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Your reference:

Our reference: 9520

Date: 2 August 2012

ATTENTION: GABISILE HLONGWANE

Dear Gabisile

**APPLICATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION (SCOPING / EIA PROCESS) FOR
THE PROPOSED ESKOM THYSPUNT TRANSMISSION LINES INTEGRATION PROJECT**

- **DEA Ref No: (Southern Corridor): 12/12/20/1211**
- **DEA Ref No: (Northern Corridor): 12/12/20/1212**
- **DEA Ref No: (Port Elizabeth Substation):12/12/20/1213**

This is to confirm that the above mentioned project is still active and ongoing. The draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) was made available for public review between July and September 2011. During the review period several Public Open Houses took place. The DEIR was submitted to DEA in November 2011. Consultation has continued since the submission of the DEIR to DEA, that is, the EAP (Environmental Assessment Practitioner) and Eskom have held several meetings with various Stakeholders. Such meetings have included the following:

- Meeting with Ubuntu Wind farm in mid November 2011
- Tiryville technical clarification meeting in January 2012
- FGM (Focus Group Meeting) with Gamtkwa KhoiSan Council in January 2012
- Meeting with MTO in January 2012
- Jachvlaakte site visit and workshop in June 2012
- Flyover of the route and meeting with MTO in June 2012
- Meeting with Innowind in June 2012
- Meeting with Nu Way in June 2012

Other activities which have been undertaken on the project include:

- Longmore site visit with all parties in February
- Task team meeting at Longmore Forest to resolve routing thorough MTO area
- Consultation with Stakeholders to acquire information on planned developments

Furthermore, the following meetings are planned going forward:

- Meeting with Elands Rivier Conservancy in August 2012
- FGM with MTO in August 2012

Given that several information has become available through ongoing consultation as indicated above, the some specialist studies are being undertaken, the DEIR will be revised and made available for public review in September 2012.

Please do not hesitate to contact us should you have any queries

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "K. Tucker", with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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