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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT, FORESTRY AND FISHERIES

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**NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT ACT, 1998
(ACT NO. 107 OF 1998)**

IDENTIFICATION IN TERMS OF SECTIONS 24(3), 24(5)(a) AND 24(5)(b) OF THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT ACT, 1998 OF EXPANDED GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS OF STRATEGIC IMPORTANCE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF ELECTRICITY TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION INFRASTRUCTURE AND OF PROCEDURES TO BE FOLLOWED WHEN APPLYING FOR OR DECIDING ON ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATIONS FOR LARGE SCALE ELECTRICITY TRANSMISSION OR DISTRIBUTION DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES IDENTIFIED IN TERMS OF SECTION 24(2)(a) OF THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT ACT, 1998 WHEN OCCURRING IN GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS OF STRATEGIC IMPORTANCE

I, Barbara Dallas Creecy, Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment, hereby identify the Expanded Eastern and Western Strategic Transmission Corridors 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), as expansion of the Strategic Transmission Corridors published in Government Notice No. 113 under Government Gazette No. 41445 on 16 February 2018, as set out in the Schedule hereto.



**BARBARA DALLAS CREECY
MINISTER OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT**

SCHEDULE

1. The Strategic Transmission Corridors related to electricity transmission and distribution infrastructure as identified in Government Notice No. 113 in Government Gazette No. 41445 of 16 February 2018 are hereby amended by the addition of the Expanded Eastern Corridor and Expanded Western Corridor as geographical areas of strategic importance, which will be known as 8.2.1 Expanded Eastern Corridor and 8.5.1 Expanded Western Corridor respectively, and are located on a map included as Appendix 1.
2. The procedures to be followed when applying for or deciding on an application for environmental authorisation for large scale electricity transmission or distribution developments as contemplated in paragraphs 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 of Government Notice No. 113 of Government Gazette No. 41445 of 16 February 2018 are applicable to applications when occurring in the Expanded Eastern Corridor and Expanded Western Corridor.
3. The environmental attributes associated with the Expanded Eastern Corridor and Expanded Western Corridor were determined through the specialist assessments prepared as part of the *Strategic Environmental Assessment for the Expansion of Electricity Grid Infrastructure Corridors in South Africa, 2019*, and the associated environmental sensitivity for each corridor is displayed as national data in the various environmental themes on the national web based environmental screening tool.
4. 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/>.
5. The boundaries of the Strategic Transmission Corridors can be accessed at [http://egis.environment.gov.za_-_Geographical Areas](http://egis.environment.gov.za_-_Geographical_Areas) and the national web based environmental screening tool can be accessed at: <https://screening.environment.gov.za/screeningtool>.

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