

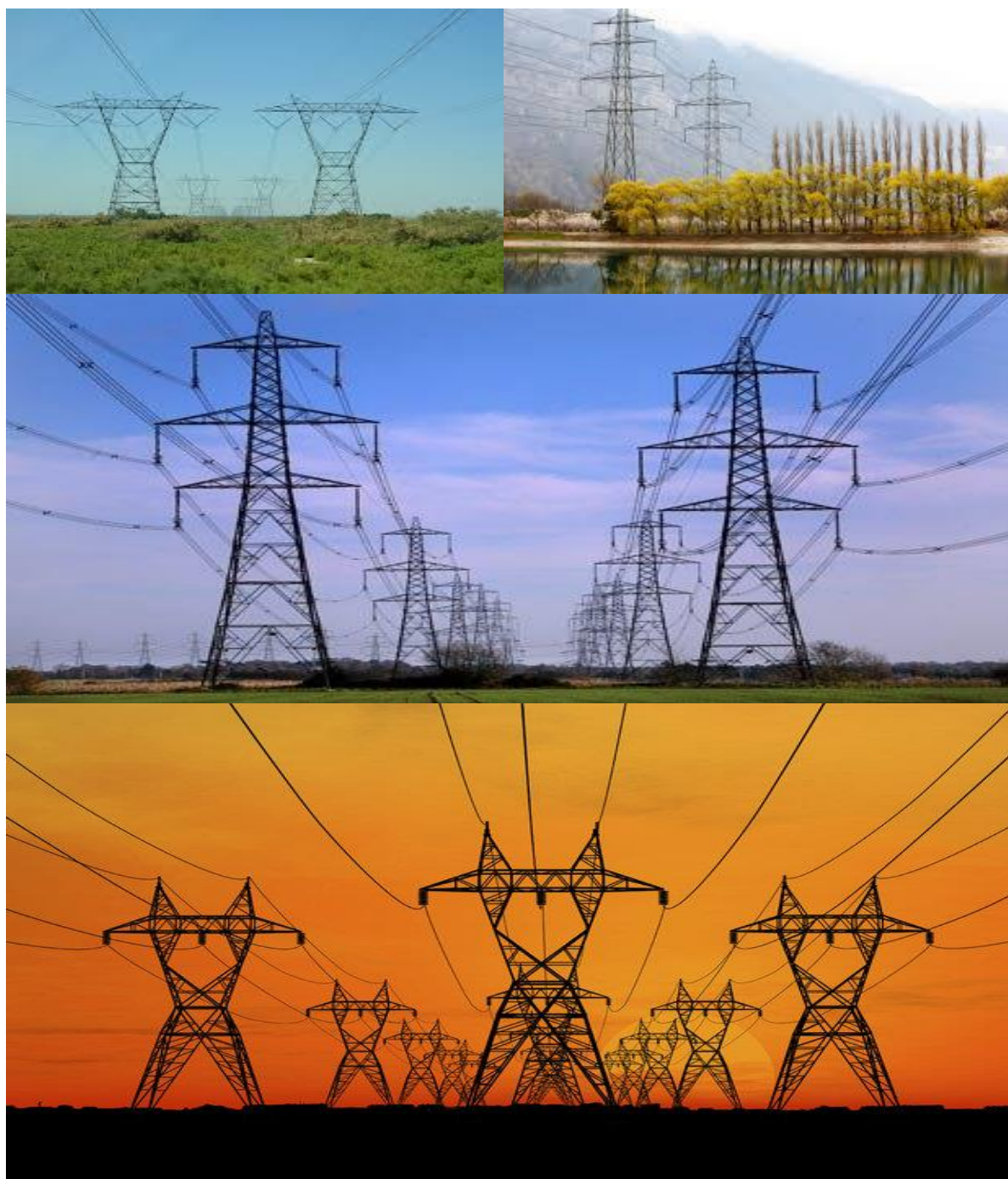
ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAMME FOR THE PROPOSED 132KV
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RWB LETHABO SUBSTATION WITHIN METSIMAHOLO LOCAL MUNICIPALITY
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DEVELOPMENT AND EXPANSION FOR OVERHEAD ELECTRICITY
TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION INFRASTRUCTURE



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INTRODUCTION

1. Background

The National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) (NEMA) requires that an environmental management programme (EMPr) be submitted where an environmental impact assessment (EIA) has been identified as the environmental instrument to be utilised as the basis for a decision on an application for environmental authorisation (EA). The content of an EMPr must either contain the information set out in Appendix 4 of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014, as amended, (EIA Regulations) or must be a generic EMPr relevant to an application as identified and gazetted by the Minister in a government notice. Once the Minister has identified, through a government notice, that a generic EMPr is relevant to an application for EA, that generic EMPr must be applied by all parties involved in the EA process, including, but not limited to, the applicant and the competent authority (CA).

2. Purpose

This document constitutes a generic EMPr relevant to applications for the development or expansion of overhead electricity transmission and distribution infrastructure, and all listed and specified activities necessary for the realisation of such infrastructure.

3. Objective

The objective of this generic EMPr is to prescribe and pre-approve generally accepted impact management outcomes and impact management actions, which can commonly and repeatedly be used for the avoidance, management and mitigation of impacts and risks associated with the development or expansion of overhead electricity transmission and distribution infrastructure. The use of a generic EMPr is intended to reduce the need to prepare and review individual EMPrs for applications of a similar nature.

4. Scope

The scope of this generic EMPr applies to the development or expansion of overhead electricity transmission and distribution infrastructure requiring EA in terms of NEMA, i.e. with a capacity of 33 kilovolts or more. This generic EMPr applies to activities requiring EA, mainly activity 11 and 47 of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations Listing Notice 1 of 2014, as amended, and activity 9 of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations Listing Notice 2 of 2014, as amended, and all associated listed or specified activities necessary for the realisation of such infrastructure.

5. Structure of this document

This document is structured in three parts with an Appendix as indicated in the table below:

Part	Section	Heading	Content
A		Provides general guidance and information and is not legally binding	Definitions, acronyms, roles & responsibilities and documentation and reporting.
B	1	Pre-approved generic EMPr template	<p>Contains generally accepted impact management outcomes and impact management actions required for the avoidance, management and mitigation of impacts and risks associated with the development or expansion of overhead electricity transmission and distribution infrastructure, which are presented in the form of a template that has been pre-approved.</p> <p>The template in this section is to be completed by the contractor, with each completed page signed and dated by the holder of the EA prior to commencement of the activity.</p> <p>Where an impact management outcome is not relevant, the words “not applicable” can be inserted in the template under the “responsible persons” column.</p> <p>Once completed and signed, the template represents the EMPr for the activity approved by the CA and is legally binding. The template is not required to be submitted to the CA as once the generic EMPr is gazetted for implementation, it has been approved by the CA.</p> <p>To allow interested and affected parties access to the pre-approved EMPr template for consideration through the decision-making process, the EAP on behalf of the applicant /proponent must make the hard copy of this EMPr available at a public location and where the applicant has a website, the EMPr should also be made available on such publicly accessible website.</p>
	2	Site specific information	Contains preliminary infrastructure layout and a declaration that the applicant/holder of the EA will comply with the pre-approved generic EMPr

Part	Section	Heading	Content
			<p>template contained in <u>Part B: Section 1</u>, and understands that the impact management outcomes and impact management actions are legally binding. The preliminary infrastructure layout must be finalized to inform the final EMPr that is to be submitted with the basic assessment report (BAR) or environmental impact assessment report (EIAR), ensuring that all impact management outcomes and actions have been either pre-approved or approved in terms of <u>Part C</u>.</p> <p>This section must be submitted to the CA together with the final BAR or EIAR. The information submitted to the CA will be considered to be incomplete should a signed copy of <u>Part B: section 2</u> not be submitted. Once approved, this Section forms part of the EMPr for the development and is legally binding.</p>
C		Site specific sensitivities/ attributes	<p>If any specific environmental sensitivities/ attributes are present on the site which require site specific impact management outcomes and impact management actions, not included in the pre-approved generic EMPr, to manage impacts, these specific impact management outcomes and impact management actions must be included in this section. These specific environmental attributes must be referenced spatially and impact management outcomes and impact management actions must be provided. These specific impact management outcomes and impact management actions must be presented in the format of the pre-approved EMPr template (<u>Part B: section 1</u>)</p> <p>This section will not be required should the site contain no specific environmental sensitivities or attributes. However, if <u>Part C</u> is applicable to the site, it is required to be submitted together with the BAR or EIAR, for consideration of, and decision on, the application for EA. The information in this section must be prepared by an EAP, and must contain his/her name and expertise including a curriculum vitae. Once approved, Part C forms part of the EMPr for the site and is legally binding.</p>

Part	Section	Heading	Content
			This section applies only to additional impact management outcomes and impact management actions that are necessary for the avoidance, management and mitigation of impacts and risks associated with the specific development or expansion and which are not already included in <u>Part B: section 1</u> .
	Appendix 1		Contains the method statements to be prepared prior to commencement of the activity. The method statements are not required to be submitted to the competent authority.

6. Completion of part B: section 1: the pre-approved generic EMP template

The template is to be completed prior to commencement of the activity, by providing the following information for each environmental impact management action:

- For implementation
 - a 'responsible person',
 - a method for implementation,
 - a timeframe for implementation
- For monitoring
 - a responsible person
 - frequency
 - evidence of compliance.

The completed template must be signed and dated by the holder of the EA prior to commencement of the activity. The method statements prepared and agreed to by the holder of the EA must be appended to the template as Appendix 1. Each method statement must be signed and dated on each page by the holder of the EA. This template, once signed and dated, is legally binding. The holder of the EA will remain responsible for its implementation.

7. Amendments of the impact management outcomes and impact management actions

Once the activity has commenced, a holder of an EA may make amendments to the impact management outcomes and impact management actions in the following manner:

- Amendment of the impact management outcomes: in line with the process contemplated in regulation 37 of the EIA Regulations; and
- Amendment of the impact management actions: in line with the process contemplated in regulation 36 of the EIA Regulations.

8. Documents to be submitted as part of part B: section 2 site specific information and declaration

Part B: Section 2 has three distinct sub-sections. The first and third sub-sections are in a template format. Sub-section two requires a map to be produced.

Sub-section 1 contains the project name, the applicant's name and contact details, the site information, which includes coordinates of the corridor in which the proposed overhead electricity transmission and distribution infrastructure is proposed as well as the 21-digit Surveyor General code of each cadastral land parcel and, where available, the farm name.

Sub-section 2 is to be prepared by an EAP and must contain his/her name and expertise including a curriculum vitae. This sub-section must include a map of the site sensitivity overlaid with the preliminary infrastructure layout using the national web based environmental screening tool, when available for compulsory use at: <https://screening.environment.gov.za/screeningtool>. The sensitivity map shall identify the nature of each sensitive feature e.g. raptor nest, threatened plant species, archaeological site, etc. Sensitivity maps must identify features both within the planned working area and any known sensitive features in the surrounding landscape within 50m from the development footprint. The overhead transmission and distribution profile must be illustrated at an appropriate resolution to enable fine scale interrogation. It is recommended that <20 km of overhead transmission and distribution length is illustrated per page in A3 landscape format. Where considered appropriate, photographs of sensitive features in the context of tower positions must be used.

Sub-section 3 is the declaration that the applicant/proponent or holder of the EA in the case of a change of ownership must complete, which confirms that the applicant/EA holder will comply with the pre-approved generic EMPr template in Section 1 and understands that the impact management outcomes and actions are legally binding.

(a) Amendments to Part B: Section 2 – site specific information and declaration

Should the EA be transferred, Part B: Section 2 must be completed by the new applicant/proponent and submitted with the application for an amendment of the EA in terms of Regulations 29 or 31 of the EIA Regulations, whichever applies. The information submitted as part of such an application for an amendment to an EA will be considered to be incomplete should a signed copy of Part B: Section 2 not be submitted. Once approved, Part B: Section 2 forms part of the EMPr for the development and the EMPr becomes legally binding to the new EA holder.

PART A – GENERAL INFORMATION

1. DEFINITIONS

In this EMPr any word or expression to which a meaning has been assigned in the NEMA or EIA Regulations has that meaning, and unless the context requires otherwise –

"clearing" means the clearing and removal of vegetation, whether partially or in whole, including trees and shrubs, as specified;

"construction camp" is the area designated for key construction infrastructure and services, including but not limited to offices, overnight vehicle parking areas, stores, the workshop, stockpile and lay down areas, hazardous storage areas (including fuels), the batching plant (if one is located at the construction camp), designated access routes, equipment cleaning areas and the placement of staff accommodation, cooking and ablution facilities, waste and wastewater management;

"contractor" - The Contractor has overall responsibility for ensuring that all work, activities, and actions linked to the delivery of the contract, are in line with the Environmental Management Programme and that Method Statements are implemented as described.

"hazardous substance" is a substance governed by the Hazardous Substances Act, 1973 (Act No. 15 of 1973) as well as the Hazardous Chemical and Substances Regulations, 1995;

"method statement" means a written submission by the Contractor to the Project Manager in response to this EMPr or a request by the Project Manager and ECO. The method statement must set out the equipment, materials, labour and method(s) the Contractor proposes using to carry out an activity identified by the Project Manager when requesting the Method Statement. This must be done in such detail that the Project Manager and ECO is able to assess whether the Contractor's proposal is in accordance with this specification and/or will produce results in accordance with this specification;

The method statement must cover applicable details with regard to:

- (i) Construction procedures;
- (ii) Plant, materials and equipment to be used;
- (iii) Transporting the equipment to and from site;
- (iv) How the plant/ material/ equipment will be moved while on site;
- (v) How and where the plant/ material/ equipment will be stored;
- (vi) The containment (or action to be taken if containment is not possible) of leaks or spills of any liquid or material that may occur;
- (vii) Timing and location of activities;
- (viii) Compliance/ non-compliance; and
- (ix) Any other information deemed necessary by the Project Manager.

"slope" means the inclination of a surface expressed as one unit of rise or fall for so many horizontal units;

“solid waste” means all solid waste, including construction debris, hazardous waste, excess cement/ concrete, wrapping materials, timber, cans, drums, wire, nails, food and domestic waste (e.g. plastic packets and wrappers);

“spoil” means excavated material which is unsuitable for use as material in the construction works or is material which is surplus to the requirements of the construction works;

“topsoil” means a varying depth (up to 300 mm) of the soil profile irrespective of the fertility, appearance, structure, agricultural potential, fertility and composition of the soil; and

“works” means the works to be executed in terms of the Contract

2. ACRONYMS and ABBREVIATIONS

CA	Competent Authority
cEO	Contractors Environmental Officer
dEO	Developer Environmental Officer
DPM	Developer Project Manager
DSS	Developer Site Supervisor
EAR	Environmental Audit Report
ECA	Environmental Conservation Act No. 73 of 1989
ECO	Environmental Control Officer
EA	Environmental Authorisation
EIA	Environmental Impact Assessment
ERAP	Emergency Response Action Plan
EMPr	Environmental Management Programme Report
EAP	Environmental Assessment Practitioner
FPA	Fire Protection Agency
HCS	Hazardous chemical Substance
NEMA	National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998)
NEMBA	National Environmental Management: Biodiversity Act, 2004 (Act No. 10 of 2004)
NEMWA	National Environmental Management: Waste Act, 2008 (Act No. 59 of 2008)
MSDS	Material Safety Data Sheet
RI&AP's	Registered interested and affected parties

3. ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES FOR ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAMME (EMPr) IMPLEMENTATION

The effective implementation of this generic EMPr is dependent on established and clear roles, responsibilities and reporting lines within an institutional framework. This section of the EMPr gives guidance to the various environmental roles and reporting lines, however, project specific requirements will ultimately determine the need for the appointment of specific person(s) to undertake specific roles and or responsibilities. As such, it must be noted that in the event that no specific person, for example, an environmental control officer (ECO) is appointed, the holder of the EA remains responsible for ensuring that the duties indicated in this document for action by the ECO are undertaken.

