



**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS IN SUPPORT OF
ENVIRONMENTAL SCREENING EXERCISE (VERSION 1)**

**CAPE CORRIDORS PHASE 5&6: JUNO-STERREKUS ±250 KM 2X765KV POWER
LINES ENVIRONMENTAL SCREENING IN THE WESTERN CAPE PROVINCE**

COMMENTS, ISSUES AND RESPONSE REPORT

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1. INTRODUCTION

The Transmission Grid Planning and Development Department of Eskom is in the process of planning and acquiring servitudes for the proposed Cape Corridors Schemes (5&6). This is necessary to evacuate excess power generated out of the Western Cape Province and Northern Cape Province towards the North West Province. The Cape Corridors Scheme (5&6) requires the introduction of a new corridor for 2 x 765kV transmission powerlines on the western side of the country via the Northern Cape and the West Coast regions. The Land & Rights Department of Eskom Transmission Grid Planning has been requested to acquire the servitudes and conduct Environmental Screening for the scheme (Juno-Sterrekus Section). This Screening Assessment aims to assess possible route (hereafter referred to as corridor) alternatives for the proposed new power lines. This project follows the Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) which was previously undertaken by the CSIR. The SEA conducted by the CSIR identified nationwide corridors for the strategic expansion of Electricity Grid Infrastructure (EGI), as reflected in Figure 1 below.

