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THE TRIAL of three Platfontein teenagers accused of raping a 10-year-old boy and a 12-year-old girl will con-tinue in the Galeshewe Magistrate's Court today This follows a preliminary inquiry conducted in the Kimberley Magistrate's Court on Friday to determine if the once would be keeped in the Child bettee Court on if the case would be heard in the Child Justice Court or

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STRATEGIC ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT (SEA) FOR DEVELOPMENT OF A PHASED GAS PIPELINE NETWORK OBK AND EXPANSION OF ELECTRICITY GRID INFRASTRUCTURE:

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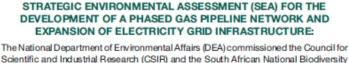


Figure 1: Refined Gas Corridors and Expanded EGI Corrido

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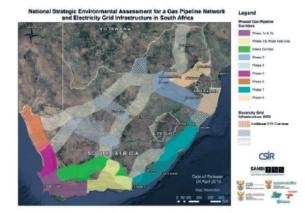


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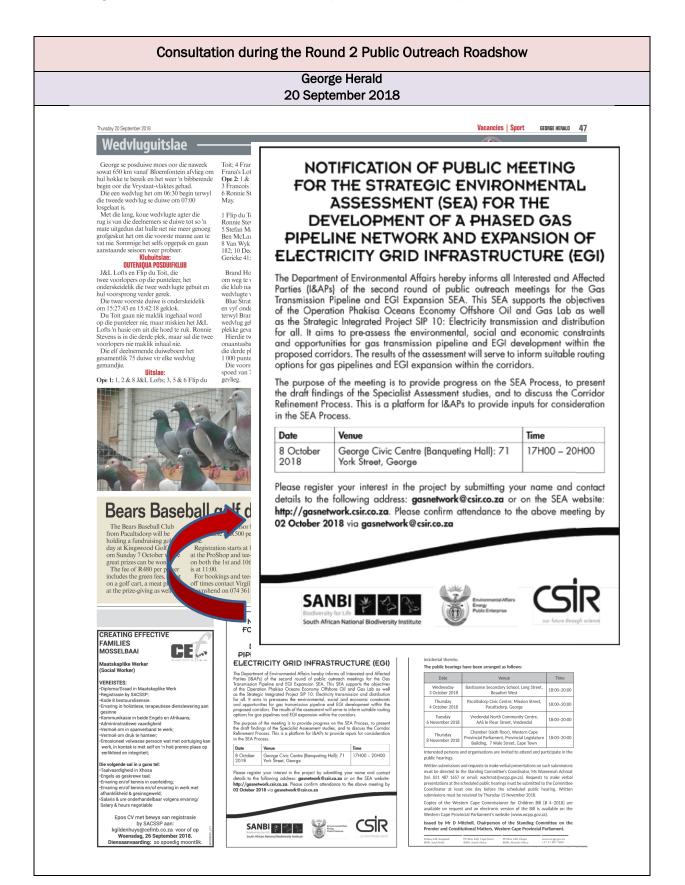
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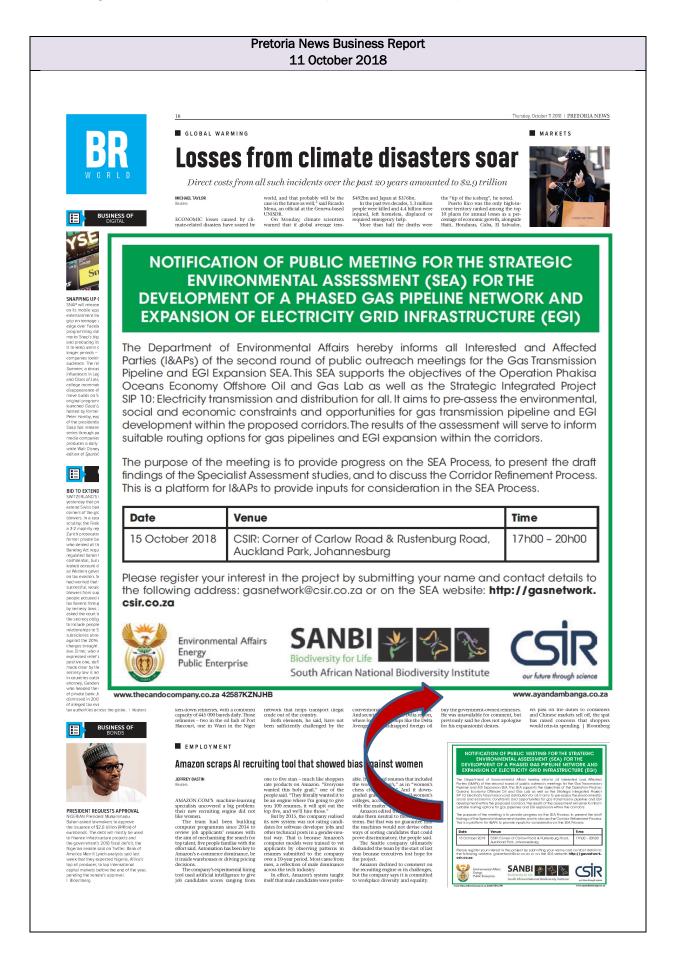


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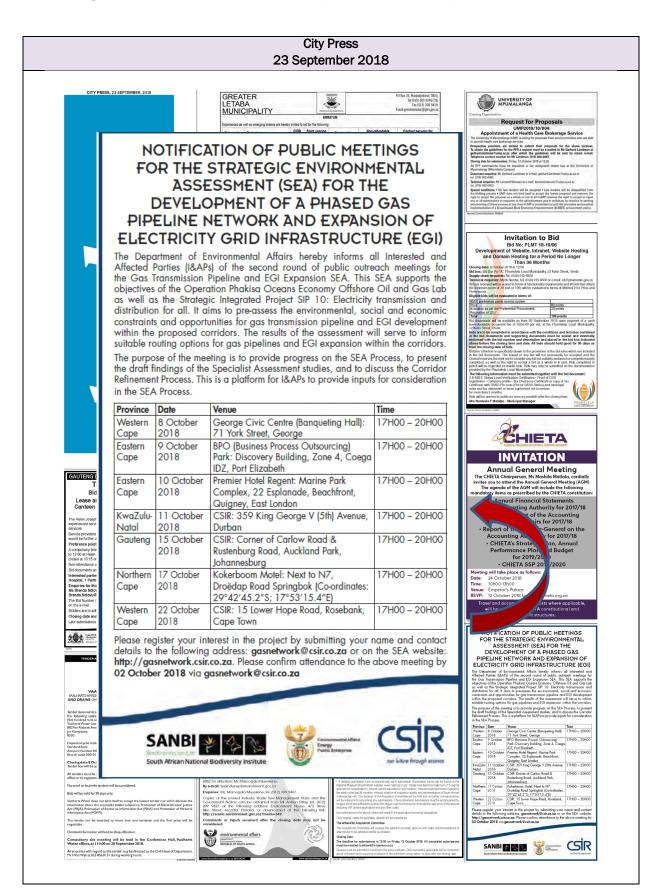