Table 1: *Guide to roles and responsibilities for implementation of an EMPr*

Responsible Person (s)	Role and Responsibilities
Developer's Project Manager (DPM)	<p><u>Role</u></p> <p>The Project Developer is accountable for ensuring compliance with the EMPr and any conditions of approval from the competent authority (CA). Where required, an environmental control officer (ECO) must be contracted by the Project Developer to objectively monitor the implementation of the EMPr according to relevant environmental legislation, and the conditions of the environmental authorisation (EA). The Project Developer is further responsible for providing and giving mandate to enable the ECO to perform responsibilities, and he must ensure that the ECO is integrated as part of the project team while remaining independent.</p> <p><u>Responsibilities</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Be fully conversant with the conditions of the EA;- Ensure that all stipulations within the EMPr are communicated and adhered to by the Developer and its Contractor(s);- Issuing of site instructions to the Contractor for corrective actions required;- Monitor the implementation of the EMPr throughout the project by means of site inspections and meetings. Overall management of the project and EMPr implementation; and- Ensure that periodic environmental performance audits are undertaken on the project implementation.
Developer Site Supervisor (DSS)	<p><u>Role</u></p> <p>The DSS reports directly to the DPM, oversees site works, liaises with the contractor(s) and the ECO. The DSS</p>

Responsible Person (s)	Role and Responsibilities
	<p>is responsible for the day to day implementation of the EMPr and for ensuring the compliance of all contractors with the conditions and requirements stipulated in the EMPr.</p> <p><u>Responsibilities</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ensure that all contractors identify a contractor's Environmental Officer (cEO); - Must be fully conversant with the conditions of the EA. Oversees site works, liaison with Contractor, DPM and ECO; - Must ensure that all landowners have the relevant contact details of the site staff, ECO and cEO; - Issuing of site instructions to the Contractor for corrective actions required; - Will issue all non-compliances to contractors; and - Ratify the Monthly Environmental Report.
Environmental Control Officer (ECO)	<p><u>Role</u></p> <p>The ECO should have appropriate training and experience in the implementation of environmental management specifications. The primary role of the ECO is to act as an independent quality controller and monitoring agent regarding all environmental concerns and associated environmental impacts. In this respect, the ECO is to conduct periodic site inspections, attend regular site meetings, pre-empt problems and suggest mitigation and be available to advise on incidental issues that arise. The ECO is also required to conduct compliance audits, verifying the monitoring reports submitted by the cEO. The ECO provides feedback to the DSS and Project Manager regarding all environmental matters. The Contractor, cEO and dEO are answerable to the Environmental Control Officer for non- compliance with the Performance Specifications as set out in the EA and EMPr.</p> <p>The ECO provides feedback to the DSS and Project Manager, who in turn reports back to the Contractor and potential and Registered Interested &Affected Parties' (RI&AP's), as required. Issues of non-compliance raised by the ECO must be taken up by the Project Manager, and resolved with the Contractor as per the conditions of his contract. Decisions regarding environmental procedures, specifications and requirements which have a cost implication (i.e. those that are deemed to be a variation, not allowed for in the Performance Specification) must be endorsed by the Project Manager. The ECO must also, as specified by the EA, report to the relevant CA as and when required.</p> <p><u>Responsibilities</u></p>

Responsible Person (s)	Role and Responsibilities
	<p>The responsibilities of the ECO will include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Be aware of the findings and conclusions of all EA related to the development; - Be familiar with the recommendations and mitigation measures of this EMPr; - Be conversant with relevant environmental legislation, policies and procedures, and ensure compliance with them; - Undertake regular and comprehensive site inspections / audits of the construction site according to the generic EMPr and applicable licenses in order to monitor compliance as required; - Educate the construction team about the management measures contained in the EMPr and environmental licenses; - Compilation and administration of an environmental monitoring plan to ensure that the environmental management measures are implemented and are effective; - Monitoring the performance of the Contractors and ensuring compliance with the EMPr and associated Method Statements; - In consultation with the Developer Site Supervisor order the removal of person(s) and/or equipment which are in contravention of the specifications of the EMPr and/or environmental licenses; - Liaison between the DPM, Contractors, authorities and other lead stakeholders on all environmental concerns; - Compile a regular environmental audit report highlighting any non-compliance issues as well as satisfactory or exceptional compliance with the EMPr; - Validating the regular site inspection reports, which are to be prepared by the contractor Environmental Officer (cEO); - Checking the cEO's record of environmental incidents (spills, impacts, legal transgressions etc) as well as corrective and preventive actions taken; - Checking the cEO's public complaints register in which all complaints are recorded, as well as action taken; - Assisting in the resolution of conflicts; - Facilitate training for all personnel on the site – this may range from carrying out the training, to reviewing the training programmes of the Contractor; - In case of non-compliances, the ECO must first communicate this to the Senior Site Supervisor, who has the power to ensure this matter is addressed. Should no action or insufficient action be taken, the ECO may report this matter to the authorities as non-compliance; - Maintenance, update and review of the EMPr; - Communication of all modifications to the EMPr to the relevant stakeholders.
developer Environmental Officer	<u>Role</u>

Responsible Person (s)	Role and Responsibilities
(dEO)	<p>The dEOs will report to the Project Manager and are responsible for implementation of the EMP, environmental monitoring and reporting, providing environmental input to the Project Manager and Contractor's Manager, liaising with contractors and the landowners as well as a range of environmental coordination responsibilities.</p> <p><u>Responsibilities</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Be fully conversant with the EMP; - Be familiar with the recommendations and mitigation measures of this EMP, and implement these measures; - Ensure that all stipulations within the EMP are communicated and adhered to by the Employees, Contractor(s) ; - Confine the development site to the demarcated area; - Conduct environmental internal audits with regards to EMP and authorisation compliance (on cEO); - Assist the contractors in addressing environmental challenges on site; - Assist in incident management; - Reporting environmental incidents to developer and ensuring that corrective action is taken, and lessons learnt shared; - Assist the contractor in investigating environmental incidents and compile investigation reports; - Follow-up on pre-warnings, defects, non-conformance reports; - Measure and communicate environmental performance to the Contractor; - Conduct environmental awareness training on site together with ECO and cEO; - Ensure that the necessary legal permits and / or licenses are in place and up to date; - Acting as Developer's Environmental Representative on site and work together with the ECO and contractor;
Contractor	<p><u>Role</u></p> <p>The Contractor appoints the cEO and has overall responsibility for ensuring that all work, activities, and actions linked to the delivery of the contract are in line with the EMP and that Method Statements are implemented as described. External contractors must ensure compliance with this EMP while performing the onsite activities as per their contract with the Project Developer. The contractors are required, where</p>

Responsible Person (s)	Role and Responsibilities
	<p>specified, to provide Method Statements setting out in detail how the impact management actions contained in the EMPr will be implemented during the development or expansion for overhead electricity transmission and distribution infrastructure activities.</p> <p><u>Responsibilities</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - project delivery and quality control for the development services as per appointment; - employ a suitably qualified person to monitor and report to the Project Developer's appointed person on the daily activities on-site during the construction period; - ensure that safe, environmentally acceptable working methods and practices are implemented and that equipment is properly operated and maintained, to facilitate proper access and enable any operation to be carried out safely; - attend on site meeting(s) prior to the commencement of activities to confirm the procedure and designated activity zones; - ensure that contractors' staff repair, at their own cost, any environmental damage as a result of a contravention of the specifications contained in EMPr, to the satisfaction of the ECO.
contractor Environmental Officer (cEO)	<p><u>Role</u></p> <p>Each Contractor affected by the EMPr should appoint a cEO, who is responsible for the on-site implementation of the EMPr (or relevant sections of the EMPr). The Contractor's representative can be the site agent; site engineer; a dedicated environmental officer; or an independent consultant. The Contractor must ensure that the Contractor's Representative is suitably qualified to perform the necessary tasks and is appointed at a level such that she/he can interact effectively with other site Contractors, labourers, the Environmental Control Officer and the public. As a minimum the cEO shall meet the following criteria:</p> <p><u>Responsibilities</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Be on site throughout the duration of the project and be dedicated to the project; - Ensure all their staff are aware of the environmental requirements, conditions and constraints with respect to all of their activities on site; - Implementing the environmental conditions, guidelines and requirements as stipulated within the EA,

Responsible Person (s)	Role and Responsibilities
	<p>EMPr and Method Statements;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Attend the Environmental Site Meeting; - Undertaking corrective actions where non-compliances are registered within the stipulated timeframes; - Report back formally on the completion of corrective actions; - Assist the ECO in maintaining all the site documentation; - Prepare the site inspection reports and corrective action reports for submission to the ECO; - Assist the ECO with the preparing of the monthly report; and - Where more than one Contractor is undertaking work on site, each company appointed as a Contractor will appoint a cEO representing that company.

4. ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION REPORTING AND COMPLIANCE

To ensure accountable and demonstrated implementation of the EMPr, a number of reporting systems, documentation controls and compliance mechanisms must be in place for all overhead electricity transmission and distribution infrastructure projects as a minimum requirement.

4.1 Document control/Filing system

The holder of the EA is solely responsible for the upkeep and management of the EMPr file. At a minimum, all documentation detailed below will be stored in the EMPr file. A hard copy of all documentation shall be filed, while an electronic copy may be kept where relevant. A duplicate file will be maintained in the office of the DSS (where applicable). This duplicate file must remain current and up-to-date. The filing system must be updated and relevant documents added as required. The EMPr file must be made available at all times on request by the CA or other relevant authorities. The EMPr file will form part of any environmental audits undertaken as prescribed in the EIA Regulations.

4.2 Documentation to be available

At the outset of the project the following preliminary list of documents shall be placed in the filing system and be accessible at all times:

- Full copy of the signed EA from the CA in terms of NEMA, granting approval for the development or expansion;
- Copy of the generic and site specific EMPr as well as any amendments thereof;
- Copy of declaration of implementing generic EMPr and subsequent approval of site specific EMPr and amendments thereof;
- All method statements;
- Completed environmental checklists;
- Minutes and attendance register of environmental site meetings;
- An up-to-date environmental incident log;
- A copy of all instructions or directives issued;
- A copy of all corrective actions signed off. The corrective actions must be filed in such a way that a clear reference is made to the non-compliance record;
- Complaints register.

4.3 Weekly Environmental Checklist

The ECOs are required to complete a Weekly Environmental Checklist, the format of which is to be agreed prior to commencement of the activity. The ECOs are required to sign and date the checklist, retain a copy in the EMPr file and submit a copy of the completed checklist to the DSS on a weekly basis.

The checklists will form the basis for the Monthly Environmental Reports. Copies of all completed checklists will be attached as Annexures to the Environmental Audit Report as required in terms of the EIA Regulations.

4.4 Environmental site meetings

Minutes of the environmental site meetings shall be kept. The minutes must include an attendance register and will be attached to the Monthly Report that is distributed to attendees. Each set of minutes must clearly record "Matters for Attention" that will be reviewed at the next meeting.

4.5 Required Method Statements

The method statement will be done in such detail that the ECOs are enabled to assess whether the contractor's proposal is in accordance with the EMPr.

The method statement must cover applicable details with regard to:

- development procedures;
- materials and equipment to be used;
- getting the equipment to and from site;
- how the equipment/ material will be moved while on site;
- how and where material will be stored;
- the containment (or action to be taken if containment is not possible) of leaks or spills of any liquid or material that may occur;
- timing and location of activities;
- compliance/ non-compliance with the EMPr; and
- any other information deemed necessary by the ECOs.

Unless indicated otherwise by the Project Manager, the Contractor shall provide the following method statements to the Project Manager no less than 14 days prior to the commencement date of the activity:

- Site establishment – Camps, Lay-down or storage areas, satellite camps, infrastructure;
- Batch plants;
- Workshop or plant servicing;
- Handling, transport and storage of Hazardous Chemical Substance's;
- Vegetation management – Protected, clearing, aliens, felling;
- Access management – Roads, gates, crossings etc.;
- Fire plan;
- Waste management – transport, storage, segregation, classification, disposal (all waste streams);
- Social interaction – complaints management, compensation claims, access to properties etc.;
- Water – use (source, abstraction and disposal), access and all related information, crossings and mitigation;
- Emergency preparedness – Spills, training, other environmental emergencies;
- Dust and noise management methodologies;
- Fauna interaction and risk management – only if the risk was identified – wildlife interaction especially on game farms; and
- Heritage and palaeontology management.

The ECOs shall monitor and ensure that the contractors perform in accordance with these method statements. Completed and agreed method statements between the holder of the EA and the contractor shall be captured in Appendix 1.

4.6 Environmental Incident Log (Diary)

The ECOs are required to maintain an up-to-date and current Environmental Incident Log (environmental diary). The Environmental Incident Log is a means to record all environmental incidents and/or all non-compliance notice would not be issued. An environmental incident is defined as:

- Any deviation from the listed impact management actions (listed in this EMPr) that may be addressed immediately by the ECOs. (For example a contractor's staff member littering or a drip tray that has not been emptied);
- Any environmental impact resulting from an action or activity by a contractor in contravention of the environmental stipulations and guidelines listed in the EMPr which as a single event would have a minor impact but which if cumulative and continuous would have a significant effect (for example no toilet paper available in the ablutions for an afternoon); and
- General environmental information such as road kills or injured wildlife.

The ECOs are to record all environmental incidents in the Environmental Incident Log. All incidents regardless of severity must be reported to the Developer. The Log is to be kept in the EMPr file and at a minimum the following will be recorded for each environmental incident:

- The date and time of the incident;
- Description of the incident;
- The name of the Contractor responsible;
- The incident must be listed as significant or minor;
- If the incident is listed as significant, a non-compliance notice must be issued, and recorded in the log;
- Remedial or corrective action taken to mitigate the incident; and
- Record of repeat minor offences by the same contractor or staff member.

The Environmental Incident Log will be captured in the EAR.

4.7 Non-compliance

A non-compliance notice will be issued to the responsible contractor by the ECOs via the DSS or Project Manager. The non-compliance notice will be issued in writing; a copy filed in the EMPr file and will at a minimum include the following:

- Time and date of the non-compliance;
- Name of the contractor responsible;
- Nature and description of the non-compliance;
- Recommended / required corrective action; and
- Date by which the corrective action to be completed.
- The contractors shall act immediately when a notice of non-compliance is received and correct whatever is the cause for the issuing of the notice. Complaints

received regarding activities on the development site pertaining to the environment shall be recorded in a dedicated register and the response noted with the date and action taken. The ECO should be made aware of any complaints. Any non-compliance with the agreed procedures of the EMPr is a transgression of the various statutes and laws that define the manner by which the environment is managed. Failure to redress the cause shall be reported to the relevant CA for them to deal with the transgression, as it deems fit. The contractor is deemed not to have complied with the EMPr if, inter alia, There is a deviation from the environmental conditions, impact management outcomes and impact management actions , as approved in generic and site specific EMPr as relevant as set out in the EMPr, which deviation has, or may cause, an environmental impact.

4.8 Corrective action records

For each non-compliance notice issued, a documented corrective action must be recorded. On receiving a non-compliance notice from the DSS, the contractor's cEO will ensure that the corrective actions required take place within the stipulated timeframe. On completion of the corrective action the cEO is to issue a Corrective Action Report in writing to the ECOs. If satisfied that the corrective action has been completed, the ECOs are to sign-off on the Corrective Action Report, and attach the report to the non-compliance notice in the EMPr file. A corrective action is considered complete once the report has signed off by the ECOs.

4.9 Photographic record

A digital photographic record will be kept. The photographic record will be used to show before, during and post rehabilitation evidence of the project as well used in cases of damages claims if they arise. Each image must be dated and a brief description note attached.

The Contractor shall:

1. Allow the ECOs access to take photographs of all areas, activities and actions.

The ECOs shall keep an electronic database of photographic records which will include:

1. Pictures of all areas designated as work areas, camp areas, development sites and storage areas taken before these areas are set up;
2. All bunding and fencing;
3. Road conditions and road verges;
4. Condition of all farm fences;
5. Topsoil storage areas;
6. All areas to be cordoned off during construction;
7. Waste management sites;
8. Ablution facilities (inside and out);
9. Any non-conformances deemed to be "significant";
10. All completed corrective actions for non-compliances;
11. All required signage;
12. Photographic recordings of incidents;
13. All areas before, during and post rehabilitation; and
14. Include relevant photographs in the Final Environmental Audit Report.

