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1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 PROJECT BACKGROUND

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 Draft Scoping Report (DSR) 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

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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;
- 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.

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;
- Read the material provided and actively seek to understand the issues involved;

- 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 impacts:	Recommended Response	
	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.

Scale of anticipated impacts:	Recommended Response	
	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. socio-economic 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 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.

Scale of anticipated impacts:	Recommended Response	
	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.

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**.

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>(i) the owner or person in control of that land if the applicant is not the owner or person in control of the land</i>	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.
<i>(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</i>	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.
<i>(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</i>	Adjacent landowner details were collected and have been included on the stakeholder database. Where applicable, occupiers have been included on the database.
<i>(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</i>	Ward Councillor of Ward 10 of Msukaligwa Local Municipality have been included on the stakeholder database.
<i>(v) the municipality which has jurisdiction in the area</i>	The Msukaligwa Local Municipality and Gert Sibande District Municipality (Mpumalanga Province), both Local and District Municipalities have been included on the stakeholder database.
<i>(vi) any organ of state having jurisdiction in respect of any aspect of the activity</i>	MDARDLEA has been, and will continue to be, consulted. The DFFE has been included on the stakeholder database.

NEMA Requirement	Discussion
<i>(vii) any other party as required by the competent authority.</i>	<p>All tiers of government, namely, national, provincial, local government and parastatals have been included on the stakeholder database. Inclusive of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 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 ■ Gert Sibande District 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**.

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 is included in **Table 2-3** below along with the coordinates, date, and times.



Table 2-3 – Proof of Site notices placed.

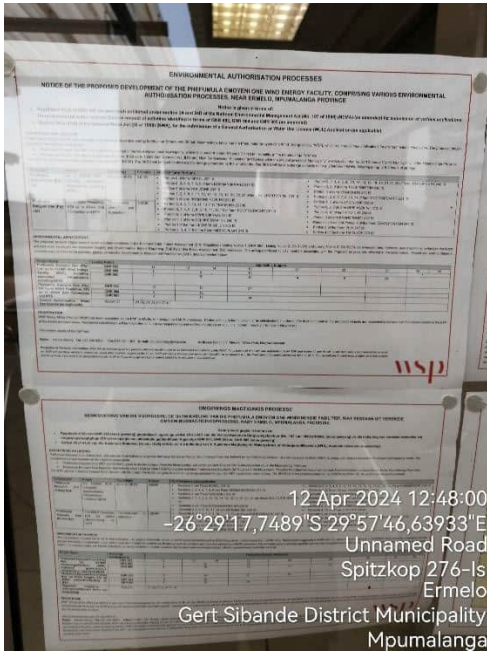

Location	Photograph
<p>26°25'18.29188" S 29°40'29.30379"E</p> <p>D480 Road</p>	 <p>12 Apr 2024 10:31:56 -26°25'18.29188"S 29°40'29.30379"E Unnamed Road Gert Sibande District Municipality Mpumalanga</p>

Location	Photograph
<p>26°28'16.6375" S 29°40'28.2354" E</p> <p>R38</p>	 <p>12 Apr 2024 10:36:30 26°28'16.6374"S 29°40'28.2354"E R38 Nkangala District Municipality Mpumalanga</p>
<p>26°17'32.42054" S 29°44'45.32967" E</p> <p>D383 Road</p>	 <p>12 Apr 2024 11:00:52 26°17'32.42054"S 29°44'45.32967"E Unnamed Road Gert Sibande District Municipality Mpumalanga</p>

Location	Photograph
<p>26°09'37.12869" S 29°42'58.30857" E</p> <p>33B Beukes Stree, Hendrina</p>	
<p>26°27'23.36834" S 29°27'41.58218" E</p> <p>43 Mark Street, Bethal</p>	

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

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

Location	Photograph
<p>26°29'17.7489" S 29°57'46.63933" E</p>	 <p>12 Apr 2024 12:48:00 -26°29'17,7489"S 29°57'46,63933"E Unnamed Road Spitzkop 276-Is Ermelo Gert Sibande District Municipality Mpumalanga</p>
<p>26°31'41.16207" S 29°59'17.46575" E</p> <p>Kerk Street, Ermelo</p>	 <p>12 Apr 2024 13:08:20 -26°31'41,16207"S 29°59'17,46575"E Kerk Street Ermelo Gert Sibande District Municipality Mpumalanga</p>

Location	Photograph
<p>26°25'52.98718" S 29°46'57.07326" E</p> <p>D245 Road</p>	 <p>12 Apr 2024 14:16:02 -26°25'52.98718"S 29°46'57.07326"E</p>
<p>26°20'21.51261" S 29°36'57.3785" E</p> <p>Intersection of D703 and D480</p>	 <p>12 Apr 2024 15:28:55 -26°20'21.51261"S 29°36'57.3785"E</p>

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;
- Thusville 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) will be 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;
- Thusville 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 will be made available to Commenting Authorities via a One Drive link. Hard copies of the DEIR will be couriered to MTPA's Mbombela office and MDARDLEA's Ermelo office. Proof of display and availability of the DEIR will be included in the Final EIA Report (FEIR).

2.4 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.

2.5 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**.

Table 2-4 – Comments and response to date

<u>Stakeholder Details</u>	<u>Comment</u>	<u>Response</u>	<u>Report Reference</u>
Canyon Coal - Mashala Hendrina Coal (Pty)			
<p>Eskom</p> <p>John Geeringh</p> <p>26 July 2024</p> <p>Email</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>Dear Sir/Madam,</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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</p>	<p>EAP:</p> <p>WSP acknowledges this comment.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>Final Scoping Report</p>

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	<p>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.</p> <p>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:</p> <p>1. Comments on the Draft Scoping Report</p> <p>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.</p>		
	<p>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.</p>	<p>EAP:</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>Section 4.1 in Table 4-1 of the FSR</p>
	<p>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</p>	<p>EAP:</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>Section 3-4 of the FSR</p>

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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. 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 phase of the project.	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.	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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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.	<p>EAP:</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Section 2 (1) (l) 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.</p>	<p>Appendix B of the FSR</p> <p>Table 1-5 in Section 1.5 of the FSR</p>
	8.1 NEMA Regulations GNR 982 (as amended) Section 2 (1) (l) 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	<p>EAP:</p> <p>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.</p>	Section 3.4 of the FSR

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	<p>amended), provides that an investigation must be undertaken of the potential consequences</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>No-go- alternative is included in the FSR in Section 3.4.</p> <p>A detailed assessment of the alternatives will be included in the Draft EIA Report.</p>	
	<p>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.</p>	<p>EAP:</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>Section 6 of the FSR</p>
	<p>Based on the aforementioned comments, the Scoping Report needs to be revised to include the necessary sections.</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>EAP:</p> <p>This comment is acknowledged.</p>	-

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	Yours Sincerely		
Eskom SOC Limited (now NTCSA)			
<u>Eskom</u> <u>John Geeringh</u> <u>26 July 2024</u> <u>Email</u>	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 Authority			
<u>SACAA</u> <u>Nrateng Mashiloane</u> <u>26 July 2024</u> <u>Email</u>	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	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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<u>SACAA</u> <u>Nrateng Mashiloane</u> <u>12 September 2024</u> <u>Email</u>	<u>Good day.</u> <u>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:</u> <u>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.</u> <u>Kind regard</u>	<u>Good day</u> <u>Thank you for your comment.</u> <u>WSP can confirm that ATNS is on the project database and they will be sent all communication regarding the Phefumula grid project going forward.</u> <u>Kind regards.</u>	<u>Appendix D of the SER</u>
Mpumalanga Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, Land & Environmental Affairs (MDARDLEA)			
MDARDLEA Robin Luyt 26 July 2024 Email	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 on the date that Ms Mbuyane receives the documents in hard copy, and that MTPA must receive theirs as they require. Kind Regards	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	Appendix D of the SER

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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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	<p>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</p> <p>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:</p> <p>(a) One main transmission substation (MTS), with a development footprint of 17.4ha.</p> <p>(b) Three distribution substations (combined development footprint of 17.98ha).</p> <p>(c) Three 132kV overhead lines (OHL).</p>		
	<p>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.</p>	<p>EAP:</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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</p>	<p>Section 5-5 of the FSR</p> <p>Appendix G.4 of the FSR</p>

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		<p>inform the layout. It must also be noted that the overhead powerline has a limited footprint.</p> <p>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.</p>	
	3. Furthermore, the entire site falls within the Amersfoot-Bethal-Carolina Important Bird Area (IBA).	<p>Avifauna specialist:</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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).</p> <p>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).</p>	<p>Appendix G.4 of the FSR</p> <p>Section 5.2.6 of the FSR.</p>
	4. The site is also located within 15km north and 30km west from the Rietvlei Private Nature Reserve	<p>EAP:</p> <p>This information is acknowledged.</p>	<p>Section 5-5 of the FSR</p>

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	and Chrissiesmeer Protected Environment, respectively.	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>	
	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.	<p>EAP:</p> <p>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.</p>	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.	<p>Avifaunal Specialist:</p> <p>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.</p> <p>EAP:</p>	Section 6.1.3 of the FSR

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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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	<p>report content, and MBSP land-use guidelines must always be consulted and complied with.</p> <p>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).</p> <p>c. The impact of nocturnal and diurnal avifaunal collisions and electrocutions must be analysed separately.</p>		
	<p>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.</p>	<p>EAP:</p> <p>WSP and the Developer is aware of this and acknowledges this comment.</p> <p>Avifaunal Specialist:</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>Appendix G.4 of the FSR</p>

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Mpumalanga Tourism and Parks 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.	EAP: 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 web-based sensitivity screening tool, Environmental	EAP: This comment is acknowledged.	-

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	<p>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.</p>		
	<p>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.</p>	<p>EAP:</p> <p>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.</p> <p>The Biodiversity Offset Strategy will encompass only those areas that cannot be avoided once the layout has been finalised. The final layout will be included in the Draft EIA Report.</p> <p>The Biodiversity Offset Strategy will be developed together with input from all relevant specialists.</p> <p>Terrestrial Biodiversity Specialist:</p> <p>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</p> <p>Applicant:</p>	<p>Section 5-5 of the FSR</p> <p>Section 7 of the FSR</p>

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		<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>	
	<p>Comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 	<p>EAP:</p> <p>WSP and the Developer is aware of this and acknowledges this comment.</p> <p>Avifaunal Specialist:</p> <p>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</p>	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.	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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
	<p>The MTPA is of the opinion that the site for the Phefumula Emmoyeni WEF and grid connection is not desirable for the following reasons:</p> <p>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.</p>	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 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).	<p>EAP:</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>Section 5-5 of the FSR</p> <p>Appendix G.3 of the FSR</p>
	3. Freshwater Ecosystem Priority Area (FEPA), CBA wetland systems.	<p>EAP:</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Terrestrial Biodiversity specialist:</p>	<p>Appendix G.3 of the FSR</p>

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		<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>	
	4. Entirely within an Important Bird Area- Birdlife SA.	<p>Avifauna specialist:</p> <p>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.</p> <p>As per communication from BirdLife South Africa (July 2024) it should be noted that IBAs are being replaced by Key Biodiversity Areas (KBAs).</p> <p>A section on the Chrissie Pans KBA has been added to the FSR in Section 5.2.6. The Project Site</p>	<p>Appendix G.4 of the FSR</p> <p>Section 5.2.6 of the FSR</p>

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		only marginally overlaps with a KBA, namely the Chrissie Pans KBA (KBA ID 47).	
	5. The project area is not within the Renewable Energy Zone (REDZ) or Strategic Transmission Corridor.	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 projects and transmission lines is not limited to REDZ or Strategic Corridors.	-
	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.	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
	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.	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.	<p>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.</p> <p>Terrestrial Biodiversity specialist:</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>	
	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:	-	-
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 	<p>EAP:</p> <p>This comment is acknowledged. This information has been sent to the relevant specialists for their consideration during the EIA phase.</p>	Section 5-5 of the FSR

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		<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>A map indicating the infrastructure and all associated infrastructure overlain by the sensitivity map has been added to Section 5.5 of the FSR</p>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. 	<p>Avifauna specialist:</p> <p>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.</p>	Appendix G.4 of the FSR
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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" 	<p>Terrestrial Biodiversity Specialist:</p> <p>WSP would appreciate if the spatial data for intact grassland patches could be shared, to inform design</p>	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 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 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
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 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
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ A Martial Eagle nest (Endangered) occurs within footprint area. These are South Africa's largest eagles and travel over vast areas. They are also susceptible 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-site and known species characteristics. These irregular shaped buffers are based on habitat and	Appendix G.4 of the FSR
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Three Bald Ibis colonies (Vulnerable) occur within footprint area. 		

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 	<p>flight behaviour of specific threatened species recorded onsite.</p> <p>Habitat suitability and flight risk models for the following species has been developed to inform turbine exclusion zones and mitigation zones:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Martial Eagle •Southern Bald Ibis •Secretarybird •Black-winged Pratincole <p>In addition to the above buffers, circular infrastructure exclusion buffers to mitigate disturbance, will be maintained around identified nest sites.</p> <p>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.</p>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Birds are very mobile and with the proposed turbine height and blade lengths, the current proposed buffers seem inadequate. 	<p>Avifauna specialist:</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>Appendix G.4 of the FSR</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This raises particular concern as these birds may continuously collide with the blades of the wind turbines and the continuous loss of several of 	<p>Avifauna specialist:</p>	<p>Section 7 of the FSR</p>

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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.	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 	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.	Appendix G.4 of the FSR Section 7 of the FSR
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Buffers of 2km have been recommended for natural pans. 	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.	
	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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	<p>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 breeding season.</p> <p>Blue Crane (confirmed)</p> <p>Grey Crowned Crane (not yet confirmed)</p> <p>Rudd's Lark (although low probability)</p> <p>Southern Bald Ibis (confirmed)</p> <p>Secretary Bird (confirmed)</p> <p>Verreaux Eagle (although low probability)</p> <p>Wattled Crane</p> <p>White-bellied Bustard (confirmed)</p> <p>White-winged Flufftail (low probability)</p> <p>Yellow-breasted Pipit (low probability)</p>	<p>Avifauna specialist:</p> <p>Habitat suitability modelling has been conducted to delineate wetland and grassland habitat based on key wetland and grassland species.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>There is little to no suitable habitat on site for Verreaux's Eagle and they have not been recorded on surveys to date.</p>	<p>Appendix G.4 of the FSR</p> <p>Section 7 of the FSR</p>
	Site Sensitivity Verification	Terrestrial Biodiversity specialist:	Appendix G.3 of the FSR

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The results of the DFFE sensitivity Screening tool, Site Sensitivity Verification confirmed that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 	<p>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.</p> <p>A field programme, including both flora and fauna surveys, was conducted in January 2024.</p> <p>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.</p>	Section 7 of the FSR
	<p>Recommendations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 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. 	<p>EAP:</p> <p>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.</p> <p>A map indicating the grid and all associated infrastructure has been added to Section 3.5 and Section 5.5 of the FSR.</p> <p>Applicant:</p>	<p>Section 3.5 of the FSR</p> <p>Section 5-5 of the FSR</p>

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		<p>Although there are numerous environmental constraints, there is sufficient area available for the development of a viable wind farm and associated grid infrastructure which still allows for the protection of environmentally sensitive habitats.</p> <p>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.</p>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consider alternative locations with less ecological sensitivity, especially considering the numerous renewable energy projects already approved in Mpumalanga 	<p>Applicant:</p> <p>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.</p> <p>A map indicating the grid and all associated infrastructure has been added to Section 3.5 and Section 5.5 of the FSR.</p>	<p>Section 3.5 of the FSR</p> <p>Section 5-5 of the FSR</p>
	Conclusion	EAP:	-

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	<p>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.</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>	
<p><u>MTPA</u> <u>Celia de Waal</u> <u>11 September 2024</u> <u>Email</u></p>	<p><u>Dear Ms. Strong</u></p> <p><u>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:</u></p> <p><u>To: Cecilia de Waal (MTPA EIA Data Capturer)</u> <u>MTPA Office Building (Lydenburg)</u> <u>End of Morgan Street</u> <u>1120 Lydenburg</u></p> <p><u>Contact details: 013 065 0062 or 082 841 7163</u></p> <p><u>Kind regards</u></p>	<p><u>Dear Celia</u></p> <p><u>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.</u></p> <p><u>Kind regards</u></p> <p><u>Ashlea</u></p>	<p><u>Appendix 4 of SER</u></p>

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

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

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<u>Email</u>	<p><u>Phefumula Emoyeni One Electrical Grid Infrastructure for 135 Wind Turbines.</u></p> <p><u>Your reference number: Project: 41105236 (DFFE: 14/12/16/3/3/2/2596)</u></p> <p><u>Our EIA reference is LUA 24/3861(3)</u></p> <p><u>Kind regards</u></p>		
	<p><u>Dear Ms. Strong</u></p> <p><u>SUBJECT: THE MTPA COMMENTS ON THE FINAL 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), 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</u></p>	<u>This comment is acknowledged.</u>	<u>:</u>

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	<u>Your correspondence with project reference 41105236 WSP of 13 September 2024, refer.</u>		
	<u>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.</u>	<u>This comment is acknowledged.</u>	=
	<u>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.</u>	<u>This comment is acknowledged.</u>	=
	<u>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.</u>	<u>EAP</u> <u>Habitat suitability modelling has been conducted to delineate wetland and grassland habitat based on key wetland and grassland species.</u>	

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		The wetland layer is based on suitable aquatic and adjacent habitat as informed by relevant Species of Conservation Concern.	
	<u>Recommendations</u> 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. <u>EAP:</u> 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 were implemented to exclude infrastructure from core habitats and sensitive ecological zones. The optimized layout alternative significantly reduced these impacts by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 	<u>Section 5.2 of the DEIR</u>
	<u>Motivation:</u> 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	<u>EAP</u> 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	<u>Appendix G.4 of the DEIR</u>

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	<u>during the draft scoping phase and verified by several Specialist reports:</u>	<u>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</u>	
	<u>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.</u>	EAP <u>The layout map has been amended and has been included in the draft EIR that has been circulated to all I&APs for comment.</u>	<u>Section 11 of the DEIR</u>
	<u>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.</u>	<u>Avifauna Specialist</u> <u>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).</u> <u>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).</u>	<u>Appendix G.4 of the DEIR</u>
	<u>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.</u>	EAP <u>All efforts have been made to preserve habitat, critical biodiversity areas and the species that inhabit it.</u>	<u>Appendix G.4 of the DEIR</u>

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	<u>Several themes were assessed to be overly sensitive.</u>	<u>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</u>	
	<u>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.</u>	<p><u>EAP:</u></p> <p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 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. 	<u>Section 9.3.2 of the DEIR</u>
	<u>Furthermore, the CBA irreplaceable areas that will be impacted on cannot be offset by the proposed</u>	<u>EAP</u>	<u>Appendix G.4 of the DEIR</u>

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	<u>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.</u>	<p>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.</p> <p>An updated Biodiversity offset Report has been included in the DEIR in Appendix K.</p>	<p><u>Appendix G.3 of the DEIR</u></p> <p><u>Appendix K of the DEIR</u></p>
	<u>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.</u>	<p><u>EAP</u></p> <p>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.</p>	<u>Appendix G.4 of the DEIR</u>
	<u>The avoidance of large areas of critical biodiversity terrestrial and freshwater sensitivity areas that are supporting various Species of Conservation Concern.</u>	<p><u>EAP</u></p> <p>All efforts have been made to preserve habitat, critical biodiversity areas, and the species that inhabit it.</p>	<u>Appendix G.4 of the DEIR</u>

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	<p><u>and the preliminary project layout overlain area is a large concern.</u></p>	<p><u>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.</u></p>	<p><u>Appendix G.3 of the DEIR</u></p>
	<p><u>Conclusion.</u></p> <p><u>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.</u></p>	<p><u>This comment is acknowledged.</u></p> <p><u>EAP:</u></p> <p><u>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.</u></p> <p><u>Avoidance strategies were implemented to exclude infrastructure from core habitats and sensitive ecological zones. The optimized layout alternative significantly reduced these impacts by:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 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 	<p><u>Section 5.2 of the DEIR</u></p>

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	<u>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.</u>	<u>This comment is acknowledged.</u>	-
Department of Forestry Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE) - Biodiversity Mainstreaming and EIA			
DFFE Tebego Kgaphola 29 July 2024 Email	<p>Dear Sir/Madam</p> <p>DFFE Directorate: Biodiversity Conservation hereby acknowledge receipt of the invitation 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 Tebego Kgaphola (Copied on this email). In addition, kindly share the shapefiles of the development footprints/application site with the Case Officers.</p> <p>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</p>	<p>EAP:</p> <p>WSP acknowledges this comment and confirms that protocol outlined Department will be followed.</p>	-
DFFE Tebego Kgaphola	<p>Dear Ashlea</p> <p>COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT SCOPING REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED PHEFUMULA EMOYENI</p>	EAP:	-

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21 August 2024 Email	<p>ONE ELECTRICAL GRID INFRASTRUCTURE, MPUMALANGA PROVINCE</p> <p>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.</p> <p>The Environmental Impact Assessment report must comply with all the requirements as outlined in the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) guideline for renewable energy projects and the Best Practice Guideline for Birds & Powerline for assessing and monitoring the impact of powerline facilities on birds in Southern Africa.</p> <p>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.</p>	WSP acknowledges this comment and confirms that the protocol outlined by this Department will be followed.	
Department of Forestry Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE)			
DFFE Lydia Kutu	<p>Dear Sir/Madam</p> <p>ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT OF THE NEW APPLICATION FORM AND DRAFT SCOPING</p>	EAP:	-

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29 July 2024 Email	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>	WSP acknowledges this comment and confirms that the protocol outlined by this Department will be followed.	

