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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT, FORESTRY AND FISHERIES

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**NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT ACT, 1998
(ACT NO. 107 OF 1998)****PROCEDURES TO BE FOLLOWED WHEN APPLYING FOR OR DECIDING ON AN ENVIRONMENTAL
AUTHORISATION FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OR EXPANSION OF GAS TRANSMISSION PIPELINE
INFRASTRUCTURE WHEN OCCURRING IN STRATEGIC GAS PIPELINE CORRIDORS**

I, Barbara Dallas Creecy, Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment hereby identify, in terms of sections 24(5)(a) and (b) of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) and regulation 15(2) of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014, as amended, procedures to be followed when applying for or deciding on an environmental authorisation for the development or expansion of below ground gas transmission pipeline infrastructure when occurring in *Strategic Gas Pipeline Corridors* published under Government Notice No. 143 in Government Gazette No. 4419 of 26 February 2021.



**BARBARA DALLAS CREECY
MINISTER OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT**

SCHEDULE

1. The Strategic Environmental Assessment for the Development of a Phased Gas Pipeline Network in South Africa, 2019 identified 9 *Strategic Gas Pipeline Corridors* related to the phased development of a gas pipeline network. These *Strategic Gas Pipeline Corridors* were published under Government Notice No. 143 in Government Gazette No. 4419 of 26 February 2021. The corridors are included on the map provided as Appendix 1 and are as follows:
 - 1.1 Phase 1a & 1b: Saldanha to Ankerlig and Saldanha to Mossel Bay
 - 1.2 Phase 2: Mossel Bay to Coega
 - 1.3 Phase 3: Richards Bay to Secunda and Gauteng
 - 1.4 Phase 4: Mozambique (Southern Border) to Richards Bay
 - 1.5 Phase 5: Abraham Villiers Bay (Northern Cape) to Saldanha and Ankerlig
 - 1.6 Phase 6: Abraham Villiers Bay (Northern Cape) to Oranjemund
 - 1.7 Phase 7: Coega to Richards Bay
 - 1.8 Phase 8: Rompco Pipeline Corridor
 - 1.9 Phase 9: Inland Corridor from Saldanha to Coega
2. The scope of this Notice applies to an application for an amendment to an environmental authorisation contemplated in Part 2 of Chapter 5 of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014, as amended (the Regulations) or an application for environmental authorisation for the following activities where the activity is constructed below ground, or above-ground for the purpose of connecting to above-ground infrastructure such as piggings stations or compressor stations, including any associated activities necessary for the realisation of such infrastructure, where the greater part of the activity is undertaken within a *Strategic Gas Pipeline Corridor* contemplated in paragraph (1):
 - 2.1 Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations Listing Notice 1 of 2014, as amended:
 - 2.1.1. Activity 60(i) and (ii); and
 - 2.2 Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations Listing Notice 2 of 2014, as amended:
 - 2.2.1. Activity 7(i) and (ii).
3. Where the application is for an environmental authorisation for an activity contemplated in paragraph 2.1 and 2.2 of this Notice, the applicant must:
 - 3.1 follow the basic assessment process contemplated in regulations 19 and 20 of the Regulations;
 - 3.2 negotiate a route with all landowners; and
 - 3.3 submit the route negotiated in accordance with paragraph 3.2 as part of the environmental authorisation application.
4. The *Generic Environmental Management Programme (EMPr) for Gas Transmission Pipeline Infrastructure (2020)* published under Government Notice No. 373, Government Gazette of 44481 on 23 April 2021, applies to an application that triggers any of the activities contemplated in paragraph 2.1 and 2.2 where these activities are associated with below ground gas pipeline infrastructure.
5. The timeframe for decision-making on an application contemplated in paragraph 2 of this Notice is 57 days.
6. If the greater part of the infrastructure contemplated in this Notice falls outside of a *Strategic Gas Pipeline Corridor* as contemplated in paragraph (1), the requirements as prescribed in the Regulations, apply.
7. All applications submitted prior to the coming into effect of these procedures for implementation must be dealt with in accordance with the requirements prescribed in the Regulations.

