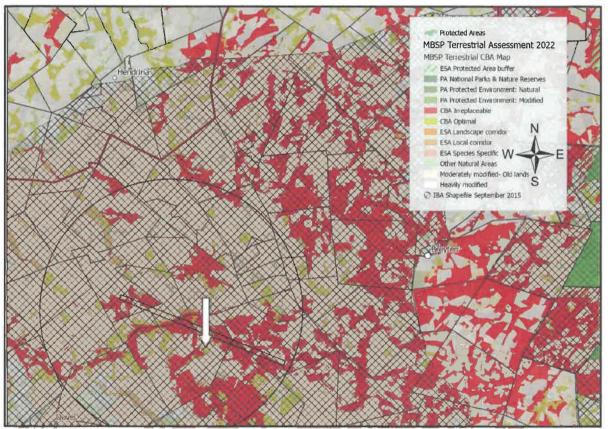


Figure 1. MBSP terrestrial biodiversity assessment map indicates the proposed area of the electrical grid connection structure in relation to Chrissiesmeer Protected Environment and the Important Bird Area.

The MTPA is of the opinion that the site for the Phefumula Emmoyeni WEF and grid connection is not desirable for the following reasons:

- 1. Large proportions of the development area lie within Critical Biodiversity Areas and Ecological Support Areas. Fig. 3 and Fig. 4. It could not be avoided by the crossover of the Electrical grid infrastructure.
- 2. The Project Area of Impact (PAOI) lie within the National Protected Area Expansion Strategy (NPAES).
- 3. Freshwater Ecosystem Priority Area (FEPA), CBA wetland systems.
- 4. Entirely within an Important Bird Area- Birdlife SA.
- 5. The project area is not within the Renewable Energy Zone (REDZ) or Strategic Transmission Corridor.





6. The cumulative effect or impacts on the flight routes of Species of Conservation Concern by approved Renewable energy projects and new proposals within a 55km radius and proximity to Chrissiesmeer Protected Environment that might close off safe flight routes is remarkably high. (Fig 2).

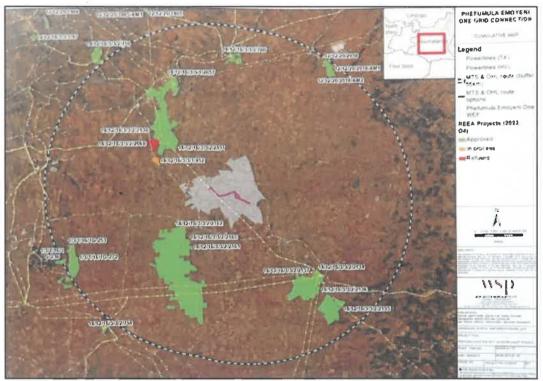


Figure 2. WSP map indicating the Phefumula proposal in relation with already approved WEF projects.

7. Consolidated site sensitivities combined by the scoping phase Specialists reports, WSP consolidated site sensitivity map, fig 6. indicates that with any mitigation such as avoidance will not justify the feasibility of the project.



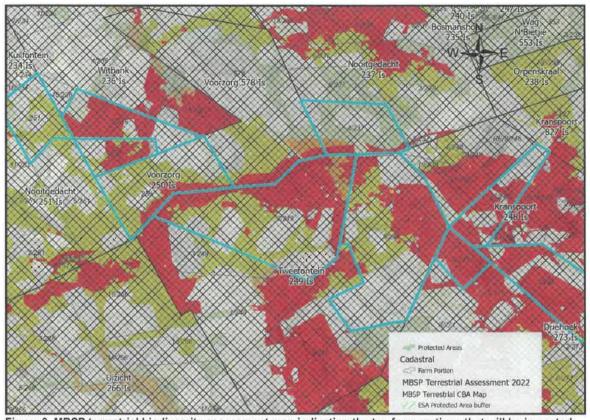


Figure 3. MBSP terrestrial biodiversity assessment map indicating the ten farm portions that will be impacted by the grid connection.



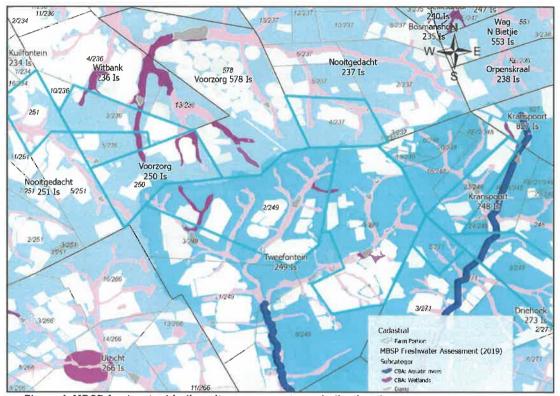


Figure 4. MBSP freshwater biodiversity assessment map indicating the:

- CBA river that needs to be crossed;
- CBA wetlands.
- ESA wetlands and dams.
- 8. The avoidance of large areas of critical biodiversity terrestrial and freshwater sensitivity areas that are supporting various Species of Conservation Concern, and the preliminary project layout overlain area is a large concern.
- 9. The impact and extent of the connecting road network and associated grid connection and substations on the sensitive zones that are indicated in Figures 5 and 6 allows very little areas left for the development.
 - The project footprint overlaps with a significant amount of Critical Biodiversity Areas (CBA).
 38% of the footprint area is identified as a CBA, of which 21% is in a CBA Irreplaceable area. Wind farms and associated electrical grid infrastructure are not appropriate land uses within CBA areas.
 - The whole of the proposed Phefumula Emoyeni Electrical grid facility falls within an Important Bird Area (IBA), which underscores the need to consider its implications on metapopulation dynamics and the need to avoid wind farms in "source" areas.
 - Intact grassland patches are areas larger than 100ha, with little or no gaps or edge effects. They were then prioritised according to their connectivity importance. These intact grasslands are "source" areas for avifaunal species where birth rates are expected to exceed death rates, and no wind farms should be placed anywhere near these intact grassland patches.





- The identification of actual avifaunal source areas may be difficult, but as these intact grassland
 patches occur within an Important Bird Area (IBA) where there are several nesting and roosting
 avifaunal species of conservation concern, it highlights their significance and our confidence in
 confirming these as "source" areas. The presence of these intact grassland patches, CBAs, and the
 IBAs, is probably the biggest concern that the MTPA may have about the proposed wind farm.
- Wind farms should not be placed in IBAs or intact grassland areas as these are important areas where avifauna should be allowed to thrive and then disperse to other areas.
- Approval and financing of the project in such a location could have far-reaching consequences for threatened bird species, potentially disrupting vital source areas critical for population sustainability.
- It is imperative to adopt a precautionary approach and prioritize the conservation of these essential habitats.

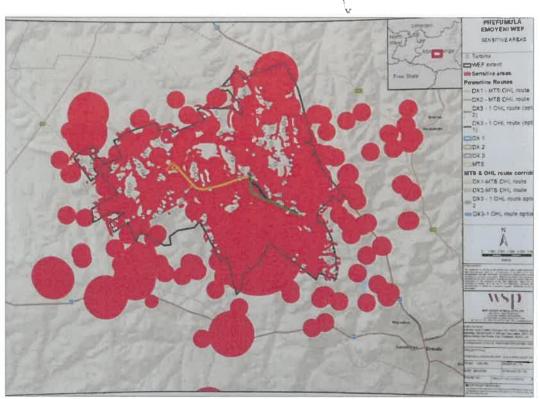


Figure 5. WSP preliminary PAOI overlain into the No-Go sensitivity map.



Avifaunal concerns

The same concerns tabled for the Draft Scoping Phefumula Wind Energy Facility is applicable to the Electrical Grid proposal.

- The presence of 34 priority bird species for wind energy developments were recorded within the footprint area.
- Of these, 12 were Species of Conservation Concern, of which four were nesting.
- A Martial Eagle nest (Endangered) occurs within footprint area. These are South Africa's largest eagles and travel over vast areas. They are also suspectable to collision with turbines and wind farms are of serious concern.
- Three Bald Ibis colonies (Vulnerable) occur within footprint area.
- A Secretary bird nest (Endangered) was found and assigned a 500 m buffer. Considering that the blade tip height alone may be up to 300 m high, this does not be sufficient as a recommended buffer.
- Birds are very mobile and with the proposed turbine height and blade lengths, the current proposed buffers seem inadequate.
- This raises particular concern as these birds may continuously collide with the blades of the wind turbines and the continuous loss of several of these long-lived birds every year may have a significant impact on population status.
- The MTPA have mapped all the dams in detail across Mpumalanga. There are numerous artificial
 water bodies and small pans within the footprint area that may be important for flamingos and other
 water-dependent birds.
- Buffers of 2km have been recommended for natural pans.
- The MTPA does have the Birdlife SA species distribution models and can confirm that:
 - Grass Owl (Vulnerable) have a strong probability of occurring on site although there is no indication as to whether any focused surveys were conducted to search for Grass Owls.
 - Black Harrier (and confirmed during avifaunal field work)
 - Botha's Lark may be present but not much is mentioned in report as to survey effort or whether any surveys for this species were specifically targeted during its breading season.
 - Blue Crane (confirmed)
 - Grey Crowned Crane (not yet confirmed)
 - Rudd's Lark (although low probability)
 - Southern Bald Ibis (confirmed)
 - Secretary Bird (confirmed)
 - Verreaux Eagle (although low probability)
 - Wattled Crane
 - White-bellied Bustard (confirmed)
 - White-winged Flufftail (low probability)
 - Yellow-breasted Pipit (low probability)





Site Sensitivity Verification

- The results of the DFFE sensitivity Screening tool, Site Sensitivity Verification confirmed that:
 - The sensitivity for the Terrestrial Biodiversity Theme impact assessment as Very High Sensitivity/High in grassland and wetland habitat; and Low/Medium in secondary grasslands.
 - Aquatic Biodiversity Impact Assessment as Very High Sensitivity
 - Plant Species Assessment as Medium Sensitivity
 - Animal Species Assessment as High Sensitivity in areas of grassland and wetland habitat
 - Bat Assessment as High Sensitivity
 - Avifaunal Assessment as High Sensitivity

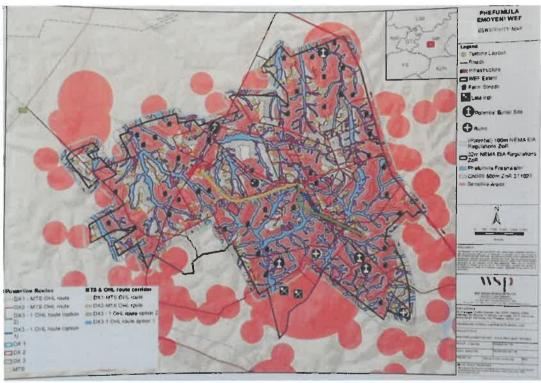


Figure 6. WSP Phefumula Emoyeni One WEF and Electrical Grid infrastructure consolidated site sensitivity plan, that indicates the project overlain into the No-go map.

Recommendations

- The current consolidated site sensitivity map of all 'no-go' areas (Figure 6) indicates little area available that is not in conflict with sensitive areas. With more appropriate buffers, more field work, and all the associated infrastructure (such as roads), we cannot see how it would be possible to establish a wind farm within the footprint area.
- Consider alternative locations with less ecological sensitivity, especially considering the numerous renewable energy projects already approved in Mpumalanga.





Conclusion

The proposed Phefumula Emoyeni One Electrical Grid Facility poses a significant threat to a Critical Biodiversity Areas, intact grassland patches, Important Bird areas, and the habitat of numerous threatened bird species. If we need to rely on the information presented to date, and the desktop assessments, then it is in our opinion that this project is fatally flawed. The anticipated impacts on biodiversity, particularly the avifauna, is too great to support this project. A more thorough ecological assessment and exploration of alternative locations are crucial before proceeding with this project.

Please do not hesitate to contact this office if there are any inquiries.