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	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Kind Regards,</p>		
<p>DFFE</p> <p>Mmamohale Kabasa</p> <p>22 August 2024</p> <p>Email</p>	<p>Dear Ms Strong</p> <p>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</p> <p>The Application for Environmental Authorisation and the draft Scoping Report (SR) dated July 2024 and received by the Department on 26 July 2024, refer.</p> <p>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,</p>	<p>EAP:</p> <p>WSP acknowledges this comment.</p> <p>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).</p> <p>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).</p>	<p>Section 5.2.6 of the FSR</p>

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	<p>that the location of the wind energy development within a high avifaunal sensitivity area may prejudice the success if this application.</p> <p>This letter serves to inform you that the following information must be included to the final SR.</p>		
	<p>(a) Specific comments</p> <p>(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 been 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.</p>	<p>Avifaunal Specialist:</p> <p>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 to 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).</p> <p>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</p>	<p>Appendix G.4 of the FSR</p> <p>Section 5.2.6 of the FSR</p>

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		<p>informed by the following Species of Conservation Concern (SCC) namely African Grass Owl, Blue Crane, African Marsh Harrier, and Grey Crowned Crane.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>As per communication from BirdLife South Africa (July 2024) it should be noted that IBAs are being replaced by Key Biodiversity Areas (KBAs).</p> <p>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).</p>	
	(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	<p>Avifaunal Specialist:</p> <p>This is correct, please see monitoring efforts and suggested buffers based on modelling for habitat</p>	Appendix G.4 of the FSR

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	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.	<p>suitability and flight risk for species of conservation concern in the subsequent responses.</p> <p>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.</p>	
	(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.	<p>EAP:</p> <p>A biodiversity offset strategy will be compiled during the EIA phase and will be included in the Draft EIR for public review.</p> <p>Comments on the draft Biodiversity Offset Strategy will form part of ongoing discussions with the provincial authority and the potential for an offset agreement.</p>	-
	(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.	<p>Avifaunal Specialist:</p> <p>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.</p>	Appendix G.4 of the FSR

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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.	
	(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

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	<p>(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:</p> <p>a) A verification using desktop analysis and details of the site inspection;</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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,</p> <p>d) Contains motivation and evidence of the either verified or different use of the land and environmental sensitivity.</p>	<p>EAP:</p> <p>A site sensitivity verification report that complies with Part A of the protocols is included in Appendix H of the FSR.</p>	Appendix H of the FSR
	<p>(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.</p>	<p>EAP:</p> <p>All specialists, where applicable, are registered with SACNASP, and the certificates are attached in Appendix C of the FSR.</p>	Appendix C of the FSR
	<p>(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</p>	<p>EAP:</p> <p>WSP acknowledges this comment and confirms that all required studies have been undertaken and is included in Appendix G of the FSR.</p>	Appendix G of the FSR

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	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.	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
	(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;	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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	<p>b) Access roads;</p> <p>c) All supporting onsite infrastructure such as laydown area, guard house and control room etc. (existing and proposed);</p> <p>d) Substations, transformers, switching stations and inverters;</p> <p>e) All existing infrastructure on the site, especially railway lines and roads; and</p> <p>f) Buildings.</p> <p>(iii) Please provide an environmental sensitivity map which indicates the following:</p> <p>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;</p> <p>b) Buffer areas; and</p> <p>c) All “no-go” areas.</p> <p>(iv) The above layout map must be superimposed (overlain) with the sensitivity map and a cumulative map which shows neighbouring and existing infrastructure.</p> <p>(v) Google maps will not be accepted.</p>		
	(d) Alternatives	EAP:	Section 3.4 of the FSR

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	<p>(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).</p> <p>(ii) Alternatively, you should submit written proof of an investigation and motivation if no reasonable or feasible alternatives exist in terms of Appendix 2.</p>	Section 3.4 of the DSR and FSR included a section on explanations of the alternatives for the site and developments.	
	<p>(e) Public Participation Process</p> <p>(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:</p> <p>a) Name: Mr Thivhulawi Nethononda Telephone no.: (012) 399 9553 Email: TNethononda@dfpe.gov.za; and</p> <p>b) Name: Ms Mashudu Mudau Telephone no.: (012) 399 9945 Email: MMudau@dfpe.gov.za.</p>	<p>EAP:</p> <p>The Draft scoping report was submitted to the DFFE Protected Areas Department. The responses to the comment received are included in Section 2.5 of this SER and included in Appendix D of this SER</p>	<p>Appendix A of this SER</p> <p>Section 2.5 of the SER</p> <p>Appendix D of the SER</p>
	<p>(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</p>	<p>EAP:</p> <p>The Draft scoping report was submitted to all the relevant authorities for comment.</p>	<p>Section 2.5 (Table 2-5) of SER</p>

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	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	All comments received to date have been captured on this CRR in Table 2-5 of this report.	
	(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

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	(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.	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
	(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	EAP:	Appendix C of the FSR

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	final SR. The forms are available on Department's website (please use the Department's template).	All specialists appointed for the project have completed the DFFE specialist declaration, these are attached as 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 development footprint, turbine positions and all other associated infrastructures that they have assessed and are recommending for authorisation.	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 they have assessed and are recommending for authorisation.	Appendix G of the FSR
	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	EAP:	Appendix G of the FSR

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	preferred alternative and recommendations, and must not recommend further studies to be completed post EA.	The specialists' studies undertaken are final for the scoping phase.	
	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. WSP can confirm that Birdlife and SABAA will be provided with further opportunities to comments on the studies during the EIA phase.	Appendix G.4 of the FSR Table 2-5 of the SER
	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 defensible reasons; and where necessary, include further expert 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

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	(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.	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
	(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

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	(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, where 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 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.	EAP: A 55km radius was used to identify cumulative impacts of surrounding projects. A map of the similar projects within 55km has been included in Section 6-2.	Section 6.2 of the FSR
	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.	Section 6.2 of the FSR Section 3.6 of the FSR

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		These have been used inform the need and desirability of the project in 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 You are further reminded to comply with Regulation 21(1) of the NEMA EIA Regulations 2014, as amended, which states that: <i>"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"</i>	EAP: 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.	-
	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.	EAP: 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.	-

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	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 commence prior to an Environmental Authorisation being granted by the Department.	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.	-
<u>DFFE</u> <u>Lydia Kutu</u> <u>11 September 2024</u> <u>Email</u>	<u>Dear Sir/Madam</u> <u>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.</u> <u>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</u>	<u>This comment has been acknowledged.</u>	=

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	<p><u>of 1998) and the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2014, as amended.</u></p> <p><u>You are hereby reminded of Section 24F of the National Environmental Management Act 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998), as amended, that no activity may commence prior to an Environmental Authorisation being granted by the Department.</u></p>		
<p><u>DFFE</u></p> <p><u>Dr Sabelo Malaza</u></p> <p><u>23 October 2024</u></p> <p><u>Formal letter (pdf)</u></p>	<p><u>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</u></p> <p><u>The Application for Environmental Authorisation and the final Scoping Report (FSR) received by the Department on 09 September 2024, refer.</u></p> <p><u>This letter serves to inform you that the following information must be included in the final EIAR:</u></p>	<p><u>This comment has been acknowledged.</u></p>	<p><u>=</u></p>
	<p><u>(a) Specific comments</u></p> <p><u>(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 been found at the proposed site (e.g., regionally threatened African Marsh Harrier</u></p>	<p><u>Avifaunal Specialist:</u></p> <p><u>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</u></p>	<p><u>Appendix G.4 of the DEIR</u></p> <p><u>Section 5.2.6 of the FSR</u></p>

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	<p>(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.</p>	<p>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).</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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-</p>	

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		<p><u>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.</u></p> <p><u>As per communication from BirdLife South Africa (July 2024) it should be noted that IBAs are being replaced by Key Biodiversity Areas (KBAs).</u></p> <p><u>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).</u></p>	
	<p><u>(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.</u></p>	<p><u>Avifaunal Specialist:</u></p> <p><u>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.</u></p> <p><u>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.</u></p>	<p><u>Appendix G.4 of the DEIR</u></p>

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	<p>(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.</p>	<p><u>Avifaunal Specialist:</u></p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>	<p><u>Appendix G.4 of the DEIR</u></p>
	<p>(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.</p>	<p><u>EAP:</u></p> <p>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 Seriti Green. The remainder of the surface right consents are in process.</p>	<p>=</p>
	<p>(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</p>	<p><u>Avifaunal Specialist:</u></p> <p>All efforts have been made to preserve habitat, critical biodiversity areas, and the species that inhabit it.</p>	<p><u>Appendix G.4 of the DEIR</u></p>

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	<u>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.</u>	<u>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.</u>	
	<u>(b) Listed Activities</u> <u>(i) The EIAr must provide an assessment of the impacts and mitigation measures for each of the listed activities applied for.</u>	<u>EAP</u> <u>The DEIR has assessed the listed activities associated with the proposed development. All identified impacts are listed in the DEIR together with their mitigations.</u>	<u>Section 6.1 of the DEIR</u> <u>Section 8 of the DEIR</u> <u>Section 9 of the DEIR</u>
	<u>(ii) The listed activities represented in the EIAr and the application form must be the same and correct.</u>	<u>EAP</u> <u>The EAP can confirm that the listed activities in the application are the same as those in the DEIR.</u>	=
	<u>(iii) The EIAr must assess the correct sub-listed activity for each listed activity applied for.</u>	<u>EAP</u> <u>The DEIR has assessed the listed activities associated with the proposed development. All identified impacts are listed in the DEIR together with their mitigations.</u>	<u>Section 6.1 of the DEIR</u> <u>Section 8 of the DEIR</u> <u>Section 9 of the DEIR</u>

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	<p><u>(c) Public Participation</u></p> <p><u>(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.</u></p>	<p><u>EAP</u></p> <p><u>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.</u></p>	<p><u>Section 2.3 of the SER</u></p>
	<p><u>(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.</u></p>	<p><u>EAP</u></p> <p><u>Comments from all key stakeholders including DARDLEA and MTPA have been captured and responded to in this CRR.</u></p>	<p><u>Section 2.5 of the SER</u></p>
	<p><u>(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</u></p>	<p><u>EAP</u></p> <p><u>Comments from all key stakeholders including DARDLEA and MTPA have been captured and responded to in this CRR.</u></p>	<p><u>Section 2.5 of the SER</u></p>

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	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. 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	EAP	Appendix E of the DEIR

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	<p><u>the Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) with Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) and other role players must be included in the final EIAR.</u></p>	<p><u>The minutes and attendance register of the meetings that have been held to date are included in Appendix E of the DEIR.</u></p>	
	<p><u>(d) Layout & Sensitivity Maps</u></p> <p><u>(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.</u></p>	<p><u>EAP:</u></p> <p><u>All coordinate points of the proposed development site is included in Section 4.1, Table 4.2 of the DEIR.</u></p> <p><u>Furthermore, maps including the coordinates of all the associated infrastructure for the proposed project have been included in Appendix M of the DEIR.</u></p>	<p><u>Section 4.2, Table 4.2 of the DEIR</u></p> <p><u>Appendix M of the DEIR</u></p>
	<p><u>(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:</u></p> <p><u>a) Powerlines;</u></p> <p><u>b) Internal roads;</u></p> <p><u>c) All supporting onsite infrastructure such as laydown area, guard house and control room etc.;</u></p> <p><u>d) Substations, transformers, switching stations and inverters;</u></p> <p><u>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</u></p>	<p><u>EAP:</u></p> <p><u>All coordinate points of the proposed development site is included in Section 4.1, Table 4.2 of the DEIR.</u></p> <p><u>Furthermore, maps including the coordinates of all the associated infrastructure for the proposed project have been included in Appendix M of the DEIR.</u></p>	<p><u>Section 4.2, Table 4.2 of the DEIR</u></p> <p><u>Appendix M of the DEIR</u></p>

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	<p><u>affected by the facilities and its associated infrastructure;</u></p> <p>f) <u>All existing infrastructure on the site, especially railway lines and roads; and</u></p> <p>g) <u>Buildings, including accommodation.</u></p>		
	<p><u>(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;</u></p> <p>b) <u>Buffer areas; and</u></p> <p>c) <u>All “no-go” areas.</u></p>	<p><u>EAP</u></p> <p><u>A consolidated environmental sensitivity map has been provided in Section 8.2 of the DEIR.</u></p>	<p><u>Section 8.2 of the DEIR</u></p>
	<p><u>(iv) The above layout map must be superimposed (overlain) with the sensitivity map and a cumulative map which shows neighbouring and existing infrastructure.</u></p>	<p><u>EAP</u></p> <p><u>A consolidated environmental sensitivity map has been provided in Section 8.2 of the DEIR.</u></p> <p><u>A cumulative map has been provided in Section 10 of the DEIR.</u></p>	<p><u>Section 8.2 of the DEIR</u></p> <p><u>Section 10 of the DEIR.</u></p>
	<p><u>(v) Google maps will not be accepted.</u></p>	<p><u>EAP</u></p> <p><u>This comment has been noted. WSP can confirm that no google maps have been included in the DEIR.</u></p>	<p>=</p>
	<p><u>(e) Specialist assessments</u></p>	<p><u>EAP:</u></p>	<p><u>Appendix G of the DEIR</u></p>

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	<p><u>(i) The EAP must ensure that the terms of reference for all the identified specialist studies must include the following:</u></p> <p><u>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.</u></p>	<p><u>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 they have assessed and are recommending for authorisation.</u></p>	
	<p><u>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.</u></p>	<p>EAP:</p> <p><u>Section 3.6 of the DEIR includes all the assumptions and limitations of the specialists' studies undertaken.</u></p> <p><u>Each individual specialist study also includes an outline of the relevant assumptions and limitations.</u></p>	<p><u>Section 3.6 of the DEIR</u></p> <p><u>Appendix G of the DEIR</u></p>
	<p><u>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.</u></p>	<p>EAP:</p> <p><u>WSP acknowledges this comment. The No-go areas identified by specialists have been avoided and no infrastructure has been placed there.</u></p>	<p><u>Section 8.10 of the DEIR</u></p>
	<p><u>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.</u></p>	<p>EAP:</p> <p><u>WSP acknowledges this comment. The specialist's definitions of no-go do not differ.</u></p>	<p>=</p>
	<p><u>e) All specialist studies must be final, and provide detailed/practical mitigation measures for the preferred alternative and recommendations, and</u></p>	<p>EAP:</p> <p><u>The specialists' studies undertaken are final for the Draft EIA phase.</u></p>	<p><u>Appendix G of the DEIR</u></p>

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	<u>must not recommend further studies to be completed post EA.</u>		
	<u>f) Avifauna specialist studies must have comments from Birdlife South Africa and EWT.</u>	EAP <u>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.</u>	<u>Appendix A of the SER</u>
	<u>g) Should a specialist recommend specific mitigation measures, these must be clearly indicated.</u>	EAP <u>All mitigations recommended by specialists have been highlighted in the EMPr</u>	<u>Appendix L of the DEIR</u>
	<u>(ii) Should the appointed specialists specify contradicting recommendations, the EAP must clearly indicate the most reasonable recommendation and substantiate this with defensible reasons; and were necessary, include further expertise advice.</u>	EAP <u>This comment is acknowledged. There are currently no contradicting recommendations prescribed by specialists.</u> <u>All specialist recommendations have been captured and highlighted in Section 11.5 of the DEIR.</u>	<u>Section 11.5 of the DEIR.</u>
	<u>(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</u>	EAP: <u>This comment is acknowledged.</u> <u>All specialist studies have been conducted according to the Protocols.</u>	<u>Appendix G of the DEIR.</u>

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	<u>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.</u>		
	<u>(iv) Please also ensure that the EIAR includes the Site Verification Report and Compliance Statements (where applicable) as required by the relevant themes.</u>	EAP: <u>The SSVR is included in Appendix J of the DEIR.</u>	<u>Appendix J of the DEIR.</u>
	<u>(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.</u>	EAP: <u>All specialists, where applicable, are registered with SACNASP, and the certificates are attached in Appendix C of the DEIR.</u>	<u>Appendix C of the DEIR.</u>
	<u>(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.</u>	EAP: <u>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.</u>	<u>Appendix C of the DEIR</u>
	<u>(vii) Please ensure that each specialist study has the correct and same project description and layout/alignment to assess.</u>	EAP: <u>WSP confirms that each specialist study is correct and has the same project description and layout for the assessment.</u>	<u>Appendix G of the DEIR.</u>

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	<p><u>(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.</u></p>	<p>EAP:</p> <p><u>A list of specialists and the proposed studies is included in Section 1.3.5 of the DEIR.</u></p> <p><u>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.</u></p>	<p><u>Section 1.3.5 of the DEIR</u></p> <p><u>Section 8, Table 8.1 of the DEIR</u></p> <p><u>Section 11.3, Table 11.2 of the DEIR</u></p>
	<p><u>(f) Cumulative Assessment</u></p> <p><u>(i) A cumulative impact assessment for all identified and assessed impacts must be conducted to indicate the following:</u></p> <p><u>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.</u></p>	<p>EAP:</p> <p><u>All the identified cumulative impacts have been outlined in Section 10 of the DEIR</u></p>	<p><u>Section 10 of the DEIR</u></p>
	<p><u>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.</u></p>	<p>EAP:</p> <p><u>This comment is acknowledged.</u></p> <p><u>WSP can confirm that the specialists appointed to undertake the studies will provide reports inclusive of this for the EIA phase.</u></p>	<p><u>Section 10 of the DEIR</u></p>
	<p><u>c) The cumulative impacts significance rating must also inform the need and desirability of the proposed development.</u></p>	<p>EAP:</p>	<p><u>Section 10 of the DEIR</u></p>

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		<p>All the identified cumulative impacts together with their significance rating have been outlined in Section 10 of the DEIR.</p> <p>These have been used inform the need and desirability of the project in Section 4.5 of the DEIR.</p> <p>Significance rating methodology is outlined in Section 3.3.</p>	<p><u>Section 3.3 of the DEIR</u></p> <p><u>Section 4.5 of the DEIR</u></p>
	d) A cumulative impact environmental statement on whether the proposed development must proceed.	<p><u>EAP:</u></p> <p>All the identified cumulative impacts have been outlined in Section 10 of the DEIR.</p>	<p><u>Section 10 of the DEIR</u></p>
	<p>(g) Environmental Management Programme</p> <p>(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.</p>	<p><u>EAP</u></p> <p>This comment is noted.</p> <p>The generic EMPr for the substation and transmission line have been included in Appendix D and Appendix E of the EMPr.</p>	<p><u>Appendix D and Appendix E of the EMPr – Appendix L of the DEIR.</u></p>
	(ii) Ensure that signed versions of the generic EMPr for the substation and the powerline are submitted with the final EIAR	<p><u>EAP</u></p> <p>This comment is noted.</p>	<p><u>Appendix D and Appendix E of the DEIR.</u></p>

