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By fax

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Dear Sir

**CONSIDERATION OF STAKEHOLDER COMMENTS AND BIODIVERSITY BY THE EIA PROCESS FOR
ESKOM'S 'KUDU INTEGRATION PROJECT'
(SEF PROJECT CODE 6041)**

Your letter of 11 January 2007 refers.

Thank you for your frank response to our concerns about the public participation process and, specifically, treatment of the biodiversity aspects of this project.

For the record, please note that we did comment on the Draft Scoping Report (dated 4 April 2006) in an e-mail to SEF's Guillaume Nel. The text of the e-mail, which is attached for your interest, was sent to Mr Nel on 12 April 2006.

We would much appreciate, as previously requested, a copy of the Terms of Reference for the vegetation study. Having direct sight of these ToR will undoubtedly put to rest any concerns that we may have about the manner in which biodiversity considerations have been defined, assessed and reported by this EIA.

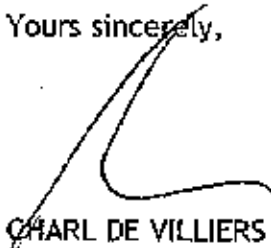
We also would appreciate being sent a copy of Nick Helme's vegetation study as this was not included in the draft EIR that we received on 19 January 2007.

It is an unfortunate oversight that your reporting of the public participation process did not include a more comprehensive account of the corridor workshop held on 5 May 2006, as it would appear from your most recent correspondence that the workshop was, in fact, initiated on the basis of BotSoc's recommendation.

Your positive response in this regard is acknowledged, and it would seem that our proposal did in fact yield the type of benefits that we expected it would.

We wish you well with the remainder of this process.

Yours sincerely,



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