Kind Regards

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| Dear Ms. Strong | |

Kindly receive the attached acknowledgement of receipt for a Draft Scoping report for the proposed development of the Phefumula Emoyeni One Electrical Grid Infrastructure.

Our EIA registration/reference number is **LUA 24/3861(2)** and the commenting Scientist is Mr. Frans Krige.

Kind regards

Celia de Waal



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Noted with thanks.

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Dear Frans

Kindly see the email below from Ms. Strong regarding LUA 24/3861(2).

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ELECTRICAL GRID INFRASTRUCTURE - Corrected Review Period

Dear Stakeholder

Our email notification below refers.

Please note that we have identified an error in the reckoning of days allowed for the public review period. In terms of Regulation 40(1) of GNR 982 (as amended), potential or registered interested and affected parties, including the competent authority, must be given a period of at least 30 days to submit comments on the Draft Scoping Report.

In this regard, we wish to correct the review period to ensure sufficient time for the EAP to consolidate and respond to all comments received prior to the submission of the Final Scoping Report to the DFFE by 10 September 2024.

According to the regulations, the comment period should end on 26 August 2024, however, in order to provide sufficient time to all parties we would like to request that all comments are provided by **30 August 2024**.

We look forward to your continued participation in this process

Kind regards



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Subject: AVAILABILITY OF THE DRAFT SCOPING REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED PHEFUMULA EMOYENI ONE ELECTRICAL

GRID INFRASTRUCTURE

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The Proponent, Phefumula Emoyeni One (Pty) Ltd, proposes to develop the Phefumula Emoyeni One Electrical Grid Infrastructure. The project is located within the Msukaligwa Local Municipality, which falls under the Gert Sibande District Municipality, in the Mpumalanga Province. Due to the nature of the project thresholds, Phefumula Emoyeni One (Pty) Ltd is required to follow a Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment (S&EIA) process to acquire the necessary authorisation prior to the commencement of the proposed project. WSP Group Africa (Pty) Ltd (WSP) has been appointed as the independent Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) by Phefumula Emoyeni One (Pty) Ltd, to manage the S&EIA process.

DRAFT SCOPING REPORT REVIEW PERIOD

The Draft scoping Report for the Phefumula Emoyeni One Electrical Grid Infrastructure will be made available at the venues below for review and comment from **26 July 2024** to **9 September 2024**.

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Dear Sir,

DRAFT SCOPING REPORT: ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATED WITH THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE PHEFUMULA EMOYENI ONE ELECTRICAL GRID INFRASTRUCTURE ON PORTIONS 3 AND 23 OF THE FARM KRANSPOORT 248 IS, PORTIONS 2 AND 9 OF THE FARM TWEEFONTEIN 249 IS, PORTION 0 OF THE FARM VOORZORG 250 IS, PORTIONS 2 AND 5 OF THE FARM WITBANK 236 IS, PORTION 0 OF THE FARM NOOITGEDACHT 251 IS, PORTION 4 OF THE FARM NOOITGEDACHT 237 IS, PORTION 23 OF THE FARM KRANSPOORT 248 IS, AND PORTION 8 OF THE FARM MIDDELPLAAT 271 IS, ERMELO, MSUKALIGWA LOCAL MUNICIPALITY

The draft scoping report dated July 2024 submitted by you in respect of the abovementioned application and received by the Department on on 26 July 2024 refers. After due consideration of the content of the report, the Department has the following comments:

- 1. Information provided by you indicates that the development will comprise the following infrastructure:
 - (a) One main transmission substation (MTS), with a development footprint of 17.4ha.
 - (b) Three distribution substations (combined development footprint of 17.98ha).
 - (c) Three 132kV overhead lines (OHL).
- 2. According to the Mpumalanga Biodiversity Sector Plan, the grid infrastructure is located in areas identified as CBA: Irreplaceable, CBA: Optimal, CBA: FEPA Rivers, ESA: Wetlands, ESA: FEPA Subcatchments, NPAES: Priority Focus Areas, and Intact Grassland Patches.
- 3. Furthermore, the entire site falls within the Amersfoot-Bethal-Carolina Important Bird Area (IBA).
- 4. The site is also located within 15km north and 30km west from the Rietvlei Private Nature Reserve and Chrissiesmeer Protected Environment, respectively.
- The Aquatic Scoping Report verified that the freshwater ecosystems within the site have a very high sensitivity, and reported that the DX1 distribution substation is currently proposed within the upper parts of a delineated seep wetland.
- 6. The Avifaunal Scoping Report confirmed that the entire Project Area of Impact (PAOI) is located in a high sensitivity zone for collision and electrocution.
- 7. DARDLEA is therefore concerned that the proposed location of the Phefumula Emoyeni One Electrical Grid Infrastructure is therefore not compatible with the desired land use. The infrastructure is not a land use, in accordance with the Mpumalanga Biodiversity Sector Plan (MBSP), that will support the inherent biodiversity values of CBAs.
- 8. Mpumalanga Tourism and Parks Agency (MTPA), Endangered Wildlife Trust (EWT) and BirdLife must be consulted and provided with an opportunity to submit their comments on all reports.
- The plan of study for EIA must include and address the following:



Yours faithfully,

- a. The Species Environmental Assessment Guidelines, relevant BirdLife SA guidelines, relevant protocols for the specialist assessment and minimum report content, and MBSP land-use guidelines must always be consulted and complied with.
- b. The impact of the loss of CBAs and intact grassland habitat in terms of metapopulation dynamics must be assessed (ie. how the loss of source areas will impact areas of low quality habitat that cannot support a population of species on its own).
- c. The impact of nocturnal and diurnal avifaunal collisions and electrocutions must be analysed separately.
- 10. In respect of the Biodiversity Impact Strategy proposed (Paragraph 7.5.9 on Pages 191 to 193) please note DARDLEA's position: A biodiversity offset cannot cater for the loss of Irreplaceable CBAs or intact grasslands, nor can it compensate for the loss of endangered bird or bat species.

Please do not hesitate to contact the above-mentioned officer if there are any enquiries.

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Dear Maj. Kenny,

APPLICATION FOR TELECOMS CONSENT: ABO UVEMVANE WIND ENERGY FACILITY

ABO Energy South Africa (Pty) Ltd, is developing a wind energy facility (WEF) which would straddle the border of the Mpumalanga and Gauteng Provinces. The proposed WEF site is located approximately 16km southeast of the town, Heidelberg, which is situated within the Lesedi Local Municipality and the Sedibeng District Municipality, Gauteng Province and approximately 10km west of the town of Balfour within the Dipaleseng Local Municipality and the Gert Sibande District Municipality in Mpumalanga Province.

The affected properties include:

| LPI Code | Property Details | | |
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| T0IR00000000041300000 | The Farm Orion No 413 | | |
| T0IR00000000040500001 | Remaining Extent of Portion 1 of the Farm Driefontein 405 | | |
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| T0IR00000000040700018 | Remainder of Portion 18 (a Portion of Portion 3) of the Farm Malanskraal 407 | | |
| T0IR00000000040500005 | Portion 5 (a Portion of Portion 1) of the Farm Driefontein 405 | | |



A site locality and layout maps are attached as **Annexure A**. The corner coordinates of the proposed wind energy facility are attached as **Annexure B**. A Google Earth location file is submitted together with this application.

- Wind Turbines and associated components;
- Internal and main access roads;
- Associated Infrastructure (to be located within the proposed development footprint), including:
 - Associated internal reticulation/ cabling;
 - On-site electrical infrastructure hub consisting of:
 - On-site substation and associated infrastructure;
 - Additional step-up/ transformation/ collector/switchyard infrastructure,
 - Auxiliary buildings (including, but not limited to, Operation and Maintenance (O&M) building/s, admin buildings, workshops, gatehouse, security buildings, control centre, offices, visitor centre, warehouses, etc); and/or
 - May include the installation of a communications tower on site with a maximum height of 32 m, and/or
 - Battery Energy Storage System (BESS).
- Laydown area/s
- Perimeter fencing.

The summary of WTG key components is as follows:

- WEF Project size: Up to 503 MWac
- · Number of Turbines: Up to 65 Turbines
- · Hub Height: Up to 180 m
- . Blade Length: Up to 100 m.

We are required to engage with SANDF in relation to the possible impact (if any) of our development on your telecoms network as required under Section 29 of the Electronic Communications Act (Act 36 of 2005).

You are kindly requested to please forward your comments/recommendations to us at your earliest convenience. If you have "no comment" we request that you, please also confirm that in writing to us.

Kindly address your response to:

| ATT: The Directors |
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Should you require any additional information please feel free to contact me.

We trust the above to be in order and await your reply.

Yours sincerely,

Kelli Ross

Project Manager



ANNEXURE A:

SITE LOCALITY AND LAYOUT MAPS OF THE PROPOSED ABO UVEMVANE WIND ENERGY FACILITY

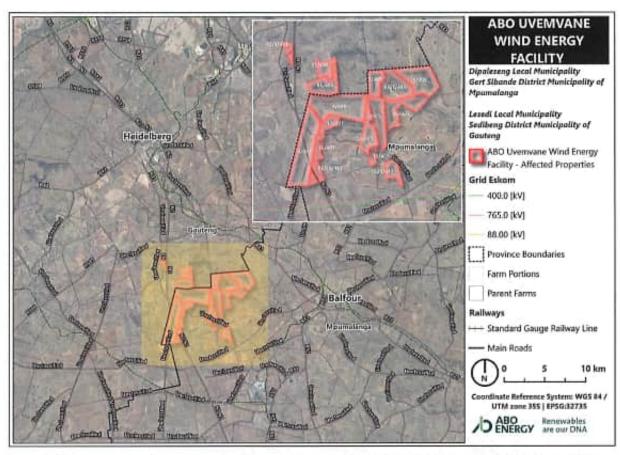


Figure 1: The site is located approximately 10km west of the town of Balfour, Mpumalanga and approximately 16km southeast of the town Heidelberg, Gauteng.



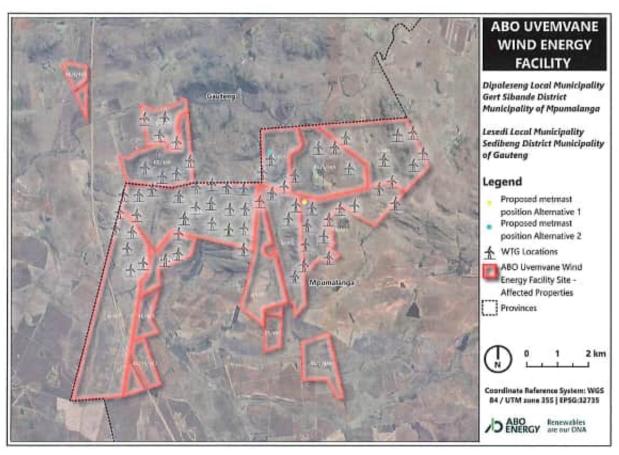


Figure 2: Preliminary layout of the Wind Turbine Generators (WTG), proposed metmast position (Alternative 1) and the proposed metmast position (Alternative 2) for the proposed ABO Uvemvane Wind Energy Facility.

