

2 DETAILS OF THE APPLICANT, THE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT PRACTITIONER AND THE DECISION-MAKING AUTHORITY

2.1 Introduction

This section of the EIR provides the particulars of the Applicant, the Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) and the relevant decision-making authority.

2.2 Details of Applicant

The Eskom Conversion Act, 2001 (Act No. 13 of 2001) established Eskom Holdings Limited (Eskom) as a State-Owned Enterprise, with the Government of South Africa as the only shareholder, represented by the Minister of Public Enterprises. According to the Memorandum of Association required by the Eskom Conversion Act and the Companies Act, 1973 (Act No. 61 of 1973), Eskom's main objective is to *"provide energy and related services including the generation, transmission, distribution and supply of electricity, and to hold interests in other entities."*

Eskom is regulated under licences granted by *inter alia* NERSA and the NNR (Eskom 2007). Eskom is a vertically integrated operation that generates, transmits and distributes electricity. Eskom generates approximately 95 % of the electricity used in South Africa.

The details of Eskom's representative for this project are in **Table 2-1** below.

Table 2-1: Details of the Applicant

Name of Applicant	Eskom Holdings Limited (Eskom)
Contact Person	Ms Deidre Herbst (Environmental Manager: Generation Division)
Postal address	P.O. Box 1091, Johannesburg
Postal code	2000

2.3 Details of the Environmental Assessment Practitioner

Arcus GIBB is an integrated group of professional scientists, project managers and engineers providing cost-effective solutions and specialist services within a wide range of disciplines. The multi-disciplinary consulting, management and design approach allows for the development of projects in a holistic manner, as this is believed to be the best environment to fully meet the needs of our clients.

Specific to environmental management, Arcus GIBB has a team of specialists comprising environmental scientists, environmental engineers, geologists and geohydrologists that form a national environmental team. These specialists have broad experience of working on a range of environmental projects within the public and private sector. The Environmental Services Division has a formidable track record and exemplary reputation in southern Africa. The Division comprises a number of highly qualified and experienced technical staff with over 450 years of combined consulting experience.

The Environmental Services Division is based throughout South Africa. The team has been purposely set up to mobilise and co-ordinate any given range of environmental services wherever these may be geographically required.

The details of the Senior Environmental Assessment Practitioners for the proposed development are listed **Table 2-2** below.

Table 2-2: Details of the Environmental Assessment Practitioner

Environmental Consultant	Arcus GIBB (Pty) Ltd
Contact Person	Ms Jaana-Maria Ball / Mr Reuben Heydenrych
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Ms J-M Ball's Professional affiliation(s)	International Association for Impact Assessment (IAIA) South African Council for Natural Scientific Professions (SACNASP) South African Association of Botanists (SAAB) South African Institute of Ecologists and Environmental Scientists (SAIEES)
Expertise of Ms J-M Ball to carry out the EIA Process	Ms Jaana-Maria Ball M.Sc. (Botany); MBA; PrSciNat; is a Professional Environmental Scientist, Ecologist and Botanist. She is a Director of Arcus GIBB with 17 years experience in the environmental field, having been the Project Manager or Director of many high profile projects in Southern Africa. Jaana is currently the Discipline Leader of Arcus GIBB's Environmental Services Discipline. She specialises in strategic and operational planning as well as the management of complex Strategic Environmental Assessments (SEAs), EIAs and EMPs, co-ordination and execution of public involvement processes, Integrated Development Planning (IDP), environmental auditing and the management of large, multi-disciplinary project teams. Ms Ball is the Project Manager for this EIA.
Expertise of Mr R Heydenrych to carry out the EIA Process	Mr Reuben Heydenrych B.L. (Landscape Architecture) M.Phil (Environmental Management) is a Professional Landscape Architect and an Environmental Scientist with 16 years experience. He has been involved in project management, EIAs, environmental policy and guideline development, environmental auditing and implementation of environmental management systems, GIS-based environmental management frameworks and other decision-support systems, development of integrated environmental management guidelines, strategic planning, legislation development, landscape design and rehabilitation planning.

2.4 Details of Competent / Relevant Authority

The Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA) - formerly know as the Department of Environmental Affairs and Tourism (DEAT) - is the competent environmental authority for this application because the applicant (Eskom) is a statutory body¹. The mandate and core business of the DEA is underpinned by the Constitution and all other relevant legislation and policies applicable to the government, including the Batho Pele White Paper².

¹ The Eskom Conversion Act, 2001 (Act No. 13 of 2001) established Eskom Holdings Limited (Eskom) as a State Owned Enterprise, with the Government of South Africa as the only shareholder, represented by the Minister of Public Enterprises.

² Department of Environmental Affairs and Tourism Strategic Plan 2005-2010 (Revised 2007/2008)

The details of the Competent / Relevant Authority for this specific project are provided in **Table 2-3** below:

Table 2-3: Details of the Competent / Relevant Authority

Name:	Department of Environment Affairs
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The proposed NPS authorisation will be made by the DEA in consultation with the relevant provincial environmental authorities, namely the Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning (DEA&DP) of the Western Cape and the Department of Economic Development and Environmental Affairs (DEDEA) of the Eastern Cape.