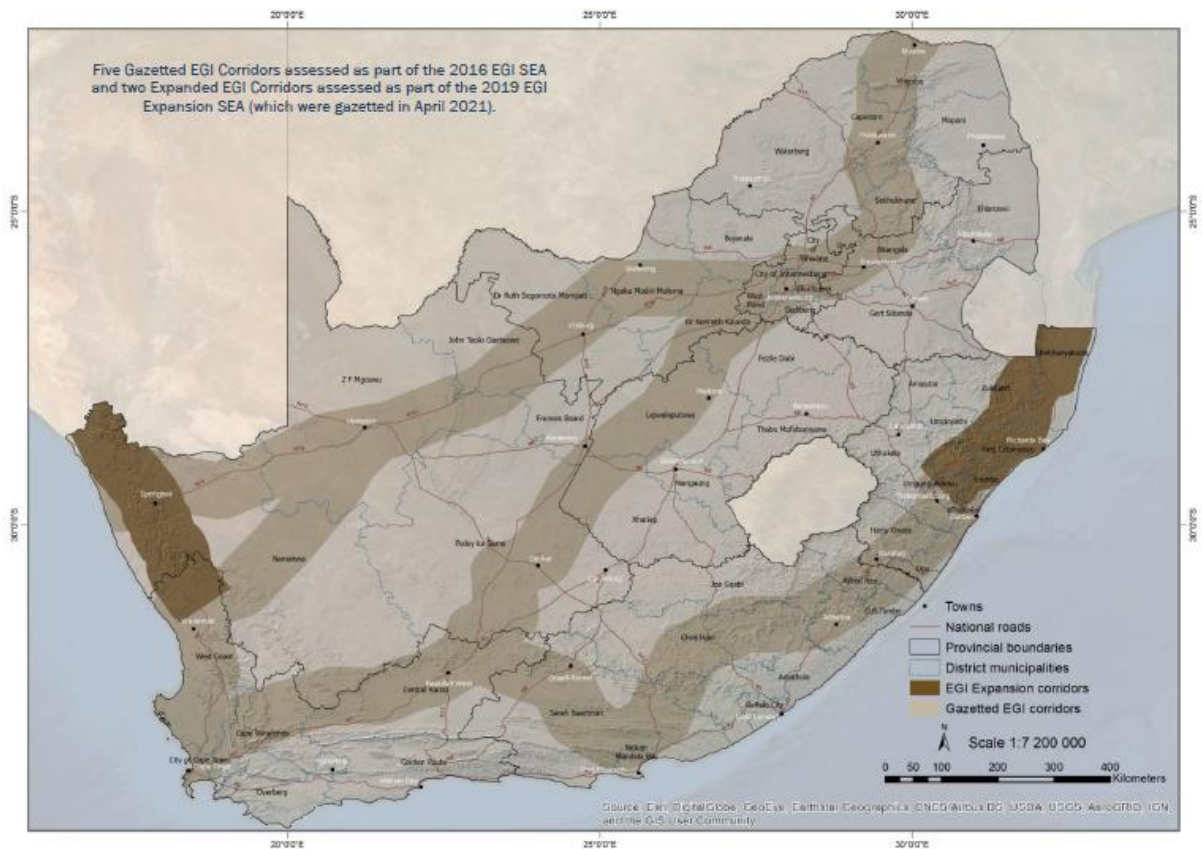


Figure 1: Nationwide corridors identified during the SEA by the CSIR

It should also be noted that there is a 400kV powerline which is already earmarked to be developed within the same strategic corridor as identified by the CSIR. The 400kV line is currently being managed by a different team and will be running from Aurora Substation near Saldanha Bay to Juno Substation. This powerline is also meant to evacuate the excess power from the Saldanha Bay region to Juno and further to the North West province.

The project is subjected to an environmental screening exercise in terms of Government Notice number 2313 in Government Gazette 47095 of 27 July 2022. On completion of the Screening exercise and registration of a pre-negotiated route, a Basic Assessment Process would be undertaken. The process is subject to the following in terms of the EIA Regulations:

Screening exercise

- A Public Participation Process (PPP) in terms of **Chapter 6 of the EIA Regulations,**
- Screening report in terms of **Government Notice number 2313 in Government Gazette 47095 of 27 July 2022**

The public participation process forms the corner stone of the EIA Process. The process identifies potential interested and affected parties on the project, solicits inputs and comments pertaining to the activity proposed from such parties. The process is conducted in accordance to Regulation 41 to 44 of the NEMA Regulations. The public is provided access to information which is conveyed through the following methods during the EIA screening process:

BID

- Distribution of background information documents (BID) available for public review and comment
- Public Meeting / Focus Group Meetings/Information Session

Screening process

- Draft Sensitivity Report (DSR) which is made available for public review and comment;
- Public Meeting/Information Session/Focus Group Meeting

Public access refers to public review periods on documents prepared for the Scoping & EIA Study. The public registration period on the BID is 30 days and the public review period on the Screening Report, is 30 calendar days, respectively.

All the comments and inputs received from I&APs, stakeholders and organs of state during the Screening Process are recorded in the Issues and Response Report (IRR). The IRR provides a

summary of the issues received and offers a response to the issues raised. As indicated, the public is consulted in two stages of the process and thus the IRR consists of versions. These versions include:

- Version 1 – IRR appended to the Draft Sensitivity for public review
- Version 2 – IRR appended to the final Screening which is submitted to DFFE for registration.

Version 1 of the IRR is appended to the draft Screening Report and made available to I&APs for a 30 calendar day public review and commenting period. I&APs are notified of the availability of the reports and are able to access the documentation on the Naledzi Environmental Consultants Pty Ltd website: www.naledzi.co.za/publicdocuments.

The IRR contains all the comments and inputs received from I&APs, stakeholders and organs of state whether it was raised at meetings, written or verbal, up to the preparation of the final screening report.

2. ISSUES AND RESPONSE REPORT

Please refer to page 4 for the summary of issues raised by I&AP's during the Screening Phase on the project and responses provided thereto.

Issues and responses solicited during the EIA screening Process include the following:

- written comments submitted by I&APs during the BID circulation process (20 April 2023- 30 May 2023),
- A Focus Group Meeting/Key Stakeholders Meeting on 27 February 2023 with DFFE

The following comments and issues have been raised during the public registration period on the BID Report from 20 April to Present.