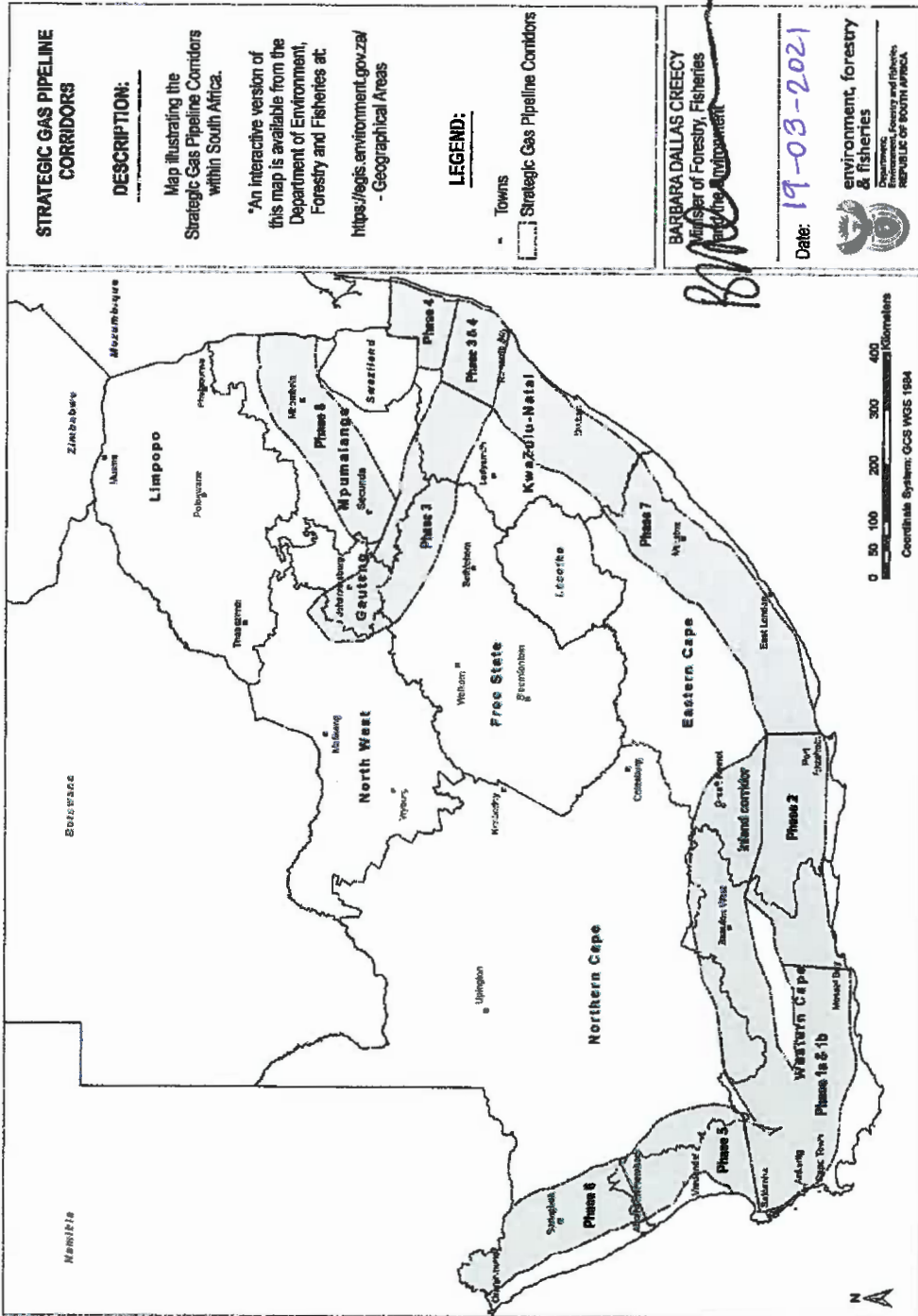
8. The boundaries of the *Strategic Gas Pipeline Corridors* referred to in this Schedule are available from the Department of Environment, Forestry and Fisheries at <http://egis.environment.gov.za> – *Geographical Areas* and hard copies of the zones can be obtained from:

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9. The Strategic Environmental Assessment for the Development of a Phased Gas Pipeline Network in South Africa, 2019 can be accessed at <https://gasnetwork.csir.co.za/final-sea-reports/> and <https://egis.environment.gov.za/gasnetwork>.

APPENDIX 1

MAP OF THE STRATEGIC GAS PIPELINE CORRIDORS



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