4.10 Complaints register

The ECOs shall keep a current and up-to-date complaints register. The complaints register is to be a record of all complaints received from communities, stakeholders and individuals. The Complaints Record shall:

1. Record the name and contact details of the complainant;
2. Record the time and date of the complaint;
3. Contain a detailed description of the complaint;
4. Where relevant and appropriate, contain photographic evidence of the complaint or damage (ECOs to take relevant photographs); and
5. Contain a copy of the ECOs written response to each complaint received and keep a record of any further correspondence with the complainant. The ECO's written response will include a description of any corrective action to be taken and must be signed by the Contractor, ECO and affected party. Where a damage claim is issued by the complainant, the ECOs shall respond as described in **(section 4.11)** below.

4.11 Claims for damages

In the event that a Claim for Damages is submitted by a community, landowner or individual, the ECOs shall:

1. Record the full detail of the complaint as described in **(section 4.10)** above;
2. The DPM will evaluate the claim and associated damage and submit the evaluation to the Senior Site Representative for approval;
3. Following consideration by the DPM, the claim is to be resolved and settled immediately, or the reason for not accepting the claim communicated in writing to the claimant. Should the claimant not accept this, the ECO shall, in writing report the incident to the Developer's negotiator and legal department; and
4. A formal record of the response by the ECOs to the claimant as well as the rectification of the method of making payments not amount will be recorded in the EMPr file.

4.12 Interactions with affected parties

Open, transparent and good relations with affected landowners, communities and regional staff are an essential aspect to the successful management and mitigation of environmental impacts.

The ECOs shall:

1. Ensure that all queries, complaints and claims are dealt within an agreed timeframe;
2. Ensure that any or all agreements are documented, signed by all parties and a record of the agreement kept in the EMPr file;
3. Ensure that a complaints telephone numbers are made available to all landowners and affected parties; and
4. Ensure that contact with affected parties is courteous at all times;

4.13 Environmental audits

Internal environmental audits of the activity and implementation of the EMPr must be undertaken. The findings and outcomes must be included in the EMPr file and be submitted to the CA at intervals as indicated in the EA.

An Environmental Audit Report must be prepared monthly. The report will be tabled as the key point on the agenda of the Environmental Site Meeting. The Report is submitted for acceptance at the meeting and the final report will be circulated to the Project Manager and filed in the EMPr file. At a frequency determined by the EA, the ECOs shall submit the monthly reports to the CA. At a minimum the monthly report is to cover the following:

- Weekly Environmental Checklists;
- Deviations and non-compliances with the checklists;
- Non-compliances issued;
- Completed and reported corrective actions;
- Environmental Monitoring;
- General environmental findings and actions; and
- Minutes of the Bi-monthly Environmental Site Meetings.

4.14 Final environmental audits

On final completion of the rehabilitation and/or requirements of the EA a final EAR is to be prepared and submitted to the CA. The EAR must comply with Appendix 7 of the EIA Regulations.

PART B: SECTION 1: Pre-approved generic EMPr template

5. IMPACT MANAGEMENT OUTCOMES AND IMPACT MANAGEMENT ACTIONS

This section provides a pre-approved generic EMPr template with aspects that are common to the development of overhead electricity transmission and distribution infrastructure. There is a list of aspects identified for the development or expansion of overhead electricity transmission and distribution infrastructure, and for each aspect a set of prescribed impact management outcomes and associated impact management actions have been identified. Holders of EAs are responsible to ensure the implementation of these outcomes and actions for all projects as a minimum requirement, in order to mitigate the impact of such aspects identified for the development or expansion of overhead electricity transmission and distribution infrastructure.

The template provided below is to be completed by providing the information under each heading for each environmental impact management action.

The completed template must be signed and dated on each page by both the contractor and the holder of the EA prior to commencement of the activity. The method statements prepared and agreed to by the holder of the EA must be appended to the template as Appendix 1. Each method statement must also be duly signed and dated on each page by the contractor and the holder of the EA. This template, once signed and dated, is legally binding. The holder of the EA will remain responsible for its implementation.

5.1 Environmental awareness training

Impact management outcome: All onsite staff are aware and understands the individual responsibilities in terms of this EMPr.

Impact Management Actions	Implementation			Monitoring		
	Responsible person	Method of implementation	Timeframe for implementation	Responsible person	Frequency	Evidence of compliance
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – All staff must receive environmental awareness training prior to commencement of the activities; – The Contractor must allow for sufficient sessions to train all personnel with no more than 20 personnel attending each course; – Refresher environmental awareness training is available as and when required; – All staff are aware of the conditions and controls linked to the EA and within the EMPr and made aware of their individual roles and responsibilities in achieving compliance with the EA and EMPr; – The Contractor must erect and maintain information posters at key locations on site, and the posters must include the following information as a minimum: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Safety notifications; and b) No littering. – Environmental awareness training must include as a minimum the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Description of significant environmental impacts, actual or potential, related to their work activities; b) Mitigation measures to be implemented when carrying out specific activities; c) Emergency preparedness and response 	Contractor, ECO	Onsite training and Posters	Commencement of the project and as and when required	ECO	Once off	Certificates, Attendance registers, course material and photographs

<p>procedures;</p> <p>d) Emergency procedures;</p> <p>e) Procedures to be followed when working near or within sensitive areas;</p> <p>f) Wastewater management procedures;</p> <p>g) Water usage and conservation;</p> <p>h) Solid waste management procedures;</p> <p>i) Sanitation procedures;</p> <p>j) Fire prevention; and</p> <p>k) Disease prevention.</p> <p>– A record of all environmental awareness training courses undertaken as part of the EMP must be available;</p> <p>– Educate workers on the dangers of open and/or unattended fires;</p> <p>– A staff attendance register of all staff to have received environmental awareness training must be available.</p> <p>– Course material must be available and presented in appropriate languages that all staff can understand.</p>						
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5.2 Site Establishment development

Impact management outcome: Impacts on the environment are minimised during site establishment and the development footprint are kept to demarcated development area.

Impact Management Actions	Implementation			Monitoring		
	Responsible person	Method of implementation	Timeframe for implementation	Responsible person	Frequency	Evidence of compliance
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – A method statement must be provided by the contractor prior to any onsite activity that includes the layout of the construction camp in the form of a plan showing the location of key infrastructure and services (where applicable), including but not limited to offices, overnight vehicle parking areas, stores, the workshop, stockpile and lay down areas, hazardous materials storage areas (including fuels), the batching plant (if one is located at the construction camp), designated access routes, equipment cleaning areas and the placement of staff accommodation, cooking and ablution facilities, waste and wastewater management; – Location of camps must be within approved area to ensure that the site does not impact on sensitive areas identified in the environmental assessment or site walk through; – Sites must be located where possible on previously disturbed areas; – The camp must be fenced in accordance with Section 5.5: Fencing and gate installation; and – The use of existing accommodation for contractor staff, where possible, is encouraged. 	Contractor	Method statement provided, Fencing and strict access control and warning signs	Throughout the project	ECO	Throughout the project	Method statement and site inspection

5.3 Access restricted areas

Impact management outcome: Access to restricted areas prevented.						
Impact Management Actions	Implementation			Monitoring		
	Responsible person	Method of implementation	Timeframe for implementation	Responsible person	Frequency	Evidence of compliance
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Identification of access restricted areas is to be informed by the environmental assessment, site walk through and any additional areas identified during development; – Erect, demarcate and maintain a temporary barrier with clear signage around the perimeter of any access restricted area, colour coding could be used if appropriate; and – Unauthorised access and development related activity inside access restricted areas is prohibited. 	Contractor	Method statement provided, Fencing and strict access control and warning signs	Throughout the project	ECO	Throughout the project	Method statement and site inspection

5.4 Access roads

Impact management outcome: Minimise impact to the environment through the planned and restricted movement of vehicles on site.						
Impact Management Actions	Implementation			Monitoring		
	Responsible person	Method of implementation	Timeframe for implementation	Responsible person	Frequency	Evidence of compliance
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Access to the servitude and tower positions must be negotiated with the relevant landowner and must fall within the assessed and authorised area; – An access agreement must be formalised and signed by the DPM, Contractor and landowner before commencing with the activities; 	Contractor	Use existing roads and negotiated access roads, Photograph and signed	Throughout the project	ECO	Once off	Photograph and signed agreement records

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – The access roads to tower positions must be signposted after access has been negotiated and before the commencement of the activities; – All private roads used for access to the servitude must be maintained and upon completion of the works, be left in at least the original condition – All contractors must be made aware of all these access routes. – Any access route deviation from that in the written agreement must be closed and re-vegetated immediately, at the contractor's expense; – Maximum use of both existing servitudes and existing roads must be made to minimize further disturbance through the development of new roads; – In circumstances where private roads must be used, the condition of the said roads must be recorded in accordance with section 4.9: photographic record; prior to use and the condition thereof agreed by the landowner, the DPM, and the contractor; – Access roads in flattish areas must follow fence lines and tree belts to avoid fragmentation of vegetated areas or croplands – Access roads must only be developed on pre-planned and approved roads. 		agreement records				
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5.5 Fencing and Gate installation

Impact management outcome: Minimise impact to the environment and ensure safe and controlled access to the site through the erection of fencing and gates where required.

Impact Management Actions	Implementation			Monitoring		
	Responsible person	Method of implementation	Timeframe for implementation	Responsible person	Frequency	Evidence of compliance
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Use existing gates provided to gain access to all parts of the area authorised for development, where possible; – Existing and new gates to be recorded and documented in accordance with section 4.9: photographic record; – All gates must be fitted with locks and be kept locked at all times during the development phase, unless otherwise agreed with the landowner; – At points where the line crosses a fence in which there is no suitable gate within the extent of the line servitude, on the instruction of the DPM, a gate must be installed at the approval of the landowner; – Care must be taken that the gates must be so erected that there is a gap of no more than 100 mm between the bottom of the gate and the ground; – Where gates are installed in jackal proof fencing, a suitable reinforced concrete sill must be provided beneath the gate; – Original tension must be maintained in the fence wires; – All gates installed in electrified fencing must be re-electrified; – All demarcation fencing and barriers must be maintained in good working order for the duration of overhead transmission and distribution electricity infrastructure development activities; – Fencing must be erected around the camp, batching plants, hazardous storage areas, and all designated access 	Contractor	Maintain fencing and notices at the fence and gates and also site inspection	Throughout the project	ECO	Throughout the project	Photograph and signed agreement records, site inspection

<p>restricted areas, where appropriate and would not cause harm to the sensitive flora;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Any temporary fencing to restrict the movement of life-stock must only be erected with the permission of the land owner. – All fencing must be developed of high quality material bearing the SABS mark; – The use of razor wire as fencing must be avoided; – Fenced areas with gate access must remain locked after hours, during weekends and on holidays if staff is away from site. Site security will be required at all times; – On completion of the development phase all temporary fences are to be removed; – The contractor must ensure that all fence uprights are appropriately removed, ensuring that no uprights are cut at ground level but rather removed completely. 						
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5.6 Water Supply Management

Impact management outcome: Undertake responsible water usage.

Impact Management Actions	Implementation			Monitoring		
	Responsible person	Method of implementation	Timeframe for implementation	Responsible person	Frequency	Evidence of compliance
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – All abstraction points or bore holes must be registered with the DWS and suitable water meters installed to ensure that the abstracted volumes are measured on a daily basis; – The Contractor must ensure the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The vehicle abstracting water from a river does not enter 	Contractor	Environmental awareness training, prevent unauthorized	Throughout the project	ECO	Throughout the project	Site inspection and audit reports

<p>or cross it and does not operate from within the river;</p> <p>b. No damage occurs to the river bed or banks and that the abstraction of water does not entail stream diversion activities; and</p> <p>c. All reasonable measures to limit pollution or sedimentation of the downstream watercourse are implemented.</p> <p>– Ensure water conservation is being practiced by:</p> <p>a. Minimising water use during cleaning of equipment;</p> <p>b. Undertaking regular audits of water systems; and</p> <p>c. Including a discussion on water usage and conservation during environmental awareness training.</p> <p>d. The use of grey water is encouraged.</p>		wate abstraction				
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5.7 Storm and waste water management

Impact management outcome: Impacts to the environment caused by storm water and wastewater discharges during construction are avoided.

Impact Management Actions	Implementation			Monitoring		
	Responsible person	Method of implementation	Timeframe for implementation	Responsible person	Frequency	Evidence of compliance
<p>– Runoff from the cement/ concrete batching areas must be strictly controlled, and contaminated water must be collected, stored and either treated or disposed of off-site, at a location approved by the project manager;</p> <p>– All spillage of oil onto concrete surfaces must be controlled by the use of an approved absorbent material and the used absorbent material disposed of at an appropriate waste disposal facility;</p> <p>– Natural storm water runoff not contaminated during the</p>	Contractor	Implementation of stormwater management	Throughout the project	ECO	Once off	Site inspection

<p>development and clean water can be discharged directly to watercourses and water bodies, subject to the Project Manager's approval and support by the ECO;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Water that has been contaminated with suspended solids, such as soils and silt, may be released into watercourses or water bodies only once all suspended solids have been removed from the water by settling out these solids in settlement ponds. The release of settled water back into the environment must be subject to the Project Manager's approval and support by the ECO. 						
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5.8 Solid and hazardous waste management

Impact management outcome: Waste is appropriately stored, handled and safely disposed of at a recognised waste facility.

Impact Management Actions	Implementation			Monitoring		
	Responsible person	Method of implementation	Timeframe for implementation	Responsible person	Frequency	Evidence of compliance
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – All measures regarding waste management must be undertaken using an integrated waste management approach; – Sufficient, covered waste collection bins (scavenger and weatherproof) must be provided; – A suitably positioned and clearly demarcated waste collection site must be identified and provided; – The waste collection site must be maintained in a clean and orderly manner; 	Contractor	Covered waste storage areas and Emptying bins regularly	Throughout the project	ECO	Throughout the project	Audit report

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Waste must be segregated into separate bins and clearly marked for each waste type for recycling and safe disposal; – Staff must be trained in waste segregation; – Bins must be emptied regularly; – General waste produced onsite must be disposed of at registered waste disposal sites/ recycling company; – Hazardous waste must be disposed of at a registered waste disposal site; – Certificates of safe disposal for general, hazardous and recycled waste must be maintained. 						
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5.9 Protection of watercourses and estuaries

Impact management outcome: Pollution and contamination of the watercourse environment and or estuary erosion are prevented.

Impact Management Actions	Implementation			Monitoring		
	Responsible person	Method of implementation	Timeframe for implementation	Responsible person	Frequency	Evidence of compliance
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – All watercourses must be protected from direct or indirect spills of pollutants such as solid waste, sewage, cement, oils, fuels, chemicals, aggregate tailings, wash and contaminated water or organic material resulting from the Contractor's activities; – In the event of a spill, prompt action must be taken to clear the polluted or affected areas; – Where possible, no development equipment must traverse any seasonal or permanent wetland – No return flow into the estuaries must be allowed and no disturbance of the Estuarine Functional Zone should occur; 	contractor	Site inspection and implementing management action	Throughout the project	ECO	Throughout the project	Site inspection and monitoring report

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Development of permanent watercourse or estuary crossing must only be undertaken where no alternative access to tower position is available; – There must not be any impact on the long term morphological dynamics of watercourses or estuaries; – Existing crossing points must be favored over the creation of new crossings (including temporary access) – When working in or near any watercourse or estuary, the following environmental controls and consideration must be taken: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Water levels during the period of construction; No altering of the bed, banks, course or characteristics of a watercourse b) During the execution of the works, appropriate measures to prevent pollution and contamination of the riparian environment must be implemented e.g. including ensuring that construction equipment is well maintained; c) Where earthwork is being undertaken in close proximity to any watercourse, slopes must be stabilised using suitable materials, i.e. sandbags or geotextile fabric, to prevent sand and rock from entering the channel; and d) Appropriate rehabilitation and re-vegetation measures for the watercourse banks must be implemented timeously. In this regard, the banks should be appropriately and incrementally stabilised as soon as development allows. 						
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5.10 Vegetation clearing

Impact management outcome: Vegetation clearing is restricted to the authorised development footprint of the proposed infrastructure.