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ANNEXURE B:

CORNER COORDINATES OF THE PROPOSED ABO UVEMVANE WIND ENERGY FACILITY

| Points | Latitude | Longitude |
|---------|---------------|---------------|
| Point 1 | 26*43'3.05"S | 28°23'0.32"E |
| Point 2 | 26"42'47.18"5 | 28°24'44.13"E |
| Point 3 | 26"42'11.79"5 | 28"26'42.31"E |
| Point 4 | 26°42'41.39"5 | 28"27"28.03"E |
| Point 5 | 26°42'58.07"S | 28°28'16.27"E |
| Point 6 | 26°40'0.70"S | 28"28'49.89"E |
| Point 7 | 26°38′58.96"S | 28°29'52.23"E |
| Point 8 | 26°38'9.01"S | 28*29'23.52"E |
| Point 9 | 26°37'57.83"S | 28°24'16.03"E |
| oint 10 | 26°37'14.76"S | 28*22'50.54"E |

From: Strong, Ashlea Tuesday, 03 September 2024 12:57 Sent: Mamashela, Tshepho; Mathulwe, Tumelo To: Cc: Maharaj, Jashmika FW: AVAILABILITY OF THE DRAFT SCOPING REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED Subject: PHEFUMULA EMOYENI ONE ELECTRICAL GRID INFRASTRUCTURE **Attachments:** 2024-05-28_ZA_UVM_SANDF_Wayleave Application.pdf; Affected Properties_Project Site Area.kmz Importance: High Response from DoD to my query this morning Please add to SER and save on server. **Ashlea Strong** Principal Associate T +27 11 361-1392 M +27 82 786-7819 Personal details have been redacted as required by the POPI From: F Act Sent: To To: Stro Subject: RE: AVAILABILITY OF THE DRAFT SCOPING REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED PHEFUMULA EMOYENI ONE **ELECTRICAL GRID INFRASTRUCTURE** Importance: High **Good Morning** The Dept of Defence(DoD) is approached for providing Letters of Response, pertaining to the EIA clearances. I am the response for Telecom Consent in the DoD. I confirm the entry-point is at the DOD Chief Logistics, who in turn engages with the internal Stakeholders for responses ito Object / No Objection. The responses are consolidated and returned to the Applicants. See attached for examples of the minimum requirements. Personal details have been redacted as required by the POPI Act

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Review Period

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Mamashela, Tshepho Delivered: 2024/08/06 12:26 Read: 2024/08/06 12:58

Dear Reuben

Thanks for your email.

We will need permission from the Applicant to share this information. Please provide me with a motivation as to why this information would be required so that I can send it through to the applicant for their consideration.

Kind regards

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From: Reuben Maroga <reuben@solagroup.co.za>

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ELECTRICAL GRID INFRASTRUCTURE - Corrected Review Period

Good Day Ashlea,

Thanks for the notification. Are you able to share the KMZ of the proposed grid infrastructure?

Best Regards

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On Tue, Aug 6, 2024 at 11:49 AM 'Strong, Ashlea' via I & AP < IAP@solagroup.co.za > wrote:

Dear Stakeholder

Our email notification below refers.

Please note that we have identified an error in the reckoning of days allowed for the public review period. In terms of Regulation 40(1) of GNR 982 (as amended), potential or registered interested and affected parties, including the competent authority, must be given a period of at least 30 days to submit comments on the Draft Scoping Report.

In this regard, we wish to correct the review period to ensure sufficient time for the EAP to consolidate and respond to all comments received prior to the submission of the Final Scoping Report to the DFFE by 10 September 2024.

According to the regulations, the comment period should end on 26 August 2024, however, in order to provide sufficient time to all parties we would like to request that all comments are provided by **30 August 2024**.

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Sent: Monday, 05 August 2024 09:53

To: Tshitso Mofokeng

Subject: Declined: AVAILABILITY OF THE DRAFT SCOPING REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED

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Dear Tshitso

Thank you for your email.

Please note that WSP has been appointed to undertake the Environmental Impact Assessment application and associated processes for the Dalmanutha Wind Energy Facility.

There are no wayleave applications currently underway for the proposed project. We will be declining your meeting request as there is nothing to present at this time.

Kind regards



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Dear John

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Kind regard,



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Cc: Pamela Madondo; Evelyn Shogole

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Good day

Thank you for your comment.

WSP can confirm that ATNS is on the project database and they will be sent all communication regarding the Phefumula grid project going forward.

Kind regards,



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Hi Robyn

Thank you for the response. Please be advised that the hard copy was already delivered to Sindi Mbuyane at MDARDLEA on Friday 26th July 2024.

Please see the attached delivery note for proof.

Thank you



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From: Robyn Luyt <rluyt@mpg.gov.za> Sent: Friday, July 26, 2024 4:25 PM

To: Sindy Mbuyane <MbuyaneSB@mpg.gov.za>; frans.krige@mtpa.co.za; mervyn@mtpa.co.za; Strong, Ashlea

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Cc: Mamashela, Tshepho < Tshepho. Mamashela@wsp.com>

Subject: Re: AVAILABILITY OF THE DRAFT SCOPING REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED PHEFUMULA EMOYENI ONE ELECTRICAL GRID INFRASTRUCTURE

Dear Ashlea,

Thank you for sharing the document. As a reminder to my colleagues copied herein I attach the 24C3 agreement that DFFE is the CA for this.

Please do also be reminded that our 30 day commenting period will commence ont he date that Ms Mbuyane receives the documents in hard copy, and that MTPA must receive theirs as they require.

Kind Regards Robyn

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Dear Commenting Authority,

Notice is given in terms of Regulation 41(2) of GNR 982 (as amended) published under section 24 and 24D of the National Environmental Management Act (No. 107 of 1998) (NEMA) for submission of an application for environmental authorisation (EA) in respect of activities identified in terms of GNR 983, GNR 984 and GNR 985 (as amended).

The Proponent, Phefumula Emoyeni One (Pty) Ltd, proposes to develop the Phefumula Emoyeni One Electrical Grid Infrastructure. The project is located within the Msukaligwa Local Municipality, which falls under the Gert Sibande District Municipality, in the Mpumalanga Province. Due to the nature of the project thresholds, Phefumula Emoyeni One (Pty) Ltd is required to follow a Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment (S&EIA) process to acquire the necessary authorisation prior to the commencement of the proposed project. WSP Group Africa (Pty) Ltd (WSP) has been appointed as the independent Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) by Phefumula Emoyeni One (Pty) Ltd, to manage the S&EIA process.

DRAFT SCOPING REPORT REVIEW PERIOD

The Draft scoping Report for the Phefumula Emoyeni One Electrical Grid Infrastructure will be made available at the venues below for review and comment from **26 July 2024** to **9 September 2024**.

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The report has also been made available at the link below easy access:

| One Drive Link | Phefumula Emoyeni Public Review |
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| One Drive Instruction | Please note that you will receive a separate email with the link to the one drive. This link will then request a verification number which will automatically be sent to your email address – if it doesn't seem to come through please check your "spam" folder |

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We look forward to your participation is this process.

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COMMENTS ON THE PHEFUMULA EMOYENI ONE (PTY) LTD: DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL SCOPING REPORT FOR AN ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION APPLICATION FOR A PROPOSED WIND FACILITY OVER SEVERAL PORTIONS OF THE FARMS: GROBLESHOEK 191 IS, ISRAEL 207 IS, BOSMANSKRANS 217 IS, VAALBANK 233 IS, KUILFONTEIN NOO 234-IS, BOSMANSHOEK NO. 235 IS, WITBANK NO. 236 IS, NOOITGEDACHT 237 IS, ORPENSKRAAL 238 IS, GELIKSDRAAI NO. 240 IS, KRANSPOORT 248 IS, TWEEFONTEIN 249 IS, VOORZORG 250 IS, NOOITGEDACHT 251 IS, SPION KOP 252 IS, DRIEHOEK NO. 273 IS, SPITSKOP 276 IS, UITZIGT 450 IS AND KRANSPOORT 827 IS IN MPUMALANGA.

Dear Sir/Madam,

Mashala Hendrina Coal (Pty) ("MHC") Ltd has been identified as an Interested and Affected Party for the Phefumula Emoyeni One (Pty) Ltd proposed wind facility due to the fact that the aforementioned project overlaps with MHC's Gugulethu Colliery, mining right reference number MP 30/5/1/2/2/365 MR.

MHC would like it placed on record that Gugulethu Colliery's mining right was granted in 2014, and the colliery is currently operational. At present, opencast mining, and associating processing activities, are taking place on site, with future expansion into underground operations in the next five (5) years. Some of the activities are on properties owned by the Group and some are on properties where MHC has the lawful use of the surface rights.

As a result of the nature of the opencast activities, co-existence is therefore not possible.

The following is in response to the documentation received on 12 April 2024 respectively:

1. Comments on the Draft Scoping Report

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- 1.1 The draft Scoping Report did not provide the Department of Forest, Fisheries and Environment (DFFE) reference number, only internal reference numbers were provided.
- 2.1 Listed activities that are triggered are required to have their own heading, as per the National Environmental Management Act (NEMA) Regulations GNR 982 (as amended) Section 2 (1) (d) (i), this is not within the report. The listed activities have been included in the policy and legislative context section; the listed activities need to be in their own section.
- 3.1 Alternatives not assessed appropriately as per the NEMA Regulations GNR 982 (as amended) Section 2 (1) (g) (v). The alternatives have not been assessed in terms of nature, significance, consequence, extent, duration and probability of such identified impacts, including the degree to which these impacts can be reversed, may cause irreplaceable loss of resources and can be avoided, managed or mitigated.
- 4.1 Positive and negative impacts alternatives will have will have on the environment and on the community that may be affected focusing on the geographical, physical, biological, social, economic, heritage and cultural aspects were not provided in the report, only the overall summary of all impacts were provided in the draft Scoping Report. This is required as per NEMA Regulations GNR 982 (as amended) Section 2 (1) (g) (vii).
- 5.1 The draft Scoping Report did not include a no-go option as an alternative, Section 24(4)(b)(i) of NEMA (as amended), provides that an investigation must be undertaken of the potential consequences or impacts of the alternatives to the activity on the environment and assessment of the significance of those potential consequences or impacts, including the option of *not implementing the activity*.
- 6.1 The undertaking under oath section within the draft Scoping Report, as per NEMA Regulations GNR 982 (as amended) Section 2 (1) (i) (i-iii), is missing key points:
 - the correctness of the information provided in the report;
 - the inclusion of comments and inputs from stakeholders and interested and affected parties; and;
 - any information provided by the EAP to interested and affected parties and any responses by the EAP to comments or inputs made by interested or affected parties.
- 7.1 NEMA Regulations GNR 982 (as amended) Section 2 (1) (k) and (l) from the draft Scoping Report is not included, even if this section is not applicable it should be included.
- 8.1 NEMA Regulations GNR 982 (as amended) Section 2 (1) (I) states that "any other matter required in terms of section 24(4)(a) and (b) of the Act"- Section 24(4)(b)(i) of NEMA (as amended), provides that an investigation must be undertaken of the potential consequences or impacts of the alternatives to the activity on the environment and assessment of the

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significance of those potential consequences or impacts, including the option of not implementing the activity. As mentioned previously, the alternatives were not assessed and the no-go alternative was not assessed.

9.1 NEMA Regulations GNR 982 (as amended) Section 2 (1) (h) (ix) states "identify suitable measures to avoid, reverse, mitigate or manage identified impacts and to determine the extent of the residual risks that need to be managed and monitored". This was not made clear within the draft Scoping Report. Minimal monitoring was included in Section 6.1 (Potential Impacts) of the draft Scoping Report. It is an Environmental Assessment Practitioner's duty, during the Scoping Phase, to assess which impacts would require managing and monitoring, even on a high level. The monitoring mentioned in the Section 6.1 is insufficient.

Based on the aforementioned comments, the Scoping Report needs to be revised to include the necessary sections.

MHC reserve the right to comment further on the application should any new information become available to us that we consider to be of importance.

Yours Sincerely

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Good morning Nadar,

I tried to reach you on your 011 number with no luck. Kindly see the attached for IAP Registration.

Should you have further enquiries regarding this, please do not hesitate to contact me on the email/contacts included below.

Regards,

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Interim Comment

In terms of Section 38(3) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999)

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WSP Group Africa (Pty) Ltd has been appointed by Phefumula Emoyeni One (Pty) Ltd to conduct an Environmental Authorisation (EA) Application for the proposed Phefumula Emoyeni One Electrical Grid Infrastructure, near Ermelo, Mpumalanga Province (DFFE Reference Number: 14/12/16/3/3/2/2596).

