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Dear Sir/ Madam

**PROPOSED COAL-FIRED POWER STATION AND ASSOCIATED
INFRASTRUCTURE IN THE WITBANK AREA:**

Invitation to a Public Meeting and Notice of the Draft Environmental Impact Report

As a registered Interested and Affected Party (I&AP) for the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process currently being undertaken for the above-mentioned activity, we would like to invite you to a public meeting where the findings of the Draft Environmental Impact Report will be presented.

As previously indicated, this proposed activity requires authorisation from the national environmental authority, viz. the Department of Environmental Affairs and Tourism (DEAT) via the EIA process outlined in Regulation 1183, under Section 26 of the Environment Conservation Act (73 of 1989). Eskom appointed Ninham Shand Consulting Services to comply with these legal requirements. As legally required, a Draft Environmental Impact Report has been compiled which assesses the potential positive and negative environmental (both social and biophysical) impacts associated with the proposed activities. We enclose herewith, for your convenience, the Executive Summary of the Draft Environmental Impact Report.

Copies of the Draft Environmental Impact Report can be reviewed at the **Witbank Public Library, Phola Public Library, Nelspruit Public Library, Johannesburg Public Library and the Kungwini and Delmas Municipal Offices**. It is also available for download from the Eskom website (www.eskom.co.za/eia) and the Ninham Shand website (www.ninhamshand.co.za). To access the report on the Ninham Shand website, please click on the "Hot Topics" button on the home page. If you would like to comment on the proposed activities or the report, please submit your comments to Ninham Shand by email, fax or post. The Draft Environmental Impact Report is available at the above venues and the comment period closes on 8 January 2007. Please ensure that your written comments are provided before the comment period closes.

Open House and Public meetings

Engagement with the public will occur on 28 and 29 November 2006. The purpose of this round of public engagement is to provide an opportunity to familiarise yourselves with the findings of the Draft Environmental Impact Report, and to raise further issues that you would like to be addressed before completion of the EIA. You are invited to come and talk to the project team during the open house and/or to attend the presentation and discussion during the public meetings. The details of the meetings are as follows:

DATE	VENUE	TIME
28 November 2006	El Toro Conference Centre, on R545 Balmoral Road near Kendal Power Station	Open House 16h00 to 18h00 Public Meeting 18h00 to 20h00
29 November 2006	Mehlwana High School, Mkhasibe Street, Phola	Open House 10h00 to 14h00
29 November 2006	Protea Hotel, 167 Jellicoe Street, Witbank	Open House 16h00 to 18h00 Public Meeting 18h00 to 20h00

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Yours sincerely

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