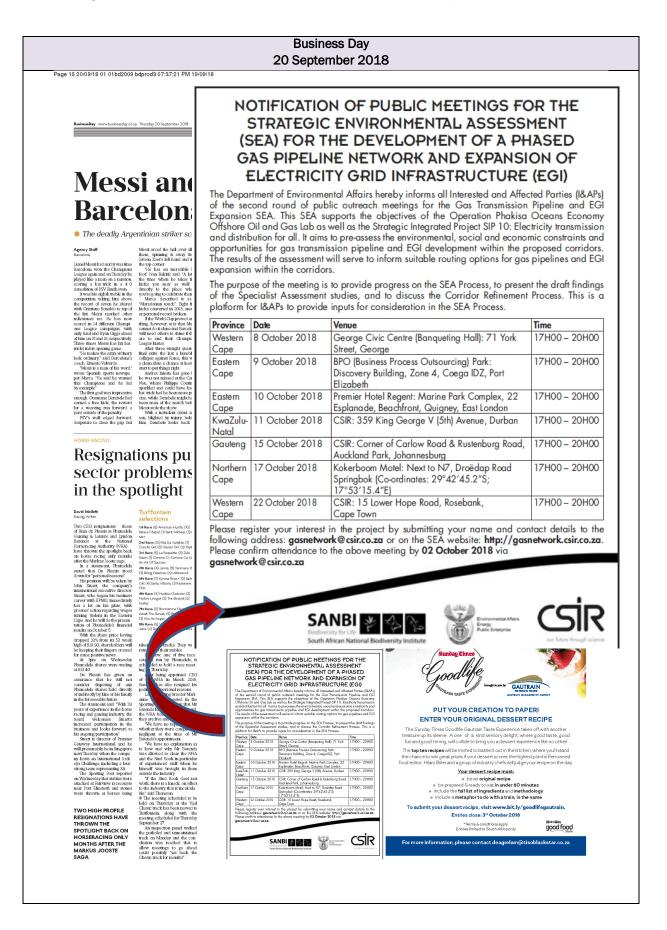














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Mothers Day Celebration

NOTIFICATION OF PUBLIC INFORMATION SHARING SESSION IN DURBAN FOR THE

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Please confirm attendance to the above information sharing session by $04\,June\,2019$ via email to gasnetwork@csir.co.za

Venue CSIR: 359 King George V (5th) Avenue Durban

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The Belvedere Senior Citizens game Club hosted a grand Mother's enter bay celebration to honour ocal mothers at the Belvedere Community Hall on Monday, 3 May.

The seniors had a splendid day like and were lavished with special gifts. Programme coordinator, Ragenee Pilay said, "The members were celebrated and treated to a hearty breaktast, a Wedr scrumptious lunch, fun and hall.

A chalf of the Belvedere or Citizens Club, we would be wish all the mothers a ci il Mother's Month."

The redere Seniors Group meets y Mondays and Wedne the community hall.

> Time 17H00 - 20H00

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Date	Venue	Time
13 June 2019	CSIR: 359 King George V (5 th) Avenue, Durban	17H00 – 20H00

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Gas Pipeline SEA:

- https://gasnetwork.csir.co.za/resources/gas-pipeline-sea-draft-sea-report/ • EGI Expansion SEA:
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South African National Biodiversity Institute

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Media Ministries Drug Free Nation SA recently conducted a back to basics workshop with pastors in the Verulam area.

The workshop was well attended and received by the local pastors. Founder of Media Ministries Drug Free Nation SA, Pastor Clive Roopnarain said, "Back to basics is a workshop that speaks about hollistic development (body, mind and spiht). It is an informative programme that includes a live presentation, audio visuals and a powerful health programme.

"The subject for this workshop was cutting edge technology. Pastors were addressed on many health issues and advised on alternative medicine to help with



Pastor Cilve Roopnarain seen with Verulam based Pastors at the Back to Basics workshop

some chronic illnesses. They were also encouraged to invest in their health by maintaining a balanced diet and exercising regularly, thereby bringing balance to an unbalanced lifestyle.

"Our community is plagued with chronic diseases such as diabetes,

hypertension (blood pressure), heart conditions, arthritis and many other sicknesses. The back to basics workshop alms to create an awareness on the various chronic diseases and how to prevent becoming a statistic. The workshop promotes a positive lifestyle change," added Pst Roopnarain.









A.7.2 Media Articles

Stage 2 Consultation (Draft Refined Corridors, Provincial, Municipal and Industry Feedback Exercise, and Draft Specialist Assessment and SEA Chapters)					
Consultation for the Draft Refined Corridors					
Copy of the Article placed in Engineering News on 6 July 2018 to inform the general public and stakeholders of the SEA and the Draft Refined Corridors					
7/30/2019 Engineering News - Key enviro assessment launched for 8A gas and power networks					
https://www.engineeringnews.co.za/article/research-bodies-compiling-gas-pipeline-grid- infrastructure-assessment-2018-07-06					
Key enviro assessment launched for SA gas and power networks					
6TH JULY 2018 BY: NADINE JAMES - CREAMER MEDIA WRITER					
he Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) and the South African National Biodiversity Institute (SANBI) are undertaking a strategic environmental assessment (SEA) for the development of a phased gas pipeline network and the expansion of the electricity grid infrastructure (EGI) corridors.					
The Department of Environmental Affairs commissioned the research as part of Operation Phakisa's offshore oil and gas exploration lab, as well as Strategic Integrated Project 10 – or SIP 10 – which is focused on electricity transmission and distribution for all.					
The Operation Phakisa Oceans Economy Lab aims to unlock the potential of the South African coast, with 11 initiatives identified as part of the offshore oil and gas exploration critical area. The development of a phased gas pipeline network was identified as Initiative A1.					
The estimated timeframe for the project is 24 months. The corridors are expected to be identified and assessed, with supporting documentation completed and the legal implementation process					
https://www.engineeringnews.co.za/print-version/research-bodies-compiling-gas-pipeline-grid-infrastructure-assessment-2018-07-06 1/5					

