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Eskom Transmission is proposing to construct a 765kV Transmission Power line between Zeus Substation (near Standerton) and Mercury Substation (near Vierfontein). Margen Industrial Services was commissioned to conduct the Environmental Impact Assessment and the related public consultation process regarding the project. Alternative corridors for the line have been investigated and an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) with a recommended corridor was submitted to the Department of Environmental Affairs and Tourism (DEAT) for authorization. After considering the report DEAT gave authorization (**Record of Decision – RoD - date 02 March 2007**).

Registered stakeholders and landowners were notified about the RoD by letter in February 2007. A number of appeals have been submitted in response to the RoD for the section of the route to the north-west of the Vredefort Dome World Heritage Site. To address these Eskom have decided to conduct further detailed specialists investigations and related public consultation. As part of this process interested and affected parties will be consulted to afford them the opportunity to raise issues of concern and comments.

You are invited to use the enclosed form to register as a potentially Interested & Affected Party (IA&P) so that you can participate in the study and receive further information. If you would **not** wish to participate and do not wish to receive any further information on the study, please inform us in writing.

A public meeting is planned for early August where the scope of the study and the Terms of Reference for specialist studies will be discussed. You will be notified in the week of the 16th July of the date and venue of the public meeting. It is likely to be held in Potchefstroom.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact Moses Mahlangu (**082 854 9538**) or Marianna Nieuwoudt (**082 459 1021**).

Yours faithfully

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This assessment is being conducted on behalf of Eskom.