

Date: 9 November 2018

INVITATION TO COMMENT ON DOCUMENTS AND ATTEND PUBLIC MEETINGS

APPLICATION FOR POSTPONEMENT OF THE MINIMUM EMISSION STANDARDS (MES) FOR ESKOM'S COAL-FIRED POWER STATIONS IN THE MPUMALANGA HIGHVELD REGION AND VAAL TRIANGLE

Dear Interested and Affected Party,

Eskom operates a fleet of coal- and liquid fuel-fired power stations across South Africa. The largest portion of Eskom's generation mix is coal-fired power stations concentrated in the Mpumalanga Highveld Region. A smaller portion of the fleet comprises nuclear, hydro, Open Cycle Gas Turbine (OCGT) and wind based load power stations elsewhere in the country.

The 2013 Minimum Emission Standards (MES) published under the National Environmental Management: Air Quality Act 39 of 2004 (NEM: AQA) (as amended by Gazette 42013 of 31 October 2018) requires that existing power stations must comply with 'existing plant' emission limits by 1 April 2015 and more stringent 'new plant' emission limits by 1 April 2020. The MES apply to Eskom's fleet of coal and liquid fuel-fired power stations which require compliance with the published emission limits within the defined legislative timeframe.

Due to various constraints it is not possible for many of Eskom's power stations to comply with the 2020 'new plant' limits and in some instances also not with the existing plant standard within the defined timeframes. Eskom is installing emission reduction equipment (retrofitting) in a phased approach to reduce emissions at its highest polluting stations. In cases where the stations will be unable to meet more stringent limits, Eskom will apply for postponement or suspension or propose alternative emission limits of the respective emission standards as allowed for in terms of the MES.

The following power stations will apply for postponement:

- Lethabo Power Station in Vaal Triangle;
- Majuba-, Camden-, Kriel-, Matla-, Kendal-, Duvha-, Arnot-, Hendrina- and Komati Power Stations in the Mpumalanga Highveld Region;

Please be advised that Grootvlei power station (Balfour), Acacia power station (Western Cape) and Port Rex power station (Eastern Cape) from this point forward, will be excluded from the present postponement application and will be dealt with through separate application processes.

In accordance with the requirements for postponement applications, Eskom will submit an Atmospheric Impact Report (AIR), motivation and reasons for the application for the respective power stations and a consolidated Public Participation (PP) Report to the National Air Quality Officer, this documentation must have been subjected to a public participation process.

Naledzi Environmental Consultants Pty Ltd (NEC) is the independent environmental consulting group, appointed to prepare the application documentation and conduct the public participation process.

We are currently undertaking the 2nd round of public engagement for the application, where the application documents, AIRs for the respective power stations and consolidated PP Report are made available for public review and comment to solicit views and comments on the applications. This letter serves as notification thereof and we draw your attention to the following:

- Availability of the draft Motivation Reports, AIRs for the respective power stations and consolidated PP Report for public review and comment
- Scheduled public meetings during the public review period
- Way forward

**DRAFT MOTIVATION REPORT AND AIR AVAILABLE FOR
PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENT**

The Draft Motivation Reports, AIRs and consolidated PP Report will be made available for public review and comment from **Monday 19 November until Wednesday 16 January 2019**. The reports contain the justification for the specific power station applications including the predicted impact of the respective applications on the ambient air quality.

Electronic versions of the reports and comments sheets will be available on the following website: <http://www.naledzi.co.za/public-documents-naledzi.php>. Hard copies of these documents will also be available at the following public venues for public review and comment:

Table 1: List of Public Libraries where the draft documents can be reviewed

Public Libraries	Address	Contact	Librarian
Vaal Triangle Region- Lethabo Power Station			
Sharpeville Library	C/o Seeiso and Zwane Street, Sharpeville	016 451 2526	Joyce Ramagole
Sasolburg Public Library	John Vorster Road, Sasolburg	016 973 8463	Patience Khunou
Zamdela Public Library	Stand 3246, Zamdela Community Centre	None Zamdela@sacr.f s.gov.za	Martha Mohapi
Refengkgotso Library (Ntai Mokoena Library)	2195 Phomolong Road, Refengkgotso	016 371 2312/4	
Vereeniging Public Library	c/o Lesley and Mark Ave, Vereeniging	016 430 1724 079 885 9195	Phulani Lethoba
Vanderbijlpark Public Library	c/o Frikkie Meyer & Klasie Havenga Street, Vanderbijlpark	016 950 5251/3	Roy Olifant
Mpumalanga Highveld			
Camden Power station			
Ermelo Public Library	c/o Church and Smuts Street, Ermelo	017 801 3621	Chrisna Calitz
Thusiville Public Library	Wesselton Extension 2 (Close to Reggie Masuku High school, next to crèche)	072 382 2409	Thami Mrubata
Majuba Power Station			
Amersfoort	Bree & Plain Street, Amersfoort	017 753 1006 083 665 6189	Simangele Lukhele
Volksrust Public Library	c/o Nelson Mandela and Adelaide Street, Volksrust	017 734 6109	Helen Ziers
Kriel – and Matla Power Stations			
Kriel Public Library	Quentin and Heinrich Street, Kriel	017 648 6249	Rika Horn / Jeannette Soko
Duvha - and Kendal Power Stations			
Emalahleni Main Library	c/o Hofmeyer Street & Elizabeth Avenue, Emalahleni	013 690 6232	Nelly Mashame
Middelburg Public	Wanderers Avenue, Middleburg	013 249 7314	Patrick Molemane