7/30/2019	Engineering News - Key enviro assessment launched for BA gas and power networks agreed upon by the end of 2018. Thereafter, it will be submitted for Cabinet consideration and subsequent gazetting.	
	Nine 100-km-wide corridors have been identified as key areas where gas transmission pipelines are required to meet future energy requirements. The CSIR notes that these extend along the coast from the border of Namibia to the border of Mozambique, including an inland link from Richards Bay to Gauteng; from Sasolburg to the border of Mozambique through Gauteng and Mpumalanga; from Cape Town to Port Elizabeth through the Karoo; and a link from the Shale Gas SEA 'sweet spot' area to the coastal corridor between Mossel Bay and Port Elizabeth.	
	The development of each phase will be based on its own viable business case. The SEA will also include the preassessment of an extension of the Eastern and Western gazetted EGI corridors to the borders of Mozambique and Namibia respectively.	
	The EGI extension will support potential business cases extending to these neighbouring countries and facilitate potential power sharing. Three proposed additional EGI corridors are being considered as part of this SEA.	
	One issue that has been identified is that the environmental authorisation (EA) process being applied to linear infrastructure, including gas transmission pipelines and EGI, may be too rigid to be an effective assessment mechanism for these types of structures.	
	"The current process locks the routing options to an approved route, determined well in advance of any construction process, which results in many challenges, such as complicated servitude and landowner negotiations," notes the CSIR.	
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7/30/2019	Engineering News - Key enviro assessment launched for SA gas and power networks	
	Another challenge of the current EA process is the lengthy timeline	
	for achieving EA, owing to the number of sector regulations	
	triggered by the activity, such as water use licences and other	
	permits. The CSIR further cites the cascading nature of	
	authorisations, failure to facilitate strategic planning and	
	investment on a spatial scale, as well as authorisations having a	
	limited validity period, as some of the other challenges.	
	To address these challenges, the SEA team aims to streamline the	
	EA process through the identification and preassessment of	
	strategic corridors for gas pipeline development and future EGI	
	expansion. It also aims to develop environmental management	
	measures and planning interventions, through which requirements	
	and specifications will be established to comply with when	
	developing a gas pipeline or transmission powerline within the	
	proposed corridors while informing the level of assessment	
	required on the ground.	
	This process will, therefore, enable the developer to have greater	
	flexibility when undertaking land negotiation and facilitate upfront	
	infrastructure investment.	
	As part of their assessment, the CSIR and SANBI will undertake	
	negative constraints mapping using available data sets and inputs	
	from specialists to identify key environmental criteria that should	
	be adhered to when the developer is planning the precise route of a	
	gas pipeline or transmission line within the corridors.	
	Examples of key environmental criteria to take into consideration	
	are protected areas, and critical biodiversity areas. Additional	
	constraints, such as topography, erosion, current land-use and	
	forested areas, will also be considered.	
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7/30/2019	Engineering News - Key enviro assessment launched for SA gas and power networks
	The results will serve to identify the optimum location for the
	proposed corridors, containing the lowest sensitivity areas and the
	least engineering constraints, and to inform suitable routing
	options for gas pipelines and EGI expansion.
	The SEA, including the specialist assessments, will be made
	available for comment through the project website, which can be
	accessed from the CSIR landing page.
	The SEA project team will consult with a wide range of stakeholders,
	including government, industry and specialists, to validate the
	findings of the assessment, but will also receive additional input
	based on national, provincial and local priorities.
	As part of the public outreach plan for the SEA, two rounds of open
	public briefings in the study area were proposed, along with
	supplementary sector-specific meetings.
	Round 1 was completed in November 2017, whereby six public
	briefings were undertaken in Cape Town and George, East London,
	Durban, Johannesburg and Springbok.
	Interested and affected parties, as well as stakeholders, are
	encouraged to visit the project website, register their interest and
	submit comments using email or the stakeholder portal. 🗊
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A.7.3 Correspondence Sent to Authorities and Municipalities

CORRESPONDENCE SENT TO AUTHORITIES AND MUNICIPALITIES FOR THE AUTHORITY AND PUBLIC OUTREACH ROADSHOWS

Stage 1 Consultation: Project Initiation; Preliminary Draft Initial Corridors and Negative Mapping

Consultation during the Round 1 Authority Roadshow

Example of one of the Invite Letters issued to the Provincial Government Departments for the Round 1 Authority Roadshow



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Ms Elizabeth Botes Head of Department The Department of Environment and Nature Conservation 90 Long Street, Kimberley, 8300 Private Bag X6120 Kimberley 8301

Dear Ms. Botes

STRATEGIC ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT (SEA) FOR A PHASED GAS PIPELINE NETWORK AND EXPANSION OF THE ELECTRICITY GRID INFRASTRUCTURE IN SOUTH AFRICA: PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT, AND DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY AND LOCAL MUNICIPALITY CONSULTATION FOR AN INTRODUCTION TO THE SEA PROCESS AND INITIAL CORRIDORS

In order to support the objectives of the Operation Phakisa Oceans Economy Oil and Gas Lab held in 2014, the Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA), Department of Energy (DoE) and the Department of Public Enterprises (DPE) (representing iGas, Eskom and Transnet), committed to jointly lead an initiative to streamline and integrate a regulatory process to facilitate the efficient and effective development of a phased gas pipeline network in the country while ensuring sustainable development.

It was agreed that in order to achieve this streamlined and efficient authorisation process, a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) methodology would be used to identify and pre-assess suitable gas routing corridors and expand the identified electricity grid infrastructure (EGI) power corridors (that were assessed as part of a separate SEA Process which concluded in 2016). It is intended that the final corridors will be submitted to Cabinet for approval to ensure buy-in from all Departments and to encourage the embedment and integration of these corridors into the Provincial and Local planning mechanisms to secure long term energy planning.

In April 2017, the DEA appointed the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) to undertake the Phased Gas Pipeline Network and EGI expansion SEA. The CSIR will undertake the SEA in collaboration with the South African National Biodiversity Institute (SANBI).

