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GENERAL NOTICE

NOTICE 397 OF 2013

INVITATION TO COMMENT

NOTICE OF BASIC ASSESSMENT AND WATER USE LICENSE APPLICATION FOR THE PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF THE 132KV DIPOMPONG AND TSWAING SUBSTATIONS AND THEIR ASSOCIATED OVERHEAD POWER LINES DEA REF NO: 14/12/16/3/3/1/860

Notice is given in terms of Regulations published in Government Notice R. 544 in Government Gazette No. 33306 of 18 June 2010, under Section 24(5) of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No.107 of 1998), as amended, that Eskom Holdings Soc Limited intends to construct the 132kV Dipompong and Tswaing Substations and their associated Overhead Power Lines to strengthen the network supplying the Winterveld area near Soshanguve within Gauteng and North-West Provinces.

GNR. 544 Listing Notice 1

Item 10: The construction of facilities or infrastructure for the transmission and distribution of electricity –

- (i) outside urban areas or industrial complexes with a capacity of more than 33 but less than 275 kilovolts;

Item 11: The construction of:

- (xi) infrastructure or structure covering 50 square metres or more

Where such construction occurs within 32 metres of watercourse, measures from the edge of a watercourse, excluding where such construction will occur behind the development setback line.

GN R 546 2010 Listing Notice 3

Item 12: The clearance of an area of 300 square metres or more of vegetation where 75% or more of the vegetative cover constitutes indigenous vegetation.

- (b) within critical biodiversity areas in bioregional regions.

Item 13: The clearance of an area 1 hectare or more where 75% or more of the vegetative cover constitutes indigenous vegetation, except where such removal of vegetation is required for:

- (2) the undertaking of a linear activity falling below the thresholds mentioned in Listing 1 in terms of GN No. 544 of 2010.

(d) In Gauteng:

- i. A protected area identified in terms of NEMPAA, excluding conservancies;
- ii. National Protected Area Expansion Strategy Focus areas;
- iii. Any declared protected area including Municipal or Provincial Nature Reserves as contemplated by the Environment Conservation Act, 1989 (Act No. 73 of 1989), the Nature Conservation Ordinance (Ordinance 12 of 1983); (v) Sensitive areas as identified in an environmental management framework as contemplated in chapter 5 of the act and as adopted by the competent authority;
- iv. Sites or areas identified in terms of International Convention;
- v. Sites identified as irreplaceable or important in the Gauteng Conservation Plan.

In terms of the **National Water Act No. 36 of 1998**, a Water Use license is required as per the following listed activities:

Section 21(i): altering the bed, banks, course or characteristics of a watercourse

Section 21(c): impeding or diverting the flow of water in a watercourse

Interested and/or affected parties who wish to participate by contributing comments, or who would like to obtain more information, should please contact Ntsanko Ndlovu at, Tel: 0861 444 499 Fax: 0861 626 222, E-mail: ntsanko@envirolution.co.za on or before **10 May 2013**.

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