Impact Management Actions	Implementation			Monitoring		
	Responsible person	Method of implementation	Timeframe for implementation	Responsible person	Frequency	Evidence of compliance
General: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Indigenous vegetation which does not interfere with the development must be left undisturbed; – Protected or endangered species may occur on or near the development site. Special care should be taken not to damage such species; – Search, rescue and replanting of all protected and endangered species likely to be damaged during project development must be identified by the relevant specialist and completed prior to any development or clearing; – Permits for removal must be obtained from the Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries prior to the cutting or clearing of the affected species, and they must be filed; – The Environmental Audit Report must confirm that all identified species have been rescued and replanted and that the location of replanting is compliant with conditions of approvals; – Trees felled due to construction must be documented and form part of the Environmental Audit Report; – Rivers and watercourses must be kept clear of felled trees, vegetation cuttings and debris; – Only a registered pest control operator may apply herbicides on a commercial basis and commercial 	Contractor	As per EA and Ecological report	Throughout the project	ECO	Throughout the project	Audit report

<p>application must be carried out under the supervision of a registered pest control operator, supervision of a registered pest control operator or is appropriately trained;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – A daily register must be kept of all relevant details of herbicide usage; – No herbicides must be used in estuaries; – All protected species and sensitive vegetation not removed must be clearly marked and such areas fenced off in accordance to Section 5.3: Access restricted areas. <p>Servitude:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Vegetation that does not grow high enough to cause interference with overhead transmission and distribution infrastructures, or cause a fire hazard to any plantation, must not be cut or trimmed unless it is growing in the road access area, and then only at the discretion of the Project Manager; – Where clearing for access purposes is essential, the maximum width to be cleared within the servitude must be in accordance to distance as agreed between the land owner and the EA holder – Alien invasive vegetation must be removed according to a plan (in line with relevant municipal and provincial procedures, guidelines and recommendations) and disposed of at a recognised waste disposal facility; – Vegetation must be trimmed where it is likely to intrude on the minimum vegetation clearance distance (MVCD) or will intrude on this distance before the next scheduled clearance. MVCD is determined from SANS 10280; – Debris resulting from clearing and pruning must be disposed of at a recognised waste disposal facility, unless the landowners wish to retain the cut vegetation; – In the case of the development of new overhead 						
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transmission and distribution infrastructures, a one metre "trace-line" must be cut through the vegetation for stringing purposes only and no vehicle access must be cleared along the "trace-line". Alternative methods of stringing which limit impact to the environment must always be considered.						
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5.11 Protection of fauna

Impact management outcome: Minimise disturbance to fauna.						
Impact Management Actions	Implementation			Monitoring		
	Responsible person	Method of implementation	Timeframe for implementation	Responsible person	Frequency	Evidence of compliance
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – No interference with livestock must occur without the landowner's written consent and with the landowner or a person representing the landowner being present; – The breeding sites of raptors and other wild birds species must be taken into consideration during the planning of the development programme; – Breeding sites must be kept intact and disturbance to breeding birds must be avoided. Special care must be taken where nestlings or fledglings are present; – Nesting sites on existing parallel lines must be documented; – Special recommendations of the avian specialist must be adhered to at all times to prevent unnecessary disturbance of birds; – Bird guards and diverters must be installed on the new line as per the recommendations of the specialist; – No poaching must be tolerated under any circumstances. All animal dens in close proximity to the works areas must be 	Contractor	As per EA and avifauna report	Throughout the project	ECO	Throughout the project	Site inspection and audit report

marked as Access restricted areas; – No deliberate or intentional killing of fauna is allowed; – In areas where snakes are abundant, snake deterrents to be deployed on the pylons to prevent snakes climbing up, being electrocuted and causing power outages; and – No Threatened or Protected species (ToPs) and/or protected fauna as listed according NEMBA (Act No. 10 of 2004) and relevant provincial ordinances may be removed and/or relocated without appropriate authorisations/permits.						
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5.12 Protection of heritage resources

Impact management outcome: Minimise impact to heritage resources.

Impact Management Actions	Implementation			Monitoring		
	Responsible person	Method of implementation	Timeframe for implementation	Responsible person	Frequency	Evidence of compliance
– Identify, demarcate and prevent impact to all known sensitive heritage features on site in accordance with the No-Go procedure in Section 5.3: Access restricted areas ; – Carry out general monitoring of excavations for potential fossils, artefacts and material of heritage importance; – All work must cease immediately, if any human remains and/or other archaeological, palaeontological and historical material are uncovered. Such material, if exposed, must be reported to the nearest museum, archaeologist/palaeontologist (or the South African Police Services), so that	Contractor	As per EA and Site inspection	Prior construction and throughout the project	ECO	Prior construction and throughout the project	Site inspection, audit report and photographs

a systematic and professional investigation can be undertaken. Sufficient time must be allowed to remove/collect such material before development recommences.						
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5.13 Safety of the public

Impact management outcome: All precautions are taken to minimise the risk of injury, harm or complaints.

Impact Management Actions	Implementation			Monitoring		
	Responsible person	Method of implementation	Timeframe for implementation	Responsible person	Frequency	Evidence of compliance
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify fire hazards, demarcate and restrict public access to these areas as well as notify the local authority of any potential threats e.g. large brush stockpiles, fuels etc.; All unattended open excavations must be adequately fenced or demarcated; Adequate protective measures must be implemented to prevent unauthorised access to and climbing of partly constructed towers and protective scaffolding; Ensure structures vulnerable to high winds are secured; Maintain an incidents and complaints register in which all incidents or complaints involving the public are logged. 	Contractor	Fencing, signage, implementation of approved designs. Maintain complaints records	Through out the project	ECO	Throughout the project	Contractors record and site inspection

5.14 Sanitation

Impact management outcome: Clean and well maintained toilet facilities are available to all staff in an effort to minimise the risk of disease and impact to the environment.

Impact Management Actions	Implementation			Monitoring		
	Responsible person	Method of implementation	Timeframe for implementation	Responsible person	Frequency	Evidence of compliance
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Mobile chemical toilets are installed onsite if no other ablution facilities are available; – The use of ablution facilities and or mobile toilets must be used at all times and no indiscriminate use of the veld for the purposes of ablutions must be permitted under any circumstances; – Where mobile chemical toilets are required, the following must be ensured: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Toilets are located no closer than 100 m to any watercourse or water body; b) Toilets are secured to the ground to prevent them from toppling due to wind or any other cause; c) No spillage occurs when the toilets are cleaned or emptied and the contents are managed in accordance with the EMP;; d) Toilets have an external closing mechanism and are closed and secured from the outside when not in use to prevent toilet paper from being blown out; e) Toilets are emptied before long weekends and workers holidays, and must be locked after working hours; f) Toilets are serviced regularly and the ECO must inspect toilets to ensure compliance to health standards; – A copy of the waste disposal certificates must be maintained. 	Contractor	Use of licensed sanitation suppliers	Throughout the project	ECO	Weekly	Site inspection and documentation

5.15 Prevention of disease

Impact Management outcome: All necessary precautions linked to the spread of disease are taken.

Impact Management Actions	Implementation			Monitoring		
	Responsible person	Method of implementation	Timeframe for implementation	Responsible person	Frequency	Evidence of compliance
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Undertake environmentally-friendly pest control in the camp area; – Ensure that the workforce is sensitised to the effects of sexually transmitted diseases, especially HIV AIDS; – The Contractor must ensure that information posters on AIDS are displayed in the Contractor Camp area; – Information and education relating to sexually transmitted diseases to be made available to both construction workers and local community, where applicable; – Free condoms must be made available to all staff on site at central points; – Medical support must be made available; – Provide access to Voluntary HIV Testing and Counselling Services. 	Contractor	Use of pest control were required and HIV/Aids awareness training	Prior construction	ECO	Once off	Certificates and attendance register

5.16 Emergency procedures

Impact management outcome: Emergency procedures are in place to enable a rapid and effective response to all types of environmental emergencies.

Impact Management Actions	Implementation			Monitoring		
	Responsible person	Method of implementation	Timeframe for implementation	Responsible person	Frequency	Evidence of compliance
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Compile an Emergency Response Action Plan (ERAP) prior to the commencement of the proposed project; – The Emergency Plan must deal with accidents, potential spillages and fires in line with relevant legislation; – All staff must be made aware of emergency procedures as part of environmental awareness training; – The relevant local authority must be made aware of a fire as soon as it starts; – In the event of emergency necessary mitigation measures to contain the spill or leak must be implemented (see Hazardous Substances section 5.17). 	Contractor	Approved ERAP and training onsite	Prior construction	ECO	Once off	Proof of approved ERAP and course material for training

5.17 Hazardous substances

Impact management outcome: Safe storage, handling, use and disposal of hazardous substances.						
Impact Management Actions	Implementation			Monitoring		
	Responsible person	Method of implementation	Timeframe for implementation	Responsible person	Frequency	Evidence of compliance

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – The use and storage of hazardous substances to be minimised and non-hazardous and non-toxic alternatives substituted where possible; – All hazardous substances must be stored in suitable containers as defined in the Method Statement; – Containers must be clearly marked to indicate contents, quantities and safety requirements; – All storage areas must be bunded. The bunded area must be of sufficient capacity to contain a spill / leak from the stored containers; – Bunded areas to be suitably lined with a SABS approved liner; – An Alphabetical Hazardous Chemical Substance (HCS) control sheet must be drawn up and kept up to date on a continuous basis; – All hazardous chemicals that will be used on site must have Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS); – All employees working with HCS must be trained in the safe use of the substance and according to the safety data sheet; – Employees handling hazardous substances / materials must be aware of the potential impacts and follow appropriate safety measures. Appropriate personal protective equipment must be made available; – The Contractor must ensure that diesel and other liquid fuel, oil and hydraulic fluid is stored in appropriate storage tanks or in bowzers; – The tanks/ bowzers must be situated on a smooth impermeable surface (concrete) with a permanent bund. The impermeable lining must extend to the crest of the bund and the volume inside the bund must be 130% of the total 	Contractor Contractor	Safe disposal certificates available, • Hazardous substances discussed in awareness training, • Bunded hazardous waste areas, • Clearly marked storage containers, • Spill kits made available • Diesel and fuel storage areas in line with fuel storage requirements • Refueling of vehicles in designated bunded areas	Throughout Throughout	ECO ECO	Throughout t Throughout t	Audit report Audit report
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<p>capacity of all the storage tanks/ bowzers (110% statutory requirement plus an allowance for rainfall);</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – The floor of the bund must be sloped, draining to an oil separator; – Provision must be made for refueling at the storage area by protecting the soil with an impermeable groundcover. Where dispensing equipment is used, a drip tray must be used to ensure small spills are contained; – All empty externally dirty drums must be stored on a drip tray or within a bunded area; – No unauthorised access into the hazardous substances storage areas must be permitted; – No smoking must be allowed within the vicinity of the hazardous storage areas; – Adequate fire-fighting equipment must be made available at all hazardous storage areas; – Where refueling away from the dedicated refueling station is required, a mobile refueling unit must be used. Appropriate ground protection such as drip trays must be used; – An appropriately sized spill kit kept onsite relevant to the scale of the activity/s involving the use of hazardous substance must be available at all times; – The responsible operator must have the required training to make use of the spill kit in emergency situations; – An appropriate number of spill kits must be available and must be located in all areas where activities are being undertaken; – In the event of a spill, contaminated soil must be collected in containers and stored in a central location and disposed of according to the National Environmental Management: Waste Act 59 of 2008. Refer to Section 5.7 for procedures 						
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concerning storm and waste water management and 5.8 for solid and hazardous waste management .						
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5.18 Workshop, equipment maintenance and storage

Impact management outcome: Soil, surface water and groundwater contamination is minimised.						
Impact Management Actions	Implementation			Monitoring		
	Responsible person	Method of implementation	Timeframe for implementation	Responsible person	Frequency	Evidence of compliance
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Where possible and practical all maintenance of vehicles and equipment must take place in the workshop area; During servicing of vehicles or equipment, especially where emergency repairs are effected outside the workshop area, a suitable drip tray must be used to prevent spills onto the soil. The relevant local authority must be made aware of a fire as soon as it starts; Leaking equipment must be repaired immediately or be removed from site to facilitate repair; Workshop areas must be monitored for oil and fuel spills; Appropriately sized spill kit kept onsite relevant to the scale of the activity taking place must be available; The workshop area must have a bunded concrete slab that is sloped to facilitate runoff into a collection sump or suitable oil / water separator where maintenance work on vehicles and equipment can be performed; Water drainage from the workshop must be contained and managed in accordance Section 5.7: storm and waste water 	Contractor	Demarcate a service area and implement emergency procedures for spills.	Throughout construction	ECO	Throughout the project	Site inspection and monitoring report

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5.19 Batching plants

Impact management outcome: Minimise spillages and contamination of soil, surface water and groundwater.						
Impact Management Actions	Implementation			Monitoring		
	Responsible person	Method of implementation	Timeframe for implementation	Responsible person	Frequency	Evidence of compliance
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Concrete mixing must be carried out on an impermeable surface; Batching plants areas must be fitted with a containment facility for the collection of cement laden water. Dirty water from the batching plant must be contained to prevent soil and groundwater contamination Bagged cement must be stored in an appropriate facility and at least 10 m away from any water courses, gullies and drains; A washout facility must be provided for washing of concrete associated equipment. Water used for washing must be restricted; Hardened concrete from the washout facility or concrete mixer can either be reused or disposed of at an appropriate licenced disposal facility; Empty cement bags must be secured with adequate binding material if these will be temporarily stored on site; 	contractor	Appropriate cement mixing and storage facilities, Monitor water use Use of bunded concrete washing area, Obtain waste disposal certificates	During construction	ECO	Throughout the project	Site inspection and contractor documentation

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Sand and aggregates containing cement must be kept damp to prevent the generation of dust (Refer to Section 5.20: Dust emissions) – Any excess sand, stone and cement must be removed or reused from site on completion of construction period and disposed at a registered disposal facility; – Temporary fencing must be erected around batching plants in accordance with Section 5.5: Fencing and gate installation. 						
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5.20 Dust emissions

Impact management outcome: Dust prevention measures are applied to minimise the generation of dust.

Impact Management Actions	Implementation			Monitoring		
	Responsible person	Method of implementation	Timeframe for implementation	Responsible person	Frequency	Evidence of compliance
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Take all reasonable measures to minimise the generation of dust as a result of project development activities to the satisfaction of the ECO; – Removal of vegetation must be avoided until such time as soil stripping is required and similarly exposed surfaces must be re- vegetated or stabilised as soon as is practically possible; – Excavation, handling and transport of erodible materials must be avoided under high wind conditions or when a visible dust plume is present; – During high wind conditions, the ECO must evaluate the 	contractor	Enforce vehicle speed limits Implement dust controls from stockpiles where needed	Throughout the project	ECO	Throughout the project	Site inspection

<p>situation and make recommendations as to whether dust-damping measures are adequate, or whether working will cease altogether until the wind speed drops to an acceptable level;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Where possible, soil stockpiles must be located in sheltered areas where they are not exposed to the erosive effects of the wind; – Where erosion of stockpiles becomes a problem, erosion control measures must be implemented at the discretion of the ECO; – Vehicle speeds must not exceed 40 km/h along dust roads or 20 km/h when traversing unconsolidated and non-vegetated areas; – Straw stabilisation must be applied at a rate of one bale/10 m² and harrowed into the top 100 mm of top material, for all completed earthworks; – For significant areas of excavation or exposed ground, dust suppression measures must be used to minimise the spread of dust. 						
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5.21 **Blasting**

Impact management outcome: Impact to the environment is minimised through a safe blasting practice.

