

## NOTICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION PROCESS

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

Notice is hereby given in terms of the amended (Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations (hereafter referred to as EIA Regulations) published under the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) (NEMA), as amended, of the intention of Eskom Holdings SOC Limited (Eskom) to remove and relocate the existing 88 kV power line from the Clocolan Substation to the Ficksburg Municipal Substation and to construct the new 2 x 20 MVA Marallaneng 88/11 kV Substation and associated infrastructure near Ficksburg, in the Setsoto Local Municipality, Free State.

Environmental Assessment Practitioner: **ACER (Africa) Environmental Consultants**

### LOCATION OF THE PROPOSED PROJECT

Following specialist investigations of three sites provided by Eskom, a fourth site was selected based on factors such as proximity to the new 88 kV power line and medium voltage (MV) supply side, existing road access, and environmental sensitivities. The 80 m x 80 m substation site is located approximately 3 km from the town of Ficksburg on the south western outskirts and approximately 370 m south of the R26. The farm name of the property is the Remainder of Ficksburg Dorpgronden 75, which is owned by the Setsoto Local Municipality.

### ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION

In terms of the amended EIA Regulations, Eskom's proposed development triggers a number of listed activities in terms of Listing Notices 1 and 3 (GNR 983 and 985 of 8 December 2014)(as amended), in terms of section 24(2) and 24D of NEMA, which require environmental authorisation following the undertaking of a Basic Assessment (BA). The Basic Assessment Report will be submitted to the Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA) for review and decision making. The relevant water use registration or application process, for water uses in terms of the NWA, will be undertaken through consultations with DWS.

### INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE

Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) are requested to register with ACER and provide their comments. A Background Information Document and Notification Letter including a Registration and Comment Sheet can be obtained from the Public Participation Office.

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