As part of the SEA, the CSIR and SANBI will assess the suitability and sensitivity of the proposed corridors for the phased gas pipeline network and EGI from an environmental, social and economic perspective. In order to do this successfully, the SEA Project Team will require a detailed understanding of both negative (constraints) and positive (development opportunities) within the corridors to inform routing options. Much of this information can be garnered from available national datasets; however consultation with government and other stakeholders will be an essential input into this process.

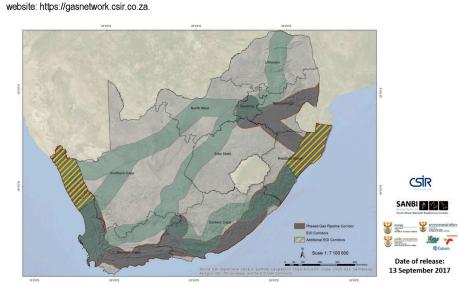
As part of the consultation process, the SEA Project Team proposes a series of public meetings and focus group meetings with the relevant government departments (Provinces, and District and Local Municipalities) to discuss the following:

- 1. The approach to the SEA Process and the location of the initial corridors with respect to provincial and municipal considerations;
- 2. The identification of significant constraints or development opportunities impacting on the location of possible options within the corridors; and
- Any additional information (e.g. Integrated Development Plans (IDPs), Spatial Development Frameworks (SDFs), and Environmental Management Frameworks (EMFs)) that should be taken into account when further assessing the location of the corridors and possible routing options.

This is a request to meet with yourself and other senior officials from the Northern Cape Provincial Government, and from affected District and Local Municipalities, to provide the DEA with an opportunity to introduce the study and to have discussions on how the location of the corridors and possible routing opportunities can be informed by your inputs.

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	Date:	9 November 2017	Date:	8 November 2017	
	Time: Venue:	09:30 – 11:30 Namakwa District Municipality (Lecture Hall): HJ Visser Building, Van Riebeeck Street, Springbok, 8240		18:00 to 20:00 Libra Hall: van Niekerk Street, Bergsig, Springbok	
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Attendance Request:
You are hereby invited by the National Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA) to attend consultation meetings on the Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) for the identification of energy corridors, as well as assessment and management measures for the development of a Phased Gas Pipeline Network and Expansion of the Electricity Grid Infrastructure (EGI) for South Africa.
Background:
In order to realise the potential of the gas reserves in the country and to contribute to the transition to a low carbon economy, the Operation Phakisa Offshore Oil and Gas Lab has set a target of achieving 30 exploration wells in the next 10 years. In addition, the need to accelerate the planning for gas to power as part of the Government's Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) and for State Owned Entities to pre-plan for the logical development of gas transmission servitudes within South Africa was identified. The phased development of a gas pipeline network therefore forms part of the infrastructure envisaged as an enabler for the offshore oil and gas exploration and exploitation and has the potential to unlock further possibilities for the growth of the gas industry in SA.
To support the objectives of the Operation Phakisa Oceans Economy Oil and Gas Lab and to ensure that when required, environmental authorisations are not a cause for delay, the DEA, Department of Energy (DoE) and the Department of Public Enterprises (DPE) (representing iGas, Eskom and Transnet) intend to apply a SEA methodology to identify and pre-assess suitable gas routing corridors. The intention of undertaking SEAs is to pre-assess environmental sensitivities within the proposed development areas at a regional scale to achieve a streamlined and efficient authorisation process.
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It is intended that the final corridors will be submitted to Cabinet for approval to ensure buy-in from all Departments and to encourage the embedment and integration of these corridors into the Provincial and Local planning mechanisms to secure long term energy planning.
As part of the SEA, the CSIR and South African National Biodiversity Institute (SANBI) will assess the suitability and sensitivity of the proposed corridors for the phased gas pipeline network and EGI from an environmental, social and economic perspective. In order to do this successfully, the SEA Project Team will require a detailed understanding of both negative (constraints) and positive (development opportunities) within the corridors to inform routing options. Much of this information can be garnered from available national datasets; however consultation with government and other stakeholders will be an essential input into this process. It is proposed that nine corridors will be assessed for gas and that two of the previously assessed EGI SEA corridors (i.e. Western and Eastern Corridors) will be extended and re-assessed. Refer to Figure 1 below.



The Project Initiation Phase of the SEA is now complete and additional information can be found on the dedicated project website: https://gasnetwork.csir.co.za.

Figure 1: Proposed Phased Gas Pipeline Network and EGI expansion corridors.

Meeting Details:

As part of the consultation process, the SEA Project Team proposes a series of focus group meetings with the relevant government departments (Provincial Departments and, District and Local Municipalities) to discuss the following:

- The approach to the SEA Process and the location of the initial corridors with respect to provincial and municipal considerations;
- The identification of significant constraints or development opportunities impacting on the location of possible options within the corridors; and
- Any additional information (e.g. Integrated Development Plans (IDPs), Spatial Development Frameworks (SDFs), and Environmental Management Frameworks (EMFs)) that should be taken into account when further assessing the location of the corridors and possible routing options.

This is a request to meet with yourself and other senior officials from your department, to provide DEA with an opportunity to introduce you to the study and to have discussions on how the location of the corridors and possible routing opportunities can be informed by your inputs.

It is kindly requested that the relevant Head of Department or suitable alternative representative from the Northern Cape Provincial Government, and relevant District and Local Municipalities be present at this meeting. Please ensure that this invitation is extended to the relevant persons responsible for the above areas at the earliest opportunity.

The following date and time has been suggested and the venue will be confirmed in due course:

Date: Thursday, 9 November 2017 Time: 10:30 - 12:30 Venue: To be confirmed

Mr. Simon Moganetsi, Director: Systems and Tools (DEA) is the relevant official to liaise with regarding this request. His contact details are listed below.