Library (Gerald Sekoto Public Library)			
Ogies Public Library	Hoofweg, Ogies	013 643 1027	Priscilla Sekgobela
Hendrina-, Arnot- and Komati Power Stations			
Hendrina Public Library	44 Kerk Street, Hendrina	013 249 7247	Busisiwe Sibanyoni
Pullen's Hope Library	Kiaat Street, Pullen's Hope	013 296 1300	Sbusiso Nkosi
Rietkuil Public Library	Marula Street, Rietkuil, Arnot	013 249 7803	

I&APs can comment on the draft documents by completing the comment sheet (available on above website and or at above mentioned locations), writing a letter, sending an email or contacting the appointed independent environmental consultant as per the below given details. I&APs should submit their comments together with their name, contact details to the contact person indicated below on or before 16 January 2019. I&APs can comment on individual applications (per power station) or on the overall application process.

If you wish to comment on the draft documents, you can:

- Complete the enclosed Comment Sheet and submit it NEC
- Write a letter; or any additional written submission by email or fax; or
- Contact NEC at the below given contact details.

Please submit your comments together with your name and contact details to Ms. Marissa Botha at the following details; Tel: 015 296 3988 / 084 226 5584 or send us your comments by email to botham@naledzi.co.za or either by fax number to 015 296 4021. Please ensure to submit your comments **on or before Wednesday 16 January 2018.**

INVITATION TO SCHEDULED PUBLIC MEETINGS:

Several public meetings have been scheduled to facilitate comments on the draft documents. Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) will have the opportunity to meet the project team, obtain clarity and provide comments on the overall application or respective applications. You are invited to attend any of the following scheduled **Public Meetings** for the project:

DATE	VENUE	TIME	Power Station
20 November (Tue)	Kriel (Thubelihle Community Hall)	09:00 – 11:00	Kriel Power Station Matla Power Station
20 November (Tue)	Kriel (Volle Evangelie Church Hall)	18:00 – 20:00	Kriel Power Station Matla Power Station
21 November (Wed)	Ogies (Dutch Reformed Church Hall)	11:00 – 13:00	Kendal Power Station
21 November (Wed)	Emalahleni Banquet Hall (next to City Hall)	18:00 – 20:00	Kendal Power Station Duvha Power Station
22 November (Thu)	Hendrina (Kosmos Hall)	10:00 – 12:00	Hendrina Power Station Komati Power Station Arnot Power Station
22 November (Thu)	Kwazamokuhle (AME Church)	15:00 – 17:00	
23 November (Fri)	Midrand (Eskom Academy of Learning, Syndicate Room)	11:00 – 13:00	All
26 November (Mon)	Vereeniging (City Hall)	18:00 – 20:00	Lethabo Power Station
27 November (Tue)	Vereeniging (Sharpeville Community Hall)	10:00 – 12:00	Lethabo Power Station
27 November (Tue)	Zamdela (Harry Gwala Multipurpose Centre)	16:00 – 18:00	Lethabo Power Station
28 November (Wed)	Ermelo (Ella Du Bruyn Hall)	18:00 – 20:00	Camden Power Station
29 November (Thu)	Amersfoort (NG Church Hall)	11:00 – 13:00	Majuba Power Station

Way forward

NEC will prepare a PP Report and Issues and Response Report (IRR) which will record and consolidate all the comments and issues raised at public meetings and received during the public participation process. The concluded PP Report and IRR would be submitted together with the application documents to the National Air Quality Officer for approval. I&APs will be notified of the submission and have access to the final documents placed on the NEC website. I&APs will also be notified of the decision made by the National Air Quality Officer.

Thank you in advance for your participation.

Sincerely,



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