

NOTICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION – BASIC ASSESSMENT

PROPOSED ARIADNE KENTERTON 132 kV POWER LINE AND SUBSTATION LOCATED WITHIN THE UMZUMBE LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, UGU DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY, KWAZULU-NATAL.

Notice is hereby given that Eskom Holdings SOC Ltd proposes the construction of the Ariadne–Kenterton 132 kV power line and associated upgrades to the existing Kenterton Substation, located within the Umzumbe Local Municipality, Ugu District Municipality, KwaZulu-Natal.

The proposed infrastructure is subject to the requirements of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act 107 of 1998), as amended, and the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014, as amended.

Eskom Holdings SOC Ltd proposes the construction of the approximately 10 km long Ariadne–Kenterton 132 kV power line as part of the planned upgrade of the existing Kenterton Substation. The substation upgrade will include the construction of two new 132 kV feeder bays, one to accommodate the existing Umzali–Kenterton 132 kV power line and the second to connect the proposed Ariadne–Kenterton 132 kV power line. The proposed infrastructure will strengthen and improve the reliability of the electricity transmission network within the project area by establishing a ring-fed 132 kV system at the Kenterton Substation.

In respect of the above, a Basic Assessment process is being undertaken in support of an application for Environmental Authorisation. The competent authority is the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment.

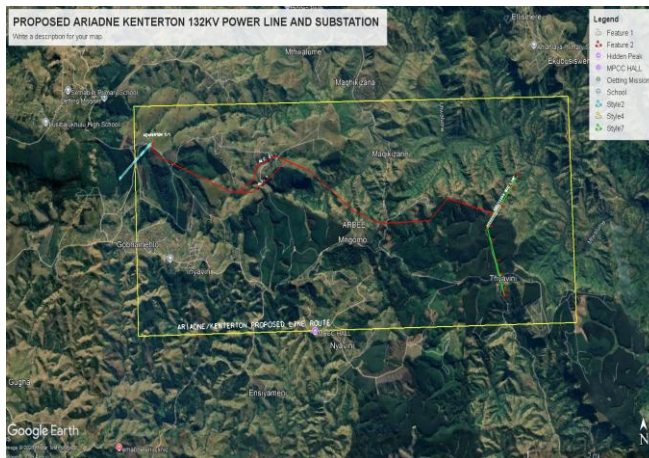


Figure 1: Locality Map for the Proposed Ariadne Kenterton Substation

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS

As part of the public participation process, you are invited to review the Draft Basic Assessment Report (BAR) and submit comments on the document. The Draft Basic Assessment Report will be made available for a 30-day public review and comment period. **09th October to 10th November 2026** at the following public places:

- Bhanoyi Secondary School - Hlokozi Road, Hlokozi, Highflats, 3306
- iNyavini Tribal Authority Office - Gobhamehlo Area, iNyavini Village, Umzumbe Rural, 4200
- Triplo4 Sustainable Solutions Ballito Offices;
- Triplo4 Website (www.triplo4.com)

Contact Details: Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) are invited to register by submitting their name, contact information and interest in the project to the environmental consultants. Kindly register in order to be kept informed throughout the application process, including notice of online platform links. **Further information may be obtained and comments may be submitted using these same contact details.**

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