

### **LANDOWNERS OPEN HOUSES**

#### **MONDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> TO FRIDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> OF FEBRUARY 2011**

- Humansdorp Boutique Hotel, Humansdorp (21 February)
- Loerie Ruskamp, Loerie (21 February)
- Van Stadens Farmers Association Hall, Fitches Corner (22 February)
- Olivia Hall, Kruisrivier (23 February)
- Ernest Swanepoel Centre, Despatch (24 February)
- The Hexagon, Amanzi Valley (25 February)

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### ABBREVIATIONS:

EMP	Environmental Management Plan
I&AP	Interested and/or Affected Party
I&RR	Issues and Responses Report
LO	Landowner
OH	Open House
TTLIP	Thyspunt Transmission Lines Integration Project
ECO	Environmental Control Officer

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<b>1. Biodiversity Related Comments/Issues</b>		
It was enquired as to how the relocation of plants will be undertaken.	CORRIGAN, Brian Director: Hopewell Conservation (Pty) Ltd Olivia Hall: 23 February 2011	The EMP will cover the translocation of plants. Before commencement of the construction of the power lines, an environmental walk down will take place by specialists such as surface water, heritage, fauna, avifauna, etc – depending on the terrain. Where plants of botanical significance are identified in the footprint of towers and other related infrastructure such as new roads, a relocation plan for these will be included in the construction EMP (CEMP). <b>Paul da Cruz: SiVEST</b> <b>Post-Open House Note:</b> Should the Hopewell Conservancy Development wish to engage the proponent (Eskom) on the potential relocation of plants that would need to be removed / disturbed (should the proposed project be granted environmental authorisation), they should contact Eskom and Eskom's ECO at the onset of the project construction.
It was enquired whether a register will be drafted of recipients that are interested in the plants that will need to be relocated.		This is a possibility that can be considered and be seen as a positive impact. The request will be forwarded to the Biodiversity Specialist. <b>Paul da Cruz: SiVEST</b>
There are no invasive species in the area where a hiking and cycling trail is operated on the Longmore Forest property. Powerlines would adversely affect this pristine area.	VERMAAK, Tinus Member: Elands River Valley Conservancy & Tourism Chairman: Elands River Fire Protection Van Stadens Farmers Association Hall: 22 February 2011	Information noted and will be taken into consideration. The EIA Team-preferred alignment has been routed to the south of the Elands River Valley to avoid this area.
Asked that no towers be placed within the kloof on his property, as there are indigenous yellowwood trees in the kloof that may have to be felled	MEYER, Migo Landowner: Geelhoutboom	The comment has been noted. The remnant indigenous vegetation in this kloof has been highlighted as being sensitive, as most of the area has been transformed by agricultural activities, and as such the kloof has been treated as a 'no-go' area for powerline routing

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		Due to technical constraints, towers are not usually placed on steep topography such as that on the slopes of this kloof. In topography such as this, the kloof would be likely to be able to be spanned by the powerlines, even if the kloof was wider than the typical 400m-wide span, Towers are likely to be placed on the (transformed) edges of the kloof, thus not affecting vegetation.
<b>2. Social Related Comments/Issues</b>		
The project team was informed of the following proposed cultural activities in the KwaNobuhle area: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Patch of land to be made available for cultivating traditional medicine</li> <li>Cultural site where the preparation of traditional Xhosa food will be reintroduced to the community</li> <li>Showcasing of the Xhosa traditions</li> <li>Initiation ceremonies to take place</li> </ul>	CORRIGAN, Brian Director: Hopewell Conservation (Pty) Ltd Olivia Hall: 23 February 2011	Information has been forwarded to the Social Specialist to address.
<b>3. Tourism Related Comments/Issues</b>		
In possession of a signed agreement to operate: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hiking trails</li> <li>Cycling trail (trails follow existing trails within the Longmore Property)</li> <li>Farther-Son &amp; Mother-Daughter weekends</li> <li>These tourism activities may be negatively affected by the proposed powerlines if these traverse this area.</li> </ul>	VERMAAK, Tinus Member: Elands River Valley Conservancy & Tourism Chairman: Elands River Fire Protection Van Stadens Farmers Association Olivia Hall: 22 February 2011	<b>Post-Open House Note:</b> The presence of these tourism activities has been noted in the routing of the EIA Team-preferred route, and has been noted by the tourism study. The EIA Team Preferred Alignment for the Northern Corridor has been moved to the south of the ridge so that these activities would not be affected by the proposed powerlines.
<b>4. Conservation Related Comments/Issues</b>		
The project team was informed that the landowners adjacent to Groendal Nature Reserve were informed that there is a buffer zone around the Groendal Nature Reserve restricting any development within the buffer	BLUMENTHAL, Freek Landowner Olivia Hall: 23 February 2011	During the consultation process the team was not informed of such a buffer zone but written enquiries will be made to confirm this information. Groendal is part of a proposed World Heritage Site, and if declared, there would be a buffer

