



# **Energy Storage Partnership**

## **Battery Energy Storage Systems Projects Overview**

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Eskom is a South African electricity public utility, **established in 1923**. Eskom represents SA in the Southern African Power Pool. The utility is the largest producer of electricity in Africa, is Ranked 17<sup>th</sup> Power utility in the world according to the International Energy Agency (IEA) 2017 Report. It is the **largest of SA's State Owned Companies (SOC's)**.

Eskom operates a number of power stations **coal, hydro, nuclear, renewables, gas to power and hydro pumped storage**). The company is divided into **Generation, Transmission and Distribution divisions** and Eskom generates approximately **95% of electricity** used in SA.



**First large-scale use  
in Africa and will  
transform SA Energy  
Mix**



**Capacity increase**

**1440 MWh per day in BESS**



**60 MW PV**



The BESS primary use case would be for national peak shaving purposes for 4 hours a day for at least 250 days of the year. Charging will be conducted during off-peak periods or when the network conditions permit

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In value of projects  
for phase 1 and  
phase 2

Project supports  
**transformational aspects**  
by demonstrating **large-scale**  
deployment in support of the  
South African renewable  
energy strategy and  
addresses local overall  
system challenges.

**Phase 1: 8 sites**

Construction complete by  
June 2023

**Phase 2: 4 sites**

Construction complete by  
December 2024

## **SDL&I Levers**

### **Technology Localisation**

- Skills transfer
- Technology transfer – IP
- Localisation
- Capacity Building – SA Inc,
- Research and Development
- Contracting Methodology

### **Natural Localisation**

- Preferential Procurement
- Designation
- Skills Development
- Job Creation
- Enterprise Development

**~ 7 to 9 months**

Construction

**60 months** for  
Operating and  
Maintenance

**EPC** Design, supply, install  
and commission

**This entails the  
provision of  
engineering designs,  
procurement and  
construction of a  
complete  
facility/works.**



# Clean Technology Fund (CTF)



New Development Bank



There is an agreement amongst the co-financiers and Eskom that Eskom follows the WB procurement process. The procurement rules, policies & procedures from the WB will therefore be the main guiding principles during the procurement process. Hence, the procurement of the project is exempted from the prescripts of Preferential Procurement Policy Framework Act (PPPFA) and its regulations.



## The IRP 2019

Recommended Plan IRP 2019	Coal	Coal (Decommissioning)	Nuclear	Hydro	Storage	PV		Wind	CSP	Gas & Diesel	Other (Distributed Generation, CoGen,Biomass,Landfill)
Current Base	37149		1860	2100	2912	1474		1980	300	3830	499
2019	2155	-2373						244	300		Allocation to the extent of the short term capacity and energy gap
2020	1433	-557				114		300			
2021	1433	-1403				300		818			
2022	711	-844			513	400	1000	1600			
2023	750	-555				1000		1600			
2024			1860					1600		1000	500
2025						1000		1600			500
2026		-1219						1600			500
2027	750	-847						1600		2000	500
2028		-475				1000		1600			500
2029		-1694			1575	1000		1600			500
2030		-1050		2500		1000		1600			500
TOTAL INSTALLED CAPACITY by 2030 (MW)	33364		1860	4600	5000	8288		17742	600	6380	
% Total Installed Capacity (% of MW)	43		2.36	5.84	6.35	10.52		22.53	0.76	8.1	
% Annual Energy Contribution (% of MWh)	58.8		4.5	8.4	1.2	6.3		17.8	0.6	1.3	
	Installed Capacity										
	Committed/ Already Contracted Capacity										
	Capacity Decommissioned										
	New Additional Capacity										
	Extension of Koeberg Plant life										
	Distributed Generation Capacity for own use										