A Final Scoping Report (FSR) has been submitted in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (NEMA) and the 2017 NEMA Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations. The proposed development will include the construction of a 400kv transmission line, a 132kv transmission line with concrete foundations (80m2 and up to 3.5 deep), a working area of 100m x 100m is needed for each proposed structure to be constructed, a Main Transmission Substation (36 ha), three distribution substations, construction compound at MTS, three construction compounds for distributions substations, batch plant and portable ablutions to be used along powerline routes.

Beyond Heritage has been appointed to provide heritage specialist input into the EA process in terms of section 24(4)b(iii) of NEMA and section 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act, Act 25 of 1999 (NHRA).

Van der Walt, J. 2024. Heritage Scoping Report for the proposed Phefumula Emoyeni One Electrical Grid Infrastructure, Mpumalanga Province

Heritage resources such as structures and ruins older than 60 years, burial sites and Iron Age stone walled settlements are located within the development footprint. Additionally, the development is located in an area of high and very high palaeontological sensitivity.

It is recommended that a field-based Heritage Impact Assessment and a Palaeontological Impact Assessment be conducted.



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Interim Comment

The SAHRA Development Applications Unit (DAU) notes the submitted heritage report.

The archaeological component of the field-based HIA must be conducted by a qualified archaeologist and must comply with the SAHRA 2007 Minimum Standards: Archaeological and Palaeontological Components of Impact Assessment Reports (see www.asapa.co.za or wwww.asapa.co.za or www.asapa

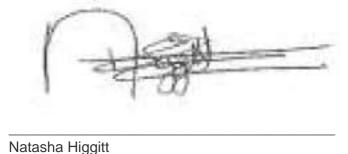
The proposed development is located within an area of high and very high Palaeontological Sensitivity as per the SAHRIS PalaeoSensitivity map. As such, a field-based Palaeontological Impact Assessment (PIA) must be undertaken by a qualified palaeontologist. (See https://www.palaeosa.org/heritage-practitioners.html for a list of qualified palaeontologists). The report must comply with the 2012 Minimum Standards: Palaeontological Components of Heritage Impact Assessments.

Any other heritage resources as defined in section 3 of the NHRA that may be impacted, such as built structures over 60 years old, sites of cultural significance associated with oral histories, burial grounds and graves, graves of victims of conflict, and cultural landscapes or viewscapes must also be assessed.

Further comments will be issued upon receipt of the pending heritage assessments and the DEIA inclusive of appendices.

Should you have any further queries, please contact the designated official using the case number quoted above in the case header.

Yours faithfully





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PER E-MAIL

Dear Ms Strong

ACCEPTANCE OF THE FINAL SCOPING REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED 400kV PHEFUMULA EMOYENI ONE ELECTRICAL GRID INFRASTRUCTURE NEAR ERMELO WITHIN THE MSUKALIGWA LOCAL MUNICIPALITY IN THE MPUMALANGA PROVINCE

The Application for Environmental Authorisation and the final Scoping Report (FSR) received by the Department on 09 September 2024, refer.

This letter serves to inform you that the following information must be included in the final EIAr:

(a) Specific comments

- (i) The Amersfoort-Bethal-Carolina IBA hosts globally and regionally threatened species that are not found in similar abundance in other provinces. Several species are at risk of becoming extinct, some of which have be found at the proposed site (e.g., regionally threatened African Marsh Harrier (Endangered), Blue Crane (Near Threatened), Denham's Bustard (Vulnerable) and Cape Vulture (Endangered)). The threat of the proposed development to the IBA and the current status of globally threatened bird species such as the Botha's lark is of a concern. The Department urges the EAP and the applicant to evaluate whether the proposed development is suitable for this area considering the high avifaunal sensitivity.
- (ii) It is evident that large tracts of natural habitat in the study area, particularly in the south, are delineated as CBA Irreplaceable (CBA 1). These areas are required to meet biodiversity targets for biodiversity pattern (species and ecosystems) and ecological processes. Particularly, part of



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- the development area is affected by intact grassland patches that are considered "source" areas for avifaunal species. These areas should remain in a natural state that is maintained in good ecological condition and therefore must be excluded from the development footprint.
- (iii) The development area is located within areas with a high prominence of wetlands (including natural pans) and with very high aquatic/freshwater biodiversity significance that may be important for flamingos and other water-dependent birds.
- (iv) It is further noted that there may be competing mining rights within the development area. The EIA must exclude these areas from the development footprint.
- (v) Overall, this Department urges the EAP and the applicant to evaluate whether the proposed development is suitable for this area considering the significant threat to Critical Biodiversity Areas, intact grassland patches, Important Bird Areas and the habitat of numerous threatened bird species. The anticipated impacts on biodiversity, particularly the avifauna, is too great to support this project. A more thorough ecological assessment and exploration of alternative locations are crucial before proceeding with this project.

(b) Listed Activities

- (i) The EIAr must provide an assessment of the impacts and mitigation measures for each of the listed activities applied for.
- (ii) The listed activities represented in the EIAr and the application form must be the same and correct.
- (iii) The EIAr must assess the correct sub-listed activity for each listed activity applied for.

(c) Public Participation

- (i) Please ensure the language used to inform potential I&APs in the newspaper advertisement is not only communicated in the language English but should also utilise other dominant languages spoken in the study area. The EAP must ensure that the newspaper medium adequately caters for all potential I&APs in the study area. This should also apply to any site notification boards as well.
- (ii) Please ensure that comments from all relevant stakeholders are submitted to the Department with the EIAr. This includes but is not limited to the Mpumalanga Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, Land and Environmental Affairs (DARDLEA), the Mpumalanga Tourism & Parks Agency, the Msukaligwa Local Municipality, the Gert Sibande District Municipality, the Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS), the South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA), the Endangered Wildlife Trust (EWT), BirdLife SA, the Department of Mineral Resources, the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment: Directorate Biodiversity and Conservation, and the Directorate Protected Areas.
- (iii) Please ensure that all issues raised and comments received during the circulation of the draft SR and draft EIAr from registered I&APs and organs of state which have jurisdiction in respect of the proposed activity are adequately addressed in the final EIAr. Proof of correspondence with the various stakeholders must be included in the final EIAr. Should you be unable to obtain comments, proof should be submitted to the Department of the attempts that were made to obtain comments.
- (iv) A Comments and Response trail report (C&R) must be submitted with the final EIAr. The C&R report must incorporate all comments for this development. The C&R report must be a separate document from the main report and the format must be in the table format as indicated in Appendix 1 of this comments letter. Please refrain from summarising comments made by I&APs.

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- All comments from I&APs must be copied verbatim and responded to clearly. Please note that a response such as "noted" is not regarded as an adequate response to I&AP's comments.
- (v) Comments from I&APs must not be split and arranged into categories. Comments from each submission must be responded to individually.
- (vi) The Public Participation Process must be conducted in terms of Regulation 39, 40, 41, 42, 43 and 44 of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended.
- (vii) Minutes and attendance registers (where applicable) of any physical/virtual meetings held by the Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) with Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) and other role players must be included in the final EIAr.

(d) Layout & Sensitivity Maps

- (i) The EIAr must provide coordinate points for the proposed development site and all proposed infrastructure (note that if the site has numerous bend points, at each bend point coordinates must be provided) as well as the start, middle and end point of all linear activities.
- (ii) The EIAr must provide a copy of the final preferred layout map. All available biodiversity information must be used in the finalisation of the layout map. Existing infrastructure must be used as far as possible e.g., roads. The layout map must indicate the following:
 - a) Powerlines:
 - b) Internal roads;
 - c) All supporting onsite infrastructure such as laydown area, guard house and control room etc.;
 - d) Substations, transformers, switching stations and inverters;
 - e) The location of sensitive environmental features on site e.g. CBAs, heritage sites, wetlands, drainage lines, nesting and roosting sites, etc. that will be affected by the facilities and its associated infrastructure;
 - f) All existing infrastructure on the site, especially railway lines and roads; and
 - g) Buildings, including accommodation.
- (iii) Please provide an environmental sensitivity map which indicates the following:
 - a) The location of sensitive environmental features identified on site, e.g. CBAs, protected areas, IBAs, heritage sites, wetlands, drainage lines, nest and roosting sites, etc. that will be affected by the facility and its associated infrastructure;
 - b) Buffer areas; and
 - c) All "no-go" areas.
- (iv) The above layout map must be superimposed (overlain) with the sensitivity map and a cumulative map which shows neighbouring and existing infrastructure.
- (v) Google maps will not be accepted.

(e) Specialist assessments

- (i) The EAP must ensure that the terms of reference for all the identified specialist studies must include the following:
 - a) A detailed description of the study's methodology; indication of the locations and descriptions of the development footprint, and all other associated infrastructures that they have assessed and are recommending for authorisation.
 - b) Provide a detailed description of all limitations to the studies. All specialist studies must be conducted in the right season and providing that as a limitation will not be allowed.

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- c) Please note that the Department considers a 'no-go' area, as an area where no development of any infrastructure is allowed; therefore, no development of associated infrastructure including access roads is allowed in the 'no-go' areas.
- d) Should the specialist definition of 'no-go' area differ from the Department's definition; this must be clearly indicated. The specialist must also indicate the 'no-go' area's buffer if applicable.
- e) All specialist studies must be final, and provide detailed/practical mitigation measures for the preferred alternative and recommendations, and must not recommend further studies to be completed post EA.
- f) Avifauna specialist studies must have comments from Birdlife South Africa and EWT.
- g) Should a specialist recommend specific mitigation measures, these must be clearly indicated.
- (ii) Should the appointed specialists specify contradicting recommendations, the EAP must clearly indicate the most reasonable recommendation and substantiate this with defendable reasons; and were necessary, include further expertise advice.
- (iii) It is further brought to your attention that Procedures for the Assessment and Minimum Criteria for Reporting in identified Environmental Themes in terms of Sections 24(5)(a) and (h) and 44 of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998, when applying for Environmental Authorisation, which were promulgated in Government Notice No. 320 of 20 March 2020 (i.e. "the Protocols") and in Government Notice No. 1150 of 30 October 2020 (i.e. protocols for terrestrial plant and animal species), have come into effect. Please note that specialist assessments must be conducted in accordance with these protocols.
- (iv) Please also ensure that the EIAr includes the Site Verification Report and Compliance Statements (where applicable) as required by the relevant themes.
- (v) Please note further that the protocols, if applicable, require certain specialists' to be SACNASP registered in the field of expertise of the specialist study being undertaken e.g. An aquatic assessment must be prepared by a specialist registered with SACNASP, with expertise in the field of aquatics sciences. Please ensure that the relevant specialist certificates are attached to the relevant reports.
- (vi) As such, the Specialist Declaration of Interest forms must also indicate the scientific organisation registration/member number and status of registration/membership for each specialist.
- (vii) Please ensure that each specialist study has the correct and same project description and layout/alignment to assess.
- (viii) Please include a table that shows the proposed studies and the relevant specialists carrying out the study. In addition, a summary should be included of the specialist's recommendations in terms of the alternatives that are preferred based on the findings of their study.

(f) Cumulative Assessment

- (i) A cumulative impact assessment for all identified and assessed impacts must be conducted to indicate the following:
 - a) Identified cumulative impacts must be clearly defined, and where possible the size of the identified impact must be quantified and indicated, i.e., hectares of cumulatively transformed land
 - b) Detailed process flow and proof must be provided, to indicate how the specialist's recommendations, mitigation measures and conclusions from the various similar developments in the area were taken into consideration in the assessment of cumulative impacts and when the conclusion and mitigation measures were drafted for this project.

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- c) The cumulative impacts significance rating must also inform the need and desirability of the proposed development.
- d) A cumulative impact environmental statement on whether the proposed development must proceed.

(g) Environmental Management Programme

- (i) It is drawn to your attention that for substation and overhead electricity transmission and distribution infrastructure, when such facilities trigger activity 11 or 47 of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations Listing Notice 1 of 2014, as amended, and any other listed and specified activities necessary for the realisation of such facilities, the generic Environmental Management Programme, contemplated in the Regulations must be used and submitted with the final report over and above the EMPr for the facility.
- (ii) Ensure that signed versions of the generic EMPr for the substation and the powerline are submitted with the final EIAr

(h) General

(i) The EIAr must provide the technical details for the proposed facility in a table format as well as their description and/or dimensions. A sample for the minimum information required is listed under Annexure 2 below.

