

15 May 2008

Dear Stakeholder

NOTICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT PROCESS: PROPOSED AFGUNS ROAD REALIGNMENT PROJECT, NEAR MEDUPI POWER STATION, LIMPOPO PROVINCE (AN ESKOM INITIATIVE)

Eskom Holdings Ltd (Eskom) is proposing a minor realignment and extension of the Afguns road (Provincial road D2001, previously known as the D2649) passing adjacent to and south of the Medupi coal-fired Power Station, which is currently under construction on the farm Naauw Ontkomen 509 LQ in the Lephalale area, Limpopo Province.

The construction of the Medupi Power Station on this property required that the Steenbokpan Road (Provincial road D1675) which crossed this property be realigned to the north. This realignment is currently under construction and passes through the properties Hanglip 508 LQ and Naauw Ontkomen 509 LQ. Eskom is to utilise the portion of the Steenbokpan Road which remains after realignment as an additional entrance road or service road to the Medupi Power Station.

The existing Afguns Road (D2001) intersects at-grade (at 90°) with the original alignment of Steenbokpan Road (D1675). With the re-alignment of the Steenbokpan Road, the intersection between the D2001 and the deviated D1675 is required to be re-aligned in order to avoid posing a potential traffic safety risk. Therefore, the existing Afguns Road is proposed to be realigned for a distance of approximately 700 m in order to intersect at-grade with the recently deviated Steenbokpan Road. The extent of this road realignment is limited to a portion of the property Hanglip 508 LQ which is owned by Eskom. The proposed realignment is to be undertaken by Eskom as part of the construction works for the Medupi Power Station. Following the construction phase, the road is to be operated and maintained by the Limpopo Roads Agency (RAL).

In terms of sections 24 and 24D of NEMA, as read with Government Notices R385 (Regulations 27–36) and R387, a Scoping and EIA are required to be undertaken for this proposed project. This project has been registered with the DEAT, the Competent Authority for this proposed project, under Application Reference Number 12/12/20/1179.

In this regard, Eskom has appointed **Savannah Environmental** to undertake the Environmental Impact Assessment process to identify and assess all potential environmental impacts that might arise as a result of the proposed project. A public involvement process forms part of the overall EIA process and as part of this process we are involving all relevant Organs of State. You are hereby requested to confirm that your Department has been informed of the proposed project, and we would like to request your formal comments (if any) on the proposed project. All comments received will form part of the Comments and Response Report that will be compiled by **MasterQ Research**, which in turn will be included in the Scoping and EIA Reports.

You can register as an Interested and Affected Party (I&AP) and note your formal comments by completing the accompanying Reply Form, or sending formal correspondence in this regard. By submitting your details and comments to **MasterQ Research**, you are ensured that your comments, concerns or queries will be noted. If, however, you have no comments that you would like to be formally included and considered during this process, please also inform us accordingly. Also, please inform us if there are additional persons within your Department that we should contact in this regard, and if so, please supply us with their contact details.

Please do not hesitate to contact either **Ms Nonka Byker** or **Ms Ingrid Snyman** of MasterQ Research should you require additional information and/or clarification regarding the proposed project. Their contact details are listed below.

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Please note that as part of the Scoping Phase of the project, a Draft Scoping Report prepared by Savannah Environmental will be made available for public review. The period for review is **27 May 2008 to 26 June 2008**, and written comment will be invited to be submitted until 26 June 2008.

The report will be made available at the following places:

www.eskom.co.za/eia	www.savannahSA.com
Lephalale Municipal Offices	Matimba Power Station
Lephalale Library	Lephalale Co-op (Botha Avenue)
Marapong Clinic (Tlou Street, Marapong)	

Kind regards,

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