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zone.		zone attached to the World Heritage Site which would affect the area around Kruisrivier, however this is not yet operational.
Eastern Cape Parks has recently purchased a piece of land within the Longmore Forest adjacent to his farm (Cypherfontein) as the land is in a relatively pristine condition.	INGRIM, Clive Director: Cyperfontein	Information noted and will be taken into consideration. The EIA Team-preferred alignment has been routed to avoid traversing this property, and runs along part of the boundary. <b>Post-Open House Note:</b> Wayne Erlank of Eastern Cape Parks was contacted to confirm the boundaries of this property.
<b>5. Water Related Comments/Issues</b>		
The project team was informed that their water supply emanates from fountains on their property; expressed great concern that the proposed power lines (during construction and operation) would negatively impact the water source.	DODD, Maria Farm Eikenek Van Stadens Farmers Association Hall: 22 February 2011	Water sources such as springs, seeps or fountains are typically not affected by powerlines as towers do not have a footprint over the length of the line, and towers are placed to avoid such wetlands or water sources. A detailed set of environmental procedures developed by Eskom Transmission guides the construction of powerlines and associated infrastructure such as access roads as they relate to water resources, in order to protect the water resources.  The EIA team preferred alignment has taken into account the environmental sensitivity of the Elands River Valley; as such the alignment has avoided any area to the north of the southern ridge of the valley, and the revised corridor does not traverse the Elands River Valley, being located to the south of the watershed formed by the southern ridge of the valley. As such these water sources are unlikely to be affected by the proposed powerlines.
The project team was informed that their water resource is from the mountain range where the proposed power lines are recommended to be constructed.		
The farm's water source is found in springs within the kloof on his and Fatman's farms. The proposed powerlines should be routed away from this area.	DE LANGE, Barend Landowner: Boschfontein	Comment noted
<b>6. Aquatic Biota- Related Comments/Issues</b>		
Red Fin Minnows are present in the streams in the Elands River and Longmore Forest areas.	VERMAAK, Tinus Member: Elands River Valley	Water resources such as springs, seeps and streams are typically not affected by powerlines as towers do not have a footprint over the length of the line, and

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	Conservancy & Tourism Chairman: Elands River Fire Protection Van Stadens Farmers Association Hall: 22 February 2011	towers are placed to avoid such wetlands or water sources. A detailed set of environmental procedures developed by Eskom Transmission guides the construction of powerlines and associated infrastructure such as access roads as they relate to water resources, in order to protect the water resources.  In the Logmore and Elands River Valley area, the highly hilly and incised nature of the terrain entails that all rivers and streams in which the Red Fin Minnow occurs are able to be spanned. However in these areas, the risk of erosion and associated siltation of watercourses has been identified to be a significant environmental factor (please refer to the Geotechnical Specialist and Surface Water Specialist Reports) that may adversely affect the aquatic biota. The EMP for power line construction will address this issue and will include mitigation measures to ensure that any erosion and associated siltation is minimised.
<b>7. Visual Related Comments/Issues</b>		
If possible, he would prefer powerlines to be routed to the south of the high point (ridge) to south of his property so that the powerlines are not visible on this ridge.	INGRIM, Clive Director: Cyperfontein	Information noted and will be taken into consideration. The EIA Team-preferred alignment is routed to the south of this point.
Indicated that his property is visually sensitive and that he would not want to view the powerlines from his house or his hunting farm	BARNARD, Gert Barnard Landowner: Kruisfontein	Information noted and will be taken into consideration. The EIA Team-preferred alignment has been re-routed to the south of the property.
<b>8. Map Related Comments/Issues</b>		
An electronic copy of the detailed map indicating the EIA team preferred alignment through property was requested.	DE LANGE, Seppie Landowner: Boschfontein Loeries Ruskamp: 21 February 2011	An electronic copy of the map was e-mailed.
	MEYER, Migo Landowner: Geelhoutboom Humansdorp: 21 February 2011	An electronic copy of the map was e-mailed during the LO OH.