The applicant is hereby reminded to comply with the requirements of Regulation 45 of GN R982 of 04 December 2014, as amendment, with regard to the time period allowed for complying with the requirements of the Regulations.

You are hereby reminded of Section 24F of the National Environmental Management Act, Act No. 107 of 1998, as amended, that no activity may commence prior to an environmental authorisation being granted by the Department.

Yours sincerely

Dr Sabelo Malaza

Chief Director: Integrated Environmental Authorisations Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment

Signed by: Mr Coenrad Agenbach

Designation: Deputy Director: Prioritised Infrastructure Projects

Date: 23 October 2024

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Annexure 1: Format for the comments and response report

| Date of comment, format of comment name of organisation/I&AP | Comment | Response from EAP/Applicant/Specialist |
|---|--|---|
| 27/01/2016 Email Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment: Prioritised | Please record C&R trail report in this format Please update the contact details | EAP: (Noted)The C&R trail report has been updated into the desired format, see Appendix K |
| Infrastructure Projects (John Doe) | of the provincial environmental authority | EAP: Details of provincial authority have been updated, see page 16 of the Application form |

Annexure 2: Sample of technical details for the proposed facility

| Component | Description / dimensions |
|---|--------------------------|
| Footprint of power line | |
| Pylon type (design, material, height, width etc) | |
| Footprint of associated infrastructure e.g. substations | |
| Capacity | |
| Area occupied by both permanent and construction | |
| laydown areas | |
| Area occupied by buildings | |
| Length of internal roads | |
| Width of internal roads | |

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RE: AVAILABILITY OF THE FINAL SCOPING REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED PHEFUMULA EMOYENI ONE ELECTRICAL GRID INFRASTRUCTURE (REF: 14/12/16/3/3/2/2596)

Good day,

I hope this email finds you well. Kindly note that the SACAA has transferred all obstacle assessments and applications responsibilities to Air Traffic and Navigation Services (ATNS) as published on the SACAA website: www.caa.co.za/industryinformation/obstacles/. A formal application must be lodged with Air Traffic and Navigation Services (ATNS) for a formal obstacles assessment to be conducted. The list and contact details of the approved obstacles assessment services providers can be obtained from the CAA website: www.caa.co.za.

Kind regards

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Dear Stakeholder,

Notice is given in terms of Regulation 41(2) of GNR 982 (as amended) published under section 24 and 24D of the National Environmental Management Act (No. 107 of 1998) (NEMA) for submission of an application for environmental authorisation (EA) in respect of activities identified in terms of GNR 983, GNR 984 and GNR 985 (as amended).

The Proponent, Phefumula Emoyeni One (Pty) Ltd, proposes to develop the Phefumula Emoyeni One Electrical Grid Infrastructure (DFFE Ref: 14/12/16/3/3/2/2596). The project is located within the Msukaligwa Local Municipality, which falls under the Gert Sibande District Municipality, in the Mpumalanga Province. Due to the nature of the project thresholds, Phefumula Emoyeni One (Pty) Ltd is required to follow a Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment (S&EIA) process to acquire the necessary authorisation prior to the commencement of the proposed project. WSP Group Africa (Pty) Ltd (WSP) has been appointed as the independent Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) by Phefumula Emoyeni One (Pty) Ltd, to manage the S&EIA process.

FINAL SCOPING REPORT AVAILABILITY

The Final scoping Report for the Phefumula Emoyeni One Grid Connection is made available for review at the below links:

| WSP | https://www.wsp.com/en- |
|----------|------------------------------|
| Website | ZA/services/public-documents |
| Datafree | https://wap.opgogo.com/ |
| Website | https://wsp-engage.com/ |

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We look forward to your continued participation is this process.

Kind regards







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Date: Thursday, 17 October, 2024

Case ID: 23143

Interim Comment

In terms of Section 38(3) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999)

Ashlea Strong WSP Group Africa Building 1, Maxwell Office Park, Magwa Cres, Midrand, 1685 Building 1, Maxwell Office Park, Magwa Cres, Midrand, 1685 Johannesburg 1685

WSP Group Africa (Pty) Ltd (WSP) has been appointed in the role of Independent Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) to undertake the S&EIR processes for the proposed Phefumula Emoyeni One Electrical Grid Infrastructure, located approximately 16km north-west of Ermelo in the Msukaligwa Local Municipality and Gert Sibande District Municipality, in the Mpumalanga Province of South Africa

A Final Scoping Report (FSR) was submitted in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, Act 107 of 1998 (NEMA) and the NEMA EIA Regulations (As amended). The project consists of the following infrastructure referred to as: One Main Transmission Substation (MTS) = this will tie into the existing 400kV line via loop in loop out (LILO) set-up with approximately 17.4Ha footprint; Three DX = Distribution substations (one per each phase). The independent power producer (IPP) substation will be constructed adjacent to the Dx substations; and Three overhead lines (OHL) = 132kV overhead power line from each Dx sub to the MTS (total length approx.18.2km).

Van der Walt, J. 2024. HERITAGE SCOPING REPORT For the proposed Phefumula Emoyeni One Electrical Grid Infrastructure, Mpumalanga Province.

The author undertook a desktop assessment and noted that the study area includes heritage sensitive areas that specifically relate to historical occupation of the Project area and associated burial sites. Archaeological sites in the form of LIA stone walled settlements are also considered to be sensitive. Known sites close to the area consist of Shelters with Rock Art sites and LIA stone walled settlements. During a field survey numerous heritage sites were recorded. It is recommended that the final footprint should be subjected to a HIA.

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SAHRA requests that an assessment of the impacts to heritage resources that complies with section 38(3) of the NHRA as required by section 38(8) of the NHRA and section 24(4)b(iii) of NEMA be conducted as part of the EA process.

The assessment must include an assessment of the impact to archaeological and palaeontological resources. The field-based assessment of archaeological resources must be conducted by a qualified archaeologist and the report comply with the SAHRA 2007 Minimum Standards: Archaeological and Palaeontological Components of Impact Assessment Reports (see www.asapa.co.za or www.asapa.co.za for a list of qualified archaeologists). The assessment must include the track logs of the area to be surveyed.

The proposed development is located within an area of insignificant and very high Palaeontological Sensitivity as per the SAHRIS PalaeoSensitivity map. As such, a field assessment and protocol for finds is required. The assessment must be undertaken by a qualified palaeontologist.

(See https://www.palaeosa.org/heritage-practitioners.html for a list of qualified palaeontologists). The report must comply with the 2012 Minimum Standards: Palaeontological Components of Heritage Impact Assessments.

Any other heritage resources as defined in section 3 of the NHRA that may be impacted, such as built structures over 60 years old, sites of cultural significance associated with oral histories, burial grounds and graves, graves of victims of conflict, and cultural landscapes or viewscapes must also be assessed.

The DEIA and its appendices in support of EA application must be submitted to the case.

The applicant is advised to extend the EA process in terms of section 19(1)b of the NEMA EIA regulations in order to address this comment. Further comments will be issued upon receipt of the above requested reports.

Should you have any further queries, please contact the designated official using the case number quoted above in the case header.

Yours faithfully

Phefumula Emoyeni One Electrical Grid Infrastructure,

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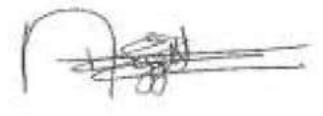


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Dear Ms. Strong

SUBJECT: THE MTPA COMMENTS ON THE FINAL SCOPING REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF THE PHEFUMULA EMOYENI ONE ELECRTICAL GRID INFRASTRUCTURE FOR 135 WIND TURBINES CONSISTING OF ONE MAIN TRANSMISSION SUBSTATION (MTS), THREE DISTRIBUTION SUBSTATIONS AN INDEPENDENT POWER PRODUCER (IPP) SUBSTATION AND THREE OVERHEAD LINES (OHL) OF 18.2 KM LENGTH, GRID LOCATED OVER 10 FARM PORTIONS NORTH OF ERMELO, BY PHEFUMULA EMOYENI ONE (PTY) LTD, MSUKALIGWA LOCAL MUNICIPALITY IN MPUMALANGA PROVINCE. DFFE REFERENCE NUMBER: 14/12/16/3/3/2/2596

Your correspondence with project reference 41105236 WSP of 13 September 2024, refer.

The application was assessed by using the Mpumalanga Biodiversity Sector Plan (MBSP, 2014 as updated 2022) land use guidelines, DFFE web-based sensitivity screening tool, Environmental legislation NEMA and EIA regulations 2014 as amended, Department of Water and Sanitation and Water Research Commission Guidelines on wetlands, South African Heritage Resources Act and knowledge to assess Development Applications.

The sensitivity of the proposed Grid infrastructure activity area was assessed according to the MBSP. This sensitivity is assessed in terms of terrestrial and freshwater assessments. In the MBSP, sensitive areas are identified in terms of *Critical Biodiversity Areas* (CBAs) and *Ecological Support Areas* (ESAs). CBAs and ESAs are necessary to ensure the protection of biodiversity, environmental sustainability, sustainable living and spiritual wellbeing are to remain unaltered.





The MBSP terrestrial assessment, figure 1, indicates the area that will be crossed by the proposed Overhead Lines and Associated Infrastructure. The MBSP freshwater assessment map indicates the watercourses and wetlands in the area.

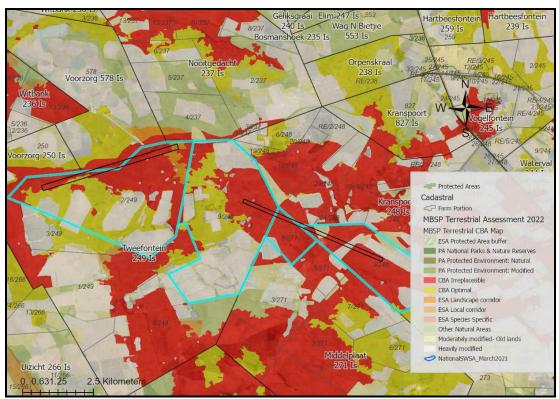


Figure 1. MBSP terrestrial biodiversity assessment. Approximate locality indicated by linear lines. (Red areas are CBA irreplaceable areas.





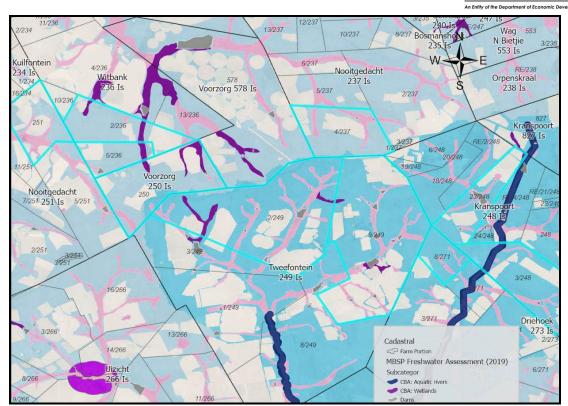


Figure 4. MBSP freshwater biodiversity assessment indicating the affected farms and:

- 1. CBA river that needs to be crossed.
- 2. CBA wetlands.
- 3. ESA wetlands and dams.

Recommendations

With reference to the assessment of your Final Scoping Report the MTPA is concerned that the Phefumula Emoyeni One Electrical grid infrastructure proposal for the Just Energy Transition project has basic flaws.

