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Letter to I&APs re second round of public engagement



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Dear Sir/ Madam

**PROPOSED COAL-FIRED POWER STATION AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE
IN THE WITBANK GEOGRAPHICAL AREA: Invitation to a Public Meeting**

As a registered Interested and Affected Party (I&AP) for the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process currently being undertaken for the above-mentioned activity, we would like to invite you to a public meeting to discuss this project and present the Draft Scoping Report.

This proposed activity requires authorisation from the national environmental authority, viz. the Department of Environmental Affairs and Tourism (DEAT) via the EIA process outlined in Regulation 1183, under Section 26 of the Environment Conservation Act (73 of 1989). Eskom has appointed Ninham Shand Consulting Services to comply with these legal requirements. As legally required, a Draft Scoping Report has been compiled which describes the proposed coal-fired power station, identifies appropriate alternatives and identifies the potential positive and negative environmental (both social and biophysical) impacts associated with the proposed activities. Furthermore the report describes the proposed approach to the next phase of the EIA process, namely the EIA Phase. We enclose herewith, for your convenience, the Executive Summary of the Draft Scoping Report.

Copies of the Draft Scoping Report can be reviewed at the **Witbank Public Library, Phola Public Library, Nelspruit Public Library, Johannesburg Public Library and the Kungwini and Delmas Municipal Offices**. It is also available for download from the Eskom website (www.eskom.co.za/eia) and the Ninham Shand website (www.ninhamshand.co.za). If you would like to comment on the proposed activities or report, please submit your comments to Ninham Shand by email, fax or post. The Draft Scoping Report will be available at the above venues from 21 August 2006 and the comment period closes on 15 September 2006. Please ensure that your written comments are provided before the comment period closes.

Open House and Public meetings

Engagement with the public will occur on 4 and 5 September 2006. The purpose of this round of public engagement is to provide an opportunity to familiarise yourselves with the proposed project and the findings of the Draft Scoping Report, and to raise further issues that you would like to be addressed in the next phase of the EIA. You are invited to come and talk to the project team during the open house and/or to attend the public meetings, either on 4 or 5 September 2006. The details of the meetings are as follows:

DATE	VENUE	TIME
4 September 2006	Protea Hotel 167 Jellicoe Street, Witbank	Open Day 16h00 to 18h00 Public Meeting 18h00 to 20h00
5 September 2006	Mabande Secondary School Hall, Masango Street, Phola	Open Day 10h00 to 14h00
5 September 2006	El Toro Conference Centre, on R545 Bel Moral Road near Kendal Power Station	Open Day 16h00 to 18h00 Public Meeting 18h00 to 20h00

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Yours sincerely
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**VOORGESTELDE STEENKoolaangedrewe KRAGSENTRALE EN GEPAAARDGAANDE INFRASTRUKTUUR
IN DIE WITBANK GEOGRAFIESE GEBIED**

Uitnodiging na Openbare Vergadering

As 'n geregistreerde Belanghebbende en Geaffekteerde Party (B&GP) in die Omgewingsinvloedbepaling (OIB)-proses wat tans vir bogenoemde aktiwiteit ondeneem word, wil ons u graag uitnooi na 'n openbare vergadering waartydens die projek bespreek sal word en die bevindinge van die Konsep Omvangbepalingsverslag bekend gemaak sal word.

Die voorgestelde aktiwiteit is 'n geskeduleerde aktiwiteit in terme van die OIB-proses wat in Regulasie 1183, onder Artikel 26 van die Wet op Omgewingsbewaring (Wet Nr 73 van 1989) uiteengesit is, en is dus onderworpe aan 'n magtiging vanaf die nasionale omgewingsowerheid, naamlik die Departement van Omgewingsake en Toerisme (DEAT). Ninham Shand Konsultantdienste is deur Eskom aangestel om hulle met die nakoming van die wetlike vereistes by te staan.

Soos deur die wet vereis, is 'n Konsep Omvangbepalingsverslag saamgestel. Dit gee 'n beskrywing van die voorgestelde steenkoolaangedrewe kragentrale, identifiseer toepaslike alternatiewe en identifiseer die moontlike positiewe en negatiewe impakte (beide maatskaplik en biofisies) wat die verwante aktiwiteite mag hê en in die Omgewingsinvloedbepaling aangespreek moet word. Om sake te vergemaklik sluit ons hierby 'n afskrif van die Uitvoerende Opsomming van die Konsep Omvangbepalingsverslag in.

Afskrifte van die Konsep Omvangbepalingsverslag kan besigtig word by die die **Witbank Openbare Biblioteek, Phola Openbare Biblioteek, Nelspruit Openbare Biblioteek, Johannesburg Openbare Biblioteek en die Kungwini en Delmas Munisipale Kantore**. Die dokumente kan ook vanaf Eskom se webwerf (www.eskom.co.za/eia) of Ninham Shand se webwerf (www.ninhamshand.co.za) afgelaai word. Indien u graag op die Konsep Omvangbepalingsverslag kommentaar wil lewer, word u versoek om hierdie kommentaar aan Ninham Shand te pos, faks of per e-pos te stuur. Die Konsep Omvangbepalingsverslag sal vanaf 21 Augustus 2006 by bogenoemde plekke beskikbaar wees en die periode om in kommentaar te lewer sluit op 15 September 2006. Maak asseblief seker dat u skriftelike kommentaar voor die sluitingsdatum ingedien is.

Ope Dae en Openbare Vergaderings

Samesprekings met die publiek sal op 4 en 5 September 2006 plaasvind. Die doel van hierdie rondte samesprekings is om u die geleentheid te bied om meer oor die projek en die bevindinge van die Konsep Omvangbepalingsverslag uit te vind, asook om aspekte te identifiseer wat na u mening in die volgende fase van die OIB aangespreek moet word. U word uitgenooi om op 4 en 5 September 2006 tydens die ope dae met die projekspan te kom gesels en/of die openbare vergaderings by te woon. Die inligting oor die vergaderings is as volg:

DATUM	PLEK	TYD
4 September 2006	Protea Hotel Jellicoestraat 167, Witbank	Ope Dag 16h00 to 18h00 Openbare vergadering: 18h00 to 20h00
5 September 2006	Mabande Sekondêre Skoolsaal, Masangostraat, Phola	Ope Dag 10h00 to 14h00
5 September 2006	El Toro Konferensie Sentrum, op die R545 Bel Moral Road naby Kendal Kragstasie	Ope Dag 16h00 to 18h00 Openbare vergadering: 18h00 to 20h00

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