

**COMMENTS AND RESPONSES REPORT 1**  
**Project announcement phase**

**FOR THE**

**PROPOSED DECOMMISSIONING OF THE EXISTING CLOCOLAN – FICKSBURG 88 KV POWER  
LINE AND CONSTRUCTION OF THE MARALLANENG SUBSTATION NEAR FICKSBURG,  
SETSOTO LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, FREE STATE**

**Comment period from the 12 October 2017 to the 10 November 2017**

**Comments have been received from the following stakeholders during the project  
announcement phase**

|   | <b>Name</b>    | <b>Organisation</b>                      |
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| 1 | Fiona Viljoen  | Setsoto Local Municipality               |
| 2 | Carlo Schrader | Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) |

| No | Date            | Name and Organisation                                | Comment   | Response   |
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| 1  | 12 October 2017 | Fiona Viljoen<br>Setsoto Local Municipality          | <p>I forwarded your e-mail to Engineering Services. In future please address all matters relating to abovementioned project to the follow persons:</p> <p>Thobeka Zondi – <a href="mailto:engineering@setsoto.co.za">engineering@setsoto.co.za</a></p> <p>Wessel de Villiers – <a href="mailto:wessel@setsoto.cp.za">wessel@setsoto.cp.za</a> &amp; <a href="mailto:div003@wirelessmail.co.za">div003@wirelessmail.co.za</a></p> <p>Senzo Konene – <a href="mailto:senzok@setsoto.co.za">senzok@setsoto.co.za</a></p>   | Noted, this has been changed on the project database and contact information has been added.   |
| 2  | 6 October 2017  | Carlo Schrader<br>Department of Water and Sanitation | <p><i>ACER correspondence:</i></p> <p>As per our discussion in the email trail below, herewith some background on the project for which authorisation is required for water uses in terms of section 21 (c) and (i):</p> <p><b>Clocolan to Ficksburg 88 kV overhead power line</b><br/>The proposed 88 kV power line crosses and comes within 100 m of a number of small pans, wetlands and streams/rivers on its 35 km route from Clocolan to Ficksburg. The construction of the power line across watercourses and within the regulated area of watercourses/wetlands constitutes water uses as defined in terms of Section 21 (c) and (i) of the National Water Act.</p> <p>A General Authorisation (GA) in terms of GN509 of 2016 for water uses in terms of section 21 (c) and (i), as per Section 6(2) and Appendix D2 which makes provisions for the construction of new transmission and distribution power lines by Eskom, was issued on 4<sup>th</sup> July 2017.</p> <p><b>Marallaneng Substation</b><br/>Eskom is now proposing the authorisation of the Marallaneng Substation on the Ficksburg end of the proposed 88 kV power line. The Marallaneng Substation is required to address the demand for electricity in the townships near Ficksburg, and to allow the municipality to implement new infrastructure developments, and to provide power to already completed projects and RDP houses.</p> | <p><i>DWS response:</i></p> <p>The documents you intent to submit are sufficient for the authorisation purpose.</p> <p>This documentation will be reviewed to determine if the impact is low as indicated and if so it will be authorised as General Authorisation.<br/>Depending on the review of the application, if needed there could be a site visit.</p> <p>I suggest you submit the documentation to start the authorising process.</p> |

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|    |      |                       | <p>Following the undertaking of a wetland delineation the final placement of the substation footprint (80 m x 80 m) was carefully selected to avoid identified wetlands and their buffers. However the substation and its associated infrastructure will be within the regulated area of several watercourses/wetlands and will therefore require authorisation water uses as defined in terms of Section 21 (c) and (i) of the NWA.</p> <p>As per Section 6(1)(ii) of the new General Authorisation (GN509 of 2016) published by DWS on the 26th August 2016, Eskom has since conducted a risk assessment which has indicated that the risk class is LOW, in which case Eskom will apply for a General Authorisation of the section 21 (c) and (i) water uses for the new Marallaneng Substation and associated infrastructure.</p> <p><b>Confirmation of procedure and information requirements to register the GA</b></p> <p>I now wish to confirm the procedure and information requirements for Eskom to register the relevant section 21 (c) and (i) water uses. As per the process and information provided for the registration of the section 21 (c) and (i) water uses for the 88 kV power line, Eskom intends submitting the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Copy of applicant's ID.</li> <li>▪ Completed and signed DWS application forms (DW758, DW763, DW768, DW901, DW902).</li> <li>▪ Topographical Map.</li> <li>▪ Master Layout (Showing water uses in relation to proposed project infrastructure).</li> <li>▪ Signed engineering drawings for proposed infrastructure.</li> <li>▪ Signed lease agreement from property owner.</li> <li>▪ Environmental Authorisation (EA) or Letter from DEA indicating that an EA process is underway.</li> <li>▪ Wetland rehabilitation plan</li> <li>▪ Storm water management plan.</li> <li>▪ Signed financial provision letter.</li> </ul> |          |

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|    |      |                       | <p>The purpose of this email is to therefore confirm the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. If in fact a general authorisation will apply for the Marallaneng Substation and associated infrastructure based on the LOW risk class?</li> <li>2. If the above will be sufficient or if additional information will be required to register the water uses.</li> <li>3. Whether a site / pre-application meeting will be required by your department before the above can be confirmed?</li> </ol> <p>Your feedback on the above will be much appreciated.</p> |          |
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