

COMMENTS AND RESPONSE REPORT

**KIMBERLEY STRENGTHENING PHASE 3 SCHEME: PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF THE
FERRUM – HOTAZEL – MOOKODI 400KV POWERLINE AND ASSOCIATED SUBSTATION
UPGRADES WITHIN JOE MOROLONG, GAMAGARA, GA-SEGONYANA LOCAL
MUNICIPALITIES UNDER JOHN TAOLO GAETSEWE DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY, NORTHERN
CAPE PROVINCE AND NALEDI, GREATER TAUNG LOCAL MUNICIPALITIES UNDER DR RUTH
SEGOMOTSI MOMPATSI DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY, NORTH WEST PROVINCE**

1. THE PURPOSE OF THE DOCUMENT

Public Participation is a process that is designed to give interested and affected parties a chance to voice out their opinions and/or comments regarding a proposed project which enables the EAP to compile a report that has evaluated all possible aspects of the proposed project.

The Comments and Response Report is part of this process, and its purpose is to capture all comments and responses received from stakeholders and interested and affected parties. These parties can include neighbouring communities, landowners, municipalities, organs of state and competent authorities. The principal purpose of this Comments and Response Report is to:

- ❖ Highlight the issues, concerns and comments received from interested and affected parties during the public participation process.
- ❖ To provide a formal record of all communication received.
- ❖ To provide a manageable and easy-to-read document that ensures issues raised are noted and addressed.

The table below documents the comments and questions raised during the public participation process.

Date of comment, format of comment, name of organisation / I&AP	Comment	Response from EAP/Applicant/Specialist
16 September 2024 Email Nrateng Mashiloane South African Civil Aviation Authority (SACAA): Aviation Environmental Compliance Department	Good day, I hope this email finds you well. Kindly note that the SACAA has transferred all obstacle assessments and applications responsibilities to Air Traffic and Navigation Services (ATNS) as published on the SACAA website: www.caa.co.za/industryinformation/obstacles/ . A formal application must be lodged with Air Traffic and Navigation Services (ATNS) for a formal obstacles assessment to be conducted. The list and contact details of the approved obstacles assessment services providers can be obtained from the CAA website: www.caa.co.za.	18 September 2024 Dear Nrateng, Your email below regarding the obstacle assessment is noted. I want to enquire if you are interested in receiving the project documentation, such as the Draft Basic Assessment Report.
19 September 2024 Email Dr. Gerrie van der Westhuizen Manager: Strategic Planning John Taolo Gaetsewe District Municipality	Dear Ms Makanza Thank you for your email. Please provide us with your geodatabase and/or shapefile for the planned powerline. I am taking the liberty to copy a number of stakeholders, that are directly, or indirectly involved in planning and infrastructure development in both the John Taolo Gaetsewe District and Local Municipalities, as well Northern Cape Province. My provisional comments are as follows: 1. Any high capacity line through and from the John Taolo Gaetsewe District must align with Provincial, District, and Local SDFs, as well as the District One Plan, Rural Development Sector Plan, IDPs, and make provision for, among others: a. Key catalytic programmes and/or projects in order to ignite and diversify the district economy through industrial development, manufacturing, construction, agricultural development, transportation development and knowledge-based economic development. Some of the catalytic initiatives are as follows, but not limited to:	20 September 2024 Good Morning, Thank you so much for your email. I will include all those copied in your email on our stakeholder database (if they have not been included). Your comments have been noted, and we will also go through the different sector plans for inclusion in the Basic Assessment Process. I have attached the shapefile of the proposed line. I also request the shapefiles for the SDF and land-use zones.

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20 September 2024	i. Gamagara LM: Kathu Industrial Park, Iron Smelter, Integrated Human Settlement Development (e.g., 5 700 mixed development, and social facilities such as schools, clinics, etc.), upgrading of Sishen Airport. ii. Joe Morolong LM: Sinter Plant/s, Integrated Human Settlement Development iii. Ga-Segonyana LM: Regional Airport, Regional Hospital, Agri-hub and Park, Light Industry Development, Tertiary Education and Skills Development Facilities (e.g. university, university of technology, TVET and artisan training facilities), Kuruman as Regional Development Anchor on the N14 Development Corridor, Disaster Centre, Sports Stadium, Office Complex/Park, and Heritage Resource Center. iv. District linkage to the Boegoe Bay Deep Water Port and Green Hydrogen Development, Aggenys SEZ, through the Transnet Railway development between the district and the port. v. Alternative energy projects to feed into the national grid and across the district boundaries and border to neighbouring countries and the rest of the SADEC. vi. Gamagara mining corridor development I will submit the registration form in due course. Trusting that you will find the above in order. Good morning Brenda, Thank you for your response. Herewith the link to our dataset https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1uZUGq1w8EWt9O6x75a6WrJxRr5pEBkcM?usp=drive_link. Please credit us when using any of the data.	