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Stage 2 Consultation (Draft Refined Corridors, Provincial, Municipal and Industry Feedback Exercise, and Draft Specialist Assessment and SEA Chapters)			
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Background:			
Operation Phakisa (2014) is a Government initiative to fast track the implementation of solutions on critical development issues. It includes the 1) Oceans Economy Lab; 2) Health Lab and 3) Education Lab that were identified to ensure a better, faster and more effective implementation of priority programmes. The Oceans Economy Lab aims to unlock the potential of the South African coast and considers the following four critical areas:			
 Marine Transport and Manufacturing; Offshore Oil and Gas Exploration; Aquaculture; Marine Protection Services and Ocean Governance. 			
This communication is related to the critical area of Offshore Oil and Gas Exploration. Eleven initiatives were identified as part of the Offshore Oil and Gas Exploration critical area and the development of a Phased Gas Pipeline Network was identified as initiative A1 of the Offshore Oil and Gas Exploration Lab.			
In order to realise the potential of the gas reserves in the country and to contribute to the transition to a low carbon economy, the Operation Phakisa Offshore Oil and Gas Lab (2014) also set a target of achieving 30 exploration wells in the next 10 years. To support the objectives of the Operation Phakisa Oceans Economy Oil and Gas Lab and to ensure that when required, environmental authorisations are not a cause for delay, the Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA), Department of Energy (DoE) and the Department of Public Enterprises (DPE), as well as iGas, Eskom and Transnet, have commissioned the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) to undertake a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) to identify and pre-assess suitable corridors for a Phased Gas Pipeline Network and for the expansion of the EGI corridors that were assessed as part of a previous SEA Process (which was in response to the Strategic Integrated Project SIP 10: Electricity transmission and distribution for all), which concluded in 2016. The CSIR is undertaking the SEA in collaboration with the South African National Biodiversity Institute (SANBI).			
The SEA Process is a high level assessment undertaken before an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Process , and it is intended to be a pro-active instrument for addressing environmental consequences before implementation and to support the site specific authorisation process. The vision of the SEA is the development of a strategic gas pipeline network and expansion of the gazetted EGI corridors in an environmentally responsible and efficient manner that responds effectively to South Africa's economic and social development needs.			
The SEA is effective, efficient and responsible, as it will:			
 Identify strategic 100 km wide corridors for the phased gas pipeline network and future EGI expansion at a national scale based on future energy supply and demand requirements. Identify environmental sensitivities as well as social and economic development priorities at a national, regional and localised level. Devise mechanisms to secure long term energy zones and corridors (against unfavourable land uses and activities). 			

 Streamline the authorisation process by pre-assessing environmental sensitivities to avoid fatal flaws and focus on the site specific level of assessment required. Enable developer's greater flexibility to consider a range of route alternatives within the pre-assessed corridors to minimise the impacts of land negotiation issues. Promote collaborative governance between authorising authorities mandated to approve or license aspects of gas pipeline and EGI development. 	
 Contribute to skills development as part of the SEA Process via the implementation of an internship programme within the SEA Project Team, experience gained within the team itself, conferences etc. Develop a generic Environmental Management Programme (EMPr), Norms or Standards and a Pre-construction Site Specific Development Protocol, which prescribes the level of site specific assessment required. 	
Norms or Standards will be developed for areas of lower sensitivity within the corridors, where the need for an Environmental Authorisation application will be negated, provided that the Norms or Standard and a specific level of assessment (such as a compliance statement, specialist site verification, adherence to the generic EMPr etc.) is applied. Therefore, some level of site assessment will still be required. The level of stakeholder engagement required at a project specific level will be detailed in the Standards and/or include in the EMPr.	
The Pre-construction Site Specific Development Protocol will be developed to provide guidance to the applicant when undertaking the environmental assessment within the corridors and to ensure environmental protection at a site level.	
Approach to the SEA:	
The SEA Process was initiated in April 2017 and is being undertaken in the following three phases:	
 Phase 1: Inception; Phase 2: Assessment of the Corridors; and Phase 3: Gazetting and Decision- Making Framework. 	
The Inception Phase (i.e. Phase 1) was completed in June 2017. During this phase, an Inception Meeting was held; and the project specific website (https://gasnetwork.csir.co.za) and email address (gasnetwork@csir.co.za) were created, and an Expert Reference Group (ERG) and Project Steering Committee (PSC) were convened. The first PSC and ERG meetings for the SEA Process took place on 13 September 2017 at the CSIR Offices in Pretoria.	
The SEA Process is currently in Phase 2, which is focused on the assessment of the corridors. The following specialist studies have been commissioned as part of the SEA:	
 Biodiversity and Ecological Impacts (Terrestrial and Aquatic Ecosystems, Flora and Fauna) for the gas corridors and the additional EGI corridors; Fauna (including Bat Impact Assessment) (for the gas corridors and the additional EGI corridors); Avifauna (for the gas corridors and the additional EGI corridors); Visual Aesthetics (for the additional EGI Corridors only); Impacts of seismicity on the gas corridors and the additional EGI corridors; and Socio-economics and planning assessment (including governance, gas benefits and regional planning for the gas corridors as applicable). 	
A Soils and Agricultural specialist is also appointed to provide inputs to the sensitivity mapping, EMPr and Protocols for the agricultural land component.	
The next ERG and PSC meeting is planned for June 2018 to provide feedback on the draft specialist studies.	
Way forward in terms of Consultation and Collaboration with Provinces and Municipalities:	
The CSIR and SANBI are reviewing Spatial Development Frameworks (SDFs) of Provinces and District Municipalities in order to obtain information on proposed major infrastructure developments, such as (but not limited to) mining areas, agricultural developments and industrial zone development. The objective of this review is the alignment of the SEA and the Municipality planning processes, where available. To maintain contact, the Project Team has also gathered contact details of the affected Provincial Planning Departments and is in the process of acquiring spatial data for the abovementioned major infrastructure developments and SDFs.	

