

APPENDIX 12-7

**LETTER INFORMING STAKEHOLDERS ABOUT EXTENDED STUDY
AND INVITING THEM TO PUBLIC MEETING: 8 AUGUST 2007**



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Date: 02 July 2007

Dear Mr. Chris Gildenhuys

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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Date: 16 July 2007

Dear Mr. Chris Gildenhuys

**INVITATION TO KEY STAKEHOLDER WORKSHOP FOR:
ZEUS-MERCURY 765kV TRANSMISSION POWER LINE
EXTENDED STUDY**

Eskom Transmission was granted authorization by the Department of Environmental Affairs and Tourism (DEAT) to construct a 765kV Transmission power line between the Zeus Substation in Mpumalanga and Mercury Substation in the Free State. This transmission line passes west of the Vredefort Dome World Heritage Site.

Although the eastern alignment (the alignment closest to the Vredefort Dome) was recommended as the preferred alignment in the Final Environmental Impact Report, DEAT recommended that the western alignment (the alignment furthest from the Vredefort Dome) be followed. This has led to a number of appeals against the RoD and concerns regarding the alignment to be utilized.

Hence, Eskom has initiated an extended study to further investigate the impact of the line through the area to find a route or alignment that will have the least impact on and be acceptable to the community in the receiving environment. Your participation and contribution is critical in helping the study team identify such an alignment route.

You are invited to attend a public meeting as follows:

Date: 08 August 2007

Time: 10:00 to 12:00

Venue: Potchefstroom Country Club & Golf Course, Mooirivier Rylaan/Street

We ask you to do one of the following:

- Please confirm your attendance of the proposed meeting using the contact details above,
- If you are a landowner in the area and cannot attend please send someone on your behalf,
- If neither the above are possible, please contact us to make other arrangements.

If you believe there are people that should also attend the workshop we would be very grateful if you could pass a copy of this invitation to them, or inform us of their details and we will contact them.

Potentially affected farms are: **Hartebeesfontein 437; Hartebeestpoortje 451; Rooipoortje 452; Wilgeboom 458; Roodekraal 454; Kruitfontein 465; Spruite 456; Vogelzang 467; Prinsloos Rust 489; Elandsheuvell 436.**

We look forward to meeting you or your representative at the meeting.

Yours faithfully,

GM Mahlangu

Environmental Impact Assessment

Extended Study for the Zeus - Mercury Proposed 765kV Transmission Line

Interested & Affected Party Registration Form

You are invited to register as an Interested and Affected Party for the extended study for the 765kV Eskom Transmission Power line between the Zeus Substation (near Standerton) and the Mercury Substation (near Vierfontein). The study will focus only on the section of the route to the north-west of the Vredefort Dome World heritage Site in North West Province.

Please complete and return this Registration and Comment sheet to:

Margen Industrial Services, PO Box 12822, Leraatsfontein, 1038

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Contact: Moses Mahlangu Cell 082 854 9538 or Marianna Nieuwoudt: Cell 082 459 1021

This form can be accessed and submitted on www.eskom.co.za/eia

FIRST NAME		SURNAME	
ADDRESS			
POSTAL CODE		TEL NO	
FARM NAME		FAX NO	
FARM NO		CELL NO	
E-MAIL ADDRESS			

1. Do you wish to participate in this extended investigation and the related Public Involvement Process (PIP)
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2. Are there any issues or concerns you believe should receive more consideration that you would like to bring to Eskom and specialists attention?
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3. Are you satisfied with the process that was followed during the initial investigation? If no, please give us suggestions.
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4. Do you require any specific information from the reports on which the original RoD is based? If yes, please specify.
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5. Are there any role-players who you feel should be involved in the extended study of the area around the Vredefort Dome? If yes, please state their names and contact details.
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