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Dear Stakeholder,

**Final Scoping Report: Proposed Newcastle Gas Engine Power Plant (NGEPP) 100 MW
Independent Power Producer Project, Newcastle, KwaZulu-Natal (DEFF Ref.:
14/12/16/3/3/2/2031)**

Please find attached Notification Letter which provides details of the availability of the Final Scoping Report for the proposed Newcastle Gas Engine Power Plant 100MW Independent Power Producer Project.

Regards,

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Dear Ms. Shogole,

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Dear Mr. Jansen,

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To: [Laurence Short](#)
Cc: [Shahil Singh](#); [Nicky Lipke](#); [Marius Van Huyssteen](#)
Subject: RE: Newcastle Municipal Airport - Civil Aviation Authority Obstacle Application
Date: Friday, 16 April 2021 14:06:00
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Good Day Mr. Short,

Once again, apologies for the delay. Please see responses to your queries below in **red**.

1. According to your Draft Scoping Report all the existing buildings, stacks and chimneys will be demolished and replaced as per the plan on the same report. This plan depicts a new stack/chimney, we would like to know what is the height of this proposed stack/chimney and what is the height of the existing stack/chimney.
The engine house to be constructed will consist of silencers (45 dBA) and exhaust stacks with 33 m height.
2. The surrounding air space is utilised for manoeuvring aircraft to and from the airport, we would like to know if the stacks will emanate any clouds of gas, steam, flame, smoke or any other vapours that will hinder visibility in the area;
An Atmospheric Impact Report was undertaken as a specialist study for the required environmental applications on behalf of Newcastle Energy for the proposed project. This assessment accounts for all significant air pollution releases associated with operation of the new 100 MW NGEPP i.e. Nitrogen Dioxide (NO₂), Carbon Monoxide (CO), Particulate Matter (PM₁₀) and Non-methane hydrocarbons (NMHC). The burning of clean natural gas produces insignificant levels of these which are well below the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS). Furthermore, these gases are colourless and odourless meaning that they would not impede on visibility in any way. The only anticipated smoke from the stacks is during a cold start of the plant using either Light Fuel Oil (LFO) or Heavy Fuel Oil (HFO). This is very brief until the facility achieves optimum operating temperature.
3. Is there any further infrastructure that will be connected to the site for the distribution of electricity produced.
Yes. At this stage, Newcastle Energy proposes to increase its electricity generation capacity within the existing site from 18MW to approximately 100 MW. Once the expansion is complete, they propose to construct a powerline which will begin at the power plant and extend approximately 7km (straight line distance) North of the site to the existing Ncandu/Signal Hill substation. However, this is outside of the current scope of work for which we are making this application for an approval letter to the Municipality. The powerline application is separate from the power plant application.

Should you require clarity on or wish to discuss any aspect, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind Regards
Siphelele Mkhize

From: Laurence Short <Laurence.Short@newcastle.gov.za>
Sent: Friday, 16 April 2021 07:57
To: Siphelele Mkhize <SMkhize@srk.co.za>
Cc: Shahil Singh <shahil.Singh@newcastle.gov.za>; Nicky Lipke <Nicky.Lipke@newcastle.gov.za>
Subject: RE: Newcastle Municipal Airport - Civil Aviation Authority Obstacle Application

EXTERNAL

Good day Mr Mkhize

Please could you give some feedback to Mr Shahil Singh on the email sent to you requiring some information on the planned development.

Looking forward to your earliest response.

Regards

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Subject: RE: Newcastle Municipal Airport - Civil Aviation Authority Obstacle Application

Good day Siphelele,

Reference is made to our conversation regarding the proposed gas power plant on the 7th of April 2021.

Please be advised that prior to our letter of support or any comments we seek clarity on the following aspects of your development;

1. According to your Draft Scoping Report all the existing buildings, stacks and chimneys will be demolished and replaced as per the plan on the same report. This plan depicts a new stack/chimney, we would like to know what is the height of this proposed stack/chimney and what is the height of the existing stack/chimney.
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3. Is there any further infrastructure that will be connected to the site for the distribution of electricity produced.

Your assistance will be highly appreciated.

Kind regards
Shahil Singh

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Subject: RE: Newcastle Municipal Airport - Civil Aviation Authority Obstacle Application

Good day Sir

The SED has asked Mr Shahil Singh to look at your application.

Please correspond with him regarding this, and you are welcome to keep me in the loop to assist where it may be required.

Regards

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Subject: RE: Newcastle Municipal Airport - Civil Aviation Authority Obstacle Application

Good Morning Mr. Short,

I trust you're well. This is a gentle reminder regarding our previous conversation below. Please advise when we can expect feedback from your Strategic Executive Director regarding the matter.

Kind Regards,
Siphelele Mkhize

From: Laurence Short <Laurence.Short@newcastle.gov.za>
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EXTERNAL

Good day Mr Mkhize

Thank you for the email received.

I will forward your request to our Strategic Executive Director who will make the final recommendation/ approval as requested should your application meet with the necessary requirements.

Please note as per your email that the Newcastle Airport is owned and managed by the Newcastle Municipality and falls under the Economic Development Directorate. Our Airport is fully functional and compliant with all CAA regulations.

Regards

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Subject: Newcastle Municipal Airport - Civil Aviation Authority Obstacle Application

Good Day Mr. Short,

Thank you for the breakthrough. We have been in contact with the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) regarding an obstacle application for a proposed gas engine power plant at Karbochem in Newcastle (refer to the following link <https://docs.srk.co.za/en/za-newcastle-gas-engine-power-plant-100-mw-ipp-project-scoping-eia> containing Final Scoping Report for details). One of the stipulations of the application process states, "All obstacle applicants must obtain permission letters from the licensed aerodrome if an obstacle is within a radius of 8 / 15 km (as applicable) from such an aerodrome". Newcastle Municipal Airport falls within the 8km radius which requires a permission letter from management of the facility which you say is now Newcastle Municipality's Local Economic Development office. Previous correspondence with the CAA had led to the understanding that Newcastle Municipal Airport was managed by the Municipality's Engineering office which I had struggled to reach. Can you confirm whether the facility is still operational and kindly provide us with a permission letter to support our application?

If you require any further details or anything is unclear, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Dear Ms. Mkhwanazi,

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Independent Power Producer Project, Newcastle, KwaZulu-Natal (DEFF Ref.:
14/12/16/3/3/2/2031)**

Please find attached Notification Letter which provides details of the availability of the Final Scoping Report for the proposed Newcastle Gas Engine Power Plant 100MW Independent Power Producer Project.

Regards,

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