Impact Management Actions	Implementation			Monitoring		
	Responsible person	Method of implementation	Timeframe for implementation	Responsible person	Frequency	Evidence of compliance

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any blasting activity must be conducted by a suitably licensed blasting contractor; and Notification of surrounding landowners, emergency services site personnel of blasting activity 24 hours prior to such activity taking place on Site. 	contractor	Blasting license and notification of landowners	Once off	ECO	Once off	Documentation and proof of notification
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5.22 Noise

Impact Management outcome: Unnecessary noise is prevented by ensuring that noise from construction activities is mitigated.

Impact Management Actions	Implementation			Monitoring		
	Responsible person	Method of implementation	Timeframe for implementation	Responsible person	Frequency	Evidence of compliance
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Contractor must keep noise level within acceptable limits, Restrict the use of sound amplification equipment for communication and emergency only; All vehicles and machinery must be fitted with appropriate silencing technology and must be properly maintained; Any complaints received by the Contractor regarding noise must be recorded and communicated. Where possible or applicable, provide transport to and from the site on a daily basis for construction workers; Develop a Code of Conduct for the construction phase in terms of behaviour of construction staff. Operating hours as determined by the environmental authorisation are adhered to during the development phase. Where not defined, it must be ensured that development activities must still meet the impact management outcome related to noise management. 	Contractor	EA compliance	Throughout the project	ECO	Throughout the project	Site inspection

5.23 Fire prevention

Impact management outcome: Prevention of uncontrollable fires.

Impact Management Actions	Implementation			Monitoring		
	Responsible person	Method of implementation	Timeframe for implementation	Responsible person	Frequency	Evidence of compliance
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Designate smoking areas where the fire hazard could be regarded as insignificant; – Firefighting equipment must be available on all vehicles located on site; – The local Fire Protection Agency (FPA) must be informed of construction activities; – Contact numbers for the FPA and emergency services must be communicated in environmental awareness training and displayed at a central location on site; – Two way swop of contact details between ECO and FPA. 	Contractor	Ongoing site maintenance Emergency signage available	Throughout the project	ECO	Throughout the project	Site inspection

5.24 Stockpiling and stockpile areas

Impact management outcome: Erosion and sedimentation as a result of stockpiling are reduced.

Impact Management Actions	Implementation			Monitoring		
	Responsible person	Method of implementation	Timeframe for implementation	Responsible person	Frequency	Evidence of compliance
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – All material that is excavated during the project development phase (either during piling (if required) or earthworks) must be stored appropriately on site in order to minimise impacts to watercourses, watercourses and water bodies; – All stockpiled material must be maintained and kept clear of weeds and alien vegetation growth by undertaking regular weeding and control methods; – Topsoil stockpiles must not exceed 2 m in height; – During periods of strong winds and heavy rain, the stockpiles must be covered with appropriate material (e.g. cloth, tarpaulin etc.); – Where possible, sandbags (or similar) must be placed at the bases of the stockpiled material in order to prevent erosion of the material. 	Contractor	Adhere to EA	Throughout the project	ECO	Throughout the project	Site inspection

5.25 Finalising tower positions

Impact management outcome: No environmental degradation occurs as a result of the survey and pegging operations.

Impact Management Actions	Implementation			Monitoring		
	Responsible person	Method of implementation	Timeframe for implementation	Responsible person	Frequency	Evidence of compliance
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No vegetation clearing must occur during survey and pegging operations; No new access roads must be developed to facilitate access for survey and pegging purposes; Project manager, botanical specialist and contractor to agree on final tower positions based on survey within assessed and approved areas; The surveyor is to demarcate (peg) access roads/tracks in consultation with ECO. No deviations will be allowed without the prior written consent from the ECO. 	Contractor	Implement management action	Once off	ECO	Once off	Site inspection

5.26 Excavation and Installation of foundations

Impact management outcome: No environmental degradation occurs as a result of excavation or installation of foundations.						
Impact Management Actions	Implementation			Monitoring		
	Responsible person	Method of implementation	Timeframe for implementation	Responsible person	Frequency	Evidence of compliance
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All excess spoil generated during foundation excavation must be disposed of in an appropriate manner and at a recognised disposal site, if not used for backfilling purposes; 	Contractor	Implement management	Throughout the project	ECO	Throughout the	Site inspection

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Spoil can however be used for landscaping purposes and must be covered with a layer of 150 mm topsoil for rehabilitation purposes; – Management of equipment for excavation purposes must be undertaken in accordance with Section 5.18: Workshop equipment maintenance and storage; and – Hazardous substances spills from equipment must be managed in accordance with Section 5.17: Hazardous substances. – Batching of cement to be undertaken in accordance with Section 5.19 : Batching plants; – Residual cement must be disposed of in accordance with Section 5.8: Solid and hazardous waste management. 		action			project	
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5.27 Assembly and erecting towers

Impact management outcome: No environmental degradation occurs as a result of assembly and erecting of towers.

Impact Management Actions	Implementation			Monitoring		
	Responsible person	Method of implementation	Timeframe for implementation	Responsible person	Frequency	Evidence of compliance
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Prior to erection, assembled towers and tower sections must be stored on elevated surface (suggest wooden blocks) to minimise damage to the underlying vegetation; – In sensitive areas, tower assembly must take place off-site or away from sensitive positions; – The crane used for tower assembly must be operated in a 	Contractor	Implement management action	Throughout the project	ECO	Throughout the project	Site inspection

<p>manner which minimises impact to the environment;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – The number of crane trips to each site must be minimised; – Wheeled cranes must be utilised in preference to tracked cranes; – Consideration must be given to erecting towers by helicopter or by hand where it is warranted to limit the extent of environmental impact; – Access to tower positions to be undertaken in accordance with access requirements in specified in Section 8.4: Access Roads; – Vegetation clearance to be undertaken in accordance with general vegetation clearance requirements specified in Section 8.10: Vegetation clearing; – No levelling at tower sites must be permitted unless approved by the Development Project Manager or Developer Site Supervisor; – Topsoil must be removed separately from subsoil material and stored for later use during rehabilitation of such tower sites; – Topsoil must be stored in heaps not higher than 1m to prevent destruction of the seed bank within the topsoil; – Excavated slopes must be no greater than 1:3, but where this is unavoidable, appropriate measures must be undertaken to stabilise the slopes; – Fly rock from blasting activity must be minimised and any pieces greater than 150 mm falling beyond the Working Area, must be collected and removed; – Only existing disturbed areas are utilised as spoil areas; – Drainage is provided to control groundwater exit gradient with the spill areas such that migration of fines is kept to a minimum; 						
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Surface water runoff is appropriately channeled through or around spoil areas; – During backfilling operations, care must be taken not to dump the topsoil at the bottom of the foundation and then put spoil on top of that; – The surface of the spoil is appropriately rehabilitated in accordance with the requirements specified in Section 5.29: Landscaping and rehabilitation; – The retained topsoil must be spread evenly over areas to be rehabilitated and suitably compacted to effect re-vegetation of such areas to prevent erosion as soon as construction activities on the site is complete. Spreading of topsoil must not be undertaken at the beginning of the dry season. 						
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5.28 Stringing

Impact management outcome: No environmental degradation occurs as a result of stringing.						
Impact Management Actions	Implementation			Monitoring		
	Responsible person	Method of implementation	Timeframe for implementation	Responsible person	Frequency	Evidence of compliance
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Where possible, previously disturbed areas must be used for the siting of winch and tensioner stations. In all other instances, the siting of the winch and tensioner must avoid Access restricted areas and other sensitive areas; 	Contractor	As indicated in the applicable management	Throughout construction	ECO	Throughout construction	Site inspection

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – The winch and tensioner station must be equipped with drip trays in order to contain any fuel, hydraulic fuel or oil spills and leaks; – Refueling of the winch and tensioner stations must be undertaken in accordance with Section 5.17: Hazardous substances; – In the case of the development of overhead transmission and distribution infrastructure, a one metre "trace-line" may be cut through the vegetation for stringing purposes only and no vehicle access must be cleared along "trace-lines". Vegetation clearing must be undertaken by hand, using chainsaws and hand held implements, with vegetation being cut off at ground level. No tracked or wheeled mechanised equipment must be used; – Alternative methods of stringing which limit impact to the environment must always be considered e.g. by hand or by using a helicopter; – Where the stringing operation crosses a public or private road or railway line, the necessary scaffolding/ protection measures must be installed to facilitate access. If, for any reason, such access has to be closed for any period(s) during development, the persons affected must be given reasonable notice, in writing; – No services (electrical distribution lines, telephone lines, roads, railways lines, pipelines fences etc.) must be damaged because of stringing operations. Where disruption to services is unavoidable, persons affected must be given reasonable notice, in writing; – Where stringing operations cross cultivated land, damage to crops is restricted to the minimum required to conduct stringing operations, and reasonable notice (10 work days 		action			on	
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minimum), in writing, must be provided to the landowner; – Necessary scaffolding protection measures must be installed to prevent damage to the structures supporting certain high value agricultural areas such as vineyards, orchards, nurseries.						
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5.29 Socio-economic

Impact management outcome: Socio-economic development is enhanced.

Impact Management Actions	Implementation			Monitoring		
	Responsible person	Method of implementation	Timeframe for implementation	Responsible person	Frequency	Evidence of compliance
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Develop and implement communication strategies to facilitate public participation; – Develop and implement a collaborative and constructive approach to conflict resolution as part of the external stakeholder engagement process; – Sustain continuous communication and liaison with neighboring owners and residents – Create work and training opportunities for local stakeholders; and – Where feasible, no workers, with the exception of security personnel, must be permitted to stay over-night on the site. This would reduce the risk to local farmers. 	Contractor	communication with the community liaison officer and project steering committee	Monthly	ECO	Monthly	Record of meetings

5.30 Temporary closure of site

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Impact management outcome: Minimise the risk of environmental impact during periods of site closure greater than five days.

Impact Management Actions	Implementation			Monitoring		
	Responsible person	Method of implementation	Timeframe for implementation	Responsible person	Frequency	Evidence of compliance
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Bunds must be emptied (where applicable) and need to be undertaken in accordance with the impact management actions included in sections 5.17: management of hazardous substances and 5.18 workshop, equipment maintenance and storage; – Hazardous storage areas must be well ventilated; – Fire extinguishers must be serviced and accessible. Service records to be filed and audited at last service; – Emergency and contact details displayed must be displayed; – Security personnel must be briefed and have the facilities to contact or be contacted by relevant management and emergency personnel; – Night hazards such as reflectors, lighting, traffic signage etc. must have been checked; – Fire hazards identified and the local authority must have been notified of any potential threats e.g. large brush stockpiles, fuels etc.; – Structures vulnerable to high winds must be secured; – Wind and dust mitigation must be implemented; – Cement and materials stores must have been secured; – Toilets must have been emptied and secured; 	Contractor	Fire, security and emergency preparedness plan should be adhered to	Before temporary closure	ECO	Once off	Reviewing the contractor's documentation for temporary site closure and site inspection

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Refuse bins must have been emptied and secured; – Drip trays must have been emptied and secured. 						
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5.31 Landscaping and rehabilitation

Impact management outcome: Areas disturbed during the development phase are returned to a state that approximates the original condition.

Impact Management Actions	Implementation			Monitoring		
	Responsible person	Method of implementation	Timeframe for implementation	Responsible person	Frequency	Evidence of compliance
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – All areas disturbed by construction activities must be subject to landscaping and rehabilitation; All spoil and waste must be disposed to a registered waste site and certificates of disposal provided; – All slopes must be assessed for contouring, and to contour only when the need is identified in accordance with the Conservation of Agricultural Resources Act, No 43 of 1983 – All slopes must be assessed for terracing, and to terrace only when the need is identified in accordance with the Conservation of Agricultural Resources Act, No 43 of 1983; – Berms that have been created must have a slope of 1:4 and be replanted with indigenous species and grasses that approximates the original condition; – Where new access roads have crossed cultivated farmlands, that lands must be rehabilitated by ripping which must be agreed to by the holder of the EA and the landowners; – Rehabilitation of tower sites and access roads outside of 	Contractor	As per Environmental Authorization requirements	End of construction	ECO	End of construction	Site inspection and report

<p>farmland;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Indigenous species must be used for with species and/grasses to where it compliments or approximates the original condition; – Stockpiled topsoil must be used for rehabilitation (refer to Section 5.24: Stockpiling and stockpiled areas); – Stockpiled topsoil must be evenly spread so as to facilitate seeding and minimise loss of soil due to erosion; – Before placing topsoil, all visible weeds from the placement area and from the topsoil must be removed; – Subsoil must be ripped before topsoil is placed; – The rehabilitation must be timed so that rehabilitation can take place at the optimal time for vegetation establishment; – Where impacted through construction related activity, all sloped areas must be stabilised to ensure proper rehabilitation is effected and erosion is controlled ; – Sloped areas stabilised using design structures or vegetation as specified in the design to prevent erosion of embankments. The contract design specifications must be adhered to and implemented strictly; – Spoil can be used for backfilling or landscaping as long as it is covered by a minimum of 150 mm of topsoil. – Where required, re-vegetation including hydro-seeding can be enhanced using a vegetation seed mixture as described below. A mixture of seed can be used provided the mixture is carefully selected to ensure the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Annual and perennial plants are chosen; b) Pioneer species are included; c) Species chosen must be indigenous to the area with the seeds used coming from the area; d) Root systems must have a binding effect on the soil; 						
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e) The final product must not cause an ecological imbalance in the area						
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6 ACCESS TO THE GENERIC EMPr

Once completed and signed, to allow the public access to the generic EMPr, the holder of the EA must make the EMPr available to the public in accordance with the requirements of regulation 26(h) of the EIA Regulations.

PART B: SECTION 2

7 SITE SPECIFIC INFORMATION AND DECLARATION

7.1 Sub-section 1: contact details and description of the project

7.1.1 Details of the applicant: **Eskom Holdings SOC Ltd**

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Expertise of the EAP (Curriculum Vitae included): **Cv attached as Appendix 2**

7.1.3 Project name: **The proposed 132kV power line from Lethabo PV Plant to the existing RWB Lethabo substation within Metsimaholo Local Municipality under Fezile Dabi District Free State**

7.1.4 Description of the project:

The initial objective of the 75MW Lethabo Solar Photovoltaic (PV) Power Plant and associated powerline authorized (14/12/16/3/3/2/753) by the Department of Forestry, Fisheries, and the Environment (DFFE) in 2016 was to encourage Eskom Holdings SOC Ltd's diversification of their energy mix at the Lethabo Power Station. The powerline authorized would evacuate electricity from the Solar PV Plant to the Power Station. However, due to the high electricity demand and to alleviate load-shedding, Eskom decided to evacuate the electricity generated from the proposed Lethabo Solar PV Plant to the grid. The infrastructure needed to evacuate electricity entails an 88kV powerline and an additional 88kV bay, with busbar and control plant extensions at the existing Rand Water Board (RWB) Lethabo Substation. Although 88kV is the required powerline capacity, Eskom plans to build the line at 132kV to accommodate future needs. Therefore, the scope of work entails:

- i. ± 4.5 km, 132 kV powerline from the solar PV power plant to the existing Rand Water Board substation.
- ii. 1x additional 88kV bay, inclusive of busbar extension and control plant extension at the existing Rand Water Board (RWB) Lethabo Substation.