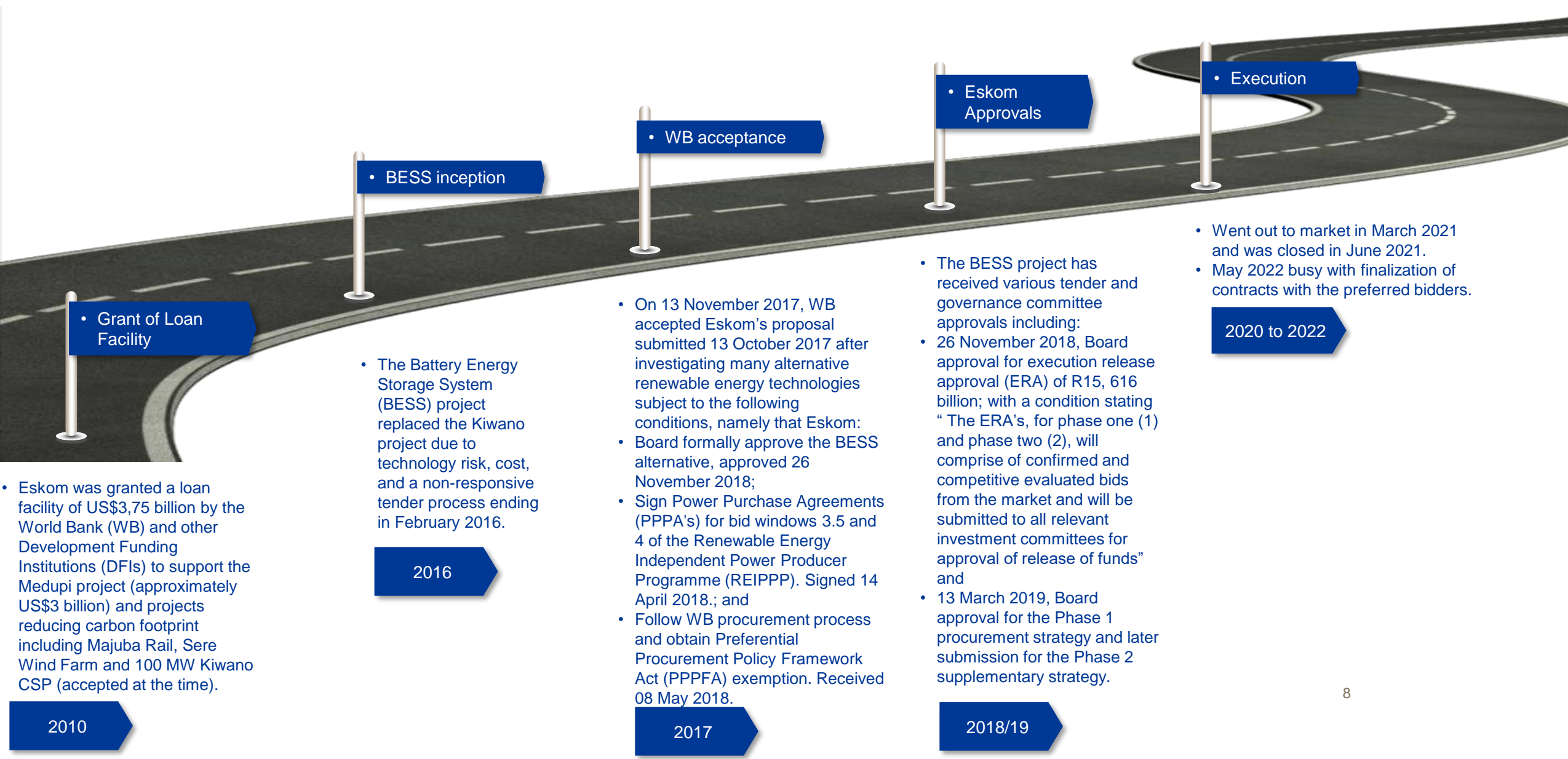
Application to DMRE in 2021 for a determination in bringing forward some of the 2029 allocation for storage

NERSA views battery storage as a generator and therefore a generation license is required.

### Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) Intentions

- 1 Increase the share of renewable energy capacity to approximately 40% by 2030
- 2 Addition of other forms of clean energy, including hydro and nuclear.
- 3 The closure of existing power stations according to their stated de-commissioning schedules.
- 4 Just Transition

# Timeline track of BESS in Eskom



# BESS Phase 1 and 2 Site Locations





# BESS Phase 1 and Phase 2 Sites

BESS Phase 1						
Name	Distribution Operating Unit (OU)	BESS MW Output	Daily MWh Capacity	Total Annual Energy (MWh)	PV(MWp)	Use Case
Skaapvlei	Western Cape	80	320	116 800		AS & ES
Melkhout	Eastern Cape	35	140	51 100		AS & ES, Load Shaving
Elandskop	Kwa Zulu Natal	8	32	11 680		Load Shaving
Pongola	Kwa Zulu Natal	40	160	58 400		AS & ES
Hex	Western Cape	20	100	36 500		AS & ES, Load Shaving
Graafwater	Western Cape	5	30	10 950		ES & Load Shaving
Paleisheuvel 11kV	Western Cape	6	24	8 760		AS & ES
Paleisheuvel 22kV	Western Cape	3.5	21	7 665		ES & Load Shaving
Rietfontein	Northern Cape	1.54	6.16	2248.4	2.04	Load Shaving
<b>TOTAL Ph1</b>		<b>199.04</b>	<b>833.16</b>	<b>304 103</b>	<b>2.04</b>	

BESS Phase 2						
Project Name	Distribution Operating Unit (OU)	BESS MW Output	Daily MWh Capacity	Total Annual Energy (MWh)	PV (MWp)	Use Case
Witzenberg	Western Cape	17	68	24 820		Reactive Power, ES
Ashton	Western Cape	17	68	24 820		Reactive Power, Load Shaving, ES
Cuprum	Northern Cape	70	280	102 200		AS & ES
Kiwano	Northern Cape	40	200	73 000	58	AS & ES
Komati		150	600		100	
<b>Total Ph 2</b>		<b>144</b>	<b>616</b>	<b>224 840</b>		

