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Dear Mr Christy

RESPONSE TO MR CHRISTY – S.A.S.M.I.A

RE: ESKOM EIA CONCERNS FOR THE PROPOSED NUCLEAR POWER STATION AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE (DEA Ref. No: 12/12/20/944)

We as SASMIA and our advisors are a little confused regarding the situation relating to our proposed submissions on Draft 2.

Comment 1:

It has become apparent at the meeting of Arcus GIBB, authors of the Ecology Report, and the Squid Working Group, that there are some obvious shortcomings and that the report would have to be redrafted in order to take into consideration new information and approaches which was presented at the meeting.

The agreed way forward from the meeting was that there would be another meeting after which the Squid Working Group would give further comment.

Response 1:

A second meeting was held by the Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries Squid Working Group (with SASMIA, GIBB, the Marine Specialists and Eskom as observers) to discuss the Revised Draft EIR and its marine specialist report on Friday, 08 July 2011.

Comment 2:

The question which arises is whether we need to base our comments on this report which is still under refinement? If so, then we will be commenting on a document which has been shown to be incomplete and inadequate. Please can you give guidance on this?

Response 2:

As discussed during the second Squid Working Group Meeting (referred to in Response 1 above) SASMIA and the Squid Working Group are requested to forward comments on the Revised Draft EIR



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and its specialist reports by close of the comment period on 07 August 2011. After the comment period has closed GIBB will determine which specialist reports will be revised and whether they will be placed in the public domain for comment. Mr Greg Christy, a member of Thyspunt Alliance, was present at both meetings. It was agreed at the meeting that the discussion would be regarded as informal and the written submission would be the final and formal response from the members of the Working Group. However Mr Christy would be in a position to share with the Thyspunt Alliance the outcomes of the discussion. Arcus GIBB would prefer at this point not to preempt the outcomes of the formal submission.

Comment 3:

It was also suggested, at the Squid Working Group, that we conclude the methodology as to how one would calculate the effects on the squid catches if the Nuclear-1 is constructed.

This was suggested by Doug Butterworth that it be set down in the relevant sections in the EIA.

Response 3:

Thank you. Your comment is noted and the issue was discussed at both the Squid Working Group Meetings. Some refinement of the methodology has been proposed and some new data has been provided by departments represented on the Squid Working Group, including the squid industry representative Mr Christy. However whether this data will result in any significant change to the outcomes of the current report still needs to be determined.

Comment 4:

Flowing out of all of these meetings, we as SASMIA would like to request a Key Focus Group meeting with the Economic Specialist, as we need to be enlightened about all aspects of this report pertaining to the impacts of Nuclear-1, on the Economic conclusions drawn on the squid sector and the relevant cost comparatives between the 3 sites.

Response 4:

Once GIBB have received all comments on the Revised Marine Report pertaining the potential impacts of the proposed Nuclear Power Station on squid we will determine whether any additional Key Focus Group Meetings are required as part of the EIA process and communicate this decision to SASMIA. There was an economist present at the Squid Working Group whom we anticipate will also provide input into the Working Group's submission. If there are new questions which SASMIA wish to raise with respect to the economic specialist report please submit them with your other comments by the 7 August 2011.

Yours faithfully
for GIBB (Pty) Ltd



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