

NOTICE 869 OF 2011**INVITATION FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS ON SASOL GAS LIMITED'S APPLICATION FOR REVOCATION OF LICENCE IN TERMS OF SECTION 25 OF THE GAS ACT, 2001**

The National Energy Regulator (NERSA) is a regulatory authority established as a juristic person in terms of section 3 of the National Energy Regulator Act, 2004 (Act No. 40 of 2004). NERSA's mandate is to regulate the electricity, piped-gas and petroleum pipelines industries in terms of the Electricity Regulation Act, 2006 (Act No. 4 of 2006), Gas Act, 2001 (Act No. 48 of 2001) and Petroleum Pipelines Act, 2003 (Act No. 60 of 2003).

Members of the public and stakeholders are hereby notified that NERSA has received an application for revocation of the following licence:

LICENCE NUMBER	APPLICANT AND LICENSEE	LICENCE DESCRIPTION
Gala.t.F1/1411/2008	Sasol Gas Limited	Licence to construct a gas transmission facility at the Alton Industrial Area (uMhlathuze Local Municipality), KwaZulu-Natal

This licence was granted by NERSA to Sasol Gas Limited ("Sasol Gas") on 23 November 2009 for the construction of a gas transmission facility at Alton Industrial Area to connect Spring Lights Gas (Pty) Ltd to the existing gas network in order that they could on-sell their methane-rich gas purchased from Sasol Gas to Pulp United.

The reason advanced by Sasol Gas for the sought licence revocation is that the licensed facility or activity concerned is no longer required. The explanation provided by Sasol Gas in support of this reason is that the Municipality subsequently approved a different route from the one in respect of which NERSA granted the abovementioned licence, as a result of which a new application reflecting the approved route was submitted to NERSA and was granted under licence number Gala.t.F1/1476/2010 on 06 April 2011.

Section 25(1)(a) of the Gas Act, 2001 allows a licensee to apply for revocation of its licence, and NERSA to grant such application, if the licensed facility or activity to which the licence concerned relates is no longer required. In terms of section 10(1)(d) of the National Energy Regulator Act 2004, however, every decision of NERSA must be taken within a procedurally fair process in which affected persons are given the opportunity to submit their views and present relevant facts and evidence to NERSA.

In order to enable NERSA to make an informed decision on this licence revocation application, members of the public and stakeholders are hereby invited to submit their written comments in connection with the proposed licence revocation to The Executive Manager: Piped Gas, Kulawula House, 526 Vermeulen Street, ARCADIA, 0083; tel. (012) 401 4028, fax no. (012) 401 4700 or email at pipedgas@nersa.org.za. This invitation for public comments is being made in terms of regulation 18(2)(a) of the Regulations on Fair Administrative Procedures published in Government Notice No.R1022 of 31 July 2002 (Government Gazette No. 23674),

The closing date for receipt of public comments is 09 January 2012 at 16h00, and all comments received after the closing date will be disregarded.

All other enquiries may be directed to Mr Thulebona Nxumalo or Ms Lindiwe Mvuyana at:

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