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		The generic EMPr for the substation and transmission line have been included in Appendix D and Appendix E of the EMPr.	
	<p>(h) General</p> <p>(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.</p>	<p>EAP:</p> <p>The technical details for the proposed project including the project description and dimensions are included under the heading “General Site Information” in the DEIR.</p>	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.	<p>EAP:</p> <p>WSP confirms that the landowner consent for all farm portions is included in Appendix 3 of the Application Form.</p>	Appendix 3 of the Application Form
	<p>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.</p> <p>Yours sincerely</p>	<p>EAP:</p> <p>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.</p>	=
Department of Forestry Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE) - Protected Areas Planning and Management Effectiveness			
<p><u>DFFE</u></p> <p><u>Mashudu Mudau</u></p> <p><u>27 August 2024</u></p>	<p><u>Good day Ashlea</u></p> <p><u>The Directorate: Protected Areas Planning and Management Effectiveness would like to thank you for the opportunity to review the Draft Scoping report</u></p>	<p>EAP:</p> <p>WSP acknowledges this comment, and the specific responses is provided further in the table.</p>	=

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<u>Email</u>	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.	<p>EAP:</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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. 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.</p>	<u>Section 5-5 of the FSR</u>
	<p>The following concerns have been noted in the report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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, 	<p>Avifaunal Specialist:</p> <p>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</p>	<p><u>Appendix G.4 of the FSR</u></p> <p><u>Section 5.2.6 of the FSR</u></p> <p><u>Appendix G.4 of the DEIR</u></p>

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	<p><u>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.</u></p>	<p><u>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).</u></p> <p><u>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.</u></p> <p><u>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</u></p>	

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		<p>grassland specialists such as Denham's Bustard and Secretarybird.</p> <p><u>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).</u></p> <p><u>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).</u></p>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>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.</u> 	<p><u>EAP:</u></p> <p><u>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 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.</u></p> <p><u>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.</u></p> <p><u>The Biodiversity Offset Strategy will be developed together with input from all relevant specialists.</u></p> <p><u>Applicant:</u></p> <p><u>The initial layout was developed based on available desktop sensitivities. However, throughout the EIA</u></p>	<p><u>Section 5-5 of the FSR</u></p> <p><u>Section 7 of the FSR</u></p>

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		<p><u>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.</u></p> <p><u>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.</u></p>	
	<p><u>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</u></p>	<p><u>EAP:</u></p> <p><u>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.</u></p>	<p><u>Appendix G.4 of the FSR</u></p> <p><u>Appendix G.4 of the DEIR</u></p>

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	<u>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.</u>		
<u>SOLA Group</u>			
<u>SOLA</u> <u>Reuben Maroga</u> <u>6 August 2024</u> <u>Email</u>	<u>Good Day Ashlea,</u> <u>Thanks for the notification. Are you able to share the KMZ of the proposed grid infrastructure ?</u> <u>Best Regards</u>	<u>EAP:</u> <u>Dear Reuben</u> <u>Thanks for your email.</u> <u>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.</u> <u>Kind regards</u>	
<u>Department of Defence</u>			
<u>Department of Defence</u> <u>Lieutenant Colonel Francois P Strydom</u> <u>03 September 2024</u> <u>Email</u>	<u>Good Day</u> <u>Although I am not the Entry point for Applications and only an Internal Stakeholder, the following.</u> <u>-There is no Application Document</u> <u>-There is No .KML / .KMZ file attached in your mail as to have the Minimum info to evaluate and respond via our Official channels</u>	<u>EAP:</u> <u>Good morning Francois</u> <u>Thank you for your email – WSP is responsible purely for the Environmental Impact Assessment.</u> <u>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.</u> <u>If you could provide me with this information I will forward it on to the client.</u>	<u>Appendix D of the SER</u>

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		<p><u>Thanking you in advance for your assistance.</u></p> <p><u>Kind regards</u></p>	
<u>Simone Evered</u>			
<p><u>Simon Evered</u></p> <p><u>26 July 2024</u></p> <p><u>Email</u></p>	<p><u>Dear Ashlea Strong,</u></p> <p><u>Please be advised that I am no longer Chairman of the Lowveld Region of the Wildlife and Environment Society of SA. The existing Chairman is Llew Taylor at llewtaylor@sa@gmail.com. Please address all correspondence to him.</u></p> <p><u>Regards</u></p>	<p><u>EAP:</u></p> <p><u>WSP acknowledges this comment, and the stakeholder database has been updated accordingly.</u></p>	<p><u>Appendix A of the SER</u></p>
<u>SML Projects</u>			
<p><u>Tshitso Mofokeng</u></p> <p><u>Meeting Request</u></p>	<p><u>Meeting request received on 7 August 2024 to discuss wayleave application.</u></p>	<p><u>EAP:</u></p> <p><u>Dear Tshitso</u></p> <p><u>Thank you for your email.</u></p> <p><u>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 .</u></p> <p><u>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.</u></p>	<p><u>Appendix D of the SER</u></p>

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<u>South African Heritage Resource Agency</u>			
<u>SAHRA</u> <u>Natasha Higgitt</u> <u>11 September 2024</u> <u>Email</u>	<u>Good day</u> <u>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</u>	<u>EAP</u> <u>The Heritage Impact Assessment Report has been uploaded on the SAHRIS website.</u>	
	<u>Interim Comment</u> <u>In terms of Section 38(3) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999)</u> <u>Ashlea Strong</u> <u>WSP Group Africa</u> <u>Building 1, Maxwell Office Park, Magwa Cres, Midrand, 1685</u> <u>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 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</u>	<u>EAP:</u> <u>This comment has been noted.</u>	=

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	<p><u>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).</u></p> <p><u>Van der Walt, J. 2024. HERITAGE SCOPING REPORT For the proposed Phefumula Emoyeni One Electrical Grid Infrastructure, Mpumalanga Province.</u></p> <p><u>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</u></p>		

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	<u>recorded. It is recommended that the final footprint should be subjected to a HIA.</u>		
	<u>Interim comments</u> <u>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.</u>	<u>EAP:</u> <u>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.</u>	<u>Appendix G.8 of the DEIR.</u>
	<u>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.aphp.org.za for a list of qualified archaeologists). The assessment must include the track logs of the area to be surveyed.</u>	<u>EAP:</u> <u>The Palaeontological Impact assessment was including an assessment of the impact to archaeological and palaeontological resources</u>	<u>Appendix G.8 of the DEIR.</u>
	<u>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.</u>	<u>EAP:</u> <u>This comment has been noted.</u> <u>Efforts were made to avoid areas of significant palaeontological sensitivity.</u>	<u>Appendix G.8 of the DEIR.</u>
	<u>The assessment must be undertaken by a qualified palaeontologist. (See https://www.palaeosa.org/heritage-practitioners.html)</u>	<u>EAP:</u> <u>The Palaeontological Impact assessment was conducted by a qualified palaeontologist.</u>	<u>Appendix G.8 of the DEIR.</u>

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	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 viewsapes 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	=
	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.	
<u>SAHRA</u> <u>Natasha Higgitt</u>	<u>Interim Comment</u> <u>In terms of Section 38(3) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999)</u>	EAP: This comment is noted.	

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<u>1 November 2024</u> <u>Email</u>	<p><u>Ashlea Strong</u></p> <p><u>WSP Africa Pty Ltd</u></p> <p><u>Building 1, Maxwell Office Park, Magwa Crescent</u> <u>West, Waterfall City, Midrand 1685 South Africa</u> <u>Building 1, Maxwell Office Park, Magwa Crescent</u> <u>West, Waterfall City, Midrand 1685 South Africa</u> <u>Midrand</u> <u>1685</u></p> <p><u>WSP Group Africa (Pty) Ltd has been appointed by</u> <u>Phfumula Emoyeni One (Pty) Ltd to conduct an</u> <u>Environmental Authorisation (EA) Application for the</u> <u>proposed Phfumula Emoyeni One Electrical Grid</u> <u>Infrastructure, near Ermelo, Mpumalanga Province</u> <u>(DFFE Reference Number: 14/12/16/3/3/2/2596).</u></p> <p><u>A Final Scoping Report (FSR) has been submitted in</u> <u>terms of the National Environmental Management</u> <u>Act, 1998 (NEMA) and the 2017 NEMA</u> <u>Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA)</u> <u>Regulations. The proposed development will include</u> <u>the construction of a 400kv transmission line, a</u> <u>132kv transmission line with concrete foundations</u> <u>(80m2 and up to 3.5 deep), a working area of 100m x</u> <u>100m is needed for each proposed structure to be</u> <u>constructed, a Main Transmission Substation (36</u> <u>ha), three distribution substations, construction</u> <u>compound at MTS, three construction compounds for</u></p>		

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	<p><u>distributions substations, batch plant and portable ablutions to be used along powerline routes.</u></p> <p><u>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).</u></p> <p><u>Van der Walt, J. 2024. Heritage Scoping Report for the proposed Phefumula Emoyeni One Electrical Grid Infrastructure, Mpumalanga Province</u></p>		
	<p><u>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.</u></p>	<p><u>EAP</u></p> <p><u>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.</u></p>	<p><u>Appendix G.8 of the DEIR</u></p>
	<p><u>It is recommended that a field-based Heritage Impact Assessment and a Palaeontological Impact Assessment be conducted.</u></p>	<p><u>EAP:</u></p> <p><u>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.</u></p>	<p><u>Appendix G.8 of the DEIR</u></p>
	<p><u>The SAHRA Development Applications Unit (DAU) notes the submitted heritage report.</u></p>	<p><u>EAP:</u></p> <p><u>This comment is noted.</u></p>	<p><u>=</u></p>

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	<u>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).</u>	EAP: <u>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.</u>	<u>Appendix G.8 of the DEIR</u>
	<u>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.</u>	EAP: <u>This comment has been noted.</u> <u>Efforts were made to avoid areas of significant palaeontological sensitivity.</u>	<u>Appendix G.8 of the DEIR</u>
	<u>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 viewsapes must also be assessed.</u>	EAP: <u>This comment has been noted.</u>	<u>Appendix G.8 of the DEIR</u>
	<u>Further comments will be issued upon receipt of the pending heritage assessments and the DEIA inclusive of appendices.</u>	EAP: <u>This comment has been noted.</u>	<u>=</u>

<u>Stakeholder Details</u>	<u>Comment</u>	<u>Response</u>	<u>Report Reference</u>
	<p><u>Should you have any further queries, please contact the designated official using the case number quoted above in the case header.</u></p> <p><u>Yours faithfully</u></p>		
<u>I&AP Registration</u>			
<p><u>Sphokazi Mbatha</u></p> <p><u>13 September 2024</u></p> <p><u>Email</u></p>	<p><u>Good morning,</u></p> <p><u>I hope you are well.</u></p> <p><u>Could you kindly register me as an I&AP for the Phfumula Emoyeni One Electrical Grid Infrastructure (DFFE Ref: 14/12/16/3/3/2/2596) project.</u></p>	<p><u>EAP:</u></p> <p><u>WSP acknowledges this comment, and the stakeholder database has been updated accordingly.</u></p>	<p><u>Appendix A of the SER</u></p>

Appendix A

STAKEHOLDER DATABASE



FIRST NAME	LAST NAME	CATEGORY	INSTITUTION	POSITION
Personal details have been redacted as required by the POPI Act		Adjacent Landowner	Marmic Trust	Owner
		Adjacent Landowner	W A Trust	Owner
		Adjacent Landowner	Birk Stead Inv Holdings (Pty) Ltd	Owner
		Adjacent Landowner		
		Adjacent Landowner		
		Adjacent Landowner	National Government of the Republic of South Africa	
		Adjacent Landowner	Meyer de Jager Familie Trust	
		Adjacent Landowner	Koffiebank Eiendomme (Pty) Ltd	Owner
		Adjacent Landowner		
		Adjacent Landowner		
		Adjacent Landowner	Fremax Livestock (Pty) Ltd	
		Adjacent Landowner	National Government of the Republic of South Africa	
		Adjacent Landowner	Anvin Beleggings Trust	
		Adjacent Landowner		
		Adjacent Landowner		
		Adjacent Landowner		
		Adjacent Landowner		
		Adjacent Landowner		
		Adjacent Landowner	ACB Holdings (Pty) Ltd	
		Adjacent Landowner		
		Adjacent Landowner		
		Adjacent Landowner	Hurwitz is busy buying these farms	
		Adjacent Landowner		
		Adjacent Landowner		
		Adjacent Landowner	Canyon Prop Inv (Pty) Ltd	
		Adjacent Landowner	Ian Cockcroft Testamentary Trust	
		Adjacent Landowner	Adam Van Niekerk Trust	
		Adjacent Landowner	Msobo Coal (Pty) Ltd	
		Adjacent Landowner	National Government of the Republic of South Africa	
		Adjacent Landowner	Scheepers Familie Trust	
		Adjacent Landowner	Coko Trust	
		Adjacent Landowner	Mrabheli Communal Prop Assoc	
		Adjacent Landowner	National Government of the Republic of South Africa	Land Rep
		Adjacent Landowner	Morgenster NO 204 (Pty) Ltd	
		Adjacent Landowner	Thephunokheja Projects (Pty) Ltd	
		Adjacent Landowner	Regen Waters Trust	

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Landowner	FREMAX FARMS PTY LTD	
Landowner	JANNIE JACOBSZ PTY LTD	
Landowner	KADISH DARREL	
Landowner	KADISH DARREL	
Landowner	KADISH DARREL	
Landowner	KADISH FREDERICK DAVID	
Landowner	KADISH FREDERICK DAVID	
Landowner	KOFFIEBANK EIENDOMMEPTY LTD	
Landowner	KOFFIEBANK EIENDOMMEPTY LTD	
Landowner	KOFFIEBANK EIENDOMMEPTY LTD	
Landowner	KOFFIEBANK EIENDOMMEPTY LTD	
Landowner	KOFFIEBANK EIENDOMMEPTY LTD	
Landowner	KOFFIEBANK EIENDOMMEPTY LTD	
Landowner	KOFFIEBANK EIENDOMMEPTY LTD	
Landowner	L M KADISH & SONS PTY LTD	
Landowner	L M KADISH & SONS PTY LTD	
Landowner	L M KADISH & SONS PTY LTD	
Landowner	L M KADISH & SONS PTY LTD	
Landowner	L M KADISH & SONS PTY LTD	
Landowner	L M KADISH & SONS PTY LTD	
Landowner	MARMIC TRUST	
Landowner	MOOIVLEI BOERDERY PTY LTD	
Landowner	MOREGLOED TRUST	
Landowner	ROOIBLOM LANDGOEDHOEVELD PTY LTD	
Landowner	ROOIBLOM LANDGOEDHOEVELD PTY LTD	
Landowner	ROUX ANDRIES HERCULES	
Landowner	ROUX ANDRIES HERCULES	
Landowner	ROUX ANDRIES HERCULES	
Landowner	S C M TRUST	
Landowner	S C M TRUST	
Landowner	THABETHE MBANA PETER	
Landowner	THABETHE MBANA PETER	
Landowner	THABETHE MBANA PETER	
Landowner	TURNER PETER DOUGLAS	
Landowner	TURNER PETER DOUGLAS	
Landowner	TWEEFONTEIN DEEL DRIEPTY LTD	
Landowner	TWEEFONTEIN TRUST	
Landowner	TWEEFONTEIN TRUST	
Landowner	VATOCARE PTY LTD	

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Landowner	W A TRUST	
Landowner	W A TRUST	
Landowner	W A TRUST	
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Landowner	W A TRUST	
Landowner	W A TRUST	
Landowner	W A TRUST	
Landowner	WILLIE JACOBSZ TRUST	
Landowner		
Air Traffic	Air Traffic and Navigation Service (ATNS)	Executive Engineering
Air Traffic	Air Traffic and Navigation Service (ATNS)	Obstacle Evaluator
Commenting Authorities	South African Civil Aviation Authority (CAA)	Database Coordinator
Commenting Authorities	South African Civil Aviation Authority (CAA)	Obstacle Inspector
Business - Renewable Developer	ABO Wind renewable energies (Pty) Ltd.	Project Manager
Business - Renewable Developer	ABO Wind renewable energies (Pty) Ltd.	
Business - Consultant	Savannah Environmental	Environmental Consultant
Business - Renewable Developer	AMDA Developments (Pty) Ltd	
Business - Renewable Developer	AMDA Developments (Pty) Ltd	Senior Development Manager
Business	Cell C	Area Manager
Business - Renewable Developer	EDF Renewables	Project Developer
Business - Renewable Developer	EDF Renewables	Project Development Manager
Business - Renewable Developer	Red-cap Innovative Energy	Senior Project Manager
Business - Renewable Developer	Red-cap Innovative Energy	Assistant Project Manager
Business - Renewable Developer	Red-cap Innovative Energy	Project Assistant
Business - Renewable Developer	Sola Group	
Business - Renewable Developer	G7 Renewable Energies (Pty) Ltd	Environmental Project Developer
Business - Renewable Developer	G7 Renewable Energies (Pty) Ltd	CEO
Business - Renewable Developer	Enertrag SA Pty Ltd	Project deceloper
Business	SIRIUS POWER SOUTH AFRICA	executive director
Business	GreenCape	
Business	GreenCape	Senior Analyst: Energy
Business	Estancia Meubels	Owner /operator
Business	MTN	Head of Department
Business - Renewable Developer	Mulilo Renewable Project Developments	Project Manager: Enviro Department
Business - Renewable Developer	Mulilo Renewable Project Developments	Project Engineer
Business	Private Contractor	
Business - Renewable Developer	Sereti Green	Development Director

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Business	Vodacom	Regional Manager
Business	Vodacom	
Business - Renewable Developer	WKN Windcurrent SA (Pty) Ltd	Project Developer
Business - Renewable Developer	WKN Windcurrent SA (Pty) Ltd	
National Authorities	Department of Forestry, Fisheries and Environment (DFFE)	Directorate: Integrated Environmental Authorisations
National Authorities	Department of Forestry, Fisheries and Environment (DFFE)	Directorate: Integrated Environmental
National Authorities	Department of Forestry, Fisheries and Environment (DFFE)	Directorate: Integrated Environmental Authorisations
National Authorities	Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development (DALRRD)	
District Municipality	Gert Sibande District Municipality	Executive Mayor
District Municipality	Gert Sibande District Municipality	Municipal Manager
District Municipality	Gert Sibande District Municipality	District Air Quality Officer/Senior
District Municipality	Gert Sibande District Municipality	Senior Manager: Planning & Economic Development
District Municipality	Gert Sibande District Municipality	Senior Manager Council Support
District Municipality	Gert Sibande District Municipality	Senior Environmental Officer/ Air Quality
District Municipality	Gert Sibande District Municipality	Air Quality Official
District Municipality	Gert Sibande District Municipality	Gert Sibande: Speaker
District Municipality	Gert Sibande District Municipality	Manager: Municipal Environmental Services
District Municipality	Gert Sibande District Municipality	Environmental Officer
Land owner	Adamah Baramah Beleggings (Pty) Ltd	Private
Land owner	Anmar Trust	
Land owner	Bambaspha Agricultural Primary Co-operative Limited	Private
Land owner	Calela Trust	Private
Land owner	Christo Coetzee Boerdery (Pty) Ltd	Private
Land owner	Fremax Farms (Pty) Ltd	Private
Land owner	Jacobsz Familie Testamentere Trust/Willie Jacobsz Trust	Private
Land owner	Koffiebank Eiendomme (Pty) Ltd	
Land owner	Makoliet Landgoed CC	
Land owner	Makoliet Landgoed CC	
Land owner	Makoliet Landgoed CC	
Land owner	Mooivlei Boerdery (Pty) Ltd	
Land owner	Mooivlei Boerdery (Pty) Ltd	
Land owner	Moregloed Trust	
Land owner	Private	
Land owner	Private	
Land owner	Private	
Land owner	Private	
Land owner	Private	

