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## GENERAL NOTICES • ALGEMENE KENNISGEWINGS

### NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION

#### NOTICE 645 OF 2019

NOTIFICATION: ESKOM COAL -FIRED POWER STATION

APPLICATION FOR ALTERNATIVE LIMITS IN TERMS OF THE MINIMUM EMISSION STANDARDS.

The 2013 Minimum Emission Standards (MES) published under the National Management: Air Quality Act, (NEM:AQA), Act 39 of 2004 specify limits for 'existing plants effective from 1 April 2015, and more stringent 'new plant' limits to which existing power stations need to comply with by 1 April 2020. Due to various constraints it is not possible for both the Matimba and Medupi Power Stations to comply with the 2020 'new plant' limits within the defined timeframes.

Eskom is applying for alternative limits in terms of the MES for Medupi Power station where the retrofits to reduce the emissions cannot be completed within the required timeframe. Eskom is also applying for alternative limits at Matimba Power Station where it does not believe that given the limited air quality impact and considering the significant volumes of water required, the additional waste produced and the significant cost for installing the emission reduction equipment that, installing the technology is appropriate for Matimba. Both applications are subject to a public participation process. In parallel to the MES applications Eskom is also required to submit variation request to changes the stations Atmospheric Emission Licences to match the MES application. The public participation process undertaken will be used for both the MES application and the variation request.

**Applicant:** Eskom Holdings SoC Ltd (hereafter referred to as Eskom)

**Location:** The Medupi Power Station is located on Farm Grootestryd 465, Lephalale Local Municipality, Waterberg District Municipality, Limpopo Province. The site is located approximately 13km west of Lephalale town. The centre point of the Medupi is 23°40'03.44 "S; 27°37'00.08" E.

The Matimba Power Station is located on Farm Naauw Ontkomen 509 and Farm Eenzaamheid 687, Lephalale Local Municipality, Waterberg District Municipality, Limpopo Province. The site is located approximately 19km west of Lephalale town. The centre point of the Medupi is 23°42'14.48 "S; 27°33'39.77" E.

**Public Participation** The application is subject to public participation.

Eskom has appointed Environmental Impact Management Services (EIMS) to assist with the development of Atmospheric Impact Report (AIR) and associated appendices and to conduct a public participation process for the postponement application. EIMS will be following the regulations as outlined in the National Environmental Management Act (Act 107 of 1998- NEMA).

A background information document (BID) that provides an overview of the postponement application is available for review and submission of comment until the 29<sup>th</sup> January 2019 from the EIMS website. Copies of the BID will also be made available at the Ellisras Public Library and the Marapong Public Library.

A public open day will be held on the 29<sup>th</sup> of January 2020 at the Mogol Club (Wells Street, Lephalale; 014 7634948) from 10:00am to 7:00pm. Kindly confirm your attendance at the details using the contact details below.

You are hereby invited to register and comment on the MES applications. Please note that only registered I&AP's will be informed of future project information and opportunities for participation. In order to avoid missing out on opportunities for public participation please submit I&AP registrations, or any queries, comments, or concerns with regards to the MES applications for Matimba and Medupi Power Station, as soon as possible to EIMS at:



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