

REF: ESKOM Thyspunt Powerline  
ENQ: Wayne Erlank  
DATE: 28 January 2010

SiVEST Environmental Division  
Attention: David Blair  
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Dear David

Re: Proposed Thyspunt Transmission Lines Integration Project Route Discussion

Our meeting of 4 December 2009 at ECP Boardroom Patensie refers,

ECP is opposed to the construction of the transmission lines across any portion of the Stinkhoutberg Nature Reserve, or in close proximity to the protected area, due to its status as a protected area and the inclusion of this area as part of the Baviaanskloof nature Reserve and World Heritage Site. It should also be noted that a process is underway to extend World Heritage Site (WHS) status to Groendal (including Stinkhoutberg), as part of the Cape Floral Region WHS. An evaluation of the status of all the protected areas within the Cape Floral Region WHS has been concluded, and on the basis of the recommendation that entire network of protected areas between Baviaanskloof and Groendal (including Stinkhoutberg) should be included in the extension and receive WHS status, an application is currently in process through DEAT to UNESCO.

ECP is of the opinion that the route for the northern transmission lines should be diverted south of the Stinkhoutberg area as discussed at the meeting and proposed that the 5 transmission lines run closer to the southern corridor close to Loerie Dam Nature Reserve before splitting at or near Diepkloof into the firebreak to the south of Longmore Forest before proceeding towards Uitenhage and on to Grassy Ridge.

Yours sincerely



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Thyspunt Transmission Lines: Stinkhoutberg meeting 28 January 2010

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## Nicolene Venter

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**From:** Wayne Erlank [Wayne.Erlank@ecpta.co.za]  
**Sent:** 25 May 2011 11:20  
**To:** Vanessa Viljoen; Nicolene Venter  
**Cc:** Brian Reeves; Bev Geach  
**Subject:** RE: Updated EIA Team-preferred Route Alignment Maps available - Proposed Eskom Transmission Power Lines

Dear Nicolene,

I have reviewed the updated alignment map. It appears that ECPTA's concerns have been implemented and the proposed route now avoids the Baviaanskloof and associated reserves as well as the Honeyville cultural development close to Humansdorp.

I will be sending Tracey Steyn to one of the stakeholder meetings that will be held in the Jefferys Bay and Humansdorp areas. I would however like to request a separate meeting with the team when they are in the Eastern Cape where ECPTA can provide further inputs into the EIA specifically concerning biodiversity offsets for the Thyspunt area and the potential effects of power lines from the reactor site to the start of the power lines at the sub station.

Kind regards,

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**From:** Vanessa Viljoen [mailto:VanessaV@sivest.co.za]  
**Sent:** 17 May 2011 13:48  
**Subject:** EIA: Updated EIA Team-preferred Route Alignment Maps available - Proposed Eskom Transmission Power Lines

Dear Stakeholders

Please find attached for your information our notification letter informing you that the updated EIA Team-preferred route alignment maps are now available on SiVEST's website (<http://www.sivest.co.za> – Downloads/9520 Eskom Thyspunt Lines).

Please do not hesitate to contact us should you require any clarification.

Kind regards

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# ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EIA) FOR THE PROPOSED THYSPUNT TRANSMISSION LINES INTEGRATION PROJECT

(DEAT Ref No: 12/12/20/1211 - Southern Corridor; 12/12/20/1212 - Northern Corridor;  
12/12/20/1213 - New Port Elizabeth Substation)

## NEWSLETTER - COMMENT FORM

Comment period: MONDAY, 30 NOVEMBER 2009 to FRIDAY, 29 JANUARY 2010

Please complete this form and return it to the Public Participation Office below on or before  
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I would like to submit the following comment(s) on the Environmental Impact Assessment Phase (you are welcome to attach additional pages, should it be required)

Following a discussion with Stuart  
consentant in PE (Dare & Qazel) SCS  
has an issue with the current proposal  
for the powerlines (Northern Line) that will  
cut across a section of the stretch where  
one of the Bannenberg World Heritage site  
of nature reserve. EIP would like the line to  
be moved south to avoid the area &  
to be routed to go around the reserve.

A bonus leaf to follow

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