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Land owner	Rooiblom Landgoed Hoeveld (Pty) Ltd	
Land owner	S C M Trust	
Land owner	Tweefontein Trust	
Lessee	National Government of the Republic of South Africa: James Mgoomezulu Family Trust (Madliwa James Mgoomezulu)	
Lessee	National Government of the Republic of South Africa: Mahlaza Mhlaba Agricultural Primary Co-operative Limited & Mahlaza Mhlaba Consulting Engineers	
Lessee	National Government of the Republic of South Africa: Mana-Umsoco Foods cc	
Lessee	National Government of the Republic of South Africa: Paul Buckley - Also 237 / 6	
Lessee	National Government of the Republic of South Africa: Ubambiswano Phambili	
Lessee	National Government of the Republic of South Africa	
Lessee	National Government of the Republic of South Africa	
Lessee	National Government of the Republic of South Africa	
Libraries	Gert Sibande District Municipality Library	Manager - Nosipho
Libraries	Msukaligwa Local Municipality Library (Wesseltown, Thusi Ville, Casseim Park Libraries) under Msukaligwa	Manager (Christina Librarian)
Local Municipality	Msukaligwa Local Municipality	Executive Mayor
Local Municipality	Msukaligwa Local Municipality	Municipal Manager
Local Municipality	Msukaligwa Local Municipality	MMC for Planning and Economic Development
Local Municipality	Msukaligwa Local Municipality	MMC for Community Development
Local Municipality	Msukaligwa Local Municipality	Manager: Local Economic Development (LED)
Local Municipality	Msukaligwa Local Municipality	IDP Manager
Local Municipality	Msukaligwa Local Municipality	Tranversal Coordinator (Office of the Chief Whip)
Local Municipality	Msukaligwa Local Municipality	Speaker
Local Municipality	Msukaligwa Local Municipality	MMC for Technical Services
Local Municipality	Msukaligwa Local Municipality	Director: Town Planning Department
Media	Highvelder Newspaper	Editor
Media	Tribune Koerant/Newspaper	
Mining Right Holders	Anker Coal	Community Investment Holdings
Mining Right Holders	Anker Coal	Environmental Officer
Mining Right Holders	Bulemin Resources	Projects Managing Geologist .
Mining Right Holders	Bulemin Resources	Assistant Manage
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
Mining Right Holders	Kangra Coal	Environmental Manager for Canyon Coal
Mining Right Holders	Langcarel (Pty) Ltd (Mooiplaats Colliery) MC Mining	CEO Mooiplaats Colliery
Mining Right Holders	South 32	
Mining Right Holders	Cennergi Holdings (Pty) Ltd subsidiary of Exxaro Resources Ltd	Analyst

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National Authorities	Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development	Directorate: Land Use and Soil Management
National Authorities	Department of Forestry, Fisheries and Environment (DFFE)	Compliance Monitoring Ass: Air Quality
National Authorities	Department of Forestry, Fisheries and Environment (DFFE)	Climate Change & Air Quality Management
National Authorities	Department of Forestry, Fisheries and Environment (DFFE)	Biodiversity Conservation
National Authorities	Department of Forestry, Fisheries and Environment (DFFE)	Biodiversity Conservation
National Authorities	Department of Minerals and Resources (DMR) (National)	Ass Director: Director General's Office
National Authorities	Department of Public Works, Roads and Transport (DPWR) (National)	Chief Director: Office of the DG
National Authorities	Department of Water & Sanitation (DWS)	Chief Director: Water User Licence Management
National Authorities	Department of Water & Sanitation (DWS)	Chief Landscape Architect: Instream Water Use Control
National Authorities	Department of Water & Sanitation (DWS)	Director: Water Allocation
National Authorities	Department of Water & Sanitation (DWS)	Deputy Director: Compulsory Licensing
National Authorities	Department of Water & Sanitation (DWS) Head Office: Resource Protection & Waste	Control Environmental Officer Licensing
National Authorities	Department of Water & Sanitation (DWS) Head Office: Resource Protection & Waste	Environmental Officer: Water Quality
National Authorities	South African Heritage Resource Agency (SAHRA)	The Provincial Manager
National Authorities	South African Heritage Resource Agency (SAHRA)	Heritage Officer: Archaeology
National Authorities	South African Heritage Resource Agency (SAHRA)	Heritage Officer
National Authorities	Department of Defence	Lieutenant
National Authorities	Department of Forestry, Fisheries and Environment	Directorate: Biodiversity Co
National Authorities	Department of Forestry, Fisheries and Environment	Directorate: Biodiversity Co
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National Authorities	Department of Forestry, Fisheries and Environment	Directorate: Protected Areas
National Authorities	Department of Forestry, Fisheries and Environment	Directorate: Protected Areas
NGO	Mpumalanga Wetland Forum	Chairperson
NGO	BirdLife South Africa	Head of Department
NGO	BirdLife South Africa	Birds and Renewable Energy
NGO	BirdLife South Africa	
NGO	Endangered Wildlife Trust	Conservation Programme Manager
NGO	Endangered Wildlife Trust	Highland Grassland Field Officer
NGO	Endangered Wildlife Trust	Chief Executive Officer
NGO	Endangered Wildlife Trust	CEO
NGO	Endangered Wildlife Trust	
NGO	Federation of Sustainable Environment (FSE)	Chief Executive Officer
NGO	Federation of Sustainable Environment (FSE) & Mpumalanga Lakes District Protection Group	Representative
NGO	Inkomati Usuthu Catchment Agency (IUCMA)	Scientist
NGO	Inkomati Usuthu Catchment Agency (IUCMA)	Environmental Office: Water Resources
NGO	Inkomati-Usuthu Catchment Management Areas (CMA)	Chief Executive Officer

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NGO	Mpumalanga Agri SA	
NGO	Mpumalanga District Farmers Association	
NGO	Mpumalanga Landbou Unie	Chief Executive Officer
NGO	Olifants River Forum	Olifants River Forum Coordinator
NGO	South African National Biodiversity Institute (SANBI)	Chairperson
NGO	Transvaal Landbou Unie	
NGO	Waterval Forum	
NGO	South African Bat Assessment Association	
NGO	South African Bat Assessment Association	
NGO	Wildlife and Environment Society of South Africa (WESSA)	
NGO	Wildlife and Environment Society of South Africa (WESSA)	Chairperson
NGO	Wildlife and Environment Society of South Africa (WESSA)	
NGO	Wildlife and Environment Society of South Africa (WESSA) : Northern Region	
Parastatals	Camden Power Station	Camden Station. Manager,
Parastatals	Eskom Holdings SOC Limited	Environmental Manager
Parastatals	The National Transmission Company South Africa (NTCSA)	
Parastatals	Eskom Transmission Grid Planning Land and Rights	Senior Consultant Environmental
Parastatals	Eskom Transmission Land and Rights	Mpumalanga Co-ordinator
Parastatals	Telkom/Blue Tech part of Telkom	Area Manager
Parastatals	Transnet Freight Rail	Senior Manager: Risk Management / Coal BU /
Parastatals	Transnet Freight Rail	Senior Manager: Risk Management: Mineral
Provincial Authorities	Mpumalanga Department Agriculture, Rural Development, Land and Environment Affairs (DARDLEA)	Director: Environmental Impact Management
Provincial Authorities	Mpumalanga Department Agriculture, Rural Development, Land and Environment Affairs (DARDLEA)	
Provincial Authorities	Mpumalanga Department Agriculture, Rural Development, Land and Environment Affairs (DARDLEA)	Deputy Director: Environmental Impact
Provincial Authorities	Mpumalanga Department Agriculture, Rural Development, Land and Environmental Affairs	Deputy Director: Environmental Impact
Provincial Authorities	Mpumalanga Department Agriculture, Rural Development, Land and Environmental Affairs	Head of Department
Provincial Authorities	Mpumalanga Department Agriculture, Rural Development, Land and Environmental Affairs	Information Management Support
Provincial Authorities	Mpumalanga Department Agriculture, Rural Development, Land and Environmental Affairs	Land Reform Division
Provincial Authorities	Mpumalanga Department Agriculture, Rural Development, Land and Environmental Affairs	Research Unit: Soil Sub Division
Provincial Authorities	Mpumalanga Department Agriculture, Rural Development, Land and Environmental Affairs	Ass Director: Environmental Section

Appendix B

NOTIFICATIONS



Appendix B.1

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

- Phefumula Emojeni One WEF (up to 837MW), located in the Msukaligwa Local Municipality, which falls under the Gert Sibande District Municipality, in the Mpumalanga Province
- Phefumula Emojeni 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 Emojeni One (Pty) Ltd	Up to 837MW WEF, including associated infrastructure including BESS	Wind and BESS	S&EIR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 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
Phefumula Emojeni One (Pty) Ltd	Up to 400kV Powerline, EGI up to 400kV Grid Connection and MTS	Transmission Line and Substation	S&EIR	

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 Emojeni 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 Emojeni One (Pty) Ltd Up to 400kV Powerline, EGI up to 400kV Grid Connection and MTS	GNR 983	12	19		27	28				
	GNR 984	9	15							
	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 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 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 Emoyeni One (Edms) Bpk	Tot 837MW WEF, insluitend geassosieerde infrastruktuur insluitend BESS	Wind en BESS	S&OIV	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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 Plaas NOOITGEDACHT 251 IS• Gedeelte 1, 2 van Plaas SPION KOP 252 IS• Gedeelte 0, 2, 7 van Plaas DRIEHOEK No. 273 IS• Gedeelte 4, 15 van Plaas UITZICHT 266 IS• Gedeelte 0 van Plaas KRANSPOORT 827 IS• Resterende Gedeelte van Gedeelte 7 van die Plaas DAVELFONTEIN 267 IS• Gedeelte 0 van die Plaas ELIM 247 IS• Gedeelte 4 van die Plaas TAFELKOP 270 IS
Phefumula Emoyeni One (Edms) Bpk	Tot 400kV Powerline, EGI tot 400kV Netverbinding en MTS	Transmissie-lyn en substasie	S&OIV		

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Projek Naam	Noterings kennisgewing	Toepaslike Gelyste Aktiwiteite								
Phefumula Emoyeni One (Edms) Bpk - Tot 837MW windenergie-fasiliteit (WEF), insluitend geassosieerde infrastruktuur insluitend BESS	GNR 983	11	12	14	19	24	28	30	48	56
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Phefumula Emoyeni One (Edms) Bpk Tot 400kV kraglyn, EGI tot 400kV netwerkverbinding en MTS	GNR 983	12	19		27	28				
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Umsekelo	Iphrojekthi	Ubuchwepheshe	Inqubo	Izingxenywe Zepulazi Ezithintekile	
Phefumula Emoyeni One (Pty) Ltd	Kufika ku 837MW WEF, zihlanganisa ingqalasizinda ehlobene ehlanganisa ne-BESS	Umoya kanye ne BESS	S&EIR	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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 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
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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



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MSUKALIGWA LOCAL MUNICIPALITY
INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT PLAN

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 relevant 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

47535808NH

IZINQUBO ZOKUGUNYAZWA KWEZEMVELO

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

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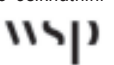
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	GNR 984	1915
	GNR 985	41012141823
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Dr. Pieter Groenewald van die VF Plus.
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Die leier van die VF Plus, dr. Pieter Groenewald, sal op 13 April die dorp vir ’n toespraakgeleentheid 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 koalisiëvorming 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 toespraakgeleentheid 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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INTERNAL ADVERTISEMENT

Applications are hereby invited from suitably qualified and competent people for appointment to the under mentioned position.

Name of Department	TECHNICAL SERVICES
JOB POST NAME	Data Capturer -
DURATION	Permanent
TASK GRADE	10
SALARY	R270 896.93 – R351 623.12
REFERENCE NUMBER	TECH/1/4/24
LOCATION	Civic Centre, Ermelo
CLOSING DATE	15 April 2024
QUALIFICATION	• Grade 12 plus NQF 6 Public Administration/ Project Diploma and Advance Computer Literacy.
EXPERIENCE	• 2 - 5 years relevant experience
KNOWLEDGE	• Provides routine clerical support and follows standard procedures; and • Operates under direct supervision
COMPETENCIES	• Written Communication, Oral Communication, Attention to detail, Ethics and Professionalism, Organisational Awareness and Planning and Organising

Reporting to the Manager: Electricity, the successful candidate will be responsible for the following functions:-

- Provides support to the Project Management Unit in respect of specific administrative tasks associated with the data capturing activities in the Section.
- Checking the accuracy of details recorded on transactional documentation and updating work in progress information/ data on specific applications/ systems of the department.
- Receiving data documentation and applying specific procedures and system tools to import data from various applications and programmes.
- Converting data/ information using application tools and procedures, applying instructions to change and format datasets.
- Assessing relevant fields and capturing data, applying processing rules and procedures.
- Checking and validating entries, referring to information sources to resolve anomalies/ discrepancies and/ or manipulating data characters to achieve consistency.
- Attending to and making available information to support reports and queries.

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Application form, and a detailed Curriculum Vitae together with certified copies of ID, Driver's License, qualifications and academic record must be posted / couriered to Msukaligwa Local Municipality, P O Box 48, Ermelo 2350 or hand delivered to the Corporate Services (HR Section), Cnr Kerk and Taute Street, Ermelo, for the attention of Director Corporate Services, for enquiries contact Manager Human Resources Ms. L.P. Mnisi at 017 801 3584 during office hours.

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OMGEWINGS MAGTIGINGS PROSESSE

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

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Phefumula Emoyeni One (Edms) Bpk	Tot 400kV Powerline, EGI tot 400kV Netverbinding en MTS	Transmissie-lyn en substasie	S&OIV	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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 Plaas NOOITGEDACHT 251 IS• Gedeelte 1, 2 van Plaas SPION KOP 252 IS• Gedeelte 0, 2, 7 van Plaas DRIEHOEK No. 273 IS• Gedeelte 4, 15 van Plaas UITZICHT 266 IS• Gedeelte 0 van Plaas KRANSPOORT 827 IS• Resterende Gedeelte van Gedeelte 7 van die Plaas DAVELFONTEIN 267 IS• Gedeelte 0 van die Plaas ELIM 247 IS• Gedeelte 4 van die Plaas TAFELKOP 270 IS
Algemene magtiging / watergebruik-lisensie (soos van toepassing)				Artikel 21


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Projek Naam	Noterings kennissigewing	Toepaslike Gelyste Aktiwiteite								
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	GNR 985	4	10		12	14	18	23		
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	GNR 984	9	15							
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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 Emoyeni One (Pty) Ltd	Up to 837MW WEF, including associated infrastructure including BESS	Wind and BESS	S&EIR	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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 NOOITGEDACHT 251 IS• Portion 1, 2 of farm SPION KOP 252 IS
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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) 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								
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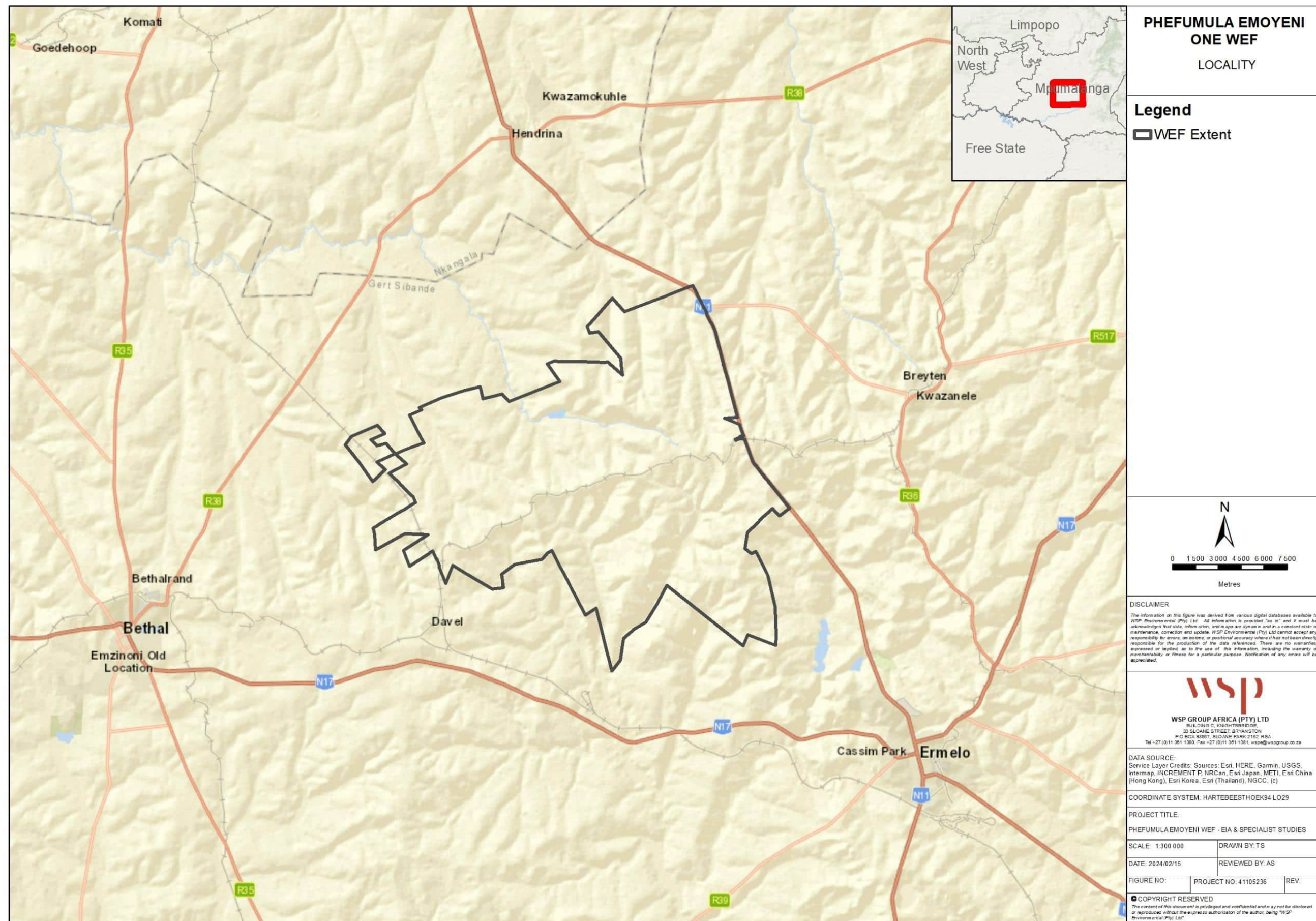
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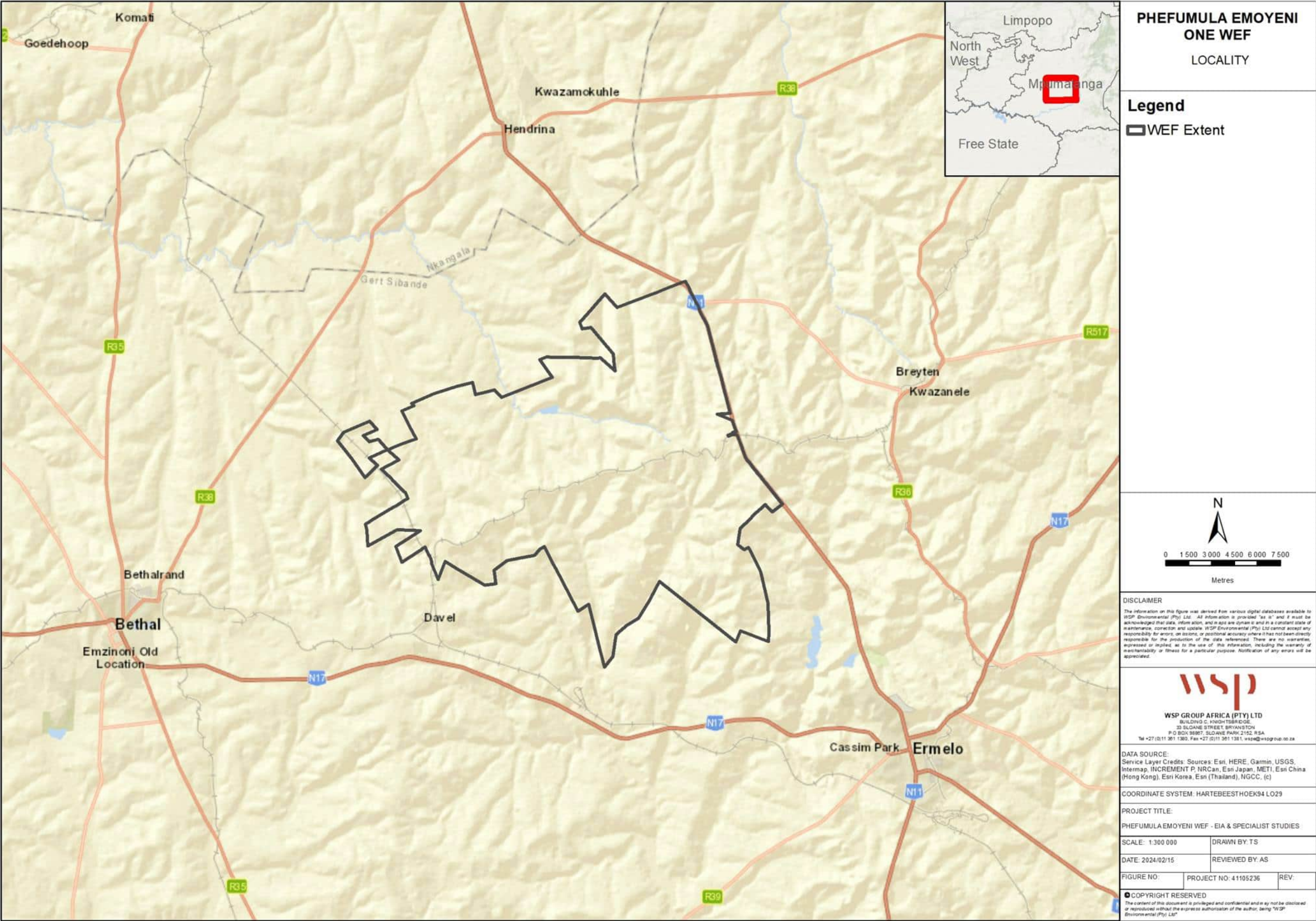
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Figuur 1: Voorgestelde Phefumula Emoyeni One WEF Locality

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)
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INCAZELO KANYE NENDAWO

I-Phefumula Emoyeni One (Pty) Ltd ihlangoza 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 iquethe ama-subprojects alandelayo:

- Phefumula Emoyeni IWEF eyodwa (efinyelela ku-837MW), etholakala kuMasipala Wendawo yaseMsukaligwa, ongaphansi kukaMasipala wesiFunda i-Gert Sibande, esifundazweni saseMpumalanga.
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Umsekeli	Iphrojekthi	Ubuchwepheshe	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	<div><div><div>• Portion 0 of farm ISRAEL 207 IS</div><div>• Portion 0, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9 of farm BOSMANSKRANS 217 IS</div><div>• Portion 6 of farm VAALBANK 233 IS</div><div>• Portion 1, 2, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 14, 15, 16, 17, 21, 22, 23 of farm KUILFONTEIN No. 234 IS</div><div>• Portion 3 of farm BOSMANSHOEK NO.235 IS</div><div>• Portion 2, 4, 5, 7, 10, 11, 13 of WITBANK NO. 236 IS</div><div>• Portion 0, 2, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 of farm NOOITGEDACHT 237 IS</div></div><div><div>• Portion 0, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 18, 19, 21,22, 23 of farm KRANSPOORT 248 IS</div><div>• Portion 2, 8, 9 of farm TWEEFONTEIN 249 IS</div><div>• Portion 0 of farm VOORZORG 250 IS</div><div>• Portion 0, 2, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11 of farm NOOITGEDACHT 251 IS</div><div>• Portion 1, 2 of farm SPION KOP 252 IS</div><div>• Portion 0, 2, 7 of farm DRIEHOEK No. 273 IS</div><div>• Portion 4, 15 of farm UITZICHT 266 IS</div><div>• Portion 0 of farm KRANSPOORT 827 IS</div><div>• Remaining Extent of Portion 7 of the Farm DAVELFONTEIN 267 IS</div><div>• Portion 0 of the Farm ELIM 247 IS</div><div>• Portion 4 of the Farm TAFELKOP 270 IS</div></div></div>
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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.

