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STRATEGIC ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A GAS PIPELINE NETWORK AND EXPANSION OF ELECTRICITY GRID INFRASTRUCTURE (EGI) FOR SOUTH AFRICA

Guideline: How to provide comments on the Draft Specialist Assessment Report Chapters

Dear Registered Stakeholder

You are invited to provide written comments on the Draft Specialist Assessment Report Chapters for the Gas Pipeline and Electricity Grid Infrastructure (EGI) Expansion Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA). Additional documents - Part 1: Background to the SEA and Part 2: Identification of the Draft Energy Corridors for Specialist Assessment - have also been made available for information purposes.

The assessment chapters are labelled, and each has been formatted to include page numbers. Each page has line numbers on the left margin of the page. Line numbering is not continuous throughout the document, but restarts at number 1 on each page.

In order for the chapter authors to be able to respond to your comments, the comments need to be as clear and specific as possible. For this reason a comment template form is provided (as an Excel Spreadsheet). Clearly indicate the chapter number and name in the first row of the spreadsheet. Begin your comment by specifying the exact passage of text to which it refers, by giving the page number and line number for the beginning and end of the text. If you have a general comment which applies to the whole chapter, you can mark it with page 1 line 1 to last page last line. If you review more than one chapter, please create a new spreadsheet for each, since they need to be separated out for different author teams.

The authors are not able to respond to generalised comments. Where you disagree with the information provided by the authors or their interpretation, you need to provide an alternative, or point to a traceable source where evidence can be found. For example, an actionable comment might say "The values suggested for the size of the resource are likely to be underestimated, see Smit 2013 SA Journal of Petroleum Geology 3:12-18". This allows the authors to follow up on your comment effectively. Every legible and correctly submitted comment will be responded to by the author teams, which will be documented and made available in the public domain. Please take this into consideration when providing comments, i.e. you need to be comfortable with the comments you make as they will be captured in the SEA in print, associated with your name or organisation) (See example in the table below). Kindly follow these instructions closely when preparing and submitting your comments.

Example of a completed assessment chapter review spreadsheet:

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John Doe	2	8		The values suggested for the size of the available resource are likely to be underestimated, see Grizzetti <i>et.al</i> 2016 Environmental Science and Policy 61: 194-203
John Doe	28	8	Fig 2	The legend to Figure 2 is illegible
John Doe	1	1		Throughout the chapter 'arkeology' is miss-spelled

Assessment chapters and comment forms can be downloaded from:

Gas Pipeline SEA: <https://gasnetwork.csir.co.za/resources/gas-pipeline-sea-draft-sea-report/>
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The deadline for submitting comments on the Specialist Assessment Chapters is **10 June 2019** (30 working days).

If you have any questions about providing comment on the report chapters and/or the review process, please call 031 242 2300/18 or contact us using the details provided on the project website: <https://gasnetwork.csir.co.za/contact-us/>