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Subject: ESKOM ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (DEA Ref. No.: 12/12/20/944) FOR A

PROPOSED NUCLEAR POWER STATION AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE REVISED DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT REPORT-PROJECT

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Dear Sir/ Madam

The Revised Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the proposed Nuclear-1 Power Station and associated infrastructure was made available for public review and comment in May 2011, with the closing date for comment being August of the same year. This revised version will now be known as the Draft EIR Version 1.

The GIBB contract to act as the Independent Environmental Consultant expired on 31 October 2011. GIBB and Eskom thereafter entered into negotiations for the renewal of the contract in terms of Eskom's commercial procedures. The contract was renewed in May 2012 and as such GIBB will continue with the EIA process.

GIBB is thus in the process of continuing with the revision of the Main Report and selected specialist studies. This revised version will be known as the Draft EIR Version 2. Some tasks were completed last year which included the initial changes to selected specialist reports, meetings with Key Stakeholders related to new or substantive issues raised during the last round of Public Participation and comments received from Interested and Affected Parties were captured in an Issues and Response Report.

Further comment from the Department of Environmental Affairs on the Revised Draft EIR Version 1 is awaited. On receipt thereof GIBB will finalise the Main Report and selected specialist studies of the Draft EIR Version 2 and make these available for public comment and review.

On behalf of the EIA Project Team, we would like to thank all those who have participated in the EIA process thus far and those who will take further time to review future reports and submit comments. For additional information, please contact:

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Yours faithfully

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