Motivation:

- The layout of the Overhead Powerline and associated one grid connection and main substations with their individual footprints are placed within ecological sensitive habitats that were highlighted during the draft scoping phase and verified by several Specialist reports:
- It was discussed and commented on by yourself during the consultation report. The understanding
 was that the layout would be amended to avoid the CBA irreplaceable areas and avifauna sensitive
 areas. There is no proof that this was done. The MBSP terrestrial assessment map, figure 1,
 highlights the route of the grid connection and OHP. The facilities are clearly largely within the no go
 areas.
- Furthermore, the Project Area of Impact (PAOI) lie within the National Protected Area Expansion Strategy (NPAES 2018), Priority 2 area. Adjacent to the Chrissiesmeer Protected Environment, Birdlife SA, Key Biodiversity Area.





- The risk assessment to identify additional environmental issues and the important severity rating of the themes that were identified has overly sensitive status was verified by the specialists. Several themes were assessed to be overly sensitive.
- If the project goes ahead, it is not clear whether the significant negative impacts will be reversable or successfully mitigated. If the mortalities for instance of large, endangered bird species are at unacceptable elevated levels, how will that be reversed or mitigated? The list of Species of Conservation Concern (Birds) was already provided and captured in the scoping phase.
- Furthermore, the CBA irreplaceable areas that will be impacted on cannot be offset by the proposed Biodiversity offset strategies, this is not feasible. The only viable option that remains is the avoidance of the CBA areas with the implication that the Electrical Grid connection must be removed.
- The Appendix 1, to this document verifies the Scientific facts as derived from the WSP report and highlights the highly sensitivity of this proposed WEF.
- The avoidance of large areas of critical biodiversity terrestrial and freshwater sensitivity areas that
 are supporting various Species of Conservation Concern, and the preliminary project layout overlain
 area is a large concern.

Conclusion.

- Consider alternative locations with less ecological sensitivity, especially considering the numerous
 renewable energy projects already approved in Mpumalanga. The existing Coal fired power stations
 and Eskom Grid, OHL already crisscrossing the Mpumalanga Highveld and active coal mines, that
 will still be in operation for at least another twenty years, compounds the threats to biodiversity and
 threatened large birds.
- The proposed Phefumula Emoyeni One Electrical Grid Facility poses a significant threat to a Critical Biodiversity Areas, intact grassland patches, an Important Bird area, and the habitat of numerous threatened SCC bird species. If we need to rely on the information presented to date, and the desktop assessments, then it is in our opinion that this project is fatally flawed.

Please do not hesitate to contact this office if there are any inquiries.

Kind Regards

MS. NOMCEBO KUNENE

EXECUTIVE MANAGER BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION

DATE: <u>04</u> / <u>10</u> / **2024**



Appendix 1.

Site Sensitivity Verification

- The results of the DFFE sensitivity Screening tool, Site Sensitivity Verification confirmed that:
 - The sensitivity for the Terrestrial Biodiversity Theme impact assessment as Very High Sensitivity/High in grassland and wetland habitat; and Low/Medium in secondary grasslands.
 - Aquatic Biodiversity Impact Assessment as Very High Sensitivity
 - Plant Species Assessment as Medium Sensitivity
 - o Animal Species Assessment as High Sensitivity in areas of grassland and wetland habitat
 - Bat Assessment as High Sensitivity
 - Avifaunal Assessment as High Sensitivity

The DFFE has developed the National Web-based Environmental Screening Tool to flag areas of potential environmental sensitivity related to a site as well as a development footprint and produces the screening report required in terms of regulation 16 (1)(v) of the EIA Regulations (2014, as amended). The Notice of the requirement to submit a report generated by the national web-based environmental screening tool in terms of section 24(5)(h) of the NEMA, 1998 (Act No 107 of 1998) and regulation 16(1)(b)(v) of the EIA regulations, 2014, as amended (GN 960 of July 2019) states that the submission of a report generated from the national web-based environmental screening tool, as contemplated in Regulation 16(1)(b)(v) of the EIA Regulations, 2014, published under Government Notice No. R982 in Government Gazette No. 38282 of 4 December 2014, as amended, is compulsory when submitting an application for environmental authorisation in terms of regulation 19 and regulation 21 of the EIA Regulations, 2014 as of 04 October 2019.

- (v) It is further brought to your attention that Procedures for the Assessment and Minimum Criteria for Reporting on identified Environmental Themes in terms of Sections 24(5)(a) and (h) and 44 of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998, when applying for Environmental Authorisation, which were promulgated in Government Notice No. 320 of 20 March 2020 (i.e. "the Protocols"), and in Government Notice No. 1150 of 30 October 2020 (i.e. protocols for terrestrial plant and animal species), have come into effect. Please note that specialist assessments must be conducted in accordance with these protocols.
- **EGI sensitive species** were defined as follows: Species which could potentially be impacted by power line collisions or electrocutions (power line or substation yard), based on specific morphological and/or behavioural characteristics. Species classes which fall under the EGI sensitive category are raptors, large terrestrial birds, waterbirds, crows, and certain ground nesting birds (vulnerable to displacement due to disturbance/habitat loss).
- Despite the growing body of peer reviewed literature investigating the collision risks of birds with overhead power lines in South Africa (Section 6), relevant information for many individual species remains limited. The precautionary principle was therefore applied throughout. The World Charter for Nature, which was adopted by the UN General Assembly in 1982, was the first international endorsement of the precautionary principle. The principle was implemented in an international treaty as early as the 1987 Montreal Protocol and, among other international treaties and declarations, is reflected in the 1992 Rio Declaration on Environment and Development. Principle 15 of the 1992 Rio Declaration states that: "to protect the environment, the precautionary approach shall be widely applied by States according to their capabilities. Where there are threats of serious or irreversible damage, lack of full scientific certainty shall be not used as a reason for postponing cost-effective measures to prevent environmental degradation."

The site sensitivities and constraints (High restriction area) were highlighted by the specialist report in figure 10 below. From this report the site for the Grid connection is not desirable.





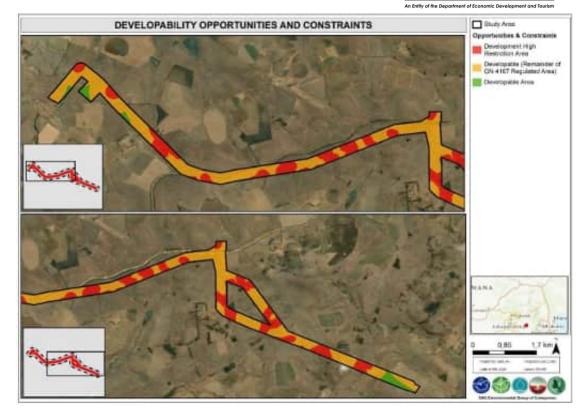


Figure 10: Opportunities and Constraints map for the south-western part of the study area showing sensitive areas in red.

Figure 16 below is a preliminary sensitivity map, indicating avifaunal sensitivity areas identified for development to date.



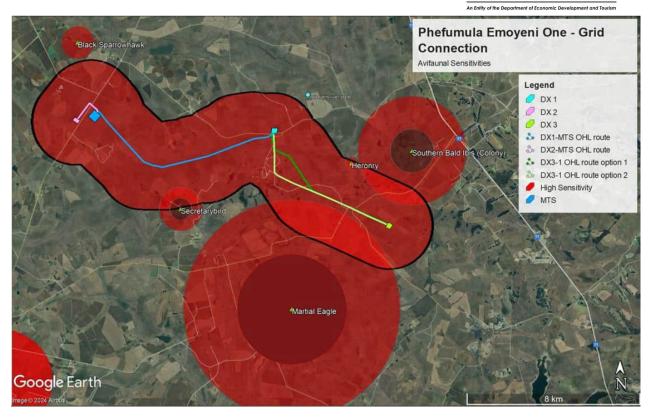


Figure 16: Avifaunal Sensitivities Map for the Phefumula Emoyeni One Electrical grid infrastructure. The entire project area is considered a high sensitivity zone from a collision impact and electrocution impact perspective. (WSP report).

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| Dear Ms. Strong | |
| The MTPA acknowledge the report. | ceipt of your hardcopies for a Final Environmental Scoping report and a Draft EIA |
| It is 4 x hard documents and 2 | x memory sticks. |
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Good afternoon

A hard copy of the Draft report has been couriered to the MTPA already – it should arrive early next week

Kind regards



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MTPA Offices: Lydenburg
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The Draft EIA Report for the Phefumula Emoyeni One WEF will be made available at the venues below for review and comment from 13 September 2024 to 14 October 2024.

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Dear Ms. Strong

Kindly receive the attached comments from the MTPA regarding a Draft Scoping report for the proposed Development of the Phefumula Emoyeni One Electrical Grid Infrastructure.

Your reference number: 411205236 WSP, 2023-09-0017. The DFFE ref is still to be provided.

Our EIA registration number is: LUA 24/3861 (2)

Kind regards

Celia de Waal



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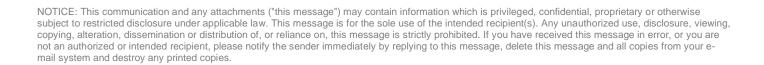


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Subject: MTPA'a comments: LUA 24/3861(3) Final Scoping report for the proposed

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Attachments: LUA 24-3861(3)

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Dear Ms. Strong

Kindly receive the attached comments for your Final Scoping report for the proposed Development of the Phefumula Emoyeni One Electrical Grid Infrastructure for 135 Wind Turbines.

Your reference number: **Project: 41105236** (DFFE: 14/12/16/3/3/2/2596)

Our EIA reference is LUA 24/3861(3)

Kind regards

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To: ZA - WSP - PPOffice

Subject: Re: Mathulwe, Tumelo shared the folder "41105236 - Phefumula Emoyeni

400kV_Draft EIR_14.12.16.3.3.2.2596" with you

Thank you

On Wed, 05 Mar 2025, 09:41 ZA - WSP - PPOffice, < PP@wsp.com > wrote:

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The folder has been shared. Please see the link below for ease of reference:

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Subject: Re: Mathulwe, Tumelo shared the folder "41105236 - Phefumula Emoyeni 400kV_Draft

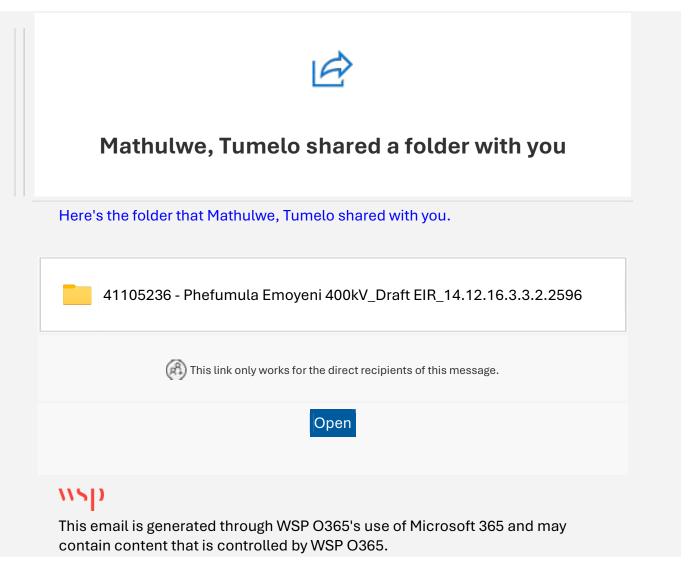
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Good morning

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Sent: 04 March 2025 16:38

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Kind regards,

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Subject: RE: Copy of KML file for proposed Phefumula Emoyeni grid infrastructure

Attachments: 20241205_Phe_1_Proposed_OHL.kml; 20250225_SS_locations.kml

Good day Personal details have been redacted as required by the POPI Act

Kindly find the kmzs attached.

I have copied your MTPA email address as well.

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Yesterday I wrote to you, requesting KML files for the proposed Phefumula Emoyeni grid infrastructure. Our work email server is down. Can you please send the files to this email address, as I would not have received your email.

Thank you.

Best wishes

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(REF:14/12/16/3/3/2/2596)

Hi there

Please can you provide us with a KML file of the proposed grid infrastructure?