7.1.5 Project location:

NO	FARM NAME(if applicable)	FARM NUMBER(if applicable)	PORTION NAME	PORTION NUMBER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE
1	Bankfontein	9	Remainder		26° 46' 1,820" S	27° 58' 29,912" E
2	Bankfontein	1849	0	0	26° 45' 31,271" S	27° 57' 21,415" E
3	Lethabo Power Station	1814	Remainder		26° 44' 23,335" S	27° 58' 17,704" E

The map below shows the project location:

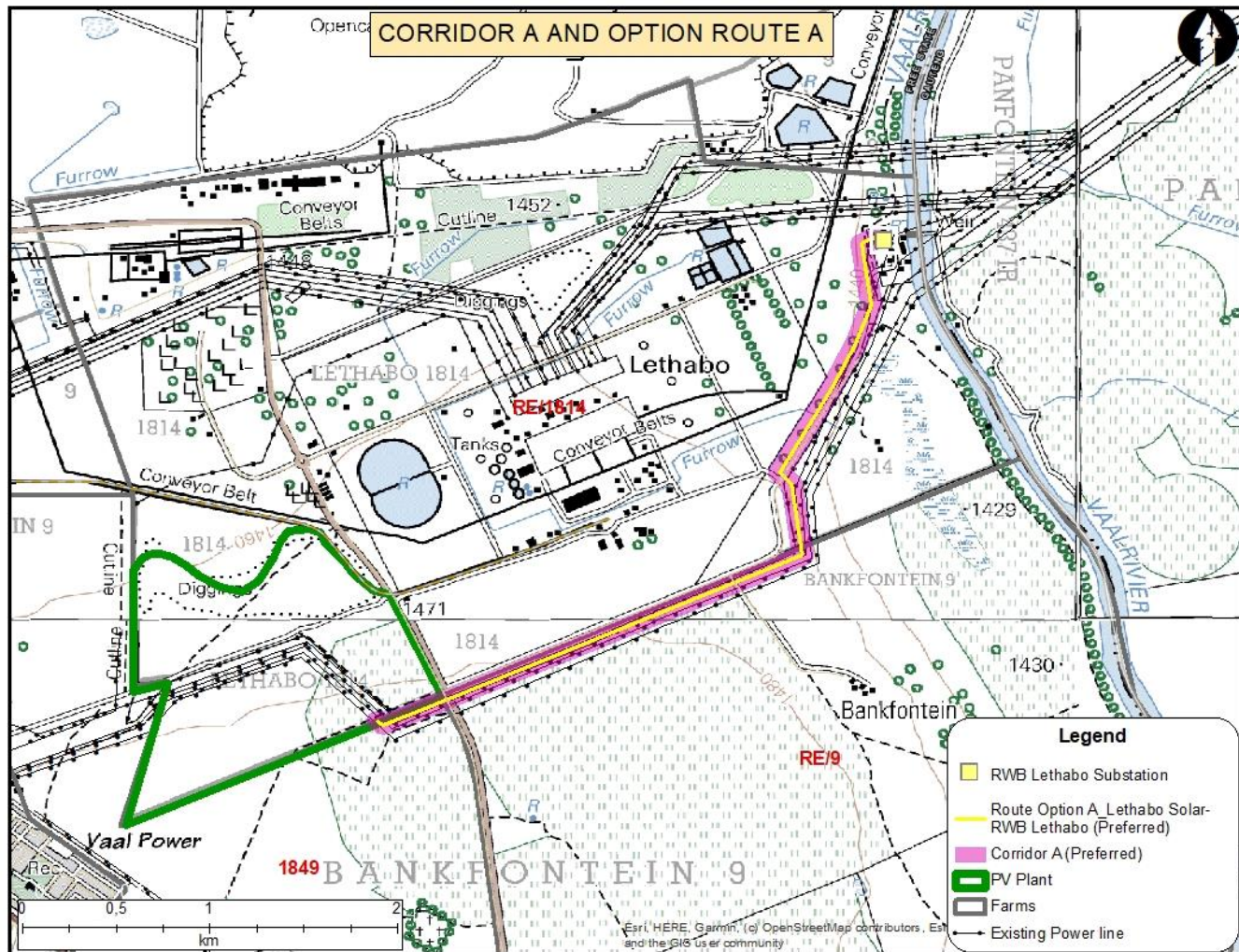


Figure 1: Locality Map

7.1.6 Preliminary technical specification of the overhead transmission and distribution:

- Length
The length of the line is 4.3km
- Tower parameters
 - Number and types of towers: Number of towers will be determined at final design. The towers that are being considered are:
 - Guyed mono pole strain structures 7615.
 - Intermediate mono pole structures 7611.
 - Suspension mono pole structures 7649.
 - Self-supporting lattice structures (both strain and suspension) 248.

- Tower spacing (mean and maximum): Mean is 350m, Maximum is 400m
- Tower height (lowest, mean and height) Lowest:17m, Mean: 20.5m, Highest: 24m
- Conductor attachment height (mean): 15m
- Minimum ground clearance: 6.7m

Sensitivity Map

The figure below shows the Sensitivity Map (also attached in Appendix 3) of the preferred corridor alternative.

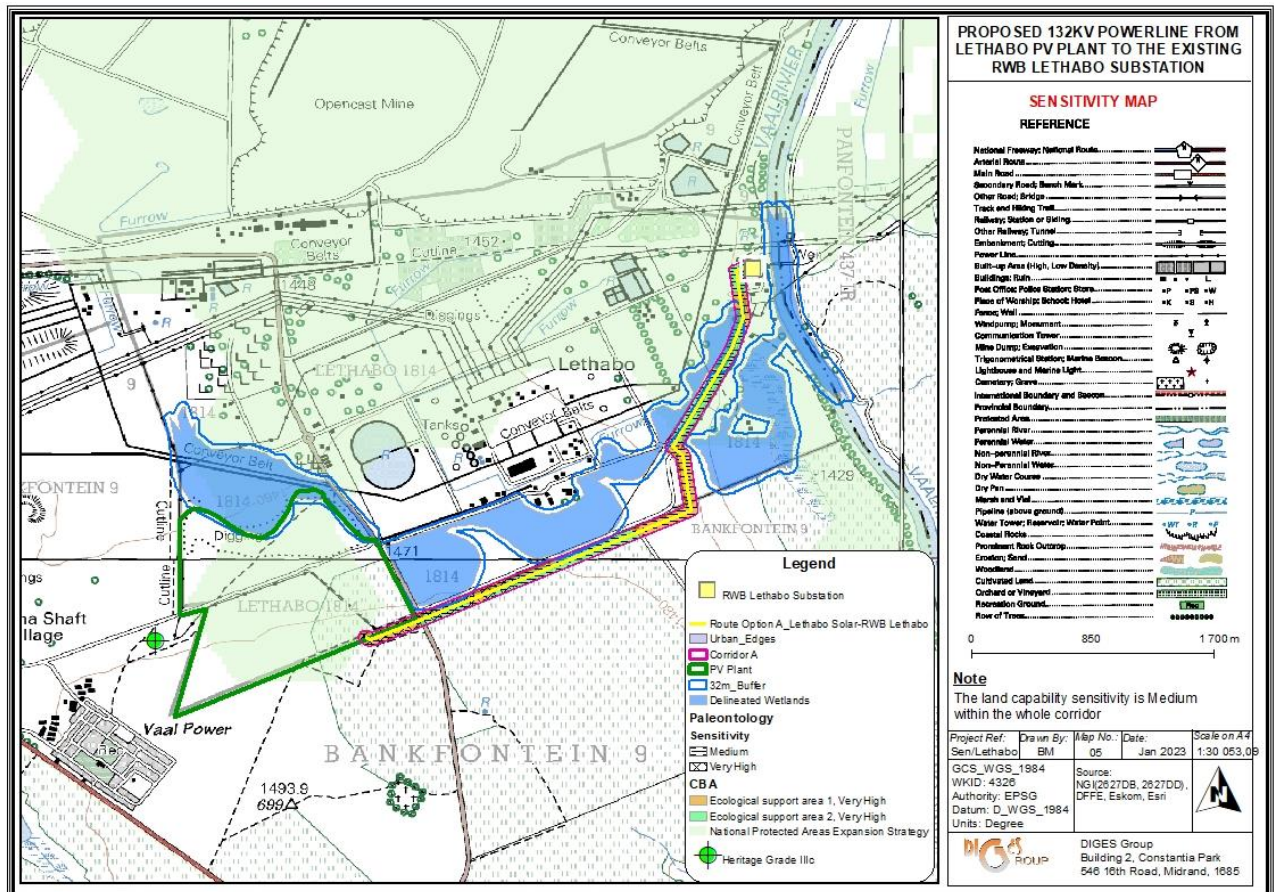


Figure 2: Sensitivity Map

7.2 Sub-section 2: Development footprint site map

This sub-section must include a map of the site sensitivity overlaid with the preliminary infrastructure layout. The sensitivity map must be prepared from the national web based environmental screening tool, when available for compulsory use at: <https://screening.environment.gov.za/screeningtool>. The sensitivity map shall identify the nature of each sensitive feature e.g. raptor nest, threatened plant species, archaeological site, etc. Sensitivity maps shall identify features both within the planned working area and any known sensitive features in the surrounding landscape. The overhead transmission and

distribution profile shall be illustrated at an appropriate resolution to enable fine scale interrogation. It is recommended that <20 km of overhead transmission and distribution length is illustrated per page in A3 landscape format. Where considered appropriate, photographs of sensitive features in the context of tower positions shall be used.

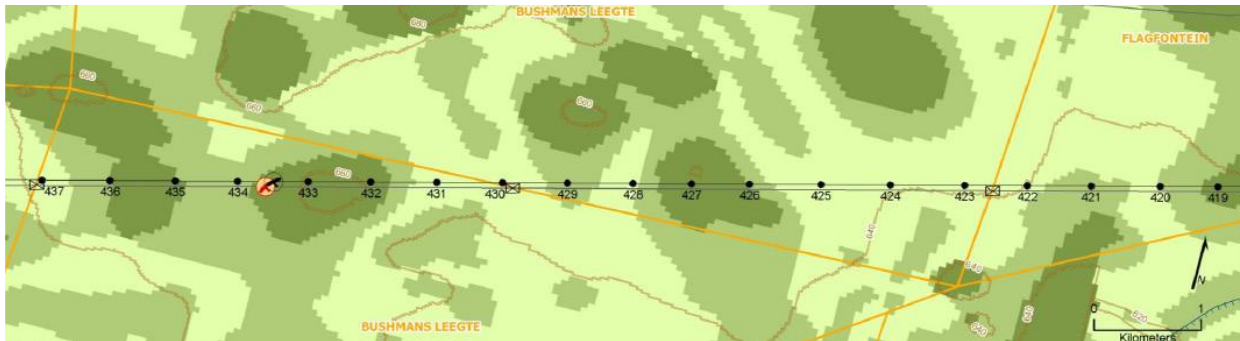


Figure 1: Example of an environmental sensitivity map in the context of a final overhead transmission and distribution profile

7.3 Sub-section 3: Declaration

The proponent/applicant or holder of the EA affirms that he/she will abide and comply with the prescribed impact management outcomes and impact management actions as stipulated in part B: section 1 of the generic EMPr and have the understanding that the impact management outcomes and impact management actions are legally binding. The proponent/applicant or holder of the EA affirms that he/she will provide written notice to the CA 14 days prior to the date on which the activity will commence of commencement of construction to facilitate compliance inspections.

Signature Proponent/applicant/ holder of EA

Date:

[Handwritten Signature]

30.10. 2023

7.4 Sub-section 4: amendments to site specific information (Part B; section 2)

Should the EA be transferred to a new holder, Part B: Section 2 must be completed by the new holder and submitted with the application for an amendment of the EA in terms of Regulations 29 or 31 of the EIA Regulations, whichever applies. The information submitted for an amendment to an environmental authorisation will be considered to be incomplete should a signed copy of Part B: Section 2 not be submitted. Once approved, Part B: Section 2 forms part of the EMPr for the development and the EMPr becomes legally binding to the new EA holder.

PART C

8 SITE SPECIFIC ENVIRONMENTAL ATTRIBUTES

If any specific environmental sensitivities/attributes are present on the site which require more specific impact management outcomes and impact management actions, not included in the pre-approved generic EMPr template, to manage impacts, those impact management outcomes and actions must be included in this section. These specific management controls must be referenced spatially, and must include impact management outcomes and impact management actions. The management controls including impact management outcomes and impact management actions must be presented in the format of the pre-approved generic EMPr template. This applies only to additional impact management outcomes and impact management actions that are necessary.

If Part C is applicable to the development as authorised in the EA, it is required to be submitted to the CA together with the BAR or EIAR, for consideration of, and decision on, the application for EA. The information in this section must be prepared by an EAP and the name and expertise of the EAP, including the curriculum vitae are to be included. Once approved, Part C forms part of the EMPr for the site and is legally binding.

This section will **not be required** should the site contain no specific environmental sensitivities or attributes.

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A. AVIFAUNA

Summary The habitat within which the Project Area of Influence (PAOI) is located is considered to have a MODERATE to LOW sensitivity. In recent years, anthropogenic impacts, mostly in the form of industrial, urban, and peri-urban transformed the landscape resulting in a negative impact on avifaunal diversity and abundance with the PAOI. The construction of the 132kV power line, bay, and busbar extensions within the RWB Substation will result in impacts of MODERATE-LOW significance to birds occurring in the vicinity of the new infrastructure, which can be reduced further through the application of mitigation measures.	
Objective: Mitigate the displacement and direct mortality impacts caused by the construction and operation of the 132kV power line and infrastructure within the existing RWB Substation	
Project component/s	Lethabo Solar PV Plant grid connection
Potential Impact	Permanent displacement and mortality of local populations of SCC and non-SCC power line sensitive species caused by habitat loss, disturbance, collisions with the overhead conductors and electrocutions on the power line infrastructure and electrocutions within the RWB Substation.
Activity/risk source	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Construction of the 132kV power line within sensitive avifaunal habitat. - Unmitigated construction and operational activities.
Mitigation: Target/Objective	Limit avifaunal mortality and displacement as far as practically possible for the duration of the operational life span of the 132kV power line and RWB Substation

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CONSTRUCTION PHASE						
Displacement as a result of habitat loss: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Avoid removal of sensitive vegetation types. The recommendations of the biodiversity study must be strictly implemented, especially as far as limitation of the construction footprint and rehabilitation of disturbed areas is concerned. - Construction activity should be restricted to the immediate footprint of the infrastructure. - All construction activities should be strictly managed according to generally accepted environmental best practice standards, so as to 	Construction Manager and Environmental Control Officer	As per EA and Avi-fauna report	From the commencement of construction (inclusive of all project components to the completion of construction.	Eskom ECO	Throughout the project	Walkdown Report Audit Report

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<p>avoid any unnecessary impact on the receiving environment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All temporary disturbed areas should be rehabilitated according to the site's rehabilitation plan, following construction. - Maximum use should be made of existing access roads and the construction of new roads should be kept to a minimum. 						
<p><u>Displacement as a result of disturbance:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Access to the remainder of the site should be strictly controlled to prevent unnecessary disturbance of priority species. - Measures to control noise should be applied according to current best practice in the industry. 	Construction Manager and Environmental Control Officer		From the commencement of construction (inclusive of all project components to the completion of construction.			
<p><u>Mortality as a result of electrocutions on the 132kV power line infrastructure</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Additional mitigation in the form of insulating sleeves on jumpers present on strain poles and terminal poles is also required, alternatively all jumpers must be suspended below the crossarms. - The 132kV power line must be constructed using a bird friendly structure. 	Eskom Environmental Manager, Line and Servitude Manager, Environmental Control Officer and Eskom-Endangered Wildlife Trust Strategic Partnership		From the commencement of construction (inclusive of all project components to the completion of construction.			
OPERATIONAL PHASE						
<u>Mortality because of electrocutions on the 132kV power line infrastructure</u>	Eskom Environmental	Eskom Standards	For the duration of the operational	Eskom Environmen	Throughout the	Inspection Reports

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Eskom line and servitude managers are requested to report all bird electrocutions encountered during routine inspections and line patrols of the 132kV power line to the Eskom-Endangered Wildlife Trust Strategic Partnership. - Insulating material (if applied) to be maintained during the operational life span of the 132kV power line 	Manager, Line and Servitude Manager, and Eskom-Endangered Wildlife Trust Strategic Partnership Strategic Partnership.	As per Avifauna Report	lifespan of the RWB Substation	tal Manager, Line and Servitude Manager	operational life-span	
<p><u>Mortality as a result of collision with the overhead conductors and/or earthwires of the 132kV power line</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Eskom line and servitude managers are requested to report all bird collisions encountered during routine line patrols of the 132kV power line to the Eskom-Endangered Wildlife Trust Strategic Partnership. - Bird flight diverters to be maintained on sections of power line during the operational life span of the 132kV power line 						
<p><u>Mortality as a result of electrocution on the infrastructure within the RWB Substation</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Eskom substation managers are requested to report all bird electrocutions encountered during routine inspections of the RWB Substation to the Eskom-Endangered Wildlife Trust Strategic Partnership. 						
<p><u>Nest building on the 132kV power line and substation infrastructure:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - If on-going impacts are recorded once the substation and 132kV power line are operational, it is recommended that these impacts be 						

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<p>assessed by Eskom-Endangered Wildlife Trust Strategic Partnership and site-specific mitigation be applied reactively.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - While it is not illegal to remove an unoccupied nest that is posing a quality of supply risk, the removal of nests that contain eggs or chicks will require a permit to do so. Nest management strategies to be identified and implemented reactively, if required. 						
<p><u>Displacement as a result of disturbance:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Access to the remainder of the site should be strictly controlled to prevent unnecessary disturbance of priority species. - Measures to control noise should be applied according to current best practice in the industry. 	Construction Manager and Environmental Control Officer	As per the Avifauna Report Eskom Standards	From the commencement of decommissioning (inclusive of all project components to the completion of decommissioning.	ECO	Throughout decommissioning	Audit Report

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B. ARCHAEOLOGICAL OBJECTS

Summary	
Archaeological sites dating to the Stone, Iron, and Historical Age are known to occur in the region of the study area, however, none of those were documented during the survey. Corridor alternative one transverse adjacent to an existing powerline(s) and close to the road. As a result, there are no major heritage materials expected here. The second alternative deviates from the first and runs close to the first alternative meaning the area of the second alternative is equally disturbed. It should also be considered that there was no subsurface inspection, as a result, it might be possible that specific aspects related to construction might have a direct disturbance on subsurface heritage resources, which in turn may result in irreplaceable loss of heritage resources.	
OBJECTIVE: Mitigate the disturbance or loss of archaeological resources.	
Project component/s	132 kV power line
Potential Impact	Unearthing and destroying archaeological objects during the clearing of the servitude and excavation at tower positions.
Activity/risk source	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Servitude clearance. - Excavation at tower locations - Movement of construction plant within the servitude
Mitigation: Target/Objective	Avoid the destruction of archaeological objects during the construction of the 132kV power line.