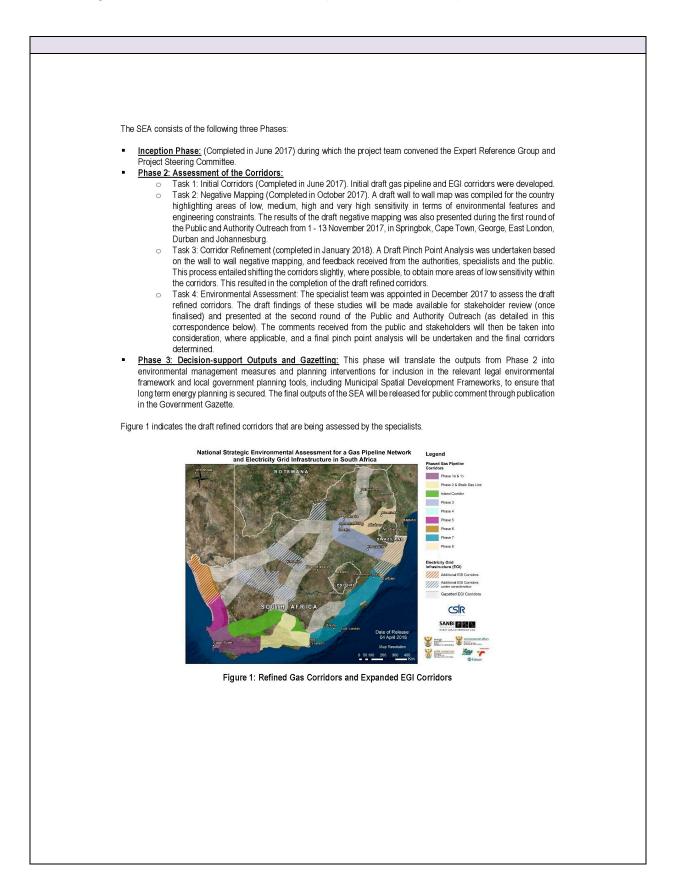
The Project Team would appreciate support from the Provincial Government and Municipalities in this regard, to support alignment of the National and Provincial initiatives, while efficiently using available land resources. It is known to particular information regarding future planning by the District and Local Municipalities are to be taken into consideration when assessing the best alignment for the proposed gas pipeline and EGI expansion corridors. Kindly note that relevant representatives from Provincial Government and Municipalities should not hesitate to submit inputs on the SEA Project as Project and accordingly spread awareness. In the ST Project as Project and Project Section of the Project Section of the SEA Project and and updates will be made available on the project website. Additional project background information can be found on the following project website: https://gasnetwork.csir.co.za/ Should you require additional information, you are welcome to consult with the CSIR Project Team or the DEA using the contact details provided below: DEA: Mr. Simon Moganetsi Director: Systems and Tools Director: Systems and T				
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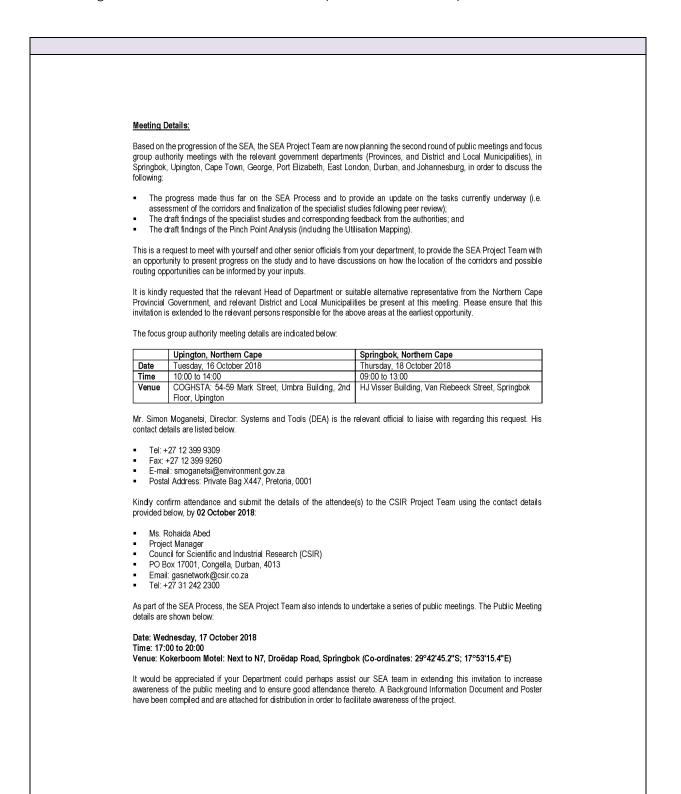
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In order to support the National Development Plan and Operation Phakisa, the Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA), Department of Energy (DoE) and Department of Public Enterprises (DPE), together with iGas, Eskom and Transnet, have commissioned a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Process to identify and pre-assess suitable gas routing corridors and to expand identified Electricity Grid Infrastructure (EGI) corridors to facilitate a streamlined Environmental Assessment Process for the development of energy infrastructure related to gas and electricity, while ensuring sustainable development. EGI corridors were assessed as part of a separate SEA Process (in response to the Strategic Integrated Project SIP 10: Electricity transmission and distribution for all) which concluded in 2016 and was gazetted in 2018. It is intended that the final corridors will be submitted to Cabinet for approval to ensure buy-in from all Departments and to encourage the embedment and integration of these corridors into the Provincial and Local planning mechanisms to secure long term energy planning.				
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A first series of public and focus group authority meetings was carried out in November 2017 to present the SEA Process and gather inputs from stakeholders with regards to the proposed location of the abovementioned corridors.				
A second round of public meetings and focus group authority meetings with the relevant government departments (Provinces, and District and Local Municipalities) is now planned in Springbok, Upington, Cape Town, George, Port Elizabeth, East London, Durban and Johannesburg, in order to discuss the following:				

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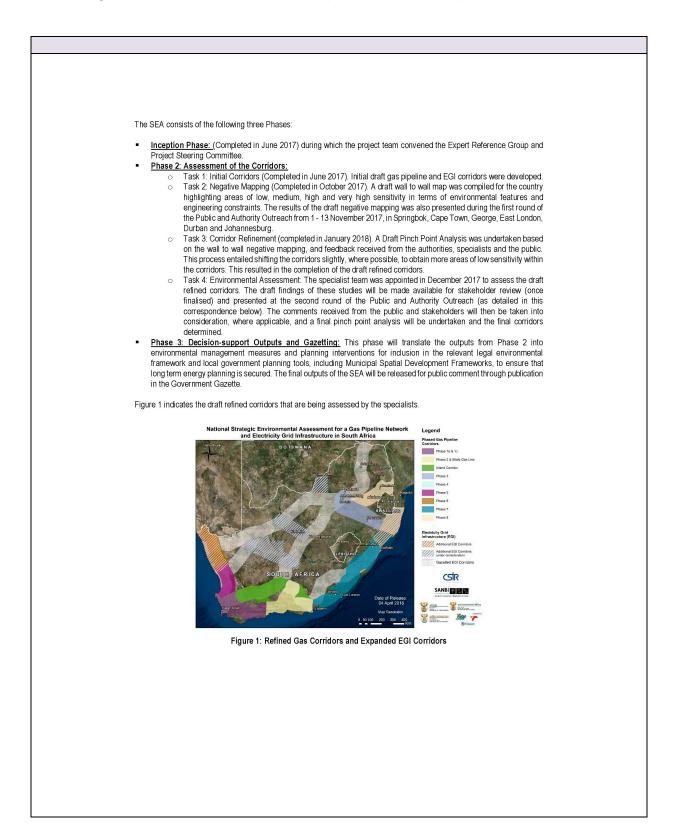
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Should you require additional information, you are welcome to consult with the CSIR Project Team (Rohaida Abed) using the contact details provided above. The DEA is looking forward to working with you on this very important project. Yours sincerely Ms N Ngcaba Director General Department of Environmental Affairs Letter signed by: Ms Dee Fischer Chief Director Integrated Environmental Management Support Department of Environmental Affairs Date: 02 August 2018

