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Your Reference:

Our reference: 9520 TTLIP Date: 19 September 2012

## **Dear Interested and/or Affected Party**

## ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EIA): PROPOSED THYSPUNT TRANSMISION LINES INTEGRATION PROJECT (TTLIP) (DEA REF NOS: 12/12/20/1211; 12/12/20/1212 and 12/12/20/1213) INVITATION TO COMMENT ON THE REVISED DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT REPORT (DEIR)

As always, we would like to express our sincere appreciation to the many people and organisations that commented on the Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report (DEIR) that was made available for public review from Monday 18 July 2011 to Monday 10 October 2011 (including the extended review period). Your comments and suggestions were helpful in drafting the Revised DEIR. The Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) specialist studies have been updated, where applicable and incorporated into the Revised DEIR.

## REVIEW PERIOD OF THE REVISED DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT

Taking the above-mentioned into account we would like to take this opportunity to inform you that after liaison with the Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA), the Revised DEIR is being made available for public comment and review from Friday 21 September 2012 to Wednesday 31 October 2012 (end of business day) - a period of 40 calendar days (excluding the public holiday of 24 September 2012). The Revised DEIR and Appendixes will be available on the following websites: www.eskom.co.za\eia and http://www.sivest.co.za/Download.aspx (then browse to the folder "9520 - Eskom Thyspunt EIA"). Should you wish to receive an electronic copy of the Revised DEIR (on CD/DVD) please forward your request to us in writing. Hard copies of the Revised DEIR will also be made available for review at the following public places:

Venue	Address	Contact Person	Contact Details
Oyster Bay Estate	6 Torny Street, Oyster Bay	Ms Elmarie Meyer	082 568 1759
St Francis Library	1 Assisi Drive, St Francis Bay	Mrs K De Groot	042 294 2259
Humansdorp Library	9 Bureu Street, Humansdorp	Mrs M Loggenberg	042 200 8300
Jeffrey's Bay Library	33 Da Gama Road, Jeffrey's Bay	Ms Clarissa	042 200 2173/4
Hankey Library	Main Street (Community Hall), Hankey	Mrs L Kleinhans	042 284 0302
Loeries Hill	Loeries Hill Community Hall, Judy Street, Loeries	Mr W Smit	042 287 0651
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A Revised DEIR Comment Form is included with this correspondence. You are most welcome to use additional pages for the Revised DEIR Comment Form, if required. We kindly request that should you have any comments that you would like to submit on the Revised DEIR, to please do so in writing before or on **Wednesday 31 October 2012**.

After the public review period of the Revised DEIR, the Final EIR and accompanying specialist reports will be updated with comments received, and will then be submitted to the Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA), the decision-making authority. Simultaneously, the Final EIR will also be made available to the registered I&APs on the project database. Registered I&APs will be notified of the availability of the Final EIR and an advertisement will also be placed in the various community and local newspapers used to date for the TTLIP.

Once the DEA issues a decision on whether to grant or refuse an Environmental Authorisation, all stakeholders will be notified thereof.

We look forward to receiving your written comments. Thank you for your comments and thus contribution to an informed decision-making process.

Yours sincerely

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Documents included: Revised DEIR Comment Form