

DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT

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NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT ACT, 1998
(ACT NO. 107 OF 1998)

IDENTIFICATION IN TERMS OF SECTIONS 24(3), 24(5)(a) AND 24(5)(b) OF THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT ACT, 1998 OF EXPANDED GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS OF STRATEGIC IMPORTANCE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF ELECTRICITY TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION INFRASTRUCTURE AND OF PROCEDURES TO BE FOLLOWED WHEN APPLYING FOR OR DECIDING ON ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATIONS FOR LARGE SCALE ELECTRICITY TRANSMISSION OR DISTRIBUTION DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES IDENTIFIED IN TERMS OF SECTION 24(2)(a) OF THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT ACT, 1998 WHEN OCCURRING IN GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS OF STRATEGIC IMPORTANCE AND THE CORRECTION, BY MEANS OF THE REPEAL AND REPLACEMENT, OF GOVERNMENT NOTICE NO. 383, PUBLISHED UNDER GOVERNMENT GAZETTE NO. 44504 OF 29 APRIL 2021

I, Barbara Dallas Creecy, Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment, hereby identify the Expanded Eastern and Western Strategic Transmission Corridors which are of strategic importance when planning for the development of electricity transmission and distribution infrastructure, in terms of section 24(3) of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998), as expansion of the Strategic Transmission Corridors published in Government Notice No. 113 under Government Gazette No. 41445 on 16 February 2018 as set out in the Schedule hereto.

For the convenience of the public, this Notice repeals and replaces Government Notice No. 383, published under Government Gazette No. 44504 on 29 April 2021, which was gazetted, due to an administrative error, without its associated Appendix 1, containing the map indicating the Strategic Transmission Corridors. However, a link to the interactive map was available in the published Notice.

This Notice and the Schedule, inclusive of Appendix 1, are effective from 29 April 2021, which is the date on which the original Notice was published.



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MINISTER OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT

SCHEDULE

1. The Strategic Transmission Corridors related to electricity transmission and distribution infrastructure as identified in Government Notice No. 113 in Government Gazette No. 41445 of 16 February 2018 are hereby amended by the addition of the Expanded Eastern Corridor and Expanded Western Corridor as geographical areas of strategic importance, which will be known as 8.2.1 Expanded Eastern Corridor and 8.5.1 Expanded Western Corridor respectively, and are located on a map included as Appendix 1.
2. The procedures to be followed when applying for or deciding on an application for environmental authorisation for large scale electricity transmission or distribution developments as contemplated in paragraphs 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 of Government Notice No. 113 of Government Gazette No. 41445 of 16 February 2018, are applicable to applications when occurring in the Expanded Eastern Corridor and Expanded Western Corridor.
3. The environmental attributes associated with the Expanded Eastern Corridor and Expanded Western Corridor were determined through the specialist assessments prepared as part of the *Strategic Environmental Assessment for the Expansion of Electricity Grid Infrastructure Corridors in South Africa, 2019*, and the associated environmental sensitivity for each corridor is displayed as national data in the various environmental themes on the national web based environmental screening tool.
4. The *Strategic Environmental Assessment for the Expansion of Electricity Grid Infrastructure Corridors in South Africa, 2019*, can be accessed at: <https://egis.environment.gov.za/>; or at <https://oasnetwork.csir.co.za/final-sea-reports/>.
5. The boundaries of the *Strategic Transmission Corridors* can be accessed at <http://egis.environment.gov.za> – Geographical Areas and the national web based environmental screening tool can be accessed at: <https://screening.environment.gov.za/screeningtool>.

Appendix 1 – Strategic Transmission Corridors