Regards

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Cc: Matnulwe, Tumelo; ZA - WSP - PPOffice

Subject: RE: 14/12/16/3/3/2/2545 - Phefumula Emoyeni WEF - Notification of Application

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Yes the Draft EIA Report for the Phefumula Emoyeni GRID was release for public review last week Tuesday 04 March 2025.

The project is back on track and you will be notified as required when the draft EIA Report for the WEF is released for public review.

Kind regards

Ashlea Strong

Principal Associate

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From: POPI Act

Sent: Monday, 10 March 2025 09:25

To: Strong, Ashlea <Ashlea.Strong@wsp.com>

Cc: Mamashela, Tshepho < Tshepho. Mamashela@wsp.com >

Subject: Re: 14/12/16/3/3/2/2545 - Phefumula Emoyeni WEF - Notification of Application Lapse

Dear Ashlea,

I see that the electrical grid infrastructure for Phefumula Emoyeni WEF is out for public participation. Does this mean that the generation project is back on track? Can you please elaborate on the status of the Wind Farm?

Thanks and regards,

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On 31 Oct 2024, at 10:28, wrote:

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Thanks Ashlea!

Best regards,

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SIRIUS POWER SOUTH AFRICA

El 29 oct 2024, a las 13:26, Strong, Ashlea < <u>Ashlea.Strong@wsp.com</u>> escribió:

Dear Stakeholder

During the course of the public participation process, undertaken for the Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report, various concerns and objections were raised by various registered Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) with regards to the sensitivity of the biodiversity in the area, particularly the high avifaunal sensitivity. These comments included the request for additional studies.

In light of the comments noted above, attached please find a letter pertaining to the decision to not submit the Final EIA Report by 01 November, but to rather allow the above-mentioned application to lapse such that additional investigations can be undertaken. The application will be resubmitted in terms of Regulation 21(2).

We thank you for your participation in the project to date.

Kind regards

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Attachments: 20250225_SS_locations.kml; 20241205_Phe_1_Proposed_OHL.kml

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Thank you, the District's comments have been received.

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Please find attached comments for the abovementioned project.

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The above-mentioned report dated March 2025 was received by the official on the 04 March 2025.

The comments to follow are in relation to the following legislations and policy directives:

- National Environmental Management Act (Act 107 of 1998)
- National Environmental Management: Biodiversity Act (Act 10 of 2004)
- Air Quality Management (Act 39 of 2004)
- Waste Management Act (Act 59 of 2008)
- Gert Sibande District Municipality By laws (No.2300 of 2014)
- National Health Act (Act 61 of 2003)
- National Water Act (Act 36 of 1998) as amended

The following are comments from Gert Sibande District Municipality for consideration of the application:

- The applicant must ensure that the requirements of the National Environmental Management Act (Act 107 of 1998), its Specific Environmental Management Acts and the Gert Sibande District Municipality By-Laws (No.2300 of 2014) are adhered to.
- Duty of care principle as per the National Environmental Management Act (107 of 1998)
 as amended, must be taken into account throughout the proposed project during all
 operations and close up.

- In reference to page 59 of the Terrestrial Biodiversity Assessment (Including the animal and plant species) specialist report which states that Collectively, these projects will cause direct habitat loss, disturbance and fragmentation through vegetation clearing that is much greater in extent than that of a single constituent project, and this is a cumulative impact of concern with respect to fauna SCC and the proposed Project. Please note that no development should be made in any CBA areas and that the proposed project should ensure that requirements of the National Environmental Management Biodiversity Act (Act 10 of 2004) are adhered to.
- In reference to page 23 of the Biodiversity Offset specialist report which states that The LSA is dominated by mixed grassland and agricultural cultivation, with hillslope seeps and valley bottom wetlands occurring throughout and page 24 which states that given the sensitive nature of much of the LSA, a number of environmental mitigation measures were incorporated into the Project design to avoid and minimise potential effects to biodiversity. Please note that the district does not support any development within a 50 m buffer of wetlands or waterbodies and the rechanneling of any waterbodies.
- There must be no unnecessary destruction or removal of natural vegetation and only indigenous vegetation should be used for re-vegetation were needed.
- The applicant must put in place preventative and control measures for incidents as part of the Environmental Management Programme Plan in order to control and limit the negative impact of industrial activities and products on both human, plants and animals and the environment, rehabilitation plans and procedures must be in place for any incident's response and immediate rehabilitation.
- In reference to section 8.2 of the Heritage specialist report which states that Heritage observations within the study area included multiple burial sites, farmsteads, ruins, and circular stone enclosures and were recorded as waypoints. These sites should be barricaded during construction, and should significant cultural material be exposed during the development and construction of the proposed activity all activities must be suspended pending further archaeological investigations by a qualified archaeologist and the South African Heritage Resources Agency be notified immediately.
- In reference to **page 9** of the Avifaunal specialist report which states that A total of 224 bird species could potentially occur within the Broader Area where the Project Site is located (see Appendix E). Of these, 80 are classified as priority species for electrical grid infrastructure (EGI) developments (i.e. EGI sensitive avifauna). Of the 80 EGI sensitive avifauna, 71 have a medium to high likelihood of occurring regularly in the Project Area of Influence (PAOI). Of the 80 EGI sensitive avifauna, 67 (84%) were recorded during the on-site field surveys. Mitigation measures must form part of the Environmental Management Programme report and be applied during construction and operation of the proposed activity.
- There should be strict adherence to national road traffic Act prescriptions including District Noise By laws.
- The processes must avoid all sources of dust or particulate matter generation and immediate mitigation plans be implemented in consultation with the District Air Quality Officers including on all unpaved roads.
- Any complaints received from the public during the proposed activity phases must be documented and reported to the district municipality and attended to within three working days after such reporting to the satisfaction of all parties engaged.

- All incidents or complaints should be reported to Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment, Gert Sibande District Municipality and Msukaligwa Local Municipality.
- The EMPr must include detailed but not be limited to the following:
 - > Environmental Pollution Prevention Plan
 - > Incident Emergency Plan
 - > Site Environmental Management Operational Plan
 - > Site specific Storm Water Management Plan
- The applicant should ensure that all supervisors and management on site are fully conversant with the content and requirements of the EMPr attached as part of the Environmental Assessment report including made available to the project manager and any other person(s) or organization(s) working on the site.
- The applicant must ensure that a health, safety and environmental officer is present at all times during operations on site in order to ensure compliance to EMPr and related environmental & health management matters and any specific specialist recommendations made.
- Monthly reports on the implementation of the EMP must be sent to the relevant authorities.

Should you have any queries, please contact LF Magagula on 017 801 7233.

Yours faithfully

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PER EMAIL

Dear Ms Strong

COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED 400kV PHEFUMULA EMOYENI ONE ELECTRICAL GRID INFRASTRUCTURE NEAR ERMELO WITHIN THE MSUKALIGWA LOCAL MUNICIPALITY IN THE MPUMALANGA PROVINCE

The Application for Environmental Authorisation and the Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAr) received by the Department on 26 July 2024 and 03 March 2025, respectively, refer.

(a) Offset Agreement:

- (i) We note that a draft offset agreement required to reduce the ecological impacts of the development has been included in the Draft EIAr. Proof that the offset agreement has been finalised and agreed to with the provincial authority must be submitted with the Final EIAr.
- (ii) Proof that the offset plan has been submitted to this Department's Biodiversity Section for comments.
- (iii) From DFFE's perspective, greening and revegetation initiatives targeting areas infested with alien invasive floral species are regarded as mitigation measures rather than ecological offsets and should not be classified as such.
- (iv) The identified offset area must be located outside Negotiated NPAES Areas as per the National Protected Area Expansion Strategy, 2018 in alignment with the Mpumalanga Protected Area Expansion Strategy (20 Year Plan).
- (v) The offset agreement must explicitly define the duration of the agreement and the long-term management commitments associated with it.







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(b) Specialist Assessments

- (i) We note that the screening tool indicates that twelve specialist studies need to be undertaken or conducted. We note that the Final SR does not include twelve specialist reports. Please kindly peruse the protocols and provide in the SR site sensitivity reports for each theme/study listed, as well as compliance statements for assessments not needed to be conducted based on your site sensitivity verification.
- (ii) With regards to the specialist studies to be undertaken, kindly note that the protocols only require studies to be undertaken where the verification confirms that the sensitivity is either high or very high. Should the sensitivity be confirmed to be low or medium, then a compliance statement is required.
- (iii) All specialist studies must be final, and provide detailed/practical mitigation measures for the preferred alternative and recommendations, and must not recommend further studies to be completed post-EA.
- (iv) Should the appointed specialists specify contradicting recommendations, the EAP must clearly indicate the most reasonable recommendation and substantiate this with defendable reasons; and where necessary, include further expertise advice.

(c) Public Participation Process

- (i) The Public Participation Process must be conducted in terms of Regulation 39, 40, 41, 42, 43 and 44 of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended.
- (ii) Comments must be obtained from this Department's Biodiversity Conservation Directorate at BCAdmin@dffe.gov.za.
- (iii) Please ensure that comments from all relevant stakeholders are submitted to the Department with the EIAr. This includes but is not limited to the Mpumalanga Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, Land and Environmental Affairs (DARDLEA), the Mpumalanga Tourism & Parks Agency, the Msukaligwa Local Municipality, the Gert Sibande District Municipality, the Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS), the South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA), the Endangered Wildlife Trust (EWT), BirdLife SA, the Department of Mineral Resources, the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment: Directorate Biodiversity and Conservation, and the Directorate Protected Areas.
- (iv) Please ensure that all issues raised and comments received during the circulation of the draft SR and draft EIAr from registered Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) and organs of state (including this Department's Biodiversity and Protected Area Sections), as listed in your I&APs Database, and others that have jurisdiction in respect of the proposed activity are adequately addressed and included in the final EIAr and are incorporated into a Comments and Response Report (CRR).
- (v) Copies of original comments received from I&APs and organs of state, which have jurisdiction in respect of the proposed activity are submitted to the Department with the final EIAr.
- (vi) Proof of correspondence with the various stakeholders must be included in the final EIAr. Should you be unable to obtain comments, proof should be submitted to the Department of the attempts that were made to obtain comments. In terms of Regulation 41(2)(b) of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended, please provide proof of written notice for the availability of the EIAr for comment.
- (vii) The CRR report must be a separate document from the main report and the format must be in the table format as indicated in Annexure 1 of this comments letter.
- (viii) Please refrain from summarising comments made by I&APs. All comments from I&APs must be copied verbatim and responded to clearly. Please note that a response such as "noted" is not regarded as an adequate response to I&APs' comments.
- (ix) Minutes and attendance registers (where applicable) of any physical/virtual meetings held by the Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) with Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) and other role players must be included in the final EIAr.

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(d) Layout & Sensitivity Maps

- (i) The final EIAr must provide coordinate points for the proposed development site (note that if the site has numerous bend points, at each bend point coordinates must be provided) as well as the start, middle and end point of all linear activities.
- (ii) The EIAr must provide a copy of the final preferred layout map. All available biodiversity information must be used in the finalisation of the layout map. Existing infrastructure must be used as far as possible e.g., roads. The layout map must indicate the following:
 - a) A clear indication of the envisioned area for the proposed power line and associated infrastructure;
 - b) Internal roads:
 - c) All supporting onsite infrastructure such as laydown area, guard house and control room etc.;
 - d) Substations, transformers, switching stations and inverters;
 - e) All existing infrastructure on the site, especially railway lines and roads; and
 - f) Buildings, including accommodation.
- (iii) Please provide an environmental sensitivity map which indicates the following:
 - a) The location of sensitive environmental features identified on site, e.g. CBAs, protected areas, heritage sites, wetlands, drainage lines, nest and roost sites etc. that will be affected by the facility and its associated infrastructure;
 - b) Buffer areas; and
 - c) All "no-go" areas.
- (iv) The above layout map must be superimposed (overlain) with the sensitivity map and a cumulative map which shows neighbouring and existing infrastructure.
- (v) Google maps will not be accepted.