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	VAN HEERDEN, Joe Landonwer: Limebank (Loerie Ruskamp) Loeries Ruskamp: 21 February 2011	An electronic copy of the map was e-mailed.
KML maps requested where the proposed power lines could negatively impact Sovereign Foods' properties.	RALPH, Mark Environmental Manager: Sovereign Foods Van Stadens Farmers Association Hall: 21 February 2011	(Google Earth) KML files were e-mailed to Mark Ralph on the 21 February 2011.
<b>9. Technical Related Comments/Issues</b>		
There are currently pine trees on his property, enquired whether Eskom will sell the pine trees that need to be removed to accommodate the servitude for the power lines.	KIETZMANN, Ross Landowner: Platberg Loeries Ruskamp: 21 February 2011	Eskom has a Vegetation Policy addressing issues such as this and feedback will be provided in the Discussion Document. <b>Dean Wilson: Eskom</b>
<b>10. Existing Infrastructure Comments/Issues</b>		
The project team was informed that there are existing centre pivots situated to the south of his property that must be avoided by the proposed power lines	KIETZMANN, Ross Landonwer: Platberg Loeries Ruskamp: 21 February 2011	Information noted and will be taken into consideration. The EIA Team-preferred alignment avoids these centre pivots.
Informed the project team that he runs a commercial hunting farm in the Honeyville Area. Game is bred and hunted on his farm. He has invested large amounts of money on the property and in the operation, and on upgrading his homestead to create luxury accommodation for hunters who visit the farm. He does not wish that the proposed powerlines cross his farm as proposed on the maps at the meeting as this would	BARNARD, Gert Landowner: Weltevreden Humansdorp: 21 February 2011	Information noted and will be taken into consideration. The EIA Team-preferred alignment has been subsequently re-routed to the south to avoid his property.

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negatively affect his operations and compromise his investments.		
Informed the project team that they breed game on their farm. They do not wish that the powerlines traverse their property and interfere with the game breeding activities. The EIA team preferred alignment also runs very close to the house of a tenant.	ROSENKRANZ, Dr H Landowner LO Open House Humansdorp Boutique Hotel: 21 February 2011	Information noted and will be taken into consideration. The EIA Team-preferred alignment has subsequently been re-routed to not directly traverse the property.
<b>11. Proposed Future Developments / Infrastructures Comments / Issues</b>		
The project team was informed that an indigenous plant specie nursery is planned south of KwaNobuhle in the area where the proposed cultural activities are planned.	CORRIGAN, Brian Director: Hopewell Conservation (Pty) Ltd Olivia Hall: 23 February 2011	Please refer to comments above in section 1 (Biodiversity-related comments)
It was enquired as to how the relocation of plants will be undertaken.		
The project team was informed that centre pivots are in the planning phase on his property and indicated on the maps where these are proposed.	McHUGH, Peter Landowner: Emerald Pastures Humansdorp Boutique Hotel: 21 February 2011	Information noted and will be taken into consideration. The EIA Team-preferred alignment avoids these planned centre pivots
The project team was informed of a proposed development (Nu-Way Development) in the Coega Ridge area.	GARDINER, Rob SRK Hexigon Conference Venue	Information noted and contact will be made with Nu-Way Development.
The project team was informed of the EIA being conducted known as Ubuntu Wind Farm.		Information noted and contact will be made with the EAP.
<b>12. Proposed EIA team preferred alignment</b>		
Informed the project team that they would prefer the proposed power lines not to cross their property as they have existing municipal power lines on their property.	GOOSEN, Hendrika Landowner: Welverdiend Van Stadens Farmers Association Hall: 22 February 2011	Comment noted.



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<b>13. Compensation Related Comments/Issues</b>		
It was enquired whether landowners will still be responsible to pay property tax although Eskom had a registered servitude for the power lines.	PIETERSEN, Fanie Landowner Olivia Hall: 23 February 2011	The question has been forwarded to Eskom.
<b>14. Communication Comments/Issues</b>		
It was requested that landowners' inputs and comments be taken into consideration during the impact phase.	GERBER, Roedolf Landowner: Farm Klein River Humansdorp Boutique Hotel: 21 February 2011	All inputs and concerns raised by landowners and I&APs are taken into consideration by the EIA team and the outcome of these inputs and concerns raised is responded to in the I&RR. <b>Nicolene Venter: SiVEST</b>
The project team was informed that the following landowners / representatives need to be contacted: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Landela Christian Camp</li> <li>• Deon Bezuidenhout</li> <li>• Mr Kritzinger</li> <li>• Stefan Gerike (River Cottage)</li> <li>• Thobi Pieters (Dell Farm)</li> <li>• Mr Fatman</li> <li>• Jacky Berry (Jnr)</li> <li>• Septimus van der Meulen</li> <li>• Wally Haywood</li> <li>• Charlie Horn</li> <li>• Steven Ndondola (Uitenhage Development Forum)</li> <li>• Dedizi Sethole (UDPI)</li> <li>• Blaine van Rensburg, Director Group and Risk, Sovereign Foods</li> </ul>	WEBB, Anthony Landowner: Solitude (Offcamber Adventures) Van Stadens Farmers Association Hall: 22 February 2011	All avenues possible will be used to ensure that the list of stakeholders provided is followed up to ensure that they are informed regarding the proposed TTLIP.