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Attention : Interested and Affected Parties

NOTIFICATION OF APPLICATION FOR AMENDMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF 2 X 400KV POWERLINES OF APPROXIMATELY 20KM FROM THE EXISTING LULAMISA-PLUTO 400KV POWERLINE TO THE PROPOSED 400/88KV DEMETER MAIN TRANSMISSION SUBSTATION: ROODEPOORT STRENGTHENING PROJECT IN THE CITY OF JOHANNESBURG MUNICIPALITY, MOGALE CITY MUNICIPALITY AND CITY OF TSHWANE MUNICIPALITY GAUTENG PROVINCE

- NOTIFICATION OF AVAILABILITY OF PART 1 EA AMENDMENT APPLICATION DOCUMENTATION & PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD

a) Introduction

Notice is hereby given that the National Transmission Company South Africa (NTCSA) SOC Ltd (*the Applicant*) has applied for Amendment of the Environmental Authorisation (EA) for the above project to the Competent Authority i.e. the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE). A Part 1 Amendment of EA process is underway in terms of Chapter 5 of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014, (as amended) of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998). Zitholele Consulting (Pty) Ltd has been appointed as the independent Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) to undertake the EA amendment process.

The Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA), now known as the Department of Forestry and Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE), issued an Environmental Authorisation (DEA/EIA/12/12/20/2308:) for the above project on 10 September 2014 and its amendment on 05 June 2015 (DEA Ref No: DEA/EIA/12/12/20/2308/AM1). This amendment was for the proposed substation footprint.

A second amendment was issued on 17 September 2020. This amendment was for the extension of the validity period for the EA by an additional four years to 5 June 2024 (DEA/EIA/12/12/20/2308/AM2).

On 1 July 2022, DFFE granted an amendment of the EA with regards to the project title and project description (DFFE Ref No: 12/12/20/2308/AM3).

NTCSA is applying for Part 1 EA Amendment in terms of Regulation 29 of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations 2014 (as amended), National Environmental Act (Act No. 107 of 1998) for the above project, to extend the validity period of the EA. The Application for Amendment of the Environmental Authorisation for the aforementioned (DFFE Ref No: 12/12/20/2308/AM4), was lodged on 26 April 2024 by NTCSA. In an email dated 08 May 2024, DFFE provided their response with regards to the requirements for the Amendment of the EA. The DFFE has requested additional information in terms of Regulation 30(1)(a) of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended) for the Department to process the application for amendment. Refer to the Locality Map of the study area in Figure 1.

b) Draft Motivation and Impact Assessment Report for Public Review

This notification serves to inform all Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) of the availability of the Part 1 EA Amendment Application documentation for public review and comment.

The Draft Motivation and Impact Assessment Report provides more details of the additional information requirements for the above project and is available for public review and comment from 18 November 2024 to 9 January 2025. The report is available at the Diepsloot Library, 383 Ingonyama Street, Diepsloot West, Diepsloot, 2189 and on the Zitholele Consulting's website: www.zitholele.co.za/environmental/ under the heading "Roodepoort Strengthening EA Amendment".

Comments regarding the Part 1 EA Amendment Application and the Draft Motivation and Impact Assessment Report can be submitted:

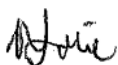
- In writing via:
 - Email to roodepoort@zitholele.co.za
 - Letter addressed to Zitholele Consulting (Pty) Ltd, Attention: Ms. Natasha Lalie, PO Box 6002, Halfway House, 1685
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c) Get in touch with the Public Participation Process (PPP) Desk

I&APs can get in touch with the PPP Desk at the details below:

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Yours faithfully



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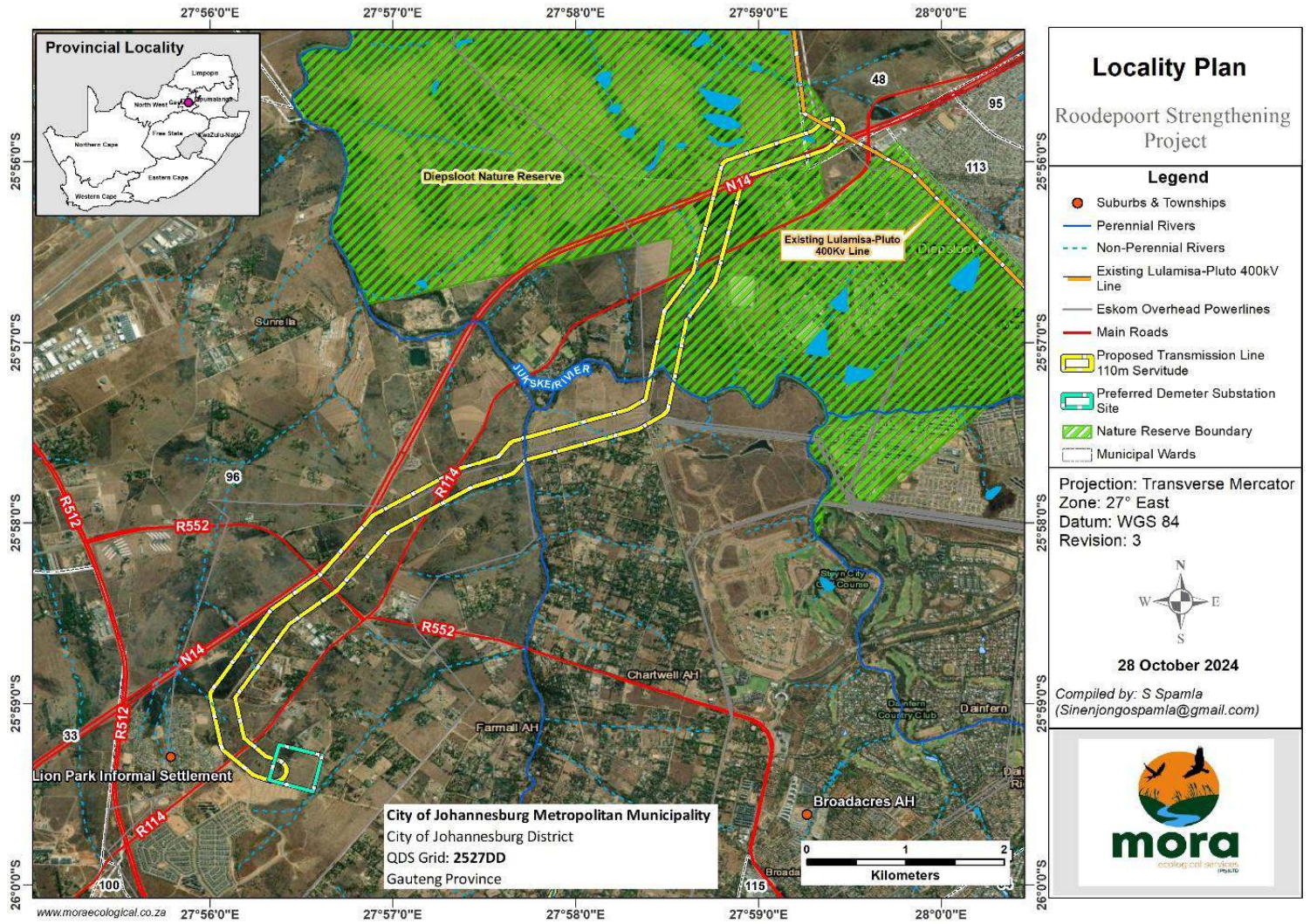


Figure 1: Locality Map of the Study Area