NO	Comment	Interested and Affected Party	Date	Response
2.1 Written Comments received during from 12 January to 12 February 2018				
2.1.1	<p>Please ensure that I am registered as an interested and affected party, along with my family and workforce. I am the seventh-generation occupant of the farm.</p> <p>I will pay attention to your email attachments in due course.</p>	A. J. de Jongh	3 May 2023 Via email	Noted. The I&AP was included in the database
2.1.2	<p>Please note that all development applications are processed via our online portal, the South African Heritage Resources Information System (SAHRIS) found at the following link: http://sahra.org.za/sahris/. We do not accept emailed, posted, hardcopy, faxed, website links or DropBox links as official submissions.</p> <p>Please create an application in terms of section 38(1) of the National Heritage Resources Act, Act 25 of 1999 (NHRA) on SAHRIS for this application and upload all documents pertaining to this phase Environmental Screening Process. As per section A.8 of the Standard for the Development and Expansion of Power Lines and Substations within Identified Geographical Areas (June 2022), a Heritage Impact Assessment must be undertaken in compliance with Section 38(1) of the NHRA and any Minimum Standards or Guidelines. The HIA must be submitted to SAHRA for decision making procedures. The applicable recommendations or requirements from</p>	Natasha Higgitt SAHRIS	25 April 2023	Noted

	<p>SAHRA must be documented in the final environmental sensitivity report.</p> <p>Once all documents including all appendices are uploaded to the case application, please ensure that the status of the case is changed from DRAFT to SUBMITTED. Cases left in DRAFT are not processed.</p>			
	<p>I would like to register as an I&A party for this project.</p>	<p>Danné Joubert Environmental Officer Cederburg Municipality</p>	<p>24 April 2023 Via email</p>	<p>Response well received; you have been added to the database, going forward you will be receiving all available project related information.</p>
	<p>SACAA application process as on the CAA website, links and attached Required Regulations to follow for consideration by SACAA.</p>	<p>Lizell Stroh Obstacle Inspector Aerodrome Infrastructure SACAA</p>	<p>9 April 2023 Via email</p>	<p>We will follow your guidelines in terms of lodging the application on the SACAA website.</p>
	<p>Good day, for easy loading the proposed line, kindly provide a kmz (kml) Google file, for easy loading into our systems.</p> <p>Kindly confirm structure height(pylon) proposed.</p>	<p>Lizell Stroh Obstacle Inspector Aerodrome Infrastructure SACAA</p>	<p>10 April 2023</p>	<p>Receive attached KMZ files for the proposed three corridors. At this stage Eskom has not identified the designs of pylons that would be erected onsite; however, the tallest pylons that Eskom can erect would not exceed a height of 80m if the Self-supporting (Double Circuit) is erected. All other types of pylons that might be erected are</p>

				shorter than the said Double circuit structure type.
	Please acknowledge receipt of this formal request for the CC van der Merwe Familie Trust, owner and operator of Langerug Farm, Philadelphia, to be registered as an Interested and Affected Party (IAP) of the options study for Cape Corridors, Juno - Sterrekus HV lines.	AJ van der Merwe	23 May 2023	This email serves as an acknowledgement of receipt of your letter. We have also added you to our database of I&APs, furthermore you will be receiving more new project information as and when it becomes available.
	Please register me as an IAP and also my sons Mark Fanner and Brian Fanner. The cc along a small Holding at Hartebeersfontein on Alternative route 1. But is well within the 30km exclusion zone 01 AFB Langebaarnwes	Paul Fanner	22 May 2023	We have received your I&APs registration request and you have been added to our project database.

3. CONCLUSION

This Issues and Response Report has been prepared by Naledzi Environmental Consultants Pty Ltd for the environmental screening assessment on a 3km wide corridor with a length of +_250km long Juno substation to Sterrekus substation.

Upon lapse of the comment period all issues and responses will be incorporated into the Draft Screening report for public review and commenting.

The content of this IRR has also been made available to I&APs at public venues stated in the EIR Report on the Naledzi Environmental Consultants Pty Ltd website: www.naledzi.co.za/publicdocuments

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