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CONSTRUCTION PHASE						
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Prior to construction, contractors should be trained on how to identify and protect archaeological remains that may be discovered during the project. The pre-construction training should include some aspects of site recognition for the types of archaeological sites that may occur in the construction areas. Below are some indicators of an archaeological site that may be found during construction: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flaked stone tools, bone tools and loose pieces of flaked stone. 	Construction Manager and Environmental Control Officer	As per EA and Archaeology report	From the commencement of construction (inclusive of all project components to the completion of construction.	ECO	Throughout the project	Audit Report

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ash and charcoal. Bones and shell fragments. Artefacts (e.g., beads or hearths); and Packed stones which might be uncounted underground and might indicate a grave or collapse stone walling. <p>-</p> <p>- SAHRA should be alerted immediately should any archaeological material be unearthed accidentally during construction. Construction activities should be stopped within a radius of at least 10m of the indicator/ finding and the area should then be demarcated by a danger tape.</p> <p>- It is mandatory to report any incident of human remains encountered to the South African Police Services.</p> <p>- If any evidence of archaeological sites or remains (e.g. remnants of stone-made structures, indigenous ceramics, bones, stone artefacts, ostrich eggshell fragments, charcoal and ash concentrations), fossils or other categories of heritage resources are found during the proposed- development, SAHRA DAU (Sityhilelo Ngcatsha/Natasha Higgitt 021 202 8660) must be alerted as per section 35(3) of the NHRA. Non-compliance with section of the NHRA is an offense in terms of section 51(1)e of the NHRA and item 5 of the Schedule.</p> <p>- If unmarked human burials are uncovered, the SAHRA DAU (Sityhilelo Ngcatsha/Natasha Higgitt 021 202 8660), must be alerted immediately as</p>						

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<p>per section 36(6) of the NHRA. Non-compliance with section of the NHRA is an offense in terms of section 51(1)e of the NHRA and item 5 of the Schedule.</p> <p>- If heritage resources are uncovered during the course of the development, a professional archaeologist or palaeontologist, depending on the nature of the finds, must be contracted as soon as possible to inspect the heritage resource. If the newly discovered heritage resources prove to be of archaeological or palaeontological significance, a Phase 2 rescue operation may be required subject to permits issued by SAHRA.</p>						

C. BIODIVERSITY

Summary	
<p>The proposed site is situated within Central Free State grassland, which is not considered to be vulnerable however, the Free State Biodiversity Conservation Assessment classifies the study area as Ecological Support Areas 1 and 2. No threatened plant species were confirmed during fieldwork and no Near Threatened and protected species were recorded. In total, 23 plant species were recorded while no threatened fauna species were recorded. The vegetation within the corridor is transformed, with low plant species richness and no red data plant species present. The terrestrial habitat associated with the study area is of low to intermediate sensitivity. Widespread anthropogenic impacts from current use and some levels of alien and invasive plant proliferation have degraded the available floral habitat associated with the site.</p>	
Objective: Mitigate biodiversity loss and prevention of the spread of alien species.	
Project component/s	132 kV power line and associated infrastructure
Potential Impact	Loss of biodiversity and proliferation of alien species during the construction of the 132kV powerline
Activity/risk source	Vegetation Clearance Vehicle maintenance and refuelling
Mitigation: Target/Objective	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - During the design phase, aim to have connection routes coinciding with the existing tracks or fence lines to reduce the disturbance to vegetation and avoid creating new tracks and areas of compaction and maintenance machinery. - The construction footprint must be surveyed and demarcated prior to construction commencing. - A site plan must be developed showing location of the site camp lay-down area and the plan must be approved by the ECO before construction begins. - Where vegetation has been cleared outside of the construction footprint, site rehabilitation in terms of soil stabilisation and revegetation must be undertaken. - Should there be SCC identified, the SCC must be relocated to a nursery or native habitat. - Should the proposed development proceed, alien species located within the servitude of the proposed powerline need to be removed on a regular basis as part of maintenance activities according to the CARA (Act No. 43 of 1983). - Alien invasive management plan must be developed to control and manage the invasive plant species in the study area. The plan must also cater for the risk of alien invasive species introduction by the proposed development in the study area. 	Eskom Contractor	As per EA and Biodiversity Report	Throughout the project	ECO	Throughout the project	Walk-down Report. Site inspection Permits

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D. PALAEOLOGY

Summary	
The proposed project lie on the potentially fossiliferous early Permian Vryheid Formation in the western half and on the moderately fossiliferous Quaternary sands and alluvium in the eastern half. No fossils have been recorded from this site and it appears to have been cleared for agriculture in the past.	
Objective: Mitigate the damage or loss of fossil heritage resources.	
Project component/s	132 kV power line
Potential Impact	Damage/ destruction to fossil heritage resources during the excavations/ drilling at towers.
Activity/risk source	Excavation at tower locations
Mitigation: Target/Objective	Avoid / Minimise the damage of fossil heritage resources during the excavation at tower positions.

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CONSTRUCTION PHASE						
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Monitoring must be done of the excavations for pole foundations in the western half of the project area. - If fossils are found by the environmental officer, or other responsible person once excavations for pole foundations have commenced, then they should be rescued, and a palaeontologist called to assess and collect a representative sample. - The foundations should be monitored for any fossils once excavations have commenced. Chance Find Protocol <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The following procedure is only required if fossils are seen on the surface and when drilling/excavations commence. - When excavations begin the rocks and discard must be given a cursory inspection by the 	Construction Manager and Environmental Control Officer	As per EA and Palaeontology report	To commence once the excavations / drilling activities begin.	ECO	Throughout excavations	Audit Report

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<p>environmental officer or designated person. Any fossiliferous material (plants, insects, bone or coal) should be put aside in a suitably protected place. This way the project activities will not be interrupted.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Photographs of similar fossils must be provided to the developer to assist in recognizing the fossil plants, vertebrates, invertebrates or trace fossils in the shales and mudstones (for example see Figures 5-6). This information will be built into the EMP's training and awareness plan and procedures. - Photographs of the putative fossils can be sent to the palaeontologist for a preliminary assessment. - If there is any possible fossil material found by the developer/environmental officer then the qualified palaeontologist sub-contracted for this project, should visit the site to inspect the selected material and check the dumps where feasible. - Fossil plants or vertebrates that are of good quality or scientific interest by the palaeontologist must be removed, catalogued and housed in a suitable institution where they can be made available for further study. Before the fossils are removed from the site a SAHRA permit must be obtained. Annual reports must be submitted to SAHRA as required by the relevant permits. - If no good fossil material is recovered, then no site inspections by the palaeontologist will be 						

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necessary. A final report by the palaeontologist must be sent to SAHRA once the project has been completed and only if there are fossils. - If no fossils are found and the excavations have finished, then no further monitoring is required						

E. WATER RESOURCES

<p>Summary</p> <p>The Wetlands identified are moderately transformed and impacted by historical and ongoing anthropogenic activities. Wetland B is a small-scale wetland unit that interconnects to a larger wetland system to the south (Wetland A). The wetland located near the power station (Wetland C) was determined to be historically impacted by the construction and operation of the power station and associated stormwater infrastructure. The Present Ecological Status (PES) for wetlands B & C (seeps) scored moderate and high for wetland A (floodplain), respectively. The Ecological Importance and Sensitivity (EIS) falls in the mid-range and has high functionality in respect of hydrological functions. The Recommended Ecological Category (REC) for the wetlands were categorized as moderate. The impact assessment showed that the proposed powerline would minorly impact the identified wetlands.</p> <p>The Lethabo powerline is situated within the C22F quaternary catchment, which receives runoff from contributions from the upstream catchments C22E, C22G, and C22L. The primary river within the site catchment is the Vaal River, which is fed by the Vaal Dam located upstream. These peak flows were utilized for hydraulic modelling as input flows within the HEC-RAS model. The recommended flood peaks for the 1:50-year and 1:100-year flood events were 1336.06 and 2070.71 cubic meters per second, respectively. Although the project poses potential environmental risks, it is unlikely to result in significant impacts on the receiving watercourse. It is recommended that any future additional infrastructure should be located outside the modelled 1:100-year flood lines from the edge of the Vaal River.</p>	
<p>Objective: Mitigate the loss of wetland features, habitat and ecological structure</p>	
Project component/s	132kV power line and substation
Potential Impact	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Deposition of soil or other sediments into the watercourse where it will be washed downstream. * Possible damage to the riparian surrounds and the wetland zones * Possible spillage of wet cement/concrete into the watercourse. * Deposition of solid waste such as plastics, scrap metal and the like into the watercourse
Activity/risk source	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Clearing of vegetation. * Earthworks in the vicinity of the wetland feature system.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Spillage from construction vehicles and waste dumping. * Alien invasion.
Mitigation: Target/Objective	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Limit infilling of wetlands and other freshwater ecosystems, the loss of vegetation (and subsequent erosion) in or adjacent to freshwater ecosystems for the duration of the operational life span of the 132kV power line

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CONSTRUCTION						
<u>Wetland Features, Habitat and Ecological Structure</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ensure that all activities impacting the wetland features are managed according to the relevant DWS Licensing regulations (where applicable); and - As far as possible, all construction activities should occur in the low flow season, during the drier winter months. - The construction footprint must be surveyed and demarcated before construction commences. - A site plan must be developed showing the location of the site camp lay-down area and the plan must be approved by the ECO before construction begins. - Ensure that vegetation clearing and indiscriminate vehicle driving do not occur outside of the demarcated areas. - Minimize construction footprints before the commencement of the construction and control the edge effects from construction activities; and - Implement an alien vegetation control program within the wetland features. 	Contractor	As per EA, hydrology, and wetland report, Floodline Map	Throughout the project	ECO	Throughout the project	Site inspection General Authorisation Audit Report

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<p><u>Wetland Hydrological Function and Sediment Balance</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - During construction use techniques which support the hydrology and sediment control functions of the freshwater features, and normal as soon as possible after construction. - Limit excavations to a limited extent to ensure that drainage patterns within the features return to pre-development status. Restrict construction to the drier winter months if possible, to avoid sedimentation of the freshwater feature and to minimize the severity of disturbance of the features and hydraulic function. <p><u>Ecological and Socio-Cultural Services Provision</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - During construction use techniques which support the hydrology and sediment control functions of the freshwater features, and normal as soon as possible after construction. - Limit excavations to a limited extent to ensure that drainage patterns within the features return to pre-development status. - As can be seen from the Floodline map, the line will be constructed outside the Flood line however it is within 500m of wetlands therefore an approval either in form of Generation Water Authorisation or Water Use Licence is subject to compliance in terms of the National Water Act (Act 36 of 1998). 						

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Use best management practices for erosion and sediment control: Implement best management practices for erosion and sediment control, such as silt fences, sediment basins, and sediment traps. This will help to prevent soil erosion and sedimentation into the river during construction. - 3Runoff from dirty areas should not be allowed to flow into the stream, unless DWS discharge authorisation and compliance with relevant discharge standards as stipulated in the NWA is obtained. - Prevent water from flowing through the areas under construction by temporary diversion as well as undertaking the work in the dry season if possible. - Use non-toxic materials: Use non-toxic materials for construction, such as non-toxic lubricants and hydraulic fluids, to reduce the impact on the environment. - Remove alien invasive plants, along the floodplains (catchment 1), to encourage channelled drainage. - Minimize the clearing of vegetation: Clear only the minimum amount of vegetation required for the construction of the powerline. This will help to minimize the impact on the ecosystem and reduce soil erosion and sedimentation into the river. - Construction of the proposed powerline is carried out during dry periods where there is no 						

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<p>storm flow, alternatively done in phases to allow temporary diversion of flow during construction.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ensure that even small drainage channels are identified and incorporated to design sufficient capacity. - Ongoing surface water monitoring is imperative during all phases of the project life and post closure to allow for early detection of potential contaminants that may cause unforeseen negative impacts on the receiving environment. 						

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F. INFRASTRUCTURE

Objective: Avoid/ minimise damage/ destruction of existing infrastructure	
Project component/s	132kV power line and substation
Potential Impact	* Damage/ destruction of existing powerlines and pipelines
Activity/risk source	* Clearing of vegetation. * Earthworks
Mitigation: Target/Objective	* Minimise damage to infrastructure.