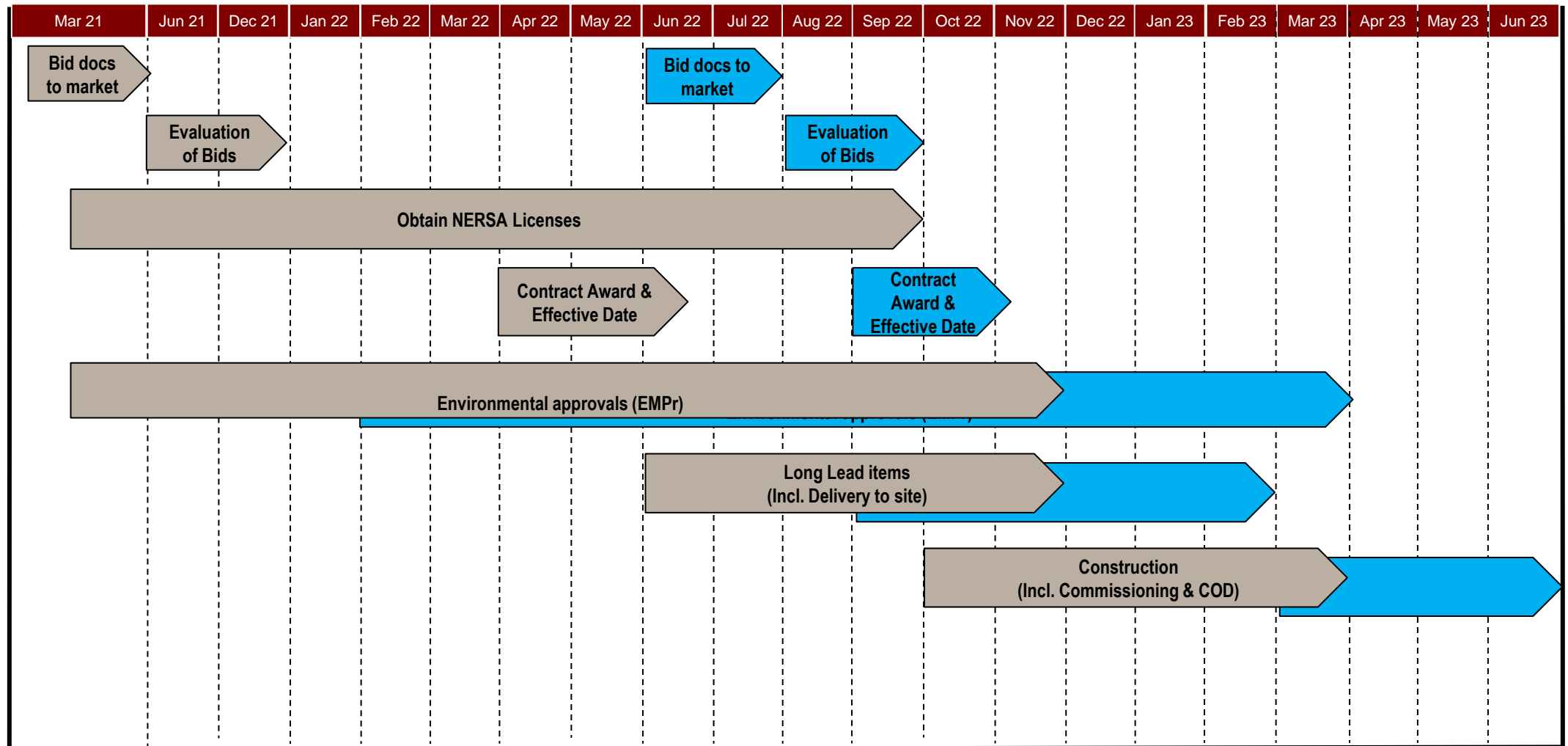
Komati Still to be confirmed  
Totals does not include Komati

## Note: The main applications include (Use Case):

- Reactive power (RP) in networks with low fault levels and/or poor RP support;
- Load shaving (LS);
- Energy support (ES); and
- Ancillary services (AS) such as frequency support.



# BESS Phase 1 High Level Schedule



Eskom views the development of local industry as a critical part of the government's socio-economic and transformation developmental agenda.



Item No.	Description of Item (Possible areas of subcontracting)
1	Civil (including roads), Site Establishment, Buildings and Steel work
2	Survey and Geo-technical studies
3	Network Integration Equipment (NIE) and installation
4	Shipping / Transportation Services
5	Construction/Project Management Services
6	Security installation and Services
7	O&M Sub-contracting/Joint Venture
8	Training and development of companies to be utilised by Contractor

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- Improving the capacity and competitiveness of the local supply base
  - Shared growth
  - Employment creation
  - Poverty reduction
  - Skills development
  - SMME and Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment (BBBEE)
  - Investment
  - Export opportunities
  - Increased local sales
  - Research and Development (R & D)
  - Technology transfer.

## Some of the Key lessons learned from the BESS programme to date..



Sufficient **Front-end engineering and development (FEED)**  
(Technology agnostic strategy)



**BESS market maturity** and availability of information makes it difficult to do proper cost estimates and scheduling during planning



Introduction of new legislation which conflicts with previously agreed loan conditions (Country specific requirements i.e. **NIPP, Designated materials, SDL&I**)



Regulatory framework around **BESS** in South Africa is still being developed and refined  
(Licensing, IRP Determination, Environmental)



Different rules for **IPP's** vs **SOE's** (e.g. 100MW limit)



Lack of specialized **BESS** skills within the country



**COVID** pandemic



Organisational changes creating disruptions with roles and responsibilities



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