Igama lephrojekthi	Isaziso Sohlu	Izibangeli ezisebenzayo									
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	
	GNR 984	1	9		15						
	GNR 985	4	10		12	14	18	23			
Phefumula Emoyeni One (Pty) Ltd Kufika ku-400kV Powerline, EGI kufika ku-400kV Grid Connection kanye ne-MTS	GNR 983	12	19		27	28					
	GNR 984	9	15								
	GNR 985	4	12		14						
Ukugunyazwa Okujwayelekile / Ilayisensi Yokusebenzisa Amanzi (njengoba kusebenza)	Isigaba 21	21 (a), 21 (c) and 21 (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

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 kusizindlwazi 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 kusizindlwazi sethu.



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 ELECTRICAL 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.

Phfumula 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

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

- GNR 983 12, 19 & 27
- GNR 984 9 & 15
- 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 - (<https://wsp-engage.com/>)
- 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.

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.

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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
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- Bethal Publiek biblioteek
- Datafree Webwerf - (<https://wsp-engage.com/>)
- 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:

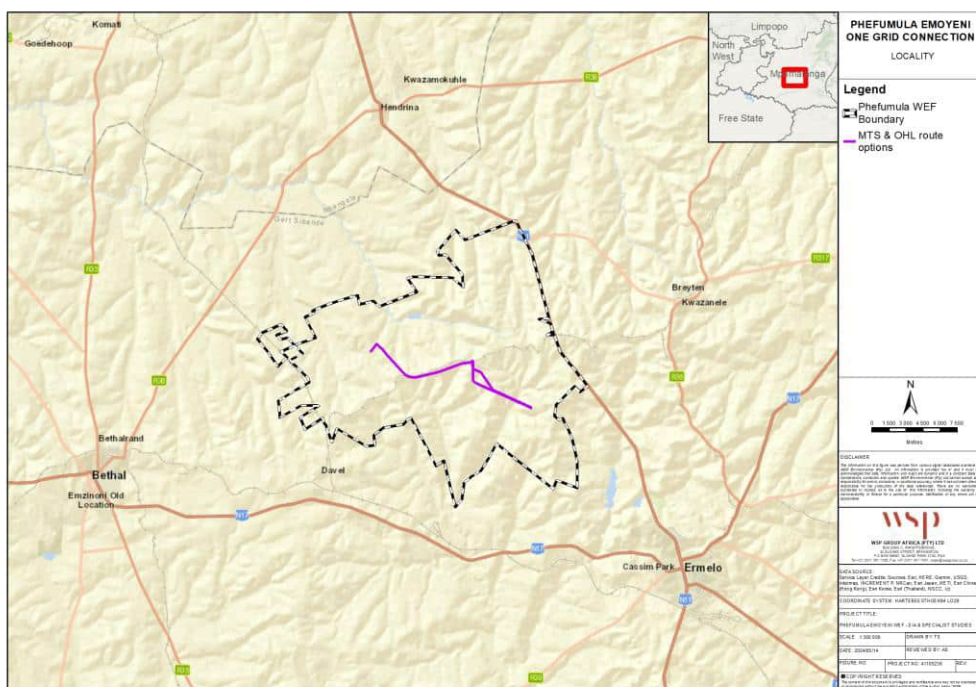
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Figuur 1: Voorgestelde Phfumula Emoyeni One Electrical Grid infrastrukture

WSP ref.: 41105236
DFFE Ref: 2023-09-0017

26 July 2024

umnikazi womhlaba othandekayo

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EMOYENI ONE ELECTRICAL GRID INFRASTRUCTURE,
EHLANGANISA IZINQUBO EZAHLUKENE ZOKUGUNYAZWA
KWENDAWO, ESEDUZE
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IZICELO ZEMVELO

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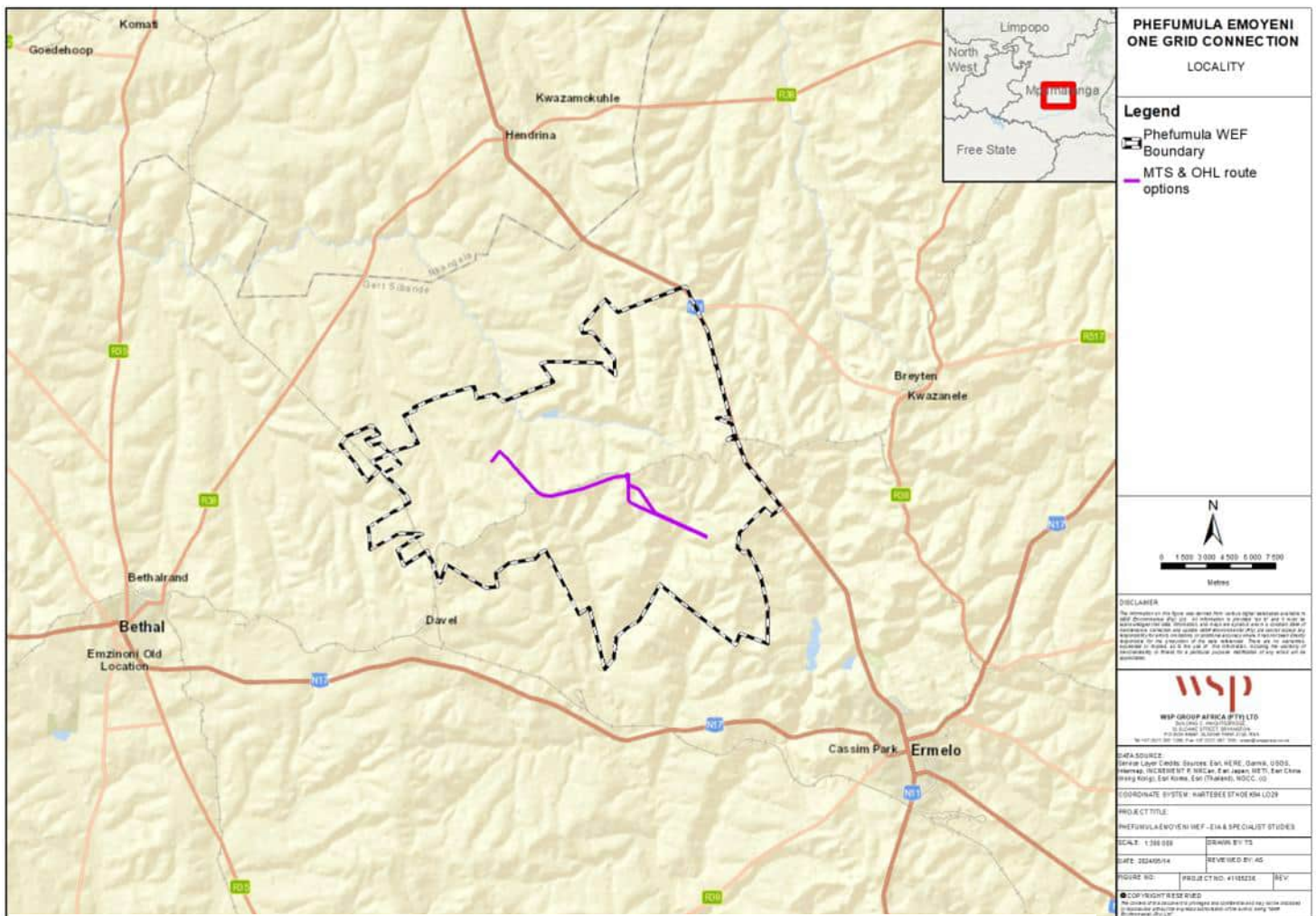
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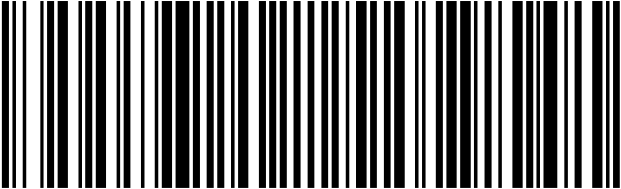
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PROVINCE**

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

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Title of Project: Phfumula Emoyeni One Electrical Grid Infrastructure in the Mpumalanga Province

Document on Public Display: Draft Scoping Report

Public Review Period: 26 July 2024 – 30 August 2024

Contact Person: Ashlea Strong (Ashlea.strong@wsp.com)

- 41105236_20240726_Phefumula Emoyeni 400kV_DSR_public review
- Appendix A_CV EAP
- Appendix B_EAP Declaration
- Appendix C_Specialist Declarations
- Appendix D_DFFE Screening report_p
- Appendix E_Pre app meeting notes
- Appendix F_SER_Grid_SER_public_review_p
- Appendix G1Geotechnical Assessment
- Appendix G2Aquatic Freshwater Assessment
- Appendix G3Terrestrial Biodiversity
- Appendix G4Avifaunal Assessment
- Appendix G5Visual Assessment
- Appendix G6Social
- Appendix G7Agricultural Assessment
- Appendix G8Heritage Assessment
- Appendix H_400kV_Site Sensitivity Verification Report_public review
- Appendix I_Proof of Adoption of MBSP



Phetumula Emoyeni One Electrical Grid Infrastructure in the Mpumalanga Province

















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Phfumula Emoyeni One Electrical Grid Infrastructure,

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Heritage Reports Scoping Heritage Phfumula Emoyeni One Electrical Grid Infrastructure has been created.

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Add Heritage Report to Case

CaseDetails

^ Summary

Case ID: 23143
Case Status: SUBMITTED
Heritage Authority(s): SAHRA
Proposal Description
The proponent is proposing the development of the Phfumula 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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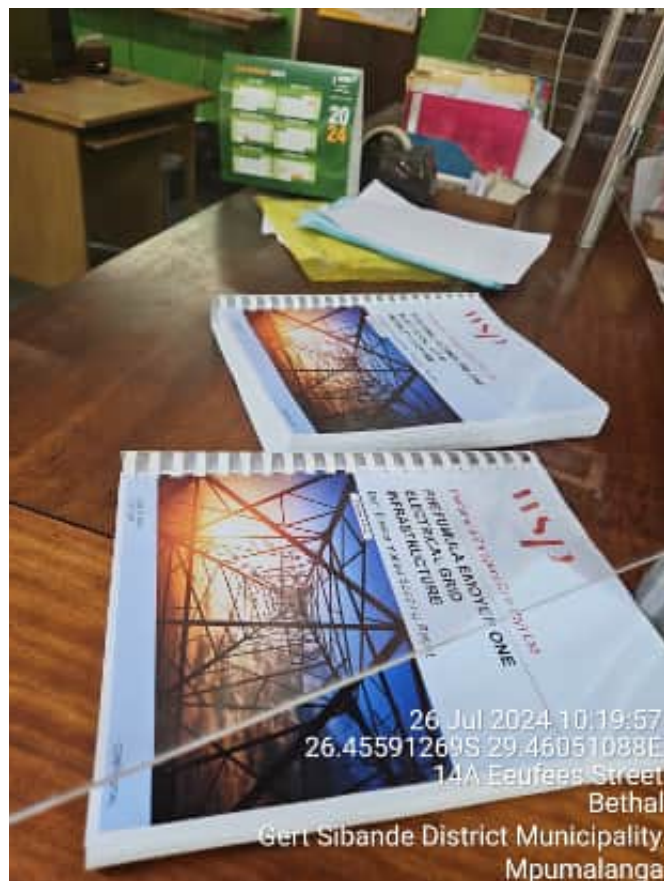
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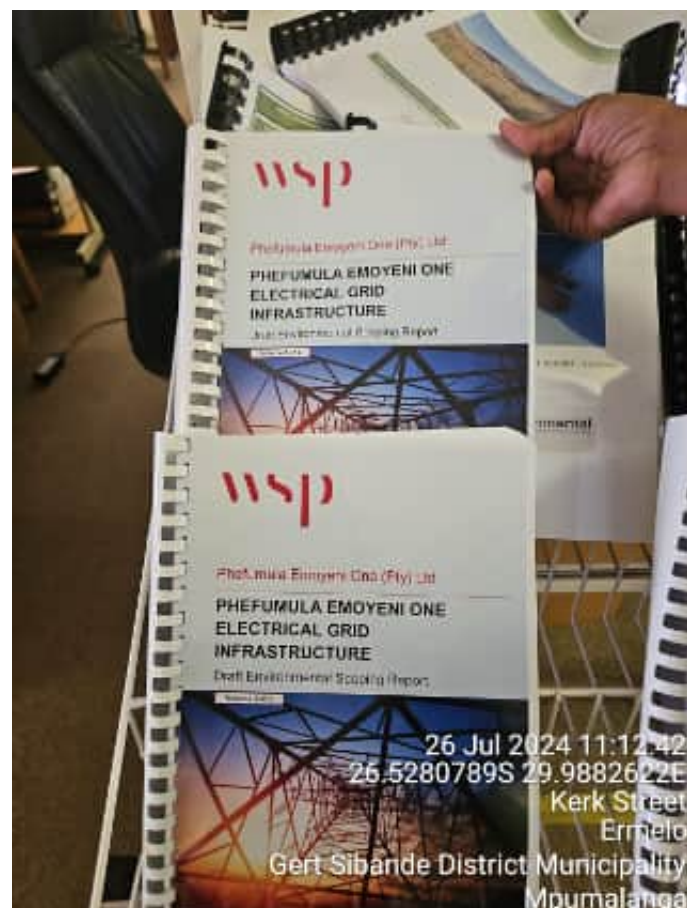
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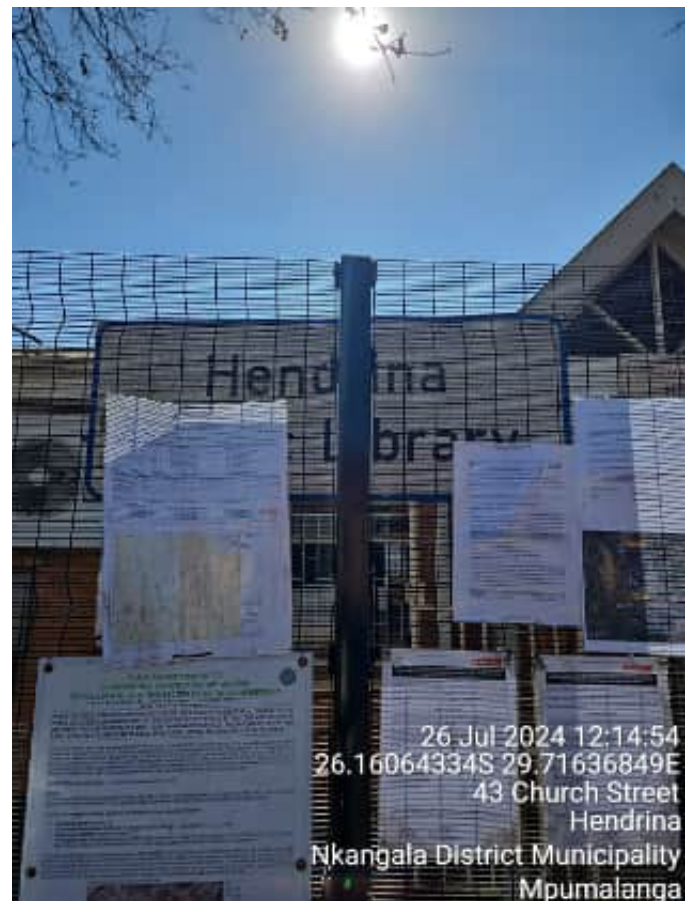
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Appendix C

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)		
APOLOGIES	Ben Brimble (Seriti Green); Mmamohale Kabasa (DFFE), Mervin Lotter (MTPA)		
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CONFIDENTIALITY	Confidential		

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	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Critical Biodiversity Areas (CBAs) (Irreplaceable and Optimal) & Ecological Support Areas (ESAs) on siteProject within National Protected Area Expansion Strategy (NPAES)Freshwater Ecosystem Protected Area (FEPA) sub-catchment on site	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not within Renewable Energy Development Zone (REDZ) or Strategic Transmission Corridor 	
3	Permitting Processes overview and confirmation	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment (S&EIA) Process: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 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. 	WSP & Seriti Green
4	Listed activities (Notice 1, 2 and 3) explained.	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DFFE requested explanation of Listing Notice 1, Activity 14 rationale (The Facility will require storage and handling of goods). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DFFE confirmed that MDARDLEA will be the competent authority for the EGI. • MDARDLEA requested confirmation of below: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 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. • 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. 	WSP / MDARDLEA / DFFE

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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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	<p>Slide 8: Potential CBAs identified:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ 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 from 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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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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



DFFE Pre-Application Meeting

Phefumula Emoyeni Wind Energy Facility



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Introductions

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Authority	Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE) Muhammad Essop Mmamohale Kabasa Coenrad Agenbach

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Agenda

- 1 Overview of the Project
Background
Location
- 2 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
- 5 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:

- 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

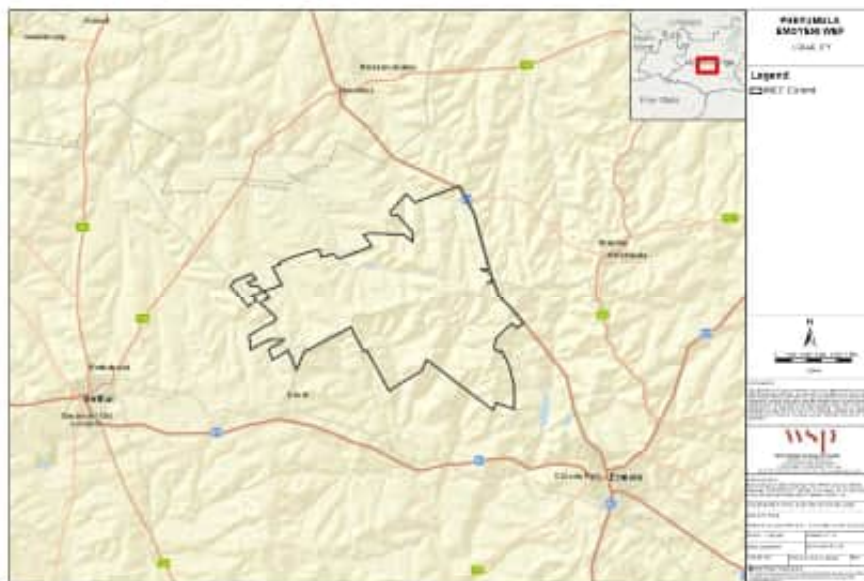
Location

	Phefumula Emoyeni WEF (up to 550MW)		Phefumula Emoyeni EGI up to 400kV Grid Connection and MTS
Province	Mpumalanga		
District Municipalities	Gert Sibande District Municipality		
Local Municipalities	Msukaligwa Local Municipality		
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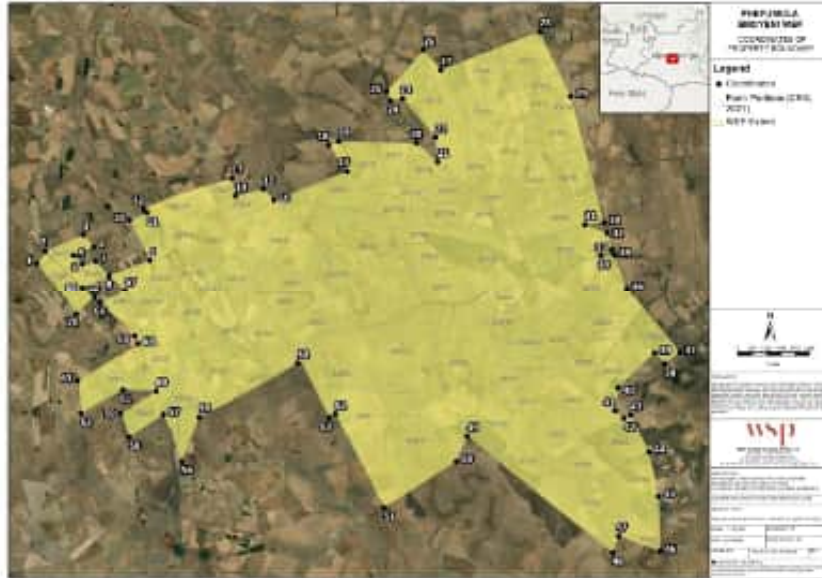
Locality of the proposed WEF



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Boundary extent of proposed WEF



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Potential CBAs Identified



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NPAES are within the project footprint



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Overview of the Project

Typical Infrastructure

Specifications	Phefumula Emoyeni WEF
Total Project Area	Approximately 36 600 ha
Buildable Area	The layout will be informed by the outcome of the site sensitivity verification assessments (~350 ha)
Wind Turbines	Up to 120
WEF capacity	Up to 550MW
Hub Height	Up to 200m
Rotor Diameter	Up to 200m
Internal Powerline	Up to 132kV
Powerline Length	15km to 25km (depending on final MTS location selected)
On-site Substation footprint including BESS	Up to 5ha
BESS capacity	200MW/800MWh

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Typical Infrastructure

Specifications	Up to 400kVA Grid Infrastructure
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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

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 area 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.

