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Hi David,

Thank you for the chat this morning.

Firstly, a few admin points. Could you please include the [J01887-Houhoek@bksemd.co.za](mailto:J01887-Houhoek@bksemd.co.za) email address in all future communications (i.e. the email on the back of the Background Information Document (BID) (attached)). This is so that we can capture them in our public participation process. May I also ask that you please send through your full names (yours, Gary's and Braam's), full contact details, including telephone numbers, email addresses (those are on this email, so count that as noted), fax numbers, and most importantly the details of your properties (i.e. farm portion and name), along with an indication of any items of specific importance about your site (e.g. vineyard, private residential, any biodiversity items of specific concern).

As per our conversation – most certainly you have every right to that information. As you understand though, the EIA process has only just begun and as such the technical info at this point is limited, and will only become available over time as the investigations are carried out. As this information becomes available it will be made available to you, either through the EIA process, or directly in addition thereto.

In terms of the size of the hatched area – basically that may be considered to be the study area for all alternatives combined. The size of the hatched study area is thus a reflection of the fact that it includes the potential footprint of all of the 3 alternatives combined. The final area over which the line will run (if approved), will be considered as part of the site alternative assessment and will be narrowed down along with the final sub-station footprint alternative selected. The end result of the EIA process will thus show the footprint of the proposed sub-station, the corridor for the loop-in and loop-out lines linking that sub-station to the Bacchus-Palmiet line, and the areas where pylons from the lines may not go.

The wider context of the Eskom grid in the area will be presented in the EIA process and the project's position within both the existing and future network will be indicated.

In terms of the wind farm – yes we are aware of that and it will be considered, as relevant, within the EIA process.

Any and all input from yourselves as land-owners and specialist professionals will be appreciated. We will integrate information as appropriate into the EIA process. Obviously the EIA will not be able to answer all questions – some will be considered in other parallel processes, or will only be triggered by a potential positive environmental authorisation.

My thanks for your input to date, and I look forward to future input. If you could supply us with information for the Interested and Affected Parties (I&AP) register soonest that would be much appreciated.

Regards,

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Hi Bronwen

I refer to the email to Braam Gericke at Wildekrans and to our conversation this morning. The Wildekrans Trust owners of Farm 820 are clearly very interested in the proposed EIA for the Houwhoek substation. As discussed we will require proper information regarding the overall planning for the substation and the surrounding power line network. This will include the proposed routes for the 400Kv line and also the proposed position of the 132Kv feeder line. The hatched area on the plan is very large and the detailed position of all the power lines will be required to properly assess the cumulative impact.

I need to be able to talk to the responsible person at Eskom with the regards to the overall network planning in the area, as there has been discussion regarding further 132Kv lines running from the substation in the direction of Caledon. As Eskom will be aware there is also an application in progress for a substantial wind farm close to Bot River, which also requires a 132Kv line to link it to the Houwhoek substation. All these applications and the various impacts will have to be considered in a holistic manner so as to obtain a coherent picture of the cumulative impacts.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Regards

David Marais