

Your role in the Basic Assessment Process

Your involvement will enhance the applicability and completeness of the Basic Assessment process.

Your involvement in the process is fourfold:

1. To ensure that your interests/concerns in the proposed activity are recorded and/addressed, you need to register with Nsovo as an Interested & Affected Party.
2. To raise public awareness of activities taking place within your surroundings and to ensure inclusion of any issues, suggestions or comments you may be aware of regarding proposed activities.
3. To provide participants with the information they need to participate in a meaningful way.
4. To utilise opportunities provided to raise issues and provide comments throughout the process.

How to become Involved and Register as an I&AP?

Your participation in this process is valuable and is encouraged, therefore you are invited to register as an I&AP and contribute by written submissions by fax, post, email or telephone through any one of the details overleaf.



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NOTICE OF BASIC ASSESSMENT PROCESS FOR THE PROPOSED DE- VIATION OF THE ESKOM JUNO- GROMIS 400kV TRANSMISSION LINE, IN THE NORTHERN AND WESTERN CAPE PROVINCES OF SOUTH AFRICA

BACKGROUND INFORMATION DOCUMENT

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PURPOSE OF THIS DOCUMENT

The aim of this document is to provide an overview of the proposed project and study area; to provide information of the Basic Assessment (BA) process to be followed prior to the development of the proposed 400kV Juno-Gromis powerline as per the National Environmental Management Act (Act 107 of 1998); and indicate how you, as an Interested and Affected Party (I&AP), can become involved in the BA process.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS (PPP)

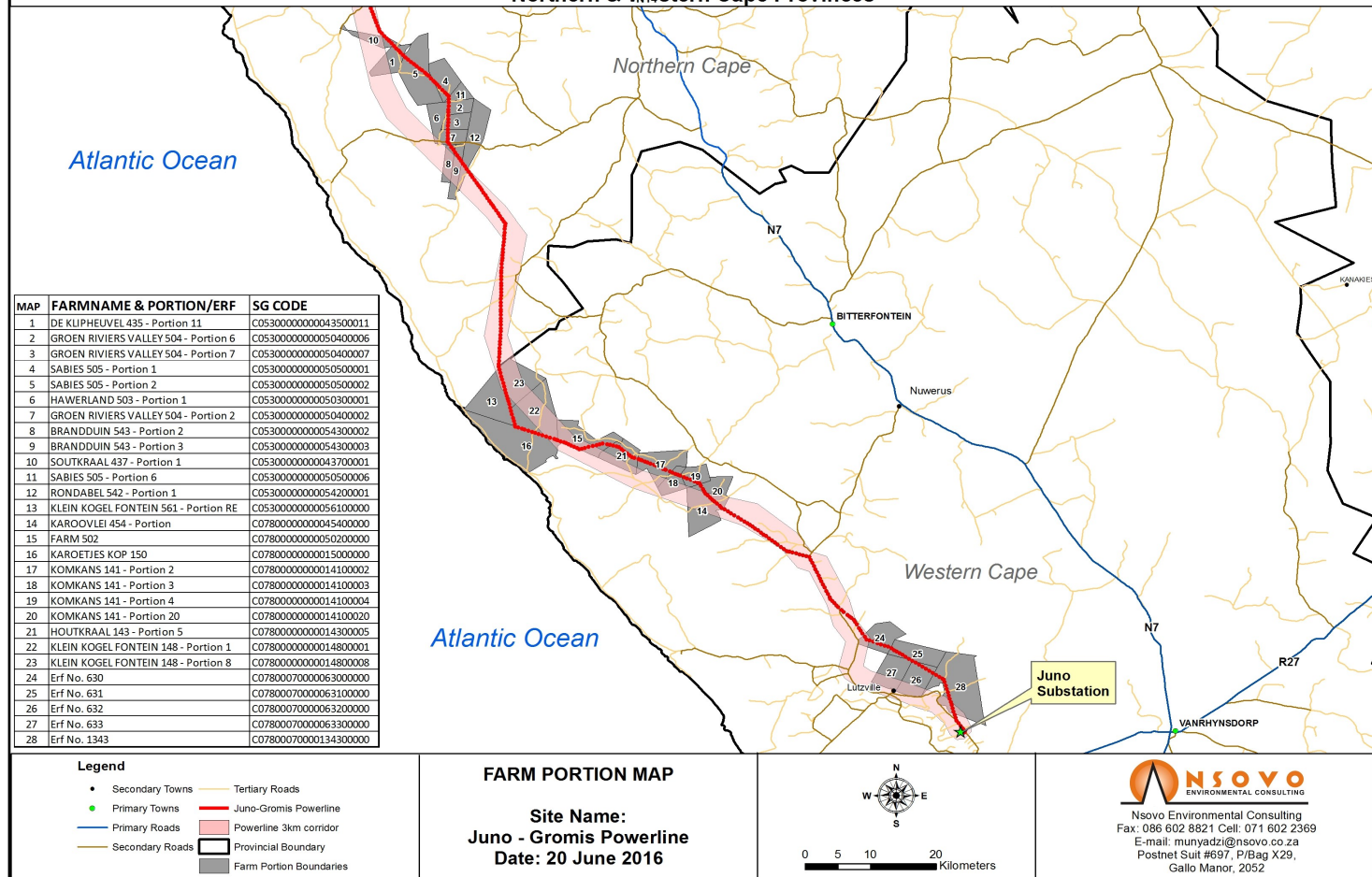
Public Participation Process (PPP) is any process that involves the public in problem solving or decision-making and forms an integral part of the BA process. The PPP provides Interested and Affected Parties (I&AP) with an opportunity to comment and/or make suggestions on the proposed project. The PPP will be undertaken in terms of Chapter 6 of Regulation 39 through 44 of the EIA Regulations of December 2014