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

Listed Activities

Listing Notice 1	Listing Notice 2	Listing Notice 3
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 30m ³ but not exceeding 80m ³ within the specified geological areas.
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 300m ²
Activity 19-Internal access roads and stormwater control infrastructure, will collectively require the excavation, infilling or removal of soil exceeding 10m ³ from delineated watercourses on site		Activity 14(ii)(a)(c)(f)(i)(dd)(ff)-The Facility 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 1km within the Mpumalanga Province.



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Listed Activities Continued:

Listing Notice 1	Listing Notice 2	Listing Notice 3
Activity 28(ii)-The Facility is considered a commercial and/or industrial development, and is located on several farm portions zoned for agricultural use outside an urban area, used for agricultural purposes, buildable area to be greater than 1ha		Activity 23(ii)(a)(c)(f)(l)(cc)(ee)-The Facility will require the expansion of existing internal roads and/or access roads around the site.
Activity 30-The Facility infrastructure is located within, and will require vegetation clearance or disturbance of Eastern Highveld Grassland.		
Activity 48(i)(a)(c)-Transport of large infrastructure components related to the facility will require the expansion of existing access and/or internal roads.		
Activity 56(i)(ii)-Transport of large infrastructure components related to the facility will require the widening of existing access and/or internal roads where no reserve exists and where such road is wider than 8 metres.		

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Listed Activities – Listing Notice 1

Listed Activity	Description of Project Activity
Activity 11 The development of facilities or infrastructure for the transmission and distribution of electricity— (i) outside urban areas or industrial complexes with a capacity of more than 33 but less than 275 kilovolts; or (ii) inside urban areas or industrial complexes with a capacity of 275 kilovolts or more; excluding the development of bypass infrastructure for the transmission and distribution of electricity where such bypass infrastructure is — (a) temporarily required to allow for maintenance of existing infrastructure; (b) 2 kilometres or shorter in length; (c) within an existing transmission line servitude; and (d) will be removed within 18 months of the commencement of development.	This activity will be triggered as the project is located outside of an urban area and includes internal grid infrastructure with a capacity of up to 33kV, four onsite IPP substations including a 33/132kV step-up transformer, and an over the fence 132kV cable to connect the onsite IPP substations to the Common Collector Switching Station as part of the infrastructure.

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Listed Activities – Listing Notice 1

Listed Activity	Description of Project Activity
<p><u>Activity 30</u> Any process or activity identified in terms of section 53(1) of the National Environmental Management: Biodiversity Act, 2004 (Act No. 10 of 2004).</p>	<p>The Facility infrastructure is located within, and will require vegetation clearance or disturbance of Eastern Highveld Grassland. This ecosystem is confirmed to be listed in the National List of Ecosystems that are Threatened and in Need of Protection (as indicated in GNR 1002 of 9 December 2011).</p> <p>Due to the fact that this ecosystem is listed as threatened, it is assumed that various threatened or protected species may be found within the development area. The restricted activity of "cutting, chopping off, uprooting, damaging or destroying, any specimen" has been identified in terms of NEM:BA and is therefore applicable to the vegetation clearance that will be required to construct the development. Considering this, Activity 30 is considered applicable.</p>

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Listed Activities – Listing Notice 2

Listed Activity	Description of Project Activity
<p><u>Activity 1</u> The development of facilities or infrastructure for the generation of electricity from a renewable resource where the electricity output is 20 megawatts or more, excluding where such development of facilities or infrastructure is for photovoltaic installations and occurs: (a) within an urban area; or (b) on existing infrastructure.</p>	<p>The proposed WEF will generate up to 550 MW of electricity output from a renewable resource. This activity is therefore considered applicable to the wind facility.</p>
<p><u>Activity 15</u> The clearance of an area of 20 hectares or more of indigenous vegetation, excluding where such clearance of indigenous vegetation is required for— (i) the undertaking of a linear activity; or (ii) maintenance purposes undertaken in accordance with a maintenance management plan.</p>	<p>The proposed WEF will result in the clearance of more than 20 ha of indigenous vegetation. The exact buildable area is not yet known.</p>

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DEA Screening Tool Identified Sensitivities

	Very High Sensitivity	High Sensitivity	Medium Sensitivity	Low Sensitivity
Agriculture Theme	X			
Animal Species Theme		X		
Aquatic Biodiversity Theme	X			
Archaeological and Cultural Heritage Theme		X		
Avian (Wind) Theme				X
Bats (Wind) Theme		X		
Civil Aviation Theme		X		
Defence Theme				X
Flicker Theme	X			
Landscape (Wind) Theme	X			
Palaeontology Theme	X			
Noise Theme	X			
Plant Species Theme			X	
RFI (Wind) Theme	X			
Terrestrial Biodiversity Theme	X			
Vulture Species Theme			X	

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	X
Archaeological and Cultural heritage	X	X
Palaeontological	X	X
Terrestrial Biodiversity	X	X
Aquatic Biodiversity	X	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
Animal Species	X	X

Specialist Studies Commissioned

SPECIALIST ASSESSMENT	COMMENT
Soils and Agricultural Potential Assessment	A soils and agricultural survey will be undertaken.
Archaeological and Cultural Heritage Impact Assessment	An Archaeological and Heritage Impact Assessment will be undertaken.
Palaeontology Impact Assessment	A Palaeontological Impact Assessment will be undertaken.
Visual Impact Assessment	The projects could potentially negatively impact sensitive visual receptors. A Visual Impact Assessment will therefore be undertaken. The Visual impact Assessment will consider impacts related to flicker.
Terrestrial Biodiversity Impact Assessment	The projects could negatively affect CBA and NPAES Focus Areas. A Terrestrial Biodiversity Assessment will be undertaken. This assessment will include both fauna and flora aspects.
Aquatic Biodiversity Impact Assessment	The projects could negatively affect FEPA areas. An Aquatic Biodiversity Assessment will be undertaken.
Freshwater Impact Assessment	The projects could potentially negatively impact water resources. A Freshwater Impact Assessment will therefore be undertaken.
Avifauna Impact Assessment	Due to the potential impacts on birds as a result of the projects, an Avifauna Assessment will be undertaken.

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Specialist Studies Commissioned

SPECIALIST ASSESSMENT	COMMENT
Bat Impact Assessment	Due to the potential impacts on bats as a result of the projects, a Bat Assessment will be undertaken. This study will be specific to the WEFS.
Social Impact Assessment	A detailed social assessment will be prepared. The social statement will be based on a desktop review and telephonic interviews with key stakeholders.
Noise Impact Assessment	Due to potential impacts on sensitive receptors with regards to noise generated from the wind turbines, a Noise Assessment will be undertaken.
Geotechnical Assessment	A preliminary Geotechnical Assessment will be undertaken as part of the S&EIA Process.
Traffic Assessment	A traffic assessment will be undertaken.
Qualitative Risk Assessment	A hazard and risk identification assessment for the BESS facility will be undertaken.
RFI	A compliance statement will be compiled. The South African Weather Service (SAWS) and relevant telecommunications stakeholders will be engaged with as part of the Public Participation Process.
Civil Aviation	A compliance statement will be compiled. The Civil Aviation Authority will be included on the project stakeholder database. They will be informed of the proposed Project, and comment will be sought. An Application for the Approval of Obstacles will also be submitted to SACAA once preferred bidder status is obtained.

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Specialist Studies Not-Commissioned

SPECIALIST ASSESSMENT	COMMENT
Defence	<p>The Department of Defence will be included on the project stakeholder database. They will be informed of the proposed Project, and comment will be sought.</p> <p>A compliance statement is not required as the sensitivity has been identified as Low.</p>

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Competent Authority

- Section 24C(2)(a) of NEMA
 - The Minister must be identified as the Competent Authority (CA) if the activity has implications for international environmental commitments or relations
- GN 779 of 01 July 2016
 - Identifies the Minister as the CA for the consideration and processing of environmental authorisations and amendments thereto for activities related the Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) 2010 – 2030
- DFFE is therefore deemed to be the Competent Authority for the WEF
- It is understood that MDARDLEA will be the Competent Authority for the Gridline - Please confirm this interpretation

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Public Participation Process

Public Participation Plan

- 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
- 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
- Advertisement (English, Afrikaans and isiZulu in local newspaper)
- 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
- Public or focus group meetings will be held as required.

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Timeframes

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- 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
- 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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Discussion

- Questions
- Way Forward

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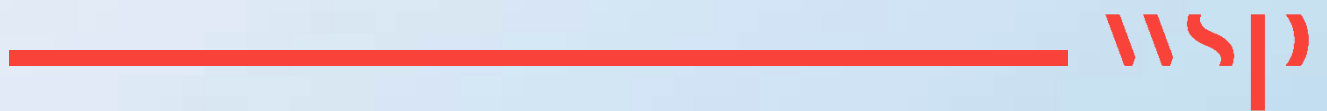
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Appendix D

COMMENTS RECEIVED



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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 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.

Kind Regards,

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To God be the Glory!!!



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PER E-MAIL

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 been 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.

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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.
- (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.

(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).
- (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 defensible reasons; and where necessary, include further expert 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.
- (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.
- (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.
- 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.

(h) General

You are further reminded to comply with Regulation 21(1) of the NEMA EIA Regulations 2014, as amended, which states that:

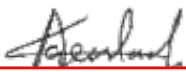
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Further note that in terms of Regulation 45 of the EIA Regulations 2014, as amended, this application will lapse if the applicant fails to meet any of the timeframes prescribed in terms of these Regulations, unless an extension has been granted in 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.

Yours sincerely



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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
27/03/2021 Email Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment: Prioritised Infrastructure Projects (Joe Soap)	Please record C&R trail report in this format. Please update the contact details of the provincial environmental authority.	EAP: (Noted) The C&R trail report has been updated into the desired format, see Appendix K. EAP: Details of provincial authority have been updated, see page 16 of the Application form.

Maharaj, Jashmika

From: Strong, Ashlea
Sent: 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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Subject: 14/12/16/3/3/2/2596

Good day.

Please find herein the attached letter for the above mentioned.

Please do not respond to this mailbox with any queries related to the decision been issued. All queries on the attached decision must be directed to official whose contact details is listed as enquiries.

I hope you find all in order.

Thank you.

Kind Regards,

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To God be the Glory!!!

Maharaj, Jashmika

From:
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RE: AVAILABILITY OF THE DRAFT SCOPING REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED
PHEFUMULA EMOYENI ONE ELECTRICAL GRID INFRASTRUCTURE

Dear Sir/Madam

DDFE Directorate: Biodiversity Conservation hereby acknowledge receipt of the invitation 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 Tebego Kgaphola (Copied on this email). In addition, kindly share the shapefiles of the development footprints/application site with the Case Officers.

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From: Strong, Ashlea <Ashlea.Strong@wsp.com>
Sent: Friday, 26 July 2024 12:27
To: Strong, Ashlea <Ashlea.Strong@wsp.com>
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Datafree Web site	https://wsp-engage.com/	

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

One Drive Link	 Phefumula Emoyeni Public Review
One Drive Instruction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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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From: Strong, Ashlea
Sent: Tuesday, 27 August 2024 14:00
To: Mamashela, Tshepho; Mathulwe, Tumelo
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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From: Mashudu Mudau <MaMudau@dfpe.gov.za>
Sent: Tuesday, August 27, 2024 1:45 PM
To: Strong, Ashlea <Ashlea.Strong@wsp.com>
Cc: Mamashela, Tshepho <Tshepho.Mamashela@wsp.com>; Thivhulawi Nethononda <TNETHONONDA@dfpe.gov.za>
Subject: RE: AVAILABILITY OF THE DRAFT SCOPING REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED PHEFUMULA EMOYENI ONE 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, 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.
- 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.

Regards,

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From: Strong, Ashlea <Ashlea.Strong@wsp.com>

Sent: Tuesday, August 6, 2024 11:49 AM

To: Strong, Ashlea <Ashlea.Strong@wsp.com>

Cc: Mamashela, Tshepho <Tshepho.Mamashela@wsp.com>

Subject: RE: AVAILABILITY OF THE DRAFT SCOPING REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED PHEFUMULA EMOYENI ONE ELECTRICAL GRID INFRASTRUCTURE - Corrected Review Period

Dear Stakeholder

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Kind regards



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Sent: Friday, July 26, 2024 12:27 PM

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Cc: Mamashela, Tshepho <Tshepho.Mamashela@wsp.com>

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Maharaj, Jashmika

From: Strong, Ashlea
Sent: Thursday, 15 August 2024 09:45
To: Clifford Kubheka
Subject: RE: Phefumula Emoyeni One Electrical Grid Infrastructure
Attachments: 20240403_Phef One OHL+buffer.kml.kmz

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.

Kind regards,
Clifford Kubheka

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From: Strong, Ashlea
Sent: Thursday, 08 August 2024 07:44
To: Charity Mthimunya; Mamashela, Tshepho
Cc: Sindy Mbuyane
Subject: RE: AVAILABILITY OF THE DRAFT SCOPING REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED PHEFUMULA EMOYENI ONE ELECTRICAL GRID INFRASTRUCTURE - Corrected Review Period

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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From: Charity Mthimunya <cnmthimunya@mpg.gov.za>
Sent: Wednesday, August 7, 2024 12:22 PM
To: Strong, Ashlea <Ashlea.Strong@wsp.com>; Mamashela, Tshepho <Tshepho.Mamashela@wsp.com>
Cc: Sindy Mbuyane <MbuyaneSB@mpg.gov.za>
Subject: RE: AVAILABILITY OF THE DRAFT SCOPING REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED PHEFUMULA EMOYENI ONE ELECTRICAL GRID INFRASTRUCTURE - Corrected Review Period

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
Charity

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Maharaj, Jashmika

From: Strong, Ashlea
Sent: Monday, 05 August 2024 07:59
To: 'Sindy Mbuyane'
Cc: Mamashela, Tshepho
Subject: RE: Strong, Ashlea shared the folder "Phefumula Emoyeni Public Review" with you
Attachments: MDARDLEA_ErmeloDeliveryNote signed.pdf

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	'Sindy Mbuyane'		
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Dear Sindy

Please note that your office received the report on Friday 26th July 2024 – please see attached signed delivery note.

Kind regards



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From: Sindy Mbuyane <mbuyanesb@mpg.gov.za>
Sent: Thursday, August 1, 2024 10:01 AM
To: Strong, Ashlea <Ashlea.Strong@wsp.com>
Subject: Re: Strong, Ashlea shared the folder "Phefumula Emoyeni Public Review" with you

Good morning Ashlea,

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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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Our Reference
number: LUF 24/3861(2)

Hard Copy & Electronic Copy – Draft
Scoping Report

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Date: 2024/07/30

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Email: Ashlea.Strong@wsp.com

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.

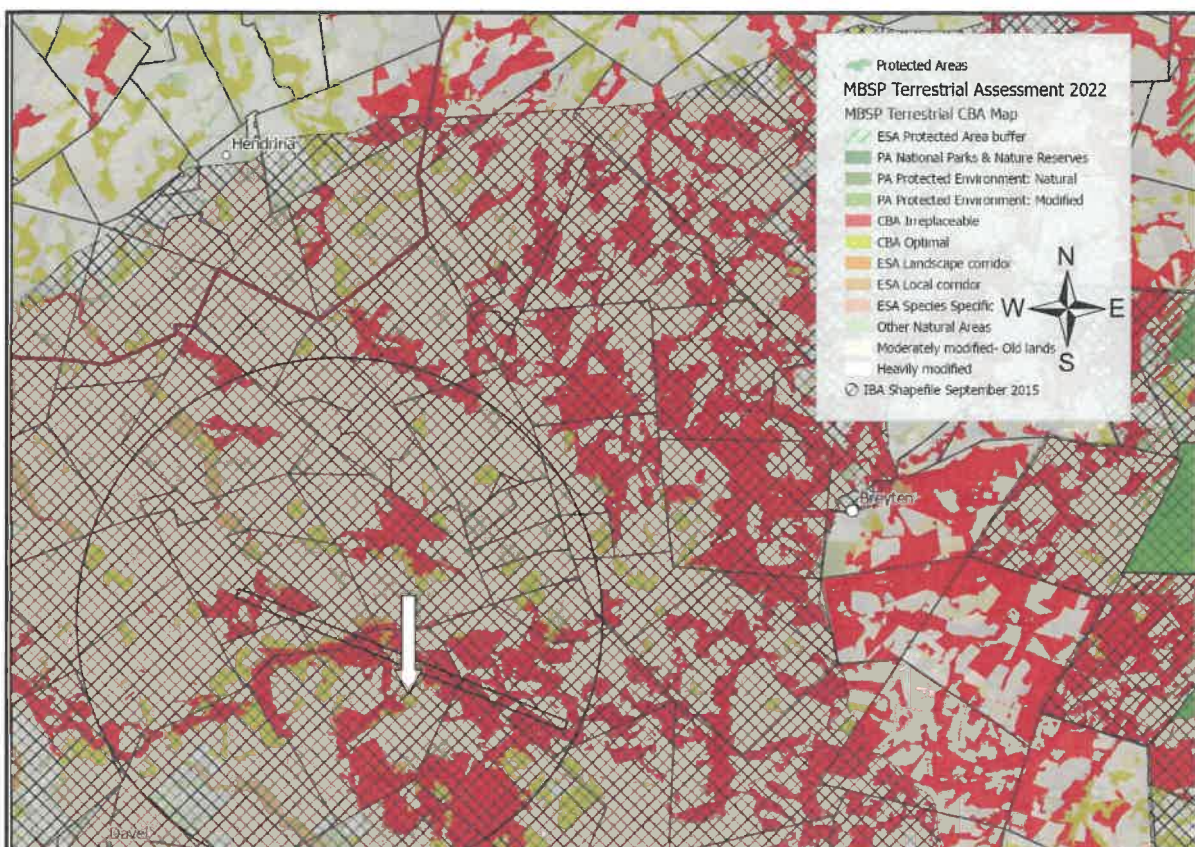


Figure 1. MBSP terrestrial biodiversity assessment map indicates the proposed area of the electrical grid connection structure in relation to Chrissiesmeer Protected Environment and the Important Bird Area.

