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ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EIA): **ESKOM Hydra-Perseus 765kV Transmission Power Line**

CHANGE IN PROJECT CONFIGURATION: ADDITIONAL TRANSMISSION POWER LINES & BETA-PERSEUS 765KV TRANSMISSION POWER LINES

As a registered stakeholder on the EIA database, you will be aware that Eskom is investigating the construction of a new 765kV transmission power line from Perseus Substation near Dealesville, in the Free State to an area near Hydra Substation in De Aar (approximately 260 km in length). This power line is part of the strengthening programme to supply more power to the greater Western and Eastern Cape areas.

Scoping, as part of the EIA process commenced in October 2005 and provided various opportunities for stakeholders to raise concerns and comment on the impacts of the proposed activity. Subsequent to the initial announcement of the project, Eskom has had to revisit its projections in response to the increasing demand for electricity. To meet these demands, additional transmission power lines are required and have been included in the current EIA process in order for them to be operational by 2012.

The following additional lines are proposed:

- A single 765kV 12km Transmission Power Line between the Perseus and Beta (SSW of Dealesville) substations.
- A single 33km Transmission Power Line between Perseus to a point on the existing 400 kV Beta-Hydra Power Line.

Various corridor options are being considered for these additional power lines. These new corridors will be investigated to the same level of detail as the first set of corridors for the power line initially proposed. To achieve this, the Scoping process has been extended.

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If you fall within the study area, the final alignment of the transmission power line could be through your property. Therefore, I urge you to make use of the opportunities provided to actively participate in the EIA process, and thereby contribute to an informed decision.

I would like to extend our thanks to the many people and organisations that have contributed thus far to the EIA process. Please contact Suzette Hattingh or Bongi Shinga if you require additional information.

Kind regards.
Yours sincerely,



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