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Meeting Details: Based on the progression of the SEA, the SEA Project Team are now planning the second round of public meetings and focus group authority meetings with the relevant government departments (Provinces, and District and Local Municipalities), in Springbok, Upington, Cape Town, George, Port Elizabeth, East London, Durban, and Johannesburg, in order to discuss the following: . The progress made thus far on the SEA Process and to provide an update on the tasks currently underway (i.e. assessment of the corridors and finalization of the specialist studies following peer review); The draft findings of the specialist studies and corresponding feedback from the authorities; and The draft findings of the Pinch Point Analysis (including the Utilisation Mapping). This is a request to meet with yourself and other senior officials from your department, to provide SEA Project Team with an opportunity to present progress on the study and to have discussions on how the location of the corridors and possible routing opportunities can be informed by your inputs. It is kindly requested that the relevant Head of Department or suitable alternative representative from the [INSERT DEPARTMENT NAME be present at this meeting. Please ensure that this invitation is extended to the relevant persons responsible for the above areas at the earliest opportunity. The focus group authority meeting details are indicated below: Springbok, Northern Cape Upington, Northern Cape Date Tuesday, 16 October 2018 Thursday, 18 October 2018 Time 10:00 to 14:00 09:00 to 13:00 COGHSTA: 54-59 Mark Street, Umbra Building, Venue HJ Visser Building, Van Riebeeck Street, 2nd Floor, Upington Springbok Mr. Simon Moganetsi, Director: Systems and Tools (DEA) is the relevant official to liaise with regarding this request. His contact details are listed below. Tel: +27 12 399 9309 Fax: +27 12 399 9260 E-mail: smoganetsi@environment.gov.za Postal Address: Private Bag X447, Pretoria, 0001 Kindy confirm attendance and submit the details of the attendee(s) to the CSIR Project Team using the contact details provided below, by 02 October 2018: Ms. Rohaida Abed Project Manager Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) PO Box 17001, Congella, Durban, 4013 Email: gasnetwork@csir.co.za Tel: +27 31 242 2300 As part of the SEA Process, the SEA Project Team also intends to undertake a series of public meetings. The Public Meeting details are shown below: Date: Wednesday, 17 October 2018 Time: 17:00 to 20:00 Venue: Kokerboom Motel: Next to N7, Droëdap Road, Springbok (Co-ordinates: 29°42'45.2"S; 17°53'15.4"E) It would be appreciated if your Department could perhaps assist our SEA team in extending this invitation to increase awareness of the public meeting and to ensure good attendance thereto. A Background Information Document and Poster have been compiled and are attached for distribution in order to facilitate awareness of the project. Should you require additional information, you are welcome to consult with the CSIR Project Team using the contact details provided above

The DEA is looking forward to working with you on this very important project.

Yours sincerely

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Dear Government Stakeholder

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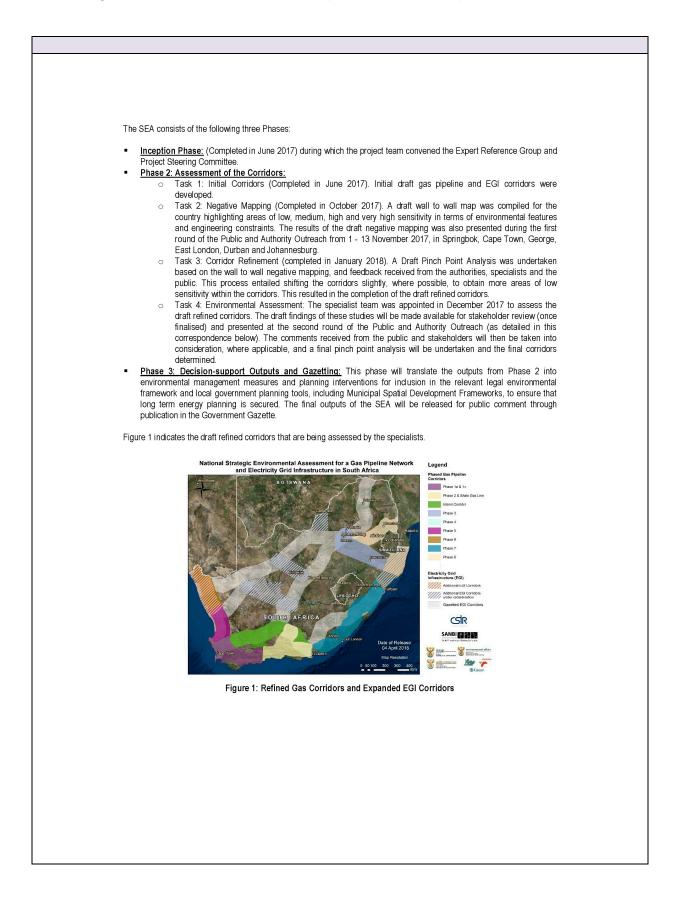
In order to realise the potential of the gas reserves in the country and to contribute to the transition to a low carbon economy, the Operation Phakisa Offshore Oil and Gas Lab has set a target of achieving 30 exploration wells in the next 10 years. In addition, the need to accelerate the planning for gas to power as part of the Government's Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) and for State Owned Entities to pre-plan for the logical development of gas transmission servitudes within South Africa was identified. The phased development of a gas pipeline network therefore forms part of the infrastructure envisaged as an enabler for the offshore oil and gas exploration and exploitation and has the potential to unlock further possibilities for the growth of the gas industry in SA.