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).

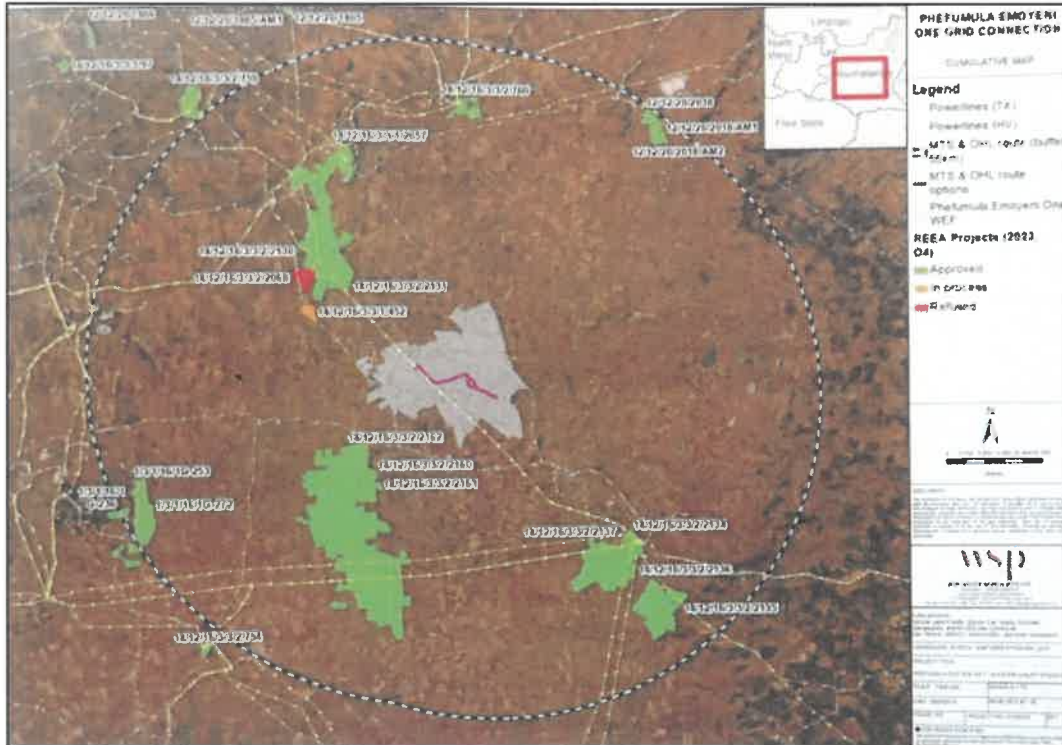


Figure 2. WSP map indicating the Phefumula proposal in relation with already approved WEF projects.

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.

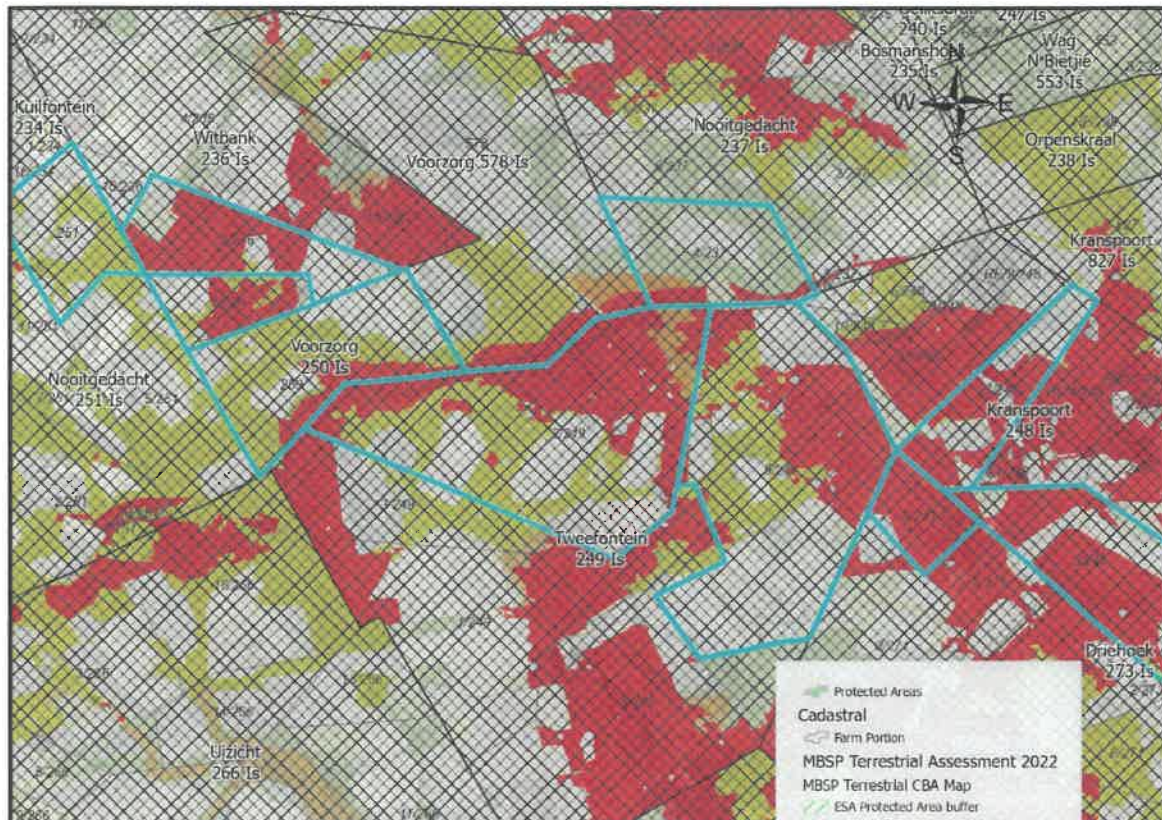


Figure 3. MBSP terrestrial biodiversity assessment map indicating the ten farm portions that will be impacted by the grid connection.

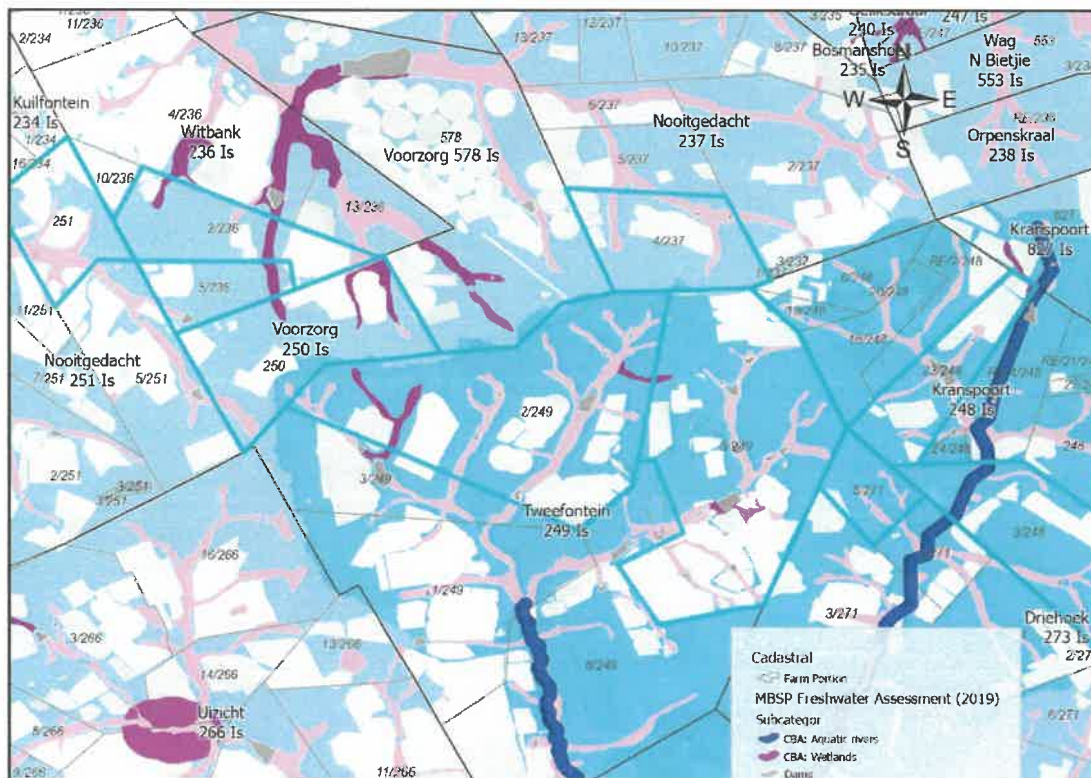


Figure 4. MBSP freshwater biodiversity assessment map indicating the:

- 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.

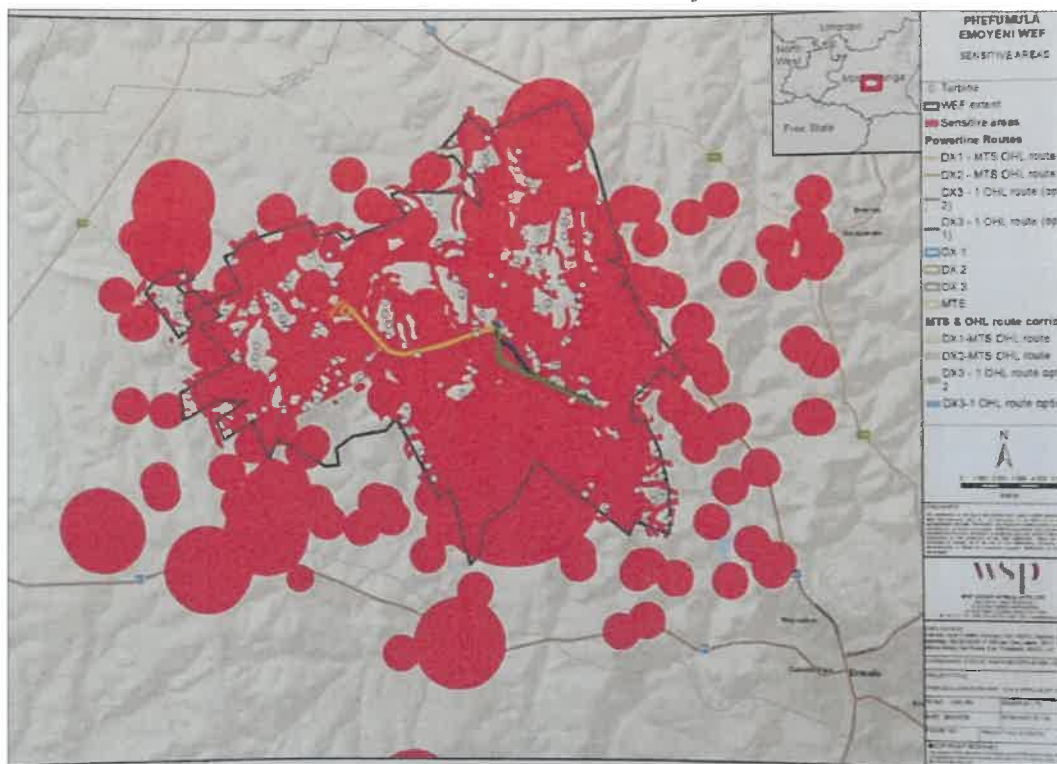


Figure 5. WSP preliminary PAOI overlain into the No-Go sensitivity map.

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 susceptible 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 breeding 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

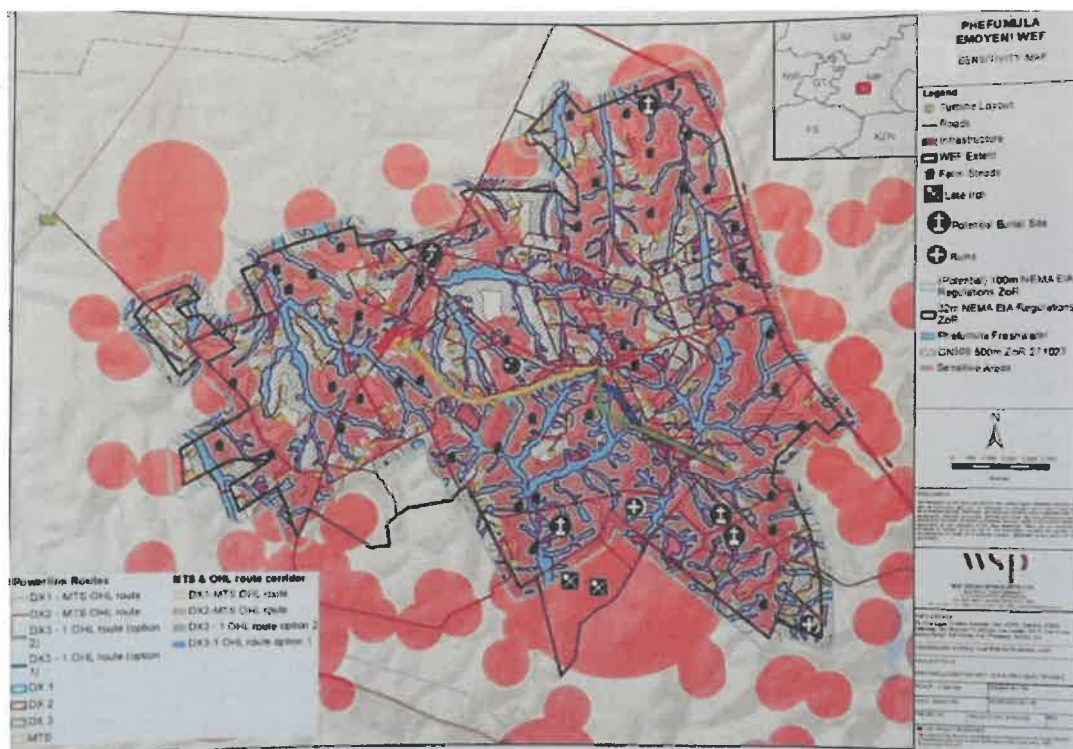


Figure 6. WSP Phefumula Emoyeni One WEF and Electrical Grid infrastructure consolidated site sensitivity plan, that indicates the project overlain into the No-go map.

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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DATE: 29 / 08 / 2024

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Subject: Acknowledgement of receipt: (LUA24/3861(2)) Draft Scoping report for Phefumula Emoyeni One Electrical Grid Infrastructure
Attachments: Acknowledgement of receipt (Phefumula Emoyeni One Electrical Grid Infrastructure).pdf

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).

Regards

Celia

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Subject: RE: AVAILABILITY OF THE DRAFT SCOPING REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED PHEFUMULA EMOYENI ONE 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**.

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.com/en-ZA/services/public-documents	
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We look forward to your participation in this process.



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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 26 July 2024 refers. After due consideration of the content of the report, the Department has the following comments:

- Information provided by you indicates that the development will comprise the following infrastructure:
 - One main transmission substation (MTS), with a development footprint of 17.4ha.
 - Three distribution substations (combined development footprint of 17.98ha).
 - Three 132kV overhead lines (OHL).
- 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.
- Furthermore, the entire site falls within the Amersfoot-Bethal-Carolina Important Bird Area (IBA).
- 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.
- The Avifaunal Scoping Report confirmed that the entire Project Area of Impact (PAOI) is located in a high sensitivity zone for collision and electrocution.
- 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.
- 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:

- 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.

Yours faithfully,

Polychaeta.

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28.05.2024

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
TOIR00000000041100004	Remaining Extent of Portion 4 of the Farm De Hoek 411
TOIR00000000041300000	The Farm Orion No 413
TOIR00000000040500001	Remaining Extent of Portion 1 of the Farm Driefontein 405
TOIR00000000040500007	Portion 7 of the Farm Driefontein 405
TOIR00000000040700009	Remaining Extent of Portion 9 of the Farm Malanskraal No 407
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TOIR00000000040500005	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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. Ross'.

Kelli Ross

Project Manager

ANNEXURE A:

SITE LOCALITY AND LAYOUT MAPS OF THE PROPOSED ABO UVEMVANE WIND ENERGY FACILITY

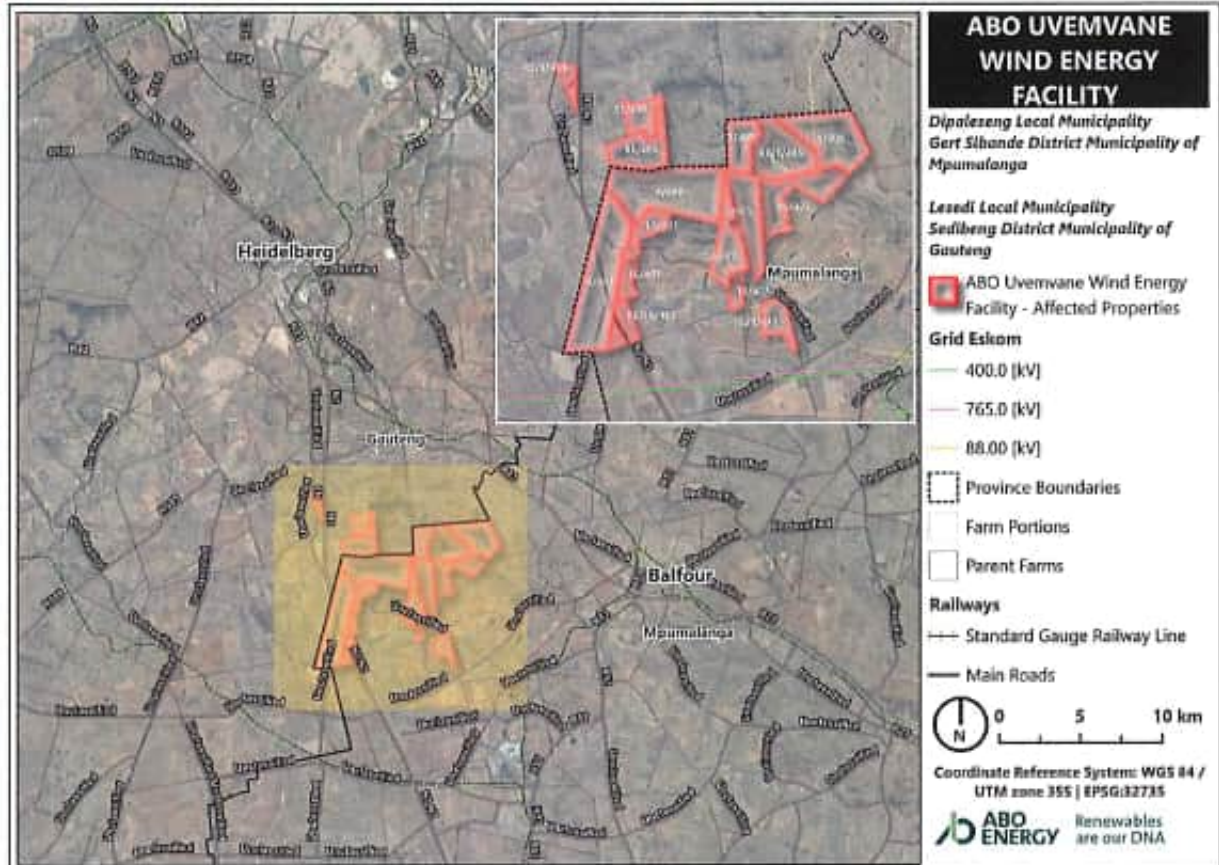


Figure 1: The site is located approximately 10km west of the town of Balfour, Mpumalanga and approximately 16km southeast of the town Heidelberg, Gauteng.

