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REGISTRATION AS AN INTERESTED AND AFFECTED PARTY ((I&APs))

APPLICATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION FOR THE PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF THE CASHAN SUBSTATION AND ADDITIONAL 132KVA POWER LINE TO THE EXISTING HEKPOORT SUBSTATION BY ESKOM, NORTH WEST

DEA REFERENCE NUMBER: 14/12/16/3/3/1/1273

I hereby request that I be registered as Interested and Affected Party on this project.

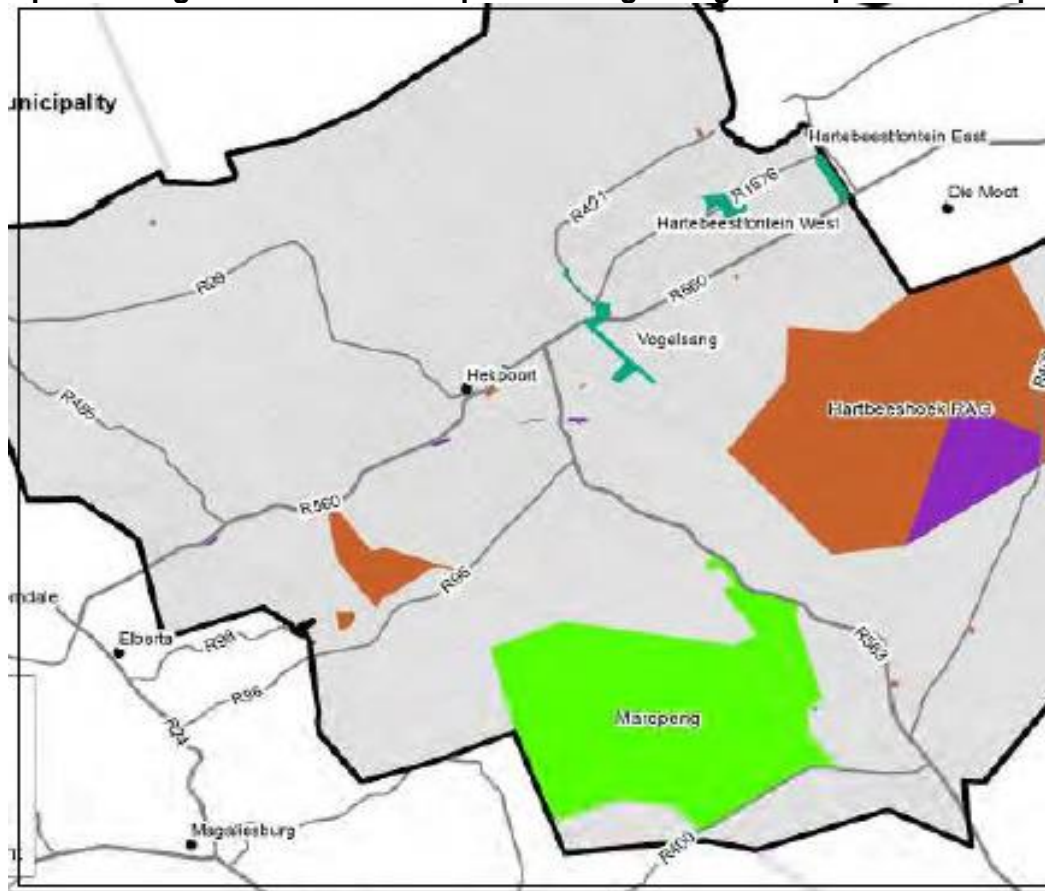
I am the owner and affected party representing the following properties:

- Secion 186 Hekpoort JQ504
- Secion 96 Hekpoort JQ504
- Secion 178 Hekpoort JQ504
- Secion 179 Hekpoort JQ504

I am opposed to this project for the following reasons:

- The planned location of this project is not suitably located and in line with the Spatial Plan as intended by Mogale City as the development is planned in the Central area if Hekpoort far from the intended site. The planned route will pass by the development area only to be routed back requiring more infrastructure.. Significant cost savings can be achieved by locating the substation close to the intended Vogelsang and Dr Sefago Village development as planned in the Hekpoort Spatial Development plan and **as was previously planned**. The municipality already owns land in this area that will reduce the environmental impact significantly. Alternative options and locations for the substation should be considered.
- The current planned routes also cross the Magalies river being a sensitive area and that will lead to the destruction of natural forest and environment. This will have a huge impact on the natural habitat of several animals, fish and vegetation such as serval cats, vervet monkeys, porcupines, Yellow fish, aloes and several other sensitive species that will be affected. Vervet monkeys are protected in terms of both national and provincial conservation legislation and also in terms of national animal protection legislation.

Map reflecting the location of the planned Vogelsang development in Hekpoort



- From a visual perspective the selected site will have a severe visual impact as is located in the eye on the corner of forking roads, whereas there are several areas that will have a lesser impact. It also obstructs the view from my home.
- The Power lines will also pose a safety hazard and threat to the hot air ballooning activities that are performed in the area as the properties on which the activities are planned are used as launching and landing sites.
- From a farming perspective the substation is planned on an arable land that will negatively impact on my farming activities as it is on one of the only portions that I can irrigate.
- I am sure that by relocation and re-routing of the line the environmental impact can be reduced significantly.

There are several other concerns that my neighbours and I have, and I would like to invite you to visit me so that we can discuss my concerns and proposals in more detail.

Please contact me if you need more information.

Regards

A stylized, handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J C Cronje'.

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