

Annexure 3

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Dear Ms Maphosa

NOTIFICATION REGARDING ENVIRONMENTAL EXEMPTION FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF TEMPORARY STACKS AT KUSLIE POWER STATION: REQUEST FOR RELEVANT DOCUMENTS

1. Further to your letter of 4 April 2023 regarding the above, we acknowledge receipt of your letter and respond as follows.

Public participation issues

2. In terms of venues for public participation, we have considered various factors in selecting the location of the public hearings, including our experience of public meetings in the area in respect of the Kusile project, venue location, venue suitability and availability and timing of the hearing.
3. It should be noted that Eskom has seriously considered holding a meeting in Phola township. However, previous meetings in this settlement have been subject to disruption and safety/security issues, and as such, it was considered inappropriate to hold a hearing in Phola.
4. Based on the above, we have decided to hold two physical hearings on the 12th of April in the potential impact area of the project (one south of the station at Kendal and the other east of the station at eMalahleni). In addition to the two physical meetings, a third virtual hearing will be held on the 13th of April, allowing broader participation in the process.

Documentation request

5. Eskom has made the presently available documentation for the postponement application available on the website of the independent consultants, EIMS. We have provided you with the

web address for this information already, but confirm it is <https://www.eims.co.za/2023/03/28/1572-eskom-kusile-mes-postponement-application/>

6. When more detailed information becomes available, as prescribed by the relevant legal requirements, it will be distributed formally through the public participation process.
7. Further, we confirm that your concerns and requests, as well as the responses we provide will be reflected in our public participation reports and the final submission to all stakeholders and the authorities.
8. We hope the above clarifies issues and look forward to engaging with you further on this nationally important matter.

Yours sincerely



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