

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT, FORESTRY AND FISHERIES

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**NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT ACT, 1998
(ACT NO. 107 OF 1998)****CONSULTATION ON THE INTENTION TO IDENTIFY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS IMPORTANT FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF STRATEGIC GAS TRANSMISSION PIPELINE INFRASTRUCTURE**

I, Barbara Dallas Creecy, Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment, hereby give notice of the intention to identify geographical areas which are of strategic importance when planning gas transmission pipeline infrastructure, in terms of section 24(3) of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998). These areas, which are called *Strategic Gas Pipeline Corridors*, are identified in the Schedule to this Notice and included 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 the Development of a Phased Gas Pipeline Network in South Africa, 2019 and their associated sensitivity displayed in the various environmental themes on the national web-based environmental screening tool.

- The Strategic Environmental Assessment for the Development of a Phased Gas Pipeline Network in South Africa, 2019 can be accessed at:
<https://gasnetwork.csir.co.za/final-sea-reports/> and <https://egis.environment.gov.za/gasnetwork>.
- The boundaries of the geographical areas can be accessed at:
<http://egis.environment.gov.za-GeographicalAreas>; and
- The screening tool can be accessed at:
<https://screening.environment.gov.za/screeningtool>.

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 the following address:

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



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SCHEDULE – STRATEGIC GAS PIPELINE CORRIDORS

The *Strategic Gas Pipeline Corridors* related to gas transmission pipeline infrastructure are as follows:

Phase 1: Saldanha to Ankerlig and Saldanha to Mossel Bay

Phase 2: Mossel Bay to Coega

Phase 3: Richards Bay to Secunda and Gauteng

Phase 4: Mozambique (Southern Border) to Richards Bay

Phase 5: Abraham Villiers Bay (Northern Cape) to Saldanha and Ankerlig

Phase 6: Abraham Villiers Bay (Northern Cape) to Oranjemund

Phase 7: Coega to Richards Bay

Phase 8: Rompco Pipeline Corridor

Phase 9: Shale Gas Corridor and Inland Corridor from Saldanha to Coega

APPENDIX 1

MAP OF THE STRATEGIC GAS PIPELINE CORRIDORS

