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INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE ESKOM Hydra-Perseus 765kV Transmission Power Line ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT

As part of the strengthening programme to supply more power to the greater Cape area, Eskom Transmission is proposing to construct a new 765kV transmission power line from Perseus Substation near Dealesville, Free State to an area near Hydra Substation in De Aar, Northern Cape. The line is approximately 260 km in length. *Further detail is contained in the Background Information Document, including a map of the proposed study area and route alternatives.*

The construction of a transmission power line is a listed activity in terms of environmental legislation, and requires environmental authorisation from the National Department of Environmental Affairs and Tourism (DEAT), with recommendations from the Free State Department of Tourism, Environmental and Economic Affairs and the Northern Cape Department of Tourism, Environment and Conservation.

Accordingly, Eskom has appointed Arcus Gibb as the Independent Environmental Consultant to undertake an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA). As part of the EIA team, ACER (Africa) has been appointed to manage the Public Participation Process. *Details of how you can participate are also provided in the Background Information Document.*

I would like to encourage you to take the opportunities we have provided to actively and meaningfully participate in the EIA process, and contribute to the decision-making process.

Kind regards. Yours sincerely,

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