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	Please engage our local municipalities for their datasets and zonings. Kind regards,	
08 October 2024 Email Nrateng Mashiloane South African Civil Aviation Authority (SACAA): Aviation Environmental Compliance Department	Good day, I hope this email finds you well. SACAA have no comments on the proposed development. Should you wish to share further information (documents) about the project, you may do so. Kindly note that the SACAA has transferred all obstacle assessments and applications responsibilities to Air Traffic and Navigation Services (ATNS) as published on the SACAA website: www.caa.co.za/industryinformation/obstacles/ . A formal application must be lodged with Air Traffic and Navigation Services (ATNS) for a formal obstacles assessment to be conducted. The list and contact details of the approved obstacles assessment services providers can be obtained from the CAA website: www.caa.co.za.	All project documentation will be submitted to CAA.
08 October 2024 Email: Registration and Comments Form Mr. Eagile Victor Powane Ba Ga Gaseemelwe CPA	I suggest that the following issues of concern be considered in the Basic Assessment Report: • The timeframe of project. • When will be paid? • Does the project need workers, if yes how many of them and their gender • How will the line affect the grazing space? Please register the following colleagues/friends/neighbours as I &APs for this project: Mr Gasebanye Tebogo Aaron	Good Day, I acknowledge receipt of the completed form. Thank you. I will email you the response to your questions once I have liaised with NTCSA (Eskom). Rgds,

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15 October 2024 Email: Registration and Comments Form Deirdre Koopman Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development- Provincial Shared Service Centre: NC	The following properties that are situated in the NC, are owned by the DALRRD. They are communal land under the jurisdiction of several traditional authorities and therefore require community resolutions: Farm 220, Rem of Lower Kuruman Native Reserve 219, Rem Minto 214, Portion 2 of Nyra 213, Portions 3, 4,5, 7 and Rem of Churchill 211, Cordington 210, Portions 2, 3 and Rem of Kookfontein 208, Ellendale 207, Wilstead 99, Portions 1, 2 of Golington 101, Rem of Warden 102, Portion 1 and Remainder of Kgatlagomo 106, Portion 1 of Colston 109, Portion and Rem of Depatholong 108, Portions 1, 2 and 3 of Witnesham. Note the PSCC:NC must be contacted regarding the future processes before the servitude can be approved by the Department.	08 November 2024 Good Day, My apologies for the late response. I have noted your comments and forwarded them to NTCSA. Rgds,
20 November 2024 SAHRIS Letter Nokusho Ngobeni South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA)	Interim Comment In terms of Section 38(3) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999) Lindiwe Motaung NTCSA SOC Ltd Megawatt Park, Maxwell Drive Sunninghill Sandton 2001 Vhubvo Consultancy cc submitted an application to SAHRA for commenting in terms of section 38 (8) of the NHRA of 1999 no. 25 for the proposed Kimberley Phase 3: Construction of 400kV Ferrum-Mookodi Powerline and associated Substation Upgrade within Joe Morolong, Gamagara, Ga-Segonyana Local Municipalities under John Taolo Gatsewe District Municipality, Northern Cape Province and Naledi, Greater Taung Local Municipalities under Dr Ruth Segomotsi Mompatsi District Municipality, North West Province.	An archaeological walkdown assessment has been done and the report has been compiled per the guideline. This will be submitted with the DBAR for the 30-day public review.

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	A Background Information Document (BID) was submitted in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, Act 107 of 1998 (NEMA) and the NEMA EIA Regulations (As amended). The proposed project entails: (i) Construct a ± 200km, 400kV transmission powerline from Hotazel Transmission Substation to Mookodi Substation. (ii) Construct a ± 60km, 400kV transmission powerline from Ferrum Substation to Hotazel Transmission Substation. (iii) Upgrade the Mookodi Substation by installing: 1 X 100MVAr busbar reactor at Mookodi 400kV busbar; 1x400kV Mookodi feeder bay; 1X400kV Line reactor at Mookodi 400kV. (iv) Upgrade the Ferrum Substation by installing, 1 X 100MVAr busbar reactor at Ferrum 400kV busbar; 1x400kV Ferrum feeder bay; and 1X400kV Line reactor at Ferrum 400kV. Interim Comment SAHRA requests that an assessment of the impacts to heritage resources that complies with section 38(3) of the NHRA as required by section 38(8) of the NHRA and section 24(4)b(iii) of NEMA be conducted as part of the EA process. The assessment must include an assessment of the impact to archaeological and palaeontological resources. The field-based assessment of archaeological resources must be conducted by a qualified archaeologist and the report comply with the SAHRA 2007 Minimum Standards: Archaeological and Palaeontological Components of Impact Assessment Reports (see www.asapa.co.za or www.aphp.org.za for a list of qualified archaeologists). The assessment must include the track logs of the area to be surveyed. The proposed development is located within an area of low, moderate, high and very high Palaeontological Sensitivity as per the SAHRIS PalaeoSensitivity map. As such, a field assessment is required.	

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	The assessment must be undertaken by a qualified palaeontologist. (See https://www.palaeosa.org/heritage-practitioners.html for a list of qualified palaeontologists). The report must comply with the 2012 Minimum Standards: Palaeontological Components of Heritage Impact Assessments. Any other heritage resources as defined in section 3 of the NHRA that may be impacted, such as built structures over 60 years old, sites of cultural significance associated with oral histories, burial grounds and graves, graves of victims of conflict, and cultural landscapes or viewsapes must also be assessed. The SAHRA also requests that the DBAR, and its appendices be submitted to the case. The applicant is advised to extend the EA process in terms of section 19(1)b of the NEMA EIA regulations in order to address this comment. Further comments will be issued upon receipt of the above requested reports. Should you have any further queries, please contact the designated official using the case number quoted above in the case header. Yours faithfully	