(e) Environmental Management Programme

- (i) The EMPr must include the following:
 - a) All recommendations and mitigation measures recorded in the EIAr and the specialist studies conducted.
 - b) An environmental sensitivity map indicating environmental sensitive areas and features identified during the assessment process.
- (ii) In addition to the above, the EMPr must comply with Appendix 4 of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended
- (iii) It is drawn to your attention that for substation and overhead electricity transmission and distribution infrastructure, when such facilities trigger activity 11 or 47 of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations Listing Notice 1 of 2014, as amended, and any other listed and specified activities necessary for the realisation of such facilities, the generic Environmental Management Programme, contemplated in the Regulations must be used and submitted with the final report over and above the EMPr for the facility.
- (iv) Please ensure that all the sections of the generic Environmental Management Programme (EMPr), contemplated in Regulations 19(4) are adequately completed, is **signed and dated** on submission of the final report over and above the EMPr for the facility.

(f) Environmental Impact Statement

- (i) An environmental impact statement must form part of the final EIAr and contain the following
 - a) a summary of the key findings of the environmental impact assessment;

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- a map at an appropriate scale which superimposes the proposed activity and its associated structures and infrastructure on the environmental sensitivities of the preferred site indicating any areas that should be avoided, including buffers; and
- a summary of the positive and negative impacts and risks of the proposed activity and identified alternatives.

(g) General

The EIAr must provide the technical details for the proposed facility in a table format as well as their description and/or dimensions (Annexure 2).

Please also ensure that the final EIAr includes the period for which the Environmental Authorisation is required and the date on which the activity will be concluded as per Appendix 3 of the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended.

You are further reminded to comply with Regulation 23(1)(a) of the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended, which states that: "The applicant must within 106 days of the acceptance of the scoping report submit to the competent authority -

(a) an environmental impact assessment report inclusive of any specialist reports, an EMPr, a closure plan in the case of a closure activity and where the application is a mining application, the plans, report and calculations contemplated in the Financial Provisioning Regulations, which must have been subjected to a public participation process of at least 30 days and which reflects the incorporation of comments received, including any comments of the competent authority."

Should there be significant changes or new information that has been added to the EIAr or EMPr which changes or information was not contained in the reports or plans consulted on during the initial public participation process, you are required to comply with Regulation 23(1)(b) of the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended, which states: "The applicant must within 106 days of the acceptance of the scoping report submit to the competent authority – (b) a notification in writing that the documents contemplated in subregulation 1(a) will be submitted within 156 days of acceptance of the scoping report by the competent authority or where regulation 21(2) applies, within 156 days of receipt of the application by the competent authority, as significant changes have been made or significant new information has been added to the documents, which changes or information was not contained in the original documents consulted on during the initial public participation process contemplated in subregulation (1)(a), and that the revised documents contemplated in subregulation 1(a) will be subjected to another public participation process of at least 30 days".

Should you fail to meet any of the timeframes stipulated in Regulation 23 of the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended, your application will lapse.

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You are hereby reminded of Section 24F of the National Environmental Management Act, Act No. 107 of 1998, as amended, that no activity may commence prior to an Environmental Authorisation being granted by the Department.

Yours sincerely

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Chief Director: Integrated Environmental Authorisations Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment

Signed by: Mr Coenrad Agenbach

Designation: Deputy Director: Prioritised Infrastructure Projects

Date: 31 March 2025

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Annexure 1: Format for the comments and response report

| Date of comment, format of comment name of organisation/I&AP | Comment | Response from EAP/Applicant/Specialist |
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| 27/01/2016 | Please record C&R trail report in | EAP: (Noted)The C&R trail report |
| Email | this format | has been updated into the desired |
| Department of Forestry, Fisheries | | format, see Appendix K |
| and the Environment: Prioritised | Please update the contact details | |
| Infrastructure Projects (John Doe) | of the provincial environmental authority | EAP: Details of provincial authority have been updated, see page 16 of the Application form |

Annexure 2: Sample of technical details for the proposed facility

| Component | Description / dimensions |
|---|--------------------------|
| Footprint of power line | |
| Pylon type (design, material, height, width etc) | |
| Footprint of associated infrastructure e.g. substations | |
| Capacity | |
| Area occupied by both permanent and construction | |
| laydown areas | |
| Area occupied by buildings | |
| Length of internal roads | |
| Width of internal roads | |



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Dear Ashlea Strong,

COMMENT: DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EIA) FOR THE PHEFUMULA EMOYENI ELECTRICAL GRID INFRASTRUCTURE (DFFE Reference No:14/12/16/3/3/2/2596)

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) for the Phefumula Emoyeni Electrical Grid Infrastructure (EGI), associated with the Phefumula Emoyeni One Wind Energy Facilities (WEF), located north of Ermelo in the Msukaligwa Local Municipality and Gert Sibande District Municipality, Mpumalanga Province, South Africa. VulPro has also submitted comments on the Phefumula Emoyeni One WEFs project, indicating that downplaying of vulture risk in this area is unacceptable, and all precautions should be taken to prevent vulture mortalities.

As highlighted in our comments on the WEF project, VulPro's vulture tracking data confirms the specialists' findings regarding the presence of Cape Vultures (*Gyps coprotheres*), with White-backed Vultures (*Gyps africanus*) also present in the greater area.

VulPro supports the proposed avifaunal mitigation recommendations for both collision and electrocution. However, we emphasise that all power line infrastructure if not underground must be designed to deter perching, and all lines should be marked with bird flight diverters, at a minimum, following Eskom's Bird Collision Prevention Guidelines and Bird Perch Guidelines. In addition, VulPro strongly recommends the following:

• Mitigation monitoring and maintenance Schedule: Proposed power line mitigation measures must include a comprehensive monitoring and maintenance schedule, as these measures are vulnerable to wear and tear, including weathering, corrosion, and technical failure. VulPro has observed failures of mitigation measures installed on Eskom lines due to inadequate maintenance. If not properly addressed, these failures could pose significant risks. The mitigation recommendations must explicitly include this maintenance schedule, even if the lines are to be transferred to Eskom. This schedule should include regular monitoring to assess the effectiveness of the mitigation measures and ensure their continued functionality.

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- Enhanced Line Visibility in Power Line Corridors: Any power lines installed within the same corridor as existing lines must be highly visible. Although grouping power lines on a common servitude is often believed to reduce risk, VulPro's observational data from Cookhouse, Eastern Cape, indicate that vultures frequently collide with the less visible, smaller kV lines when attempting to avoid or land on the larger kV lines in the same corridor. These lines must be properly spaced and marked to mitigate this issue.
- Water Sources: Water sources such as concrete reservoirs and animal water troughs located directly under or very close to the proposed lines should be relocated. Alternatively, the power line route should be adjusted to avoid these water sources. Additionally, all concrete reservoirs within the project area of influence (PAOI) should be covered to discourage bird visitation.
- Incident Notification: VulPro must be immediately notified of any incidents involving vulture mortality or injury due to electrocution or collision.

Electrocution and collisions with power lines are among the leading causes of vulture mortality in South Africa. Given the extensive existing electrical infrastructure, numerous proposed renewable projects, and vulture activity in the area—including their use of power lines as roosting sites—these risks must be addressed through robust avifaunal mitigation measures.

We appreciate your attention to these concerns and remain available to provide further input or clarification if needed.

Yours sincerely,

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Please see the project kml files attached.

Kindly note that the WEF layout will be released when the Draft EIA is re-released for public comment.

Kind regards,

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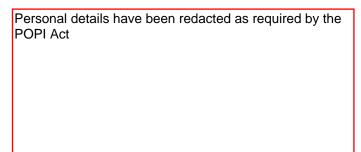
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Good morning,

Please can you provide either a shapefile or .kml for the proposed infrastructure.

In addition, please can you send the infrastructure/turbine locations, as per the attached mail

Kind Regards,



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MTPA's comments on LUA 25/4128 - Draft EIA for the proposed Development of

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Dear Ms. Strong

Kindly receive the attached comments from the MTPA on a Draft EIAr for the proposed development of the Phefumula Emoyeni One Electrical Grid Infrasturcture.

The project reference number is: 41105236 of March 2025

Our EIA/LUA reference number is: LUA 25/4128.

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The Directorate: Biodiversity Conservation reviewed and evaluated the report.

According to the information provided in the report, the study area falls within the Eastern Highveld Grassland and Soweto Highveld Grassland vegetation types, both of which are classified as threatened under NEMBA (2021)—Endangered and Vulnerable, respectively. However, some of the study areas have been modified by active and historic crop farming (i.e., Cultivated fields and Old Lands) and severely encroached by AIS (i.e., Alien Tree Plantations). Expanding urban centers (e.g., Ermelo, Bethal, Breyten, and Hendrina) may contribute to further habitat transformation.

Terrestrial Biodiversity Theme is rated 'Very High' sensitivity due to the presence of the Critical Biodiversity Area (CBA) 1; Critical Biodiversity Area 2; Ecological Support Areas (ESA): Landscape corridor; Ecological Support Areas (ESA): Local corridor; Freshwater Ecosystem priority Area (FEPA) Sub-catchment; National Protected Area Expansion Strategy (NPAES); Important Bird Areas (IBA). The FEPA also extends along the eastern boundary of the study area. No flora species listed as threatened or Near Threatened on the national Red List were recorded in the study area during the field survey. However, Kniphofia ensifolia subsp. ensifolia, which is listed as Near Threatened on the Mpumalanga Red List was recorded in the study area.

Mpumalanga Biodiversity Sector Plan (MBSP) defines CBAs (irreplaceable and optimal) as areas that are required to meet biodiversity targets (for biodiversity pattern and ecological process features). The management approach is that they should remain in a natural state. CBAs are areas of high biodiversity value which are usually at risk of being lost and usually identified as important in meeting biodiversity targets, except for Critically Endangered Ecosystems or Critical Linkages.







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The proposed project will impact local habitat connectivity through habitat loss and fragmentation, and this may affect various ecological processes. Please comply with the Species Environmental Impact Assessments Guideline, 2020). This guideline provides details for implementing relevant species protocols and is available for use to plant and animal specialists. In terms of the Species Impact Assessment Protocols (2020, as amended), residual impacts on threatened biodiversity which remain MODERATE or HIGH, must investigate offset mitigation.

Avifauna SCCs were recorded in the study area and the Project Site is located within the Amersfoort-Bethal-Carolina IBA (SA018) and 18km west of the Chrissie Pans IBA (SA019). Chrissiesmeer Protected Environment is another important conservation area that was noted in the surrounding landscape. You are required to include the Chrissiesmeer Protected Environment Landowners Association on the list of I&AP and obtain comments from the association.

Twenty-two (22) bird SCC are known to occur in the region in which the study area is located, including vultures. These include 20 species listed as threatened/Near Threatened on the regional Red List (Taylor, et al., 2015), 10 species listed on the NEMBA TOPS list (2007), and 22 species listed as either threatened or protected at a provincial level. Most of these bird species have a potential to be negatively impacted through powerlines collision and electrocution. Vultures plays a crucial role in maintaining a healthy environment. The EIA report must align with the National Vulture Multi-Species Biodiversity Management Plan (BMP), 2024. An avifauna monitoring program to determine the actual impacts on the birds SCC for a minimum of three years must be developed and implemented. This must be done according to the latest SABAAP's guidelines. The results of the monitoring programme must be used to inform the studies to be undertaken for the proposed powerline. The monitoring programme must be designed in accordance with the latest version of the "Best practice guidelines for avian monitoring and impact.

It was noted that the study area has been mapped as Priority Focus Areas (Priority 2 and Priority 3) in the Mpumalanga Protected Area Expansion – 20 Year Plan. Ms Mashudu Mudau from DFFE Directorates: Protected Areas Planning and Management Effectiveness (M Mudau:

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In conclusion, all Public Participation Process documents related to Biodiversity EIA for review and queries should be submitted to the Directorate: Biodiversity Conservation at Email; BCAdmin@environment.gov.za for the attention of Mr. Seoka Lekota.

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