

Date: 12 January 2018

INVITATION TO REGISTER AND PARTICIPATE

APPLICATION FOR POSTPONEMENT OF THE MINIMUM EMISSION STANDARDS FOR ESKOM'S
TUTUKA POWER STATION, STANDERTON, MPUMALANGA PROVINCE

Dear Interested and Affected Party,

Eskom operates a fleet of fuel fired power stations across South Africa. Tutuka Power Station, one of several of the fleet, is located near Standerton in the Mpumalanga Province.

In 2010, Minimum Emission Standards (MES) were published under the National Environmental Management: Air Quality Act 39 of 2004 (NEM: AQA). In 2013 the MES were revised and replaced by the 2013 MES. Hereafter the 2013 MES applied. The MES require existing power station operations to comply with lenient 'existing plant' emission limits by 1 April 2015 and more stringent 'new plant' emission limits by 1 April 2020. This means that Eskom would need to install additional or upgrade existing emission control equipment at its power stations, including at Tutuka, to meet the MES.

In 2014, Eskom applied for a 5-year postponement from compliance timeframes for Tutuka Power Station. Postponement was granted by Department of Environmental Affairs and expires in 2019. Given the expiry date and the inability of the power station to comply with the new plant standards, Eskom needs to apply for another postponement of the compliance timeframes.

Eskom intends to apply for further postponement from the compliance timeframes of the MES but for postponement of the 'new plant' emission limit compliance timeframes to 2025.

The application will be supported by:

- a motivation for postponement,
- an Atmospheric Impact Assessment (AIR) considering the impact from Tutuka on the ambient air quality; and
- a concluded Public Participation Process and a resulting report

Eskom has appointed Naledzi Environmental Consultants CC as the independent environmental consulting group, to prepare the AIR, manage the technical studies and conduct the public participation process.

The public participation process will entail two rounds of consultation. The first round will provide an opportunity to review a Background Information Document (BID) and comment on the approach in preparing the application, including attendance of public meetings. During the second round the application itself and AIR will be made available for public review and include another round of public meetings at the same public venues as used for the first round of engagement.

We herewith inform Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) about the proposed application to solicit their views and comments on the application. This letter serves as notification thereof and we draw your attention to the following:

- An invitation to register as an Interested and Affected Party (I&AP)
- The availability of a BID for comment
- Notification of a Public Meeting

Register as an I&AP

You are hereby invited to register as an I&AP and to participate in the application process by completing the enclosed Comments and Registration Form sheet included with the attached BID.

Background Information Document (BID) available for public review

The enclosed BID provides details of the postponement application. It presents a brief overview of Eskom's reasoning for the Tutuka postponement application and invites I&APs to participate and register on the application process. A period of 30 day from 15 January – 14 February 2018 is provided to review the BID and submit comments and concerns regarding the postponement application.

The BID and associated Comment and Registration Form, is available for public comment in English, Afrikaans and Zulu on the Naledzi website at www.naledzi.co.za. Copies of the BID are also available at the below tabled public venues:

Venue	Address	Contact Person	Viewing Times
Standerton Public Library	Mbonani Mayisela Street Standerton	Ms Elizabeth Mpanya Tel: 017 712 9687 Email: standertonpubliclibrary@gmail.com	08:30 am – 17:00pm
Thuthukani Public Library	Room no. 3 Thusong Service Centre N-Block New Denmark Building Hostel, Malungisani Drive Thuthukani	Mr Andile Mbatha Tel: 071 593 7996 Email: publiclibrary55@gmail.com ;	08:30am - 15:30pm
Morgenzon Public Library	Morgenzon 464 Steyn Street	Ms Zodwa Ndlovu Tel: 017 793 3177 Email: morgenzon.library@gmail.com ;	07:00 am – 16:15pm

If you wish to comment on the BID, you can:

- complete the enclosed Comment and Registration Form and submit it to the contact person at the below given details;
- submit your name, contact information and interest telephonically; and or
- submit written comment by email or fax within the provided public registration and review period.

Please submit your name, contact information and interest in the matter to Ms. Marissa Botha at the following details; Tel: 015 296 3988 / 084 226 5584 or send us your comments by email to botham@naledzi.co.za or either by fax number to 015 296 4021.

Invitation to scheduled Public Meeting:

You are also invited to attend any of the following scheduled **Public Meetings** for the project:

- **29 January 2018** from **5:30pm to 7:30pm** at the **Standerton Town Hall** located at 16 Church Street in Standerton town; and or on

- **30 January 2018 from 5:30pm to 7:30pm** at the **AFM Lefikeng Assembly/Church** in Thuthukani.

A refresher as to how you can participate:

You may:

- Register as an I&Aps on or before 14 February 2018
- Submit any comments/views on the project on the comments and registration form provided on or before 14 February 2018;
- Notify any other parties/stakeholders that you might be affected or interested in the project by encouraging them to register; and
- Attend any of the public meetings scheduled for the project

Please note that the details of the 2nd round of public engagement will be communicated to Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) at a later stage.

Thank you in advance for your participation.

Sincerely,



Marissa Botha

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