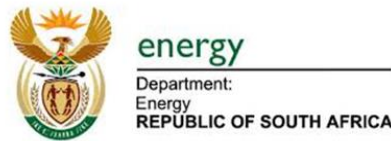


# STRATEGIC ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A PHASED GAS PIPELINE NETWORK AND EXPANSION OF ELECTRICITY GRID INFRASTRUCTURE IN SOUTH AFRICA



The Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA) hereby informs all Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) and stakeholders of the progress achieved on the Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) to identify the most appropriate development corridors for the location of a Phased Gas Pipeline Network and expansion of the Electricity Grid Infrastructure (EGI). The SEA was initiated in April 2017, and the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) was appointed by the DEA to undertake the SEA Process, in collaboration with the South African National Biodiversity Institute (SANBI).

This SEA supports the objectives of the Operation Phakisa Offshore Oil and Gas Lab, as well as the Strategic Integrated Project SIP 10: Electricity transmission and distribution for all. It aims to pre-assess the environmental, social and economic constraints and opportunities for gas transmission pipeline and EGI development within the proposed corridors. The results of the assessment will serve to inform suitable routing options for gas pipelines and EGI expansion within the corridors.

As part of this process the SEA Project Team will also consult with a wide range of stakeholders in order to receive additional input based on national, provincial and local priorities. The first Public and Authority Outreach took place in November 2017 to present the SEA Process and draft initial corridors to stakeholders. The initial corridors have subsequently been refined (Figure 1) and specialist assessments undertaken to pre-assess environmental sensitivities within the proposed corridors. The following Public Participation Meetings will take place at various locations in South Africa to present the draft findings of the specialist studies and you are invited to participate in the SEA Process by attending the relevant meeting. This is a platform for the I&APs to make inputs by identifying issues for consideration in the SEA Process.

Province	Date	Venue	Time
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 (5 <sup>th</sup> ) Avenue, Durban	17H00 – 20H00
Gauteng - Johannesburg	15 October 2018	CSIR: Corner 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

Please register your interest in the project and confirm attendance to any of the abovementioned public meetings by submitting your name and contact details (i.e. contact number, email address and postal address), to the following address: [gasnetwork@csir.co.za](mailto:gasnetwork@csir.co.za) or on the SEA website: <http://gasnetwork.csir.co.za>. Please confirm attendance by 2 October 2018. Should you have any queries, please contact Ms Rohaida Abed (Project Manager: CSIR) by sending an email to [gasnetwork@csir.co.za](mailto:gasnetwork@csir.co.za) or Tel: (031) 242 2300.

## VISION OF THE SEA

*Strategic gas pipeline network and EGI is expanded in an environmentally responsible and efficient manner that responds effectively to the country's economic and social development needs.*

National Strategic Environmental Assessment for a Gas network and EGI Expansion in South Africa

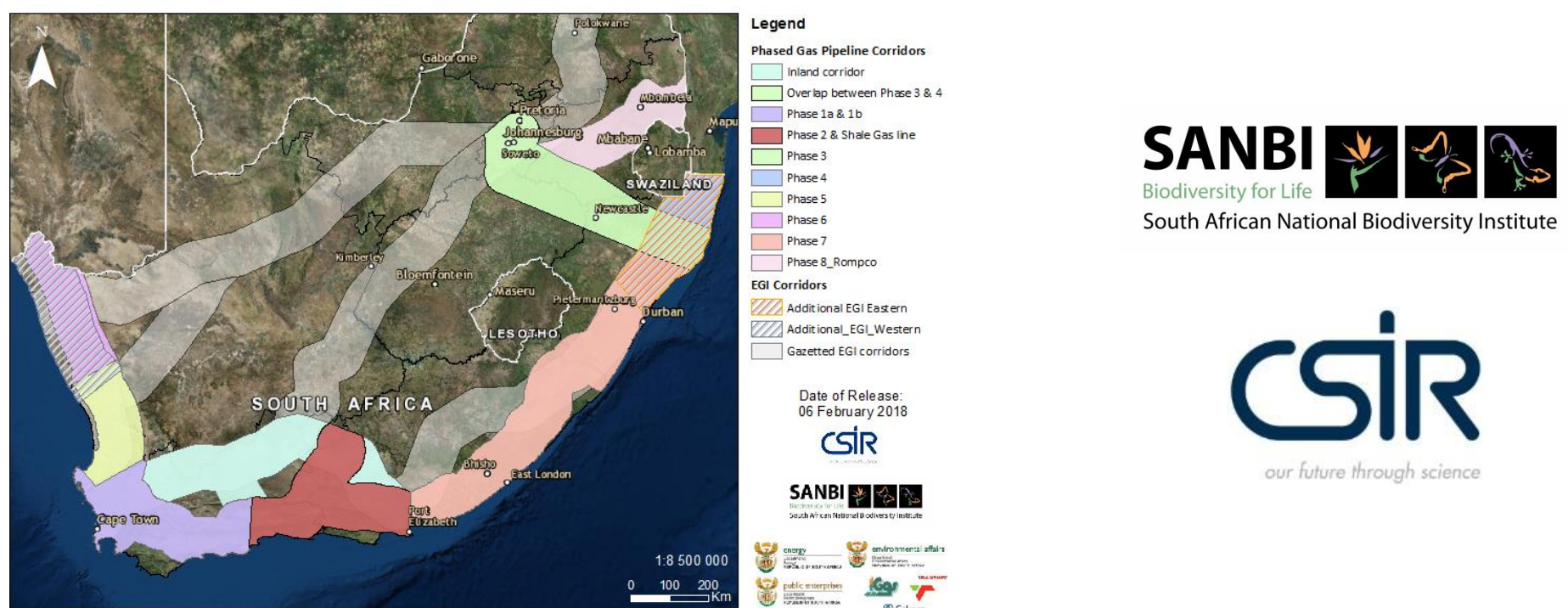


Figure 1: Refined Gas Corridors and Expanded EGI Corridors