

To whom it may concern

Dear Sir or Madam:

NOTIFICATION REGARDING OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ESKOM MEDUPI AND MATIMBA COAL-FIRED POWER STATIONS APPLICATION FOR ALTERNATIVE LIMITS IN TERMS OF THE MINIMUM EMISSION STANDARDS.

The 2013 Minimum Emission Standards (MES) published under the National Management: Air Quality Act, (NEM:AQA), Act 39 of 2004 specify limits for 'existing plants effective from 1 April 2015, and more stringent 'new plant' limits to which existing power stations need to comply with by 1 April 2020. Due to various constraints it is not possible for both the Matimba and Medupi Power Stations to comply with the 2020 'new plant' limits within the defined timeframes.

Eskom is applying for alternative limits in terms of the MES for Medupi Power station where the retrofits to reduce the emissions cannot be completed within the required timeframe. Eskom is also applying for alternative limits at Matimba Power Station where the station cannot meet the new plant MES limits as the cost of the natural resources required to complete the retrofits far outweigh the benefits of installing technology given the station life expectancy, the need for operational flexibility, the state of the ambient air quality in the relevant airshed and the relevant socio economic factors. Both applications are subject to a public participation process. In parallel to the MES applications Eskom is also required to submit variation request to changes the stations Atmospheric Emission Licences to match the MES application. The public participation process undertaken will be used for both the MES application and the variation request.

Eskom has appointed Environmental Impact Management Services (EIMS) to assist with the development of Atmospheric Impact Report (AIR) and associated appendices and to conduct a public participation process for the applications for both Medupi and Matimba Power Stations. EIMS will be following the regulations as outlined in the National Environmental Management Act (Act 107 of 1998- NEMA).

The Medupi Power Station is located on Farm Grootestryd 465, Lephale Local Municipality, Waterberg District Municipality, Limpopo Province. The site is located approximately 13km west of Lephale town. The centre point of the Medupi is 23°40'03.44"S; 27°37'00.08" E. The Matimba Power Station is located on Farm Naauw Ontkomen 509 and Farm Eenzaamheid 687, Lephale Local Municipality, Waterberg District Municipality, Limpopo Province. The site is located approximately 19km west of Lephale town. The centre point of the Medupi is 23°42'14.48 "S; 27°33'39.77" E.

A background information document (BID) that provides an overview of the applications is available for review and submission of comment until **29th of January 2020** from the EIMS website (<http://www.eims.co.za/public-participation/>). Copies of the BID will also be made available at the Ellisras Public Library and the Marapong Public Library.

You are hereby invited to register and comment on the MES applications. Please note that only registered I&AP's will be informed of future project information and opportunities for participation. In order to avoid missing out on opportunities for public participation please submit I&AP registrations, or any queries or comments with regards to the MES applications for Matimba and Medupi Power Station, as soon as possible to EIMS at:

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Please feel free to contact the undersigned if you have any queries or concerns.

Kind Regards,

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