To support the objectives of the Operation Phakisa Oceans Economy Oil and Gas Lab, as well as the National Development Plan (NDP), and to ensure that when required, environmental authorisations are not a cause for delay, the DEA, Department of Energy (DoE) and the Department of Public Enterprises (DPE), together with iGas, Eskom and Transnet have commissioned a SEA to identify and pre-assess suitable gas routing corridors and to expand identified EGI corridors to facilitate a streamlined Environmental Assessment (EA) Process for the development of energy infrastructure related to gas and electricity, while ensuring sustainable development.

In April 2017, the DEA appointed the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) to undertake a SEA for the Phased Gas Pipeline Network and for the expansion of the EGI corridors that were assessed as part of a separate SEA Process (in response to the Strategic Integrated Project SIP 10: Electricity transmission and distribution for all) which concluded in 2016 and was gazetted in 2018. This SEA is being undertaken in collaboration with the South African National Biodiversity Institute (SANBI).

It is intended that the final corridors will be submitted to Cabinet for approval to ensure buy-in from all Departments and to encourage the embedment and integration of these corridors into the Provincial and Local planning mechanisms to secure long term energy planning.

As part of the SEA, the CSIR and SANBI will assess the suitability and sensitivity of the proposed corridors for the phased gas pipeline network and EGI from an environmental, social and economic perspective. In order to do this successfully, the SEA Project Team require a detailed understanding of both negative (constraints) and positive (development opportunities) within the corridors to inform routing options. Much of this information can be garnered from available national datasets; however consultation with government and other stakeholders will be an essential input into this process.



Meeting Details:

Based on the progression of the SEA, the SEA Project Team are now planning the second round of public meetings and focus group authority meetings with the relevant government departments (Provinces, and District and Local Municipalities), in Springbok, Upington, Cape Town, George, Port Elizabeth, East London, Durban, and Johannesburg, in order to discuss the following:

- The progress made thus far on the SEA Process and to provide an update on the tasks currently underway (i.e. assessment of the corridors and finalization of the specialist studies following peer review); The draft findings of the specialist studies and corresponding feedback from the authorities; and
- The draft findings of the Pinch Point Analysis (including the Utilisation Mapping).

This is a request to meet with yourself and other senior officials from your department, to provide the SEA Project Team with an opportunity to present progress on the study and to have discussions on how the location of the corridors and possible routing opportunities can be informed by your inputs.

It is kindly requested that the relevant Head of Department or suitable alternative representative from Provincial Government, and relevant District and Local Municipalities be present at this meeting. Please ensure that this invitation is extended to the relevant persons responsible for the above areas at the earliest opportunity.

The focus group authority meeting details are indicated below:

Province	Date	Venue	Time		
AUTHORITY MEETINGS					
Western Cape - George	8 October 2018	George Civic Centre: Banqueting Hall, 71 York Street, George	09H30 – 14H30		
Eastern Cape - Port Elizabeth	9 October 2018	Eastern Cape DEDEAT Offices: Collegiate House, Cnr of Athol Fugard Terrace & Castle Hill, Central Port Elizabeth, 6001	11H00 – 16H00		
Eastern Cape - East London	10 October 2018	Calgary Conference Centre (Museum): Stutterheim Road, East London, 5201 (Co-ordinates: 32°54'48.4"S; 27°53'46.6"E)	11H00 – 16H00		
KwaZulu-Natal - Durban	12 October 2018	CSIR: 359 King George V (5th) Avenue, Durban	09H00 – 14H00		
Gauteng - Johannesburg	15 October 2018	SALGA Office: 33rd Hoofd Street, Forum 2, 3rd Floor, Braampark, Braamfontein, Johannesburg	10H00 – 15H00		
Northern Cape – Upington	16 October 2018	COGHSTA: 54-59 Mark Street, Umbra Building, 2nd Floor, Upington	10H00 – 14H00		
Northern Cape - Springbok	18 October 2018	HJ Visser Building, Van Riebeeck Street, Springbok, 8240	09H00 – 13H00		
Western Cape - Cape Town	19 October 2018	SALGA House: 7th Floor, 44 Strand Street, Cape Town	09H00 – 14H00		

Mr. Simon Moganetsi, Director: Systems and Tools (DEA) is the relevant official to liaise with regarding this request. His contact details are listed below.

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Kindy confirm attendance and submit the details of the attendee(s) to the CSIR Project Team using the contact details provided below, by 08 October 2018:

- Ms. Rohaida Abed
- Project Manager
- Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR)
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As part of the SEA Process, the SEA Project Team also intends to undertake a series of public meetings. The Public Meeting details are shown below:

Province	Date	Venue	Time		
PUBLIC MEETINGS					
Western Cape - George	8 October 2018	George Civic Centre (Banqueting Hall): 71 York Street, George	17H00 – 20H00		
Eastern Cape - Port Elizabeth	9 October 2018	BPO (Business Process Outsourcing) Park: Discovery Building, Zone 4, Coega IDZ, Port Elizabeth	17H00 – 20H00		
Eastern Cape - East London	10 October 2018	Premier Hotel Regent: Marine Park Complex, 22 Esplanade, Beachfront, Quigney, East London	17H00 – 20H00		
KwaZulu-Natal - Durban	11 October 2018	CSIR: 359 King George V (5th) Avenue, Durban	17H00 – 20H00		
Gauteng - Johannesburg	15 October 2018	CSIR: Comer of Carlow Road & Rustenburg Road, Auckland Park, Johannesburg	17H00 – 20H00		
Northern Cape - Springbok	17 October 2018	Kokerboom Motel: Next to N7, Droëdap Road, Springbok (Co- ordinates: 29°42'45.2"S; 17°53'15.4"E)	17H00 – 20H00		
Western Cape - Cape Town	22 October 2018	CSIR: 15 Lower Hope Road, Rosebank, Cape Town	17H00 – 20H00		

It would be appreciated if your Department could perhaps assist our SEA team in extending this invitation to increase awareness of the public meeting and to ensure good attendance thereto. A Background Information Document and Poster have been compiled and are attached for distribution in order to facilitate awareness of the project.

Should you require additional information, you are welcome to consult with the CSIR Project Team (Rohaida Abed) using the contact details provided above.

The DEA is looking forward to working with you on this very important project.

Yours sincerely あみ Ms N Ngcaba

Director General

Department of Environmental Affairs Letter signed by: Ms Dee Fischer Chief Director Integrated Environmental Management Support Department of Environmental Affairs Date: 02 August 2018