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CONSTRUCTION						
Randwater - All traversing along and over rand water pipelines. Possible leaks from other services that could cause ground stability to change. - Inform Randwater should the above aspects occur. Eskom Distribution Distribution (Dx) Power lines are affected, please adhere to Eskom's conditions and always treat Eskom's powerlines as live and keep a building restriction of 9 meters on either side of the power line for 11kV lines and 11 meters on either side of the power line for 88kV lines. 22 kV and 88kV lines are affected Distribution (Dx) Powerlines affected are: 1. VTH - Cornelia South 1 22kV Overhead Line 2. VTH - Vaal Racecourse 1 22kV Overhead Line	Contractor	Inspection	Throughout the project	ECO/ Contractor EO	Throughout the project	Site Inspection Reports

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<p>3. VTH - Delville 1 22kV Overhead Line 4. RWB Lethabo/VTH Tee 1 88kV Overhead Line 5. RWB Lethabo/RWB Zuikerbosch 1 88kV Overhead Line 6. RWB Lethabo/VTH 1 88kV Overhead Line</p> <p>Please note that NO CONSTRUCTION close to any of Eskom's infrastructure is permitted without a site inspection & written permission resulting from consultation with Eskom's Senior Supervisors CNC, Chris van Eeden @ 016-971 9242 and 083 236 5409, Email veedengc@eskom.co.za</p> <p>Please find Eskom's conditions which must always be respected when working near or closer to our services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Eskom Dx shall at all times retain unobstructed access to and egress from its servitudes. - Eskom Dx's consent does not relieve the applicant from obtaining the necessary statutory, landowner or municipal approvals. - The applicant will adhere to all relevant environmental legislation. Any cost incurred by Eskom Dx as a result of non-compliance will be charged to the applicant. - No drilling shall take place within 11 metres from any Eskom Dx power line structure, - All work within Eskom Dx's servitude areas shall comply with the relevant Eskom earthing standards in force at the time. - If Eskom Dx has to incur any expenditure in order to comply with statutory clearances or other regulations as a result of the applicant's 						

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<p>activities or because of the presence of his equipment or installation within the servitude area, the applicant shall pay such costs to Eskom Dx on demand.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The use of explosives of any type within 500metres of Eskom Dx's services shall only occur with Eskom Dx's prior written permission. If such permission is granted the applicant must give at least fourteen working days prior notice of the commencement of blasting. This allows time for arrangements to be made for supervision and/or precautionary instructions to be issued in terms of the blasting process. If blasting becomes necessary, application in this regard should be made separately. - Changes in ground level may not infringe statutory ground to conductor clearances or statutory visibility clearances. After any changes in ground level, the surface shall be rehabilitated and stabilised so as to prevent erosion. The measures taken shall be to Eskom Dx's requirements. - Eskom Dx shall not be liable for the death of or injury to any person or for the loss of or damage to any property whether as a result of the encroachment or of the use of the servitude area by the applicant, his/her agent, contractors, employees, successors in title, and assigns. The applicant indemnifies Eskom Dx against loss, claims or damages including claims pertaining to consequential damages by third parties and whether as a result of 						

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<p>damage to or interruption of or interference with Eskom Dx's services or apparatus or otherwise. Eskom Dx will not be held responsible for damage to the applicant's equipment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No mechanical equipment, including mechanical excavators or high lifting machinery, shall be used in the vicinity of Eskom Dx's apparatus and/or services, without prior written permission having been granted by Eskom. If such permission is granted the applicant must give at least seven working days prior notice of the commencement of work. This allows time for arrangements to be made for supervision and/or precautionary instructions to be issued by the relevant Technical Service Centre. - No work shall commence unless Eskom Dx has received the applicant's written acceptance of the conditions specified in the letter of consent and/or permit. - Eskom Dx's rights and duties in the servitude shall be accepted as having prior right at all times and shall not be obstructed or interfered with. Note: Where an electrical outage is required, at least fourteen workdays are required to arrange same. - Under no circumstances shall rubble, earth or other material be dumped within the servitude area. The applicant shall maintain the area concerned to Eskom Dx's satisfaction. The applicant shall be liable to Eskom Dx for the 						

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<p>cost of any remedial action which has to be carried out by Eskom Dx.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The clearances between Eskom Dx's live electrical equipment and the proposed construction work shall be observed as stipulated by Regulation 15 of the Electrical Machinery Regulations of the Occupational Health and Safety Act, 1993 (Act 85 of 1993). - Eskom shall be regarded electrically live and therefore dangerous at all times. - In spite of the restrictions stipulated by Regulation 15 of the Electrical Machinery Regulations of the Occupational Health and Safety Act, 1993 (Act 85 of 1993), as additional safety precaution, Eskom Dx will not approve the erection of houses or structures occupied or frequented by human beings under the power lines or within the servitude area. - Eskom Dx may stipulate any additional requirements to illuminate any possible exposure to Customers or Public to coming into contact or be exposed to any dangers to Eskom plant. - 18.It is required of the applicant to familiarise him/herself with all safety hazards related to Electrical plant. - Should the applicant or his/her contractor damage any of Eskom's services during execution of any work whatsoever, the incident must be reported to Eskom's Technical service centre, Chris van Eeden @ 016-971 2227 and 083 236 5409 immediately. 						

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Impact Management Action	Implementation			Monitoring		
	Responsible person	Method of implementation	Timeframe of Implementation	Responsible person	Frequency	Evidence of compliance
<p>The same person must be contacted before commencement of the project as well.</p> <p>Openserve</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Aerial Plant - At points of crossing, the overhead power lines should cross above the overhead communication lines in accordance with, and clearances stipulated in the Occupational Health and safety Act no 85 of 1993, Electrical Machinery regulations 20 - Crossings, and Electrical Machinery Regulations 15 - Clearances of Power Lines. If the specifications could not be met, all deviation costs will be for the applicant's account. Refer to section 25 of the Electronic Communications Act 36 of 2005. – Openserve must be notified within 30 days on completion of construction work. Confirmation is required on completion of construction as per agreed requirements. The person or organization responsible for any cables or telecommunication equipment damages during their excavations or construction work will be held responsible for the repair costs. Prior to the commencement of any work, Openserve must be contacted to have the position of the cables identified. 						

APPENDIX 1: METHOD STATEMENTS

To be prepared by the contractor prior to commencement of the activity. The method statements are **not required** to be submitted to the CA.

APPENDIX 2

CV

Role: EAP/ PROJECT MANAGER

Name of Firm: DIGES Group

Name of Staff: Brenda Makanza

Date of Birth: 24 March 1981

Total Years of Experience: 17 years

Education:

Qualification	Institution	Date obtained
ISO 14001: Lead Audit	SACAS	2022
Incident Investigation- Level 3	NOSA	2020
ISO 45001:2018 & ISO 14001:2015: Implementation & Audit	NOSA	2020
SAMTRAC	NOSA	2020
Post Graduate Diploma: Geoinformatics (GIS)	Universitat Salzburg	2016
Bachelor of Science (Hons) Environmental Science	National University of Science and Technology	2004

Membership of Professional Associations:

Professional Associations	Membership
SACNASP	Pr. Sci. Nat (Reg No.: 400016/17)
EAPASA	Environmental Assessment Practitioner (Reg No. 2019/1542)
WISA	Member

Other Training:

- Project Estimating and Procurement – University of Pretoria.
- Integrated Water Resources Management- Saxon University, The Netherlands

Employment Record:

DIGES Group

Senior Environmental Scientist/ECO – February 2009 to Current

Ministry of Environment, Water & Climate

SABSP Project Assistant- March 2005 to Jan 2009

IUCN: The World Conservation Union

Ecosystems Programme: Aug 2002- July 2003

Summary

A dedicated and passionate Environmentalist with valuable theoretical and experiential acumen in the areas of environmental conservation and administration. She holds 17 years of experience gained through direct involvement in several conservation initiatives and leverages academic skills gained through an honours level degree in Environmental Science and Post Graduate Certificates in Integral Water Management and Geo-informatics; alongside the proficient ability to actively and valuably participate in the development, design and implementation of environmental / conservation management policies and consultation initiatives; thereby supporting the highest standards of Environmental Management and Sustainable Development, in all undertakings.

Key Experience

- Thorough understanding of the Environmental legislation including development audits and water use licensing review/application process.
- Thorough understanding of the EIA processes and underlying theories, capable of providing specialist Hydrogeology input into an EIA study and Environmental legislation of South Africa.
- Thorough understanding of wetland delineation processes.
- Waste management applications and auditing.
- Water Use licence application.

Projects and Professional Technical Experience**Walk down and CEMPr**

- **EP:** Walk down and CEMPr for the Ariadne-Venus 400kV powerline within various Municipalities in KZN Province
- **EP:** Walk down and compilation of CEMPr for the Medupi Witkop 400kV powerline in various Municipalities, Limpopo Province.

Basic Assessment

- **EAP:** EMP and Basic Assessment Report for Establishment of Seshego Cemetery within Polokwane Local Municipality.
- **EAP:** EMP and Basic Assessment Report for Upgrading of gravel road from Praktiseer to Taung village within Greater Tubatse Local Municipality
- **EAP:** Basic Assessment for the construction of Klarinet Bridge within Emalahleni Local Municipality.
- **EAP:** Proposed construction of a 132kV power line from the PPRUST substation to the proposed Akanani substation within Mogalakwena Local Municipality.
- **EAP,:** Basic Assessment for the establishment of Sakhelwe extension within Emakhazeni Local Municipality.
- **Reviewer.** Proposed Southgate Township Establishment within Polokwane Local Municipality.
- **Reviewer:** Proposed construction of Hyperrama pipeline within COE.
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Scoping & Environmental Impact Assessments

- **EAP:** Proposed construction of a 30 km 132kV power line from Amandla substation within Elias Motsoaledi Local Municipality, Greater Sekhukhune District to Kwaggafontein substation within Thembeleshe Local Municipality, Nkangala District.
- **EAP:** Proposed construction of a 45 km 132kV power line from Jane Furse ss to the new Mamatsekele ss within Makhuduthamaga Local Municipality, Greater Sekhukhune District.
- **EAP:** Proposed Koedoesdoorns township establishment within Thabazimbi Local Municipality;
- **EAP:** Proposed Madala township establishment within Emakhazeni Local Municipality.
- **EAP:** Proposed Rustenburg Strengthening Project within Rustenburg Local Municipality.
- **EAP:** Proposed construction for the Limpopo East Strengthening Corridor within Limpopo Province.

Amendments

- **EAP:** Second amendment for the 132kV Mamatsekele powerline within Limpopo Province.

Appeals

Reviewer. Appeal for the Tshilamba 132kV powerline within Thulamela Local Municipality

Water Use Licence Applications

- **EAP:** WULA for Klarinet Ext5 and Ext6 Bridge Construction.
- **EAP:** WULA for construction of 400kV Ariadne-Venus power line within KZN province.
- **EAP:** General Authorisation for the construction of Hyperrama pipeline within COE.
- **EAP:** Amendment for Tivani Mine WULA
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Monitoring

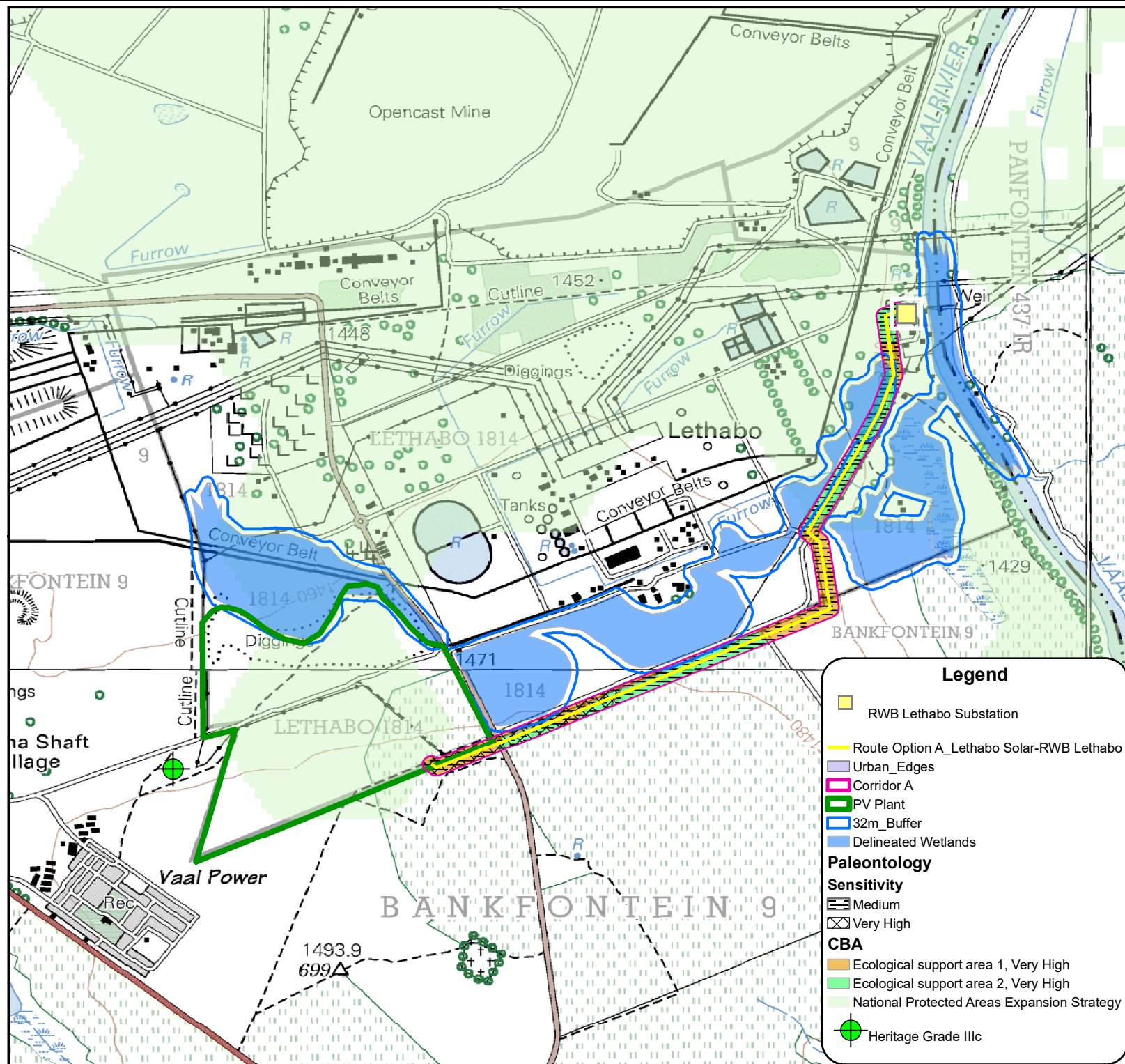
- **Lead Auditor:** Landfill auditing and water monitoring at the City of Ekurhuleni's operational and closed landfills.
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Wetland Delineation

- Wetland Delineation Assessments for the proposed Queens Substation and associated powerlines
- Wetland Delineation Assessment for the proposed 132kV powerlines in Nkomazi, Nkomazi Municipality, Mpumalanga Province
- Wetland Delineation & Assessment for the proposed Agri-hub in Mkhuhlu, Bushbuckridge Municipality, Mpumalanga Province
- Wetland Delineation & Assessment for the proposed upgrading of an 88KV powerlines in Klipgat, Mabopane, Gauteng Province
- Wetland Delineation & Assessment for the 132KV powerlines for the proposed Zwartkoppies substation and powerlines, Midvaal Municipality, Gauteng Province

APPENDIX 3

SENSITIVITY MAP



PROPOSED 132KV POWERLINE FROM LETHABO PV PLANT TO THE EXISTING RWB LETHABO SUBSTATION

SENSITIVITY MAP

REFERENCE

National Freeway; National Route.....	
Arterial Route.....	
Main Road.....	
Secondary Road; Bench Mark.....	
Other Road; Bridge.....	
Track and Hiking Trail.....	
Railway; Station or Siding.....	
Other Railway; Tunnel.....	
Embankment; Cutting.....	
Power Line.....	
Built-up Area (High, Low Density).....	
Buildings; Ruin.....	
Post Office; Police Station; Store.....	
Place of Worship; School; Hotel.....	
Fence; Wall.....	
Windpump; Monument.....	
Communication Tower.....	
Mine Dump; Excavation.....	
Trigonometrical Station; Marine Beacon.....	
Lighthouse and Marine Light.....	
Cemetery; Grave.....	
International Boundary and Beacon.....	
Provincial Boundary.....	
Protected Area.....	
Perennial River.....	
Perennial Water.....	
Non-perennial River.....	
Non-Perennial Water.....	
Dry Water Course.....	
Dry Pan.....	
Marsh and Vlei.....	
Pipeline (above ground).....	
Water Tower; Reservoir; Water Point.....	
Coastal Rocks.....	
Prominent Rock Outcrop.....	
Erosion; Sand.....	
Woodland.....	
Cultivated Land.....	
Orchard or Vineyard.....	
Recreation Ground.....	
Row of Trees.....	

0 850 1 700m

Note

The land capability sensitivity is Medium within the whole corridor

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Legend

- RWB Lethabo Substation
- Route Option A_Lethabo Solar-RWB Lethabo
- Urban_Edges
- Corridor A
- PV Plant
- 32m_Buffer
- Delineated Wetlands

Paleontology

Sensitivity

- Medium
- Very High

CBA

- Ecological support area 1, Very High
- Ecological support area 2, Very High
- National Protected Areas Expansion Strategy

Heritage Grade IIIc