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Your reference:

Our reference: TTLIP: 9520.

Date: 17 December 2009

Dear Councillor

**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT: PROPOSED THYSPUNT TRANSMISSION LINES
INTEGRATION PROJECT (TTLIP) (DEAT REF NOS: 12/12/20/1211; 12/12/20/1212 and 12/12/20/1213)**

- **Rectification Methodolgy Re: KwaNobuhle Public Meeting held on Tuesday, 12 May 2009 at Jeff Masemola Community Hall, KwaNobuhle**

With reference to our telephonic conversation regarding a methodology to be followed in relation to the rectification of the incident that occurred in the Public Meeting that was held with the residents of KwaNobuhle on Tuesday, 12 May 2009 at the Jeff Masemola Community Hall, KwaNobuhle. As you are aware of what transpired from the meeting where the community of KwaNobuhle anticipated job opportunities from Eskom, and this was contrary to the purpose of the Public Meeting, which was to:

- provide background to the proposed project;
- the Environmental Impact Assessment and consultation processes;
- provide feedback on the environmental findings as in the draft Scoping Report;
- record comment and/or concerns raised during the meeting; and
- provide residents / community members an opportunity to interact with the project team members.

Subsequent to the public meeting and the draft minutes distributed, we have not received any comments or questions for clarification. The assumption can be derived that the community's expectation was not in line with the purpose of the proposed project e.g. an environmental impact assessment and not to register for employment. It is against this background that we wish to pursue the methodology outlined below with your assistance. We have thus sent EIA Newsletters accompanied by Reply Form which states that:

- if the attendees wish to receive further information regarding this proposed project to please indicate so by signing the Reply Form;
- the signed Reply Form to be dropped in the box provided for this purpose, before or on Friday, 29 January 2010 at the public places indicated in the Reply Form:
- Future information will not include possible job opportunities as this can only be addressed by Eskom

We have therefore requested the assistance of Ms Helena Gerber to arrange and coordinate boxes to be placed at your office as well as at the local library (copy of flyer attached for easy reference). The exercise will enable people to drop their completed Reply Forms in the box and these boxes would be clearly marked for this purpose and will bear SiVEST's logo.

It is further requested that on the last day of response (on or before Friday, 29 January 2010 (end of business day)), the box will be collected by SiVEST officials at your offices on a date that will be communicated with you.

We sincerely hope that this methodology will yield good results and further prevent the recurrence of incident of this nature during the impact phase for this proposed project. It is anticipated that the next round of Public Meetings will take place within the first quarter of next year.

Kindly accept our appreciation for your cooperation this far in this project, and look forward to a fruitful consultation process in the Impact phase.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nicolene", written in a cursive style.

Nicolene Venter
PRINCIPAL PUBLIC PARTICIPATION MANAGER
SiVEST Environmental Division