

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT, FORESTRY AND FISHERIES

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**NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT ACT, 1998
(ACT NO. 107 OF 1998)****CONSULTATION ON THE IDENTIFICATION OF GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS OF STRATEGIC IMPORTANCE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF ELECTRICITY TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION INFRASTRUCTURE AND TO REPEAL GOVERNMENT NOTICE 113, PUBLISHED UNDER GOVERNMENT GAZETTE 41445 OF 16 FEBRUARY 2018**

I, Barbara Dallas Creecy, Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment, hereby consult on the intention to identify seven geographical areas, which are of strategic importance when planning for the development of electricity transmission and distribution infrastructure, in terms of section 24(3) of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998). These areas are called *Strategic Transmission Corridors* and are set out in the attached Schedule and located on a map included as **Appendix 1**.

The environmental attributes associated with these corridors were determined through the specialist assessments prepared as part of the *Strategic Environmental Assessment for Electricity Grid Infrastructure in South Africa, 2016*, and the *Strategic Environmental Assessment for the Expansion of Electricity Grid Infrastructure Corridors in South Africa, 2019*, and their associated sensitivity displayed as national data in the various environmental themes on the national web based environmental screening tool.

The *Strategic Environmental Assessment for Electricity Grid Infrastructure in South Africa, 2016* can be accessed at: <http://egi.csir.co.za/>; or <http://and https://egis.environment.gov.za/>.

The *Strategic Environmental Assessment for the Expansion of Electricity Grid Infrastructure Corridors in South Africa, 2019*, can be accessed at: <https://egis.environment.gov.za/>; or at <https://gasnetwork.csir.co.za/final-sea-reports/>.

The boundaries of the *Strategic Transmission Corridors* can be accessed at <http://egis.environment.gov.za – Geographical Areas>; and the screening tool can be accessed at: <https://screening.environment.gov.za/screeningtool>.

This Notice will repeal Government Notice No. 113 published under Government Gazette 41445 of 16 February 2018, from the date of publication for implementation in the Government Gazette.

Members of the public are invited to submit written comments or input, within 30 days after the publication of this Notice in the *Gazette*, to any of the off the following address.

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Comments or input received after the closing date may not be considered.



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STRATEGIC TRANSMISSION CORRIDORS

The *Strategic Transmission Corridors* related to electricity transmission and distribution infrastructure are as follows:

Western corridor;
Northern corridor;
International corridor;
Eastern corridor;
Central corridor;
Expanded Western corridor; and
Expanded Eastern corridor.

Appendix 1 – Strategic Transmission Corridors

