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Subject: FW: SANRAL Repsonse

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**Sent:** 27 September 2012 16:20

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Cc: Mamokete Maimane; Bharat Gordhan; Peter Teurlings; David de Waal; Rudzani Ranwedzi

**Subject:** RE: SANRAL Repsonse

Good day Colene,

My thanks for the information forwarded to us with respect to the proposed Houhoek project.

The wayleave application as sent through will be forwarded on to the Eskom project manager for their attention.

Please note that the EIA process is currently at its inception phase and thus we are only now entering into the Scoping phase thereof. Any input that SANRAL may have at this time will be appreciated.

Please further note that the intention is to not have any new infrastructure north of the Bacchus-Palmiet line, thus not crossing the N2 along its east-west alignment (as per the map presented). However, should the EIA come to the conclusion that either Site 2 or Site 3 (Alternative 1 and 2) be more appropriate, and thus that the north-south alignment of the N2 (i.e. where it turns south and then wraps around on the west of Botrivier, before curving back to the east) may be crossed, then the formal wayleave application process will be entered into by Eskom for this situation. At this time detailed plans can not be supplied as the alternative sites are still to be investigated in detail in the EIA itself.

Obviously as a stakeholder, we would like to have your representative(s) on our I&AP list for future communication with respect to the EIA process. Could you please indicate who you would like that to be – yourself, Mr van der Walt (as currently registered), or both?

My thanks for your response.

Regards,

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**Importance:** High

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**Sent:** 27 September 2012 13:13 **To:** J01887-Houhoek@bksemd.co.za

Subject: FW: Houhoek EIA: Announcement of Project

**Importance:** High

**Dear EIA Consultant** 

Thank you for the Notice in above regard.

Please note that before construction of the power line over the N2 can commence a wayleave application needs to be submitted to SANRAL together with the appropriate drawings for approval in terms of the National Roads Act, Act 7 of 1998.

Attached please find a copy of the wayleave application form that needs to be completed and returned with the application.

Kind Regards



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**Sent:** 25 September 2012 12:31 PM **To:** Kobus van der Walt (WR)

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Mr J. C. van der Walt Regional Manager Western Region: SANRAL

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Dear Mr van der Walt

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT PROCESS FOR THE PROPOSED 400/132kVHOUHOEK ESKOM TRANSMISSION SUBSTATION, INCLUDING THE BACCHUS – PALMIET 400kV LOOP-IN AND LOOP-OUT TRANSMISSIONPOWER LINES, WESTERN CAPE PROVINCE

Notice is hereby given that Eskom Holdings State Owned Company (SOC) Limited proposes to undertake an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process for the proposed 400/132kV Houhoek Eskom Main Transmission Substation (MTS) in Theewaterskloof Local Municipality, Western Cape Province. The proposed development will include the following power lines that connect to the proposed Houhoek Eskom MTS:

- 132kV Distribution power line from the existing 132kV Houhoek Eskom Distribution Substation.
- Loop-in and loop-out double-circuit 400kV Transmission power line from the existing Bacchus-Palmiet 400kV Transmission power line of ±1.7km.

This notice is issued in terms of Section 54 of Government Notice Regulation (GNR) No. 543 of the EIA Regulations (2010). These regulations fall under the ambit of the National Environmental Management Act (No. 107 of 1998) as amended (NEMA).

# PROCESS DESCRIPTION

The EIA process would be undertaken in terms Sections 26 – 35 of GNR 543 of the EIA Regulations (2010). The EIA process will require specialist studies to assess the site locations for the proposed Houhoek Eskom MTS and the corridors of the associated power lines. The specialist studies to be included in the EIA process are:

- Geotechnical Investigation.
- Soil and Agricultural Potential Assessment.
- Ecological and Avifaunal Assessment.
- Social Impact Assessment.
- Heritage Impact Assessment.
- Visual Impact Assessment.
- Wetland Delineation and Assessment (potential).

# **SITE LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION**

See Attached Figure 1 for the study area that is located approximately 1km south-west of the town of Botrivier. The following site and layout alternatives will be considered:

- Site Alternative 1: ±200m west of existing Houhoek Eskom Distribution Substation, west of the R43 provincial road. There are 2layout alternatives will be considered (350m×320m and 450m × 250m).
- Site Alternative 2: ±1.6km north of Site Alternative 1.0nly 1 layout alternative (350m × 320m) will be considered, due to the topography.



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