PROPOSED PROJECT

The proposed project entails the deviation of the sections of the 273km Juno-Gromis 400kV Transmission line corridor which was authorised by the then Department of Environmental Affairs and Tourism on 6th November 2007 with a reference number 12/12/20/720. Sections of the proposed deviations will encroach on identified Critical Biodiversity Areas and will traverse various farm portions as indicated below:

- Landing Strip (Lutzville) - There is an existing landing strip and built up area in the corridor, the amendment aims to divert from the landing strip.
- Tronox Mine (Namakwa Sands) - There is existing infrastructure on the authorised corridor within the Tronox Mine area, hence the need to move to the new corridor.

Locality Map (Tronox Mine, Kamiesberg Mine & Lutzville Landing Strip) - Route Amendment - Juno-Gromis Powerline - Northern & Western Cape Provinces



- New Mine (Kamiesberg) - the authorised corridor falls within the area for a proposed new Kamiesberg mine.

NEED AND DESIRABILITY

The Kudu Integration Project forms part of Eskom's strategy to deliver electricity to the National Grid in order to meet the increasing demand. The proposed project will improve the overall reliability of the network and will partly resolve the predicted supply shortages in the medium term.

The network strengthening will benefit all electricity users in the area and region at large.

LEGAL REQUIREMENTS FOR EIA

The project triggers activities under Government Notices R. 983 Activity 12 (xii) (a) (c) and R.985 Activity 14 (a) (xii) (aa), (cc), (ff) (hh) and (f) (xii) (aa), (cc), (ff) and (hh) of the 2014 EIA Regulations. In accordance with the requirements of the NEMA, the Eskom Holdings SOC Limited requires approval from the Competent Authorities i.e. Department of Environmental Affairs in order to undertake the proposed project.

LOCALITY

The proposed project is a 230km powerline traversing various farms from Juno substation in the Western Cape to Gromis substation in the Northern Cape, South Africa, as depicted above.