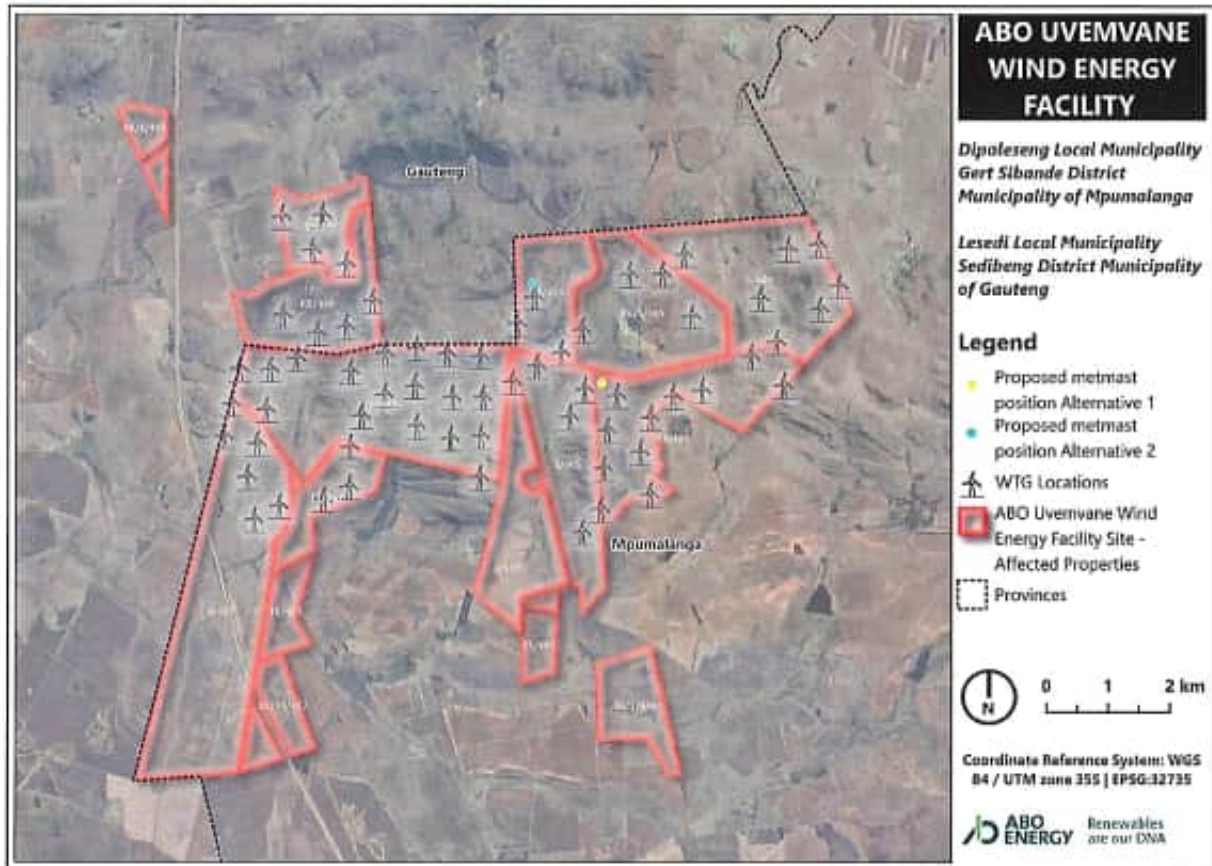


Figure 2: Preliminary layout of the Wind Turbine Generators (WTG), proposed metmast position (Alternative 1) and the proposed metmast position (Alternative 2) for the proposed ABO Uvemvane Wind Energy Facility.

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"S	28°24'44.13"E
Point 3	26°42'11.79"S	28°26'42.31"E
Point 4	26°42'41.39"S	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
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Maharaj, Jashmika

From: Strong, Ashlea
Sent: Tuesday, 03 September 2024 12:57
To: Mamashela, Tshepho; Mathulwe, Tumelo
Cc: Maharaj, Jashmika
Subject: FW: AVAILABILITY OF THE DRAFT SCOPING REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED 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.



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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 to Object / No Objection.
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See attached for examples of the minimum requirements.

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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_zulu.pdf; 41105236_Phefumula_WEF_DSR_I&AP_Notification Letter_Afrikaans.pdf; 41105236_Phefumula_WEF_DSR_I&AP_Notification Letter_English.pdf

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Sent: Tuesday, 06 August 2024 12:25
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Cc: Mamashela, Tshepho
Subject: RE: AVAILABILITY OF THE DRAFT SCOPING REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED PHEFUMULA EMOYENI ONE ELECTRICAL GRID INFRASTRUCTURE - Corrected Review Period

Tracking:	Recipient	Delivery	Read
	'Reuben Maroga'		
	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.

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From: Reuben Maroga <reuben@solagroup.co.za>
Sent: Tuesday, August 6, 2024 11:57 AM
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Good Day Ashlea,

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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.

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From: Strong, Ashlea
Sent: Monday, 05 August 2024 09:53
To: Tshitso Mofokeng
Subject: Declined: AVAILABILITY OF THE DRAFT SCOPING REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED PHEFUMULA EMOYENI ONE ELECTRICAL GRID INFRASTRUCTURE

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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Cc: Strong, Ashlea; Nadar, Thirushan
Subject: RE: AVAILABILITY OF THE DRAFT SCOPING REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED PHEFUMULA EMOYENI ONE ELECTRICAL GRID INFRASTRUCTURE
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Dear John

Kindly find the attached KMZ of the proposed development as requested.

Kind regard,



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Subject: [CAUTION:EXTERNAL EMAIL] AVAILABILITY OF THE DRAFT SCOPING REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED PHEFUMULA EMOYENI ONE ELECTRICAL GRID INFRASTRUCTURE

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From: Mamashela, Tshepho
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To: 'Aviation Environmental Compliance'; Strong, Ashlea; Nadar, Thirushan
Cc: Pamela Madondo; Evelyn Shogole
Subject: RE: AVAILABILITY OF THE DRAFT SCOPING REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED PHEFUMULA EMOYENI ONE ELECTRICAL GRID INFRASTRUCTURE

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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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From: Aviation Environmental Compliance <environment@caa.co.za>
Sent: Friday, July 26, 2024 12:57 PM
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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



Tshepho Mamashela
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From: Robyn Luyt <rluyt@mpg.gov.za>
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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 on the date that Ms Mbuyane receives the documents in hard copy, and that MTPA must receive theirs as they require.

Kind Regards
Robyn

>>> "Strong, Ashlea" <Ashlea.Strong@wsp.com> 07/26/24 12:28 PM >>>

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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) (l) 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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Maharaj, Jashmika

From: [Redacted]
Sent: [Redacted]
To: [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: IAP Registration
Attachments: Comments on Draft Scoping Report_ Phefumula Emoyeni One (Pty) Ltd.pdf

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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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 www.aphp.org.za for a list of qualified archaeologists).

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 viewsapes 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

Natasha Higgitt



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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 been 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.

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.

- 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 defensible reasons; and where necessary, include further expert 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 aquatic 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.

- 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

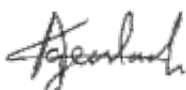
(h) General

- (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



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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 Infrastructure Projects (John Doe)	Please record C&R trail report in this format Please update the contact details of the provincial environmental authority	EAP: (Noted)The C&R trail report has been updated into the desired format, see Appendix K 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 Website	https://www.wsp.com/en-ZA/services/public-documents
Datafree Website	https://wsp-engage.com/

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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)

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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.

Interim Comment



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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.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. 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 viewsapes 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



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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 ELECTRICAL 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.

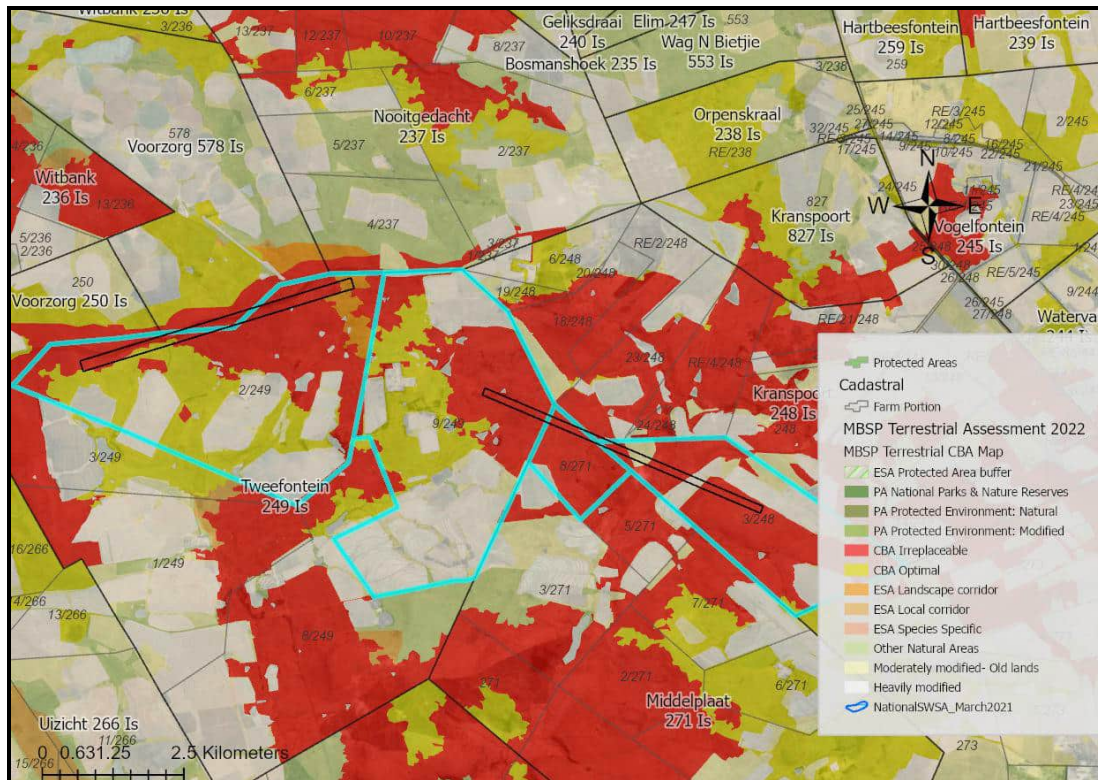


Figure 1. MBSP terrestrial biodiversity assessment. Approximate locality indicated by linear lines.
(Red areas are CBA irreplaceable areas.)

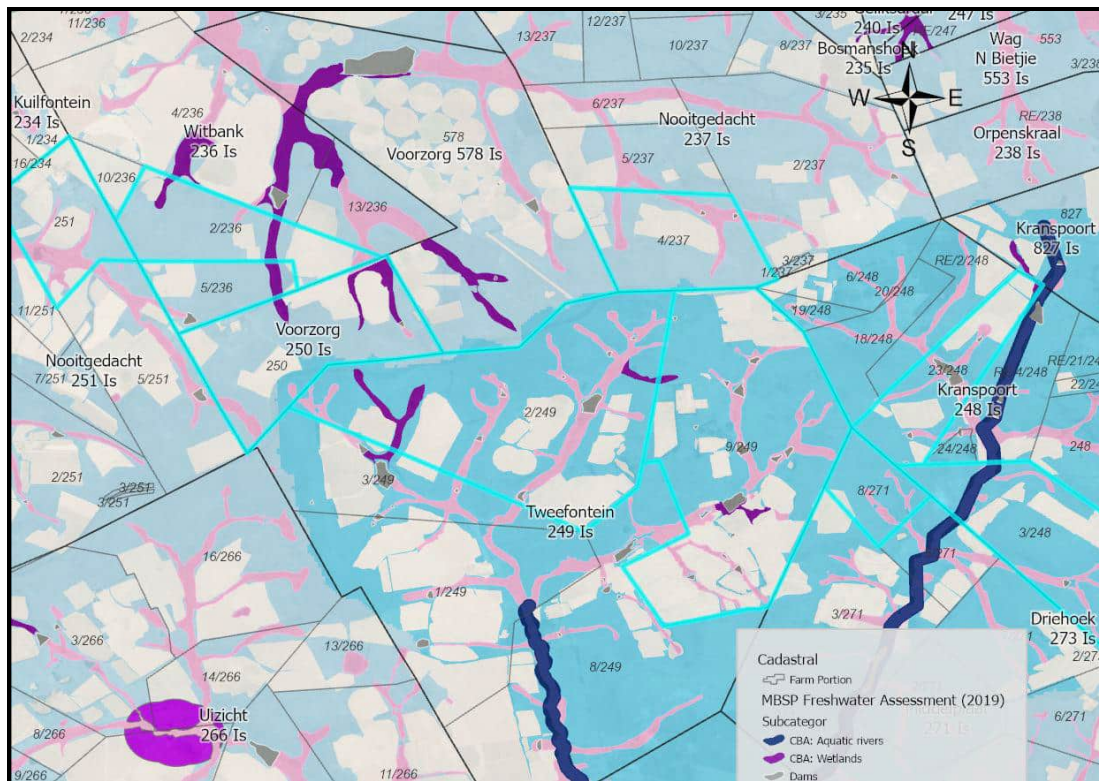


Figure 4. MBSP freshwater biodiversity assessment indicating the affected farms and:

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.

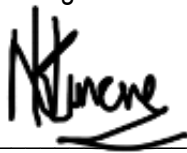
- The risk assessment to identify additional environmental issues and the important severity rating of the themes that were identified has overly sensitive status was verified by the specialists. Several themes were assessed to be overly sensitive.
- If the project goes ahead, it is not clear whether the significant negative impacts will be reversible 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



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EXECUTIVE MANAGER BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION
DATE: 04 / 10 / 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
 - 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.

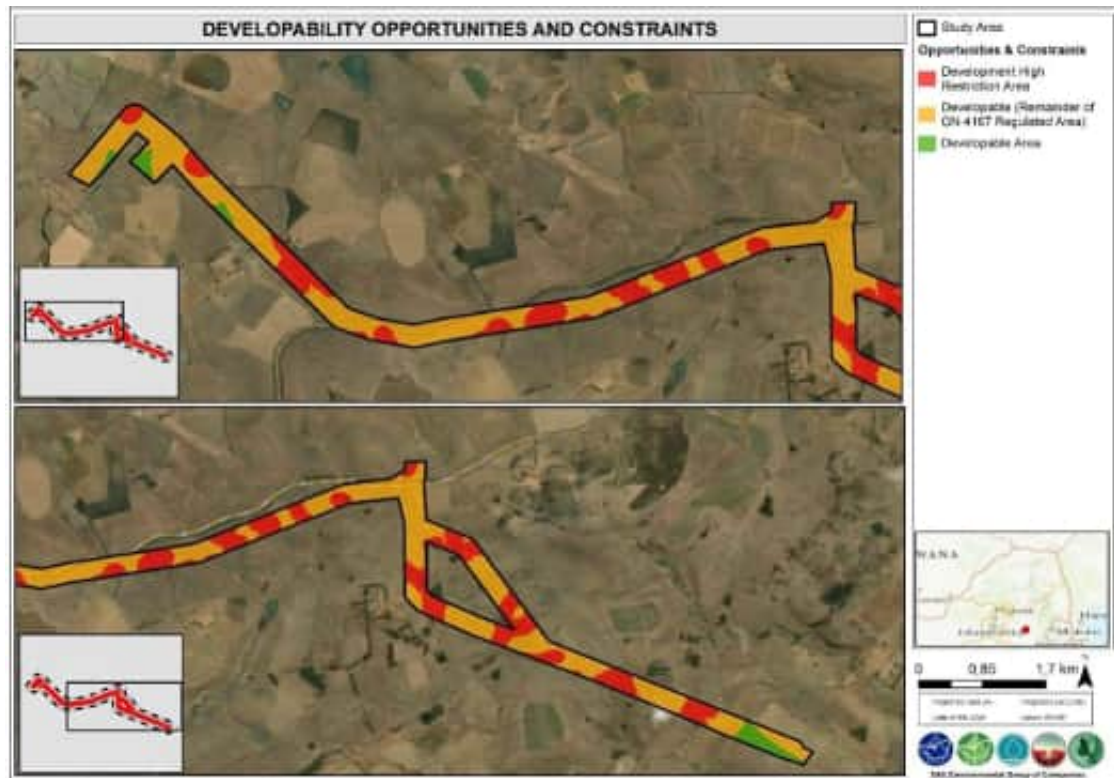


Figure 10: Opportunities and Constraints map for the south-western part of the study area showing sensitive areas in red.

Figure 16 below is a preliminary sensitivity map, indicating avifaunal sensitivity areas identified for development to date.

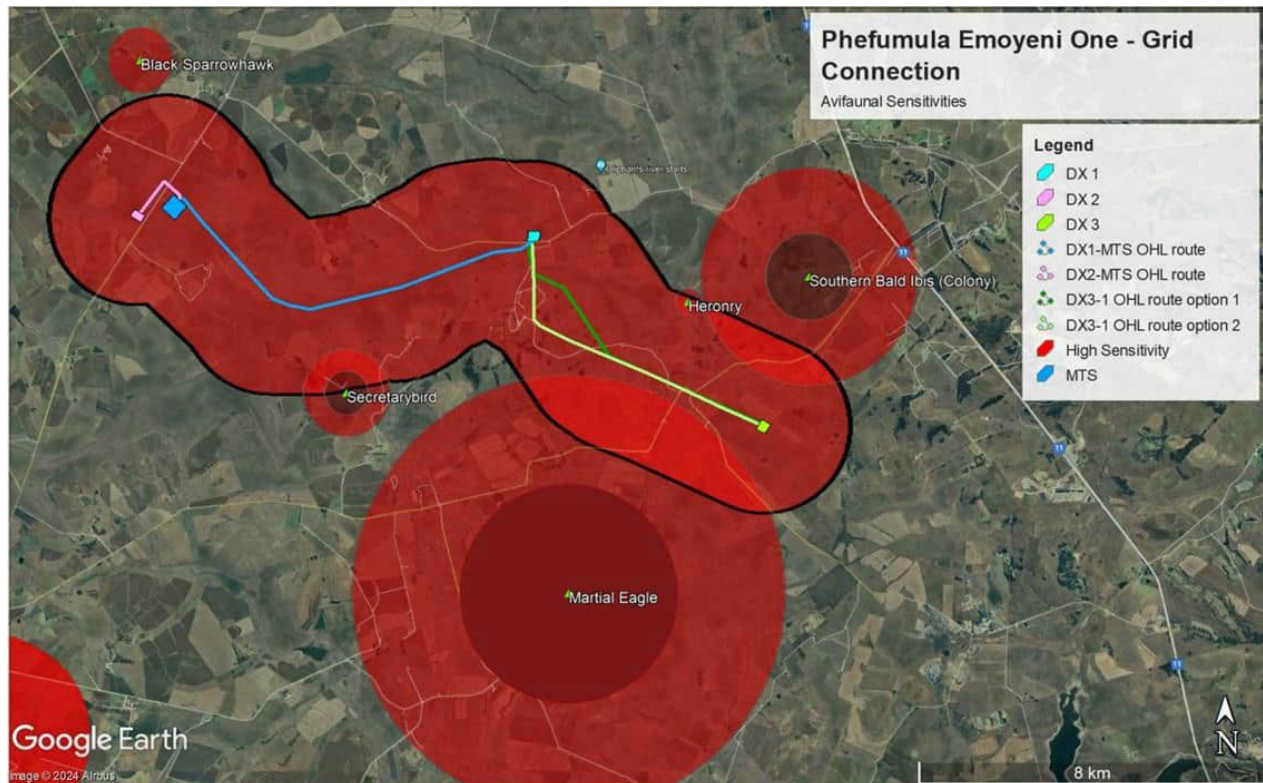


Figure 16: Avifaunal Sensitivities Map for the Phefumula Emoyeni One Electrical grid infrastructure. The entire project area is considered a high sensitivity zone from a collision impact and electrocution impact perspective. (WSP report).

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Acknowledgement of receipt (LUA 24/3861 (3) and (4))RE: AVAILABILITY OF THE
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14/12/16/3/3/2/2545)

Dear Ms. Strong

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.

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Good afternoon

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DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT REPORT REVIEW PERIOD

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**.

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.com/en-ZA/services/public-documents	
Datafree Web site	https://wsp-engage.com/	

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

One Drive Link	 Phefumula Emoyeni Public Review
One Drive Instruction	<ul style="list-style-type: none">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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RE: MTPA's comments LUA 24/3861(2) - Draft EIA for the Phefumula Emoyeni
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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 plan is send to all the IAP timeously to verify your
statements.

Kind Regards
Frans Krige
LUAS
MTPA

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Good Afternoon

Please find attached a response letter to the comments received on 2 September 2024 (Ref: **LUA 24/3861 (2))**

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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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Thank you very much

I will notify you once the flash drive is delivered.

Have a nice day

Regards

Celia

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Good Afternoon Mervyn

Please find the kmz for the Phefumula Emoyeni Grid as requested

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Hi Ashlea

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
Mervyn

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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)**

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