

10 August 2007

Dear Stakeholder,

## PROPOSED WIND ENERGY FACILITY IN THE WESTERN CAPE: ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EIA) PROCESS

## INVITATION TO ATTEND A STAKEHOLDER WORKSHOP: 23 AUGUST 2007

Eskom Holdings Limited is proposing to establish a commercial wind energy facility and associated infrastructure on a site on the West Coast (near the towns of Koekenaap and Lutzville) in the Western Cape Province. A broader area which falls within the Matzikama Local Municipality and the WCMA01 has been identified by Eskom for consideration within an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA). This area comprises the farms Portion 5 of Gravewaterkop 158, and Portions 617 & 620 of Olifants River Settlement.

An area of approximately 25km<sup>2</sup> will be required for the construction of the proposed wind energy facility, and would include up to 100 wind turbines, substation, 132kV powerline and access roads.

In terms of the National Environmental Management Act (Act No 107 of 1998) a Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment are required to be undertaken for this proposed project. This project has been registered with the National Department of Environmental Affairs and Tourism (DEAT), the Competent Authority for this proposed project, under Application Reference Number 12/12/20/913.

In this regard, *Savannah Environmental* has been appointed as an independent consultant to undertake the required environmental impact assessment and public participation for the proposed project. *Sustainable Futures ZA* is assisting Savannah Environmental in the process of facilitating the public participation process.

Through the public consultation process as part of the environmental scoping phase, Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) and Stakeholders are being engaged through individual discussions and focus group meetings, as well as a public meeting to be held in Lutzville (on 22 August 2007). Provision has also been made for I&APs and stakeholders at a national and/or provincial level to become involved in the process by holding a stakeholder workshop in Cape Town (on 23 August 2007).

Savannah Environmental and Sustainable Futures ZA would like to take this opportunity of inviting you, as a stakeholder representing your organisation/sector, to attend the stakeholder workshop in Cape Town where you will be addressed by key members of the Eskom project team.

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The details of the key stakeholder workshop are as follows:

DATE: Thursday, 23 August 2007

TIME: 12h30 for 13h00

VENUE: Eskom's Koeberg Visitor's Centre

The aim of the key stakeholders workshop is to provide you with more information regarding the proposed project (including technical details, project process and timeframes etc), to provide a summary of the findings of the environmental scoping studies undertaken, to invite comment on the proposed project, and to further discuss possible issues of specific concern to you, or your organisation which may need to be investigated and managed through the EIA process.

Your attendance at the key stakeholder workshop is encouraged. In order to facilitate arrangements, please confirm your attendance in writing with Shawn Johnston of Sustainable Futures ZA at e-mail: windfarms@mweb.co.za or fax: 086 510 2537 by Monday, 20 August 2007.

A Draft Environmental Scoping Report has been prepared and will be made available for public review prior to this workshop. The period for review is 15 August 2007 to 14 September 2007. The draft Environmental Scoping Report will be available for review at:

Websites:	www.eskom.co.za/eia	www.savannahSA.com
Physical locations:	CapeNature's offices - Van Rhynsdorp	Lutzville - Municipal Offices
	Department of Agriculture - Vredendal	Lutzville Farmers Association
	Vredendal Library	Doringbaai - Municipal Office
	Koekenaap -Municipal Office	Matzikama Business Chamber
	Strandfontein - Municipal Office	West Coast District Municipality offices -
		Moorreesburg

Our team welcomes your participation and looks forward to your involvement throughout this process.

Yours sincerely,

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